

Comparative Book Review – List of Titles

Choose and read *two* books, one from List 1 (contemporary issues) and one from List 2 (historical studies on religious responses to poverty). Please consult the professor if a book you wish to select a book that is not on this list. See the course syllabus for further information on the assignment.

List 1: Contemporary Issues:

Amesbury, Richard & George M. Newlands. *Faith and human rights: Christianity and the global struggle for human dignity*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2008.

Bartkowski, John & Helen Regis. *Charitable choices: Religion, race, and poverty in the post-welfare era*. NY: New York University, 2003.

Caldwell, Melissa. *Not by bread alone: Social support in the new Russia*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004.

Corbett, Steve & Brian Fikkurt, *When helping hurts: Alleviating poverty without hurting the poor...and Yourself*. Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 2009.

Deneulin, Séverine, Mathias Nebel, & Nicholas Sagovsky (eds). *Transforming unjust structures: The capability approach*. Dordrecht: Springer, 2006.

Glendon, Mary Ann. *A world made new: Eleanor Roosevelt and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. NY: Random House, 2001.

Groody, Daniel G. *Globalization, spirituality and justice: Navigating the path to peace*. Theology in Global Perspective. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2007.

Hartman, Laura M. *The Christian Consumer: Living Faithfully in a Fragile World*. NY: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Hulme, Kathryn. *The wild place*. Boston: Little Brown, 1953. [Note: This is a true account by the former director of a displaced person camp, part of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration following World War 2; while the book says little about religion, the author was a disciple of George Ivanovitch Gurdjieff; she reflects on his influence in her life and work in her 1966 memoir, *Undiscovered country: A spiritual adventure*.]

Johnson, Kelly S. *The fear of beggars: Stewardship and poverty in Christian ethics*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2007. [note: subject is voluntary poverty, not explicitly about economic need]

Morsink, Johannes. *Inherent human rights: Philosophical roots of the Universal Declaration*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009.

Morsink, Johannes. *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Origins, drafting, and intent*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1999.

Myers, Bryant L. *Walking with the poor: Principles and practices of transformational development*. Maryknoll: Orbis, 2005. (Note: If you choose this book, you may also find helpful for context: Whaites, Alan. "Pursuing partnership: World vision and the ideology of development – a case study," *Development in Practice*, Vol. 9, No. 4. 410-424. August 1999; pdf available on request)

Nussbaum, Martha. *Creating capabilities: The Human Development Approach*. Cambridge, Ma: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2011. (Note: If you choose this book, please also read and include in your discussion: Lisa Sowle Cahill, "Justice for Women: Martha Nussbaum and Catholic

Social Teaching” chapter 5 in: Deneulin, Nebel, and Sagovsky (eds), *Transforming unjust structures: The Capability Approach*. Dordrecht: Springer, 2006, pp. 83-104. Reserve PDF available on the course website.)

Reed, Esther D. *The ethics of human rights: Contested doctrinal and moral issues*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2007.

Regan, Ethna, *Theology & the boundary discourse of human rights*. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2010.

Schmid, Barbara, Elizabeth Thomas, Jill Olivier, and James R. Cochrane, *The contribution of religious entities to health in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Study commissioned by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Cape Town: African Religious Health Assets Programme, 2008. Available online at: http://www.arhap.uct.ac.za/pub_Gates2008.php.

Schwartz, Timothy T. *Travesty in Haiti: A true account of Christian missions, orphanages, food aid, fraud and drug trafficking*. Self-published by the author, 2010. ISBN 978-1419698033.

Smith, Stephen C., *Ending global poverty: A guide to what works*. NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.

Wilkinson-Maposa, Susan, Alan Fowler, Ceri Oliver-Evans, and Chao F.N. Mulenga. *The poor philanthropist: How and why the poor help each other*. Cape Town: University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business. Free download online at http://www.impactalliance.org/ev_en.php?ID=14913_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC.

Wolterstorff, Nicholas. *Hearing the call: Liturgy, justice, church & world*. (Mark R. Gornik & Gregory Thompson, eds). Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2011.

Wolterstorff, Nicholas. *Justice in love*: Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2011.

Wuthnow, *Acts of compassion: Caring for others and helping ourselves*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1991.

