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TITLE: Reformation at the Margins

TERM: Spring 2018-2019

PROFESSOR: Kenneth Woo

CREDIT HOURS: 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: 13
AUDITORS: 2

UNLIMITED _____
NO AUDITORS _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course examines the history of religious violence and exile in late medieval and early modern Europe (c.1350-c.1700), considering Europe's religious reformations from the alternative perspective of communities that experienced social marginalization, persecution, and, in many cases, exile and mass migration as the result of religious reform. Through close reading of primary sources enriched by the critical insights of recent scholarship, students will develop and apply a less familiar lens to the study of the European reformations: one that presses beyond theological debates and ecclesial divisions to revisit the narrative of the Reformation as the story of religious refugees. This course fulfills the M.Div Historical Context Elective (HCE) requirement.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

This course will provide an introduction to the social implications of religious ideals during the Reformation period. By the end of this course, students will: 1.) gain a sense of current debates concerning the historiography of the European reformations; 2.) be able to describe patterns of rhetoric and violence that emerged in response to religious (and other) difference across early modern Europe; 3.) be able to discuss and differentiate issues related to the experience of exile and the reception of exile communities in various geographical (e.g., Spain, France, England, "New World") and confessional (e.g., Muslim, Jewish, Protestant, Catholic, Anabaptist) contexts; 4.) begin to understand the dynamics of religious violence as it might emerge in any historical context; 5.) become more responsible in their use of historical sources in contemporary theological discussions.

PREREQUISITES: CH 110, CH 120

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:

Barbara B. Diefendorf, *The St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre: A Brief History with Documents* (St. Martin's, 2008) ISBN: 978-0312413606; \$20.77

Brad S. Gregory, *Salvation at Stake: Christian Martyrdom in Early Modern Europe* (Harvard University Press, 2001) ISBN: 978-0674007048; \$33.11

Jonathan Ray, *After Expulsion: 1492 and the Making of Sephardic Jewry* (NYU Press, 2013) ISBN: 978-0814729113; \$40.00

Julius Ruff, *Violence in Early Modern Europe 1500-1800* (Cambridge University Press, 2001) ISBN: 978-0521598941; \$35.53

Nicholas Terpstra, *Religious Refugees in the Early Modern World: An Alternative History of the Reformation* (Cambridge University Press, 2005) ISBN: 978-1107652415; \$26.76

Other texts provided online (MYPTS).

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:

1. Seminar participation and presentations (25%)
2. Annotated bibliography on a research topic of the student's choice (25%)
3. Peer-reviewed colloquium (15%)
4. Final research essay (35%)

ATTENDANCE: Required.