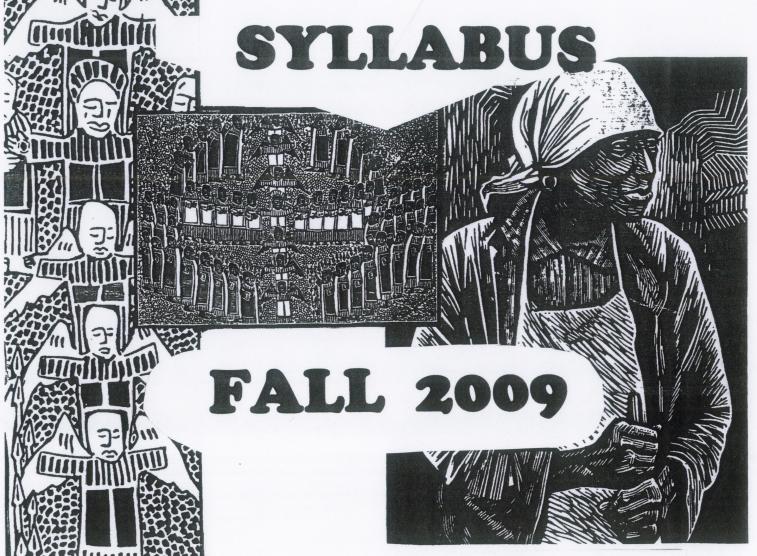
CULTURAL HERMENEUTICS – Ideology, Power and Text Interpretation



PROFESSORS:

Brian K. Blount & Mark Lewis Taylor

CLASSES:

Tuesday 2:10 - 4:00 pm Thursday 2:10 - 4:00 pm

Office Hours: for both Drs. Blount and Taylor, by appointment. (Please contact either one by email.)

COURSE EMPHASIS AND GOALS

This course will emphasize:

- how cultural perspective influences the interpretation of biblical and theological sources.
- that all biblical and theological scholarship is contextually determined, even that which is based on historical critical methods.
- that both biblical and theological interpretation are influenced by contextual variables which determine the investigative conclusions reached. These variables will be carefully examined.
- that what gives the historical critical methods their interpretive power is the ideological presumption that their methods produce a scientifically neutral investigation.



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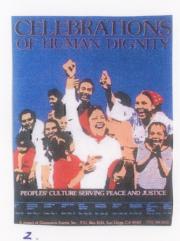
- that other kinds of biblical and theological reflection are marginalized.
- that the political and cultural determinations of context should be celebrated.
- that interpreters can enhance their own findings by considering more appreciatively how the biblical and theological material is understood from other perspectives.

It is the <u>ultimate intention</u> of the course that the class members learn how contextual variables can influence biblical and theological interpretation and how those same variables can help determine what an investigator believes to be the meaning of a text. This contextual approach will help the student recognize that a vast meaning potential resides within each text. Our analyses will demonstrate how researchers from unique backgrounds access different segments of that meaning potential, thereby arriving at unique conclusions regarding text meaning.

The <u>procedure</u> will be to consider the ways in which the legacies of Rudolf Bultmann and Hans-Georg Gadamer, the Negro spirituals, the peasant community at Solentiname, Black preachers, fundamentalist, womanist, Asian and Asian-American, Latino/a, disabled and gay/bi/lesbian communities interpret biblical texts. This work will introduce the principles that will be important in fulfilling the course requirements given below. Our work will (1) demonstrate those contextual factors which are most influential in their interpretive process, and (2) determine how those factors operate.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Regular attendance at all class lectures.
- 2. A Midterm Paper due October 27. This first paper, 4-5 pages long, will be a report on your own style/procedure of interpreting texts. Summarize the approach and procedure you follow when interpreting a biblical text for yourself and/or some other person or group (a congregation, a bible-study, for giving a sermon, for critique in a literary group, etc.). Reflect on your context of interpretation in relation to the issues of context raised in this course. [Roughly 40 percent of course grade]



3. A Final Paper due at end of term, as set by your institution. This second paper, 8-10 pages long, invites you to select a historically identifiable community. Then specify what are the key contextual variables which influence the ways in which this community might interpret biblical and theological texts. Delineate as carefully as possible how these variables might affect the kind of meaning that is derived from the text. [Roughly 40 percent of course grade]

The goal of all requirements is to enable students to recognize and analyze how contextual variables influence not only traditional historical-critical and recent political-liberation researchers, but also how they shape and influence variables in students' own work as well.



