

BOOKSLISTS - ALL 20 COURSE OF STUDY CLASSES AT SAINT PAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

~~always double check the syllabus for each term~~

COS 121 - Booklist

Required Texts - for assignments

- Anderson, Bernhard W. *The Unfolding Drama of the Bible*. Publisher : FORTRESS PRESS; 4th edition (August 15, 2006), ISBN-13 : 978-0800635602
- Gorman, Michael J. *Elements of Biblical Exegesis, A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers*, Publisher : Baker Academic; 3rd edition (November 3, 2020), ISBN-13 : 978-1540960313

Recommended Texts (optional) - for further understanding

- *The New Interpreter's Study Bible*. Publisher : Abingdon Press; The New Interpreter's® Study Bible edition (May 1, 2003), ISBN-13 : 978-0687278329
- Powell, Mark Allan. *Introducing the New Testament, 2nd Edition*. Baker Academic, 2018.
- Enns, Peter. *The Evolution of Adam, What the Bible Does and Doesn't Say About Human Origins*, Brazos Press, 2020 or 2012.
- Gorman, Michael J. *Reading Revelation Responsibly*, Cascade, 2011.

COS 122 - Booklist

Required Texts – for assignments

- Campbell, Ted A. *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials*. Abingdon Press, 2011. ISBN-13 : 978-1426727016
- Justo Gonzalez and Zaida Maldonado Perez. *An Introduction to Christian Theology*, Abingdon Press, 2002, ISBN 9780687095735

Recommended - for Further Reading

- Chilcote, Paul Wesley. *Recapturing the Wesley's Vision: An Introduction to the Faith of John and Charles Wesley*. IVP Academic, 2004. ISBN-13 : 978-0830827435
- Jones, Beth Felker. *Practicing Christian Doctrine: An Introduction to Thinking and Living Theologically*. Baker Academic, 2014. ISBN-13 : 978-0801049330
- Langford, Thomas A. *Practical Divinity: Theology in the Wesleyan Tradition*. Abingdon Press; Reprint edition (November 1, 1998), ISBN-13 : 978-0687073825

COS 123 - Booklist

Required Texts – for assignments – PLEASE CHECK SYLLABUS FOR EXACT LISTING OF BOOKS!

- Matthaehi, Sondra Higgins. *Formation in Faith: The Congregational Ministry of Making Disciples*, Abingdon Press; Illustrated edition (January 1, 2008), ISBN-13 : 978-0687649730
- Thompson, Marjorie J. *Soul Feast*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox: 2014. ISBN-13 : 978-0664239244

Recommended - for Further Reading

- The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016.
- <https://www.ctcumc.org/files/fileshare/2016-book-of-discipline.pdf>
- <https://www.umc.org/en/content/the-general-rules-of-the-methodist-church>.

COS 124 - Booklist

Required Texts - for assignments

- Brandon O'Brien and Jim Belcher, *The Strategically Small Church: Intimate, Nimble, Authentic, and Effective*. Bethany House Publishers, 2010. ISBN-13 : 978-0764207839
- Ruth Haley Barton and Leighton Ford, *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry*. IVP Books, 2018, ISBN-13 : 978-0830846450

Recommended - for Further Reading

- Peter Northouse, *Leadership: Theory and Practice* (7th or 8th edition). Sage. ISBN 978-1483317533

COS 221 – Booklist

Required Texts - for assignments

- Brettler, Marc Zvi. *How to Read the Bible*. Philadelphia: The Jewish Publication Society, 2005 (ISBN: 978-0827607750)
- Fretheim, Terence E. *The Pentateuch*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1996 (ISBN: 978-0687008421)

Recommended Texts - to further your understanding

- Birch, Bruce, et al. *A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament*, 2nd Edition. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2005 (ISBN: 978-0687066766).
- Coogan, Michael. *The Old Testament: A Historical & Literary Introduction*, 4th Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017 (ISBN: 978-0190608651).
- Coogan, Michael D. (ed.), *The Oxford History of the Biblical World*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998 (ISBN: 978-0195139372).
- Rainey, Anson, & Steven Notley. *Carta's New Century Handbook and Atlas of the Bible*. Jerusalem: Carta, 2007 (ISBN: 978-9652207036).

