

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES 1120 SEM 101

Science Meets Spirit: Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Natural Resource Management

Native peoples across the Western hemisphere use knowledge systems that differ fundamentally from those of Western science. Using traditional oral as well as written texts and contemporary writings by Native and non-Native scholars, we will examine the tensions and complementarities of these two knowledge systems. Using Iroquois knowledge systems in the northeast as a focal point, we will examine how they conceptualized their ecosystem and used it for agriculture, comparing it to resource management based on Western science. We will also explore how contemporary indigenous communities negotiate with non-Indian scientists, policy-makers, and legislators across boundaries that reflect very different ways of knowing. Through reading and writing activities, students will critically examine these issues and define their own views on what constitutes knowledge.

TR 08:40-09:55 a.m. Jane Mt.Pleasant 17057

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES 1122 SEM 101

Culture and Ecology of Native American Food Systems

How have Cherokee people used fire to increase their food sources? How have Lakota tribes sustained their food traditions following the extermination of bison? How does climate change affect the diets of Alaskan Inupiat? Using examples from across North America, this course will investigate relationships among Native American food, culture, knowledge, and ecology. We will learn about environmental stewardship and agricultural practices that ensured plants and animals for sustenance; explore the impacts of national policies on the health and culture of Native peoples; and discuss recent efforts to revitalize indigenous food systems. Readings include creation stories, narrative accounts, scientific articles, and popular writing, including works by prominent Native writers. From critical reading responses to a self-designed research paper, assignments stress forming clear, strong arguments.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Michelle Baumflek 17295

ANTHROPOLOGY 1113 SEM 101

Anthropology of War

In this course, we will investigate war and peace from the distinctive perspective of anthropology. We'll study how war is made possible and carried out through enemy demonization, soldier re-conditioning, and other actions. We compare modern industrial war with the honor codes of history, and examine selected conflicts through readings and film, such as: Rome's conquest of Europe; wars between Buddhist nations; "primitive" headhunting warfare; the US-Japan war in WWII; the Cold War's Cambodia "Sideshow," and the ongoing US remote-control "War on Terror." We will evaluate theories of human aggression and alternative "peaceful societies," and consider how anthropologists have attempted to contribute to peace and reconciliation. Student essays will compare different theories of war, and analyze specific wars as well as reconciliation efforts.

TR 08:40-09:55 a.m. Magnus Fiskesjö 17086

ANTHROPOLOGY 1119 SEM 101

Intimate Politics: Moving from the Personal to the Political

How might we understand our contemporary moment through the details of our own lives? This class examines ethnographic writing and documentary films that start with personal stories of the authors/directors and then build on these stories to tell intimate histories of contemporary political, social, and economic realities. Each of us has stories that can tell us about the historical moment in which we live. Students will learn to think and write ethnographically by learning to analyze these stories. Each week will be divided between topical discussion, research, and writing. In the last weeks of class, the students will write their own story. This self-ethnography is designed to help each student cultivate an anthropological lens on the world.

MWF 12:20-01:10 p.m. Stacey Langwick 17087

ANTHROPOLOGY 1131 SEM 101

Language, Mind, and Culture: Representation in Popular Media and Technology

How does our language affect the way we view the world? How do we use language to categorize ourselves and other cultures and peoples? How are these different identities represented in the public discourse (film, music, literature, popular culture)? How do these representations change over time? We will address these issues using an interdisciplinary approach from anthropology, linguistics, sociology, and semiotics, and discussing historical and contemporary examples from literature, music, and film that deal directly with issues of identity. Writing assignments will include responses to readings, personal narratives, creative point-of-view narratives, and critical essays.

MW 08:40-09:55 a.m. Michael Carpentier 17060 Kurt Jordan

ANTHROPOLOGY 1154 SEM 101

The Power of Narrative: History, Rumor, and Storytelling

What "counts" as history and who decides? In this seminar, we will focus not on questions of "what actually happened" but rather on "what is said to have happened" as well as how that account is communicated, to whom, in what context, and why. Why are some forms of narrative privileged over others in crafting histories? Does history have a particular claim to "truth"? We will address such questions through readings, discussions, and writing assignments that examine how power informs historical production. Readings will span theoretical analyses, ethnographies, and ancient historical texts, and will include work by Ricoeur and Foucault. Writing assignments based on ethnographic activities, visual analyses, and close readings will analyze shifts in historical discourse alongside the practices that produce histories.

MWF 11:15-12:05 p.m. Lesley Turnbull 17064 Kurt Jordan

ANTHROPOLOGY 1169 SEM 101

The Politics of Protest: Theory and Practice

Focusing on the study of protest and activism, this seminar explores the complex relationship between individuals and their society. What is the role of individuals in both maintaining and challenging their socio-political world? How do people imagine change? What might enable and motivate them to act? How can we analyze the effects of activism? We will explore these questions in relation to key political concepts such as hegemony, solidarity, and resistance, as well as through an analysis of contemporary protests. Readings will include texts by H. Arendt, F. Fanon, D. Graeber, and A. Gramsci, as well as newspaper articles and blogs. Writing assignments such as reading responses, argumentative essays, and an analytical research paper will enable students to critically examine socio-political notions and processes.

MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Adi Grabiner Keinan 17083 Kurt Jordan

ANTHROPOLOGY 1173 SEM 101

Jamaica to NYC and Japan: Subculture, Diaspora, and Global Music

How does music form subcultures? How can music help or harm its community of listeners? This seminar will address these questions and interpret the meaning of terms like hip-hop and reggae culture using the African diaspora as a broad lens through which to analyze questions of music, culture, and community development. This seminar will also consider the global sharing of music that makes it a multi-ethnic phenomenon. Readings will be across disciplines including anthropology, Caribbean studies, and ethnomusicology. Classes will be focused on discussion and on writing to help students develop the ability to transform their ideas into well-argued, well-organized, and well-written communication.

TR 08:40-09:55 a.m. Sabia McCoy-Torres 17084 Kurt Jordan

ANTHROPOLOGY 1176 SEM 101

End Times: Apocalyptic and Utopian Visions of Final Futures

While frequently dismissed as the product of crackpots and madmen, visions of apocalypse and utopia—whether religious or secular, ancient or modern—are widespread and enduring. Contemporary examples include religious rapture, technological singularity, communist paradise, global ecological collapse, and international financial ruin. How different is end-time thinking from more mundane visions of the future? How unusual is it in our supposedly rational world? How important has it been in the modern West's historical development? Through the study of primary sources, journalistic accounts, and scholarly investigations, we will explore the causes and meanings of end-time thinking and the social movements that emerge out of it. Writing assignments will include personal reflections, interpretations of pop culture, and analysis of scholarly explanations.

MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Erick White 17085 Kurt Jordan

ANTHROPOLOGY 1177 SEM 101

Urban Life, Urban Process: Cities in Comparative Perspective

We will study urban life and process cross-culturally. In this context, we will discuss the significance of cities around the world to the socio-cultural, economic, and political well-being of contemporary societies. In particular, we will examine how forces of globalization, transnational migration, illegalization, and economic restructuring produce and transform cities and city-dwellers. Drawing on a variety of studies and methodological approaches in anthropology, geography, urban studies, media studies, and literature, we will look critically at everyday making and remaking of cities in global North and global South. Writing assignments will allow students to read closely, to analyze and construct arguments, and to engage with broader theories and concepts in the social sciences and humanities.

MWF 01:25-02:15 p.m. Tina Shrestha 17088 Kurt Jordan

ANTHROPOLOGY 1178 SEM 101

Archaeology of Contact, Colonialism, & Biological Repercussions

How did the colonization of North America play out in terms of lived environments, plant and animal life, economy and labor, and people's relationships with all of these things? And how can we see these consequences archaeologically? This course focuses on anthropological approaches to the study of culture contact, colonialism, and some of the biological repercussions of these processes, centered particularly on the experiences of Native Americans and Europeans during the 16th through 18th centuries. Readings and source materials are drawn broadly from archaeology, history, anthropology, and ethnohistory—providing a variety of perspectives on the past and how it informs our present. Writing assignments will focus on critically reading and engaging with sources and enhancing students' abilities to make strong arguments.

TR 01:25-02:40 p.m. Peregrine Gerard-Little 17387 Kurt Jordan

ARCHITECTURE 1901 SEM 101

Occupying Places: The Politics and Performance of American Public Space

The Occupy Wall Street movement has brought the concept of public space to the forefront of a national conversation about capital, privilege, and American democracy. This contemporary debate will launch our discussion of the historical origins and cultural purposes of a variety of public spaces—from parks and cemeteries to parkways and sidewalks. Readings range from an architectural history of skateboarding to a geographer's consideration of national monuments; all consider spaces as agents of civic identity and community life. To complement our readings we will be making site visits to Ithaca's own Commons, parks, cemeteries, and gorges. Writing assignments will ask students to incorporate their personal use and embodied observations of these sites into their historical understanding of the politics of public space.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Josi Ward 17068 Aaron Sachs

ART HISTORY 1144 SEM 101

Envisioning the Andes: Art, Culture, and Politics

How do images intervene in the construction of Latin America's histories and present-day realities? This course investigates the social lives of images in Andean South America, which encompasses parts of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and Argentina. It looks at the role of visual culture in the shaping of Andean history from the Inca period (1438–1532) to the present day. Students will write analytical essays on textiles, paintings, photographs, and even tourist brochures to understand the dynamics of image-making and image consumption in the Andes, and to trace the interconnections of culture, power, and politics in visual representations of Andean peoples and places.

TR 02:55-04:10 p.m. Ananda Cohen Suarez 17070

ART HISTORY 1145 SEM 101

Queer Dissent in Contemporary Art

What makes a work of art "queer"? This course examines a range of contemporary artists who resist dominant modes of visual representation. Readings from theorists such as Michel Foucault and bell hooks will help us to explore key terms like sexuality, gender, desire, and heteronormativity, as well as their interaction with ideas about race, class, AIDS, and the like. By summarizing main arguments in assigned readings, locating these ideas and premises analytically in works of art and learning how to read visual culture as text, students will develop the skills to write critically about art and representation through a queer lens.

MW 08:40-09:55 a.m. Natasha Bissonauth 17076 Maria Fernandez

ART HISTORY 1146 SEM 101

Beyond the Girl in the Picture: Vietnam in Visual Culture

Vietnam has featured powerfully in the global imaginary in the last century, from French colonial nostalgia for the tropics of Indochina, to a battle of hearts and minds played out on television screens around the world, to artistic evocations of loss and reconnection from its diaspora. This course looks at the ways in which diverse representations of Vietnam have been enacted from inside and outside the country, through media ranging from art, film, photography, and literature. Visual and textual analyses will inform discussions of how a particular country has at certain historical moments been used as a metaphor for social, cultural, and political phenomena. Assignments will not only involve interpretative analysis and critical argumentation, but will also encourage an aptitude for different styles of writing.

TR 08:40-09:55 a.m. Pamela Corey 17079 Maria Fernandez

ASIAN STUDIES 1102 SEM 101

Religion and Sustainability

This course explores the current environmental crisis from the view that religious cosmologies and ideologies play a role in the decisions that both foster and inhibit transitions to sustainable living. We examine cases from major religious traditions of the world, including Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and indigenous traditions to see how religious ideas form or restrict an ethic for a sustainable future. We will look at cases from agriculture, city planning, community organization, and burial practices. We also explore current intellectual movements and writers who address our theme. This course will include current films, field trips, and guest speakers to inspire writing in a number of different genres.

TR 08:40-09:55 a.m. Jane Marie Law 17078

ASIAN STUDIES 1106 SEM 101

The Great Epic of India

The great Sanskrit epic, *Mahabharata*, is one of the principal monuments of world literature. This vast, enthralling, and powerful tale of intra-familial war and world-historical decline (of which the famous *Bhagavad Gita* forms but a small part) transformed the religious and literary consciousness of India, and exercised a broad impact throughout South and Southeast Asia. This course will introduce students to this remarkable text and the literary tradition it inaugurated, through selected readings from the epic itself, along with samples of later renditions of its story (including contemporary theatrical, TV, and comic book versions).

