

Ph.D. Reading Colloquium OTSR9303: Fall 2008

Colloquium in Old Testament: Prophecy and Wisdom & Poetry

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Description

This Ph.D. reading colloquium consist of discussion periods covering the fields of Old Testament Prophecy and Wisdom/Poetry. The colloquium will include discussion of entire books as well as shorter selections from related works by the colloquium members in addition to works the members have reviewed individually.

Goals

The members in the colloquium will grasp the larger scope of Old Testament studies in the areas covered by the readings. With this grasp of the various fields, members will be prepared better for teaching and researching in the field of Old Testament.

Texts

The texts for the colloquium are listed below. Colloquium members should note the meeting assignments with regard to which books will be covered at which stage of the semester.

Prophecy

Blenkinsopp, J. A. *A History of Prophecy in Israel*. Rev. Westminster John Knox, 1996.

Collins, John J. *The Apocalyptic Imagination: An Introduction to Jewish Apocalyptic Literature*. 2nd ed. Eerdmans, 1998.

Gordon, Robert P. *"The Place is Too Small for Us": The Israelite Prophets in Recent Scholarship*. Eisenbrauns, 1995. Selections: Introduction, Part 1, Part 3:107-175, Part 4: 275-88, 308-331, 345-76, Part 5: 415-52, Part 5: 525-38, 563-75, Part 7.

Gowan, Donald E. *Theology of the Prophetic Books: The Death and Resurrection of Israel*. Westminster John Knox, 1998.

Peterson, David L. *The Prophetic Literature: An Introduction*. Westminster John Knox, 2002.

***Westermann, Claus. *Basic Forms of Prophetic Speech*. Westminster/John Knox, 1991.**

Wisdom

Crenshaw, James. *Old Testament Wisdom: An Introduction*. John Knox, 1981.**

Crenshaw, James, ed. "Prolegomenon." In *Studies in Ancient Israelite Wisdom*. KATV, 1976: 1-45.

Murphy, Roland. *The Tree of Life*. Doubleday, 1990.**

Perdue, L. *Wisdom and Creation: A Theology of Wisdom Literature*. Abingdon, 1994.

von Rad, Gerhard. *Wisdom in Israel*. Trinity, 1993.

Poetry

Alter, Robert. *The Art of Biblical Poetry*. Basic Books, 1985.**

Berlin, Adele. *Dynamics of Biblical Parallelism*. Indiana University, 1985.

Crenshaw, James. *The Psalms: An Introduction*. Eerdmans, 2001.

Kugel, James. *The Idea of Biblical Poetry: Parallelism and Its History*. Johns Hopkins. 1981.

Westermann, Claus. *Praise and Lament in the Psalms*. John Knox, 1981.**

Requirements

The members(s) will:

1. Read the required texts as stipulated in the schedule below. For one book each meeting, a brief review will be prepared, with the review consisting of the following elements: bibliographic data, statement of purpose, summary of development, and critique. In addition, 3 reviews of the book in academic journals should be included. (4-5 pages, single-spaced).
2. Participate actively in the discussions of the readings.
3. Attend every meeting. Because of the nature of the course, no absences are allowed. If emergency situations dictate an absence, the member will schedule a make-up session with the professor. Work is still due the day scheduled even if the member is absent. A member missing two sessions will have to repeat the colloquium. Meetings will be held in the Dodd Conference Room, on September 5, October 10, November 7, and December 5, 1245-245pm

Schedule (Meeting Place: Dodd Faculty 201)

September 5 Prophecy

Blinkensopp

Peterson

Westermann

October 10 Prophecy & Wisdom

Collins

Gowan

Perdue

November 7 Wisdom

Crenshaw

Murphy

VonRad

December 10 Poetry

Alter

Berlin

Kugel

Westermann (Cole)