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


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*. 


II. Religious History of The United States

Overviews


Colonial America


Nineteenth Century


Twentieth Century


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.)


