

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

THSR9302 Supervised Reading Colloquium: Historical Theologies

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Course Description	A colloquium is “an academic seminar on a broad field of study, usually led by a different lecturer at each meeting” (<i>American Heritage Dictionary</i>). The colloquium is designed for and led by resident Doctor of Philosophy and Masters of Theology students under the supervision of the faculty of Theological and Historical Division.
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Reading List:	Anselm. <i>Why God Became a Man</i> . Translated and edited by Jasper Hopkins and Herbert W. Richardson. Lewiston, New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 1980.
Historical Theology:	Arminius, James. <i>The Works of James Arminius</i> . Trans. James Nichols and William Nichols. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1986.
Primary Sources	Athanasius. <i>On the Incarnation</i> . With an Introduction by C. S. Lewis. Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1944.
	Augustine, <i>Confessions</i> . Trans. by Henry Chadwick. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, 1991.
	Calvin, John. <i>Institutes of the Christian Religion</i> . 2 vols. Edited by John T. McNeill. Translated by Ford Lewis Battles. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1960.
	Edwards, Jonathan. <i>The Works of Jonathan Edwards</i> . Rev. Edward Hickman. 2 vols. Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 1990.
	Erasmus. “On the Freedom of the Will.” In <i>Readings in the History of Christian Thought</i> , ed. Robert L. Ferm, 35-100. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1964.
	Forsyth, Peter Taylor. <i>The Gospel and Authority: A P. T. Forsyth Reader</i> . Edited by Marvin W. Anderson. Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1971.
	Hubmaier, Balthasar. <i>Balthasar Hubmaier: Theologian of Anabaptism</i> . Translated and edited by H. Wayne Pipkin and John Howard Yoder. Classics of the Radical Reformation, ed. Cornelius J. Dyck, no. 5. Scottsdale, PA: Herald, 1989.
	Irenaeus. <i>Against Heresies: Book One</i> . New York: Paulist, 1992.

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- Kant, Immanuel. *Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone*. Translated with an Introduction and Notes by Theodore M. Greene and Hoyt H. Hudson. With Essay by John R. Silber. New York: Harper & Row, 1960.
- Kiekegaard, Soren. *Philosophical Fragments: Johannes Climacus*. Edited and translated with Introduction and Notes by Howard and Edna Hong. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1985.
- Luther, Martin. "The Bondage of the Will." In *Readings in the History of Christian Thought*, ed. Robert L. Ferm, 101-334. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1964.
- Niebuhr, Reinhold. *An Interpretation of Christian Ethics*. New York: Meridian Books, 1935.
- Origen. *On First Principles*. Translated with an Introduction by G. W. Butterworth. New York: Harper and Row, 1966.
- Schleiermacher Friedrich. *The Christian Faith*. Ed. H. R. Mackintosh and J. S. Stewart. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1948.
- Rauschenbusch, Walter. *A Theology for the Social Gospel*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1945.
- Ritschl, Albrecht. *Three Essays*. Translated and with an Introduction by Philip Hefner. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1972.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich. *The Christian Faith*. Edited by H. R. Mackintosh and J. S. Stewart. Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1948.
- _____. *Servant of the Word: Selected Sermons of Friedrich Schleiermacher*. Translated with an Introduction by Dawn De Vries. Fortress Texts in Modern Theology. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1987.
- Schweitzer, Albert. *The Quest of the Historical Jesus: A Critical Study of Its Progress from Reimarus to Wrede*. Translated by W. Montgomery. New York: MacMillan, 1968. Reprint, Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998.
- Spener, Philip Jacob. *Pia Desideria*. Translated, Edited, and with an Introduction by Theodore G. Tappert. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1964.
- Tertullian. *Against Praxeas*. In *Ante-Nicene Fathers, Vol. 3: Latin Christianity: Its Founder, Tertullian. I. Apologetic; II. Anti-Marcion; III. Ethical*, ed. Alexander Roberts and James Donaldson, revised and chronologically arranged by A. Cleveland Coxe. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1999.
- Thomas Aquinas. *On the Truth of the Catholic Faith: Summa Contra Gentiles*. Book One, *God*. Translated with an introduction and notes by Anton G. Pegis. Garden City, NY: Image, 1955
- Warfield, Benjamin Breckenridge. *The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible*. Edited by Samuel G. Craig. With and introduction by Cornelius Van Til. Philadelphia: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1948.
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Wesley, John. *The Works of John Wesley*. 3rd Ed. Vol. 1-14. London: Wesleyan Methodist Book Room, 1872; reprint, Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002.

