



Cardinal Carter Library Religious Studies Collection Policy

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Subject librarian: Adrienne Co-Dyre

Objective:

The Religious Studies collection is intended to support the instructional needs in Religious Studies of the Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, including programs in Catholic Studies, Religious Studies and World Religions. Collections support the academic and critical, as well as confessional, examination of religious traditions and phenomena from across the globe, with an emphasis on the Roman Catholic tradition. The collection seeks to include works on religious history, literature, doctrine, devotion, worship, philosophy, ritual, morality/ethics, and myth. Library collections are also designed to explore Christian and other religious approaches to such matters as marriage, war, bioethics, and technology.

Language(s):

English is the primary language of the collection.

Date of publication:

Chiefly current (i.e. in print or electronic) publications are preferred, with consideration given to out-of-print material as demand warrants.

Chronological coverage:

The collection includes both contemporary and historical perspectives, as funds permit.

Source of publication:

Principal sources of publications include Canada, USA and UK, with occasional material from Europe and Asia.

FORMAT:

Print and electronic books, periodicals, databases and selected textbooks are included. To meet the requirements of the AODA Information and Communication Standards for digital and multimedia resources by January 1, 2020, films purchased for the Cardinal Carter Library collection are either captioned or captionable and/or include audio descriptions. Material purchased prior to January 2014 may not meet accessibility standards but, upon request, the library will endeavor to acquire an accessible copy.

Material which is not acquired includes manuscripts, unpublished theses or dissertations, popular works, conference proceedings, and material for pre-undergraduates. Some relevant material already housed in the A.P. Mahoney Library, St. Peter's Seminary are excluded.

Gifts:

The library accepts gifts of materials in good condition which are within the scope of its collection and which the library does not already own or does not own in sufficient quantity to support teaching and research needs. See also the Cardinal Carter Library [Gifts Collection Policy](#).

Managing the collection:

To ensure that collections remain optimally useful to our patrons, it is necessary to analyze collection usage and available space regularly. Duplicate items, no longer required to support the curriculum and damaged items that cannot be replaced, may be removed from the collection at the discretion of the subject librarian. See also the Cardinal Carter Library [Deselection of Materials Policy](#).

Definitions of Collecting Levels

- A: Research Level:** Provides for the collection of materials which support upper undergraduate level courses and research.
- B: Teaching Level:** Provides for the collection of materials which support undergraduate instruction including honours programs and special topics courses.
- C: Basic Information Level:** Provides for the selective collection of materials which support secondary scholarly interests and general background information.

SUBJECT ANALYSIS & COLLECTING LEVELS

PREAMBLE: Featured topics such as philosophy, history, thanatology, social justice and peace studies etc. are also represented in other departmental collections. The collecting levels herein are solely reflective of the *Religious Studies* program.

I	Philosophical, psychological and moral aspects of religion (BL51-65)	
	God (existence & nature of)	A
	Atheism & agnosticism	A
	Moral theology	A
	Contemporary moral issues	A
	Sexual ethics	A
	Bioethics (Christian)	A
	Life & death issues	A
	Sanctity of life (incl. abortion)	B
	Law, incl. natural law, & religion (esp. Canadian)	B
	Visions & dreams	C
	Celebration (Religions)	C
II	World religions	
	Hinduism (BL1100-1295)	A
	- scripture and sacred/mythological literature	
	- general and dynastic history	
	- beliefs	
	- Hindu law	
	- ritual, including temple worship, pilgrimage, life-cycle and death rituals	
	- Hindu deities/pantheon	
	- philosophical schools	
	- sects	
	- <i>yoga</i>	
	- important modern figures (e.g. Mahatma Gandhi, Ramakrishna, Vivekananda, Tagore, Sathya Sai Baba)	
	Jainism (BL1300-1380)	B
	- scripture and sacred/mythological literature	
	- Jain history and sects	
	- beliefs and ritual practices	
	- philosophy	
	- community	
	Buddhism (BQ)	A
	- scripture and sacred/mythological literature	
	- life of the Buddha	
	- early Buddhist doctrine and practice in India	
	- Mahayana Buddhism in India	
	- Theravada Buddhism in Sri Lanka and SE Asia	

