

HIST 596: THE RENAISSANCE OF EVANGELICAL MIND

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July 11 - 15, 1:15 - 4:15 pm

1 or 2 graduate credit hours; or 1 audit hour

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will examine the remarkable resurgence of evangelical scholarship in North America during the past half century. It will consider the state of that enterprise at mid-century, efforts at renewal including seminaries, Christian colleges and universities, study centers, publications, and leading figures. It will identify leading themes in relating faith and learning. It will look at the variety of the evangelical traditions represented in the movement, including especially those from Great Britain. It will also consider reasons for the resurgence. Particularly important will be reflections on how the enterprise has changed over the years, how the major cultural and intellectual challenges it faces have changed, and what have been the strengths and weaknesses of the responses to these challenges.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Speak in an informed way about the changing interrelationships of evangelical learning and institutions to mainstream North American thought and educational institutions during the past century.
2. Be able to identify and evaluate the greatest challenges that face evangelicals today who are concerned with the intellectual dimensions of their ministries in relation to the cultural mainstream.
3. Have a better understanding of the varieties of options or strategies that might be adopted in addressing these challenges.
4. Gain a better appreciation of the strengths of contemporary evangelical thought.
5. Be able to identify weaknesses in contemporary evangelical thought in relation to its role in serving both the church and the world.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1 Introduction

Day 2 The "scandal" and its early twentieth-century background.

Day 3 Second half of twentieth century, between fundamentalist and secular challenges.

Day 4 Coming of age: 1980's to the present.

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REQUIRED TEXTS

Mark A. Noll, *The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1994). ISBN: 0802841805.
\$29.99

All prices subject to change without notice. The Regent College Bookstore offers a 20% discount on regularly priced books (some exceptions may apply).

Please Note: The Course Information Sheet is meant to assist in selecting courses.

The official syllabus should be consulted for more detailed information. Full syllabus with drop deadlines, policies, and course assignment details, is available on Moodle: moodle.regent-college.edu/login