MWF 11:15-12:05 p.m. Lawrence McCrea 17077

ASIAN STUDIES 1114 SEM 101

Buddhist Meditation Masters

"Do good, avoid evil, and purify the mind,"—so goes one of the central teachings of the Buddha. This course will explore what the Buddha meant with these words as well as examine the lives of people who have put this teaching into practice. Looking at biographies, meditation accounts, and ethnographic studies of selected Buddhist monks, nuns, hermits, and laypeople, this course will introduce students to some of the basic doctrines, institutions, and practices of different Buddhist traditions. Students will also be exposed to various styles and methods of writing about religious figures and experiences. Examples of readings include accounts of forest monks of Thailand, Tibetan hermits from the Himalayas, meditation manuals from Burma, and primary Buddhist texts. Assignments will help students in learning how to produce clear, academic prose as well as giving them the opportunity to write opinion articles, creative writing pieces, and more.

MWF 01:25-02:15 p.m. Thomas Patton 17074 Anne Blackburn

AFRICANA STUDIES AND RESEARCH CENTER 1813 SEM 101

Pan-African Freedom Fighters in Their Own Words

This seminar will examine autobiographical writings and advocacy statements and speeches by selected freedom fighters from Black America, Africa, and the Caribbean. Through written and oral communication, students will explore the ideas, values, activities, and impact of individuals such as W. E. B. DuBois, Marcus Garvey, Amy Jacques Garvey, Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, African American women in the Civil Rights Movement (including Ella Baker, Septima Clark, Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, Angela Davis), Nelson Mandela, African women in the South African Anti-Apartheid Struggle (including Winnie Mandela, Ruth Mompati, Mavivi Manzini, Albertina Sisulu), and Bob Marley. Video and film presentations will augment reading, discussion, and writing assignments.

TR 02:55-04:10 p.m. Locksley Edmondson 17075

AFRICANA STUDIES AND RESEARCH CENTER 1816 SEM 101

Black Life Writing: Zora Neale Hurston

An examination of selected works by Zora Neale Hurston which allows students to study this writer and simultaneously address issues of self-invention, creativity, the imagination, and the writing of and about black lives. Framed within the genre of life writing, the course will pay attention to how Hurston experienced and represented life as an African American woman living and travelling in the U.S. South, the North during the Harlem Renaissance, and in the African Diaspora. We will read and respond to a selection of works by and on Hurston in different genres—the essay, short story, folk tale, film, the novel, autobiography). We will explore various approaches to writing and responding to literature. Students will develop writing skills in critical areas that will be transferrable to other courses in their academic and professional careers.

TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Carole Boyce Davies 17059

FALL 2013 FIRST-YEAR WRITING SEMINARS

ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY 1640 SEM 101

Cooperative Breeding: It's not Just for the Birds

Ever wonder why menopause exists? Or what a honeybee really gets out of living with all those other bees? We will explore these and other puzzles of how and why creatures both great and small (and even humans!) raise their young in extended families. We will read scientific articles, beginning with Darwin himself, and learn to translate scientific prose into everyday writings your grandmother would understand and enjoy. We will also practice more academic forms of writing by crafting a grant proposal and a scientific article based on your own research.

TR 01:25-02:40 p.m. Esther Cline 17080 Irby Lovette

ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY 1640 SEM 102

On the Origins and Future of Biodiversity

Over the last three and a half billion years, our planet has witnessed the evolution of millions of species. From the giant Blue Whale to the diminutive House Mouse, each species tells a unique evolutionary tale; these stories are shaped by the shifting of the Earth's continents, dramatic glaciation events, and the myriad of organisms that share their habitat. This course will simultaneously develop students' writing skills and a greater understanding of Earth's biodiversity through critical readings of both scientific literature and popular media, including scientific blogs such as Carl Zimmer's *The Loom*. Writing exercises will first guide students in effective communication of scientific data, results, and hypotheses. As the semester progresses, students will be allowed to pursue their personal interests in plant and animal diversity by writing and peer-reviewing essays focused on the patterns and processes underlying Earth's biodiversity.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Nick Mason 17081 Irby Lovette

NEUROBIOLOGY & BEHAVIOR 1220 SEM 101

Flock and Awe: Extreme Ornithology

In this course, you will learn about some of the extreme attributes and behaviors exhibited by a wide variety of avian species. How can the tiny Arctic Tern migrate 44,000 miles in a year? How does the male Great Bowerbird use optical illusions to trick females into mating? Why did the Muscovy Duck evolve a 20cm long corkscrewing penis when most bird species have no penis at all? By examining multimedia accounts and scientific papers, we will seek answers to these questions. You will incorporate previous research with evolutionary and ecological theory to develop your own hypotheses to explain these bizarre traits. You will participate in the review process by critiquing previously published papers as well as those of your peers. Finally, you will develop your own research ideas in an attempt to explain any example of extreme ornithology that interests you. Through all of these assignments, you will develop and sharpen your science writing skills.

TR 02:55-04:10 p.m. Dan Baldassarre 17261 Mike Webster

CLASSICS 1531 SEM 101

Greek Myth

The course will focus on the stories about the gods and heroes of the Greeks as they appear in the works of ancient Greek literature. We will read a selection from Greek authors, inquiring into the relationship between myths and cultural, religious, and political realities of the society in which they were shaped and perpetuated. Alongside the primary texts, we will read a number of recent scholarly works on the subject. We will start by discussing myths in general terms (theories, basic concepts) and will proceed toward the analysis of individual stories and cycles. This fascinating material will serve as a vehicle for improving students' written communication skills. Assignments will include preparatory writing and six essays focusing on our readings and discussions in class.

MW 08:40-09:55 a.m. Goran Vidovic 17061 Michael Fontaine

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MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Catherine Kearns 17062 Michael Fontaine

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TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Samuel Kurland 17063 Michael Fontaine

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE 1109 SEM 101

Writing Across Cultures: Reading Poetry

Poems are puzzles, and in this class we'll figure them out by writing about them. We'll read short poems by Heine, Hardy, Housman, Emerson, Frost, Lermontov, and Akhmatova, among others (all reading is in English). Beginning with sketches and journal entries and proceeding to analytical essays, we'll learn how to answer the key question "What is this poem about?..." and how to explain our conclusions to other readers. The language of poetry may be distinguished from everyday language, but the skills needed for understanding and writing about poetry are broadly useful, for academic and for more practical purposes.

MWF 01:25-02:15 p.m. Nancy Pollak 17089

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE 1109 SEM 103

Writing Across Cultures: Crimes of Writing in the Americas

In this course, we will examine scenes throughout the Americas where the act of writing appears to transgress the law, as well as novels and stories in the noir genre that take crime as their subject matter. Towards the end of the semester we will turn to the case of copyright and the Internet's role in recent debates about writing and human rights in Cuba. Students will hone their writing skills and reflect on the process of composition by asking: What constitutes a "criminal" act of writing? When and how does plagiarism become literature? What is the relationship between writing and property? How does writing's legal and aesthetic status change as it moves away from paper and out into the street or onto the web?

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Thomas McEnaney 17091

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE 1109 SEM 104

Writing Across Cultures: Captives—Slavery across Time, Space, and Social Contexts

Most people are aware of the Christian European slave trade across the Atlantic, but how many know that perhaps 1.5 million Europeans and Americans were enslaved in Islamic North Africa between 1530 and 1780, or that the people of an entire town in Ireland were carried off by "corsair" raiders in a single night? This course considers how human bondage has been institutionalized across chronological, geo-political, and even religious borders. From accounts of the labor-intensive horrors of the middle passage to the ransom farming and hostage trading activities of the Barbary pirates, students will examine slavery in a comparative context in order to better understand its role in shaping societies and cultural practices while refining their writing and critical thinking abilities. Students will be asked to interrogate and write about slavery using various models through contact with academic journalistic and other models of writing.

MW 07:30-08:45 p.m. Ryan Dreher 17092 Tom McEnaney

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE 1109 SEM 105

Writing Across Cultures: Primitive Passions

Our lives are dominated by technology, and yet we remain attracted by civilization's others. Savage cannibals, mysterious shamans, indigenous tribes in syntony with nature—these and other avatars of the primitive have never ceased to inspire Western culture. In this course, we will work on texts, films, and other visual representations from different cultural contexts that trigger our "primitive passions," ranging from Cameron's to Conrad's, from Vargas Llosa's to Penn's. We will analyze how texts and films construct the trope of the primitive as well as hone our ability to develop and communicate our ideas effectively in writing through a variety of exercises and assignments.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Andrea Bachner 17869

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE 1126 SEM 101

Comparative Arts: Sound, Sound Art, and Social Relations

This course will be cheap, enjoyable, and demanding. We will address these questions, among others: How does sound affect social relations? How can we use language to register an awareness of sound and silence? What is the quietest religion? How have the police and the military (mis)used sound as a weapon? What use has medicine made of sound? What part has sound played in installation art? Has music been made so thoroughly into a commodity that it cannot serve emancipatory ends? What is your favorite bird call? We will try to visit several sonically-significant local sites: the Bioacoustics Research Program at Sapsucker Woods; various musicians' studios; a Cornell dining hall; Taughannock Falls; the Johnson Museum of Art; a factory, and others suggested by students. From first to last, the course will be a series of exercises in thinking about writing, evaluating writing, and learning to write well. The sonic aspects of language will play a significant part in learning to write better and to judge writing.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Barry Maxwell 17069

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE 1133 SEM 101

Studies in Literary Theory: Ghostly Manifestations

In *Specters of Marx*, Derrida says that the "scholar" should learn to live "by learning not how to make conversations with ghosts but how to talk with him, with her, how to let them speak, how to give them back their speech." In this course, we will address the ghosts inhabiting a variety of film and literary texts, including *Hamlet*, Henry James' *The Turn of the Screw*, its cinematic adaptation, *The Innocents* (1961), Tsai Ming Liang's *Goodbye Dragon Inn*, and August Strindberg's *The Ghost Sonata*. What roles do the spectral presences play in the style, tone, and themes of these texts? How is hauntedness related to memory, nostalgia, loss, mourning, and melancholia? Through the different genres and media studied, students will be exposed to a variety of writing styles and taught to analyze how the stylistic effects of the texts are created. In writing about the texts, students will be encouraged to not only write coherent and cogent essays but also to develop a sense of personal style and tone that will add to the vibrancy and personality of their writing.

MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Elizabeth Wijaya 17066 Tom McEnaney

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE 1133 SEM 102

Studies in Literary Theory: No Future—Poetry and Politics in the Twenty-First Century

This course will explore the increasing popularity of a politics of nihilism and destruction in the realm of political resistance today, one that is opposed to more traditional forms of politics that are based on optimistic narratives of progress and development. Readings and discussions will primarily take up questions surrounding technology and the natural world, dealing with phenomena such as ecological collapse, riots, and anarcho-primitivism alongside literary works, with an emphasis on poetry. Authors may include Thoreau, Nietzsche, Chomsky, Marx, Frost, Lorde, Le Guin. Assignments will emphasize close reading and formulating strong arguments.

TR 01:25-02:40 p.m. Tatiana Sverjensky 17067 Tom McEnaney

FALL 2013 FIRST-YEAR WRITING SEMINARS

CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING 1109 SEM 101

Storytelling the City: Multidisciplinary Perspectives

This course examines the intersections between urban studies and storytelling, with a focus on sustainable urban planning and development for the twenty-first century. It is based on the premise that within complex, diverse urban environments, countless experiences of the city exist—and how we represent those experiences matters. Related are questions about power: whose stories are privileged? Whose are ignored? Understanding the politics of urban storytelling is a prerequisite for transforming it into a just and sustainable place for its inhabitants. Themes covered include housing, economic development, transportation, public space, arts, and culture; authors include James Baldwin, Piri Thomas, and Jane Jacobs. Students will critically and collaboratively relate their own urban experiences to others' through discussion, writing, place-based storytelling exercises, and a final research/creative project.

MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Courtney Knapp 17071 John Forester

CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING 1109 SEM 102

Inequality: Causes and Consequences

Politicians, policymakers, and pundits all debate economic inequality. The Occupy Movement took to the streets to fight it. But virtually every question about inequality—both in the United States and the world—is contested. How large is inequality? Is it growing or shrinking? Where did it come from? Perhaps most importantly, how big of a problem is it really? Economists have long believed that moderate levels of inequality are beneficial, because it gives people the motivation to improve themselves. More recent data, however, suggests that national and global levels of inequality are deeply troubling, and might undermine social and political institutions. We will learn how to write powerful, clear, and well-reasoned prose as a way of examining these questions, through such genres as editorials, cost-benefit analyses, and policy statements.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Michael Manville 17072

CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING 1109 SEM 103

American Cities in the Global Economy: Market, People, Place

Why do cities like New York continue to thrive during a recession? Was the auto industry bailout really a bailout of the Detroit metropolitan area? Using cities as a lens, we'll examine the global economy and how it helps shape the way we live today. Drawing on readings from both the popular press and the academy, we will investigate a range of places and industries: from international manufacturers and regional home builders to chain stores and investment banks; from small, single-industry towns to large, urban regions. In class and through written assignments, you will learn to analyze, explain, and debate the economic geography of U.S. cities, all the while learning the writing skills you'll need at Cornell and in the wider world.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Peter Wissoker 17073 John Forester

DEVELOPMENT SOCIOLOGY 1209 SEM 101

Exploring the Intersections of Nature and Society in the Modern Age

Today, modernity and environment entwine in our popular consciousness in several forms: doomsday scenarios, debates over industrial vs. organic agriculture, "going green" and e-everything, with the "e" implying detachment from the physical (and sometimes social) world. Using the lenses of political ecology and environmental sociology, this course explores the cultural, political, and ecological intersections of modernity and environment, from nature conservation to e-waste, as well as the ways in which our understandings of nature affect our relationships to the environment, to each other, and to our modern world. We will draw on popular and academic media, and students will explore topics of interest through independent research and writing projects.

TR 08:40-09:55 a.m. Daniel Ahlquist 17098 Lindy Williams

DEVELOPMENT SOCIOLOGY 1210 SEM 101

Follow the "Thing": Stories of Stuff in the Global Economy

We live in an interconnected global economy, yet the links between production, consumption, and waste are sometimes obscure. This course offers students an opportunity to reflect on where and how "things" are made and consumed, and provides tools to construct compelling narratives about social problems in the global economy. Students will use basic commodity chain analysis to organize thoughts about actors, processes, spatial dimensions, and social issues relating to the production and consumption of a particular "thing." The course will introduce prominent authors of globalization and commodity chain analysis and, through written assignments, students will relate their commodity of choice to topics such as labor, global governance, inequality, and the environment.

MW 02:55-04:10 p.m. Olajumoke Warritay 17099 Fouad Makki

ENGLISH 1105 SEM 101

Writing and Sexual Politics: Female Monsters and Monstrous Females

Marilyn Monroe once suggested, "Well-behaved women rarely make history." But how should we define "well-behaved"? And for those women who do misbehave, when does impropriety become obscene or unnatural? Grendel's mother, Eve, Morgan le Fay—these are examples of misbehaving women who disrupt traditional gender divisions, and whose bodies are subsequently marked as grotesque or inhuman. This course will explore the intersection of misbehavior and female monstrosity by investigating the roles that women—bestial or supernatural, subhuman or all too human—play within literature. Our readings may include Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, *Beowulf*, *Paradise Lost*, and *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. Through blackboard responses, lively discussions, and multi-draft essays, we will develop and refine personal writing styles while simultaneously cultivating critical thinking and close reading skills.

MW 08:40-09:55 a.m. Kaylin Myers 17100 Jane Juffer

ENGLISH 1105 SEM 102

Writing and Sexual Politics: Chick Lit

What are the implications of calling something "chick lit"? What does this label imply about the work's authorship, readership, subject matter, even its quality? This course will explore the categories of "chick lit" and "women's fiction" in texts from a variety of periods and genres, looking at how different writers have explained—and challenged—the notion that gender shapes our experiences and perspectives. We will also read critical work about the social conditions facing women writers and theories of writing and the body. Readings may include works by Margery Kempe, Jane Austen, Virginia Woolf, Edwidge Danticat, Alice Munro, and Helen Fielding. Writing assignments will build on in-class discussion and analysis and will include informal responses and book reviews, as well as multi-draft argumentative essays.

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MW 08:40-09:55 a.m. Emily Rials 17101 Jane Juffer

ENGLISH 1105 SEM 103

Writing and Sexual Politics: Madwomen

Why do we love the spectacles of profoundly talented and tragic women such as Amy Winehouse, Sylvia Plath, and Virginia Woolf? Sandra Gilbert and Susan Gubar wrote about the figure of the “madwoman in the attic” in nineteenth-century literature; in this course, we will look forward from there toward more contemporary figures. Course texts will include Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein*, Virginia Woolf’s *To the Lighthouse*, and poems from Emily Dickinson, Sylvia Plath, and Anne Sexton. Students will also have an opportunity to write research papers on “madwomen” of other mediums, such as pop music and visual art. Students will be expected to invest in their growth as writers through intensive revision and thoughtfully participating in peer-review processes.

MW 02:55-04:10 p.m. Stevie Edwards 17102 Jane Juffer

ENGLISH 1105 SEM 104

Writing and Sexual Politics: Gender and Native America

This course will explore the role that gender has played in the colonization of American Indians. We will compare the classifications of gender and sexual identity in the Western tradition—such as masculinity, femininity, hetero-, homo-, and bisexuality—with traditional and contemporary American Indian texts. Though we often think of those classifications as universal, we will find that they are relatively insignificant within indigenous systems of knowledge. How, then, did European ideas about gender and sexuality factor into the colonization and genocide of Native Americans? And what alternative ways of thinking can we find in indigenous knowledge? We will practice critical thinking skills by analyzing and writing about the portrayal of gender and sexual identities in the media and in Native American texts.

TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Lena Krian 17103 Jane Juffer

ENGLISH 1105 SEM 105

Writing and Sexual Politics: The Figure of the Witch

Magic, pointy hats, broomsticks, and black cats: simply a few images people think of when they hear the word witch. Literature, film, and culture are all replete with these images. And even in our modern era, witchcraft continues to keep us spellbound. By closely examining the figure of the witch in various contexts, times, and cultures, we will ask what we can learn about our own cultural norms, politics, history, and identities by critically studying witches and witchcraft. We will pay special attention to what witchcraft reveals about the intersections of fiction, religion, politics, and gender. In our readings, class discussions, and your own research, you will work through a cumulative set of writing assignments over the semester, finishing with an extended research project.

TR 02:55-04:10 p.m. Brant Torres 17104 Jane Juffer

ENGLISH 1105 SEM 106

Writing and Sexual Politics: Medical Mysteries

In this course, we will follow in the footsteps of English doctors, medical students, and patients who sought new understandings of the body in the early modern period. How did they understand such topics as anatomy, childbirth, sexual practices, and mental illness? Keeping in mind the circumstances that made this knowledge possible—for instance, that new anatomical knowledge from dissection was connected to a rise in grave-robbing and that new laws exploiting the poor provided a legal source of cadavers—we will explore the threat and the promise of medical science in this period. We will focus on writing about primary sources, using visual as well as textual materials, and applying what we learn from history to present-day medical thought.

MWF 11:15-12:05 p.m. Claire Whitenack 17105 Jane Juffer

ENGLISH 1111 SEM 101

Writing Across Cultures: Tools for Time Travel

Time travel can make trouble: characters get caught in paradoxes, and story-lines get impossibly tangled. But time travel plots remain popular, and experiments with time turn up as often in realist stories as in science-fictional ones. In this course, we will investigate the tools that narrators use to move their readers through time. We will treat those tools and the time-scapes that they generate as analogues for the tools and argument structures in our own academic writing. By the end of the course, students will have the vocabulary and training to describe writing with precision and will have written both formal and experimental essays with the purpose of developing control over their prose.

MWF 08:00-08:50 a.m. Ezra Feldman 17093 Ella Diaz Mukoma Wa Ngugi

ENGLISH 1111 SEM 102

Writing Across Cultures: Afro-Latina Writing and Identity

In this course, we will focus on three strategies of story telling—testimonio, magical realism, and the carnivalesque—central to African-American and Afro-Latina art and writing. What do these three modes tell us about the nature of experience and how have they been used to re-imagine both the female body and the work of art? As we consider this body of contemporary, interdisciplinary texts that exemplify African-American and Afro-Latina identity, we will also pay attention to how tropes such as the supernatural, the body, metaphor, and memory are expressed in each individual work. Students will have the opportunity to advance their own essay writing skills and to document their growth through an array of preparatory writing assignments.

MWF 11:15-12:05 p.m. Nancy Quintanilla 17094 Ella Diaz Mukoma Wa Ngugi

ENGLISH 1111 SEM 103

Writing Across Cultures: Medieval Saints and Modern Vampires

The cult of saints needs fresh blood to survive, as do vampires from *True Blood* to *Twilight*. Beyond the centrality of blood, what other common elements of saints and vampires exist? In this course, we will examine medieval saints’ lives alongside very contemporary vampire fiction, viewing these texts together with respect to race, sexuality, and gender. Investigating the similarities and differences between such apparently different figures such as Saint Mary of Egypt and Sookie Stackhouse, we will read vampires in literature from Dracula to Edward and Bella, alongside saints from Jacobus de Voraigne’s *Golden Legend*. In writing exercises that range from short in-class responses to longer research papers, we will compare and contrast these legendary figures and improve our writing style, grammar, and mechanics.

FALL 2013 FIRST-YEAR WRITING SEMINARS

MWF 12:20-01:10 p.m. William Youngman 17095 Ella Diaz Mukoma Wa Ngugi

ENGLISH 1111 SEM 104

Writing Across Cultures: Border Stories

In this seminar, we will read literature that takes the US-Mexico border as its setting and its central concern. We will review the border's history and politics, analyze its cultural significance, and investigate when it can and cannot be crossed. We will also explore how the border calls into question deep-rooted assumptions about identity and narrative. Possible readings include Ana Castillo's *The Guardians* and Sandra Cisneros's *Woman Hollering Creek*. Writing assignments will be varied and challenging, calling for creative, analytical, and personal responses both to our readings and to the border.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Nicolette Lee 17096 Ella Diaz Mukoma Wa Ngugi

ENGLISH 1111 SEM 105

Writing Across Cultures: Animated Fantasias

In this class, we will analyze animated films and read a variety of texts including poetry, fiction, and critical writings that focus on imagined worlds, or fantasias, so to speak. We will examine these texts and films in the context of gender, race, history, empire, and ecology. Films will include works by Hayao Miyazaki and Satoshi Kon, two masters of "animated fantasias," and segments of series such as *Samurai Champloo* and *Samurai X*. Books will include *Engine Empire* by Cathy Park Hong, *Norwegian Wood* by Haruki Murakami, *Monstress* by Lysley Tenorio, and works by other Asian authors. Students will draft and revise critical essays devoted to analyzing the films and literature.

TR 02:55-04:10 p.m. Sally Mao 17097 Ella Diaz Mukoma Wa Ngugi

ENGLISH 1127 SEM 101

Shakespeare from Stage to Screen

Shakespeare has been more popular than any other dramatist—or screenwriter—for more than four hundred years. He is the most quoted poet in the English language, and his dramatic works are the most frequently performed and filmed. What accounts for this enduring appeal? What about the plays has made them at once so permanent and so adaptable? This class will give students the opportunity to work closely with a few of Shakespeare's plays: a total of four or five over the course of the semester. We will look to the playtexts themselves as material and inspiration for the extensive writing we will do. But we will also consult films and performances, even trying out some performance in the classroom.

MW 07:30-08:45 p.m. Kenneth Yuen 17119 Barbara Correll

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MWF 01:25-02:15 p.m. Matthew Ritger 17120 Barbara Correll

ENGLISH 1134 SEM 101

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MW 07:30-08:45 p.m. Aricka Foreman 17121 John Lennon

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MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Esmerelda Arrizon-Palomera 17122 John Lennon

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ENGLISH 1134 SEM 103

True Stories: Dear Diary

Do you have a diary? Are diaries always meant to be private, or do we sometimes assume that someone else is reading? In this course, we will read several diaries that were written as private reflection, as fictional autobiography, and as public memoir. We will explore each for common themes, such as the diary as a confessional space. We will also examine common diary-writing strategies, like the self-reflexive or informal tone. We will ask how the diary is different than the autobiography. We will also explore how and why diaries become important sources of historical information, such as *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank. Authors include Harriet Jacobs, Benjamin Franklin, Sherman Alexie, and Leslie Arfin.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Ella Diaz 17123

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TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Daniel Pena 17124 John Lennon

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TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Kimberly Williams 17125 John Lennon

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TR 02:55-04:10 p.m. Aisha Gawad 17126 Lennon

ENGLISH 1147 SEM 101

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MWF 08:00-08:50 a.m. Amber Harding 17107 Stuart Davis

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MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Valer Popa 17108 Stuart Davis

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MWF 11:15-12:05 p.m. Jane Glaubman 17110 Stuart Davis

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TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Stuart Davis 17111

ENGLISH 1158 SEM 102

American Voices: Paranoid Fictions

This course will explore the psychology of paranoia, as well as its history in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, through novels, short stories, film, television, and other media. Potential works include Freud's *The Schreber Case*, Roman Polanski's *The Tenant*, selections from Kafka and Borges, Thomas Pynchon's *The Crying of Lot 49*, Paul Auster's *City of Glass*, *The Manchurian Candidate* (1962), episodes of *The Twilight Zone*, and various pieces of wartime propaganda. Using these texts, we will investigate and write critically on patterns of suspicion, the problem of "knowing," and anxieties about the disintegration of the self as they appear as phenomena in recent literary history.