Zwingli, Ulrich, *Commentary on True and False Religion*. Edited by Samuel Macauley Jackson and Clarence Nevin Heller. Durham NC: Labyrinth, 1981.

Reading List:

Historical Theologies

Bromiley, Geoffrey W. *Historical Theology: An Introduction*. Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1978.

Burkill, T. A. *The Evolution of Christian Thought*. Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1971.

Evans, G. R. *The Medieval Theologians: An Introduction to Theology in the Medieval Period*. Oxford/Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2001.

Ferm, Robert L. *Readings in the History of Christian Thought*. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1964.

Gonzalez, Justo L. *A History of Christian Thought*. 3 vols. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1970.

Hardy, Edward R. ed., *Christology of the Later Fathers*, The Library of Christian Classics. Philadelphia: Westminster John Knox Press, 1995.

Harnack, Adolf. *History of Dogma*. London: Williams & Norgate, 1896-99.

Kelly, J.N.D., *Early Christian Doctrines* (rev). Philadelphia: Harper Press, 1988.

Lindberg, Carter. *The European Reformations*. Oxford/Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 1996.

Lindberg, Carter. *The Reformation Theologians: An Introduction to Theology in the Early Modern Period* (The Great Theologians). Oxford/Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2002.

McGiffert, A. C. *A History of Christian Thought*, 2 vols. New York: C. Scribner's Sons, 1946.

McGrath, Alister E. *Historical Theology: An Introduction to the History of Christian Thought*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1998.

Norris, Richard A. ed. *The Christological Controversy*, Sources of Early Christian Thought, Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1980.

Workman, Herbert. *Christian Thought to Reformation*. London: Duckworth and Company, 1947.

Reading List:

Encyclopedia and Dictionary articles

Elwell, Walter A., ed. *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 2001.

Richardson, Alan and John Bowden, eds. *The Westminster Dictionary of Christian Theology*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1983.

Buttrick, George A., ed. *The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*. Vols. 1-4.

Bromiley, Geoffrey W., ed. *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*. Rev. ed. Vols. 1-4.

Course**Requirements:**

Presentation of Readings

1. Attend each session. See attached schedule.
 2. Prepare for colloquium discussions by completing the assigned reading carefully. Each student should read all assignments for a given meeting. You may need to read the material more than once in order to be ready for discussion. Focus on interpreting the author's thought. Write down observations and questions. (The faculty convener reserves the right to review these notes.) Review the assigned reading and your notes before the colloquium and be prepared to contribute to the discussion.
 3. Students should seek to use these materials as a lens through which to consider the broader discussion and questions that are raised on these issues. As a result, preparation for the colloquium extends beyond the reading of the assigned materials to include reflection on topics and issues introduced by these readings.
 4. Lead a colloquium session:
 - ◆ For each session, each student will be responsible for leading the part of the session that discusses the specific readings assigned to him or her. For the first session, each student will be assigned one reading from the Church Fathers. For subsequent sessions, each student will be assigned readings within a topical polarity found in systematic theology. Students may request particular readings on a first come first served basis, with faculty approval.
 - ◆ One week prior to a session, each student will distribute to the other seminar members a one to two-page outline of interpretive questions that warrant further investigation and discussion as part of the overall effort to understand the assigned reading and the key issues identified from the reading.
 - ◆ At the time of the session, each student leader for the session will distribute a three to five page summary of answers to the previously identified interpretative questions that he or she believes are the most important issues to be discussed by the colloquium.
 - ◆ After distributing summary responses, the student leader may read his/her summary or present an oral overview in no more than ten minutes.
 - ◆ Open the colloquium for discussion in accordance with the purpose of the session (to understand the assigned readings and the nature of the issues they raise). The session is not simply a time for discussing the views of the student leader. All members need to speak and address the issues. There may be other issues not raised that need to be discussed. The entire colloquium is responsible for discussing the issues. Discussions should move forward in order to best use the session time. Students should direct the discussion to cover as much of the scope of issues presented by the assigned readings as possible.
 5. Students will be graded on selection of issues, clarity in focusing questions or items for discussion, and skill in engaging the colloquium in dialogue.
 6. Prepare an annotated bibliography of *each text* read through the semester. Send a copy to each professor and seminar member by the Monday following the last colloquium session.
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Book Reviews

Each seminar participant will prepare and present a critical review of Alister McGrath's *Historical Theology: An Introduction to the History of Christian Thought*.

Each review must be prepared and presented with the following:

- Author's credentials and perspectives;
- Overview of material sufficient to give a clear, precise idea of the author's orientation and goal for the work.
- Evaluation of format, ideas, issues, movements, and personages considered in the book.
- Address relevant questions/issues/persons treated and not treated in the book.
- Strengths and weaknesses.