COS 222 - Booklist

Required Texts – for assignments

- Justo L. González, *The Story of Christianity, Volume 1*, revised edition; Harper, San Francisco, 2010 (ISBN 978-0061855887)
- Roberta Bondi, *To Love as God Loves: Conversations with the Early Church*. Fortress Press, 1987 (ISBN 978-0800620417)
- Primary source excerpts, posted on Moodle.

Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- John W. Coakley and Andrea Sterk, *Readings in World Christian History*, Vol 1, 2004 (ISBN 978-1570755200)

COS 223 - Booklist

Required Texts- for assignments

- Hickman, Hoyt L. *Worshipping with United Methodists: A Guide for Pastors and Church Leaders*, Revised Edition. Nashville: Abingdon, 2007; ISBN 978 0687335268
- Gayle C. Felton, *By Water and the Spirit: Making Connections for Identity and Ministry* (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 1998. ISBN 978 0881772012); Also available free online at: [https://s3.us-east-1-
amazonaws.com/gbod-assets/generic/BWASWITHINDEXINTRO.PDF](https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/gbod-assets/generic/BWASWITHINDEXINTRO.PDF)

Reference Materials

- Gayle C. Felton, *This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion* (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006; ISBN 978 0881774573); Also available free online at: <https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/gbod-assets/generic/THM-BYGC.PDF>
- United Methodist Book of Worship (available in hard copy and also free online at <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/book-of-worship>)
- United Methodist Book of Discipline (available in hard copy and also free online at: [Book Of Discipline & Book Of Resolutions Free Versions | UMC Books | Cokesbury](http://BookOfDiscipline&BookOfResolutionsFreeVersions|UMCBooks|Cokesbury))
- United Methodist Hymnal -available in hard copy, as an app, or as free reference material at: <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/UMH>
www.UMC.org
- Wallace, Robin Knowles. *The Christian Year: A Guide for Worship and Preaching*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2011, ISBN-13 : 978-1426703003

Recommended/Supplemental Texts and Resources for Further Insight and Study:

- Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry (Faith and Order Paper no. 111, the "Lima Text") – A free download: <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/commissions/faith-and-order/i-unity-the-church-and-its-mission/baptism-eucharist-and-ministry-faith-and-order-paper-no-111-the-lima-text> , Download : [FO1982_111_en.pdf](https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/commissions/faith-and-order/i-unity-the-church-and-its-mission/baptism-eucharist-and-ministry-faith-and-order-paper-no-111-the-lima-text) (*Text is also available for sale on Amazon as a printed/bound copy)
- McFee, Marcia, *The Worship Workshop: Creative Ways to Design Worship Together* (Abingdon Press, 2002;ISBN 0687046343)

COS 224 - Booklist

Required Texts- for assignments

- Thomas Edward Frank, *Polity, Practice, and the Mission of the United Methodist Church*, Updated Edition. Abingdon Press, 2006. ISBN-13 : 978-0687335312
- Lacey Warner, *The Method of Our Mission: United Methodist Polity and Organization*. Abingdon Press, 2014, ISBN-13 : 978-1426767173

Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*. United Methodist Publishing House, 2016. Available in an online PDF: <https://www.ctcumc.org/files/fileshare/2016-book-of-discipline.pdf>

COS 321- Booklist

Required Texts – for assignments

- Powell, Mark Allan. *Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2018 (ISBN 978-0801099601).
- Reddish, Mitchell G. *An Introduction to the Gospels*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1997 (ISBN 978-0687004485).

Recommended Texts - will be extremely helpful, as well as practical preaching and teaching resources -

- Mark (for exegesis paper I will help you secure resources relevant to your passage):
- Carter, Warren. *Mark*. Wisdom Commentary. Edited by Barbara Reid. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2019.
- Collins, Adela Yarbro. *Mark: A Commentary*. Edited by Harold W. Attridge. Hermeneia – A Critical and Historical Commentary on the Bible. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2007.
- Rhoads, David, Joanna Dewey, and Donald Michie. *Mark as Story: An Introduction to the Narrative of a Gospel*. 3rd ed. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2012.
- Miller, Susan. *Women in Mark's Gospel*. Journal for the Study of the New Testament Supplement Series 259. London: T & T Clark International, 2004.
- Perkins, Pheme. "Mark." Pages 507–733 in *The New Interpreter's Bible*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1994.

