

Alliance History & Thought 3 credits

Class Information		Instructor Information		First day of classes:	Tue., Feb 16, 2016
Days:	Tuesday to Saturday	Instructor:	Bernie A. Van De Walle, PhD	Last day to add/drop/change to audit:	4 pm, Tue., Feb 16, 2016
Time:	9 AM to 4 PM	Email:	Bvandewalle@ambrose.edu	Last day to request revised exam:	4 pm, Mon., Feb. 29, 2016 (if applicable)
Location:	Heartland Alliance Church, Sherwood Park, AB	Phone:	(403)410-2000 ext. 6906	Last day to withdraw from course:	1 pm, Fri., Feb 19, 2016
Lab/Tut:	n/a	Office:	L2075	Last day to apply for time extension for coursework:	Mon., May 2, 2016
Final Exam: N/A		Office Hrs:	n/a	Last day of classes:	Sat., Feb. 20, 2016

Textbooks:

Kenneth L. Draper, "Readings in Alliance History and Thought," (Ambrose, 2009).
(Available online, free of charge, at <http://online.ambrose.edu/alliancestudies/>)

A. B. Simpson. *The Fourfold Gospel*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1984.
(Available online, free of charge, at <http://online.ambrose.edu/alliancestudies/>)

Bernie A. Van De Walle, *The Heart of the Gospel: A. B. Simpson, the Fourfold Gospel, and Late Nineteenth-Century Evangelicalism*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2009.

Course Description:

A survey of the origins of The Christian and Missionary Alliance movement in its social, cultural, and theological context, with emphasis on its historical continuities and changes, and evaluating Alliance "distinctives."

Expected Learning Outcomes:

It is the aim of the course that students acquire the following:

1. Students will be able to explain selected historical themes affecting the Christian and Missionary Alliance from the late nineteenth century to the present.
2. Students will have an interpretive grid for analyzing the history of the Christian and Missionary Alliance through its central continuities and changes.
3. Students will be able to identify the Alliance distinctives which have shaped its historical and doctrinal experience. Particular attention will be paid to sanctification, healing, eschatology, and missions.
4. Students will have a broadened understanding of the work of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada at home and throughout the world.

Course Schedule:

(See Appendix I)

Requirements:

1. Each student is expected to be thoroughly prepared for and to actively participate in each class session. This is reflected in the percentage of the final mark assigned to participation. Students must be sure not only to have read the day's assigned reading and be prepared to enter into discussion on it, they must also bring their own copy of the Draper texts to all class sessions in the format they should so desire (hard or electronic copy). **Students must attend and be engaged in all class sessions, in their entirety, in order to receive a passing grade for the course.** Students, therefore, are strongly advised to make any arrangements to make possible this course requirement in advance of the start of the course.

Note Given the intensive nature of this course, cell phones must be **turned off** while the class is in session. Students will have the opportunity to check messages, etc. during coffee and lunch breaks.
2. Each student will write a critical book review which integrates a discussion of any two (2) of the books from those listed under **Books for Review Assignment #1** below. The review is to identify the key theses of the book, to provide an outline of its argument, and to identify what the student feels are the book's strengths and weaknesses. Each discreet review is to be 1,500 words in length.
3. The student will select two (2) groups of texts from the three groups provided under the category, **Book for Review Assignments #2**, found below. After reading the texts, the student will write a combined review of the three texts which will focus on 1) the central and supporting theses of each text, 2) the points of agreement and disparity between them, and 3) the student's own perspective on the usefulness of each. Each of the two combined-reviews is to be no longer than a total of 1,500 words. Therefore, concision and precision will be necessary.
4. **The Heart of the Gospel** places the theology of A. B. Simpson and the early Christian and Missionary Alliance within the spectrum of late nineteenth-century American Evangelical theology. The student will prepare a 2,500 word response to the reading of this text. The response must be composed of the following.

Executive Summary: The student will summarize the content of the assigned text in his/her own words and must avoid just indicating the topics. There should be NO personal commentary or attempt to evaluate the content of the materials at this stage. The student will solely summarize what the author has said. This section should include as many of the key concepts and ideas as possible and strive to be both comprehensive and intensive. It should be stylistically correct, coherent, and clear. The abstract should be no more than 1,000 words in length.

