

# Black Faith Matters

*MLS 501-001M Withers Hall, Room 331*

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*Maymester 2022 (May 18 - June 8, 2022)*



Kehinde Wiley, *Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted* (2016)

Why and how does faith matter to Americans of African descent? How has faith been a form of entrapment or empowerment? In what ways does faith matter in public? This interdisciplinary seminar will explore these questions and how faith has mattered from a broad range of perspectives, tracing it from slavery to the development of independent Black churches to social movements like the Civil Rights Movement and #BlackLivesMatter. This course incorporates disciplines such as history, politics, theological studies, ethics, women and gender studies, and sociology. Classroom sessions are complemented by guest speakers and site visits (e.g., churches, faith-based civic organizations, divinity schools).

## Tentative Meeting Times

Wednesday, 5/18.....(6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)	Saturday, 5/28...(9:00 am – 4:00 pm)
Friday, 5/20.....(6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)	Sunday, 5/29....(11:00 am - 5:00 pm)
Saturday, 5/21.....(9:00 am - 4:00 pm)	Friday, 6/3....(6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)
Sunday, 5/22.....(11:00 am -5:00 pm)	Saturday, 6/4.....(9:00 am - 4:00 pm)
Friday, 5/27.....(6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)	Wednesday, 6/8 (Seminar paper due)

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**Maymester: One Course, Three Weeks, Three Credits.**