

HC IV
History of Modern Christianity (1600-present)

The following bibliography gives primary attention to the history of Christianity in colonial North America and the United States, but it is designed to do so in a way that emphasizes transatlantic themes, developments, and contexts that have influenced that history. Throughout, the list attempts not only to explore major topics in the modern history of Christianity but also to engage important interpretive debates and illustrate a range of historical methods. Several broad themes are evident in the bibliography, including the relation of Christianity to modern nationalism; race and ethnicity; revivalist movements; or religion and popular culture. However, the list is sufficiently complete and complex to encourage individual students to organize it around topics and issues particularly relevant to their own research agendas.

In addition to reading the books on this list, individual students should select ten primary documents on which they would like to focus. The reading list includes several collections of documents, usually excerpted, that may help in the process of selection, but students must read the ten selected documents in their entirety. Taken as a whole, the collection of documents must span the entire period from 1600 to the present.

The reading list concludes with a collection of suggested reference volumes.

I. Modern Christianity: Transatlantic Themes

Axtell, James. The Invasion Within: The Contest of Cultures in Colonial North America. New York: Oxford University Press, 1985.

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Greenfeld, Liah. Nationalism: Five Roads to Modernity. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1992.

Hales, E.E.Y. Pio Nono: A Study of European Politics and Religion in the Nineteenth Century. New York: Doubleday, 1962.

Lindberg, David C., and Ronald L. Numbers, ed. God and Nature: Historical Essays on the Encounter between Christianity and Science. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1986.

Mack, Phyllis. Visionary Women: Ecstatic Prophecy in Seventeenth-Century England. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1992.

McLeod, Hugh. Religion and the People of Western Europe, 1789-1970. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1981.

Moore, James R. The Post-Darwinian Controversies: A study of the Protestant Struggle to Come to Terms with Darwin in Great Britain and America, 1870-1900.

Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 1979.

Nuttall, Geoffrey. The Holy Spirit in Puritan Faith and Experience. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1946.

Pagden, Anthony. European Encounters with the New World: From Renaissance to Romanticism. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992.

Schmidt, Leigh Eric. Holy Fairs: Scottish Communion and American Revivals in the Early Modern Period. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1989.

Toulmin, Stephen. Cosmopolis: The Hidden Agenda of Modernity. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1992.

Van Kley, Dale K. The Religious Origins of the French Revolution: From Calvin to the Civil Constitution, 1560-1791. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1996.

II. Religious History of The United States

Overviews

Albanese, Catherine L. Nature Religion In America From the Algonkian Indians to the New Age. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990.

Dolan, Jay. The American Catholic Experience: A History from Colonial Times to the Present. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1985.

Gilpin, W. Clark. A Preface to Theology. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996.

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Marty, Martin E. Righteous Empire: The Protestant Experience in America. New York: Dial Press, 1970.

Mead, Sidney E. The Lively Experiment: The Shaping of Christianity in America. New York: Harper and Row, 1963.

Moore, R. Laurence. Religious Outsiders and the Making of Americans. New York: Oxford University Press, 1986.

Noll, Mark A. America's God: From Jonathan Edwards to Abraham Lincoln. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002. *or* Holifield, E. Brooks. Theology In America: Christian Thought from the Age of the Puritans to the Civil War. New Haven: Yale University

Press, 2003.

Stein, Stephen J. The Shaker Experience in America : A History of the United Society of Believers. New Haven : Yale University Press, 1992.

Tweed, Thomas A., ed. Retelling U.S. Religious History. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997.

Colonial America

Butler, Jon. Awash in a Sea of Faith: Christianizing the American People. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1990.

Gutierrez, Ramon A. When Jesus Came, the Corn Mothers Went Away: Marriage, Sexuality, and Power in New Mexico, 1500-1846. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1991.

Hall, David. Worlds of Wonder, Days of Judgment: Popular Religious Belief in Early New England. New York: Knopf, 1989.

Isaac, Rhys. The Transformation of Virginia, 1740-1790. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1982.

May, Henry F. The Enlightenment in America. New York: Oxford University Press, 1976.

