Exam Three, Introduction to Theology
Spring 2013

Answer all four questions. Answers must be written in essay form and must address the questions thoroughly (make sure that you do not skip parts of the question). The best answers will be clearly written and will incorporate specific knowledge of relevant readings and other course materials/lectures/discussions.

1. Define metaphorical theology. What is it? How does it work?

2. In *Models of God*, Sallie McFague attempts to do theology *for our time*. What are some key aspects of our modern context that she thinks theology must address? Why does she think the monarchical model of God is inadequate for our time/context? Do you agree?

3. Choose one model of God from the McFague text—mother, lover, or friend. Write an essay about your selected model: What sort of divine love is suggested by this model? What kind of divine activity is implied? And, what are the ethical implications for human beings in light of this love and activity—in other words, how should humans act in light of this understanding of God? (You should make at least two points when answering each of the questions).

4. Although Migliore warns that the standard typology of theologies of religion has “serious limitations” and can be too simplistic, three views of how Christianity relates to other religions are typically discussed: exclusivism, inclusivism and pluralism. Define each. Acknowledging that these are not neat theological boxes (there is plurality within each category and some overlap between), which position do you find least appealing/convincing and why? On the other hand, which do you find most convincing and why?