AGENDA

UNIT 1 - INTRODUCING "CULTURAL HERMENEUTICS"

Sept 22 (Tu) Space Matters (Introducing the Course) (lecturer: Dr. Blount)

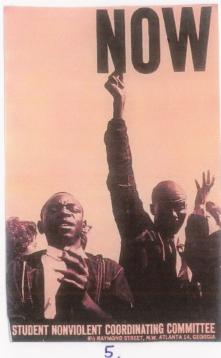
- Blount, *Cultural Interpretation*, vii-ix, 1-23.
- Beckford, "Introduction," Jesus Dub, 1-12.

Recommended: "If You Get MY Meaning: Introducing Cultural Exegesis," in Exegese und Methodendiskussion pp. 77-97.

-Dussel, A Philosophy of Liberation, chapter 1.

Sept 24 (Th) Hermeneutics – What Is It? (lecturer: Dr. Taylor)

- Taylor, Remembering Esperanza, 46-56.
- Horsley, Jesus and Empire, 1-14
- Beckford, "Theorizing the Politics of Sound," *Jesus Dub*, 15-27.



UNIT 2 - HERMENEUTICS OF GADAMER AND BULTMANN

Sept 29 (Tu) Bultmann and Demythologization (lecturer: Dr. Blount)

- Blount, 27-34.
- Bultmann, Jesus and the Word, 3-15
- Bultmann, "The Problem of Hermeneutics," Essays, pp. 234-61.
- Bultmann, "Is Exegesis Without Presuppositions Possible?" Existence and Faith, 289-97.

Recommended:

Bultmann, Jesus Christ and Mythology, 11-59.



Oct 1 (Th) Gadamer and the Hermeneutical Circle (lecturer: Dr. Taylor)

• Gadamer, Truth and Method, 101-34, 265-300.



UNIT 3 - HERMENEUTICS BEYOND BULTMANN AND GADAMER

Oct 6 (Tu) Beyond Bultmann to Political Theology (lecturer: Dr. Blount)

- Blount, 34-9.
- Soelle, 1-9, 41-53, 55-69.
- Rowland and Corner, 69-74.

Recommended:

Kelley, "In the Shadow of Heidegger: Bultmann, Race and the Quest for Christian Origins," in Kelley, *Racializing Jesus*, 129-64.

Oct 8 (Th) Beyond Gadamer to Political Theology (lecturer: Dr. Taylor)

- Gadamer, Truth and Method, 300-11, 362-79, 383-89.
- Taylor, Remembering Esperanza, 56-66.

Recommended:

David Tracy, "Interpretation, Conversation, Argument," in his *Plurality and Ambiguity*, 1-27.



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UNIT 4 - AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERMENEUTICS

Oct 13 (Tu) African-American Hermeneutics: Culture, Scripture, Theology (lecturer: Dr. Blount)

- Morrison, Toni, "Black Matters," in her *Playing in the Dark*, 3-28.
- Wimbush, Vincent, "Reading Darkness, Reading Scripture," in Wimbush, ed. African Americans and the Bible, 1-30.
- Blount, 55-86.

Recommended:

- Felder, Stony the Road We Trod, 1-9.
- Smith, Theophus, Conjuring Culture:
 Biblical Formations of Black America
 Press, 1994), vii-ix, 3-12, 81-107, 183-203, 206-18.