MWF 11:15-12:05 p.m. Nicholas Friedman 17136 Dagmawi Woubshet

ENGLISH 1158 SEM 103

American Voices: Love and Crime

Love and death, sex and violence—these seemingly contradictory impulses have been the subject of artistic creation for hundreds of years. But contemporary writers have combined the two directly, and while the result is often entertaining, it may also be illuminating. In this class, we'll ask what these texts say about the intersection of competing human desires, and learn to use literary analysis to craft persuasive written arguments. Texts range from classic noir (Cain's *The Postman Always Rings Twice*) to modern pulp (Denis Johnson's *Nobody Move*). Films move from vintage thriller (*Bonnie and Clyde*) to contemporary caper (Steven Soderbergh's *Out of Sight*). Writing assignments will include critical essays, reviews, and some creative work.

MWF 12:20-01:10 p.m. Christopher Drangle 17137 Dagmawi Woubshet

ENGLISH 1158 SEM 104

American Voices: Performing America

From the drama between brothers in Sam Sheppard's *True West* to the family stories in Helena Maria Viramontes' *Under the Feet of Jesus*, characters try to understand themselves through conflicts with their families and their sense of place. To express identity through geography, class, race, sexuality, and gender preoccupies many authors. In this class, we will read attentively, write carefully, and think as clearly as we can about such issues as how to locate a sense of self in the U.S. Authors will include Rebecca Harding Davis, Mark Twain, Stephen Crane, Toni Morrison, and Helena Maria Viramontes. Weekly writing assignments.

MWF 01:25-02:15 p.m. Shirley Samuels 17138

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ENGLISH 1158 SEM 105

American Voices: Southern Literature

This course surveys Southern American literature from its popular roots in the nineteenth century to present-day examples of the genre. Determining just what constitutes southern literature as a genre—besides obvious geographic demarcations—will be a central topic of the class. Likewise, we will ask how southern literature differs from other regional genres, and to what extent the south's unique, and uniquely troubled, history and culture has affected and shaped its literature. Writers to be studied will include Mark Twain, William Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor, Barry Hannah, and Cormac McCarthy. Classroom analysis of these authors' texts, and discussion of related topics and themes, will provide the basis for writing several academic essays of increasing complexity.

MWF 01:25-02:15 p.m. Adam Price 17139 Dagmawi Woubshet

ENGLISH 1158 SEM 106

American Voices: A Place Called Home

How does place shape our identity? What do our ideas of "homeland" tell us about our relationships with one another and with our environment? This course will consider the concept of home largely as it relates to the natural world. We will examine how home is portrayed in literature, particularly when our homelands have been lost or rediscovered, through essay, memoir, fiction, and perhaps poetry. Writers may include, but are not limited to, Willa Cather, Scott Russell Sanders, Janisse Ray, John Steinbeck, Wendell Berry, and Anne LaBastille. We will refine our writing skills through critical writing that analyzes the texts, and gain an understanding of our own connections to home through personal essays about our native places and our home at Cornell.

MWF 02:30-03:20 p.m. Caroline Zeilenga 17140 Dagmawi Woubshet

ENGLISH 1158 SEM 107

American Voices: Apocalypse since 1945

From Christian visions of the rapture to worries about climate change, from race riots to the AIDS epidemic to the bomb, Americans are compelled by fantasies of the end of the world. This course pauses to ask: why are Americans eager to project their anxieties into apocalyptic scenarios? How are national questions about race, class, gender, and sexuality (among others) addressed in apocalyptic fantasies? To explore these questions, we will read a broad spectrum of late-twentieth-century apocalyptic texts by such writers as James Baldwin, Malcolm X, Tony Kushner, Hal Lindsey, Cormac McCarthy, and watch the film *Dr. Strangelove*. Writing assignments will encourage intellectual engagement with the texts through close reading, essayistic analysis, and, perhaps, parody.

TR 08:40-09:55 a.m. Daniel Sinykin 17141 Dag Woubshet

ENGLISH 1158 SEM 108

American Voices: Tales from the Hood

We all think we know what the "hood" or the "ghetto" is. We even use these words in our daily vernacular: "That's so ghetto," or "She's so hood." But what is the contemporary American ghetto really? And how did it become what it is today? By examining a variety of political texts, we'll compare theories on the origins of today's American ghettos and the material conditions that created them. We'll also analyze literature—novels, poems, memoirs, as well as film—that re-creates the "hood" through language. We'll read the memoir of a former Los Angeles gangster and poems by a former rapper and corner boy. Students will develop their own analyses of the portrayal of the contemporary American ghetto through the writing of persuasive essays.

TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Aisha Gawad 17142 Dag Woubshet

ENGLISH 1158 SEM 109

American Voices: Protest Literature

In this course, we will address the rich tradition of written protest in American history, beginning with the American Revolution and concluding with the dissent texts of the modern civil rights movements of the twenty-first century. We will examine each text in its particular historical context. But we will also be comparing the rhetorical, artistic, and social aspects of these works. Class discussions and writing assignments will be based on textual analysis, close reading, and supplemental scholarly articles. Authors may include Thomas Paine, Frederick Douglass, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Allen Ginsberg, Martin Luther King, Jr., Gloria Steinem, Harvey Milk, and Michael Moore.

TR 01:25-02:40 p.m. Danielle Morgan 17143 Dag Woubshet

ENGLISH 1158 SEM 110

American Voices: Melting Pots

In 1792 Hector St John de Crevecoeur asked, "What then is the American, this new man?" And the question is still relevant today. Looking at texts from the eighteenth century to the present, we will focus on the idea of the American melting pot and examine how authors deal with the mixing of classes, races, sexual expressions, and languages. The first part of the course explores first-contact through the late nineteenth century, and the later part starts with the nineteenth century and moves through contemporary texts. We will use the *Norton Anthology of American Literature* along with a few other texts. The semester will culminate in an original research paper, with guidance from myself, as well as sessions in the library.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Brant Torres 17144 Dag Woubshet

ENGLISH 1158 SEM 111

American Voices: Beyond *The Hunger Games*

This seminar explores the trials of characters from the margins of society: orphans, unexpected heroes, and con artists. We will read selected works of fiction, from the notorious early nineteenth-century *The Female Marine* to the recent bestseller *The Hunger Games*, that have captivated the imaginations of readers from different generations in the US and abroad. Some of the key issues we will discuss in the seminar include wealth and poverty, race, gender, and sexuality. With the help of secondary literature and a selection of films that we'll study alongside the readings, we'll be learning how to become more attentive readers and better writers. Discussions and writing assignments will supplement each other, giving you the opportunity to learn about style, argumentation, and research.

MWF 11:15-12:05 p.m. Kamila Janiszewska 17145 Dag Woubshet

FALL 2013 FIRST-YEAR WRITING SEMINARS

ENGLISH 1167 SEM 101

Great New Books

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MW 07:30-08:45 p.m. Emily Oliver 17112 Charlie Green

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MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Charlie Green 17114 Charlie Green

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MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Isabelle Gilbert 17115 Charlie Green

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MWF 12:20-01:10 p.m. Charlie Green 17117

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TR 08:40-09:55 a.m. Hajara Quinn 17118 Charlie Green

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ENGLISH 1168 SEM 101

Cultural Studies: Imagining the Law

How does the citizen imagine the law, and how might fiction help us think about what the law is, what it could be, or what it should be? These questions will be in the foreground of our seminar, as we explore legal decisions, essays, and works of fiction that offer a deeper understanding of the complex, imaginative relationship between the law, the individual, and the state. Writing instruction will incorporate legal thinking and literary strategies for analyzing texts, creating interesting claims, constructing coherent arguments, and building a strong body of research. Authors and texts may include Thomas More, Michel de Montaigne, Franz Kafka, James Baldwin, Margaret Atwood, Kazuo Ishiguro, the U.S. Constitution, selected court cases, Akira Kurosawa's *Rashomon*, *Dexter*, *Newsroom*, and *Deadwood*.

MWF 11:15-12:05 p.m. Michaela Brangan 17146 Satya Mohanty

ENGLISH 1168 SEM 102

Cultural Studies: The Not So Innocent Tale

Fairy tales and children's books that appear innocent can hide disturbing depths. In this course, we will look at children's fairy tales through adult eyes, analyzing these tales through various critical lenses in order to understand their nuances. We've grown up with fairy tales, but we might not be aware of how they have affected us: what assumptions and values do they favor? How are newer adaptations reflective of our place and time? What happens when we compare these adaptations to older versions? We will read the original, darker fairy tales, and revisit their adaptations. To write critically is to think critically; this course will focus on developing these critical skills with a special focus on precision of language and persuasive argument.

MWF 12:20-01:10 p.m. Mandy Gutmann 17147 Satya Mohanty

ENGLISH 1168 SEM 103

Cultural Studies: The Western

This course will explore the myth of the American west—in literature, public discourse, dime novels, art, film, TV, and even video games—in order to understand the pervasive influence of the Western as a genre in American popular and political culture. We will compare representations of the West with historical and other narratives of the settling of the west. And we will also consider contemporary examples of the Western genre. Students will be introduced to the techniques of close reading and analytical writing through the examination of formal, narrative, and thematic elements of the genre, including the cowboy/hero, representations of American Indians, landscape and the frontier, and the doctrine of manifest destiny.

TR 08:40-09:55 a.m. Lauren Harmon 17148 Satya Mohanty

ENGLISH 1168 SEM 104

Cultural Studies: Martial Arts Discipline and Punishment

Bruce Lee, Jackie Chan, Jet Li, and other martial arts actors portray characters who are physically and spiritually disciplined, but how do their films discipline us as an audience and create in us a social, cultural, and political subject that is just as finely-tuned? This seminar uses the action cinema of Hong Kong as an occasion to think and write about philosophical questions of power, violence, individuality and community, race, gender, and sexuality, law and history. Films will include Lau Kar-Leung's *36th Chamber of Shaolin*, Gordon Chan's *Fist of Legend*, and Chang Cheh's *Five Deadly Venoms*, among others; we will also consider the *Street Fighter* game series and a selection of theoretical texts as we work to develop critical thought and writing skills.

TR 01:25-02:40 p.m. Matthew Bucemi 17149 Satya Mohanty

ENGLISH 1168 SEM 105

Cultural Studies: When Word Meets Image

Think that graphic novels are not serious literature? Think again. Some of the most compelling books being written today are graphic novels and memoirs. In this class, we'll examine the interplay of text and image. We'll observe how the visual arts—painting, photography, film—and the language arts—poetry, fiction, memoir—can inform and generate each other. The artistic fusion of image and word, in a society saturated with the inartistic use of them, enlarges our understanding of how thought and feeling can be expressed on the page. We'll read, discuss, and write critical essays about some of the most acclaimed contemporary books. Our readings will feature graphic literature along with non-graphic novels and poetry collections.

TR 02:55-04:10 p.m. Alexander Chertok 17150 Satya Mohanty

ENGLISH 1168 SEM 106

Cultural Studies: Gone to the Dogs—The Culture, Behavior, and Science of the Canine

This interdisciplinary FWS will introduce students to behavioral, ethological, and cultural perspectives on dogs. It will also explore how recent scientific research on canine cognition has the potential to transform the way most humans think about dogs. Texts for the course will include Mark Derr's *A Dog's History of America*; Patricia McConnell's *For the Love of a Dog*; Raymond and Lorna Coppinger's *Dogs: A New Understanding of Canine Origin, Behavior, and Evolution*; and Ádám Miklósi's *Dog Behaviour, Evolution, and Cognition*. Writing assignments will include short essays, a revised longer essay, and in-class writing exercises.

TR 02:55-04:10 p.m. Laura Donaldson 17151

ENGLISH 1168 SEM 107

Cultural Studies: Fanfiction

Warning: it may raise some eyebrows when you tell acquaintances what you are reading for this course. Our subject is fanfiction: notoriously difficult to define, frequently maligned for its lack of literary merit, and often overtly, shockingly sexual in its content. This course takes the following as its starting premise: despite being something of a conversational taboo, fanfiction is worth talking about. In particular, we will explore what fanfiction reveals about what we hope to achieve when we read and write, both creatively and critically. We will be reading *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, *Pride and Prejudice*, and *Hamlet*, as well as published and unpublished works that borrow characters and plots from these texts.

MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Molly Katz 17152 Satya Mohanty

FALL 2013 FIRST-YEAR WRITING SEMINARS

ENGLISH 1170 SEM 101

Short Stories

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MW 02:55-04:10 p.m. Samuel Nam 17127 David Faulkner

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MW 07:30-08:45 p.m. Joseph Neal 17128 David Faulkner

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MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Ji Hyun Lee 17129 David Faulkner

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MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Jessica Abel 17130 David Faulkner

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MWF 01:25-02:15 p.m. David Faulkner 17131

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MWF 02:30-03:20 p.m. Emma Perry 17132 David Faulkner

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ENGLISH 1170 SEM 107

Short Stories: The Great Pleasures of Short Fiction

In this course, we will closely read a variety of nineteenth- and twentieth-century short fiction, from Poe's unforgettable tales of horror to Nabokov's dazzling metafictional puzzles, from Melville's mysterious antebellum Manhattan to Woolf's and Joyce's high modernist gems. Over the semester we will observe the wide variety of styles and shapes that short fiction can assume, and we will focus our critical lenses on what literary effects are achieved by our authors' formal and narrative techniques.

TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Kevin Attell 17133

ENGLISH 1170 SEM 108

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TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Kenneth Morrison 17134 David Faulkner

ENGLISH 1191 SEM 101

British Literature: Young Loves

Young love is a veritable set of contradictions; it is liberating yet suffocating, narcissistic yet self-denying, intensely personal yet unavoidably political. In this course, we will consider literary and cinematic representations of first loves, sexual awakening, and homoerotic friendships and ask what it is that makes them so fascinating. By looking at works by John Keats, Emily Bronte, and Vladimir Nabokov among others, we will examine the myths, conventions, and feelings that shape our obsession with young people falling in love. Formal assignments will include analytical essays, creative responses, and an in-class presentation.

MW 08:40-09:55 a.m. Ruoji Tang 17153 Ellis Hanson

ENGLISH 1191 SEM 102

British Literature: Love and Lust in the Eighteenth Century

In this course, we'll read a selection of eighteenth-century English novels about the desire women and men feel for each other and the plots they devise to get what they want. We'll think about why these novels seem to reward some schemers while punishing others. How do the novels use the difference between love and lust to make sense of "happy endings"? Is there a clear difference between love and lust? Do the names "love" and "lust" refer to the way a person feels? Or do they refer to the way a person acts—perhaps in response to a feeling? Students will respond to the authors Aphra Behn, Eliza Haywood, and Delarivier Manley in formal writing assignments and lively class discussion.

MW 08:40-09:55 a.m. David Aichenbaum 17154 Ellis Hanson

ENGLISH 1191 SEM 103

British Literature: Glasgow to Galway

In Scotland and Ireland, issues of class, gender, and national identity have long been tied up with concerns about language and dialect. Whose language is legitimate or literary? How do the words we choose and the stories we tell shape our understanding of ourselves, our society, and others? We will tackle these questions through the work of contemporary Scottish and Irish writers such as Iain Banks, Roddy Doyle, and Tom Leonard. Students will help shape our class time by leading discussion and giving presentations. Most essays will be based on reading and analysis of these works; other assignments may involve outside research and creative writing.

MW 02:55-04:10 p.m. Lauren Schenkman 17155 Ellis Hanson

ENGLISH 1191 SEM 104

British Literature: (Pre)Modern Social Network

Would Chaucer use Facebook or tweet? Did medieval writers face comparable revolutions in textual production to those we face today with e-readers, Wikipedia, and the rise of social media? In this course, we will try to imagine modern textual production together with medieval authors (and vice versa) reading Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* and Shakespeare's *Sonnets* together with a selection of blogs and Twitter accounts; constructing ongoing blogs in the personae of Canterbury pilgrims; and creating medieval Twitter exchanges. Through in-class discussions and writing, along with longer essays, we will imagine how late medieval and early modern writing technologies can illuminate various modern textual methods.

MWF 01:25-02:15 p.m. William Youngman 17156 Ellis Hanson

ENGLISH 1191 SEM 105

British Literature: Coming of Age in the 19th Century

This course focuses on representations of coming of age in nineteenth-century British literature. We will investigate the Victorian preoccupation with childhood as well as the ideals of adult subjectivity at a time when scientists and philosophers were reconsidering human development. We will explore not only conflicting notions of childhood, but also the extent to which childhood prefigures an adult's place in the world. Students will gain experience with reading influential and recent criticism, and writing in response. Readings may be chosen from such works as: Charlotte Brontë, *Jane Eyre*; Lewis Carroll, *Alice in Wonderland*; Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*; Rudyard Kipling, *Kim*.

MWF 02:30-03:20 p.m. Elisha Cohn 17157

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ENGLISH 1191 SEM 106

British Literature: Romantic Writers, Thinkers, and Iconoclasts

In the tumultuous decades during and after the French Revolution, writers in England and Europe newly emphasized how thinking relates to feeling. A new style in the expression of feeling transformed English literature and shaped the course of political and social revolutions in Europe. How could that happen? With this question in mind, we will read works such as William Wordsworth's account of traveling in France as the Revolution began, Mary Wollstonecraft's *Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, William Blake's *Songs of Innocence and Experience*, Jane Austen's *Persuasion*, and P. O. Enquist's recent historical novel *The Royal Physician's Visit*, about how a doctor came to power in Denmark and wrote Enlightenment ideas into law. We will also view the 1995 film of *Persuasion* and the 2011 film *A Royal Affair*. Papers will not always involve describing and interpreting these works, but will sometimes involve arguing with them or imitating (or parodying) them.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Cynthia Chase 17158

ENGLISH 1191 SEM 107

British Literature: Dress, Discipline, and Desire

In a moment of despair over a stolen silver cow-creamer, P. G. Wodehouse's absurd hero Bertie Wooster muses aloud to his manservant, "There are moments, Jeeves, when one asks oneself, 'Do trousers matter?'" Others disagree: for Virginia Woolf, clothes "change our view of the world and the world's view of us." Whether in dress or in written expression, "style" is a way of creating a self in relation to others. Through texts like Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, Austen's *Persuasion*, and Woolf's *Orlando*, essay assignments will ask you to consider how cultivating a "style" can be a means of negotiating a relationship with the world. What power does "style" have to determine identity? In other words, do trousers matter?

TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Miriam Wassif 17159 Ellis Hanson

ENGLISH 1191 SEM 108

British Literature: Stories of Creation and Apocalypse

Recent attention to the Mayan prophecy for 2012 and the constant production of blockbuster disaster films remind us that myths of origin and apocalypse traditionally bookend our understanding of the world. In this course, we will explore how stories of creation and cataclysmic end times are examined, represented, and revised in English literature. In particular, we will consider the lasting influence of the Genesis accounts of the Garden of Eden and the Fall, the myth of Prometheus, and the Apocalypse and Millennium of Revelation. Through in-class discussions and multi-draft expository essays, we will develop skills in close reading and critical thinking. Texts may include John Milton's *Paradise Lost*, Lord Byron's *Cain*, Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, and Percy Shelley's *Prometheus Unbound*.

TR 01:25-02:40 p.m. Jane Kim 17167 Ellis Hanson

ENGLISH 1270 SEM 101

Writing About Literature: Apologizing Well from Socrates to Kushner

Public figures are always appearing on TV to say they're sorry; nations, too, apologize for past misdeeds, often decades after everyone both sinned against and sinning has been safely buried. Some people are chronic apologizers, born to feel guilty if the weather turns rainy. Others can't say sorry. But apologizing, or refusing to apologize, shines a light on any given cultural moment beyond individual avoidance of blame. An apology can take the form of sincere confession or "spin," with quite a bit of room between these extremes. We will learn about the rhetoric of apologizing and its connection to the history of literature. We will also work on becoming more persuasive and fluid writers, whether crafting apologies ourselves or arguing in defense of others' apologies.

MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Masha Raskolnikov 17160

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ENGLISH 1270 SEM 102

Writing About Literature: The Powers of Narrative

This course explores how stories move their readers. It aims to help you respond to the narratives we read with an ever-growing intensity of perceptiveness and pleasure. We'll begin with short fiction, carefully explored, and move on to one or two of the best romantic novels on offer, also carefully explored: *Pride and Prejudice* and *A Room with a View* are the likely choices. Throughout, your own writing will be a subject of sustained attention.

MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Harry Shaw 17161

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ENGLISH 1270 SEM 103

Writing about Literature: Midsummer Night's Dreams

Why are novelists today writing fresh, contemporary stories based on Shakespeare's old, classic comedy of lovers, fools, and fairies, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*? In this course, students read and write about this playful and touching play, look into a few of its sources, and explore the recent novels it has inspired. We learn how to keep laughing at a 400-year-old comedy and to understand its continuing appeal in new spin-offs, adaptations, movies, and performances. Short verbal explorations—focused exercises, creative imitations, and puckish tinkering with the Shakespearean imagination—prepare students to write bold (non-AP-English-style!) essays, reviews, and debates, in compelling, lively, intelligent prose. Readings may include: Charles Baxter, *The Feast of Love* (2000); Amanda Craig, *Love in Idleness* (2003); Chris Adrian, *The Great Night* (2011).

MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Debra Fried 17162

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FALL 2013 FIRST-YEAR WRITING SEMINARS

ENGLISH 1270 SEM 104

Writing about Literature: Who's Afraid of Theater?

The media's continuing attacks on Hollywood film and television are not new: long ago Plato warned against theater when he criticized dramatic imitation. In this seminar, we will examine some representative moments in the history of "anti-theatrical" debates, asking such questions as: How is imitation related to personal and national identity? How does theater compete with family, religion, and education in forming moral character and citizenship? Why do questions of sexual and social transgression become associated with drama? We will pair our study of plays with some anti-theatrical criticism: e.g., Sophocles's *Oedipus the King* with Plato's *Republic*; Shakespeare's *Tempest* with contemporary Puritan attacks on theater; Moliere's *The Misanthrope* with Rousseau's *Letter to M. D'Alembert*; Brecht's *The Threepenny Opera* with his own writings on theater.

MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Neil Saccamano 17163

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ENGLISH 1270 SEM 105

Writing about Literature: The Reading of Fiction

We will examine modern fiction from 1870 with an emphasis on the short story and novella. Our writers will include: Conrad, Dostoevsky, Joyce, Kafka, Woolf, Lawrence, Mann, Chekhov, Hemingway, Faulkner, and Welty. We will not only study form and narrative strategies but we will also put these works in the context of intellectual and historical developments, including parallel developments in modern art. Student writing assignments will be mostly critical essays, but there will be one creative assignment. Our goals will be to develop close, attentive, imaginative reading and writing—and to enjoy our reading and writing!!

TR 08:40-09:55 a.m. Daniel Schwarz 17164

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ENGLISH 1270 SEM 106

Writing about Literature: The Autobiography of Someone Else

The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas was written not by Toklas but by her partner Gertrude Stein, and with her title, Stein mischievously invoked an old conceit in novel writing: this story is not fiction, it is the first-person "true life" of someone else. In this class, we will focus on first-person texts from several centuries and genres in which the purportedly auto-biographical "I" and the figure of the author slip in and out of alignment, honing critical reading and writing skills as we untangle the ways stories, poems, and pictures produce and trouble personal identity. Readings from Montaigne, Aphra Behn, Anna Deveare Smith, Wordsworth, Kafka, Nabokov, and Ann Carson, with self-portraiture from Cindy Sherman, and Charlie Kaufman's *Synecdoche, New York*.

TR 01:25-02:40 p.m. Amanda Goldstein 17165

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ENGLISH 1270 SEM 107

Writing about Literature: The Reading of Poetry

How can we become more appreciative and accomplished readers of poetry, and at the same time better writers of prose? This course focuses on the rich variety of poems written in English from William Shakespeare to Sylvia Plath, John Keats to William Butler Yeats, Emily Dickinson to Craig Raine and Gwendolyn Brooks. We may read songs, sonnets, satires, villanelles, even riddles and limericks. By engaging in thorough discussions and varied writing assignments, we will explore some of the major periods, modes, and genres of English and American poetry.

