Southern Presbyterian Preaching  
Fall 2012  
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We survey the general historical, cultural context of Presbyterianism in the southern United States as the background for a study of representative preachers of this tradition. Readings and discussions will include sermons from the early 16th century to the present. We will consider theology, hermeneutical principles, rhetorical methodology, Biblical fidelity and applicability of these sermons to their own culture as well as to ours.

Some of the figures whose lives and preaching we study may include: Samuel Davies, Archibald Alexander, Daniel Baker, J. H. Thornwell, B.M. Palmer, Moses D. Hoge, R. L. Dabney, John L. Girardieu, Thomas Smyth, James I. Vance, Samuel M. Glasgow, William Elliott, Robert Strong, Ben L. Rose, John Reed Miller, John Redhead and others.

Textbooks:


Supplemental Readings:
Supplemental readings and associated questions will also be posted to the Self-service website at the start of class.

Requirements:

- Students are expected to attend all classes and to take part in discussion as the opportunity arises.
- There will be a term paper on a topic assigned in class, due at the beginning of class on Wednesday, October 3, 2012.
  - This paper should be from 12 to 15 pages in length (typed and double-spaced) with appropriate footnoting and bibliography. Do not include a string of long quotations. Make sure you (1) deal with the relevant information competently and fairly to all sides and (2) interact with the material yourself so that you demonstrate that you have “thought about it theologically.” (3) Have a proper introduction and conclusion and a clear structure for your essay. (4) Use good grammar and write clearly. Essay topics to be handed out the first day of class.
- There will be a final exam in which students will choose from a selection of essay questions. Topic will be given prior to the exam. To be taken during finals week.