BA2/3002W  Justice in the Prophets

Offered:  2017: Semester 1  [Also offered online —see BA2/3702W]

This unit will introduce the concepts of justice in the teaching of Israel’s prophets, giving attention to key prophetic texts in their historical and social contexts. The focus for exegetical studies will be texts selected from Amos, Isaiah and Jeremiah. The relevance of these texts will be discussed in relation to the dynamic biblical dialogue about the nature of sin, the role of law, and the impact of social and economic change on Israel’s understanding of divine will.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to demonstrate:

1.  a detailed knowledge of selected prophetic texts on the theme of justice;
2.  a critical awareness of the social, economic, religious issues underlying these texts;
3.  an ability to work with a variety of approaches to the interpretation of biblical texts;
4.  a critical appreciation of the variety of biblical concepts of justice;
5.  an ability to reflect theologically on the inner-biblical dialogue between prophecy and law.

Prerequisites:  BA1001W Introducing the Hebrew Bible, or equivalent

Class Time:  Three hours per week

Assessment:

**Level 2:**
- One 1,500 word exegesis  (40%)
- One 2,000 word essay  (40%)
- Critical responses to set readings  (20%)  (not fewer than 5 entries of approximately 300 words each)

**Level 3:**
- One 2,000 word exegesis  (40%)
- One 2,500 word essay  (40%)
- Critical responses to set readings  (20%)  (not fewer than 5 entries of approximately 300 words each)

Faculty:  Mark Brett

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase