CHHI 75013/95013: Seminar in Christian Thought: Schleiermacher  
CHTH 70970/80970/90970: Special Topics in Christian Thought: Schleiermacher  
3 Semester Hours  
Wednesday 1-3:30 pm; HAR 213

Instructors: James Duke and Ed Waggoner

Prerequisites: For CHHI: CHHI 60013, CHHI 60023, or equivalent; for CHTH: none

Description of Content:

The thought of pastor-theologian Friedrich Schleiermacher (1768-1834) led him to be called a founder of modern Christian theology." He was among the first to serve theology and the church by addressing challenges of living in modern, and now postmodern, times. He reconsidered and sometimes restated church doctrines. This study is an overview of his thinking, focusing his two major works, On Religion and The Christian Faith. These are studied in light of their historical-theological context and significance for theological reflection today.

Requirements:
1. Regular attendance, active and informed contribution to discussion
2. Brief weekly reading reports (1/2 page each) on assigned sections of the major texts
3. 3 or 4 short (each, 3-4 pp.) issue-oriented discussion-starter papers
4. final historical-theological reflection paper (12-15 pp.) on a topic relating to Schleiermacher’s thought. Th.M students will prepare in consultation with the instructors a final historical-theological paper of 15-20 pages; Doctoral students will prepare in consultation with the instructors a final historical-theological pages of 20-25 pages

Class Procedures: Primarily readings and discussions (historical and theological reflection) on primary text readings, with some lecture input.

Textbooks

Additional readings may be provided by the instructors or suggested to students as valuable resources.

Grading Procedures:
Class Participation and brief weekly reports: 30%  
Short Discussion-Starter Papers: 30%  
Final Paper: 40%