Emerging Questions: The student will record his/her own questions that have emerged from the reading. These questions should reflect a thorough, profound, and thoughtful interaction with the text. This section should include not only the questions but an identification of the reason(s) why the student is asking. Grading in this section will consider both the quality of the questions and the apparent depth of interaction with the text. This section should be no more than 750 words in length.

Contemporary Challenges: This text asserts that what is often identified contemporarily as "Evangelicalism" is not simply a continuation of the theology and practice of late nineteenth-century Evangelicalism. In no more than 750 words, the student will 1) identify contemporary Evangelical doctrines and practices which are at odds with those of the late nineteenth century and 2) offer suggestions for how a critical reappropriation of late nineteenth-century theology or practice could help to revitalize contemporary Evangelical life.

Due Date:

All assignments must be emailed directly to the professor no later than 8:30 a.m. on **May 30, 2016**.

Attendance:

(See Assignment #1 above.)

Grade Summary:

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Class Preparation/Participation	15%
Book Review #1	20%
Book Review #2	30%
<i>The Heart of the Gospel</i>	<u>35%</u>
	100%

The available letters for course grades are as follows:

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>
A+	Excellent
A	
A-	
B+	Good
B	
B-	
C+	Satisfactory
C	
C-	
D+	Minimal Pass
D	
F	Failure

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
A+	90 and higher
A	85-90
A-	80-84
B+	77-79
B	73-76
B-	70-72
C+	67-69
C	63-66
C-	60-62
D+	55-59
D	50-54
F	less than 50

Because of the nature of the Alpha 4.00 system, there can be no uniform College-wide conversion scale. The relationship between raw scores (e.g. percentages) and the resultant letter grade will depend on the nature of the course and the instructor's assessment of the level of each class, compared to similar classes taught previously.

Please note that final grades will be available on student registration system. Printed grade sheets are not mailed out.

Other

Submission of Assignments:

- All assignments must be submitted electronically and sent to BVanDeWalle@Ambrose.edu.
- The student will submit all assignments, each as a discreet electronic file (MS Word file— .doc or .docx), in a single email to the address above.
- All assignments should have a title page containing all of the pertinent information.
- All assignments must be double-spaced in 12 point New Times Roman font, with either 1.0 or 1.25 inch margins all around.
- All assignments must be submitted as Microsoft Word documents (.doc or .docx) only.
- File name submitted **must** begin with the student's surname.
 - (e. g. Hearn Book Review 1.doc)
- The professor will return a graded copy of electronic submissions to the email account from which they came.
- The student is advised, when submitting his/her work electronically, to request both a delivery and read receipt.

Students are strongly advised to retain a copy of this syllabus for their records.

Professor's Policy on Time Extensions

Time extensions to any or all assignments will only be considered in the event of physician-certified, prolonged chronic sickness or what the Registrar deems to be an unforeseen traumatic event in the life of the student. Ministry busy-ness or conflict (weddings, mission trips, vacations, etc.) will not be considered as adequate grounds for the consideration of an extension.

Professor's Policy on Grade Privacy

The professor is legally bound by both the privacy policies of Ambrose University and by the privacy legislation of the province of Alberta. The professor realizes that many students enrolled in this course may need to report their successful completion of this course to their corresponding District Office. The various privacy policies and laws, however, do not allow the professor to disclose any student's grades to any other party. Therefore, the student alone is responsible to provide any and all verification of his/her successful completion of the course that his/her District may require. The professor cannot do so.

Policies:

Communication

All students have received an Ambrose e-mail account upon registration. It is the student's responsibility to check this account regularly as the Ambrose email system will be the professor's instrument for notifying students of important matters (cancelled class sessions, extensions, requested appointments, etc.) between class sessions. If students do not wish to use their Ambrose accounts, they will need to forward all messages from the Ambrose account to another personal account.

Registration

During the **Registration Revision Period** students may enter a course without permission, change the designation of any class from credit to audit and /or voluntary withdraw from a course without financial or academic penalty or record. Courses should be added or dropped on the student portal by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. After that date, the original status remains and the student is responsible for related fees.

