B50FF03 Introduction to Contextual Theology

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Course Description

This course aims to provide students with an introduction to the study and practice of theology. It will look at what theology is, who does theology, where it is done, and for what purpose. The traditional sources of theological reflection, such as the Bible, traditions, experience and reason will be examined. The contextuality of all theologies will be stressed, and the relativity of traditional Western theology will be exposed, and newer approaches to theology will be explored, including liberation theologies of the two-thirds world. Students will be encouraged to bring a Pacific focus to their own work, drawing on various models of contextual theology with a view to identifying, describing and critically analysing the methods that undergird such models.

Objectives

By the end of the course students should be able to:

- Be aware of and describe the context in which they do theology
- Define what theology is and understand the role of the theologian
- Describe several sources for doing theology
- Appreciate several different models of doing contextual theology
- See how key doctrines have been interpreted through contextual methods

Method of Teaching

A combination of lectures, readings, writing and discussion.

Assessment

Assessment will be as set out below, with one essay, class participation, and an exam. All assessment must engage with the class materials, readings, and additional scholarly materials (books, journal articles, and generally not online materials). Every effort should be made to write correct English in the essay and exam.

1) Class Participation (15%)

Students are expected to participate in class and contribute to discussions. Participation should be based on listening to the lecturer and other students and having read and made notes on the required readings. Marks will be granted based on this rubric:

- Frequency of participation in class (often, seldom, never)
- Quality of comments (insightful, general, uninformed)
- Listening skills (attentive, inattentive, asleep)

2) Essay: Reflection on Your Context (35%)

1000-1500 words due in class on **Monday 12 March 2018**.

Write a reflection on the context in which you will be a theologian or minister. This may include an analysis of your church, nation, city/town/village, family, culture, gender, economic status, or other relevant factors as

discussed in the course. Then describe your role within that context as a theologian or minister. This is an open questions and you are free to work within it. You may describe those aspects of your background that you think have been most important in forming your understanding of God, or you might write about the theologies you wish to react against or go beyond.

The essay must be formatted essay properly. References should follow the PTC style guide, available from the website (http://ptc.ac.fj/?page_id=591). Include the PTC cover sheet with your name and essay title. This is available from the PTC website (http://ptc.ac.fj/?page_id=1136)

3) Final Exam (50%)

Assessment Week, Semester 1A

Students can expect questions from every week of the course, so it is worthwhile to be familiar with the readings and course materials.

Texts and Readings

The textbook for this course is **Stephen B. Bevans**, *Models of Contextual Theology*, Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2002 (Revised and Expanded Edition). This is available from the PTC bookshop. We are reading most of this book for the course so you need to have it. Highly Recommended for purchase is **Daniel L. Migliore**, *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmanns, 2014.

In addition to these books a Course Reader with the other Required Readings will be available from the PTC Bookshop. Most other readings and resources will be available in the PTC Library. **Optional Additional Readings** are for students wanting to pursue topics further, perhaps in essays or for exam preparation.

Other Recommended Readings

In addition to the set readings for each lecture outlined below, there are few books which are recommended on the general topic of contextual theology. All are held in the PTC library.

- Barr, William R., ed. 1997. *Constructive Christian Theology in the Worldwide Church*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmanns.
- Bergmann, Sigurd. 2003. *God in Context: A Survey of Contextual Theology*. Farnham: Ashgate.
- De La Torre, Miguel A., ed. 2015. *Introducing Liberative Theologies*. Maryknoll: Orbis Books.
- Matheny, Paul Duane. 2011. Contextual Theology: The Drama of Our Times. Eugene: Pickwick.
- Pears, Angie. 2010. *Doing Contextual Theology*. London: Routledge.
- Schreiter, Robert J. 1985. *Constructing Local Theologies*. London: SCM Press.
- Schreiter, Robert J. 1999. *The New Catholicity: Theology between the Global and the Local*. Maryknoll: Orbis Books.
- Torres, Sergio and Virginia Fabella, eds. 1978. *The Emergent Gospel: Theology from the Developing World: Papers from the Ecumenical Dialogue of Third World Theologians, Dar es Salaam, August 5–12, 1976.* London: Geoffrey Chapman.

