



## ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY

# THEOLOGY & MINISTRY

The Department of Theology and Ministry provides formal instruction in biblical and theological studies. It seeks to encourage all students to pursue Christian faith, values and service, and offers preparation for graduate studies or a vocation in Christian ministry.

To provide students with real-world experience, the RU program offers opportunities both within RU's campus ministry and through a required off-campus internship. The ministry degree prepares students for a wide range of ministry roles and contexts, with special attention given to leading congregations.

## YOU HAVE AN EPIC STORY TO TELL

College should be more than just getting a degree. At RU, we prepare you for your professional and personal future. Our combination of general education classes — in addition to your major courses — will give you **equipment for living** so that you can live an **EPIC** life.

**EXPLORE.** Understand the world in all its beauty, diversity and complexity.

**PREPARE.** Gain knowledge and skills to serve in your business or organization.

**INTEGRATE.** Connect and apply knowledge in your professional and personal life.

**CALLING.** Discern what God has called you to be and do.



## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

### CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

The Christian Ministry program prepares you for ministerial leadership with courses in biblical studies, theology, church history, ministry and spirituality. You'll benefit from a broad educational experience designed to help you understand and engage in the challenges of ministry life.

### INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

The Interdisciplinary Studies major allows students to combine two academic disciplines in innovative ways to meet 21st century market demands. Available theology and ministry concentrations include biblical studies and ministry.

### MINORS

Biblical Studies  
Christian Ministry  
Theology



## WHAT ABOUT MY CAREER?

After you graduate, you can pursue a graduate degree in seminary or a career in ministry.

## OUR FACULTY

### Dr. Naomi Walters

Department Chair  
Professor of Ministry  
B.S., Rochester University  
M.Div., Abilene Christian University  
D.Min., Lipscomb University

### Dr. Keith Huey

Professor of Church History and  
Theology  
B.A., Lubbock Christian University  
M.Div., Harding School of Theology  
Ph.D., Marquette University

### Dr. Gregory Stevenson

Professor of New Testament  
B.A., Harding University  
M.Div., Harding School of Theology  
Ph.D., Emory University

### Dr. Beth Bowers

Church Relations Coordinator  
B.S., Rochester University  
M.R.E., Rochester University  
D. Min., Lipscomb University

## WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The following learning outcomes are linked to assignments and activities throughout this program.



### CHRISTIAN STORY

Graduates evaluate ministry decisions in light of historical and global interpretations of the central themes of the Christian story.



### CONTEXTUAL DISCOVERY

Graduates approach ministry contexts from a variety of perspectives (including theological, sociological and anthropological).



### GOD-CENTERED IDENTITY

Graduates operate from a God-centered identity and a dynamic sense of calling.



### HOSPITABLE LEADERSHIP

Graduates partner with communities of faith in discerning and joining the work of God in God's world.



### SCRIPTURE

Graduates interpret scripture contextually and theologically for the sake of local communities of faith and God's world.



### WORLD ENGAGEMENT

Graduates recognize God's presence and join God's activity in God's world in unexpected places.

## WHAT OUR ALUMNI SAY:



**JOHNATHON HOGAN**  
Chaplain at Cleveland  
Clinic Main Campus  
Class of 2018

*“Rochester was a place where I had permission and space to ask some of the biggest questions of my life, allowing me to grow in my faith and values. Without my professors, fellow students and on-campus job as an RA, I would not have pursued a clinical residency to become one of the youngest clinical chaplains in the country and be working at the Cleveland Clinic. RU was integral in starting my vocational journey.”*

**SERVING GOD. SERVING THE WORLD.**