

St. Michael's College



Introduction

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Editor

SMC 103Y1Y CATHOLICISM

Instructor(s): D. Donovan

Enr: 62	Resp: 42							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	2	35	61	6.6
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	28	71	6.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	4	95	7.0
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	19	80	6.8
Workload	0	0	9	64	9	9	7	4.4
Difficulty	0	2	7	61	23	2	2	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	2	2	13	31	50	6.2

Students found Donovan very inspiring and passionate. He delivered lectures effectively and enthusiastically. Many students wished he wouldn't retire. He was an excellent instructor and students learned a lot from him.

SMC 141Y1Y INTRODUCTION TO THE IRISH LANGUAGE

Instructor(s): M. Nic Dhiarmada

Enr: 29	Resp: 19							Retake: 89%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	5	0	36	36	21	5.7
Explains	0	0	0	10	31	31	26	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	21	78	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	5	52	42	6.4
Workload	0	10	26	36	21	5	0	3.8
Difficulty	5	0	21	47	26	0	0	3.9
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	37	56	6	5.7

Students had a lot of fun under Nic Dhiarmada's instruction. She was enthusiastic and passionate about her subject. Students initially had low expectations about the course, but throughout the year, the material and the instructor greatly exceeded all their expectations.



SMC 200Y1Y THE CHRISTIAN IMAGINATION

Instructor(s): J. Harris

Enr: 44	Resp: 28							Retake: 88%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	7	22	25	44	6.1
Explains	0	0	0	11	18	33	37	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	3	11	11	74	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	3	14	25	55	6.3
Workload	0	0	11	85	0	3	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	3	14	55	22	3	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	47	17	23	11	5.0

Harris was a great instructor who challenged her students to think beyond the classroom environment. Students felt comfortable participating in class or tutorial discussions as she was very accommodating and open to students' ideas.

SMC 203Y1Y CHRISTIANITY ENCOUNTERS THE SECULAR WORLD

Instructor(s): J. Pagliaroli; I. Cuplinskas

Enr: 29	Resp: 21							Retake: 90%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Pagliaroli:								
Presents	0	0	0	19	42	23	14	5.3
Explains	0	0	0	4	28	52	14	5.8
Communicates	0	0	4	0	38	33	23	5.7
Teaching	0	0	0	15	25	35	25	5.7
Cuplinskas:								
Present	0	0	0	4	23	33	38	6.0
Explains	0	0	0	9	14	52	23	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	4	14	38	42	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	4	23	33	38	6.0
Course:								
Workload	0	0	4	76	14	4	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	0	85	9	1	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	25	37	25	12	5.2

Both instructors were praised for their enthusiasm, organization and helpfulness.

SMC 205H1F VARIETIES OF CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Instructor(s): P. Thompson

Enr: 29	Resp: 25							Retake: 95%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	25	29	45	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	29	45	25	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	0	8	50	41	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	0	4	45	50	6.5
Workload	0	0	4	83	8	4	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	8	68	10	8	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	12	6	25	56	6.2

Thompson was a "highly effective" instructor. Students loved the fact that she was open, understanding, well-prepared, enthusiastic and very knowledgeable. She created an environment where students felt at ease and were able to ask questions freely and have open discussions.

Overall, the course was a great experience.

SMC 206H1S CHRISTIANITY AND MUSIC

Instructor(s): P. Thompson

Enr: 34	Resp: 25							Retake: 76%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	8	16	40	36	6.0
Explains	0	0	0	12	8	52	28	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	4	8	20	68	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	16	36	48	6.3
Workload	0	0	12	76	8	0	4	4.1
Difficulty	0	4	8	64	16	0	8	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	23	17	29	29	5.6

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Thompson conveyed the course material clearly and efficiently. She portrayed extensive knowledge, which encouraged many students. She was also easily accessible when students needed help. However, Thompson did have a tendency to assume that students' prior knowledge was greater than it really was.

SMC 209H1F CHRISTIANITY IN AFRICA

Instructor(s): J. Chandrakanthan

Enr: 20		Resp: 19						Retake: 68%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	5	11	11	29	11	17	11	4.3
Explains	0	12	6	31	12	25	12	4.7
Communicates	0	0	0	16	27	38	16	5.6
Teaching	6	6	12	18	18	31	6	4.6
Workload	5	5	16	50	11	0	11	4.0
Difficulty	0	5	16	50	11	5	11	4.3
Learn Exp	0	7	15	46	7	7	15	4.4

While students felt Chandrakanthan was a nice and approachable instructor, a few students mentioned that his lectures could have been better organized.

