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MI 880 Seminar in Mission

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SEMINAR IN MISSION  
(for the Ph.D. degree program)

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Course Description:  
Seminar presentations surveying major transitions in Christian mission from  
thelogical and historical perspectives, with special attention given to the leaders and  
Church conferences (including some writings and documents) which have served to shape  
the concept and direct the task of mission. Students will participate in constructing  
parameters for a contemporary missiological paradigm in line with the values and  
ojectives of this institution.

Readings: (Abbreviations of readings follow authors' last name initials: B, BS, SS, T,  
V.)

- Transforming Mission  
  David J. Bosch

- Mission as Transformation  
  Vinay Samuel, Chris Sugden

- Classical Texts in Mission & World Christianity  
  Norman Thomas

- Mission on the Way  
  Charles Van Engen

- Mission for the 21st Century  
  Stephen Bevans, Roger Schroeder

Course Objective: To provide a context in which doctoral students:
1. Develop interdisciplinary focus in the field of Missiology by studying Christian  
mission from the vantagepoints of theological, regional, and biographical histories.

2. Use methods of critique and informal debate during seminar discussions in order  
to strengthen their analytical skills.

3. Use methods of dialogue and consensus-building during seminar discussions in  
order to advance a missiological tradition of interpretation, appropriate to the E.  
Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism. The process will involve the group  
evaluating, selecting and incorporating contributions made by the participants.

4. Make scholarly presentations and experience the critique of colleagues.

5. Enhance skills in research and scholarly writing.

Course Requirements and Grading Ratio:
1. Attendance and prepared participation in seminar discussions. This includes reading  
assigned pages beforehand, and submitting at the end of each session one’s own  
"summary statement" (a concise statement summarizing the ideas formed by group  
processing of the class presentation, and subsequent discussion of these ideas for class
2. Leading one seminar session. The format will be to make a presentation and lead the group in discussing related course materials. At the beginning of class the week following the session, the seminar presenter will lead the group in producing statements of class consensus for the record.

Seminar session topics will be based upon assigned readings, with purposes to:
   a. Examine current theological theme(s) in mission, and
   b. Examine specific regional or vocational contexts of mission.

Handout notes of material covered in the presentation are required for class. 30%

3. A scholarly paper (of publishable quality) that investigates an issue of immediate concern to Christian mission today. This paper may be an expansion of a seminar presentation, or be on another worthy topic by approval, such as a theme related to one's dissertation. Students will report on their scholarly paper at term’s end by giving:
   a. A 15-minute synopsis in class of the paper's overall research strategy and findings.
   b. An additional copy of the paper for the ESJ School to be kept on file.

[Final draft due: December 5th. Paper should be between 15 and 25 pages.] 50%
Course Schedule:

September 4
Introductions, Syllabus, and Seminar Strategy
Metaphors of Mission
“Missions for the Twenty-First Century”  BS:3-7. 195-202

September 11
The Contemporary Environment of Missiology
"What is Mission Theology?"  V:9-31
Biblical and Theological Foundations (a)  SS:3-44
"Mission Modernity: Seven Checkpoints"  SS:290-320
"Framework of Post-Modern Mission"  B:1-11, 349-367
"Mission in the Wake of the Enlightenment"  T:50-77
"Modernity and Postmodernity in Mission Theology"  V:191-229
Presenter: Eunice Irwin

September 18
Theology of Mission from the Evangelical Tradition of Scripture
"Mission Theology and the Bible"  V:35-68
**Missio Dei**  
B:389b-393a, T:101-121  
**[Mission as] Theology**  
B:489b-498a, T:287-303  
“Missions Has Changed: Is Our Thinking Keeping Up?” (article by Bill Dyrness in EMQ)  
“…A Protestant Perspective”  
BS:43-58

**Presenter:**  
*Eunice Irwin*

**Scholarly Paper:**  
**Topic Proposal Due (2-3 pages)**

**PART I: Mission as...**

**September 25**  
"Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm”  
*Evangelism*  
B:409-420a  
"Mission as Evangelization”  
T:154-168  
Stuttgart Consultation  
SS:277-289  
The Lausanne Covenant  
SS:503-511  
"Evangelical and Conciliar Mission Theologies”  
V:127-156*

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**October 2**  
"Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"  
*Church with Others*  
B:368-389a, T:81-100  
Biblical and Theological Foundations (c)  
SS:118-133  
"Concern for Kingdom Ethics"  
SS:208-222  
"Mission Theology and the Church"  
V:105-124

**Presenter:**  
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**October 9**  
"Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"  
*Mediating Salvation*  
B:393b-400a, T122-135  
Biblical and Theological Foundations (d)  
SS:166-207  
Missiological Expressions (a)  
SS:225-260  
Biblical and Theological Foundations (b)  
Pentecostalism  
SS:45-117

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**October 16**  
*Kingdom Conference*  
1st Hour
October 23  
"Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"
- *Quest for Justice*  B:400b-408, T:136-153
- *Liberation*  B:432b-447a, T:185-205
- "Political Mission of the Church"  SS:438-455
- "Constructing Mission Theology in the City"  V:90-101

Presenter:  ____________

October 30  
"Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"
- *Contextualization*  B:420b-432a*, T:169-184
- *Inculturation*  B:447b-457a, T:206-222
- "The New Covenant: Mission Theology in Context"  V:71-89

Presenter:  ____________

November 6  
"Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"
- "Mission in Paul: Invitation to Join the Eschatological Community"
  B:123-178
- *Action in Hope*  B:498b-510, T:304-322
- "Eschatology and Ethics"  SS:134-165
- *Missiological Expressions (b)*  SS:261-276
- *Transformation and Praxis (a)*  Any SS:323-437, 456-502

Presenter:  ____________

November 13  
"Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"
- *People of Other Faiths*  B:474b-489a, T:262-286
- "Mission Theology and Religious Pluralism"  V:159-187
*(Other material may be assigned here by presenter.)*

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November 21  
"Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"
- *Common Witness*  B:457b-467a, T:223-242
- *Whole People of God*  B:467b-474a, T:243-261*
- "Evangelical and Conciliar Mission Theologies"  V:127-156*

*(Class readings may include lecturer's materials. TBA)*
November 28  **READING WEEK** (No class, but do readings and research.)

December 5  "Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"
"Matthew: Mission as Disciple-making"  **B:56-83**
"Ministry Theology and Ministry Formation"  **V:233-252**

*Mission in Many Modes*  **B:511-519**

“Missiology and Mission in Theological Education” (article by C. Moran on Reserve Shelf in the library)

*** Final Draft of Scholarly Paper Due ***

**PART II:** Parameters for a Current [ESJ] Missiological Paradigm

Summarizing the ESJ Missiological Paradigm

Constructing a Contemporary Tradition for Mission

"A Theology of Mission-on-the-Way"  **V:253-262**

December 12  **FINALS WEEK** (Class will meet 10:00 to 12:30 pm)

**Summaries of Scholarly Papers** (All Students will have 20 minutes to summarize their topic, research process and findings.)

*Other assigned readings on regional issues TBA for inclusion in student presentation:*

Africa:  **BS:59-67**
Asia:  **BS:68-109**
Europe:  **BS:110-128**
Latin America:  **BS:129-148**
North America:  **BS:149-161**
Third World/ Asia:  **BS:162-194**
Supplementary Texts:

Anderson, Gerald et al.

Hedlund, Roger E.

Moreau, Scott, ed.

Muller, Karl et al

Shenk, Wibert, ed.


Taylor, William D., ed.