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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
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RELS 487 L01 - Advanced Studies in Medieval & Reformation Christianity

Time: 9:30-10:45 TR

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Required Textbooks

Baylor, Michael G. (ed.) *The Radical Reformation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University, 1991.

Snyder, C. Arnold. *Anabaptist History and Theology*: Revised Student Edition. Kitchener: Pandora Press, 1997.

Brown, Dale. *Understanding Pietism*. Rev. ed. Nappanee: Evangel, 1996.

Erb, Peter C. (ed.) *Pietists: Selected Writings*. New York: Paulist, 1983.

Becker-Cantarino, Barbara. *The Life of Lady Johanna Eleonora Petersen, Written by Herself*. Chicago: University of Chicago, 2005.

Shantz, Douglas H. *Course Pack Readings for RELS 487 L01*. Fall 2006.

Available at the U of C Copy Centre.

Recommended: Carter Lindberg. *The Pietist Theologians*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2005.

Course Description:

The course focuses on radical Protestant movements in Germany in the Early Modern period, from the Reformation to the Enlightenment (from 1500 to 1760 CE). The course examines 16th century Anabaptism, German Spiritualism, 17th and 18th century German Pietism, the Moravians and Pietist communities in America. Class time is devoted to lectures, student presentations, and seminar discussion of assigned reading.

Course Objectives:

a) Students will gain insight into the context, achievement and legacy of radical Christian groups that found themselves on the social and religious fringe in the Early Modern period.

b) Students will gain insight into how these groups were instrumental in the rise of church-state separation and modern evangelicalism.

c) Students will develop their ability to read and critique the literary legacy of Radical Protestant spirituality in its cultural setting.

Self-Directed Study

Students are responsible for independent learning from the assigned readings. Students are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the assigned reading.

Course Requirements:

- 1) Every class includes discussion of assigned reading from the primary source texts and the course pack. Class preparation and participation are essential. (30%)
- 2) Students must submit two Interpretive Summary essays during the term, summarizing and critiquing pre-assigned articles in the Course Pack. Each summary should be 1,000 words. The summary should discuss key themes in the article, and identify points of agreement and criticism. Scheduling of these assignments will be determined the first week of classes. (20%)
- 3) Students must write a 1,500 word Book Review according to the Format provided in this syllabus. Please choose a book from the list attached. The book review should be submitted to the professor and orally presented in the appropriate class. (20%)
- 4) Students must write a Research Essay of 3,000 words (10-12 pages) on a particular historical figure or issue related to the course. Students will argue a strong thesis, consult scholarly books and journal articles, and incorporate primary source evidence. Due: December 5 (30%)

This course will *not* have a Registrar administered final examination.

Grading Scale

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme:

A+	100 - 96	A	95 - 90	A-	89 - 85
B+	84 - 80	B	79 - 75	B-	74 - 70
C+	69 - 65	C	64 - 60	C-	59 - 55
D+	54 - 53	D	52-50	F	Under 50

N.B. All written assignments will be graded with regard to both form and content.

Academic Honesty:

Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University Calendar. If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor.

Academic Accommodation:

If you are a student with a disability who requires academic accommodation and you have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. Once registered, please discuss any upcoming tests/examinations with the instructor **two weeks** before the scheduled date.

Gnosis:

Gnosis is the Religious Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: gnosis@ucalgary.ca or visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~gnosis>.

Course Outline:

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| Wk 1 (Sept. 12) | <p>Reading: Snyder, pp. 1-10, 435-451;
Baylor, <i>The Radical Reformation</i>, pp. xi-xxi</p> <p>Defining the Reformation Radicals; past and recent historiography; renewed interest in the radicals.</p> |
| Wk 2 (Sept. 19) | <p>Snyder, pp. 47-59, 84-91; Baylor, pp. 1-10, 49-73, (74-94)</p> <p>Karlstadt and Müntzer (“Lutheran Spiritualists”): their views on Luther, the clergy, the sword and the pace of reform.</p> |
| Wk 3 (Sept. 26) | <p>Snyder, pp. 67-78; Baylor, pp. xxi-xxvi, (101-129), 227-245</p> <p>Anabaptism and the Peasants’ War, 1524-25: social, economic, political and theological origins of Anabaptism.</p> |
| Wk 4 (Oct. 3) | <p>Snyder, pp. 96-119, (142-166); Baylor, pp. 36-48, 95-100, 172-180</p> <p>Swiss Anabaptism: Conrad Grebel, Michael Sattler and Schleithem (1527); Balthasar Hubmaier.</p> |
| Wk 5 (Oct. 10) | <p>Snyder, pp. 120-141, (257-280); Baylor, pp. 152-171</p> <p>NFB Video: “By the Word of God,” Hutterites in Manitoba</p> <p>South-German-Austrian and Moravian Anabaptism: Hans Hut, Hans Denck, Jakob Hutter; the Hutterites.</p> |
| Wk 6 (Oct. 17) | <p>Snyder, pp. 208-230, (281-305)</p> <p>Melchior Hoffman, Münster and apocalyptic expectations; Dutch Anabaptism and rise of the Mennonites; Women and Anabaptism.</p> |
| Wk 7 (Oct. 24) | <p>Snyder, pp. 60-65, 200f, 205, 258</p> |

