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**Instructor: Steven Schweitzer**

Steve Schweitzer is Academic Dean and Professor at Bethany Theological Seminary. Steve completed his PhD at the University of Notre Dame (2005), taught Old Testament at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, and then came to Bethany in 2009. He teaches a seminar on Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah and a new course on Science Fiction and Theology. Steve and his wife, Jill, have 3 children. They attended Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren in South Bend, Indiana for nine years before coming to Bethany. They currently attend Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren in the Southern Ohio district.
Required Texts to be Read Prior to Course

- The Bible, in any of the following standard translations: NRSV, NLT, NIV, NASB, KJV.
- Course Packet: see list of included readings later in syllabus.
- Any other materials distributed in advance or onsite.

Participants

Class size is limited to 20 students.
As an attendee of this event, you may be included in still photos, videotaped footage, news articles, informational brochures or other media used to interpret the mission and purpose of Bethany Theological Seminary, the Church of the Brethren, and the Brethren Academy.

Schedule

Location - Miami Haitian Church of the Brethren  
520 NW 103rd Street, Miami, FL 33150

Schedule  
Friday: 6:30pm – 9:45pm  
Saturday: 8:00am-12:00pm, 1:30-5:30pm and 7:00-9:00pm  
Sunday: 8:30am-12:00pm and 1:30-3:00pm

Travel and Lodging

Transportation, lodging and meals are the participant’s responsibility. The Brethren Academy office will be glad to provide contact information for area lodging.

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Register online or fill out following information and return, along with payment to:
Brethren Academy * 615 National Road West * Richmond, IN * 47374

Name: ________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________

Best contact phone: _______________________________________

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I will be taking this course for:  ____TRIM credit  ____EFSM credit  ____CEUs (2)  ____personal enrichment

Course Fee: $295 payable to Brethren Academy  
Registration Deadline: January 25, 2019