Reviews should be from eight to ten single-spaced pages, exclusive of table of contents and bibliography. In addition, students should use footnotes for all cited materials. Format of footnotes should adhere to form/style as specified in Turabian. Two copies of the review are to be given to the professor. Book reviews are due on the last meeting of the seminar.

Procedure

The faculty convener will begin each session with prayer and general announcements. He will then turn the session over to the student leader who will proceed in the manner indicated above. Following the student leader's oral summary, discussion should be engaged with the entire colloquium. Students in the colloquium are invited and responsible to contribute to thoughtful responses to questions posed by the student leader, and all faculty members present may join the discussion at any point they see fit. Faculty members may also choose to pose additional questions at any time to assist in the colloquium's attention to matters of importance. At the end of the session, the faculty convener will close the meeting.

**Specific Readings to
be assigned by
Polarity of
Theological
Subjects****Select Church Fathers**

Athanasius. *On the Incarnation*

Augustine, *Confessions*.

Irenaeus. *Against Heresies*.

Origen. *On First Principles*

Tertullian. *Against Praxeas*.

God:

Anselm: *Why God Became a Man*

Aquinas: *On the Truth of the Catholic Faith: Summa Contra Gentiles*. Book One, God.

Epistemology\Christology:

Kierkegaard, *Philosophical Fragments*

Kant, *Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone*

Kingdom of God

Rauschenbusch, *The Theology of the Social Gospel*

Reinhold Niebuhr, *An Interpretation of Christian Ethics*

Election:

John Calvin, *Book Three, Institutes of the Christian Religion*

The Canons of Dort

James Arminius, *Declaration of Sentiments; The Apology or Defence: Articles IV, VIII, XII, XV; Public Disputations: XI—On the Free Will of Man and Its Powers; Analysis of the Ninth Chapter of the Epistle to the Romans.*

The Remonstrance

For *Canon of Dort* and *Remonstrance*, see Robert L. Ferm, *Readings in the History of Christian Thought*. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1964,

Will:

Luther, *Bondage of the Will*

Erasmus, *On the Freedom of the Will*

Both found in *Luther and Erasmus: Free Will and Salvation*, trans. and ed. by E. Gordon Rupp

Anthropology\Soteriology

Wesley, *The Doctrine of Original Sin* (X, 196-464); *Free Grace* (VII, 373-386)

Edwards, *Freedom of the Will; The End for Which God Created.*

Revelation:

Warfield, *The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible*, chapters I-IV.

Forsyth, *The Gospel and Authority: A P.T. Forsyth Reader*, Chapters 3, 6, 7.

Schleiermacher, *The Christian Faith*, pp.1-141, 259-268; *Servant of the Word*, "The Effects of Scripture and of the Redeemer" (pp.100-116)

Ecclesiology

Zwingli, *Commentary on True and False Religion*: from the chapter, "The Christian Religion" to the chapter, "The Eucharist" (98-253).

Melanchthon, *Loci Communes*, Locus 13, *Baptism*

Hubmaier, "On the Christian Baptism of Believers," "Dialogue with Zwingli's Baptism Book," "Old and New Teachers on Believers Baptism," "On Infant Baptism Against Oecolampad," "A Christian Catechism," "A Form of Water Baptism," "A Form for Christ's Supper," "On the Christian Ban."

Religious Epistemology\EcclesiologySpener, *Pia Desideria*Ritschl, From *Three Essays: "Prolegomena' to The History of Pietism"; "Instruction in the Christian Religion."***History**Schweitzer, *The Quest of the Historical Jesus: A Critical Study of Its Progress from Reimarus to Wrede*Harnack, *History of Dogma*

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Date	Reading Assignment	Assignment Schedule
02/8 8-11:00	McGrath, 1-93 Athanasius, <i>On the Incarnation</i> (attend also to Lewis's introduction regarding "old books") Augustine, <i>Confessions</i> Irenaeus, <i>Against the Heresies, Book 1</i>	Clint Miller Justin Stephen
03/8 8-11:00	McGrath, 94-155 God polarity Epistemology\Christology polarity Kingdom of God polarity	Stephen Clint Justin
04/12 8-11:00	McGrath, 156-213 Election polarity Will polarity Anthropology\Soteriology polarity	Justin Stephen Clint
05/3 8-11:00	McGrath, 214-343 Revelation polarity Ecclesiology polarity Religious Epistemology\Ecclesiology polarity	Stephen