

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2009** [This course meets February 16th through March 27th, 2009]

Instructor: Dr. Markus Wriedt

Course #: THEO 383

Course Title: Special Questions in the History of Christian Thought

Course Subtitle: Eucharistic Debates in the 16th Century

Content:

Beginning with Luther's critique about the Mass the course continues to the dispute with Andreas Bodenstein of Karlstadt and Ulrich Zwingli. One major topic will deal with the Marburg Colloquy of 1529 and the Wittenberg Concord 1536. The position of Martin Bucer of Strassbourg will also be analysed before we go into the writings of Calvin and the so called second Eucharistic Debate with Westphal and other reformed theologians. Finally we continue with a brief investigation on Melanchthon's understanding of the Eucharist and his accusation of being a "crypto-calvinist". The course will deal with original sources though we will get the overview in English and investigate just the crucial parts in Latin.

Format:

Students presentations and plenary discussion. No lecture format

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- Each student is required to give at least one presentation which is based on the close investigation of a major text.
- A final essay which's subject will be determined during class is due by the End of April.

Language Pre-requisites:

- Latin will help a lot / German even more, though we will work mainly on English sources for the sake of an overview to these extended texts.

Required Texts:

- A Syllabus with required readings and source material will be announced by the End of December and made available on the departmental website.¹

Optional texts:

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