

Religion and Community
Spring 2012
Syracuse University

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Texts for Purchase

1. Omar McRoberts, *Streets of Glory: Church and Community in a Black Urban Neighborhood* (Chicago, 2003)
2. C. Melissa Snarr, *All You That Labor: Religion and Ethics in the Living Wage Movement* (NYU, 2011)
3. Jeffrey Stout, *Blessed are the Organized: Grassroots Democracy in America* (Princeton, 2010)
4. Sarah McFarland Taylor, *Green Sisters: A Spiritual Ecology* (Harvard, 2007)

Schedule of Readings

January 18

Introduction

January 23 and 25

- Aeschylus, *Eumenides*
- Benedict's Rule

January 30 and February 1

- Stout, *Blessed are the Organized*, Chapters 1-11
- Saul Alinsky, *Reveille for Radicals*, Chapter 1

February 6 and 8

- Stout, *Blessed are the Organized*, Chapters 12-19
- Barack Obama, "Why Organize? Problems and Promise in the Inner City"

February 13 and 15

- McRoberts, *Streets of Glory*, Chapters 1-4
- Wood, Richard L., "Social capital and political culture: God meets politics in the inner city," *American Behavioral Scientist*, 40 (1997): 595-605

February 20 and 22

- McRoberts, *Streets of Glory*, Chapters 5-8
- Frederick Harris, "Something within: Religion as a Mobilizer of African-American Activism," *Journal of Politics* 56:1 (1994): 42-68

February 27 and 29

- Snarr, *All You that Labor*, Introduction-Chapter 2
- Leo XIII, "Rerum Novarum"

March 5 and 7

- Snarr, *All You that Labor*, Chapters 3-6
- Mark R. Warren, *Dry Bones Rattling: Community Building to Revitalize Democracy*, Chapter 2

March 19 and 21

- Taylor, *Green Sisters*, Introduction-Chapter 4
- Susan Stall and Randy Stoecker, "Community Organizing or Organizing Community? Gender and the Crafts of Empowerment," *Gender and Society* 12 (1998): 729-756

March 26 and 28

- Taylor, *Green Sisters*, Chapter 5-Conclusion
- William Cavanaugh, *Being Consumed: Economics and Christian Desire*, Chapter 3

April 2 and 4

- William Cavanaugh, *Theopolitical Imagination*, Chapter 1
- John Milbank, "On Complex Space" in *The Word Made Strange*
- Catherine Pickstock, "Liturgy, Art and Politics," *Modern Theology* 16:2 (2000): 159-180
- Stanley Hauerwas, "The Politics of Gentleness" and "L'Arche as Peace Movement"

April 9 and 11

- Michael Walzer, "The Prophet as Social Critic" in *Interpretation and Social Criticism*
- Michael Walzer, "Exodus Politics"
- Edward Said, "'Exodus and Revolution': A Canaanite Reading", *Grand Street* 5:2 (1986): 86-106
- Bonnie Honig, *Democracy and the Foreigner*, Chapter 3

April 16 and 18

Student Presentations

April 23 and 25

Student Presentations

April 30

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