For general introductions to the subject of theology you may turn to these:

- González, Justo L. and Zaida Maldonado Pérez. 2002. *An Introduction to Christian Theology*. Nashville: Abingdon Press.
- Grenz, Stanley J. 1994. *Theology for the Community of God*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman.
- Gunton, Colin E. 2002. *The Christian Faith: An Introduction to Christian Doctrine*. Oxford: Blackwell.
- Hodgson, Peter C. and Robert H. King, eds. 1994. *Christian Theology: An Introduction to Its Traditions and Tasks*. Newly Updated Edition. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.
- Kapic, Kelly M. and Bruce L. McCormack, eds. 2012. *Mapping Modern Theology: A Thematic and Historical Introduction*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic.

- Macquarrie, John. *Principles of Christian Theology*. [various editions with SCM Press].
- McGrath, Alister E. *Christian Theology: An Introduction*. [various editions with Blackwell].
- Migliore, Daniel L. Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology. [various editions with Eerdmanns].

Sources for Contextual Theology from the Pacific / Oceania

The library holds a fine collection of sources for contextual theology from the Pacific / Oceania region. One of the best sources is the thesis collection of former PTC students. Other good Anglophone sources are the following journals:

- *Catalyst* [in library]
- *Melanesian Journal of Theology* Online: https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/articles_melanesian-journal-theology_01.php
- *The Pacific Journal of Theology* [in library]
- *The Missionary Review* [in library]

Course Outline

Week 1 (beginning 5 February 2018)

Session 1: Course Introduction: The Seamless Garment of Theology

Required Reading

- Barth, Karl. 1969. "No Boring Theology! A Letter from Karl Barth." South East Asia Journal of Theology 11 (1):3–5.
- Coe, Shoki. 1976. "Contextualizing Theology." In *Mission Trends No. 3: Third World Theologies*, edited by Gerald H. Anderson and Thomas F. Stransky, 19–24. New York: Paulist Press.

Optional Additional Reading

- Balasuriya, Tissa. 1984. *Planetary Theology*. Maryknoll: Orbis Books. [in library]
- Brown, Robert McAfee. 1985. "What Is Contextual Theology?" In *Changing Contexts of Our Faith*, edited by Letty M. Russell, 80–94. Philadelphia: Fortress Press. [in library]
- Coe, Shoki. 1973. "In Search of Renewal in Theological Education." *Theological Education* 9 (4):233–243.
- Coe, Shoki. 1974. "Theological Education: A Worldwide Perspective." *Theological Education* 11 (1):5–12.
- González, Justo L. and Zaida Maldonado Pérez. 2002. *An Introduction to Christian Theology*. Nashville: Abingdon Press. [in library]
- Hall, Douglas John. 1991. *Thinking the Faith: Christian Theology in a North American Context*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. [in library]
- Hiebert, Paul G. 1994. *Anthropological Reflections on Missiological Issues*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books. [in library]
- Lehmann, Paul L. 1966. "On Doing Theology: A Contextual Possibility." In *Prospect for Theology: Essays in Honour of H.H. Farmer*, edited by F. G. Healey, 119–136. London: Nisbet.
- Moltmann, Jürgen. 1971. "Christian Theology and Its Problems Today." *Theology Digest*
- Ott, Craig and Harold A. Netland, eds. 2006. *Globalizing Theology: Belief and Practice in an Era of World Christianity*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic. [in library]
- Sauter, Gerhard. 2007. Protestant Theology at the Crossroads: How to Face the Crucial Tasks for Theology in the Twenty-First Century. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

Session 2: Contextual Theology and the Theologian

Required Reading

- Bevans, Stephen B. *Models of Contextual Theology*. Chapter 1: "Contextual Theology as a Theological Imperative"
- Moltmann, Jürgen. 2000. Experiences in Theology: Ways and Forms of Christian Theology. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. Chapter 2: "Who is a theologian?" and Chapter 3: "How does someone become a true theologian?"