Miller, Perry. Errand into the Wilderness. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1956.

Stout, Harry S. The New England Soul: Preaching and Religious Culture in Early New England. New York: Oxford University Press, 1986.

Ulrich, Laurel Thacher. Good Wives: Image and Reality in the Lives of Women in Northern New England, 1650-1750. New York: Oxford University Press, 1980.

Nineteenth Century

Brekus, Catherine A. Strangers and Pilgrims: Female Preaching in America, 1740-1845. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1998.

Genovese, Eugene D. Roll, Jordan, Roll: The World the Slaves Made. New York: Vintage Books, 1976.

Hatch, Nathan O. The Democratization of American Christianity. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1989.

Heyrman, Christine Leigh. Southern Cross: The Beginnings of the Bible Belt. New York: Knopf, 1997.

Higginbotham, Evelyn Brooks. Righteous Discontent: The Women's Movement in the Black Baptist Church, 1880-1920. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1993.

Hutchison, William R. The Modernist Impulse in American Protestantism. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1976.

Marsden, George M. Fundamentalism and American Culture: The Shaping of Twentieth-Century Evangelicalism, 1870-1925. New York: Oxford University Press, 1980.

Mathews, Donald G. Religion in the Old South. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1977.

Raboteau, Albert J. Slave Religion: The "Invisible Institution" in the Antebellum South. New York: Oxford University Press, 1978.

Shippo, Jan. Mormonism: The Story of a New Religious Tradition. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1985.

Taves, Ann. Fits, Trances, and Visions: Experiencing Religion and Explaining Experience from Wesley to James (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999).

Twentieth Century

Boyer, Paul S. When Time Shall Be No More: Prophecy Belief in Modern American Culture. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1992.

Griffith, R. Marie. God's Daughters: Evangelical Women and the Power of Submission. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997.

Marty, Martin E. Modern American Religion. Vols. 1-3. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1986-1996.

Morgan, David. Visual Piety: A History And Theory of Popular Religious Images. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998.

Orsi, Robert Anthony. The Madonna of 115th Street: Faith and Community in Italian Harlem, 1880-1950. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1985.

Tweed, Thomas A. Our Lady of the Exile: Diasporic Religion at a Cuban Catholic Shrine in Miami. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997.

Wacker, Grant. Heaven Below: Early Pentecostals and American Culture. Harvard University Press, 2001.

III. Document Collections (Students are not expected to read all of the following document collections. Instead, this list is designed to help students identify ten primary documents on which they would like to focus. Documents must be read in their entirety.)

Cherry, Conrad, ed. God's New Israel: Religious Interpretations of American Destiny. Revised Edition. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1998.

Ellis, John Tracy, ed. Documents of American Catholic History. Three Volumes. Wilmington, Del.: M. Glazier, 1987.

Gaustad, Edwin S. and Mark A. Noll, eds. A Documentary History of Religion In America. Third Edition. Two Volumes. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003.

Gay, Peter. The Enlightenment: A Comprehensive Anthology. New York, Simon and Schuster, 1973.

Keller, Rosemary Skinner and Rosemary Radford Ruether, eds. In Our Own Voices: Four Centuries Of American Women's Religious Writing. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1995.

Maclear, J. F., ed. Church and State in the Modern Age: A Documentary History. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.

Outler, Albert C., ed. John Wesley: A Representative Collection of His Writings. New York: Oxford University Press, 1964.

Smith, H. Shelton, Robert T. Handy, and Lefferts A. Loetscher, eds. American Christianity: An Historical Interpretation with Representative Documents. Three Volumes. New York: Scribner, 1960-1963.

Smith, John E., Harry S. Stout, and Kenneth P. Minkema. A Jonathan Edwards Reader. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1995.

Tweed, Thomas A. and Stephen Prothero, eds. Asian Religions In America: A Documentary History. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.

Woodhouse, A. S. P., ed. Puritanism and Liberty: Being the Army Debates (1647-9) from the Clarke Manuscripts with Supplementary Documents. Second Edition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1974.