

**Wesley Theological Seminary
Course of Study Program
Upper New York Satellite Program
March 27-28, April 24-25, 2020**

CS-522 Theology in the Contemporary Church

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Goals:

This course covers significant individuals, movements, events, and theological developments from the nineteenth century to the present. GBHEM goals:

1. Understand the origins and theological tenets of liberalism from the early 19th century to the present, including its influence on ecumenism and process theology.
2. Understand and distinguish reactions to liberalism, including Fundamentalism, Neo-Orthodoxy, and Evangelicalism.
3. Understand the historical development and theology of the Holiness Movement, Pentecostalism, and the Charismatic Movement.
4. Understand the origins and tenets of Liberation and Contextual theologies.

Texts:

Daniel Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding*.

John Caputo, *What Would Jesus Deconstruct?*

Ed. Miller and Stanley Grenz, *Introduction to Contemporary Theologies*.

Timothy Keller, *The Reason for God* (optional).

Assignments

Note: The Course of Study program's expectation is ten pages of writing, double spaced, to be completed for each weekend, a total of twenty pages for the course.

Due in class March 27:

Reading:

Miller and Grenz, *Introduction to Contemporary Theologies*.

Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding*, chapters 1-6.

Writing:

1. Choose three of the thirteen theologies discussed in *Introduction to Contemporary Theologies*. Write five pages or more on how these theologies are relevant to today's culture and how they can guide the mission of the church.
2. Write a brief synopsis and critique of three or four of the main topics of chapters 1-6 in *Faith Seeking Understanding*. Your paper should be at least five papers long.

Due in class April 24

Reading:

Caputo, *What Would Jesus Deconstruct?*

Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding*, chapters 7-14.

Writing:

1. Write a critical review of *What Would Jesus Deconstruct?* Your paper should be at least five pages long.
2. Write a brief synopsis and critique of three or four of the main topics of chapters 7-14 in Migliore's *Faith Seeking Understanding*. Your paper should be at least five papers long.