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The “Spiritualism” of Sebastian Franck, Caspar Schwenckfeld
Valentin Crautwald; Persecution of the Radicals.
- Wk 8 (Oct. 31) Dale Brown, *Understanding Pietism*
- Recent Pietist Historiography; the political and intellectual context
of Pietism: Jakob Böhme (1575-1624), Orthodox Lutheranism,
Johann Arndt (1555-1621), the Thirty Years’ War (1618-1648).
- Wk 9 (Nov. 7) Erb, pp. 31-49, 99-116, 145-148
- Early Lutheran Pietism: Spener (1635-1705) and Spener's hopes
for better times (Pietist eschatology); A.H. Francke (1663-1727)
and the Halle Foundations.
- Reading Days, November 11-14**
- Wk 10 (Nov. 16) Erb, *Pietists*, pp. 219-240
- Jane Leade (1623-1704) and the Philadelphian movement;
Radical Lutheran Pietism: Gottfried Arnold (1666-1714),
J.K. Dippel and Johann Wilhelm Petersen.
- Wk 11 (Nov. 21) Erb, *Pietists*, pp. 241-252; Becker-Cantarino, *The Life of Lady
Johanna Eleonora Petersen, Written by Herself* (1718).
- Radical Reformed Pietism: Heinrich Horch, J.H. Reitz and
Conrad Bröske (1660-1713);
Radical Pietist Women: Johanna Eleonora Petersen (1644-1724),
Anna Margaretha Jahn; Eva von Buttlar.
- Wk 12 (Nov. 28) Erb, *Pietists*, pp. 291-303, (304-324), 325-330
Video: “Count Zinzendorf”
- Count Zinzendorf (1700-1760), Anna Nitschmann and the
Herrnhut movement; Moravians in Bethlehem, Pa.
- Wk 13 (Dec. 5) Course Pack readings;
Video: “Babette’s Feast” (1989)
- Communitarian Pietism in America; the Ephrata Cloister;
the Amana Colony; Wrap-up.

Book Review Format for RELS 487

Your Goal: to provide a brief summary of the book's main themes and arguments, and a careful evaluation that assesses the book's usefulness to you and other students.

- 1) Provide the basic bibliographical data, including author, title, publisher, date, and number of pages.
- 2) Identify the author and give his/her credentials for writing the book.
- 3) Identify the subject and genre of the book and the author's purpose and intended audience.
- 4) Explain the author's organization of the book.
What issues and problems does the author raise (chapter titles help with this).
- 5) Briefly explain the main point or argument of the book.
Identify supporting arguments (look for a summing-up at the end of each chapter), and key terms and concepts in the author's argument.
- 6) Evaluate the clarity and organization of the book. Give examples from the book to illustrate your evaluation.
- 7) Evaluate whether the book has provided insight into the subject, achieved its stated purpose and made a significant contribution to knowledge in the field.
Does the author satisfy your curiosity about the subject with the questions she raises and the answers she gives to them?
Is the author consistent and logical? Do biases creep in and influence conclusions?
- 8) Evaluate the author's research, sources and methodology.
Has the author done good research and drawn sound conclusions from her research? Has the author used primary source materials?
Has the author interacted with the best secondary literature in the field?
- 9) Do you recommend this book? Why or why not?

Be sure to illustrate your critical comments with specific examples from the book!

On Writing Book Reviews:

Mortimer J. Adler and Charles Van Doren, *How to Read a Book, Revised and Updated* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1972), pp. 163f.

Richard Marius, *A Short Guide to Writing about History*, 2nd ed. (New York: HarperCollins, 1995), pp. 188-190.

Books for Review for RELS 487

1. Books on the Radical Reformation

Week 1

Werner O. Packull and Geoffrey L. Dipple, ed. *Radical Reformation Studies: Essays presented to James M. Stayer*. Aldershot: Ashgate, 1999.

C. Arnold Snyder, ed. *Commoners and Community: Essays in Honour of Werner O. Packull*. Kitchener: Pandora Press, 2002.

James M. Stayer, Werner O. Packull, ed. *The Anabaptists and Thomas Müntzer*. Toronto: Kendall/Hunt, 1980.

