

BOSTON COLLEGE
Spring semester, 2024

Two five-page papers (~ 1,250 words, without the bibliography) on readings or themes of particular interest to you. These papers should pursue the central themes or questions of those readings more deeply into the authors' work, and into the questions or themes themselves. The focus and aim of each paper should be approved by the instructor at least two weeks before submission. The first paper is due March 13, and the second, April 26. We will meet individually to discuss your papers in the week of April 29.

There will be a final paper of 3500-4000 words on the experience and theology/philosophy of pilgrimage. It should be completed after the return from the Camino. It must involve both personal narrative and some of the readings. It is due on July 31 (uploaded on Canvas *and* sent by email).

As you may notice, the "performance" on the Camino is not graded. The rhythm will shift as we will move from a purely academic]

- Brouillette, André. *The Pilgrim Paradigm: Faith in Motion*, Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2021
- Coleman, Simon and John Elsner, *Pilgrimage. Past and Present in the World Religions* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1995)
- Frey, Nancy Louise. *Pilgrim Stories. On and Off the Road to Santiago*. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998)
- Jenkins, Kathleen E. *Walking the Way Together: How Families Connect on the Camino de Santiago*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021.
- Pentkovsky, Aleksei, ed. *The Pilgrim's Tale*. New York: Paulist Press, 1999.
- Turner, Victor Witter, and Edith L. B. Turner. *Image and Pilgrimage in Christian Culture: Anthropological Perspectives*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1995.
- Whalen, Brett Edward, ed. *Pilgrimage in the Middle Ages: A Reader*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2011.



Walker, Peter. "Pilgrimage in the early Church" in *Explorations in a Christian Theology of Pilgrimage*, 73-91

Webb, Diana. *Medieval European Pilgrimage*, New York: Palgrave, 2002.



Bible (excerpts!)

McConville, J. G. "Pilgrimage and 'Place': An Old Testament View," in *Explorations in a Christian Theology of Pilgrimage*, edited by Craig Bartholomew, and Fred Hughes, 17-28. Farnham: Ashgate, 2004.

Walton, Heather, "Theological Perspectives on Christian Pilgrimage," in *Christian Pilgrimage, Landscape and Heritage: Journeying to the Sacred*, edited by Avril Maddrell, Veronica della Dora, Alessandro Scafi, and Heather Walton, 22-40. New York: Routledge, 2015.

Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, "The Pilgrimage in the Great Jubilee" (April 25, 1998)

Pope John Paul II, "Bull of induction of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 *Incarnationis Mysterium*" (29 November 1998)

(Note: if you want to know what I think, you can have a look at chapter 2 of my *Pilgrim Paradigm*)



Ignatius of Loyola. *Testament* (also called *Pilgrim's Story* or *Autobiography*); e.g., Câmara, Luís Goncalves da. *A Pilgrim's Testament: the Memoirs of St. Ignatius of Loyola*. Revised Edition. Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts: Institute of Jesuit Sources at the Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies, Boston College, 2020. [or Ignatius of Loyola, "Autobiography," in *Spiritual Exercises and Selected Works* (Classics of Western Spirituality), Edited by George E. Ganss, New York: Paulist, 1991, p. 65-111] (*Note: you can use another edition. FYI, the original is in Spanish and Italian*). Make sure to read the prefaces by Nadal and Câmara, which are not included in all editions.]

Hamm, Dennis, "Rummaging for God: Praying Backwards through Your Day," in *An Ignatian Spirituality Reader*, edited by George W. Traub, 104-113. Chicago: Loyola Press, 2008.

Lonsdale, David, "Discernment of spirits," in *An Ignatian Spirituality Reader*, edited by George W. Traub, 171-191. Chicago: Loyola Press, 2008.

Suggested reading: Pentkovsky, Aleksei, ed. *The Pilgrim's Tale*. New York: Paulist Press, 1999 (excerpts)

1st paper due: March 13

Week-end retreat in New Hampshire: Friday, March 15 (afternoon) until March 17 (afternoon) [We might have some light readings, but not a class session per se]



In the event that classes cannot be held at the school (e.g., because of a snow storm), the instruction is not necessarily cancelled. Synchronistic or asynchronistic modes of learning might be used. Hence, students are to consult the Canvas site of the course and their BC email account prior to the scheduled class time for instructions regarding the learning expect t