Optional Additional Reading

- Barth, Karl. 1937. "Theology' in *God in Action: Theological Addresses*. Edinburgh: T&T Clark. [in library]
- Gutiérrez, Gustavo. 1973. *A Theology of Liberation: History, Politics, and Salvation*. London: SCM Press. Chapter 1: 'Theology: A Critical Reflection' [in library]
- Hellwig, Monika K. 1987. The Role of the Theologian in Today's Church. Kansas City: Sheed and Ward.
- Schreiter, Robert J. 1999. *The New Catholicity: Theology between the Global and the Local*. Maryknoll: Orbis Books. Chapter 1: 'Globalization and the Contexts of the Theology' [in library]
- Tillich, Paul. 1949. *The Shaking of the Foundations*. London: Penguin Books. Chapter 15: "The Theologian" [in library]

Week 2 (beginning 12 February 2018)

Session 3: Sources of Theology

Required Reading

■ Cone, James H. 1970. A Black Theology of Liberation. Philadelphia: Lippincott. Chapter 2: "The Sources and Norm of Black Theology" [in library]

Optional Additional Reading

General

- McClendon, James Wm., Jr. 1990. *Biography as Theology: How Life Stories Can Remake Today's Theology* (Philadelphia: Trinity Press International, 1990). [in library]
- McGrath, Alister E. 1994. *Christian Theology: An Introduction*. Oxford: Blackwell. [in library]
- Newbigin, Lesslie. 1989. *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. [in library]
- Pope Paul VI. *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation Dei Verbum*, Pope Paul VI (18 November 1965). Online at http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19651118_dei-verbum_en.html . Also printed in Walter M. Abbott, ed. 1966. *The Documents of Vatican II*. New York: Guild Press. [in library]

Revelation

- Dulles, Avery. 1992. *Models of Revelation*. Maryknoll: Orbis Books. [in library]
- Quash, Ben. 2007. "Revelation." In *The Oxford Handbook of Systematic Theology*, edited by John Webster, Kathryn Tanner, and Iain Torrance, 325–344. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press. [in library]

Scripture

- Fowl, Stephen E. 2007. "Scripture." In *The Oxford Handbook of Systematic Theology*, edited by John Webster, Kathryn Tanner, and Iain Torrance, 345–361. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press. [in library]
- Johnston, Robert K., ed. 1997. *The Use of the Bible in Theology: Evangelical Options*. Eugene: Wipf and Stock
- Webster, John. 2003. *Holy Scripture: A Dogmatic Sketch*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [in library]

Tradition

- Schreiter, Robert J. 1985. *Constructing Local Theologies*. London: SCM Press. Chapter 5: "Tradition and Christian Identity" [in library]
- Turner, Philip. 2005. "Tradition of the Church." In *The Oxford Handbook of Theological Ethics*, edited by Gilbert Meilaender and William Werpehowski, 130–147. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press. [in library]
- Williams, A. N. 2007. "Tradition." In *The Oxford Handbook of Systematic Theology*, edited by John Webster, Kathryn Tanner, and Iain Torrance, 362–377. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press. [in library]
- Young, Pamela Dickey. 1990. *Feminist Theology/Christian Theology: In Search of Method*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. Chapter 4: "The Place of Christian Tradition in a Christian Feminist Theology" [in library]

Reason

- Moore, Andrew. 2007. "Reason." In *The Oxford Handbook of Systematic Theology*, edited by John Webster, Kathryn Tanner, and Iain Torrance, 394–411. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press. [in library]
- Pannenberg, Wolfhart. 1971. *Basic Questions in Theology*. London: SCM Press.

