

*The John Leland Center for Theological Studies, Main campus*

**Modern Theology**  
**TP 2135**

**Time:** Spring 2010, Thursdays 8:10PM-9:55PM

**Instructors:**

This course will be co-taught by Prof. Benjamin Boswell and Prof. Matthew Tapie.

**Description:**

This course is designed to introduce seminary students to the major thinkers and key themes in modern theology, a period stretching from the 16th to the 20th century, and to help students recognize this era as a struggle between Church and State. After a broad historical overview of the key themes in the Enlightenment and their lingering impact on theology and the Church, we will investigate how philosophers like Hobbes, Locke, Kant, Hegel, and Nietzsche shaped modern thought and how Christian theologians like Schliermacher, Barth, Tillich, and Bonhoeffer responded.

**Required Texts:**

*The Blackwell Companion to Modern Theology* - Gareth Jones (Wiley-Blackwell Press, ISBN: 1405159758)

*The Myth of Religious Violence: Secular Ideology and the Roots of Modern Conflict* - William T. Cavanaugh (Oxford Press ISBN: 0195385047)

*The Stillborn God: Religion, Politics, and the Modern West* - Mark Lila (Vintage Press, ISBN: 1400079136)