

TH799 Colloquium: Theology and Ethics of Patience

Instructor	Dr. Arthur Sutherland
Schedule	Mondays, 6:00 – 8:30 pm
Description	This course doubts if patience is only waiting, watching, and worrying about time going by. In the same light, patience is not merely suffering in silence. Rather, as the early church Fathers proposed, patience has many connotations, uses, and requirements. Starting with the biblical books of Job and James, students consider why patience is fundamental to the Christian tradition. The course progresses through a series of theological, ethical, and interdisciplinary readings about the relationship of patience to technology, suffering, justice, and interpersonal relationships.
Requirements	Reading: As assigned
	Writing: Three short papers (5 pages each); one longer paper (10 pages)
	Other Assignments: In class presentations, final presentation

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition)	Cost	Pages to be read
Martin Luther King, Jr., <i>Why We Can't Wait</i> Signet, 2024, ISBN-13: 978-0451527530	7.50	40
Augustine, <i>On Patience</i> Beloved Publishing, 2014, ISBN-13: 978-1631740121	6.00	46
Ernest Hemingway, <i>The Old Man and the Sea</i> Benediction Books, 2016, ISBN:13 978-1781396803	7.00	128
David Bailey Harned, <i>Patience: How We Wait Upon the World</i> Wipf and Stock, 2015, ISBN13: 978-1498217583	31.00	234
Tertullian, <i>Of Patience</i> ISBN 978-1523309184	4.00	34
Rita Nakashima Brock, <i>Proverbs of Ashes: Violence, Redemptive Suffering, and the Search for What Saves Us</i> Beacon Press, 2002, ISBN 13 978-0807067970	22.00	272
C.S. Lewis, <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> HarperOne, 2015, ISBN 978-0060652937	13.50	40
Calvin, <i>On Providence</i> (Handout)	Free	30
Cyprian, <i>Treatise 9</i> (Handout)	Free	10
Karl Barth, <i>Church Dogmatics</i> (Handout)	Free	30
Total	91.00	950