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- Mahayana Buddhism in China, Japan, and Tibet - Buddhist philosophical schools	
- important modern figures (e.g. 14 th Dalai Lama, Thich Nhat Hanh, Aung San Suu Kyi)	
- Chinese Buddhism	B
- Chinese Buddhist sects (Tian Tai, Hua Yan, Pure Land, Chan)	
- Buddhist influence on Confucianism and Daoism	
- Japanese Buddhism	B
- Nara Buddhism	
- Heian Buddhism	
- Kamakura Buddhism (Pure Land, Zen, Nichiren)	
- modern Japanese Buddhism	
Sikhism (BL2017-2018.7)	B
- scripture and sacred/mythological literature	
- history	
- beliefs and practices	
- Sikh Gurus	
- political struggles	
Confucianism (BL1830-1883)	B
- scripture and sacred/mytho-historical literature	
- Confucius and Warring States Confucians (e.g. Mencius, Xunzi)	
- Han Dynasty Confucianism	
- Zhu Xi and Song Dynasty Neo-Confucianism	
- Confucianism in Japan	
Daoism (BL1920)	B
- Warring States (Philosophical) Daoism	
- Religious Daoism and the Daoist Canon	
- Daoism and Buddhism, esp. Chan (Zen) Buddhism	
- Daoist pantheon	
- Daoist rituals, worship and monasticism	
- Daoism in Japan	
Chinese Folk Religion (BL1790-1975)	C
Shinto (BL2216-2227.8)	B
- early Shinto and Japanese culture	
- medieval Shinto and Buddhism	
- Shinto shrines, pilgrimage and rituals	
- Reconstructionist Shinto	
- post-WWII Shinto	
- modern Shinto and Japanese culture	
Japanese Religion (BL2195-2228)	C
- folk religion	
- religious syncretism	
Islam (BP)	A
- The life of Muhammad	
- Muslim scriptures, the Qur'an	
- Sectarian movements in Islam (shi'ites, isma'ilites, etc.)	
- Sufism (Islamic mysticism)	
- Islam in Iran and Central Asia	
- Islamic theology (kalam)	
- Islam and other religious traditions in dialogue	

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	- Islamic philosophy (al-Farabi, al-Kindi, Avicenna)	
	- Modern (post-colonial) Islam	
	- Islam and the West, conflicts in the 20 th -21 st centuries	
III	New Religious Movements	C
IV	The Bible (BS)	
	1. Scholarly reference works about the entire Bible, especially from a Roman Catholic perspective, but also representative of non-Catholic works:	A
	- Single-volume, whole Bible commentaries	A
	- Encyclopedias/dictionaries/handbooks	B
	- Atlases	B
	2. Multi-volume commentary series	
	Whole Bible:	
	- <i>The Anchor Yale Bible</i> (Doubleday)	A
	- <i>The Anchor Yale Bible Reference Library</i> (Doubleday)	A
	- <i>Hermeneia</i> (Fortress Press)	B
	- <i>Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching</i> (Westminster John Knox Press)	B
	- <i>Interpreting Biblical Texts</i> (Abingdon Press)	B
	- <i>Westminster Bible Companion</i> (Westminster John Knox Press)	B
	- <i>The Word Bible Commentary</i> (Word Books)	A
	Old Testament:	
	- <i>Forms of Old Testament Literature</i> (Eerdmans)	B
	- <i>Old Testament Library</i> (Westminster John Knox)	B
	- <i>Library of Ancient Israel</i> (Westminster John Knox Library)	B
	New Testament:	
	- <i>Abingdon New Testament Commentaries</i> (Abingdon Press)	A
	- <i>New Testament Library</i> (Westminster John Knox)	B
	- <i>Reading the New Testament</i>	B
	- <i>Sacra Pagina</i> (Liturgical Press)	
	3. Hermeneutics (Works about Biblical Criticism and Interpretation) (BS500-537)	B
	4. Introductions to, commentaries on and presentations of the theology of major sections of the Bible:	
	Special parts of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (BS1200-1830):	
	- The Pentateuch (Torah)	B
	- The Former Prophets (Deuteronomic History)	B
	- The Prophetic Books (Major and Minor)	B
	- The Wisdom Literature (incl. Deuterocanonical wisdom books)	B
	Special parts of the New Testament (BS2547-2765.6):	
	- The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew/Mark/Luke)	A
	- The Gospel and Letters of John	A
	- The Letters of Paul (authentic and deutero-pauline)	A
	- The Catholic Epistles	B
	- The Book of Revelation	B
	5. Biblical Theology: treatments of themes/ideas running through the whole Bible or through one of the testaments.	B
	6. Studies on Ancient Israel and Early Christianity (Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and New Testament)	
	- secondary works	B
	- primary source collections	B

