

fall 2013 course offering!

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN AMERICA

Prof. Charles Marsh

Tuesdays / Thursdays 2:00-3:15
Religion 2559



The course examines the influence of theological ideas on social movements in 20th and 21st century America.

“The Kingdom of God in America” clusters around such **basic questions** as:

- How do ideas about God shape the way communities and individuals engage the social order?
- What role do nineteenth century European and American Protestant theologies play in informing the American search for "beloved community"?
- What are the social consequences of religious beliefs?

Our primary **historical focus** is the American Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 60's, but we will also explore the student movements of the late 1960's and a variety of faith-based social movements of recent decades.

Resources include theological books, novels, social criticism and historical documents, film and music, and guest lectures by former activists and participants.

Requirements: two papers (5-7 pages in length), two exams, weekly reading summaries, and participation in discussion sections.



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