Students intending to withdraw from a course after the Registration Revision Period must apply to the Office of the Registrar by submitting a "Request to Withdraw from a Course" form or by sending an email to the Registrar's Office by the **Withdrawal Deadline**; please consult the List of Important Dates on the my.ambrose.edu website. Students will not receive a tuition refund for courses from which they withdraw after the Registration Revision period. A grade of "W" will appear on their transcript.

Exam Scheduling

Students wishing to withdraw from a course, but who fail to do so by the applicable date, will receive the grade earned in accordance with the course syllabus. A student obliged to withdraw from a course after the Withdrawal Deadline because of health or other reasons may apply to the Registrar for special consideration.

Students, who find a conflict in their exam schedule must submit a Revised Examination Request form to the Registrar's Office by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. Requests will be considered for the following reasons only: 1) the scheduled final examination slot conflicts with another exam; 2) the student has three final exams within three consecutive exam time blocks; 3) the scheduled final exam slot conflicts with an exam at another institution; 4) extenuating circumstances. Travel is not considered a valid excuse for re-scheduling or missing a final exam.

Electronic Etiquette

Students are expected to treat their instructor, guest speakers, and fellow students with respect. It is disruptive to the learning goals of a course or seminar and disrespectful to fellow students and the instructor to use electronics for purposes unrelated to the course during a class session. Turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices during class. Laptops should be used for class-related purposes only. Do not use iPods, MP3 players, or headphones. Do not text, read, or send personal emails, go on Facebook or other social networks, search the internet, or play computer games during class. Some professors will not allow the use of any electronic devices in class. The professor has the right to disallow the student to use a laptop in future lectures and/or to ask a student to withdraw from the session if s/he does not comply with this policy. Repeat offenders will be directed to the Dean. If you are expecting communication due to an emergency, please speak with the professor before the class begins.

Academic Policies

It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to academic policies as stated in the Academic Calendar. Personal information (information about an individual that may be used to identify that individual) may be required as part of taking this class. Any information collected will only be used and disclosed for the purpose for which the collection was intended. For further information contact the Privacy Compliance Officer at privacy@ambrose.edu.

Extensions

Although extensions to coursework in the semester are at the discretion of the instructor, students may not turn in coursework for evaluation after the last day of the scheduled final examination period unless they have received permission for a course Extension from the Registrar's Office. Requests for course extensions or alternative examination time must be submitted to the Registrar's Office by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. Course extensions are only granted for serious issues that arise "due to circumstances beyond the student's control."

Appeal of Grade

An appeal for change of grade on any course work must be made to the course instructor within one week of receiving notification of the grade. An appeal for change of final grade must be submitted to the Registrar's Office in writing and providing the basis for appeal within 30 days of receiving notification of the final grade, providing

the basis for appeal. A review fee of \$50.00 must accompany the appeal. If the appeal is sustained, the fee will be refunded.

Academic Integrity

We are committed to fostering personal integrity and will not overlook breaches of integrity such as plagiarism and cheating. Academic dishonesty is taken seriously at Ambrose University as it undermines our academic standards and affects the integrity of each member of our learning community. Any attempt to obtain credit for academic work through fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest means is academic dishonesty. Plagiarism involves presenting someone else's ideas, words, or work as one's own. Plagiarism is fraud and theft, but plagiarism can also occur by accident when a student fails or forgets to acknowledge to another person's ideas or words. Plagiarism and cheating can result in a failing grade for an assignment, for the course, or immediate dismissal from the university college. Students are expected to be familiar with the policies in the current Academic Calendar that deal with plagiarism, cheating, and the penalties and procedures for dealing with these matters. All cases of academic dishonesty are reported to the Academic Dean and become part of the student's permanent record.

Note: Students are strongly advised to retain this syllabus for their records.

Books for Review Assignment #1

Ken Blue. *Authority to Heal*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1987.

Lyle W. Dorsett, *A Passion for God: The Spiritual Journey of A. W. Tozer*. Chicago: Moody, 2008.

Daniel J. Ewearitt, *Body and Soul: Evangelism and the Social Concern of A. B. Simpson*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1994.

Richard Gilbertson, *The Baptism of the Holy Spirit: The Views of A. B. Simpson and his Contemporaries*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1993.

David F. Hartzfeld and Charles Nienkirchen, eds. *The Birth of a Vision: Essays on the Ministry and Thought of Albert B. Simpson*. His Dominion Supplement no. 1. Beaverlodge, AB: Horizon House Publishers, 1986.

