

Bible and Theology Department

"Shaping Servant-Leaders"

Course Synopsis —

COURSE NUMBER and TITLE: HIS 532: History and Polity of the Assemblies of

God

CREDIT HOURS: 3

SEMESTER: Spring 2022

COURSE DAY/TIME: Wednesday 2:00-

4:45pm

LOCATION: AGTS 227

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday 10:00-11:30 or by appointment

REQUIRED TEXT:

Donald W. Dayton. Theological Roots of Pentecostalism. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1987. Paper, **ISBN** 0801046041.

Gary McGee. People of the Spirit. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing, 2014. Paper, **ISBN** 1607313758.

Margaret Poloma. Assemblies of God: Godly Love and the Revitalization of American Pentecostalism. New York: New York University Press. Hardcover, **ISBN** 0814767834.

Stanley M. Burgess, ed. Christian People of the Spririt: A Documentary History of Pentecostal Spirituality from the Early Church to the Present. 2011, Paper. **ISBN** 978-0814799987.

Recommended:

Burgess, Stanley, ed. The New International Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movments. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2002. ISBN: 978-0310224815.

Course Requirements:

- 1. **Attendance, reading preparation**, and **participation**. (If students would like to get a head start, they should begin by reading Dayton.
- 2. **2-15 Minute Class Presentations:** The first presentation should address a significant stream of influence that impacted the emergence of the Assemblies of God. The second presentation should address an important historical leader within the Assemblies of God. Both presentations should include a variety of elements both oral and visual (e.g., PowerPoint, handouts, video/audio materials, etc.)
- 3. **Book Response:** Write a 5 page review of one of the required texts for the class. The response should address the thesis of the book, strengths, weaknesses, and its importance in understanding the development of the Assemblies of God.
- 4. A final examination will be given.
- 5. A **research paper**, a minimum of 15 pages long (not including bibliography), in the appropriate style, format, and grammar. The topics to choose from may include: a person, event, movement, theological matter, or controversy that has had a significant influence on the development of the Assemblies of God.
- 6. A reading record will be required at the end of the semester.

Details on the requirements and an extended bibliography will be a part of the syllabus, which will be available a week prior to class through course commons.