Spiritual Autobiographies
Hamilton Campus

CH670/Seminar Instructor: Dr. Garth Rosell
Tuesdays, 1:15 to 4:15 p.m. Spring Semester 2011

A seminar designed to enable the student to read, analyze and discuss some of the major spiritual autobiographies of Christian history. One autobiography will be examined during each class session.

Course requirements: A careful reading of the books to be discussed and preparation of a one to three page analysis for each of the volumes (including a brief summary and timeline of the individual’s life, an outline of the book’s major themes and an identification of at least five significant implications for ministry--whether positive or negative--that you drew from the reading). Students will also be asked to write a 20-25 page research paper on the life and work of one of the individuals whose autobiography we are studying. The research papers will be due at the time of the class meeting on April 12. The analysis papers will be due on the day that individual is being discussed.

February 1: Introduction to the Course

February 8: St. Augustine of Hippo

February 15: John Bunyan

March 1: Charles Haddon Spurgeon

March 8: Moravian Women

March 15: Charles Grandison Finney

March 29: C. S. Lewis

April 5: Billy Graham
Billy Graham, Just As I Am: The Autobiography of Billy
April 12: Some Final Reflections on Spiritual Autobiographies
(Research papers are due by the time of the class meeting and students will be asked to make a brief oral presentation on their research findings to the rest of the class)

Suggested readings