Oct 15 (Th) African-American Hermeneutics: Culture, Scripture, Theology (lecturer: Prof. Taylor)

- W.E.B. Du Bois, "Of the Sorrow Songs," The Souls of Black Folk, ch. XIV.
- Pinn, Anthony B., "Blues, Rap, and Nitty-Gritty Hermeneutics," in *Why Lord? Suffering and Evil in Black Theology* (New York: Continuum, 1995), 113-38.

Recommended:

- Bailey, Randall C., "Is that any Name for a Nice Hebrew Boy? Exodus 2:1-10: The De-Africanization of an Israelite Hero," in Copher, Grant & Bailey, *The Bible and Liberation*, 25-36.
- Jones, Amos, Jr., "Paul's Message of Freedom," in Gottwald and Horsley, *The Bible and Liberation*, 40-56.
- Myers, "The Hermeneutical Dilemma of the African-American Biblical Student," *Stony the Road*, 40-56.
- Reid, Stephen Breck, "The Theology of the Book of Daniel and the Political Theory of W. E. B. DuBois," *Recovery, 37-49*.

UNIT 5 - FEMINIST HERMENEUTICS

Oct 20 (Tu) Cultural and Political Traditions (lecturer: Dr. Blount)



- Code, Lorraine, "Why Feminists Don't Read Gadamer," in Code, editor, *Feminist Interpretations of Hans-Georg Gadamer* (University Park, PA: University Press, 2003) 1-36.
- Sakenfeld, "Feminist Uses of Biblical Materials," in Letty M. Russell, ed. *Feminist Interpretation of the Bible* (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1985), 55-64.
- Morrison, Toni, "Romancing the Shadow," in Morrison, *Playing in the Dark*, pp. 29-59.

Oct 22 (Th) Biblical and Theological Hermeneutics (lecturer: Dr. Taylor)

- Ruether, Rosemary Radford, "Feminist Interpretation: A Method of Correlation," Feminist Interpretation, 111-24.
- Russell, Letty M., "Authority and the Challenge of Feminist Interpretation," *Feminist Interpretation*, 137-46.
- Blount, 205-11.

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UNIT 6 - WOMANIST HERMENEUTICS

Nov 3 (Tu) Cultural and Political Traditions (lecturer: Dr. Blount)

- Morrison, Toni, "Disturbing Nurses and the Kindness of Sharks," in *Playing in the Dark*, 63-91.
- Grant, Jacquelyn, White Women's Christ and Black Women's Jesus, Atlanta: Scholars



Press, 1989), pp. 195-231.

- McDowell, Deborah E., "New Directions for Black Feminist Criticism," in Showalter, Feminist Criticism, 186-99.
- Beckford, "Dub Hermeneutics," in *Jesus Dub*, 81-92.

Recommended:

McDowell, Deborah E., "New Directions for Black Feminist Criticism," in Showalter, Feminist Criticism, 186-99.

Nov 5 (Th) Biblical and Theological Hermeneutics (lecturer: Dr. Taylor)

- Cannon, Katie Geneva, "The Emergence of Black Feminist Consciousness," Feminist Interpretation, 30-40.
- Weems, Renita J., "Reading <u>Her</u> Way through the Struggle: African American Women and the Bible," *Stony the Road We Trod*, 57-77.

UNIT 7 – LATIN AMERICAN & LATINO/A HERMENEUTICS

Nov 10 (Tu) Cultural and Political Traditions (lecturer: Dr. Blount)

- Maria Pilar Aquino, "Theological Method in U.S. Latino/a Theology: Toward an Intercultural Theology for the Third Millennium" in Espín and Díaz, 6-41.
- Cardenal, Ernesto, *The Gospel in Solentiname*. Vol. IV. Trans. by Donald P. Walsh (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1982), pp. vii-x, 31-7, 82-91, 121-36, 186-201, 201-11, 218-30, 246-56, 271-75. (From the Cardenal block of readings, you only need to select and read <u>any two</u> of the page segments listed here.)