TR 02:55-04:10 p.m. Fredric Bogel 17166

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FEMINIST, GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES 1102 SEM 101

Genders of Sound

In her essay, "The Gender of Sound," Anne Carson writes that patriarchy has historically silenced women by "[p]utting a door on the female mouth." Through a broad range of literary texts, from medieval mystical prose to contemporary poetry by Adrienne Rich, we will investigate the power dynamics behind cultural perceptions of vocalization, including pitch, tone, cadence, and language use. We will ask how the idea of "noise" as "sound out of place" contributes to the notion that women—and "feminine" men—are "noise-makers," and how the boisterous characters and authors of these texts rehabilitate "feminine" noise at both thematic and stylistic levels. Writing assignments will stress composition as a process as we render rough "noisy" drafts into assertive and polished prose, grounded in textual evidence.

TR 08:40-09:55 a.m. Adin Lears 17168 Shelley Feldman

FRENCH 1108 SEM 101

Monstrous Forms: Wild Men and Wicked Women

Monstrosity is a means of marking off and isolating the "unacceptable" other, that which threatens us, often for reasons that we cannot explain. Throughout time, women, people of other races and nations, various species of animals, have all been designated as monstrous. This course will explore the gendering of monstrosity: why is it that monstrous men are described as "wild," as if their monstrosity is natural, while monstrous women are most frequently described as "wicked," as if their monstrosity is a moral failing? We will focus on texts about "wild men" and witches: *Yvain* by Chrétien de Troyes, *Beowulf*, *Grendel* by John Gardner, Ambroise Paré's *On Monsters and Marvels*, and selected episodes of the *X-files*.

MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Kathleen Long 17169

FALL 2013 FIRST-YEAR WRITING SEMINARS

FRENCH 1109 SEM 101

Gangsters, Guns, and Gauloises: French Crime Cinema

The crime film is one of the most lasting genres in French cinema history, but for all the gun shots in rainy streets under the neon lights of nightclubs in Pigalle, crime is seldom what makes it so compelling. Ranging from a mode of political inquiry to a reflection on film history and experimentation with form, the theme of crime is often the backdrop on which other concerns are expressed. Through viewings and close readings of works by directors such as Duvivier, Clouzot, Godard, Melville, Gavras, and exposure to film criticism, students will develop the reading and writing skills necessary to address questions of how we relate to and think about crime in cinema.

TR 01:25-02:40 p.m. Zach Gooch 17313 Marilyn Migiel

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TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Zach Gooch 17314 Kathleen Long

FRENCH 1114 SEM 101

The Order of the Day: Terror and Terrorism

Terror and terrorism have so marked modern times that many have dubbed the present the Age of Terror. However, from the French Revolution to the present day, terror and terrorism have continued to raise troubling questions. Who defines terrorism and how? What distinguishes state terrorism from terrorism against the state or the terrorist from the freedom fighter? Through a variety of writing exercises and essays, we will examine political speeches, pamphlets, manifestos, narrative fiction, and film to build a multi-voiced understanding of terror and terrorism from the French Revolution to 9/11.

MWF 01:25-02:15 p.m. Cory Browning 17170 Marilyn Migiel

FRENCH 1115 SEM 101

From Gargantua to WALL-E: Excess and Limits of Waste

In this seminar, we will study waste as a paradoxical literary object (Why would literature be anything other than a thing of beauty?). We will think about waste and excess in our own writing (Is everything we write necessary or is it garbage?). Is there any way of thinking about waste that is not a source of anxiety? As our landfills become full, and people consume more, waste makes us anxious about the future of our environment, but in the French Renaissance, for example, Rabelais created a world of gluttonous and excreting giants partaking in joyful consumption. We will view several films about waste and read Rabelais and select French writers.

MWF 12:20-01:10 p.m. Pauline Goul 17171 Marilyn Migiel

GERMAN STUDIES 1104 SEM 101

Dreams of Reason: Exploring the Enlightenment

In this course, we will encounter a diverse company of ghost-seers, pleasure-hunters, and freedom-freaks. Contrary to the cliché of the Age of Enlightenment, irrational enthusiasms flourished next to its official program of reason as the medium of self-emancipation. We will investigate these two sides by exploring the texts of canonical Enlightenment thinkers such as Kant and Voltaire, as well as the fiction and artwork of visionary figures like E. T. A. Hoffmann and Francisco Goya. Guided by the Enlightenment practice of critical discussion, we will refine our analytical writing skills by engaging with questions such as: What were the Enlightenment's most influential ideas? What were its internal tensions and problems? And what is the significance of the Enlightenment for contemporary debates in politics, science, and education?

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Johannes Wankhammer 17172 Douglas Brent McBride

GERMAN STUDIES 1109 SEM 101

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TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Christine Schott 17177 Douglass Brent McBride

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GERMAN STUDIES 1170 SEM 101

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TR 02:55-04:10 p.m. Katrina Nousek 17186 Douglas Brent McBride

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MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Douglas Brent McBride 17187

GOVERNMENT 1101 SEM 101

Power and Politics: Dissent

Do citizens have an obligation to obey unjust laws? This seminar offers students an introduction to political theory by exploring the ways political dissidents, law-breakers, and radicals challenged the perceived injustices of their times. We will study ancient, modern, and contemporary texts of political theory to gain an understanding of basic political concepts such as political authority, freedom, justice and injustice, the rule of law, conscience, and social criticism. This semester we will pay special attention to the writings of the Abolitionists and other critics of slavery in America. Beginning with short single-page response papers and building up to a more substantial argumentative paper by the end of the series, students will engage in a series of revision and rewriting exercises, including submissions of drafts, peer-review, and peer grading exercises.

TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Alexander Livingston 17191

GOVERNMENT 1101 SEM 102

Power and Politics: Sex and Political Freedom

How have diverse thinkers attempted to think through the nature of sexual difference, and how do the ways that we conceive sexual difference correspondingly shape our ideas about what constitutes sexual and political freedom? This seminar treats these questions by touching on themes of democracy, the biological and cultural bases of sexual difference, utopia, political separatism, the state and the law, and sexual revolution. Students can expect to read a range of material—pamphlets, manifestos, philosophical tracts, fiction—which captures the efforts by thinkers to answer the question, “What is sexual freedom?” The writing assignments aim to cultivate in students proficiency in academic essay writing and to ask them to examine the implications of genre and literary form for philosophical argumentation and public debate.

MW 08:40-09:55 a.m. Kevin Duong 17192 Jason Frank

GOVERNMENT 1101 SEM 103

The Propaganda of the Deed: Thinking about Terror

The aim of this course is to study the way terrorism has come to be imagined and interpreted in American culture. Starting with 19th- and early 20th-century Anarchism, the course will track changes in how the political meaning of terrorism has been understood in literature (and films), history, and in primary writings by advocates of terrorism and terrorists themselves. From anarchism, the course will move on to mid-century left-wing terrorists, American right-wing groups, and will conclude with Islamist terrorism in the 21st century. Writing assignments will cultivate critical thinking skills such as Historical and cross-cultural comparison, literary criticism, and social-scientific analysis.

TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Vijay Phulwani 17193 Jason Frank

GOVERNMENT 1101 SEM 104

Power and Politics: Gender Politics and Science Fiction

This class will use short stories, excerpts from longer works, film, and television within the speculative fiction genre(s) to explore portrayals and deployments of gender roles and political power in various socio-political contexts—utopias, dystopias, salvation tales, space operas, and historical revisionism—as well as contemporary political theory, queer theory, and writings on gender(ed) politics. Readings may include but will not be limited to: Ursula K. LeGuin, Ann Fausto-Sterling, Samuel Delany, Philip K. Dick, Olivia Butler, William Gibson, Neal Stephenson, Margaret Atwood, Joanna Russ, and James Tiptree, Jr.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Judith Piotrkowski 17194 Jason Frank

GOVERNMENT 1101 SEM 105

Power and Politics: “The Race of Life”—Citizenship in American Political Thought

Who are “we the people”? This course offers an historical overview of the ways in which American political actors have conceived of citizenship, framed not simply through Supreme Court decisions and the Constitution but through literature, pamphleteering, speeches, autobiography, film, and the internet. Students will examine the political arguments that have both pushed equality and permitted exclusion, focusing on issues of rights, representation, and race associated with American citizenship. Topics will include birthright citizenship, immigration, treason, corporate personhood, etc., with a focus on the political theory that underpins these concepts. Writing instruction will focus on persuasive argument and the development of political positions through research and debate.

TR 01:25-02:40 p.m. Nolan Bennett 17195 Aziz Rana

HISTORY 1144 SEM 101

After the Mughals: Islam and the Economy of Eighteenth-Century India

Current stereotypes present “Islam” as the mysterious, stubborn “Other” of free, modern commercial enterprise. But this has not historically been the case. This course offers ways of understanding Islam in terms of its political and economic history in India, during a century of dramatic social change. As the Mughal Empire declined, new political and business organizations sprang up in South Asia. Alongside these changes arose transformations in areas normally thought to lie outside the economy: patterns of devotional practice, pilgrimage rituals, and religious identities. Writing assignments on both primary sources and recent academic approaches will help students build an awareness of how to respond effectively to scholarly literature, as well as trying their own hand at historical writing.

MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Rishad Choudhury 17173 Durba Ghosh

HISTORY 1148 SEM 101

World Order in the American Century

In 1941, as the United States was on the cusp of war and world leadership, publisher of *Time* magazine Henry Luce called for the creation of “the first great American Century.” This course examines how Luce and others envisioned global institutions in an era of U.S. preeminence, and how and to what effect those visions were realized. To make this topic manageable, we will focus on three themes: inter-governmental organization, international law, and development assistance. Students will read works by, or about, figures such as Woodrow Wilson, Henry Ford, and Eleanor Roosevelt to help them consider the ways in which the twentieth century was an American Century. And they will imagine themselves as speechwriters or columnists to consider how American the twenty-first century might be.

MW 08:40-09:55 a.m. Brian Cuddy 17213 Fred Logevall

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HISTORY 1167 SEM 101

[Failed] Revolutions

We know what becomes of successful revolutions: they become the foundational moments of states and governments. But what about failed revolutions—and what does it mean for them to fail? In this course, we will consider the category of “revolution” in European intellectual, cultural, and historical traditions. Of particular interest are questions of legitimacy, the use of media, the role of political violence, the rule of law, and terror. Case studies will include, among others, the French and English Revolutions, the German revolutions of 1848 and 1918, the Nazi/Fascist movements, 1968, and the Arab Spring. Students will hone their writing skills through engagement with primary and secondary historical sources, political theory and philosophy, literature, and film.

MWF 12:20-01:10 p.m. Mary Kathryn Horning 17180 Isabel Hull

HISTORY 1168 SEM 101

History and Myth: The Rise of China

With China’s rapid ascendance, China has been regarded by many people around the world as a formidable economic and political power that has the potential to change the world order. In this course, we will view the “rise of China” by exploring certain events and issues and their legacies for China and the world. Will China change the international order in the future? We will approach this question through unique historical insights and a range of sources including documentaries, photographs, literature, and movies. Readings include works by Jonathan Spence, Martin Jacques, Fareed Zakaria, and Stefan Halper. Through writing assignments based on course materials, we will consider in what sense China’s rise is true, and in what sense it is a myth.

MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Yuanchong Wang 17220 Jian Chen

HISTORY 1169 SEM 101

Modern Japan in Dialogue with the Pacific World

This course will examine the experiences of modernity in Japan from the perspective of authors both within Japan and around the Pacific World. Topics include Chinese discussions of modernity in Asia and their impact on Japan, as well as critical links between African-American writings on race and the idea of racial equality in Japan. Through analyses of a number of fictional and theoretical texts, students will question categories which were often thought in opposition in the modern world, such as the West and the non-West or the modern and the pre-modern. Particular emphasis will be devoted to developing writing skills and careful analysis of fundamental texts of intellectual history.

MW 02:55-04:10 p.m. Noriaki Hoshino 17181 J. Victor Koschmann

HISTORY 1171 SEM 101

A Short History of Religion and Politics in the USA

Ever wonder why the Founders separated Church and State? Curious about how divisive social issues have taken over so much of the political landscape? This course begins by asking what religion and politics are about, and then looks at sources ranging from the Founders’ letters to Obama’s speeches in order to map out a history of the tensions between secular politics and political religion in America today. While thinking about the political and philosophical issues behind the polarizing headlines, students will move between historical and analytical frames and write essays on the following: the Founders’ concerns, the rise of evangelical politics, three of today’s hot-button social issues, and how secular or religious freedoms can support and/or undermine each other.