SMC 210Y1Y THE MEDIAEVAL TRADITION

Instructor(s): J. Goering

Enr: 44		Resp: 30						Retake: 92%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	3	6	6	43	30	10	5.2
Explains	0	0	3	3	17	55	20	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	43	56	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	3	16	33	46	6.2
Workload	0	0	23	56	16	0	3	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	10	56	20	6	6	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	13	22	36	27	5.8

The readings were enjoyable and enlightening. Goering performed very well and was enthusiastic, very knowledgeable and fun. He taught in a very relaxed manner.

SMC 228Y1Y BOOKS AND READERS

Instructor(s): H. Murray

Enr: 34		Resp: 24						Retake: 66%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	4	4	26	30	30	4	4.9
Explains	0	4	0	26	30	30	8	5.1
Communicates	0	0	0	17	17	26	39	5.9
Teaching	0	0	4	21	30	34	8	5.2
Workload	0	4	16	45	20	8	4	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	29	54	12	4	0	3.9
Learn Exp	0	4	14	42	14	9	14	4.5

Murray presented material in a well-organized and interesting manner. However, a 3-hour class was too much for many students. The discussions also veered off topic at times.

SMC 230Y1Y CHRISTIANITY AND SCIENCE

Instructor(s): T. Trenn

Enr: 32		Resp: 23						Retake: 86%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	4	4	8	8	30	8	34	5.2
Explains	8	4	0	0	30	39	17	5.3
Communicates	0	0	0	8	4	21	65	6.4
Teaching	0	0	8	4	17	17	52	6.0
Workload	0	13	0	65	8	8	4	4.1
Difficulty	4	0	0	65	21	4	4	4.3
Learn Exp	0	4	0	14	14	23	42	5.8

Some said they enjoyed Trenn as an instructor, citing that he was enthusiastic and a great teacher.

SMC 240Y1Y CELTIC CULTURE THROUGH THE AGES

Instructor(s): J. Reid

Enr: 49		Resp: 33						Retake: 75%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	9	16	22	25	25	0	4.4
Explains	0	9	15	31	21	12	9	4.4
Communicates	0	0	0	6	18	53	21	5.9
Teaching	0	3	15	28	28	21	3	4.6
Workload	0	0	6	80	10	3	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	15	66	12	6	0	4.1
Learn Exp	3	6	13	50	16	10	0	4.0

Reid was a good instructor who lectured with eagerness. However, she declined to answer any questions in class, which made it difficult for students to clarify any concerns. She was also unavailable for consultation.

SMC 241Y1Y INTERMEDIATE IRISH LANGUAGE STUDIES

Instructor(s): M. Nic Dhiarmada

Enr: 12		Resp: 9						Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	11	55	33	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	55	44	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	11	44	44	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	33	66	6.7
Workload	0	0	11	44	22	22	0	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	22	55	11	11	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	37	25	37	6.0

Nic Dhiarmada's students were extremely pleased with this course. They appreciated her extensive knowledge. She was approachable and fun.

SMC 242Y1Y AN INTRODUCTION TO SCOTS GAELIC

Instructor(s): D. Livingston-Lowe

Enr: 21		Resp: 15						Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	20	26	53	6.3
Explains	0	0	0	0	6	46	46	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	6	93	6.9
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	13	86	6.9
Workload	0	6	6	73	13	0	0	3.9
Difficulty	0	6	13	46	26	6	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	7	0	14	14	64	6.3

Great course, excellent instructor! Students highly praised Livingston-Lowe for his enthusiasm, dedication and profound intelligence. It was a course worth taking.

SMC 302H1F CHRISTIANITY AND SYMBOLS I

Instructor(s): J. Harris

Enr: 30		Resp: 14						Retake: 92%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	28	21	50	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	35	28	35	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	35	64	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	42	57	6.6
Workload	0	0	0	42	35	21	0	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	28	35	28	7	5.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	7	23	38	30	5.9

Harris was very thorough in her explanations of concepts and she always made time to answer students' questions. She was a very caring and supportive instructor. A very enlightening course overall.

SMC 304H1F CHRISTIANITY, LAW AND SOCIETY

Instructor(s): G. Silano

Enr: 22	Resp: 22							Retake: 84%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	10	20	30	30	10	5.1
Explains	0	0	0	15	26	42	15	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	0	10	40	50	6.4
Teaching	0	0	0	0	10	45	45	6.3
Workload	0	0	25	65	5	0	5	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	5	50	30	15	0	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	0	6	37	31	25	5.8

This course was very informative and spiritual. Silano was described as a wonderful instructor who was able to challenge students to "think actively".

SMC 307Y1Y SCRIPTIVE IN CHRISTIAN TRADITION

Instructor(s): D. Donovan

Enr: 43	Resp: 37							Retake: 81%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	2	8	21	67	6.5
Explains	0	0	0	2	10	32	54	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	5	24	70	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	2	2	18	75	6.7
Workload	0	0	8	80	5	0	5	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	0	86	10	2	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	3	22	6	29	38	5.8

Donovan was a warm and caring instructor who taught with a lot of passion and enthusiasm. His students highly praised him for his knowledge and his teaching methods. The course could be very complex at times, but he managed to convey the material clearly.

