The School of Theology and Religious Studies  
Catholic University of America  
TRS 802A: The Deuteronomistic History  
Fall 2012, Thursday 9:35 – 12:05, 3 Credits  
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Course Description:  
This course will provide an intensive orientation to the Deuteronomistic History complex (Dtr.) of the OT, with particular attention to the theory of M. Noth concerning this and scholarship on the Dtr. since Noth.

Course Goals:  
This course aims to familiarize students with the content of the books Joshua – 2 Kings, Noth’s highly influential theory concerning these books, and subsequent scholarly responses to Noth.

Goals for Learning:  
Over the course of the semester, students are expected to acquire a detailed knowledge of the books of the Dtr., Noth’s theory concerning these, and the scholarly discussion of the books both before and after Noth. In addition, weekly translation of Hebrew portions of the books of the Dtr. will enable students to maintain facility in reading Hebrew prose.

Required Texts:  
A modern translation of the Bible (e.g.: NAB, RSV [I will be using this], NRSV) (over the course of the semester, students are expected to read the books Joshua – 2 Kings several times).  
BHS (for weekly Hebrew readings)  
Martin Noth, The Deuteronomistic History (rpt. of 1981 translation; Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock).  

Course Requirements and Important Dates:  
Thursday, Oct. 4: Paper proposal (consisting of statement of topic, outline and preliminary bibliography) due.  
Thursday, Dec. 6: Last class meeting.  

Grade:  
Class Participation: 25%  
Final Examination: 25%  
Paper: 50%

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“The presumed sanction for undergraduate students for academic dishonesty will be failure for the course. There may be circumstances, however, where, perhaps because of an undergraduates student’s past record, a more serious sanction such as suspension or expulsion, would be appropriate. In the context of graduate studies, the expectations for academic honesty are greater, and therefore the presumed sanction for dishonesty is likely to be more sever, e.g., expulsion... In the more unusual case, mitigation circumstances may exist that would warrant a lesser sanction than the presumed sanction.”

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**Class Schedule:**

Thursday, Aug. 30: Presentation of Course; Noth’s Life and Work; Previous Scholarship on Joshua – 2 Kings
Thursday, Sept. 6: Noth, *Deuteronomistic History*, pp. 1-25
Thursday, Sept 13: Noth, pp. 26-35 + Book of Deuteronomy
Thursday, Sept 20: Noth, pp. 36-41 + Book of Joshua
Thursday, Sept. 27: Noth, pp. 42-53 + Judges 1 – 1 Samuel 12
Thursday, Oct. 4: Noth, pp. 54-62 + 1 Samuel 13 – 1 Kings 11
Thursday, Oct. 11: Noth, pp. 63-74 + 1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings 25
Thursday, Oct. 18: Noth, pp. 75-89
Thursday, Oct. 25: Dtr. after Noth (Römer, *So-Called Deuteronomistic History*)
Thursday, Nov. 1: Student presentations
Thursday, Nov. 8: “ “
Thursday, Nov. 15: “ “
Thursday, Nov. 29: “ “
Thursday, Dec. 6: “ “
Bibliography:
An extensive bibliography will be distributed separately.
For further bibliography, please consult *Old Testament Abstracts* (OTA).