

Seminar Discussion and Public Lecture

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Thursday, March 12, 2015; 10:30-11:45 a.m.
Rawls Hall **2082**, Purdue main campus

“ENGL665/CMPL650: World Literature, 1492-1700” Seminar Discussion on Renaissance vernacular translations of the Bible, especially Martin Luther’s German one and the KJV English one.



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Thursday, March 12, 2015; 7:00-8:00 p.m.
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**“We Must Know What We Believe”:
Martin Luther on the Right and Duty
of All Christians to Read Scripture**

German erstwhile-Catholic friar and reformer Martin Luther insisted that Christian faith is only possible where there is certainty, the certainty to be found only in the Word of God, and not in the teaching authority of the Church. Luther therefore claimed that individual Christians have the right and duty to read Scripture for themselves, so that they might know their personal belief based on their own reading of the Word of God, and not on the basis of someone else's authority, be it the Pope, theologians, councils, or even Luther himself. This lecture examines the ramifications of this claim, especially in light of Luther’s understanding of the trial each of us will undergo at the hour of death, when both God and the Devil will ask for the basis of what we believe.

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