

History of Christian Social Action Outline

Required texts:

David W. Blight, *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2020. \$22.00 on Amazon.com.

Lawrence Clayton, *Bartholeme de las Casas and the Conquest of the Americas*. Chicester: John Wiley & Sons, 2010. \$30.00 on Amazon.com. Also available as an e-book through Styberg Library.

Dorothy Day, *The Reckless Way of Love: Notes on Following Jesus*, ed. Carolyn Kurtz. Walden, NY: Plough Publishing House, 2016. \$12.00 on Amazon.com.

Albert J. Raboteau, *American Prophets: Seven Religious Radicals and their Struggle for Social & Political Justice*. Princeton & Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2018. \$19.95 on Amazon.com.

Helen Rhee, *Loving the Poor, Saving the Rich: Wealth, Poverty, and Early Christian Formation*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic Press, 2012. \$32.00 on Amazon.com.

Weekly schedule:

This is an online course with mixed asynchronous and synchronous activities. The synchronous meeting (via Teams) will be Wednesday 12 - 1 pm.

Topics covered:

- Theologies and practices of caring for the poor, orphans, and refugees throughout Christian history
- Christian practices of hospitality
- Christian activism against colonialism
- Christian action in the abolitionist movement and in reconstruction efforts
- Social action in the missions movements
- The industrial revolution and Christian influence in labor movements
- The Social Gospel
- Christianity and the Civil Rights Movement
- Christian involvement in 20th century rights movements
- Christian activism in World War 2 and the Cold War
- Base communities and Christian activism in modern Latin America