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	7. Works about the Historical Jesus	A
	8. Works by important Biblical scholars (See Appendix A)	B
V	Judaism (BM)	
	1. General history of Judaism (as a religion) and the Jewish people (as an ethnic group)	A
	- Europe	
	- North America	
	- worldwide	
	2. Biography of Jewish leaders and thinkers	B
	3. Jewish liturgy and prayer	B
	4. Judaism, Christianity and the Bible	A
	- Jewish/Rabbinic Biblical commentaries	
	- contemporary issues in Biblical (especially New Testament) studies	
	5. The State of Israel - history, geography, political issues	A
	6. Judaism, literature, media and the arts (films, writing, sculpture, etc.)	B
	7. Jewish folklore and legends	C
	8. Judaism and women	A
	9. Jewish-Christian relations and interreligious dialogue	A
	- essential documents	
	- historical development	
	- key leading figures	
	- resources for interreligious dialogue and inter-faith prayer	
	- curriculum resources for educators (videos, DVD's, etc.)	
	10. Holocaust studies - history, politics, impact on Judaism in Europe	A
	- specific religious issues (Pope Pius XII/Vatican, Edith Stein, Holocaust convent controversy, etc.)	
	11. Reference works pertinent to Jewish Studies / Jewish-Christian Studies / relations between the Abrahamic (monotheistic) religious traditions (Islam, Judaism and Christianity)	A
	12. Significant works in Jewish Studies published by prestigious academic publishers	B
	(See Appendix B)	
VI	Christianity (BR)	
	1. History	
	- Histories - of Christianity and of Christian theology	A
	- general surveys	
	- major periods:	
	- early church	A
	- mediaeval period	B
	- Reformation/Renaissance	B
	- modern period (1700-)	A
	- primary source documents	
	- Fathers of the Church	A

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	- Decrees of Ecumenical Councils	A
	- Credal statements of various denominations	B
	- Christianity in Canada	
	- history	A
	- in general	B
	- specific studies	
2.	Christian/Catholic Doctrine	
	- general overviews	A
	- studies of particular questions:	B
	Fundamental theology	A
	Doctrine of God/Trinity/Pneumatology	A
	Christology/Incarnation (BT198-590)	A
	Salvation (atonement/sin/redemption/justification)	A
	Spirituality/holiness	A
	Spirituality (devotional literature, sermons)	A
	Church (mission, membership)	B
	Church polity (Papacy, episcopacy)	A
	Religious life (monasticism, men's and women's religious orders, etc.)	A
	Christian divisions and ecumenism	B
	Eschatology	B
	Feminist theology	B
	Liberation theology	B
	Interfaith dialogue and religious pluralism	A
	Saints	A
	Mariology	B
	Missiology/evangelisation	B
	Inculturation	B
	Sacraments and other rituals	
	- general treatments	A
	- treatments of particular sacraments	B
	- sacraments of initiation: Baptism, confirmation, Eucharist	
	- sacraments of vocation: Orders, matrimony	
	- sacraments of healing: Reconciliation, anointing of sick	
3.	Histories/source documents/liturgical books/doctrinal, incl. presentations of	C
	the major non-Catholic Christian denominations:	
	Adventist	
	Anabaptist (Mennonite/Baptist)	
	Christian Science	
	Evangelical	
	Latter-Day Saints (Mormon)	
	Lutheran	
	Messianic Judaism	
	Methodist	
	Oriental Orthodox, Oriental (Coptic/Ethiopian/Syrian Orthodox/Armenian Apostolic)	
	Orthodox, Eastern	
	Pentecostal	
	Reformed	
VII	Roman Catholicism (BX800-4795)	
	1. History of the Church	
	- general overviews	A
	- major periods:	
	- patristic period	A
	- mediaeval period	B

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	- Renaissance/Reformation	B
	- early modern	A
	- contemporary, incl. post Vatican II	A
	- various rites (e.g., eastern-rite Catholics)	B
	- various ethnic groups	C
	2. History of Catholic Theology	
	- general overviews	A
	- major periods	B
	- major topics	A
	3. Theologians:	
	Works by and studies of contemporary Catholic theologians (See Appendix C)	B
VIII	Practical theology (BV)	
	The Church year	B
	Christian symbols	A
	Liturgy	A
	Prayer	A
	Church & state. esp. in Canada	B
	Ministry	B
	Marriage (Theology of)	A
	Religious education (elementary and secondary)	A
IX	Arts & social sciences context	
	Literature & religion	C
	Music & religion, incl. hymnology	C
	Ecology, environment & religion	A
	Economics & religion, incl. poverty and property	B
	Social justice & religion (incl. social action)	A
	Sexuality and religion	C
	Feminism and religion	B
	Mass media & religion	B
	Works in Christian perspective	B
	Violence, war, & Christian love	B

