



# NEW COURSES SUMMER 2009

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## TH2423

### **Biblical Radicalism (Summer Interterm)**

This course will introduce you to selected movements in the history of Christianity, from medieval to modern times, that have emphasized the necessity of a distinctive biblical, theological, and social witness that stands in opposition to culture. We will examine closely three movements—the thirteenth and fourteenth-century Franciscans, Anabaptist groups of the sixteenth century, and the twentieth-century Catholic Worker movement—as representative of a diverse tradition of biblical radicalism. In addition, you will have the opportunity to research another figure or movement that typifies a radical approach to faith and practice. In our explorations, we will seek to gain clearer understandings of the characteristics of this tradition and its unique contributions to Christian witness.

*Prerequisite:* History of Christian Experience.