Background Resources: 120 Essential Books for the MATUL

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Essential Reading for the MATUL Program for Course Designers and all students at some point during the program. These answer the question, "If over two years I was able to read 80 books on holistic churchplanting movements and mission among the urban poor, what would they be?"

Each school is requested to evaluate the master list of 800 books and identify what you think are core texts and return to the coordinator, so this list can be updated.

Someone needs to go through and update these to the most recent publications, and find out the prices. Each school needs to have their faculty go through and indicate what they feel are the critical texts for their course.

Overall Integration of the Program

The logical starting place would be the life of Kagawa of Japan who modelled both incarnational ministry and societal transformation from an evangelical base:


This would be followed by the theology and practice of holistic churchplanting in the slums:


And that would be complimented by the theology and practice of holistic ministry from the point of view of rich Westerners that is the basis of much Christian development agency thinking known as “holistic ministry”:


Two books round this out with articles on diverse aspects of slum theology and reflection on slum issues. The first is reflections from workers in Africa, the second a reader of diverse articles with a global view of slum issues:


Sociology and Geography of the Slums


TUL500 Writings, Reign and Reality and Theology

Beginning with an overview of Biblical theology from the perspective of the poor is critical:

Biblical themes of oppression and injustice:

Urban Theological Style
The idea of “Transformational Conversations” as a way of doing theology is developed from:

TUL505 Language and Culture Learning


TUL 520 Urban Poor Spirituality

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On a Theology of the Holy Spirit

Catholic Spirituality Among the Poor

On a spirituality for workers among the poor

On Spiritual Warfare

On Spiritual Gifts

TUL 530 Urban Poor Churchplanting
Supplementing *Companion to the Poor*, the only other extensive theology/practice book available on churchplanting in the slums is:


A practical, theological and systematic approach to churchplanting in general is:


**Broader Church Growth Principles**


**TUL540 Urban Theology and Reality**

**Anthropological Studies** from within the slums: Examining the causes and structures of poverty in the fields of, history, anthropology and sociology, urban theology and global urban studies must begin from the slums.

- or Jocano, F. Landa. (1975). *Slum As a Way of Life*. Manila: New Day Publishers, Box 167, Quezon City 3008. or

**Theological Overview**


**Urban Sociology and History**: this cannot be divorced from the nature of cities themselves. Nobody has surpassed Max Weber's foundations of Urban Sociology


**Urban Religious Movements**


**Global Overviews of the Slums**


**TUL 550 Working with the Marginalised**

**Addictions**


**Street Children**


**Drug Addiction**

**TUL 555 Educational Centre Development**

• Freire, Paulo. (1986). *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* (Myra Bergman Ramos, Trans.). New York: Continuum. (though it is often easier to read someone who has summarised his teachings)
• Hurlock, Elizabeth, *Developmental Psychology (or any book in Child Psychology or Human Growth and Development)*.

**TUL 560 Community Economics in the Slums**

**Economic structures of the informal sector**


**Theology**

• Grant, G. (1986). *In the Shadow of Plenty*. Fort Worth, TX, Dominion Press.

**Microfinance**


**Economic Systems**


**TUL 570 Field Supervision 1 &2**


**Catholic Spirituality Among the Poor**

Cross-Cultural Adaptation

TUL 620 Leadership of Urban Poor Movements

There is nothing currently written with exactly this focus, but the following three works lead in the direction of urban poor movement leadership. McGavran is classic.

Urban Poor Missions Structures that enable middle class workers to survive in working among the poor are examined in:

Revival Movements

Citywide Movement Leadership

Church Growth Movements

Social Movements

TUL 630 Community Transformation

Community Development Theory and Practice
• Craig, Jenni M. (1997). Servants Among the Poor (pp. 124-146). Wellington: Servants to Asia's Urban Poor.
• Kretzmann, J. P. (1997). Building communities from the inside out: A path toward finding and mobilizing a community’s assets. ACTA Publications.
• Moffitt, Bob with Tesch, Karla.(2004). If Jesus Were Mayor: How Your Local Church Can Transform Your Community. Zondervan Bible Publisher.
Theology

Global Development

TUL 640 Entrepreneurial & Organisational Leadership for Urban Poor Movement Leaders

Little has been written from the perspective of slum people and slum churchplanters
- A text on how to prepare a business plan.

TUL 650 Primary Health Care

This is a course on Delivery of Community Health Evangelism, so readings need to be focussed on church-based health care processes rather than big-picture stuff. Obtain from Manila and India and from Florence.

TUL 655 Advocacy, Urban Environment, Land Rights & Disaster Response

Advocacy

Land Rights Theology

Land Rights Theory

Land Rights Practice

**Disaster Response**


**TUL670 Research Project**

Each country may have books on qualitative research and project writing. The following are recommended for APU students: