

# Christian Tradition Schedule

## Spring 2016

### Students please note:

There are some digital tutorials, such as map making, that are not listed on the syllabus, yet. We will do them in class. Dates TBD.

This schedule is subject to change at the Professor's discretion. It is the responsibility of each student to keep up with schedule changes, even if absent.

Assignments should be completed in time for class on the day on which they are listed on the syllabus.

Students should bring to class any texts assigned for the day or detailed notes.

### Week 1: January 18-22

#### T Introduction to the Course

##### Welcome and Introductions

About the course

Mini lecture on the Roman Empire

#### Th Introduction to the Course

##### Before Class

Study Guide

Read

- *ANT* pp. 1-6 (Introduction to the book)
- Read about the religions of the Roman Empire (<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/portrait/empire.html>)
- Early Roman sources on Christianity (Suetonius, Tacitus, Pliny) at <http://pages.scrippscollege.edu/%7Eajacobs/rs92/earlyromans.htm> (<http://pages.scrippscollege.edu/%7Eajacobs/rs92/earlyromans.htm>)
- Visit the map of the spread of Christianity (<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/maps/christ.html>)

##### During Class

- Discussion based on Study Guide
- Mini lecture

## Week 2: January 25-29

### T Boundaries and Appearances

#### Before Class

##### Study Guide

##### Read

- *ANT* pp. 320-328
  - 1 Clement (text 55)
  - Didache (text 56)
  - Ignatius's letters to the Ephesians, Magnesians, and Smyrniacs (text 57)
- On Canvas
  - Ignatius's letter to the Trallians
  - *Shepherd of Hermas* (selections)
- *ANT* pp. 309-316 (Scriptures & Canonical Lists)
  - Chapter 9 Introduction
  - Muratorian Canon (text 51)
  - Irenaeus (text 52)
  - Origen (text 53)
  - Eusebius (text 54)

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#### During Class

- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

### Th Mission and Expansion

#### Before Class

##### Study Guide

##### Read:

- *ANT* pp. 7-24; 353-56
  - Chapter 2 Introduction
  - Acts of John (text 1)
  - Acts of Thomas (text 2)
  - Dialogue with Trypho (text 3)
  - Hippolytus: the Apostolic Tradition (text 65)

Quiz on Canvas

**During Class**

- Student discussion facilitation
- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

**Week 3: February 1-5****T Early Persecution and Martyrdom****Before Class**

Study Guide

Read:

- *ANT* Chapter 3: pp. 25-50
  - Chapter Introduction
  - Ignatius's letter to the Romans (text 4)
  - Martyrdom of Polycarp (text 5)
  - The Letter of the Churches of Vienne and Lyons (text 6)
  - Acts of the Scillitan Martyrs (text 7)
  - Martyrdom of Perpetua and Felicitas (text 8)
- map of persecutions (<http://pages.scrippscollege.edu/%7Eajacobs/rs92/persmap.jpg>)

Quiz on Canvas

**During Class**

- Student discussion facilitation
- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

**Th Early Persecution and Martyrdom Part 2****Before Class**

Study Guide

Read: TBA

Quiz on Canvas

**During Class**

- Student discussion facilitation
- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

## Week 4: February 8-12

### T Justin and Early Christian Apology

#### Before Class

##### Study Guide

##### Read:

- *ANT* Chapter 4: pp. 51-71, 75-82
  - Chapter 4 Introduction
  - Minucius Felix: Octavius (text 9)
  - Justin: First Apology (text 10)
  - Athenagoras: Plea Regarding the Christians (text 11)
  - Tertullian: Apology (text 13)
  - Justin selections on Canvas

Quiz on Canvas

#### During Class

- Student discussion facilitation
- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

### Th Christian Diversity Part I—Jewish-Christian Self-Definition & Early Christian Anti-Judaism

#### Before Class

##### Study Guide

##### Read:

- *ANT* pp. 131-135; 95-130
  - Chapter 6 Introduction
  - Gospel According to the Ebionites (text 19)
  - Chapter 5 Introduction
  - Epistle of Barnabas (text 15)
  - Justin: Dialogue with Trypho (text 16)
  - Melito of Sardis: On the Passover (text 17)

Quiz on Canvas

#### During Class

- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

## Week 5: February 15-19

### T Christian Diversity Part II—Gnosticism

#### Before Class

##### Study Guide

##### Read:

- *ANT* pp. 144-154, 160-77, 227-30
  - Gnostic Texts Introduction
  - The Secret Book of John (text 22)
  - The Gospel of Truth (text 24)
  - Ptolemy's Letter to Flora (text 25)
  - On the Origin of the World (text 26)
  - Coptic Apocalypse of Peter (text 35)

Quiz on Canvas

#### During Class

- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

### Th Unity, Diversity, and Liturgy

#### Before Class

##### Study Guide

##### Read:

- *ANT* pp. 193-211
  - Chapter 7 Introduction
  - Irenaeus: Against the Heresies (text 31)
  - additional selections TBA in *ANT*

Quiz on Canvas

#### During Class

- Student discussion facilitation
- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

## Week 6: February 22-26

### T Tertullian and Controversies in the Church

**Before Class**

## Study Guide

## Read:

- *ANT* pp. 211-226, 399-404, 405-413, 430-36
  - Tertullian: Prescription of the Heretics (text 32)
  - Tertullian: On the Flesh of Christ (text 33)
  - Tertullian: Against Praxeas (text 34)
  - Tertullian: To His Wife (text 72)
  - Chapter 14 Introduction
  - Tertullian: Against Praxeas (text 73)
  - Dionysius of Rome: Letter to Dionysius of Alexandria (text 76)

## Quiz on Canvas

**During Class**

- Student discussion facilitation
- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

**Th Christian Philosophers as Theologians -- Clement & Origen****Before Class**

## Study Guide

## Read

- *ANT* pp. 387-399, 375-381, 413-29, 82-93
  - Clement: The Educator
  - Origen: Commentaries on Genesis
  - Origen: On First Principles
  - Origen: Against Celsus
- Selection from Porphyry (<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/porphyry1.html>)

## Quiz on Canvas

**During Class**

- Student discussion facilitation
- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

**F 8 pm Deadline A for Critical-Analytical Paper 1.**

Post your paper to Canvas. Papers will receive grade and comments by Deadline B. Revisions for regrading due on Deadline C.

**Week 7: February 29-March 4****T The Great Persecution and the End of Persecutions****Before Class**

## Study Guide

## Read

- *ANT* pp. 340-42, 430
  - Cyprian: On the Unity of the Catholic Church (text 60)
  - Novatian: On the Trinity (introductory paragraph only of text 75)
- *CLA* 1-23
  - Chapter 1 (Book Introduction)
  - Chapter 2 Introduction
  - Acts of Saint Felix (text 1)
  - Lactantius: The Deaths of the Persecutors (text 2)

Quiz on Canvas

**During Class**

- Student discussion facilitation
- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

**W 5 pm Deadline B for Critical-Analytical Paper 1.**

Post your paper to Canvas. Papers will receive grade and comments.

**Extra Credit: Special Event.**

"Hatshepsut: From Royal Priestess to King"

A lecture by Dr. Kara Cooney from UCLA, time TBA

**Th Constantine****Before Class**

## Study Guide

## Read:

- *CLA* pp. 24-25
  - Chapter 3 Introduction
- Handout from previous class
- *CLA* pp. 25-44, 68-74
  - The Origin of Constantine (text 3)

- Eusebius: Life of Constantine (text 4)
- Chapter 4 Introduction
- Theodosian Code: On Religion—pick out laws by Constantine (text 6)

Quiz on Canvas

### During Class

- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

## Week 8: March 7-11

### **M noon Deadline C for Critical-Analytical Paper 1.**

Post your paper to Canvas. Papers will receive grade only.

## T Church and State: The Council of Nicaea and Arianism

### Before Class

Study Guide

Read

- *CLA* pp. 155-167, 242-256, 190-200
  - Chapter 7 Introduction
  - Trinitarian Controversy Introduction
  - Arius: Thalia (text 20)
  - Alexander of Alexandria: Letter to Alexander of Constantinople (text 21)
  - Arius: Letter to Alexander of Alexandria (text 22)
  - Chapter 8 Introduction
  - Creed and Canons of Nicaea (text 33)
  - Athanasius on the Incarnation of the Word

Quiz on Canvas

### During Class

- Debate on orthodoxy and the Council of Nicaea
- Mini lecture

## Th After Nicaea--Julian the "Apostate," The Cappadocians, and the Defense of Orthodoxy

### Before Class

Study Guide

Read



- *CLA* 48-53, 167-177, 256-59
  - Julian, Letters on Religion (text 6 only -- no need to read text 7)
  - Gregory of Nazianzus: Third Theological Oration (text 23)
  - Creed and Canons of Constantinople (text 34)
- Readings on Basil, Gregory of Nyssa, and Gregory Nazianzus on Canvas

Quiz on Canvas

### During Class

- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

**Week 9: March 14-18**  
SPRING BREAK

**Week 10: March 21-25**

## T Asceticism Part IA—Life of Antony

### Before Class

Study Guide

Read

- Gregg, *Athanasius* pp. 29-65

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### During Class

- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

## Th Asceticism Part IB—Life of Antony

### Before Class

Study Guide

Read

- Gregg, *Athanasius* pp. 65-99

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### During Class

- Student discussion facilitation
- Discussion based on Study Guides

- Mini lecture

## Week 11: March 28-April 1

### T Asceticism Part II—Monasteries in Egypt & Syria

#### Before Class

##### Study Guide

##### Read:

- *CLA* 291-311, 404-416
  - Pachomius: Rules (text 38)
  - Sayings of the Desert Fathers (text 39)
  - Antony: Letter 1 (text 40, selection)
  - Theodoret: The Religious History (text 47)
  - Life of Pelagia (text 49)

Quiz on Canvas

#### During Class

- Student discussion facilitation
- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

### Th Pilgrimage and Cult of the Saints

#### Before Class

##### Study Guide

##### Read

- *CLA* pp. 331-350, 360-65
  - Chapter 10 Introduction
  - Egeria: Travel Journal (text 42)
  - Gregory of Nyssa: Letter on Pilgrimage (text 43)
  - Lucianus: On the Discovery of Saint Stephen (text 45)

Quiz on Canvas

#### During Class

- Pilgrimage activity
- Mini lecture

## Week 12: April 4-8

## T Jerome and Augustine

### Before Class

Study Guide

Read

- *CLA* 80-92, 377-389
  - Augustine: Confessions (text 11)
  - Jerome: Letter to Eustochium(text 37)
- Readings TBA on Canvas re Jerome

Quiz on Canvas

### During Class

- Student discussion facilitation
- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

## Th Augustine on Sin and Grace

### Before Class

Study Guide

Read

- Augustine, Selections on Canvas

Quiz on Canvas

### During Class

- Student discussion facilitation
- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

## Week 13: April 11-15

## T Christology & the Councils of Ephesus & Chalcedon

### Before Class

Study Guide

Read

- *CLA* pp. 178-188, 259-267
  - Christological Controversy Introduction
  - Nestorius: Letter to Cyril of Alexandria (text 24)
  - Cyril of Alexandria: Third Letter to Nestorius (text 25)
  - Canons of Ephesus (text 35)

- Definition and Canons of Chalcedon (text 36)

Quiz on Canvas

#### During Class

- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture
- Digital Tutorial: Zotero (Zotero homework also TBA)

### Th Religion, Power, Violence

#### Before Class

Study Guide

Read

- Readings on Canvas

Quiz on Canvas

#### During Class

- Student discussion facilitation
- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

### Week 14: April 18-22

### T The West, the Barbarians, and the Papacy

#### Before Class

Study Guide

Read

Quiz on Canvas

#### During Class

- Discussion based on Study Guides
- Mini lecture

### Th Work on Group Projects

#### Before Class

Meet in groups, project map due

#### During Class

Work on group projects

## Week 15: April 25-29

### T Work on Group Projects

#### Before Class

Images for at least half the slides due

#### During Class

Work on group projects

### Th Presentations

During Class: Presentations in Pecha Kucha style

## Week 16: May 2-4

### T Presentations and Course Evals

During Class: Presentations in Pecha Kucha style, Course evals

## Finals Week

### **Friday May 6 6 pm Deadline A for Critical-Analytical Paper .**

Post your paper to Canvas. Papers will receive grade and comments by Monday May 9.  
Revisions for regrading due on Deadline C.

### **Wednesday May 11 6 pm Deadline C for Critical-Analytical Paper 2.**

Post your paper to Canvas. Papers will receive grade only.



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