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The Legacy of Paul

RELS 312
Spring, 2002
W 1:10-4:00
LA 244
3 credits

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An introduction to the life and letters of Paul, contexts and sources, rhetoric and theology, the structure of the Pauline understanding of the Christian faith, the legacy of Paul in later Christian thought, and the contemporary “Paul Quest”.

Course Syllabus

1/30 Pharisee and Apostle: Paul’s Life and Letters
2/6 I & II Thessalonians
2/13 Galatians
2/20 I Corinthians
2/27 II Corinthians
3/6 Romans
3/13 Romans; Midterm
3/20 Spring Break
3/27 Philippians, Philemon
4/3 Colossians
4/10 Ephesians
4/17 Pastorals: I & II Timothy, Titus
4/24 Legacies – Early Christian & Patristic
5/1 - Medieval & Reformation
5/8 - Modern & Contemporary
5/13 Final Exam

Required Reading

Wayne Meeks, ed., The Writings of St. Paul (Norton)
Jerome Murphy-O’Connor, Paul – A Critical Life (Oxford)
Calvin Roetzel, Paul – The Man and the Myth (Fortress)
(Optional: John Ashton, The Religion of Paul the Apostle (Oxford))

Course Requirements

1. Timely completion of assigned reading. Weekly readings in the Norton edition (RSV) will be supplemented by relevant sections in Murphy-O’Connor and Roetzel.
2. Class presentation on assigned reading or approved topic.
3. Optional term paper (12-15 pages) on approved topic (in lieu of final exam).
4. Midterm exam and Final exam – 5/13 @3:20-5:20.

Students absent for three classes will be dropped from the class roster.