History and Literature of the Holiness Movement E/SS 432

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Course Description

An introduction to the development of the Wesleyan Movement in America, especially the holiness impulse in Methodism, nineteenth century revivalism and twentieth century evangelicalism. Special attention will be given to the Methodist Episcopal Church, its origin, growth and subsequent embourgoisement, as well as the beginnings of the Wesleyan/holiness movement.

Course Objectives

Identify the major historical figures, movements and denominations in the 19th and 20th century holiness movement. Create a deeper appreciation for our holiness heritage. Develop an understanding of the holiness movement's relation to rival articulations of the experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit (i.e. Christian perfection).

Course Requirements and Exams

Students are responsible for class attendance and for completing all reading assignments. You will be tested on the assigned readings and the content of the lectures. There will be three exams. Each student will have the option of earning extra credit (up to 20 points) by writing a 2-3 page book report of a significant work on the history of the holiness movement. The book must be approved by an instructor. The book review is due May 15.

Grading

Grades will be assigned on evaluation of class response, examinations and the book report (optional). The GBS grading scale is given on page 20 of the GBS Catalog. Policies relating to class attendance and honesty are located on pages 18-20 in the Catalog.

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