Other Gospels:

- Davies, W. D., and Dale C. Allison. *Matthew: A Shorter Commentary*. London: T&T Clark International, 2004.
- Johnson, Luke Timothy. *The Gospel of Luke*. Edited by Daniel J. Harrington. Sacra Pagina Series. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 91.
- Carter, Warren. *John and Empire: Initial Explorations*. New York: T & T Clark International, 2008.

COS 322 – Booklist

Required Texts – for assignments <https://moodle.spst.edu/user/index.php?id=3597>

- Justo L. Gonzalez. *The Story of Christianity, Volume 1: The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation*. Revised and Updated. New York, NY: HarperOne, 2010. ISBN 978-0-06-185588-7
- Justo L. Gonzalez. *The Story of Christianity, Volume 2: The Reformation to Present Day*. Revised and Updated. New York, NY: HarperOne, 2010. ISBN 978-0-06-185589-4

COS 323 - Booklist

Required Texts- for assignments – **REVISED FOR WINTER 2025**

- Larry Webb, *Crises Counseling in the Congregation*, Nashville: Abingdon, 2011 – ISBN: 978-1-4267-2698-9
- Emmanuel Lartey, *In Living Color: An Intercultural Approach to Pastoral Care and Counseling*, London and New York: Jessica Kingsley, 2003 - ISBN-13 : 978-1843107507

Recommended Texts for further understanding:

COS 324 - Booklist

Required Texts- for assignments

- Taylor, Barbara Brown, *The Preaching Life*, Publisher : Cowley Publications, 1993, ISBN-13 : 978-1561010745
- Stanley, Andy, *Communicating For a Change*, Publisher : Multnomah, 2008, ISBN-13 : 978-1590525142

Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- Chip and Dan Heath, *Made to Stick*
- Duarte, Nancy, *Slide:ology*
- Henderson, Jeff, *Crafting a bottom Line*.
- Nouwen, Henri, *In the Name of Jesus*
- Long, Tom, *The Witness of Preaching*
- Scazzero, Peter, *Life Cycle of a Sermon*

COS 421 - Booklist

Required Textbooks – for assignments

- *A Theological Introduction To The Old Testament (Second Edition)*, Bruce Birch, Walter Brueggemann, Terence E. Fretheim, and David L. Petersen, Abingdon Press, 2005, ISBN: 978-0687066766
- *You Are My People: An Introduction to Prophetic Literature*, Louis Stulman and Hyun Chul Paul Kim, Abingdon Press, 2010, ISBN-13 : 978-0687465651

Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- *An Introduction To The Old Testament: The Canon and Christian Imagination (Third Edition)*, Walter Brueggemann and Tod Linafelt, Westminster John Knox Press, 2020, ISBN-13 : 978-0664264413
- *Spirituality of the Psalms*. Walter Brueggemann, Fortress Press, 2002, ISBN-13 : 978-0800634506
- *The Wisdom Literature*, Richard Clifford, Abingdon Press, 1998, ISBN-13 : 978-0687008469
- *Wondrous Depth: Preaching the Old Testament*, Ellen Davis, Westminster John Knox Press, 2005, ISBN-13 : 978-0664228590
- *The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha: New Revised Standard Version (Fifth Edition)*, Michael Coogan (Editor), Oxford University Press, 2018, ISBN-13 : 978-0190276089
- *The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary*, Leander E. Kecked., Abingdon Press, 2015, ISBN-13: 978-1426735813.