Hans-Jürgen Goertz. *Profiles of Radical Reformers*. Scottdale: Herald Press, 1982.

Week 2

Eric W. Gritsch. *Thomas Müntzer: A Tragedy of Errors*. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1989.

Hans-Jürgen Goertz. *Thomas Müntzer: Apocalyptic Mystic and Revolutionary*. Tr. J. Jaquiery. Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1993.

Ron Sider. *Andreas Bodenstein von Karlstadt: The Development of his Thought, 1517-1525*. Leiden: Brill, 1974.

Calvin A. Pater. *Karlstadt as the Father of the Baptist Movements*. Toronto: University of Toronto, 1984.

Week 3

Claus-Peter Clasen. *Anabaptism: A Social History, 1525-1618*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1972.

James M. Stayer. *Anabaptists and the Sword*. 2nd ed. Lawrence, Kan.: Coronado, 1976.

Walter Klaassen. *Michael Gaismaier*. Leiden: Brill, 1978.

Peter Blickle. *The Revolution of 1525: The German Peasants' War from a New Perspective*. Tr. Thomas Brady and Erik Midelfort. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1981.

James M. Stayer. *The German Peasants' War and Anabaptist Community of Goods*. Montreal: McGill-Queens, 1991.

Week 4

Harold Bender. *Conrad Grebel ca. 1498-1526, Founder of the Swiss Brethren*. Scottdale: Herald Press, 1950.

Franklin H. Littell. *The Origins of Sectarian Protestantism: A Study of the Anabaptist View of the Church*. New York: Macmillan, 1964.

Kenneth R. Davis. *Anabaptism and Asceticism: A Study in Intellectual Origins*. Scottdale: Herald Press, 1974.

Torsten Bergsten. *Balthasar Hubmaier, Anabaptist Theologian and Martyr*. ed. W.R. Estep. Valley Forge: Judson Press, 1978.

C. Arnold Snyder. *The Life and Thought of Michael Sattler*. Scottdale: Herald Press, 1984.

Week 5

William Klassen. *Covenant and Community: the Life, Writings and Hermeneutics of Pilgram Marpeck*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1968.

Stephen Boyd, *Pilgram Marpeck: His Life and Social Theology*. Durham: Duke University Press, 1992.

Werner O. Packull. *Mysticism and the Early South German-Austrian Anabaptist Movement, 1525-1531*. Scottdale: Herald Press, 1977.

Daniel Liechty. *Andreas Fischer and the Sabbatarian Anabaptists*. Scottdale: Herald Press, 1988.

Peter J. Klassen. *The Economics of Anabaptism, 1525-1560*. 1964.

Leonard Gross. *The Golden Years of the Hutterites, 1565-1578*. Scottdale: Herald Press, 1980.

Werner O. Packull. *Hutterite Beginnings: Communitarian Experiments during the Reformation*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University, 1995.

Week 6

Klaus Deppermann, Tr. *Melchior Hoffman: Social Unrest and Apocalyptic Visions in the Age of Reformation*. trans. Malcolm Wren and ed. Benjamin Drewery. Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1987.

Walter Klaassen. *Living at the End of the Ages; Apocalyptic Expectation in the Radical Reformation*. Lanham: University Press of America, 1992.

Sigrun Haude. *In the Shadow of "Savage Wolves": Anabaptist Münster and the German Reformation during the 1530s*. Boston: Humanities Press, 2000.

Gary K. Waite. *David Joris and Dutch Anabaptism, 1524-1543*. Waterloo: Wilfrid Laurier Press, 1990.

Gerald R. Brunk, ed. *Menno Simons, A Reappraisal*. Harrisonburg: Eastern Mennonite College, 1992.

Michael D. Driedger. *Obedient Heretics: Mennonite Identities in Lutheran Hamburg and Altona during the Confessional Age*. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2002.

C. Arnold Snyder and Linda Hecht, ed. *Profiles of Anabaptist Women*. Waterloo: Wilfrid Laurier University, 1996.

Week 7

Patrick Hayden-Roy. *The Inner Word and the Outer World: A Biography of Sebastian Franck*. New York: Peter Lang, 1994.

Edward J. Furcha. *Schwenckfeld's Concept of the New Man*. Pennsburg: Schwenkfelder Library, 1970.

Horst Weigelt. *The Schwenckfelders in Silesia*. Tr. Peter C. Erb. Pennsburg: Schwenkfelder Library, 1985.

