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TEACHING REVIEW for Cynthia Cameron
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In November of 2015, I invited Cynthia Cameron to guest teach a segment of my *Foundations of Theology* class, which is a fall semester introductory course for Master's level students. The segment that Cynthia taught was a theological anthropology segment. I asked her to teach this topic because of her research interest in anthropology, and especially the *imago dei* notion. The students engaged in a wonderful learning experience under the able direction and facilitation of Cynthia Cameron.

Cynthia was highly prepared and had put much thought into her content and pedagogical strategies. She deftly moved through biblical underpinnings of the *imago dei* notion and offered examples of historical usage of it. She incorporated insights from major historical and contemporary theological figures in her presentation, offering students many angles from which to view this central anthropological claim. She then presented some innovative and constructive observations with respect to the *imago dei*, born of her present research in this area. The students were fascinated and very engaged.

The participative pedagogical style that Cynthia employed required critical thinking on the part of students and creative imagining as well. The various movements of the class were smooth and well connected. There was coherence and aesthetic to what Cynthia presented. Her use of images proved to be a wonderful feature of the class.

Cynthia is a very clear presenter and a systematic thinker. She facilitates discussion with ease and carries threads from student responses into her next presentation segment. There is an easefulness in her exchanges with students in discussion segments that encourages them to explore further. Towards the end of her teaching segment, Cynthia asked the students some significant appropriation questions. Discussion of the class theme continued long after the confines of class time itself. Ever a wonderful happening! Cynthia Cameron is a promising and talent scholar-educator. I look forward to having her in to guest teach again.

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