SMC 311H1F WHY THE CHURCH

Instructor(s): G. Silano

Enr: 30	Resp: 26							Retake: 92%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	3	0	11	30	30	19	3	4.6
Explains	0	0	4	32	28	12	24	5.2
Communicates	0	0	0	3	7	46	42	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	7	19	38	34	6.0
Workload	7	7	15	57	7	0	3	3.7
Difficulty	0	3	3	42	26	19	3	4.7
Learn Exp	0	0	0	14	38	19	28	5.6

The discussions were great and Silano encouraged students to think critically. He was very enthusiastic and highly intelligent but some students felt he could have spoken more clearly.

SMC 312H1S CATHOLICISM AND EDUCATION

Instructor(s): G. Silano

Enr: 33	Resp: 20							Retake: 90%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	5	25	15	30	25	5.4
Explains	0	0	0	5	40	20	35	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	5	20	25	50	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	5	20	30	45	6.2
Workload	0	5	15	55	25	0	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	15	50	25	10	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	14	7	21	28	28	5.5

Silano was "an extremely well-spoken, enlightening instructor." His enthusiasm was inspiring, his classes were engaging and he was approachable and understanding.

SMC 320H1S THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CANADA

Instructor(s): M. McGowan

Enr: 39	Resp: 30							Retake: 93%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	0	17	82	6.8
Explains	0	0	0	0	3	13	82	6.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	10	89	6.9
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	17	82	6.8
Workload	0	0	0	73	16	6	3	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	0	63	20	16	0	4.5
Learn Exp	0	0	0	23	23	30	23	5.5

McGowan was an "outstanding" instructor - "one of the best", "the most inspirational". He was always very well-organized, extremely enthusiastic and very clear and concise in his presentation of the material. Students also found him to be thoughtful, helpful, modest and truly passionate.

A very positive experience!

SMC 321H1S THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND CANADIAN LAW

Instructor(s): G. Silano

Enr: 31	Resp: 18							Retake: 80%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	11	29	29	23	5	4.8
Explains	0	5	5	17	29	29	11	5.1
Communicates	0	0	0	11	17	47	23	5.8
Teaching	0	5	0	11	11	52	17	5.6
Workload	0	0	0	81	12	6	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	0	43	43	12	0	4.7
Learn Exp	0	7	0	23	30	30	7	5.0

A good instructor overall, but a few students thought he was hard to understand at times.

SMC 346Y1Y CELTIC FOLKLORE AND MUSIC

Instructor(s): D. Wilson

Enr: 61	Resp: 36							Retake: 97%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	3	0	0	0	6	34	56	6.3
Explains	3	0	0	3	6	30	57	6.3
Communicates	3	0	0	0	0	6	90	6.8
Teaching	3	0	0	0	3	15	78	6.6
Workload	2	0	11	85	0	0	0	3.8
Difficulty	0	5	5	76	8	2	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	3	10	34	51	6.3

Wilson was entertaining and enthusiastic. His passion was obviously teaching and he did it so well! He made an effort to know his students' names; this was a rare occurrence at UofT. He also made himself readily available to students who needed help.

SMC 348Y1Y MODERN IRISH HISTORY

Instructor(s): D. Wilson

Enr: 59	Resp: 39							Retake: 86%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	2	15	41	41	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	2	12	33	51	6.3
Communicates	0	0	0	2	0	12	84	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	2	10	43	43	6.3
Workload	0	2	15	79	0	2	0	3.8
Difficulty	0	0	2	58	30	7	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	32	18	18	29	5.5

Wilson was an outstanding lecturer who delivered the material with much enthusiasm and energy. Students loved hearing him speak. One common complaint, however, was on the TA's absence and lack of communication with the students.

214 ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE**SMC 351H1S THE BASKET ISLAND WRITINGS**

Instructor(s): M. Nic Dhiarmada

Enr: 25	Resp: 19							Retake: 94%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	5	31	42	21	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	5	10	63	21	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	26	73	6.7
Teaching	0	0	0	5	10	36	47	6.3
Workload	0	0	26	68	0	5	0	3.8
Difficulty	0	0	26	68	5	0	0	3.8
Learn Exp	0	0	5	11	35	29	17	5.4

Students viewed Nic Dhiarmada positively. She was very enthusiastic about the material. Students had a lot of fun in this course.