Worship

- Kavanagh, Aidan. 1984. *On Liturgical Theology*. New York: Pueblo Publishing Company. [in library]
- Spinks, Bryan D. 2007. "Worship." In *The Oxford Handbook of Systematic Theology*, edited by John Webster, Kathryn Tanner and Iain Torrance, 378–393. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press. [in library]

Experience

- Charry, Ellen T. 2007. "Experience." In *The Oxford Handbook of Systematic Theology*, edited by John Webster, Kathryn Tanner and Iain Torrance, 413–431. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press. [in library]
- Kinast, Robert L. 1996. *Let Ministry Teach: A Guide to Theological Reflection* (Collegeville: The Liturgical Press. Chapter 1: "Where's the Theology?" [in library]
- Ottati, Douglas F. 2005. "Experience." In *The Oxford Handbook of Theological Ethics*, edited by Gilbert Meilaender and William Werpehowski, 168–185. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press. [in library]
- Sauter, Gerhard. 1976. "How Can Theology Derive from Experiences?." In *Doing Theology Today*, edited by Choan-Seng Song, 70–89. Madras: The Christian Literature Society.
- Thomas, Owen C. 1985. "Theology and Experience." *Harvard Theological Review* 78 (1–2):179–201.
- Young, Pamela Dickey. 1990. *Feminist Theology/Christian Theology: In Search of Method*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. Chapter 3: "Women's Experience as Source and Norm of Theology"

Session 4: Pacific Contextual Theologies

Required Reading

- Finau, Patelisio. 1994. "Confessing Jesus Christ in the Pacific Today." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 11:69–72.
- Havea, Sione 'Amanaki. 1987. "Christianity in the Pacific Context." In South Pacific Theology: Papers from the Consultation on Pacific Theology, Papua New Guinea, January 1986. Parramatta: Regnum, 11–15.

- Avi, Dick. 1988. "Contextualisation in Melanesia." *Melanesian Journal of Theology* 4 (1):7–22.
- Bartle, Neville. 2005. Death, Witchcraft and the Spirit World in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea:

Developing a Contextual Theology in Melanesia. Goroka: Melanesian Institute. Also online as a dissertation at http://place.asburyseminary.edu/ecommonsatsdissertations/682/

- Boseto, Leslie. 1993. "God as Community-God in Melanesian Theology." *The Pacific Journal of Theology*. Series II, 10:41–48
- Boseto, Leslie. 1992. "The Gospel of Economy from a Solomon Islands Perspective." *The Pacific Journal of Theology*. Series II, 8:79–84.
- Brown, Terry. 2005. "Christian Contextual Theology: A Pacific Example." *The Pacific Journal of Theology*. Series II, 33:5–35.
- Bundervoet, Albert. 1985. "Liberation Theology in the Context of Papua New Guinea." *Melanesian Journal of Theology* 1 (2):182–185.
- Burrows, William R. 1977. Theologising in the Melanesian Context Today / *Christ in Melanesia: Exploring Theological Issues* / Bernard Narokobi ...[et al] (Goroka: Melanesian Institute. 242–255.
- Chandran, J. Russell. 1988. *The Cross and the Tanoa: Gospel and Culture in the Pacific*. Suva: The South Pacific Association of Theological Schools, 1988. [in libray] South Pacific Association of Theological Schools (6) Gospel and Culture in the Pacific (Suva, Fiji, July, 27-29, 1987)
- Estermann, Josef. 2003. "Like a Rainbow or a Bunch of Flowers." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II (30):4–33.
- Forman, Charles W. 2005. "Finding Our Own Voice: The Reinterpreting of Christianity by Oceanian Theologians." *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 29 (3):115–122.
- Fugmann, Gernot. 1985. "Fundamental Issues for a Theology in Melanesia." In *An Introduction to Ministry in Melanesia: A Handbook for Church Workers*, edited by Brian Schwarz, 72–103. Point. Goroka: Melanesian Institute for Pastoral and Socio-Economic Service.
- Gadiki, Vasi. 1989. "Developing Theology in Papua New Guinea." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II:17–26.
- Gibbs, Philip. 2005. "Grass Roots in Paradise: Contextual Theology for Papua New Guinea." *Melanesian Journal of Theology* 21 (1):37–62.
- Gira, Dennis, Diego Irarrázaval and Elaine Wainwright. 2010. *Oceania and Indigenous Theologies*. London: SCM Press. [in librray]
- Halapua, Winston. 2008. *Waves of God's Embrace: Sacred Perspectives from the Ocean*. London: Canterbury Press. [in library]
- Havea, Sione 'Amanaki. 1977. "The Pacifiqueness of Theology: An Address Delivered at the Theological Club, Suva, October 11th 1977). Suva: Pacific Theological College.
- Havea, John. 1993. "A Reconsideration of Pacificness in a Search for a South Pacific of Theology." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 10:5–16.
- Horndasch, Helmut. 1998. "Theology and Christian Spirituality in the Melanesian Context." *Catalyst* 28 (2):117–124.
- Kadiba, John. 1987. "In Search of a Melanesian Theology" In *The Gospel Is Not Western: Black Theologies from the Southwest Pacific* Maryknoll: Orbis Books. 139–147.
- Kanongata'a, Keiti Ann. 2002. "Why Contextual?" *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 27:21–40.
- Knight, James. 1986. "Towards a Grassroots Theology Among the Numai." *Catalyst* 16 (2):100–126.
- Koria, Paulo. 1999. "Moving Toward a Pacific Theology: Theologising With Concepts." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 22:3–14
- Mafaufau, Kiliona. 1991. "Pacific Time and the Times: A Theological Reflection." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 6:22–30.
- May, John D'Arcy. 1984. "Melanesian Theology: Melanesian Theologians at Work." *Catalyst* 14 (2):181–186.
- May, John D'Arcy. 1984. "The Prospects of Melanesian Theology." *Catalyst* 14 (4):290–301.
- Meo, Jovili. 2002. "How do we Do Contextual Theology." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 27:41–60.
- Meo, Jovili. 1991. "Smallness and Solidarity." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 6:91-96.
- Narokobi, Bernard, et al. 1997. *Christ in Melanesia: Exploring Theological Issues*. Goroka: Melanesian Institute. [in library]
- Pacific Conference of Churches, the Pacific Theological College, and the South Pacific Association of

