AMERICAN BAPTIST HISTORY AND POLITY (STMA 592)
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REQUIRED READING:

Shurden, Walter B. *Baptist Identity: The Four Fragile Freedoms.* Georgia: Smyth and Helwys Publishing, 1993. 119 pages

Leonard, Bill J. *Baptist Ways: A History*. Valley Forge PA: Judson Press, 2003. 480 pages

Freeman, Curtis W.; McClendon, James W. Jr.; da Silva, C. Rosalee Velloso. *Baptist Roots: A Reader in the Theology of a Christian People.* Valley Forge PA: Judson Press, 1999. 436 pages

Goodwin, Everett C. *Down by the Riverside: A Brief History of Baptist Faith* Valley Forge PA: Judson Press, 2002.

RECOMMENDED READING:

Goodwin, Everett, ed. *Baptists in the Balance.* Valley Forge PA: Judson Press, 1997. 416 pages

Brackney, William. *Baptist Life and Thought: A Source Book Revised Edition*. Valley Forge PA: Judson Press, 1983. 550 pages

Anderson, Courtney. *To the Golden Shore: The Life of Adoniram Judson.* Valley Forge PA: Judson Press, 1987. 530 pages

Dahlberg, Keith. *Edwin T. Dahlberg: Pastor, Peacemaker, Prophet.* Valley Forge PA Judson Press, 1998, 162 pages

Gaustad, Edwin S. *Liberty of Conscience: Roger Williams in America*. Valley Forge PA Judson Press, 1999. 229 pages

ASSIGNMENTS:

(1) Attendance at class and participation in class discussion.

(2) Ten page written case study relating to a Baptist congregational concern, approached from an understanding of Baptist polity and reflects and understanding of Baptist history from the reading of the texts for the course. Due date: February 28

(3) A five-page manuscript for a sermon titled, “Why I am an American Baptist.” (Non-Baptists or non-American Baptists may have a substitute assignment.) Due Date: March 13

(4) A paper written about a conversation the student has with an American Baptist of note. An interview will need to be arranged, the report will be about the interview. The person interviewed must be approved by the instructor. Due Date March 13

All written work needs to be handed in no later than March 13.

Grading Scale: If a student attends all classes and hands in written assignments on time and written well, an A will be earned. Grades will drop with every unexcused absence from a class and for late and written assignments that are poorly written. Poorly written includes plagiarism, inferior use of the English language and lack of

attention to margins, fonts, pagination, spelling and citation. Please check your student handbook for Seattle U standards regarding these items.

CLASSES on Thursdays from 1:35-4:25pm. Meeting on campus at _____.

COURSE OUTLINE

This course outline is subject to change. We will have guest presenters in the class. We will schedule them as they are available, so very well may switch or reschedule the exact scope of the topic on a given day depending on the “guest” present. Some guests may be present by recording or by webcam.

January 10: Introduction to class, instructor and students.
Review of syllabus and introduction to approach to Baptist History & Polity
Pop Quiz

January 17: The Historical Beginnings

January 24: The historical beginnings

February 7: A people of mission

February 14: Organization in the US

February 28: A Diverse People

March 6: A People of the Bible

March 13: A People of Soul Freedom

Two additional classes will be arranged with the students.