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Nov. 12 (Th) Biblical and Theological Hermeneutics (lecturer: Dr. Taylor)

•Garcia, Sixto J., "Sources and Loci of Hispanic Theology," in *Mestizo Christianity*, 105-23.

Recommended:

Elizondo, Virgilio P. "Mestizaje as a Locus of Theological Reflection," in Arturo J. Bañuelas, *Mestizo Christianity*, 5-27.

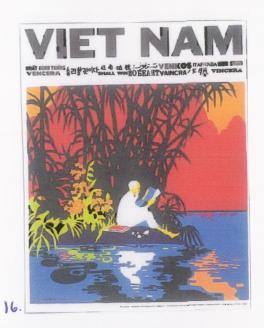


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UNIT 8 – ASIAN & ASIAN-AMERICAN HERMENEUTICS

Nov 17 (Tu) Cultural and Political Traditions (lecturer: Dr. Taylor)

- Tat-Siong Benny Liew, "What Is Asian-American Biblical Hermeneutics? Medi(t)ations on and for a Conversation," and "Reading with Yin Yang Eyes: Negotiating the Ideological Dilemma of a Chinese American Biblical Hermeneutics," in Liew, What Is Asian-American Hermeneutics? Pages 1-17, 18-33.
- Kwok Pui-lan, Introducing Asian Feminist Theology, 12-24.
- Wonhee Anne Joh, Heart of the Cross, xiii-xxvi, 1-18.



Recommended:

- Fumitaka Matsuoka, "Reformation of Identities and Values within Asian North American Communities," in Fernandez and Segovia, 119-28.
- Kwok, "Making the Connections: Postcolonial Studies and Feminist Biblical Interpretation," in *Postcolonial Imagination and Feminist Theology*, 77-99.

Nov 19 (Th) Biblical and Theological Hermeneutics (lecturer: Dr. Taylor, with Dr. Blount in Dialogue)

• Kwok, Introducing Asian Feminist Theology, 38-64.



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Joh, *Heart of the Cross*, 19-30, 91-105.

Recommended:

- Eleazar S. Fernandez, "Exodus Toward Egypt: Struggle to Realize the Promised Land In America," in Fernandez and Segovia, 167-81.
- Kwok, "Political Theology: Voices of Women from the Third World," in Postcolonial Imagination and Feminist Theology, 150-67.



UNIT 9 – GAY/BI-/LESBIAN HERMENEUTICS

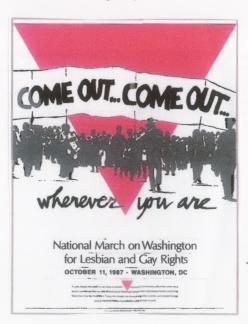
Dec 1 (Tu) Cultural and Political Traditions (lecturer: Dr. Blount)

- Douglas, Kelly Brown, "Homophobia and Heterosexism in the Black Church and Community," in Douglas, Sexuality and the Black Church: A Womanist Perspective, 87-108.
- •Goss, "Overthrowing Heterotextuality a Biblical Stonewall," in Queering Christ: Beyond Jesus Acted Up, 204-20.



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Dec 3 (Th) Biblical and Theological Traditions (lecturer: Dr. Taylor)



- Robert Goss and Mona West, "Introduction," and Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, "Reading the Bible from Low and Outside: Lesbitransgay People as God's Tricksters," in Goss and West, Taking Back the Word, 3-9, and 13-21.
- Blount, "Reading and Understanding the New Testament on Homosexuality," in Seow, 28-38.
- Taylor, "But Isn't It a Sin? In Seow, 74-85.