Theological Schools. 1986. *Towards a Relevant Pacific Theology: The Role of the Churches and Theological Education: A Report of a Theological Consultation held in Bergengren house, Suva, Fiji 8-12 July 1985*. Suva: Lotu Pasifika Productions. [in library]

- Palu, Ma'afu 'o Tu'itonga. 2002. "Pacific Theology." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 28:21–53.
- Palu, Ma'afu 'o Tu'itonga. 2003. "Pacific Theology: A Re-consideration of its Methodology." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 29:30–58.
- Paroi, Henry. 2001. "Decolonising Theology: Doing Theology in a Melanesian Context." *Catalyst* 31 (1):19–38.
- Prior, Randall. 1993. "I Am the Coconut of Life: An Evaluation of Coconut Theology." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 10:31–40.
- Rayawa, Josaia. 1987. "Pacific Theology" In South Pacific Theology: Papers from the Consultation on Pacific Theology, Papua New Guinea, January 1986. Parramatta: Regnum, 16–41.
- Sala, Ulisese. 1996. "An Attempt to do Pacific Theology." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 16:7–13.
- Schwarz, Brian. 1985. "Contextualization and the Church in Melanesia." In *An Introduction to Ministry in Melanesia: A Handbook for Church Workers*, edited by Brian Schwarz, 104–120. Point. Goroka: Melanesian Institute for Pastoral and Socio-Economic Service.
- Solomone, Kafoa. 1997. "One Gospel: Contextually Inclusive and/or Exclusive." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 17:7–23.
- Trompf, G. W., ed. 1987. *The Gospel Is Not Western: Black Theologies from the Southwest Pacific*. Maryknoll: Orbis Books. [in library]
- Trompf, G. W. 1991. *Melanesian Religion*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [in library]
- Tuwere, Ilaitia S. 1995. "An Agenda for the Theological Task of the Church in Oceania." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 13:5-12.
- Tuwere, Ilaitia S. 2013. "Contextual Theology an Observation." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 49:63–74.
- Tuwere, Ilaitia S. 1992. "Emerging Themes for a Pacific Theology." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 27:49–55.
- Tuwere, Ilaitia S. 1990. "He Began in Galilee and Now He is Here: Thoughts for a Pacific Ocean Theology." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 3:4–9.
- Tuwere, Ilaitia S. 2002. "What is Contextual Theology: A View from Oceania." *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 27:7–20.
- Tuwere, Ilaitia S. 2002. *Vanua: Towards a Fijian Theology of Place*. Suva: Institute of Pacific Studies. [in library]
- Uriam, Kambati Kaunibwe. 1999. "Theology and Practice in the Islands: Christianity and Island Communities in the New Pacific, 1947-1997" Thesis (PhD). ANU ONLINE https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/10024
- Vaai, Upolu Lumā. 2017. "Tino Theology." *The Relational Self: Decolonising Personhood in the Pacific*, edited by Upolu Lumā Vaai and Unaisi Nabobo-Baba, 223–241. Suva: The University of the South Pacific Press and The Pacific Theological College. [in library]
- Yule, Sandy. 2003. "What is Contextual Theology?" *The Pacific Journal of Theology* Series II, 29:11–25.
- Zocca, Franco. 2013. "Proclamation of Christ in the Context of Traditional Melanesian Cultures." *Catalyst* 43 (2):154–169.

