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Thursday

6:00-8:30 pm

H603 Modern Church History

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Course Description:

This course is designed to provide a survey of modern Christianity from the Reformation to the present, examining the ideas and historical traditions that shaped both Catholicism and Protestantism. We will consider the church in a global context, particularly as it relates to issues of modernity, such as colonialism, Christian reactions to the Holocaust, Liberation Theology, and Feminist Theology.

Course Requirements:

- Students should expect to read *at most* 1,000 pages of required reading from the required texts listed below, as well as additional secondary and primary source documents found on CANVAS.
- Students should expect to write *at most* 20-25 double-spaced pages. These will be comprised of the following:
 - 4 document analyses of historical texts from a variety of periods. Papers should be approximately 5 pages each.
 - Document Analyses (1st - 15%; remaining 20% ea.) 75%
- In addition to reading, writing and class participation, students should expect to produce or participate in these additional graded learning activities:
Class Discussion and attendance 10%
Oral Presentation \5%

Required Texts:

1. *Church History, Volume Two: From Pre-Reformation to the Present Day: The Rise and Growth of the Church in Its Cultural, Intellectual, and Political Context* by John D. Woodbridge and Frank A. James III (Zondervan, 2013) **ISBN-13:** 978-0310257431
2. *Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion* by Sara Miles (Ballantine Books, 2008) **ISBN-13:** 978-0345495792
3. *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Touchstone, 1995) **ISBN-13:** 978-0684815008
4. *Christianity: The First Three-Thousand Years* by Diarmaid MacCulloch (Viking, NY: 2010) **ISBN-13:** 978-0143118695