Fall 2013

**HIST 585-000: Special Topics in History:**
(cross-listed with RLHT 738-000)

**Topic:** Conversion in Early Mod Europe

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**Semester Description:**

This seminar will examine religious conversion in early modern Europe from a variety of cultural, theological, and socio-historical perspectives. Beginning with the medieval legacy, we will focus on the various meanings of conversion in early modern Europe with attention given to inter-religious conversion between distinct religions (Jewish – Christian), conversion within religious traditions (Protestant – Catholic), and transformative conversion within a single movement (Puritan and Pietist). The seminar will particularly focus on the construction of conversion narratives within evangelical Protestantism of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and their relationship to religious experience, narrative practice, and “modern” religiosity.

**Required Textbooks, Articles, and Resources:**

In addition to selections from classic models of conversion from William James to Lewis Rambo, readings will include cases studies by Elisheva Carlebach (Divided Souls) and Bruce Hindmarsh (Evangelical Conversion), contemporary conversion narratives (Teresa of Avila, August Hermann Francke, John Wesley) among other readings.

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