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MI 745

SEMINAR IN MISSIOLOGY

FALL 2002

Darrell Whiteman, Facilitator

ESJ School of World Mission and Evangelism
Asbury Theological Seminary

Wednesday, 8:15-9:30 - ESJ Forum

Reading:

The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity (2002) by Philip Jenkins

The Seminar in Missiology meets each Wednesday morning, 8:15-9:30, with the full ESJ School Faculty and all graduate students enrolled in the Th.M., D.Miss., and Ph.D. programs. This is a three-hour credit course in which students attend throughout the academic year but for which they enroll for credit only in the Spring. Second and third year students who have already received credit for the course are nevertheless required to attend and meet all requirements of the seminar while they are in residence at ATS. They should enroll for **MI 745b** (non-credit). If you have not done this, go to the Registrar's Office and sign up for it today.

The focus of the seminar is on community building, spiritual formation, development of academic skills such as reading and writing, and integration of the various sub-fields of the discipline of missiology such as theology, mission history, evangelism, anthropology, religious studies, and church growth. The seminar provides a forum for open debate and discussion of contemporary missiological issues.

The format includes guest presentations from people in the missiological field who visit our campus, presentations of academic research and writing by ESJ Faculty, sharing of dissertation research by doctoral students, and the discussion of articles and books in the field of missiology.

The primary readings for this semester will be the new book by Philip Jenkins on global Christianity, a topic that is dear to the heart of the ESJ School. A number of special presenters during the semester will give us a window into contemporary Christian mission around the globe, and we will be sharing as well from our own knowledge and experience.

Simple refreshments will be provided each week (and the Wednesday morning coffee is free!). A sign-up sheet will be distributed in order to arrange for the refreshments.

Seminar Expectations:

- Attend the seminar faithfully, on time. (Come a little early if you want refreshments.)
- Take initiative over the semester to become acquainted with others in the group.
- Complete the assigned reading.
- Submit an *Interaction Form* for each of the dates on a chapter from the book, following the schedule below. Interaction forms provide a way for you to respond to assigned reading. A sample form is attached. You may use this, or develop a form on your own computer. Interaction papers are to be turned in at Whiteman's ESJ School mail slot **no later than noon Tuesday** for each week assigned. Comments and questions on the forms will often provide some of the basis for our discussions.

SPRING 2002 SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC / ASSIGNMENT OR GUEST</u>
9/4	Introduction: Getting Acquainted. “The York Athletic Club”
9/11	Guest: Ray Bakke “Urban Mission”
9/18	Read: Jenkins, chapter 1 “The Christian Revolution”
9/25	Read: Jenkins, chapter 2 “Disciples of All Nations”
10/2	Read: Jenkins, chapter 3 “Missionaries and Prophets”
10/9	Guest: Patrick Streiff “State of the Churches in Europe”
10/16	Read: Jenkins, chapter 4 “Standing Alone”
10/23	Guest: Kevin Higgins “Ministry to Muslims”
10/30	Read: Jenkins, chapter 5 “The Rise of the New Christianity”
11/6	Read: Jenkins, chapter 6 “Coming to Terms”
11/13	Guest: President Maxie Dunnam
11/20	Jenkins, chapters 7 & 8 “God and the World” & “The Next Crusade”
11/27	Thanksgiving Break
12/4	Read: Jenkins chapters 9 & 10 “Coming Home” & “Seeing Christianity Again for the First Time”