COS 422 - Booklist

Required Texts- for assignments

- Russ Richey, Ken Rowe, Jeanne M. Schmidt, *American Methodism: A Compact History*, Publisher : Abingdon Press; Reprint edition (October 1, 2012) ISBN-10 : 1426742274 (digital is fine)
- Germano, Brian, *Christianity the Wesleyan Way*, Foundry Books, 2020, ISBN 978-1945935695

Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- *Responsible Grace*. Randy L. Maddox. Kingswood Books, 1994. ISBN 978-0687003341
- *The Theology of John Wesley*. Kenneth J. Collins. Abingdon Press, 2007. ISBN 978-0687646333
- *John Wesley: Optimist of Grace*. Henry H. Knight III. Cascade, 2018. ISBN 978-1625648389
- *The Radical Wesley and Patterns for Church Renewal*. Howard A. Snyder. Seedbed, 2014. ISBN 978-1628240870

COS 423 - Booklist

Required Texts- for assignments

- Robert, Dana L., *Christian Mission: How Christianity Became A World Religion*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2009, ISBN 978 0631236207
- Wright, Christopher J. H. *The Mission of God's People: A Biblical Theology of the Church's Mission*, Zondervan, 2010, ISBN 978-0310291121

Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- Bosch, David. *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*, Publisher : Orbis; 20th Anniversary edition (June 15, 2011), ISBN-13 : 978-1570759482
- Migliore, Daniel L. *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing.

COS 424 - Booklist

Required Texts- for assignments

- *An Introduction to Christian Ethics*, Robert Lovin, Abingdon Press, 2011, 978-0687467365
- *Doing Ethics from the Margins*, Miguel De La Torre, Orbis Books, 2014, 978-1626980754

Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- *Social Ethics in the Making*, Gary Dorrien, Wiley-Blackwell, 2010, 978-1444337303

COS 521 - Booklist

Required Texts- for assignments

- ***The New Testament: Methods and Meanings*, Warren Carter and Amy-Jill Levine, Publisher : Abingdon Press (November 19, 2013), ISBN-13 : 978-1426741906**
- ***Navigating Paul: An Introduction to Key Theological Concepts*, Jouette M. Bassler, Publisher : Westminster John Knox Press; 49535th edition (December 18, 2006), ISBN-13 : 978-0664227418**

Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- Carter, Warren, *What Does Revelation Reveal? Unlocking the Mystery*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2011.

COS 522 - Booklist

Required Texts- for assignments

- ***Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*. 3rd Edition. Daniel Migliore. Eerdmans Press. 2014. 978-0802871855. Digital copy is ok.**
- ***Soul in Society: The Making and Renewal of Social Christianity*. Gary Dorrien. Fortress Press. 978-0800628918. Digital copy is ok.**

Recommended Texts

- *I will provide all other texts as .pdfs on Moodle. During our time together, I will also provide an annotated bibliography for later exploration on the topics we'll explore together. These texts are not required and are not used for the assignments, forums, lectures, discussions, just to further your own education.*

COS 523 - Booklist

Required Texts- for assignments

- **Mortimer Arias, *Announcing the Reign of God: Evangelization and the Subversive Memory of Jesus* (Wipf and Stock, 2001) ISBN 978-1579105631**
- **Henry H. Knight III and F. Douglas Powe, *Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith* (Discipleship Resources, 2006) ISBN 978-0-88177-485-6**

Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- Stephen Gunter, Elaine Robinson, ed. *Considering the Great Commission*. 978-0687493630
- Doug Powe. *New Wine and New Wineskins; How African American Congregations Can Reach New Generations*. 978-1426742224

COS 524 - Booklist

Required Texts- for assignments - PLEASE CHECK SYLLABUS FOR EXACT LISTING OF BOOKS!

- **Willimon, William H., *Pastor: Revised Edition: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry*, Publisher : Abingdon Press; (February 16, 2016), 978-1501804908.**
- **Barton, R.H., *Strengthening the Soul of your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books; 978-0830846450.**

Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- Cahalan, Kathleen A., *Introducing the Practice of Ministry*, , Publisher : Liturgical Press; 58269th edition (August 1, 2010), 978-0814631690.
- Palmer, Parker, *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation*. Jossey-Bass Publishing: 1st edition, 1999, 978-0787947354.

Library Resources - COS Students have full access to the Saint Paul Library:

https://moodle.spst.edu/pluginfile.php/157695/mod_resource/content/2/Saint%20Paul%20%20Library%20Overview.pdf

<https://moodle.spst.edu/course/view.php?id=601>