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SEMINAR IN MISSION  
(for the Ph.D. degree program)

MI 880  
Fall 2003  
Meeting Room: MC 302

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Course Description:

Seminar presentations surveying major transitions in Christian mission from theological and historical perspectives, with special attention given to the leaders and Church conferences (including some writings and documents) which have served to shape the concept and direct the task of mission. Students will participate in constructing parameters for a contemporary missiological paradigm in line with the values and objectives of this institution.

Readings: (Abbreviations of readings follow authors' last name initials: B, SS, T, Ta, V.)

*Transforming Mission*

*Mission as Transformation*

*Classical Texts in Mission & World Christianity*

*Global Mission for the 21st Century*

*Mission on the Way*

David J. Bosch

Vinay Samuel, Chris Sugden

Norman Thomas

William D. Taylor, ed.

Charles Van Engen

Course Objective: To provide a context in which doctoral students:

1. Develop interdisciplinary focus in the field of Missiology by studying Christian mission from the vantage points of theological, regional, and strategic histories.
2. Use methods of critique and informal debate during seminar discussions in order to strengthen their analytical skills.
3. Use methods of dialogue and consensus-building during seminar discussions in order to advance a missiological tradition of interpretation, appropriate to the E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism. The process will involve the group evaluating, selecting and incorporating contributions made by the participants.
4. Make scholarly presentations and experience the critique of colleagues.
5. Enhance skills in research and scholarly writing.

Course Requirements and Grading Ratio:

1. Attendance and prepared participation in seminar discussions. This includes reading assigned pages beforehand, reporting orally on some assigned pages, and submitting "summary statements" (concise statements articulating your own summation of the ideas formulated by the group as a result of the class presentation and subsequent discussion of these for consensus) at the end of seminar presentation sessions. 15%
2. Leading one seminar session. The format will be to make a presentation and lead the group in discussion of the material, and at the beginning of class the next week to lead the group in producing statements of consensus for the record. Topics will be taken from the assigned readings and:
  - a. Examine current theological theme(s) in mission, and
  - b. Examine specific regional or vocational contexts of mission.A class handout outlining the material covered in the presentation is required. 35%
3. A scholarly paper (of publishable quality) that investigates an issue of immediate concern to Christian mission today. This paper may be an expansion of your seminar presentation, or develop another worthy topic by approval (such as a research theme related to your dissertation). In the final weeks of the term students will give:

- a. A topic proposal for the scholarly paper (rationale and bibliography), **due: September 17.**
- b. A 10-minute report of the paper's overall research strategy and conclusions.
- c. A Copy of the paper for the ESJ School to be kept on file.

[Final draft due: **December 3rd.** Paper should be between 15 and 20 pages.  
Follow ESJ guidelines for writing, taken from Missiology journal.]

50%

**REGIONAL MATERIALS FOR SEMINAR REPORTS from Ta**

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| 1* African perspective:                    | Ta: 259-283          |
| 2* South Pacific perspective:              | Ta: 285-294          |
| 3* East Asian perspective:                 | Ta: 295-306, 421-438 |
| 4* Indian perspective:                     | Ta: 307-332, 391-420 |
| 5* Middle Eastern perspective:             | Ta: 333-356, 439-445 |
| 6* Latin American perspective:             | Ta: 357-366, 515-517 |
| 7* Western cultures' older perspectives:   | Ta: 367-388          |
| 8* Western cultures' younger perspectives: | Ta: 447-475          |
| 9* Spirituality as a mission perspective:  | Ta: 489-517          |
| 10* Globalizing: keeping touch in mission: | Ta: 477-488, 519-556 |

Course Schedule:

- September 3 Introductions, Syllabus, and Overview of Seminar Strategy  
"Metaphors of Mission II
- September 10 The Contemporary Environment of Missiology  
"What is Mission Theology?" V:9-31  
Biblical and Theological Foundations ( a ) SS:3-44  
"Mission Modernity: Seven Checkpoints" SS:290-320  
"Framework of Post-Modern Mission" B:1-11, 349-367  
"Mission in the Wake of the Enlightenment" T:50- 77  
"Modernity and Postmodernity in Mission Theology" V:191-229  
Student reports on information from Ta:1-188

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- September 17 **Scholarly Paper: Topic Proposal Due (2-3 pages)**
- Theology of Mission from the Evangelical Tradition of Scripture  
"Mission Theology and the Bible" V:35-68  
Missio Dei B:389b-393a, T:101-121  
[Mission as] Theology B:489b-498a, T:287-303  
Student reports on information from Ta:189-256

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- September 24 PART I: Mission as...
- "Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"  
Evangelism B:409-420a  
"Mission as Evangelization" T:154-168  
Stuttgart Consultation SS:277-289  
The Lausanne Covenant SS:503-511  
"Evangelical and Conciliar Mission Theologies" V: 127 -156\*

Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

- October 1 "Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"  
Church with Others B:368-389a, T:81-100  
Biblical and Theological Foundations (c) SS:118-133  
"Concern for Kingdom Ethics" SS:208-222  
"Mission Theology and the Church" V:105-124

Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

- October 8 "Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm "  
Mediating Salvation B:393b-400a, T122-135  
Biblical and Theological Foundations ( d ) 88:166-207  
Missiological Expressions (a) 88:225-260  
Biblical and Theological Foundations (b)  
Pentecostalism 88:45-117

Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

- October 15 "Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"  
 Quest for Justice B:400b-408, T:136-153  
 Liberation B:432b-447a, T:185-205  
 "Political Mission of the Church" 88:438-455  
 "Constructing Mission Theology in the City" V:90-101  
 Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_
- October 22 KINGDOM CONFERENCE WEEK  
 Possible Guest Lecturer 1st Hour  
 (Class readings may include lecturer's materials. TBA)
- October 29 "Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"  
 Contextualization B:420b-432a\*, T:169-184  
 Inculturation B:447b-457a, T:206-222  
 "The New Covenant: Mission Theology in Context" V:71-89  
 Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_
- November 5 "Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"  
 "Mission in Paul: Invitation to Join the Eschatological  
 Community" B:123-178  
 Action in Hope B:498b-510, T:304-322  
 "Eschatology and Ethics" 88:134-165  
 Missiological Expressions (b) 88:261-276  
 Transformation and Praxis (a) Any 88:323-437, 456-502  
 Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_
- November 12 "Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"  
 Contextualization B:420-432\*, T:136-153  
 People of Other Faiths B:474b-489a, T:262-286  
 "Mission Theology and Religious Pluralism" V:159-187  
 (Other material may be assigned here by presenter.)  
 Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_
- November 19 "Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"  
 Common Witness B:457b-467a, T:223-242  
 Whole People of God B:467b-474a, T:243-261 \*  
 "Evangelical and Conciliar Mission Theologies" V:127-156\*  
 Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_
- November 26 READING WEEK (No class, but do readings for next week.)
- December 5 "Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm "  
 "Matthew: Mission as Disciple-making" B:56-83  
 "Ministry Theology and Ministry Formation" V:233-252  
 Mission in Many Modes B:511-519  
 Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Final Draft of Scholarly Paper Due \*\*\***

PART II: Parameters for a Current [ESJ] Missiological Paradigm  
Summarizing the ESJ Missiological Paradigm  
Constructing a Contemporary Tradition for Mission  
" A Theology of Mission-on-the- Way" V :253-262

December 10                   **FINALS WEEK** (Class will meet 10:00 to 12:30pm)

Summaries of Scholarly Papers (All students will have  
10 minutes to summarize their topic, research process and findings.)

Supplementary Texts or References:

Anderson, Gerald et al.

1994    Mission Legacies: Biographical Studies of Leaders of the Modern  
Missionary Movement. Maryknoll, N. Y. : Orbis Books.

Hedlund, Roger E.

1993    Roots of the Great Debate in Mission: Mission in Historical and  
Theological Perspective. 2nd edition. Bangalore: Theological Book Trust.

Moreau, Scott, ed.

2000    Evangelical Dictionary of World Missions. Grand Rapids: Baker.

Muller, Karl et al

1997    Dictionary of Mission. Maryknoll, N. Y.:Orbis Books.

Shenk, Wibert, ed.

1993    The Transfiguration of Mission: Biblical, Theological & Historical  
Foundations. Scottsdale, Pennsylvania: Herald Press.

1998    Changing Frontiers of Mission. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books.

Thomas, Norman, ed.

2003    International Mission Bibliography: 1960-2000. Atlanta, GA:  
Scarecrow Press.