With the recent availability of many previously unpublished exegetical sources by Jonathan Edwards, revealing him as a committed expositor of sacred writ, we are beginning to get a new and broader picture of him as a biblical theologian. This course is meant to introduce participants to this “new” Edwards. Beginning with an overview of the Christian engagement with the Bible that contextualizes Edwards generally and specifically within the Reformed Protestant tradition, and further within the heritage of New England Congregationalism, we will read and discuss primary and secondary readings relating to long and short-term trajectories and from and on Edwards’s use of Scriptures, supplemented by selections from other writings in his corpus.

**Monday: Introduction and Background**
- Scripture and commentary: Transitional moments from the Early Church to the Reformation
- Bibles and Commentaries: Some Representative Versions
- Edwards’s Use of Scripture: An Overview


**Tuesday: The Reformation and Colonial New England**
- *Locus Scriptura* in the Prolegomena of Protestant Theology
- Bibles and Commentaries in the Sixteenth & Seventeenth Centuries
- William Bradford & the Bible in “Of Plimoth Plantation” (K)
- The Bible in the New England Churches & the Congregational Way
- Cotton Mather, *Biblia Americana*


**Wednesday: Edwards the Exegete**
- Main Commentarial Repositories
- Edwards’ Bibles
- Edwards as a Biblical Theologian

Thursday: “Harmony of the Old and New Testaments”
- The “Harmonization” Tradition in Christian Thought
- Edwards & the “Harmony” Project

Selected Readings: “Letter to the Trustees,” WJE 16:725-30; excerpts from the “Harmony” notebook, “Prophecies of the Messiah,” “Fulfillment of the Prophecies of the Messiah,” “Types of the Messiah.”

Friday: From Text to Sermon
  - Discourse on Matthew 25:1-12 (1737-38)
    - Historical Context
    - Commentaries
    - Sermons


Further Reading
- Noll, Mark A. In the Beginning was the Word: The Bible in American public life, 1492-1783. Oxford Univ. Press, 2016.