List 2: Historical studies of religious responses to poverty

Albu Hanawalt, Emily, and Carter Lindberg (eds.). *Through the eye of a needle: Judeo-Christian roots of social welfare*. Kirksville, MO: Thomas Jefferson University Press, 1994.

Allen, Pauline, Bronwen Neil, and Wendy Mayer. *Preaching poverty in Late Antiquity: Perceptions and realities*. *Arbeiten zur Kirchen und Theologiegeschichte* 28; Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2009 (ISBN 978-3-374-0-2728-6).

Bonner, Michael, Mine Ener, and Amy Singer (eds.). *Poverty & charity in Middle-Eastern contexts*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2003.

Brown, Peter. *Poverty and leadership in the later Roman Empire*. The Menahem Stern Jerusalem Lectures. Hanover, NH: University Press of New England, 2002.

Caner, Daniel. *Wandering begging monks: Spiritual authority and the promotion of monasticism in Late Antiquity*. *The Transformation of the Classical Heritage* 33; Berkeley: University of California, 2002.

Cohen, Mark, *Poverty & charity in the Jewish community of Medieval Egypt*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2005. (see companion volume below)

- Cohen, Mark. *The voice of the poor in the Middle Ages: An anthology of documents from the Cairo Geniza*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2005. (see companion volume above)
- de Santa Ana, Julio. *Good News to the Poor: The Challenge of the Poor in the History of the Church*. Maryknoll NY: Orbis, 1979.
- Farmer, Sharon. *Surviving poverty in medieval Paris: Gender, ideology, and the daily lives of the poor*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2002.
- Finn, Richard, O.P., *Almsgiving in the later Roman Empire: Christian promotion and practice 313-450*. Oxford Classical Monographs; Oxford (UK): Oxford University Press, 2006.
- Frenkel, Miriam and Yaacov Lev (eds.). *Charity and giving in monotheistic religions*. Studien zur Geschichte und Kultur des islamischen Orients. Berlin/NY: De Gruyter, 2009.
- Geremek, Bronislaw. *Poverty: A History*. trans. Agnieszka Kolakowska. Oxford: Blackwell, 1994.
- Hamel, Gildas. *Poverty and charity in Roman Palestine: First three centuries c.e.* Near Eastern Studies 23. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1990.
- Hands, A. R. *Charity and social aid in Greece and Rome*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1968.
- Holman, Susan R. (ed.). *Wealth and poverty in early church and society*. Holy Cross Studies in Patristic Theology and History; Grand Rapids: BakerAcademic, 2008.
- Jordan, WK. *Philanthropy in England 1480-1660. A Study of the Changing Pattern of English social aspirations*. NY: Russell Sage Fdn/London: George Allen & Unwin, 1959.
- Leemans, Johan, Brian J. Matz, and Johan Verstraeten (eds.). *Reading patristic texts on social ethics: Issues and challenges for twenty-first-century Christian social thought*. Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2011.
- Little, Lester, *Religious poverty & the profit economy in medieval Europe* Ithaca, NY: Cornell, 1978.
- Longenecker, Bruce W. *Remember the poor: Paul, poverty, and the Greco-Roman world*. Cambridge UK/Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2010.
- McCurley, Foster R. (Ed) *Social Ministry in the Lutheran Tradition*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2008.
- Miller, Timothy S. *The orphans of Byzantium: Child welfare in the Christian empire*. Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2003.
- Mollat, Michel. *The poor in the middle ages: An essay in social history* (Arthur Goldhammer, transl). New Haven: Yale University Press, 1986.
- Patlagean, Evelyne. *Pauvreté économique et pauvreté sociale à Byzance 4e – 7e siècles*. Civilisations et Sociétés 48. Mouton: École des hautes Études en sciences sociales, 1977.
- Patterson, Bonnie L. *Poverty in the theology of John Calvin*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2006.
- Tomkins, Stephen. *The Clapham sect: How Wilberforce's circle transformed Britain*. Oxford: Lion Hudson, 2010.
- Torvend, Samuel. *Luther and the hungry poor: Gathered fragments*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2008.

Uhlhorn, Gerhard. *Christian charity in the ancient church*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1883.
Digital online book available at: <http://www.archive.org/details/christiancharity00uhlhiala>.