AMERICAN BAPTIST HISTORY AND POLITY REV. MARCIA J. PATTON, Ph.D.

REQUIRED READING:

- Shurden, Walter B. *Baptist Identity: The Four Fragile Freedoms.* Georgia: Smyth and Helwys Publishing, 1993. 119 pages
- Leonard, Bill J. *Baptist Ways: A History*. Valley Forge PA: Judson Press, 2003. 480 pages
- Freeman, Curtis W.; McClendon, James W. Jr.; da Silva, C. Rosalee Velloso. Baptist Roots: A Reader in the Theology of a Christian People. Valley Forge PA: Judson Press, 1999. 436 pages
- Goodwin, Everett C. *Down by the Riverside: A Brief History of Baptist Faith.* Valley Forge PA: Judson Press, 2002.
- Goodwin, Everett C. *The New Hiscox Guide for Baptist Churches.* Valley Forge PA: Judson Press, 1995.

RECOMMENDED READING:

- Goodwin, Everett, ed. *Baptists in the Balance*. Valley Forge PA: Judson Press, 1997. 416 pages
- Brackney, William. Baptist Life and Thought: A Source Book Revised Edition. Valley Forge PA: Judson Press, 1983. 550 pages
- Anderson, Courtney. *To the Golden Shore: The Life of Adoniram Judson.* Valley Forge PA: Judson Press, 1987. 530 pages
- Dahlberg, Keith. *Edwin T. Dahlberg: Pastor, Peacemaker, Prophet.* Valley Forge PA Judson Press, 1998, 162 pages
- Gaustad, Edwin S. *Liberty of Conscience: Roger Williams in America*. Valley Forge PA Judson Press, 1999. 229 pages

ASSIGNMENTS:

- (1) Attendance at class and participation in class discussion.
- (2) Attend two events:

First, the Christian Churches Together Annual Meeting being held at Cedarbrook Conference Center Seminarians Day on Wedesday, January 13. Directions to Cedarbrook can be found at http://www.cedarbrookcenter.com/ The schedule for the day is

8:30 – 9:00 am Worship (in Antiochian Orthodox tradition - Summit Room)

9:00 – 10:00 am "Celebrating the 'Great Commission' of Jesus: the Understanding of Evangelism

in the Early Church, in Frontier America of the 18th and 19th centuries, and in the

Current Spiritual Ferment and Foment in the Nation"

Dr. Doug Strong, Dean of The School of Theology, Seattle Pacific University and

Professor of the History of Christianity (Summit Room)

10:00 - 10:30 am Break

10:30 – 12:00 noon Celebrating the "Great Commission" of Jesus and understanding of evangelism

in our times: facilitated by Dr. David Cole, President of Eugene Bible College and chair of the CCT Evangelism Committee

 Panel responding to Dr. Strong's keynote for ten minutes each:
 Dr. Flora Bridges, Associate Professor Seattle University School of Theology; Rev. Bert Waggoner, National Director of The Vineyard;
 Bishop Richard Malone of Portland Diocese, Chair of US Conference Bishops Committee for Evangelization and Catechesis); Orthodox panelist TBA

Q & A with Dr. Strong, Dr. Robeck, and the panelists

There may be other events in the Afternoon for seminarians, if you let me know that you are available, I'll try to get that information to you

Wednesday evening, January 13, 2010

7:00 – 8:30 pm Greetings from Dr. Michael Kinnamon, General Secretary of the National

Council of Churches

"The Northwest Experience of Evangelism": A Panel Gathered by The Church Council of Greater Seattle, Michael Ramos, Executive Director Sister Joyce Cox, BVM, Archbishop's Delegate for Ecumenism/Inter-Religious Dialogue; Dr. Sam McKinney, Retired Senior Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church,

Seattle; other panelists "TBA"

8:45 pm Worship (in an African American tradition)

The Rev. Dr. Samuel McKinney, preaching

Soloist, Josephine Howell

9:30 pm Announcements and Benediction

b. Prayer Summit, with Dr. A. Roy Medley, General Secretary of the American Baptist Churches USA on Monday, January 25, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM including lunch at Japanese Baptist Church, 180 Broadway, Seattle WA

- (3) Ten page written case study relating to a Baptist congregational concern, approached from an understanding of Baptist polity and reflects and understanding of Baptist history from the reading of the texts for the course. Due date: March 11.
- (4) A five-page manuscript for a sermon titled, "Why I am an American Baptist." (Non-Baptists or non-American Baptists may have a substitute assignment.) Due Date: February 11.
- (5) Ten page written paper on the development of one of the American Baptist Agencies (NM, IM, MMBB, ABWMinistries or other). The paper must reflect on the purpose for the agency and how the governing structure has or has not helped it to attain its purpose. Due Date January 28.
- (6) A paper written about a conversation the student has with an American Baptist of note. An interview will need to be arranged, the report will be about the interview. The person interviewed must be approved by the instructor. Due Date March 17.

All written work needs to be handed in no later than March 17.

Grading Scale: If a student attends all classes and hands in written assignments on time and written well, an A will be earned. Grades will drop with every unexcused absence from a class and for late and written assignments that are poorly written. Poorly written includes plagiarism, inferior use of the English language and lack of attention to margins, fonts, pagination, spelling and citation. Please check your student handbook for Seattle U standards regarding these items.

CLASSES on Thursdays from 1:30-4:20pm.	Meeting on campus at
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COURSE OUTLINE

This course outline is subject to change. We will have guest presenters in the class. We will schedule them as they are available, so very well may switch or reschedule the exact scope of the topic on a given day depending on the "guest" present. Some guests may be present by recording or by webcam. Because the instructor has other responsibilities there will be no class on January 7, February 18 or February 28.

January 7: No class.

January 14: Introduction to class, instructor and students.

Review of syllabus and introduction to approach to Baptist History & Polity
Pop Quiz

January 21: The historical beginnings January 28: "A People of Mission" February 4: Organization in the US February 11: A Diverse People

February 28: No class February 28: No class

March 4: "A People of the Bible"

March 11: "A People of Soul Freedom"