TR 08:40-09:55 a.m. Chris Kai-Jones 17182 Naoki Sakai

HISTORY 1172 SEM 101

Making Accidents Happen: A Cultural History

“Accidents happen.” This simple phrase obscures an entire field of cultural history. The accident—an unforeseen event that lacks intentionality—is both an historical and cultural phenomenon. It helps define the boundaries of the natural and social worlds, and the limits of human agency and responsibility. When social, economic, and technological change—including rail travel, industrial production, and finance capital—creates new forms of misfortune, the accident can serve to naturalize these events. We investigate changing ideas about accidents and their intersection with legal and political rights and responsibilities in distinct historical and cultural contexts, while probing the relationship between accidents and “legal consciousness.” Writing assignments and instruction will help to demystify the writing process, as students learn that good writing doesn’t happen by accident.

TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Quentin (Trais) Pearson 17383 Tamara Loos

HISTORY 1290 SEM 101

The Politics of Noise

Some noises pierce our ears and disrupt both our hearing and our thinking. In contrast, background noises may be loud, persistent, and even harmful to our ears, but they suffuse our everyday lives so fully that we can ignore them. Despite our daily subjective encounters with noise, can noise have a political meaning as well, one that transcends our individual experiences with din and discord, cacophony and clamor? By comparing cultural, literary, and historical examples of noise—from Don DeLillo’s descriptions of suburban noise in his novel *White Noise* to our parents’ complaints about the music we listen to—this course explores noise’s relationship to the politics of race, class, gender, generation, and religion. By spending the semester writing about noise, we seek to comprehend it rather than contain it.

TR 02:55-04:10 p.m. Duane Corpis 17183

HISTORY 1421 SEM 101

African Novels/African Histories

Novels provide one of the most enjoyable ways to explore the past. Written as fiction, they nevertheless entice us to learn more. This course will explore a number of novels by African men and women as they elucidate the joys and concerns that are specific to particular times and places, but also express how Africans have grappled with and laughed about universal themes. Short written responses to readings will evolve into longer analytical essays that blend artistic and historical insights and arguments.

MW 02:55-04:10 p.m. Sandra Greene 17222

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES 1175 SEM 101

Storying the Foodshed: Race, Class, Labor, and Food in Tompkins County

Much in the same way we ask if a picture does a scene, or person justice—what does it mean to do a story justice or to do justice with stories? As we think about and seek social justice, what stories must be reconsidered? Which ones must be reconsidered? Stories of race, class, gender, labor? This course will grapple with these questions as the writing group thinks about struggles for Food Justice in Tompkins County, NY. Course readings will focus on the philosophy, ethics, and practice of storytelling as a political art. However the crux of the course will come as students engage with local communities in creating and publishing powerful stories of the local food system that seek to enliven reflection and action.

MW 02:55-04:10 p.m. John Armstrong 17386

ITALIAN 1109 SEM 101

Imagining Pinocchio: Education in Italy and Modern Europe

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TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Sylvia Hakopian 17227 Marilyn Migiel

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TR 01:25-02:40 p.m. Sylvia Hakopian 17228 Marilyn Migiel

LINGUISTICS 1100 SEM 101

Language, Thought, and Reality: Biological Foundations of Language

What is so special about the human brain that only it, and no other animal brain, can create language? To consider this question, we will examine the current state of knowledge about the biological substrate for all aspects of language, including the most up-to-date research on phonetics, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics. We will look at the heated debates in the research on child language development, aphasia, and brain imaging technology. Students will learn how to read scientific texts about language critically, as they write about these in essays, including reviews, critiques, and research proposals.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Chelsea Sanker 17214 Michael Weiss

LINGUISTICS 1100 SEM 102

Language, Thought, and Reality: Translation and Writing

Translation from a foreign language sharpens the skills that are required for good writing of any kind: a clear grasp of the objectives of a text, an understanding of one's audience, and the ability to control a consistent style. Linguistics is the scientific study of language as it is used. This is not a course in translation: instead it explores the act and practice of translation as a window into communication and language as a whole. In this course, we will discuss the goals of translation in different genres: poetry, film, fiction, and non-fiction. We will examine the differences between languages, the "exotic" in translations, and the translatability of images. Writing assignments will emphasize evidence-centric analysis of the practical realizations of abstract ideas. Readings include theoretical essays on translation, philosophical works on linguistics, and contemporary book reviews. We will also make reference to poems by Catullus, Japanese Manga, teen movies, and plays by David Mamet. No knowledge of a foreign language is required.

MWF 01:25-02:15 p.m. Cara DiGirolamo 17215 Michael Weiss

LINGUISTICS 1100 SEM 103

Language, Thought, and Reality: Metaphors We Live By

We typically think of metaphor as a purely literary phenomenon, a rarefied figurative device. This course aims to uncover the pervasive "hidden metaphors" we use in everyday speech and what they reveal about the way we conceptualize ideas, perceptions, emotions, and other abstract categories. Assignments for this course will include linguistic analyses of texts on politics, society, and popular culture, evaluation of the role metaphor plays in historical language change, and exploration of non-linguistic metaphor in gestures, advertising, and cartoons. We will read and write about selections from the work of linguists, philosophers, and psychologists.

MW 02:55-04:10 p.m. Anca Chereches 17216 Michael Weiss

LINGUISTICS 1100 SEM 104

Language, Thought, and Reality: Myths and Controversies

Some say, "English is from Latin" others, "English is from German." Both are not true: English is from Old English. As for the present state of the language, regretful comments such as "Young people are ruining the language," or "French is more logical," are by no means uncommon. Is there any more merit to these complaints than to the above statements on the origins of English? This course addresses common linguistic misconceptions, and provides students with a basis for evaluating assertions concerning language in the popular press. Writing assignments will take the form of short reaction pieces, critique and research papers. Special attention will be devoted to developing ideas, effective organization, and phrasing. No formal linguistic analysis is involved.

TR 08:40-09:55 a.m. Kimberly Will 17217 Michael Weiss

LINGUISTICS 1100 SEM 105

Language, Thought, and Reality: Words and Pictures

This class explores the collaboration of language and image to create meanings at multiple levels. We will discuss and write about popular culture—caricatures, comics, advertising, and puzzles—along with high culture artifacts like paintings, illuminated manuscripts, and ideographic scripts, examining the interplay and analogies between understanding language and interpreting images. We will discuss phenomena that cut across words and pictures: both may represent reality. A sentence may be true or false—can the same be said of a picture? Both language and visual representation are governed by conventions, and would be impossible without them. Information may be foregrounded and backgrounded in both channels, and can be ambiguous, contradictory, nonsensical, or self-referential.

TR 02:55-04:10 p.m. Dorit Abusch 17218

LINGUISTICS 1100 SEM 106

Language, Thought, and Reality: Linguistics and (Pre-)History

How do linguists use language as a tool to discover prehistory? In addition to the more obvious sources of historical data (documents, physical remains, etc.), scholars often make use of linguistic data in constructing theories about (pre-)historical events and patterns. In this class, we will examine and write about four basic questions. First, how do linguists uncover earlier stages of linguistic history? Second, what kinds of inferences can be legitimately drawn from linguistic data for (pre-)historical investigation? Third, how can we distinguish between plausible and implausible uses of linguistic data? Fourth, what role does ideology play in shaping or misshaping historical reconstruction? Some particular topics that may be covered: The Indo-Aryan invasion hypothesis; Ancient Macedonian; The peopling of the Americas and pre-Columbian contact; Egyptian influence in Africa. Students will write critical analyses of proposals evaluating them for logic, attention to contradictory evidence, ideology, and rhetoric. They will also try their hands at constructing both a good and a specious theory.

MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Michael Weiss 17219

MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1101 SEM 101

Aspects of Medieval Culture: Words as Weapons—Defending the Self in Medieval Literature

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." In medieval literature, however, spoken and written words were used as weapons to defend the self and injure the opposition. Focusing on how the religious attempted to protect their body and soul from threats of evil, this course will examine the text as a form of spiritual defense. We will read a broad range of medieval works in translation, including the heroic poem "The Battle of Maldon," the lives of saints Guthlac and Juliana, and Chaucer's "Clerk's Tale." Class discussions will seek to draw out major themes and historic issues in order to develop the skills for writing informal responses, close readings, and critical essays.

TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Ruth Mullett 17235 Samantha Zacher

MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1101 SEM 102

Aspects of Medieval Culture: Brains, and Booze—Writings from and about Medieval Students

Where there are students, one often finds shoddy philosophy, booze, and bawdy poetry. This course will wander through some of the texts, especially the bawdy and casual poetry, produced in medieval educational contexts including Charlemagne's court, eleventh-century cathedral schools, and the early universities. Themes that will be discussed include the social interactions between students and masters, students and townspeople, and between students themselves. The academic subjects our medieval counterparts studied will appear, but what the students did in their free time will overshadow (and influence) our discussions of the medieval version of hitting the books. Modern students enrolled in this course will write in analytical, creative, and personal styles.

MW 08:40-09:55 a.m. Corinna Matlis 17236 Andrew Hicks

MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1101 SEM 103

Aspects of Medieval Culture: Law and Order—Improbable Medieval Mysteries

Who dunnit? Miss Scarlet with the wrench in the library? Or Queen Guinevere with the poisoned apples at the dinner party? Mystery stories often expose what a society finds abnormal and dangerous—whether racial, ethnic, religious, or sexual minorities, or atypical relationships, bodies, and gender roles. Mysteries also explore the limits of the knowable, and their resolution reveals what constitutes truth and proof in the Middle Ages. To explore these issues, we will look at such far-ranging sources as heresy and witch trials, murders in romances and sagas, and bizarre cases of mistaken identity. We will compare our medieval sources to the methods of post-Enlightenment detectives like Sherlock Holmes, and to the lurid conclusions of modern procedurals like *Chinatown* and *Law & Order*. Such sources wrestle with issues central to writing: evidence, argument, rebuttal, and rhetorical presentation.

MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Marybeth Matlack 17237 Duane Corpis

MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1101 SEM 104

Aspects of Medieval Culture: "I Saw Myself As a Man"—Embodying Medieval Holy Women

Pick up any brightly-colored magazine today and you will find yourself inundated with ways to improve your looks, change your clothes, and get a partner. That Cosmopolitan sensibility is not a modern invention and in fact, pressure to have the perfect body has been around since the days of the ancient Greeks. This class will explore the ways that medieval contemporaries constructed physical identity, focusing primarily on holy women and female saints. As we move between genres—from saints' lives to medical texts to passionate love letters—we will challenge our own notions of femininity and embodied gender. Formal writing assignments, along with lively class discussion, will strengthen students' critical thinking and writing abilities.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Hannah Byland 17238 Masha Raskolnikov

MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1101 SEM 105

Aspects of Medieval Culture: The Real Old School Gamers—Medieval Gaming and Gambling

The German "Spiel des Jahres" prize for outstanding new board games has only existed since 1979, but it reflects a centuries-long European love of tabletop play. In medieval societies, many aspects of culture were limited to certain classes or professions, but nearly anyone could play games. In this course, students will write analytically about various popular medieval board and dice games, people who played them, and attitudes towards games and players, using texts ranging from courtly poetry to raunchy tavern songs. What themes are common to medieval games themselves and literature about games? Why were some games looked down upon, and others considered wholesome pastimes? Assignments will include short responses, close readings, and critical analyses which seek to expand upon these questions and others.

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MWF 01:25-02:15 p.m. Amanda Lowell 17239 Cary Howie

MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1102 SEM 101

Literature of Chivalry: Cartoons and Culture in the Middle Ages

Bugs Bunny's classic question, "What's up, doc?" and Spongebob Squarepants' piercing laughter are among the animated cartoon's many contributions to pop culture. An often underestimated art form, cartoons are a shrewd form of subversive commentary designed for immediate and memorable impact. In this class, we will compare the animated cartoon—especially its use of satire, slapstick, and the grotesque—with medieval texts and iconography similarly created to shock, entertain, and instruct. From propaganda to protest, we will consider how image and text express and combat social beliefs and frustrations. Texts include the *Robin Hood* ballads, Marie de France's *lais*, Chaucer's *Miller's Tale*, and lyrical showdowns between Vikings. Through class discussion, writing exercises, and formal papers, students will strengthen their writing and critical reasoning.