Week 3 - (week beginning 19 February 2018)

Session 5: Theology with Adjectives 1: Postmodern Theologies / God

Required Reading

■ Griffin, David Ray. 1989. God and Religion in the Postmodern World: Essays in Postmodern Theology. Albany: State University of New York. Chapter 4: "God in the Postmodern World"

Postmodern Theologies

- Allen, Diogenes. 1989. *Christian Belief in a Postmodern World: The Full Wealth of Conviction*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press.
- Bauckham, Richard. 2003. *Bible and Mission: Christian Witness in a Postmodern World*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic. [in library]
- Burnham, Frederic B., ed. 1989. *Postmodern Theology: Christian Faith in a Pluralist World*. San Francisco: Harper & Row. [in library]
- Caputo, John D. 2007. What Would Jesus Deconstruct?: The Good News of Postmodernism for the Church. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic.
- Dockery, David S., ed. 1995. *The Challenge of Postmodernism: An Evangelical Engagement*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books. [in library]
- Grenz, Stanley J. and John R. Franke. 2001. *Beyond Foundationalism: Shaping Theology in a Postmodern Context*. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster/John Knox Press. [in library]
- Jenson, Robert W. and Carl E. Braaten. 2002. *The Strange New Word of the Gospel: Re-Evangelizing in the Postmodern World*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- Lyotard, Jean-François. 1984. *The Postmodern Condition: A Report on Knowledge*, translated by Geoffrey Bennington and Brian Massumi. Manchester: Manchester University Press.
- Middleton, J. Richard and Brian J. Walsh .1995. *Truth Is Stranger Than It Used to Be: Biblical Faith in a Postmodern Age*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press.
- Salmon, John and Susan Adams. 1996. *The Mouth of the Dragon: Theology for Postmodern Christians*. Auckland: Women's Resource Centre.
- Taylor, Mark L. 1990. *Remembering Esperanza: A Cultural-Political Theology for North American Praxis*. Maryknoll: Orbis Books. [in library]
- Ward, Graham, ed. 2005, *The Blackwell Companion to Postmodern Theology*. Massachusetts: Blackwell Publishers. [in library]
- Vanhoozer, Kevin J., ed. 2003. *The Cambridge Companion to Postmodern Theology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [in library]

God

- Gutiérrez, Gustavo. 1991. *The God of Life*. Translated by Matthew J. O'Connell. Maryknoll: Orbis Books. [in library]
- Kyoung-Jae, Kim. 2007. "The Korean Self-Understanding of God from the Perspective of Donghak and its Thought of the God Experience." In *Asian Contextual Theology for the Third Millennium: A Theology of Minjung in Fourth-Eye Formation*, edited by Paul S. Chung, Kim Kyoung-Jae, and Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen. Translated by Paul S. Chung, 329–336. Eugene: Pickwick. [in library]
- Peters, Ted. 2000. *God—The World's Future: Systematic Theology for a New Era*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. [in library]
- Pratt, John. 1985. "Traditional and Christian Understandings of God." In *Christ in South Pacific Cultures*, 15–22 Suva: Lotu Pasifika Productions. [in library]
- Spencer, Aída Besançon and William David Spencer, eds. 1998. *The Global God: Multicultural Evangelical Views of God*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books. [in library]
- Vanhoozer, Kevin J. 2003. "Theology and the condition of postmodernity: a report on knowledge (of God)." In *The Cambridge Companion to Postmodern Theology*, edited by Kevin J. Vanhoozer, 3–25. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [in library]