APPENDIX A

Important Biblical Scholars

Bauckham, Richard J. 1946-
Blenkinsopp, Joseph 1927-
Borg, Marcus J. 1942-2015
Brown, Raymond E. 1928-2001
Charlesworth, James H. 1940-
Childs, Brevard S. 1924-2007
Collins, Raymond F. 1935-
Crossan, John Dominic 1943-
Dunn, James D.G. 1939-
Evans, Craig A.
Fitzmyer, Joseph A.
Fredriksen, Paula 1951-
Hurtado, Larry W. 1943-
Johnson, Luke Timothy 1943-
Meier, John P.
Murphy, Roland Edmund 1917-2002
Murphy-O'Connor, Jerome 1935-2013
Sanders, E.P. 1937-
Schüssler Fiorenza, Elizabeth 1938-
Witherington, Ben 1951-
Wright, N.T. (Nicholas Thomas) 1948-

APPENDIX B

Significant works in Jewish Studies are acquired from the following prestigious academic publishers:

Brandeis University Press/University Press of New England
Brill Academic Publishers
Cambridge University Press
Continuum
De Gruyter
Hebrew Union College
Jewish Theological Seminary Press
KTAV Publishing
Magnes Press
Mohr Siebeck
New York University Press
Northwestern University Press
Oxford University Press
Purdue University Press
Rutgers University Press
Schoen Books
Stanford University Press
Syracuse University Press
T&T Clark
University of California Press
University of Pennsylvania Press
University of Toronto Press
University of Wisconsin Press
University Press of Nebraska
Wayne State University Press
Yale University Press

APPENDIX C

Contemporary Catholic Theologians

- Abraham, K.C.
Alberigo, Giuseppe 1926-2007
Alison, James 1959-
Aquino, Maria Pilar 1956-
Balasuriya, Tissa 1924-2013
Balthasar, Hans Urs 1905-1988
Baum, Gregory 1923-
Beeck, Frans Jozef van 1930-2011
Bevans, Stephen B. 1944-
Boff, Clodovis 1944-
Boff, Leonardo 1938-
Bühlmann, Walbert 1916-2007
Burrell, David B. 1933-
Burtchaell, James Tunstead
Cahill, Lisa Sowle 1948-
Chung, Hyun Kyung 1956-
Clayton, Philip 1956-
Cleaver, Richard G.
Comblin, José 1923-2011
Cone, James H. 1938-
Copeland, M. Shawn 1947-
Curran, Charles E. 1934-
Davies, Brian 1951-
Dulles, Avery Robert, 1918-2008 [Cardinal]
Dupré, Louis K. 1925-
Ela, Jean-Marc 1936-2008
Fahey, Michael Andrew 1933-
Gaillardetz, Richard R. 1958-
Gebara, Ivone 1944-
Geffré, Claude 1926-
González, Justo L. 1937-
Gros, Jeffrey 1938-
Gutierrez, Gustavo 1928-
Haight, Roger 1936-
Haight, John F. 1942-
Herzog, Frederick 1925-1995
Isasi-Diaz, Ada Maria 1943-
Johnson, Elizabeth A. 1941-
Jordan, Mark D. 1953-
Kasper, Walter 1933- [Cardinal]
Knitter, Paul F. 1939-
Komonchak, Joseph A. 1939-
Küng, Hans 1928-
Kwok, Pui-lan
Lakeland, Paul 1946-
Lash, Nicholas 1934-
Martos, Joseph 1943-
McBrien, Richard 1936-2015
McFague, Sallie 1933-
Miguez Bonino, José 1924-2012
Niebuhr, H. Richard 1894-1962
Niebuhr, Reinhold 1892-1971
O'Collins, Gerald 1931-
O'Connell, Timothy E.
Oduyoye, Mercy Amba 1934-
Osborne, Kenan B. 1930-
Park, Andrew Sung 1951-
Peelman, Achiel 1942-
Phan, Peter C. 1943-
Phiri, Isabel Apawo
Pieris, Aloysius 1943-
Power, David N. 1932-
Rahner, Karl 1904-1984
Ratzinger, Joseph 1927- [Pope Emeritus
Benedict XVI]
Rausch, Thomas P. 1941-
Rauschenbusch, Walter 1861-1918
Rayan, Samuel 1920-
Rieger, Joerg 1963-
Ruether Radford, Rosemary 1936-
Schillebeeckx, Edward 1914-2009
Schneiders, Sandra M. 1936-
Schreier, Robert J.
Schussler Fiorenza, Elizabeth 1938-
Segundo, Juan Luis 1925-1996
Sobrinho, Jon 1938-
Song, Choan Seng 1929-
Sullivan, Francis Aloysius 1922-
Tilley, Terrance W. 1947-
Tracy, David 1939-
Wood, Susan K. 1947-

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