

GTS CH2 Spring 2017 Mondays 8.10-9.30 & 11.00-12.30 SD 1B

Church History II: 1500-Present

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A history of the church primarily in Europe and America with increasing emphasis upon both the priesthood and Anglicanism in the midst of the multiplication of Christian traditions and to the challenges of modern ecclesiastical life and thought. Students should gain an awareness of key themes in the history of Christianity from 1500 to the present day.

In addition to the following specific readings, students should read James C. Livingston's Modern Christian Thought, vol. 1 (2006).

January 30: *Pre-Reformation & Introduction*

February 6: *Erasmus & the Protestant Reformation (1517-1648)*

Reading: Bruce Mullin, A Short World History of Christianity, Chapters 9-10
Desiderius Erasmus *Selected Letters*

February 13: *The Anglican Reformation (1530-1662) & Elizabethan Settlement*

Reading: W.M. Jacob, Making of the Anglican Church Worldwide (Intro & Chap. 1)
Owen Chadwick, The Reformation, Chapter 4, England
Gee, Henry, The Elizabethan Clergy and the Settlement of Religion (1898)

February 20: *The Roman Catholic Counter-Reformation (1545-1648)*

Ref. Reading: Neuner & Dupuis (eds), The Christian Faith in the Doctrinal Documents of the Catholic Church (var. index – anything dated in 1500s)
Bruce Mullin, A Short World History of Christianity, Chapter 11
Owen Chadwick, The Reformation, Parts II & III

February 27: *Pietism, Methodism, Colonial Anglicanism*

Reading: W.M. Jacobs, The Making of the Anglican Church Worldwide (Chapters 2-3)

March 6: *The Lambeth Conferences*

Reading: Randall Thomas Davidson, The Five Lambeth Conferences

March 13: NO CLASS

March 20: *Organizing the Episcopal Church*

Reading: William White, The Case of the Episcopal Churches Considered
John Henry Hopkins, Jr, The Life of the Late Right Reverend John Henry Hopkins, First Bishop of Vermont

March 27: *Evangelical America*

Book Review: Diana Hochstedt Butler, Standing Against the Whirlwind: Evangelical Episcopalians in Nineteenth-Century America

April 3: *The Oxford Movement*

Reading: John Shelton Reed, Glorious Battle: The Cultural Politics of Victorian Anglo-Catholicism
J.H. Newman, Apologia Pro Vita Sua

April 10: *Anglo-Catholic America*

Book Review: Bruce Mullin, Episcopal Vision/American Reality: High Church Theology and Social Thought in Evangelical America

April 17: NO CLASS

Darwinism and Lux Mundi & World Wars

Reading: Bernard Reardon, Religious Thought in the Victorian Age

Charles Gore, Lux Mundi

Charles Darwin, Origin of Species

April 24: *Vatican II*

Reading: *Declaration on Religious Liberty* (Vatican II)

May 1: *Liberalism, Social Gospel, and Neo-Orthodoxy*

Reading: Adolph von Harnack What is Christianity?

Karl Barth, Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans (2nd edition),

(read: Introduction)

May 8: *Oral Final Exams* Topics to be provided

Requirements:

Midterm Paper due March 6: 10-15 page comparison of Erasmus: The Christian Prince & Machiavelli: The Prince - with emphasis on leadership in 21st century.

Final Paper due May 1st: 15-20 page original Research Paper. The topic of the Research Paper should be chosen in consultation with the professor by April 3rd; be based upon primary research; and make use of the outstanding library resources at General Seminary.

All papers should be submitted in paper "hard copy". Papers must not be boring! Rather, they should accent something quite interesting that the student feels has been under-explored. No regurgitation of other papers.

15-minute One-on-one Oral exam with Professor.

NB – Students will *not* use their computers or electronic devices for anything other than Church History. Anyone caught "facebooking", texting, emailing, etc. during class will lose a letter grade and might be expected to sing the *Exsultet* by memory on 10th Avenue.