Session 6: Theology with Adjectives 2: Postcolonial Theologies / The Trinity

Required Reading

■ Love, Mark. 2010. "Missio Dei, Trinitarian Theology, and the Quest for a Post-Colonial Missiology." *Missio Dei: A Journal of Missional Theology and Praxis* 1. Online: http://missiodeijournal.com/issues/md-1/authors/md-1-love

Optional Additional Reading

Postcolonial Theologies

- Abraham, Susan. 2015. "Postcolonial Theology." In *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Political Theology*, edited by Craig Hovey and Elizabeth Phillips, 133–153. New York: Cambridge University Press. [in library]
- Brett, Mark G. 2009. *Decolonizing God: The Bible in the Tides of Empire*. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press. [in library]
- Keller, Catherine, Michael Nausner, and Mayra Rivera, eds. 2004. *Postcolonial Theologies: Divinity and Empire*. St. Louis: Chalice Press. [in library]
- Kwan, Simon Shui-Man. 2013. Postcolonial Resistance and Asian Theology. London: Routledge.
- Kwok, Pui-lan. 2005. *Postcolonial Imagination and Feminist Theology*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press. [in library]
- Pears, Angie. 2010. *Doing Contextual Theology*. London: Routledge. Chapter 5: "Postcolonial Theologies" [in library]
- Rivera, Mayra. 2007. *The Touch of Transcendence: A Postcolonial Theology of God.* Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press. [in library]
- Stanley, Christopher D., ed. 2011. *The Colonized Apostle: Paul through Postcolonial Eyes*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. [in library]
- Sugirtharajah, R. S. 2005. *The Bible and Empire: Postcolonial Explorations*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [in library]
- Sugirtharajah, R. S., ed. 2006. *The Postcolonial Biblical Reader*. Malden: Blackwell Publishing. [in library]

The Trinity

- Baker-Fletcher, Karen. 2006. *Dancing with God: The Trinity From a Womanist Perspective*. St. Louis: Chalice Press.
- Kärkkäinen, Veli-Matti. 2007. *The Trinity: Global Perspectives*. Louisville, Ky: Westminster John Knox Press. [in library]
- Ogbonnaya, A. Okechukwu. 1994. *On Communitarian Divinity: An African Interpretation of the Trinity*. New York: Paragon House. [in library]
- Vaai, Upolu Lumā. 2014. "Va'atapalagi: De-heavening Trinitarian Theology in the Islands." In *Colonial Contexts and Postcolonial Theologies: Storyweaving in the Asia-Pacific*, edited by Mark G. Brett and Jione Havea, 41–53. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. [in library]

Week 4 (beginning 26 February 2018)

Session 7: Theology with Adjectives 3: Feminist and Womanist Theologies / Christology

Required Reading

■ Oduyoye, Mercy Amba. 2002. "Jesus Christ." In *The Cambridge Companion to Feminist Theology*, edited by Parsons, Susan Frank, 151–170. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Optional Additional Reading

Feminist and Womanist Theologies

- Fabella, Virginia and Mercy Amba Oduyoye, eds. 1988. *With Passion and Compassion: Third World Women Doing Theology*. Maryknoll: Orbis Books. [in library]
- Grant, Jacquelyn. 1996. "Womanist Inquiry: Questioning the Western Christian Tradition." In *Prejudice: Issues in Third World Theologies*, edited by [[Andreas Nehring, 202–218. Gurukul: Gurukul Lutheran Theological College & Research Institute. [in library]
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