SMC 353Y1Y CONTEMPORARY IRISH WRITING

Instructor(s): M. Nic Dhiarmada

Enr: 24	Resp: 17							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	11	35	23	29	5.7
Explains	0	0	0	5	35	35	23	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	41	58	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	0	5	41	52	6.5
Workload	0	0	29	58	11	0	0	3.8
Difficulty	0	11	5	70	11	0	0	3.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	14	14	50	21	5.8

Students found that the instructor was very dedicated and enthusiastic, and genuinely cared for her students. All of her classes were enjoyable and valued, especially discussions.

Instructor(s): A. Dooley

Enr: 21	Resp: 17							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	5	5	29	23	35	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	0	5	64	29	6.2
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	29	70	6.7
Teaching	0	0	0	0	11	23	64	6.5
Workload	0	0	12	75	12	0	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	11	82	5	0	0	3.9
Learn Exp	0	0	0	7	28	35	28	5.9

Students thoroughly enjoyed this course taught by Dooley. She was a "wonderful" lecturer who used good examples and had a vast knowledge and appreciation for the material. She was very approachable, helpful and extremely enthusiastic.

SMC 358H1S THE MEDIAEVAL BOOK

Instructor(s): G. Dinkova-Bruun

Enr: 18	Resp: 16							Retake: 75%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	12	50	18	18	5.4
Explains	0	0	6	12	6	56	18	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	6	25	68	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	6	12	50	31	6.1
Workload	0	0	18	12	43	18	6	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	18	56	18	6	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	7	23	15	53	6.2

Many students had fun taking this course. Dinkova-Bruun was a fantastic instructor who definitely had a lot of passion and energy. She was helpful towards her students. However, students complained about heavy readings in the course.

SMC 370H1F CHRISTIANITY AND THE LIFE SCIENCES

Instructor(s): T. Trenn

Enr: 35	Resp: 32							Retake: 87%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	6	6	40	20	26	5.5
Explains	0	0	0	19	19	32	29	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	3	0	31	65	6.6
Teaching	0	3	3	3	6	28	56	6.2
Workload	0	0	12	59	18	9	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	15	53	21	9	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	14	14	32	39	6.0

Some students found the course to be quite subjective. Most found it to be quite enjoyable and intellectually stimulating. Overall, a good course with a great instructor.

SMC 403H1S THE MEDIAEVAL CHURCH

Instructor(s): G. Silano

Enr: 24	Resp: 12							Retake: 66%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	50	50	0	0	4.5
Explains	0	0	8	25	25	41	0	5.0
Communicates	0	0	0	25	8	50	16	5.6
Teaching	0	0	0	8	0	75	16	6.0
Workload	0	0	0	66	25	8	0	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	0	33	41	25	0	4.9
Learn Exp	0	0	0	33	33	33	0	5.0

Silano was a very good instructor. He allowed class discussions to be directed by students. He was laid back and had the ability to make his students feel comfortable in class dialogues.

SMC 411H1S CELTIC CINEMA

Instructor(s): N. Harrower

Enr: 14	Resp: 10							Retake: 90%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	10	40	20	30	5.7
Explains	0	0	0	0	30	30	40	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	10	40	50	6.4
Teaching	0	0	0	10	20	50	20	5.8
Workload	0	0	0	90	0	0	10	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	10	50	30	10	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	22	55	0	22	5.2

Harrower was approachable, knowledgeable, and articulate. However, students were disappointed with the lack of structure of class discussions - these often veered off topic. Otherwise, this was a fun course for most students.

SMC 416H1F IRISH NATIONALISM IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

Instructor(s): D. Wilson

Enr: 7	Resp: 5							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	0	80	20	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	20	80	6.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	7.0
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	7.0
Workload	0	0	0	20	20	60	0	5.4
Difficulty	0	0	0	40	60	0	0	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	25	0	75	6.5

Students really enjoyed this course. Wilson was an outstanding instructor - very supportive, enthusiastic and good at explaining material.

SMC 425H1S USES OF THE BIBLE IN THE MIDDLE AGES

Instructor(s): J. Harris

Enr: 9	Resp: 9							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	25	25	50	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	37	37	25	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	57	42	6.4
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	42	57	6.6
Workload	0	0	0	50	25	25	0	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	50	25	25	0	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	20	0	40	40	6.0

One student summed it all up, "a very interesting, well-presented, informative course". Harris was a very well-organized and enthusiastic instructor, who was also approachable and helpful.

SMC 441H1S OLD AND MIDDLE IRISH

Instructor(s): A. Dooley

Enr: 9	Resp: 9							Retake: 88%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	12	25	12	37	12	5.1
Explains	0	0	0	0	12	62	25	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	12	87	6.9
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	25	75	6.8
Workload	12	0	0	25	62	0	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	11	22	33	22	11	5.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	12	0	50	37	6.1

"Ann Dooley is a marvelous force of nature with genuine love of her craft," commented one student. Clearly Dooley was well-loved by her students - she was kind, caring and helpful.

