Readings in English Puritanism
Hamilton Campus

CH675: Readings in English Puritanism  Fall Semester 2009  Dr. Garth M. Rosell, Instructor  Thursdays from 1:15 to 4:15 p.m.

This course will explore the life and work of seven English Puritans (John Bunyan, Richard Baxter, Thomas Watson, John Owen, Richard Sibbes, William Perkins and Thomas Boston). Each student in the class will be asked to select one of these representative figures for specialized study. We will all, however, share in the common reading, analysis and discussion of one significant writing from each individual we will be studying. Class sessions (after brief historical and biographical introductions) will focus largely on class discussion. No class session will be held on October 22. The class is limited to 16 students.

Course requirements: Students who are taking the course for credit will be asked to read all of the assigned textbooks, to participate actively in the class discussions, to make two or three oral presentations in class (either biographical or analytical), to make daily use of the collection of puritan prayers, and to write a 20-25 page paper on the life and significance of one of our representative puritan figures. The paper is due by the time of the class meeting on December 3rd. There will be no examinations.

Textbooks: In addition to the general reading, each student will be asked to read:

Kelly M. Kapic and Randall C. Gleason, eds., The Devoted Life: An Invitation to the Puritan Classics (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2004), and


Class Sessions:

September 17: Introduction to the Study of English Puritanism