Barbara Howe, *Forgotten Voices: Women in Ministry in The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada*.

Paul L. King. *Genuine Gold: The Cautiously Charismatic Story of the Early Christian and Missionary Alliance*. Tulsa: Word & Spirit, 2006.

Sunder Krishnan. *World Christians: Living on the Wavelength of the Great Commission*. Toronto: Welch, 1989.

Gerald E. McGraw and George McPeck, *Empowered: Discovering the Dynamics of Holy Living*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 2000.

Charles Nienkirchen, *A. B. Simpson and the Pentecostal Movement*. Reprint. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2010.

Robert L. Niklaus, John S. Sawin, Samuel J. Stoesz, *All for Jesus*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1986.

Lindsay Reynolds. *Footprints: The Beginnings of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada*. Toronto: The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, 1982.

Lindsay Reynolds. *Rebirth: The Redevelopment of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada*. Willowdale, ON: The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, 1992.

Samuel J. Stoesz, *Sanctification: An Alliance Distinctive*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1992. (Available online, free of charge, at <http://online.ambrose.edu/alliancestudies/>)

Books for Review Assignment #2

1. A. B. *Simpson*, *A Larger Christian Life*.* Harrisburg, PA: Christian Publications, 1979.

AND

A. B. *Simpson*, *Christ in You: The Christ-Life and the Self-Life*.* Harrisburg, PA: Christian Publications, 1997.

AND

Aiden W. *Tozer*, *The Pursuit of God*.* Harrisburg, PA: Christian Publications, 1948.

2. A. B. *Simpson*, *Wholly Sanctified*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1991.

AND

George P. *Pardington*, *The Crisis of the Deeper Life*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1991.

AND

Gordon T. *Smith*, *Transforming Conversion: Rethinking the Language and Contours of Christian Initiation*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2010.

3. A. B. *Simpson*, *The Gospel of Healing*. Revised Edition. Harrisburg, PA: Christian Publications, 1915.

AND

A. B. *Simpson*, *The Lord for the Body*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1996.

AND

Richard M. *Siple*, *Understanding Divine Healing*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1990.

(Some of the books by A. B. Simpson listed in this section above have appeared under different titles at different times. If the student is unsure whether a title they are considering matches the one intended above, it is strongly advised that he/she receive confirmation from the professor before proceeding. The Pardington title and many of the Simpson titles are available, free of charge, at

<http://online.ambrose.edu/alliancestudies/>. The professor can make those marked with an asterisk (*) available to students, free of charge, as .pdf files.)

Proposed Class Schedule

Feb. 16	Introduction: A Living Tradition	
	A. B. Simpson: Outline of His Life	📖 Readings 1.1 - 1.3 📖 Readings 2.1 - 2.5.
17	The Founding of the Alliance	📖 Readings 4.1 - 4.3.
	The Work of the Early Alliance	📖 Readings 5.1 - 5.3.
	Developments in Alliance History	📖 Readings 6.1 - 6.3.
	The Alliance Enters the Twentieth Century	
18	Alliance Missions & the Deeper Life	📖 Readings 7.1 - 7.3
	Simpson's Hymns	📖 Readings 3.1.
	The Fourfold Gospel	📖 <i>The Fourfold Gospel</i> , pp. 1-18; Readings 8.1
	<i>Save Them!: The Life of Paul Rader, Christian Radio Pioneer</i>	
19	The Alliance View of Sanctification	📖 <i>The Fourfold Gospel</i> , pp. 19-32; Readings 9.1 - 9.3.
	Developments in the Alliance View of Sanctification	📖 Readings 10.1 - 10.3.
	The Alliance View of Healing	📖 <i>The Fourfold Gospel</i> , pp. 33-46; Readings 11.1 - 11.4.
	Developments in the Alliance View of Healing	📖 Readings 12.1, 12.2, 12.3
20	The Coming King	📖 <i>The Fourfold Gospel</i> , pp. 47-64
	The Coming King (cont'd)	📖 Readings 13.1, 13.2, 14.1 - 14.3
	Toward a Doctrinal Statement	📖 Readings 15.1 - 15.4.
	Continuity and Change, Charting the Future	📖 Reading 16.1