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

MI 880
Spring 2005
Meeting Room:

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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 shaped the concept and directed 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, BS, SS, T, V.)

<i>Constants in Context</i>	Stephen Bevans, Roger Schroeder
<i>Transforming Mission</i>	David J. Bosch
<i>Mission as Transformation</i>	Vinay Samuel, Chris
Sugden	
<i>Classical Texts in Mission & World Christianity</i>	Norman Thomas
<i>Mission on the Way</i>	Charles van Engen

Course Objective: To provide a seminar 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 in 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 before presentations; oral report on some assigned pages; and writing "summary statements" (your own concise statements articulating summation of the ideas formulated as a result of the class presentation, and on subsequent discussion of the group for consensus) at the end of seminar presentation sessions. 15%

2. Leading one seminar session. The format will be (1st) to make a presentation on a topic and (2nd) facilitate group discussion of that material. Then, at the conclusion of discussion, (3rd) to offer an open-ended summary sentence that will guide members in their writing of “summary statements”. Finally, at the beginning of class the next week (4th) to lead a second discussion on the topic, helping the group to clarify their ideas and (ideally, if possible) to form a statement of consensus on the topic presented, for the class record.

Topics for presentation will be chosen from the course readings and will examine:

- a. Current theological theme(s) in mission, and
- b. Specific regional or vocational contexts of mission.

A class handout (outline) covering material 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). Students are responsible to prepare and give:

- a. A topic proposal for scholarly paper (rationale and bibliography). Due: **Feb. 23**
- b. A 10-minute oral report of the paper's research strategy and conclusion. On: **May 19**
- c. A final draft of the paper (between 20-30 pages) Due: **May 12**
[An extra copy of paper should be submitted to the ESJ to be kept on file.]

[Follow ESJ guidelines for writing, taken from *Missiology* journal.] 50%

REGIONAL MATERIALS* FOR SEMINAR REPORTS, as needed, from:

Taylor, William D., ed.
2001 *Global Missiology for the 21st Century: The Iguassu Dialogue.*
Grand Rapids: Baker Academic.

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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**

PROVISIONAL Course Schedule: (FINAL schedule will be arranged after 1st class)

- February 9 Introductions, Syllabus, and Overview of Seminar Strategy
 "Metaphors of Mission"
- February 16 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 BS:xi-72
- Presenter: Eunice Irwin
- February 23 **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 BS:73-280

Presenter: Eunice Irwin

March 2

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***

Student reports on information from BS:281-398

Presenter: _____

March 9

GUEST: Dr. Roger Schroeder, Associate Professor
of Missiology at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
He is co-author of the new mission textbook *Constants in Context*.

March 16

"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: _____

March 23

SPRING READING WEEK (Class will not meet.)

March 30

"Elements of an Emerging Ecumenical Paradigm"

Mediating Salvation **B:393b-400a, T122-135**

Biblical and Theological Foundations (d) **SS:166-207**

Missiological Expressions (a) **SS:225-260**

Biblical and Theological Foundations (b)

Pentecostalism **SS:45-117**

Presenter: _____

- April 6 "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" **SS:438-455**
 "Constructing Mission Theology in the City" **V:90-101**
- Presenter: _____
- April 13 "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: _____
- April 20 "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" **SS:134-165**
Missiological Expressions (b) **SS:261-276**
Transformation and Praxis (a) **Any SS:323-437, 456-502**
- Presenter: _____
- April 27 "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: _____
- May 5 "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: _____

May 12 "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**

May 19 **FINALS WEEK** (*Class will meet 10:00 to 12:30 pm*)

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.

- Escobar, Samuel
 2003 *The New Global Mission: The Gospel from Everywhere to Everyone.*
 Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity.
- Hedlund, Roger E.
 1993 *Roots of the Great Debate in Mission: Mission in Historical and
 Theological Perspective.* 2nd edition. Bangalore: Theological Book
 Trust.
- Jenkins, Philip
 2002 *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity.* New York:
 Oxford.
- Moreau, Scott, ed.
 2000 *Evangelical Dictionary of World Missions.* Grand Rapids: Baker.
- Muller, Karl et al., eds.
 1997 *Dictionary of Mission: Theology, History, Perspectives.* [English edition]
 Maryknoll, NY.
- Sanneh, Lamin
 2003 *Whose Religion is Christianity? The Gospel beyond the West.*
 Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- 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.
- Taylor, William D., ed.
 2001 *Global Missiology for the 21st Century: The Iguassu Dialogue.*
 Grand Rapids: Baker Academic.
- Thomas, Norman, ed.
 2003 *International Mission Bibliography: 1960-2000.* Atlanta, GA:
 Scarecrow Press.