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UNIT 10- HERMENEUTICS IN DISABLED COMMUNITIES

<u>Dec. 8 (Tu) Cultural and Political Traditions</u> (lecturer: Dr. Blount)

- Eiesland, "Coming to Terms," in The Disabled God, 19-29.
- •Rosemarie Garland Thomson, "Theorizing Disability: Feminist Theory, the Body and the Disabled Figure," in Thomson, *Extraordinary Bodies*, 19-30.
- *Lennard J. Davis, "The End of Identity Politics and the Beginning of Dismodernism: On Disability as an Unstable Category," in Davis, *Bending Over Backwards*, 9-32.
- •Thomson, Rosemary Garland, "Disability, Identity and Representation: An Introduction," in Thomson, *Extraordinary Bodies*, 5-18.
- •Thomson, "Disabled Women as Powerful Women in Poetry, Morrison, and Lorde," in Thomson, *Extraordinary Bodies*, 103-125.



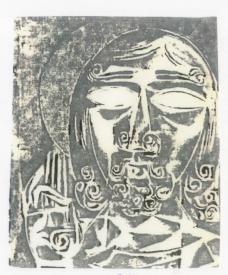
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<u>Dec 10 (Th) Biblical and Theological Hermeneutics</u> (lecturer: Dr. Blount, with Dr. Taylor in dialogue)

Eiesland, "Carnal Sins" and "The Disabled God," in Eiesland, *The Disabled God*, 69-106.







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- 18. The duo, "Blue Scholars," Hip Hop musicians: "Aka Geo" (left), second son of Filipino-American, working-class immigrants, now works for Isangmahal arts collective and Anakbayan student sector; and "Aka Saba," Persian-American and economics major. As the group Blue Scholars, they have two major cds, *The Long March* (2005) and *Blue Scholars* (2005).
- 19. Robert E. Goss, being arrested for civil disobedience action. He is the author of *Jesus Acted Up: A Gay and Lesbian Manifesto* (New York: Harper Collins, 1993, and *Queering Christ: Beyond Jesus Acted Up* (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2002). Goss has his doctorate from Harvard in comparative literature. Now Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Webster University.
- 20. "Come Out...Come Out Wherever You Are!, poster first appearing in Spring 1987, helped make the 19876 March a huge success. Amy E. Bartell, design; Susie Gaynes, concept; Jan Phillips, photograph; Karen Kerney, hand lettering. Offset, Syracuse Cultural Workers © 1986, Syracuse, NY. (photocopied from *Perpetual Calendar*, see above).
- 21. "Balancing Acts," art poster for Calgary's Fourth Annual Disability Arts Festival," December 2004. For the sponsoring organization, go to www.stage-left.org.
- 22. "The Brazilian sculptor Guido Rocha depicted his own experience of torture (and that of others) in this sculpture of the tortured Jesus. As he himself uttered a cry of pain, Rocha remembered the Christ who cried out on the cross, and this Golgotha-cry became for him THE great promise: here was a human being who, while enduring the fiercest torments, still remained fully human; who fulfilled his mission of love; who was a human being for his fellow humans right into the hour of truth. There was no break between his message and his life and death. Accordingly, to this Brazilian artist, the barely tolerable face of the dying Christ, seemingly possessed by demonic spirits, is not an image of aversion and revulsion, but a sign of hope." From Wessels, page 8.
- 23. The sculptor of the crucified one by the Peruvian artist, Edilberto Merida, strongly resembles the figure of an executed guerilla warrior. This depiction became especially well-known after it was used on the dust jacket of the American edition of *A Theology of Liberation*, the book by Gustavo Gutierrez. From Wessels, page 70.

- 24. A depiction of Jesus by A. Alphons. Head, shoulders and especially the gesturing right hand are reminiscent of the preaching Buddha. The curled form of the hair and nose are taken from the folk art of India. According to the painter, the extra large eyes which have neither pupil nor iris have been represented like this Abecause spiritual eyes are hard to render. From Wessels, page 136.
- 25. NRCAT, National Religious Campaign Against Torture, founded and coordinated by PTS professor George Hunsinger. Go to http://www.nrcat.org/.
- 31. Logo for the "More Light Presbyterians" of the PC(USA). MLP's mission statement reads: "Following the risen Christ and . . . ". Go to www.mlp.org.

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