Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary  
Fall 2013  
WM619HA Global Pentecostalism  
Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 – 9:30 AM  
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I. Course Description  
The course is an overview of global Pentecostalism and will address the dynamics that led to the rise of the Pentecostal movement around the world. The lenses through which this course will be examined include the history of Pentecostalism, the sociology of Pentecostalism, the theology of Pentecostalism and the globalization of Pentecostalism. Students in the course will be challenged to undertake original research projects on the persons, issues and agencies that contributed to these movements worldwide.

II. Grading  
1. Personal reflections on the books in the required readings. Students should keep a running journal of the summaries (Due on Oct 24 and Dec 12.) 20%  
2. Paper (c. 20 pp. double-spaced with endnotes and bibliography as appropriate): This paper should examine an event, person, or movement in the history of the Pentecostal/Charismatic renewal. (Paper topic approved by Oct 3. Paper due Dec 12.) 80%

Active participation in all aspects of the course and required readings is presumed.

III. Required Texts  

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V. Reference Works


VI. Articles

TBD

VII. Websites and Related Organizations

- Class website – On CAMS. Most required readings, apart from course texts, will be made available online
- Center for the Study of Global Christianity: [www.globalchristianity.org](http://www.globalchristianity.org)
- Atlas of Global Christianity: [www.altasofglobalchristianity.org](http://www.altasofglobalchristianity.org)
- World Christian Database: [www.worldchristiandatabase.org](http://www.worldchristiandatabase.org)

VI. Schedule of Classes

1) **10, 12 Sep** Introduction to the Course
   - Course syllabus
   - Major themes of the course
   - Course overview and methodology
   - Identifying Pentecostals and Charismatics

   Required Reading: Anderson (pgs xii-18), Macchia (pgs 11-60), Kärkkäinen (pgs viii-xxiv), Miller (None), Anderson et. al. (pgs 1-29)

2) **17, 19 Sep** Historical and Theological Background
   - Renewal in Christian history
   - Specific character of Pentecostalism

   Required Reading: Anderson (pgs 19-38), Macchia (pgs 61-88), Kärkkäinen (pgs 3-20), Miller (None), Anderson et. al. (pgs 30-50)

3) **24, 26 Sep** Classical Pentecostalism in the United States
   - Azusa Street
   - Denominations
Required Reading: Anderson (pgs 39-62), Macchia (pgs 89-128), Kärkkäinen (pgs 21-39), Miller (None), Anderson et. al. (pgs 51-73)

4) 1, 3 Oct  Pentecostalism in Latin America
- Assemblies of God in Brazil
- Catholic Charismatics
- Independent movements

Required Reading: Anderson (pgs 63-82), Macchia (pgs 129-154), Kärkkäinen (pgs 40-52), Miller (None), Anderson et. al. (pgs 74-92)

5) 8, 10 Oct  Pentecostals and Social Engagement
- Politics
- Working among the poor
- Transforming individuals and society

Required Reading: Anderson (pgs 261-278), Macchia (pgs 178-203), Kärkkäinen (pgs 53-66), Miller (pgs 39-67), Anderson et. al. (pgs 113-132)

6) 15, 17 Oct  Reading Week

Required Reading: Anderson (None), Macchia (pgs 155-177), Kärkkäinen (pgs 69-88), Miller (pgs 1-38), Anderson et. al. (pgs 93-112)

7) 22, 24 Oct  Pentecostals and Social Engagement
- Politics
- Working among the poor
- Transforming individuals and society

Required Reading: Anderson (pgs 261-278), Macchia (pgs 178-203), Kärkkäinen (pgs 89-114), Miller (pgs 39-67), Anderson et. al. (pgs 113-132)

8) 29, 31 Oct  Pentecostalism in Europe
- Scandinavia
- United Kingdom
- Russia

Required Reading: Anderson (pgs 83-102), Macchia (pgs 204-240), Kärkkäinen (pgs 115-134), Miller (pgs 68-98), Anderson et. al. (pgs 133-155)

9) 5, 7 Nov  Pentecostals in Africa
- Classical Pentecostals
- African Independent Churches
- Catholic and Anglican charismatics

Required Reading: Anderson (pgs 102-122), Macchia (pgs 241-256), Kärkkäinen (pgs 135-152), Miller (pgs 99-128), Anderson et. al. (pgs 156-178)
10) 12, 14 Nov  Reading Week

Required Reading: Anderson (None), Macchia (pgs 257-283), Kärkkäinen (pgs 155-180), Miller (pgs 129-159), Anderson et. al. (pgs 179-201)

11) 19, 21 Nov  Pentecostals in Asia

- Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Missions
- Independent Churches

Required Reading: Anderson (pgs 123-143), Macchia (None), Kärkkäinen (pgs 181-202), Miller (pgs 160-183), Anderson et. al. (pgs 202-222)

12) 26 Nov  Pentecostals in Asia

- Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Missions
- Independent Churches

Required Reading: Anderson (pgs 144-186), Macchia (None), Kärkkäinen (pgs 203-226), Miller (pgs 184-210), Anderson et. al. (pgs 223-244)

28 Nov  Thanksgiving

13) 3, 5 Dec  Theology of the Spirit

- Second or Third Blessing
- Tongues
- Gifts of the Spirit
- Power encounters

Required Reading: Anderson (pgs 187-205), Macchia (None), Kärkkäinen (pgs 227-244), Miller (pgs 211-224), Anderson et. al. (pgs 245-267)

14) 10, 12 Dec  Mission and Ecumenism

- World Pentecostal Conference
- AICs and the WCC
- Missions from China and Nigeria

Required Reading: Anderson (pgs 206-242), Anderson et. al. (pgs 268-285)

VII. Select Bibliography of Global Pentecostalism

(not including required, recommended and reference works listed above)
Anderson, Allan H., and Walter J. Hollenweger. Pentecostals After a Century: Global Perspectives on a


Kalu, Ogbu U. and Alaine Low (eds), Interpreting Contemporary Christianity: Global Processes and Local Identities (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2008).


Shaw, Mark, *Global Awakening: How 20th Century Revivals Triggered a Christian Revolution* (Downers
Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2010).


Walsh, Vincent M., A Key to the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church (Philadelphia: Key of David, 1974).


Yong, Amos, In the Days of Caesar: Pentecostalism and Political Theology (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010).
