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Penance in Sixteenth-Century Europe
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Proposed Topic of Study:

The proposed course will investigate the nature of penance as a socio-religious institution in the Late Middle Ages and its presence in Early Protestantism. The course will consist of fifteen weeks of reading of with an average of 300 pages a week.

Course Assessment:

1. **Weekly Meetings:** The student will meet virtually with the professor weekly to discuss the assigned readings. At least 24 hours prior to each meeting, the student will submit a 1-page summary of each book/article.
2. **Dissertation Proposal:** The student will produce 500 word dissertation proposal by week 10.
3. **Dissertation Prospectus:** The student will produce a ten page rough draft of the dissertation prospectus by the end of the course.

Course Texts:

Arranged according to topic. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the Advisor has access to all materials at least one week prior to the meeting in which they will be discussed.

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Methodological Approach to Religion:

- Banton, Michael. *Anthropological Approaches to the Study of Religion*. London: Travistock, 1966.
- Capps, Walter H. *Religious Studies: The Making of a Discipline*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1995.
- Durkheim, Émile. *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*. New York: Free Press, 1995.
- Gennap, Arnold van. *The Rites of Passage*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1961.
- Rawls, Anne Warfield. *Epistemology and Practice: Durkheim's The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*. New York: CUP, 2004.

Late Medieval Penance and Confession:

- Amann, E., M. Jugie, A. Michel, "Pénitence." *Dictionnaire de Théologie Catholique*. Vol. 12. Paris: Libraire Letouzey et Anê, 1933, 722-1138.
- Bossy, John. "The Social History of Confession in the Age of the Reformation." *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society* 25 (1975): 21-38.
- Firey, Abigail. *A New History of Penance*. Boston: Brill, 2008.
- Lualdi, Katharine Jackson and Anne T. Thayer. *Penitence in the Age of Reformations*. Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishing, 2000.
- McNeill, John T. and Helena M. Gamer, eds. *Medieval Handbooks of Penance: A Translation of the Principal "Libri Poenitentiales" and Selections from Related Documents*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1990.
- Postles, David. "Penance and the Market Place: A Reformation Dialogue with the Medieval Church (c. 1250-C. 1600)." *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 54, no. 3 (July 1, 2003): 441-468.
- Tentler, Thomas N. *Sin and Confession on the Even of the Reformation*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1977.

Magisterial Alternative: Lutheran

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- _____. *1518 Sermo de Virtute Excommunicationis WA 23: 634-643*.
- _____. *1518 Sermo de Poenitentia WA 23: 317 – 324*.
- _____. *1519 Sacrament of Penance LW 35: 5-22*.
- _____. *1520 Sermon on the Ban LW 39: 5-22*.
- _____. *1520 A Discussion on How Confession Should Be Made LW 39: 25-47*.
- _____. *1520 Babylonian Captivity LW 36: 6-11; 82-91*.
- _____. *1522 Invocavit Sermon #8 LW 51: 97-101*.
- _____. *1528 Instructions for the Visitors of Parish Pastors in Electoral Saxony LW 40: 265-320*.
- _____. *1529 A Short Order of Confession Before the Priest for the Common Man LW 53: 117 – 119*.
- Rittgers, Ronald K. *Reformation of the Keys: Confession, Conscience, and Authority in Sixteenth-Century Germany*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2004.
- _____. *The Reformation of Suffering: Pastoral Theology and Lay Piety in Late Medieval and Early Modern Germany*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

Magisterial Alternative: Reformed

- Kingdon, Robert M. "Calvin and Church Discipline." In *John Calvin Rediscovered: The Impact of His Social and Economic Thought*, edited by Edward Dommen and James D. Bratt, 25-31. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007.
- _____. "Calvin and the Establishment of Consistory Discipline in Geneva: The Institution and the Men Who Directed It." *Nederlands Archief Voor Kerkgeschiedenis (Dutch Review of Church History)* 70, no. 2 (1990): 158-72.
- _____. "Reformation and Revolution: The Case of Geneva." In *Church, Society and Politics*, edited by Derek Baker, 203-22. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1975.
- _____. "The Church: Ideology or Institution." *Church History* 50, no. 1 (March 1981): 81-97.

- . “The Control of Morals in Calvin’s Geneva.” In *The Social History of the Reformation*, edited by Harold John Grimm, Lawrence P. Buck, and Jonathan W. Zophy, 3–16. Columbus: Ohio State University Press, 1972.
- Kingdon, Robert M., Thomas A. Lambert, Isabella M. Watt, Jeffrey R. Watt, and M. Wallace McDonald, eds. *Registers of the Consistory of Geneva in the Time of Calvin*. Vol. 1. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.
- Monter, E. William. “The Consistory of Geneva, 1559-1569.” *Bibliothèque d’Humanisme et Renaissance* 38 (1976): 467–84.
- Witte, John, and Robert M. Kingdon. *Sex, Marriage, and Family in John Calvin’s Geneva: Courtship, Engagement, and Marriage*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005.

The Anabaptist Collapse: Anabaptism

- Bender, Harold Stauffer. *The Anabaptist Vision*. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1944.
- . “The Mennonite Conception of the Church and Its Relation to Community Building.” *The Mennonite Quarterly Review* 19 no 2 (Apr 1945): 90-100.
- Horsch, John. *Mennonites in Europe*. 2nd ed. Scottsdale, PA: Mennonite Publishing house, 1950.
- Peters, Frank C. “The Ban in the Writings of Menno Simons.” *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 29 (1955): 16–33.
- Redekop, Calvin Wall. *Mennonite Society*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1989.
- Sattler, Michael. “The Schleithem Articles.” In *The Radical Reformation*, edited by Michael Baylor, 172-180. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008.
- Simons, Menno. “A Clear Account of Excommunication.” In *The Complete Writings of Menno Simons: c.1496-1561*, edited by John Christian Wenger, translated by Leonard Verduin, 455–485. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1978.
- . “A Sharp Reply to David Joris.” In *The Complete Writings of Menno Simons: c.1496-1561*, edited by John Christian Wenger and Leonard Verguin, 1019–1020. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1978.
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- . “Instruction on Excommunication.” In *The Complete Writings of Menno Simons: c.1496-1561*, edited by John Christian Wenger and Leonard Verguin, 959–998. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1978.
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- Voolstra, *Menno Simons: His Image and Message*. North Newton, KS: Bethel College, 1997.
- . “True Penitence: The Core of Menno Simons’ Theology.” *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 62, no. 3 (July 1988): 387–400.

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