

**St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute**  
**Spring 2021**

**Tuesday, 6:00-8:30 pm**

**H603 Modern Church History**

**Dr. Stephen Lloyd**

**Course Description:**

This course offers a survey of the history of Christianity from the 16th century reformations to the present. Students will focus on the formation of the diverse denominational, intellectual, social, and cultural expressions of Christianity that developed during this time.

**Course Requirements:**

- Reading: Students should expect to read 900 pages of required reading, and they should come to class prepared to discuss the reading. Attendance and meaningful class participation is 10% of the final grade.
- Writing: This course will include three writing assignments. Students will be required to analyze a popular presentation of Church History in a 5-page paper (20% of final grade). Students will also write a 12 to 15-page research paper based on an aspect of the course that interests them (30% of final grade). Finally, students will write a 5-page synthesis paper that traces a single theme through the time period covered in the course (25% of final grade).
- Presentations: Each student will give a presentation on one of the primary sources. This presentation is 15% of the final grade.

**Required Texts:**

Mark Noll, *Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity*, third edition (Baker Academic, 2012). 978-0801039966

R. Ward Holder, *Crisis and Renewal: The Era of the Reformations* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2009). 978-0664229900.

*Readings in the History of Christian Theology*, eds. William Placher and Derek Nelson (Westminster John Knox Press, 2017). 978-0664239343

Additional sources will be available on CANVAS.