PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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TITLE: World	Christianity	TERM: Fall 2024-25
PROFESSOR:	Ryan Ramsey	CREDIT HOURS: <u>3</u>
REGISTRATION:	LIMITED TO: <u>15</u> # AUDITORS:	UNLIMITED NO AUDITORS X

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course explores World Christianity as an academic field of study by examining the histories of Christian communities in particular parts of the world. The course provides both broad overviews of regional histories as well as focused studies of particular Christian communities curated to demonstrate their diversity and ingenuity. Students will also engage key thinkers and ideas from scholars of World Christianity. In the fall of 2024, the course will focus on Christian communities in the Global South.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

- The course provides a general overview of World Christianity as a field of study, attending to the field's development, key ideas, and current challenges.
- The course provides broad overviews of the history of Christianity in Africa, Asia, as well as Latin America and the Caribbean.
- The course requires careful reading, writing, and discussion of expressions of Christianity in the Global South Christianity, especially engaging primary sources from non-Western theologians and church leaders.

PREREQUISITES: None

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING: *Please include ISBN numbers and price.*

• Kim, Sebastian and Kirsteen Kim. *Christianity as a World Religion: An Introduction*. 2nd edition. Bloomsbury, 2016. 9781472569349. \$35.95 USD.

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:

- Weekly Reading Responses
- Research Paper or Project

ATTENDANCE: Required.