R. Emmet McLaughlin. *Caspar Schwenckfeld, Reluctant Radical*. New Haven: Yale University, 1986.

Douglas H. Shantz. *Crautwald and Erasmus: A Study in Humanism and Radical Reform in Sixteenth Century Silesia*. Baden-Baden: Valentin Koerner, 1992.

John D. Derksen. *From Radicals to Survivors: Strasbourg's Religious Nonconformists over Two Generations, 1525-1570*. Utrecht: Hes & De Graaf, 2002.

John Oyer. *Lutheran Reformers against the Anabaptists: Luther, Melanchthon and Menius and the Anabaptists of Central Germany*. The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff, 1964.

2. Books on German Pietism and the Moravians

Week 8

Donald F. Durnbaugh. *The Believers' Church: The History and Character of Radical Protestantism*. New York: Macmillan, 1968.

F. Ernest Stoeffler. *German Pietism During the Eighteenth Century*. Leiden: Brill, 1973.

Ted A. Campbell. *The Religion of the Heart: A Study of European Religious Life in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*. Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2000 (orig. 1991)

Andrew Weeks. *Boehme: An Intellectual Biography of the Seventeenth Century Philosopher and Mystic*. Albany: State University of New York, 1991.

W. Reginald Ward. *The Protestant Evangelical Awakening*. Cambridge: Cambridge University, 1992.

Jonathan Strom. *Orthodoxy and Reform: The Clergy in Seventeenth Century Rostock*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1999.

Week 9

K. James Stein. *Philip Jacob Spener, Pietist Patriarch*. Chicago: Covenant Press, 1986.

Gary R. Sattler. *Nobler than the Angels, Lower than a Worm; the Pietist View of the Individual in the Writings of Heinrich Müller and August Hermann Francke*. Lanham: University Press of America, 1989.

Richard Gawthrop. *Pietism and the Making of Eighteenth Century Prussia*. Cambridge: Cambridge University, 1993.

Harry Yeide. *Studies in Classical Pietism: The Flowering of the Ecclesiola*. New York: Peter Lang, 1997.

Renate Wilson. *Pious Traders in Medicine: A German Pharmaceutical Network in Eighteenth Century North America*, 2000.

Benjamin Marschke. *Absolutely Pietist. Patronage, Factionalism and State-Building in the Early Eighteenth-Century Prussian Army Chaplaincy*. Tübingen: Niemeyer, 2005.

Week 10

Nils Thune. *The Behmenists and the Philadelphians: A Contribution to the Study of English Mysticism in the 17th and 18th Centuries*. Uppsala: Almqvist & Wiksells, 1948.

Johanna Magnani Sperle. *God's Healing Angel: A Biography of Jane Lead*. PhD Dissertation presented to Kent State University, 1995.

B.J. Gibbons. *Gender in Mystical and Occult Thought: Behmenism and its Development in England*. Cambridge: Cambridge University, 1996.

Peter C. Erb. *Pietists, Protestants and Mysticism: The Use of Late Medieval Spiritual Texts in the Work of Gottfried Arnold (1666-1714)*. Metuchen: Scarecrow Press, 1989.

Week 11

Douglas H. Shantz. *German Philadelphian: The Life and Career of the Offenbach Court Preacher Conrad Bröske*. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming.

Lucinda Martin. *Women's Religious Speech and Activism in German Pietism: Johanna Eleonora Petersen and Anna Nitschmann*. Doctoral Dissertation presented to the University of Texas at Austin, 2002.

Week 12

Arthur J. Freeman. *An Ecumenical Theology of the Heart: The Theology of Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf*. Bethlehem: Moravian Church in America, 1998.

Colin Podmore. *The Moravian Church in England, 1728-1760*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998.

Geoffrey and Margaret Stead. *The Exotic Plant: A History of the Moravian Church in Great Britain 1742-2000*. Peterborough, England: Epworth Press, 2004.

Beverly Prior Smaby. *The Transformation of Moravian Bethlehem: From Communal Mission to Family Economy*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania, 1988.

Craig D. Atwood. *Community of the Cross: Moravian Piety in Colonial Bethlehem*. University Park: Pennsylvania State, 2004.

Jon F. Sensbach. *Rebecca's Revival: Creating Black Christianity in the Atlantic World*. Cambridge: Harvard University, 2005.

Week 13

Donald F. Durnbaugh. *Brethren Beginnings: The Origins of the Church of the Brethren in Early Eighteenth Century Europe*. Philadelphia: Brethren Encyclopedia, 1992.

Donald E. Pitzer, ed. *America's Communal Utopias*. Chapel Hill: U of No. Carolina, 1997.

Jeff Bach. *Voices of the Turtledoves: The Sacred World of Ephrata*. University Park: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2003.