TR 08:40-09:55 a.m. Danielle Wu 17245 Samantha Zacher

MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1103 SEM 101

Legends, Fantasy and Vision: Vikings and Dragons—Early Heroic Literature in the North

In the film *The 13th Warrior*, Ahmad ibn Fadlan, a traveler from Baghdad, expresses surprise at his companion's calmness on the eve of battle, but the Norseman responds: "The All-Father wove the skein of your life a long time ago. Go and hide in a hole if you wish, but you won't live one instant longer." This course will examine medieval texts that inspire such modern representations of heroism. Readings will include *Beowulf*, *The Battle of Maldon*, *The Saga of the Volsungs*, and selections from the *Elder Edda*. We will strive to appreciate the complexity of the heroic ethos in various forms, in texts from related cultures. Class discussions and a series of papers will encourage clear writing, close reading, and analysis of the texts.

MWF 11:15-12:05 p.m. Edward Currie 17188 Thomas Hill

MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1103 SEM 102

Legends, Fantasy, and Vision: Introduction to Oral Tradition and Literature

Literature as usually defined and studied consists of a canon of "authorized" texts—texts written by specific authors and then made public ("published") in a fixed form. An alternative tradition of literature, however, is "oral"/"traditional" literature, texts such as ballads and folktales which were disseminated orally and which change from performance to performance. This course will serve as an introduction to "oral"/"traditional" literary forms, concentrating on English and Scots ballads and folktales, but giving some attention to literary authors such as Malory and Tolkien who either write in a traditional mode or who imitate "traditional"/"oral" literature in their fictions.

MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Thomas Hill 17189

MUSIC 1701 SEM 101

Sound, Sense, and Ideas: "Highbrow Meets Lowbrow"—Musical Fusion in Twentieth-Century America

How can music serve to break down barriers between popular and elitist cultures? This course will examine the concepts of "high" and "low" culture in twentieth- and twenty-first-century America through the lens of "fusion," or the blending of musical genres. Specifically, we will explore how concert venues, instruments, technology, and media help form and reform musical genres and communities. We will focus on Fusion Jazz (from which the term "fusion" emerged in the 1970s) in addition to a variety of musical hybrids created during the 1950s and onwards, covering musicians such as Elvis Presley, Miles Davis, Bob Dylan, and Steve Reich. Students will learn to think and write critically about music by reading a variety of music reviews, in addition to writing reviews of their own.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Erica Levenson 17229 Andrew Hicks

PHILOSOPHY 1110 SEM 101

Philosophy in Practice: Stewards or Sovereigns? Issues in Environmental Ethics

When we think about morality, we usually think about obligations we have to other human beings. But we have relationships to all kinds of other things, including non-human animals and the planet we share with them. These relationships raise ethical questions of their own: Do non-human animals have rights? Is the environment valuable in itself or only in virtue of its benefits to humans? How should the burdens of dealing with climate change be distributed? How should we deal with conflicts between our duties to human beings and those we may have to the environment which sustains them? In this course, we will examine these issues with an eye to mastering the skill of critical, argumentative writing.

MW 07:30-08:45 p.m. Jordan Thomson 17231 Theodore Sider

PHILOSOPHY 1110 SEM 102

Philosophy in Practice: Social Change and American Law

Why are federal courts usually the first institution to recognize the rights of minorities? Where is success yet to be achieved in the areas of race, gender, sexuality, and class? What are the future social battles and in what arena will they be fought? This course will examine the structure of the American system of jurisprudence and how it shapes, catalyzes, and impedes social progress. Students will study past and present political struggles to discover how and why success was achieved in the various branches of government at different times. Readings in the course will include judicial opinions and the writings of political philosophers, critical legal theorists, and jurists; Writing assignments will develop the skills of summary exposition and description, and argument.

MW 02:55-04:10 p.m. Daniel Manne 17232

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PHILOSOPHY 1111 SEM 101

Philosophical Problems: Ethics, Human Nature, and Biology

Do fetuses have rights? If so, are they more important than mothers'? Equally? Are fetuses and coma patients really human? Is it okay to test using placebos on people who need real help? Could we steal five organs from someone who might die to save five people who will? Should we pay a little more in taxes to make sure that everyone has health care? The ethics of medical practice, research, and policy is a tricky business. We'll read arguments from philosophers and scientists discussing these and many other issues. Through writing and editing short papers you'll learn to assess complex arguments, to produce clear arguments of your own, and to carefully edit your work—skills useful in every discipline.

TR 02:55-04:10 p.m. Ian McKay 17240 Theodore Sider

PHILOSOPHY 1111 SEM 103

Philosophical Problems: Questions about Ethics

Some think that we are obligated to help the less fortunate; others claim that killing is (in all cases) impermissible; and still others believe that we all must observe the Sabbath. But what does it mean to say that an act is obligatory, impermissible, or mandatory? Are there objective facts about this, or is it just a matter of personal preference or convention? And why should we care what morality requires? In this course, we'll survey a number of different answers to these questions. The aim is to teach students to critically evaluate (often very complex and abstract) arguments, as well as how to write about those arguments in a clear, well-organized, and persuasive manner. Students will be required to write a number of short essays, as well as a longer final paper in several drafts.

TR 01:25-02:40 p.m. Eric Rowe 17242 Theodore Sider

PHILOSOPHY 1111 SEM 104

Philosophical Problems: Of God, Humans, and Morality

This course deals with philosophical attempts at answering various questions about morality (and related issues) that are widely discussed by philosophers and non-philosophers alike. Examples include: Does morality depend on the existence of God? And do we have good reasons for believing that God exists in the first place? Or is morality a matter of varying social conventions? What is the relationship between morality and self-interest? Is the morally good life the best life for one to live? Writing assignments will ask students to explain and critically respond to the arguments presented in the readings, which will be drawn from both classic and contemporary texts. The assignments will help students improve their ability to write in a clear, organized, and persuasive way.

TR 08:40-09:55 a.m. Andrea Viggiano 17243 Theodore Sider

PHILOSOPHY 1111 SEM 105

Philosophical Problems: Defining the Undefinable, Expressing the Inexpressible

Thinkers have struggled to define and express important concepts and experiences. This seminar will examine different ways of doing so, as well as the very notions of defining and expressing. We'll look at attempts to define important things: What's goodness? What's love? Can these things be defined? What makes something a definition? Also, we'll talk about literal vs. non-literal: what's going on when Romeo says "Juliet is the sun"? Readings include Wittgenstein, Sartre, and Aristotle. We'll read Proust, Virginia Woolf, and Walt Whitman, and watch films by David Lynch and others. Students will write persuasive essays, as well as attempt, themselves, to define and express things we encounter in course materials. We'll then critically discuss and write about these attempts.

MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Eric Epstein 17244 Theodore Sider

PHILOSOPHY 1112 SEM 101

Philosophical Conversations: Minds and Ideas

Is human nature fixed and innate or is it learned and malleable? Why do we act in ways we know are wrong? Is free will compatible with a deterministic universe? How are our minds related to our bodies? Can we construct mechanical minds? This writing intensive course will approach some of the biggest questions about the nature of our minds through the writings of great philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Descartes, and Hume. We will use their writing as a springboard for developing our own critical thinking abilities and analytic writing skills. The writing assignments for the course include critical essays where students analyze famous works, argumentative essays where students present novel arguments for a position, and a final research paper.

TR 02:55-04:10 p.m. Zachary Abrahams 17234 Theodore Sider

PERFORMING & MEDIA ARTS 1110 SEM 101

Doing it in Public: Sex, Theater, and Performance

Is sex always a private matter? What happens when sex is performed in public? This course asks: How does sex in theater and performance contribute to our understandings of identity, power, and what it means to be "public" and "private"? Grounded in a study of dramatic literature and theatrical spectacles, including the Obscenity Trials of Oscar Wilde, Lillian Hellman's play *The Children's Hour*, and the musical *Spring Awakening*, this course interrogates how representation of sex in theater and performance contribute to and challenge prevalent understanding of intimacy, and in particular where, when, and how it should and should not be staged, by whom and for whom. With an emphasis on in-class discussion and peer editing, this course helps students develop the particular skill required to write about performance while fostering the ability to produce coherent, concise, persuasive prose in the form of critical arguments.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Stephen Low 17190 Ed Intemann

PERFORMING & MEDIA ARTS 1112 SEM 101

Fans, Cult Audiences, and Camp

From over-excited Trekkies to reclusive stalkers, "fans" in our society have often been portrayed in a negative light. Recent scholarship, however, has looked deeper into the many ways one can be considered a "fan," and at the complicated relationships between artists and their audiences. This course will use a variety of case studies—from Eighteenth-Century theatre celebrities to cult films to *Harry Potter*-themed "Wizard Rock"—to generate a workable concept of modern fandom. With an emphasis on in-class discussion and peer editing, this course helps students develop the particular skills required to write about performance while fostering the ability to produce coherent, concise, persuasive prose in the form of critical arguments.

MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Seth Soulstein 17196 Ed Intemann

PERFORMING & MEDIA ARTS 1113 SEM 101

Playing with/in Space and Time

What is space? What is time? These two basic questions posed by children have left human beings puzzled to this date. Theatre tells us something about the relationship between space, time, and the play through which we understand and experience them. This is why we will take play seriously, as children do. This seminar will examine the theatricality of space and time through close analysis of the spaces and times created by Samuel Beckett, Robert Wilson, Peter Eisenman, and Bernard Tschumi. Alongside these works, readings will include reflections on space and time by Peter Brook, Michel Foucault, Elizabeth Grosz, Gilles Deleuze, and Henri Lefebvre. Course work will emphasize close reading, and developing effective argumentative writing.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Ozum Hatipoglu 17174 Ed Intemann

PERFORMING & MEDIA ARTS 1114 SEM 101

Notion, Nation, Violation: The Voice of the Israeli Theater

The Israeli theater is a space rich in emotions and humor. It is loaded with ideology and mythology, and is always controversial. This course is a basic introduction to the major periods and genres in the evolution of the Israeli and Palestinian theaters, and their interactive relations with the political, social, and cultural contexts in which it is embedded. Derived from plays by Sobol, Levin, Najib, and others, the course investigates themes such as the biblical myth, Zionism, the Holocaust, war, violence, peace, ethnicity, feminism, and the Palestinian conflict. With an emphasis on in-class discussion and peer editing, this course will help develop students' writing skills while fostering the ability to produce coherent, concise, persuasive prose in the form of critical arguments.

TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Maayan Wayn 17233 Ed Intemann

PERFORMING & MEDIA ARTS 1115 SEM 101

Riot Acts: Public Performance and Protest

What is the relationship between performance and protest? Just as the world of theater has a rich legacy of politically inspired plays, social protest movements have historically turned to acts of public spectacle to amplify the voices of the people. This course will study films, plays, and documentation of some of the most compelling contemporary protest performances across the globe. From Brazil to Egypt, the United States, and Nigeria, students will sharpen their own voices as writers through an investigation of revolutionary speeches, demonstrations, and theories. In-class discussions and peer reviews will help students develop their critical and persuasive writing skills while drafting precise, coherent, and well-structured arguments.

TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Honey Crawford 17197 Ed Intemann

PSYCHOLOGY 1120 SEM 101

Social and Personality: The Science of Well-Being—Can Psychology Make us Happier?

Does money make people happier? Are religious people happier than atheists? Why does happiness seem to come easy to some people but not to others? The self-help industry grosses over two billion dollars a year, yet surveys repeatedly show that Americans are not getting happier. One reason for this is that most self-help books are not based on research. This course will introduce students to the empirical study of well-being and its surprising findings. Reading research articles in psychology, sociology, and economics, as well as popular press articles, will provide students with tools to critically evaluate research related to happiness. Writing assignments will allow students to come up with their own theoretical ideas, hone their communication skills, and develop a unique narrative in academic writing.

TR 10:10-11:25 a.m. Shai Davidai 17230 Tom Gilovich

PSYCHOLOGY 1140 SEM 101

Perception, Cognition, and Development: How the Mind Works

We begin with the philosophical foundations of cognitive science regarding questions about the duality of mind and body, materialism, idealism, and the case of brain in a vat. We will then continue with a survey of computational frameworks (e.g., Turing machine and artificial neural networks) and discuss their place in our quest to find out how the mind works. Along the way we will draw examples from case studies such as split brain patients and hemineglect. Prior knowledge of cognitive science is not assumed. Students will be given writing assignments about the various topics of the course. These assignments will be assessed based on their clarity in writing and the development of the arguments. I will keep this process as interactive and in person as time permits. One set of assignments will aim to consolidate the material students have read into a coherent summary. Another set will focus on original writing and gives them a chance to practice putting their own arguments into words.

MWF 12:20-01:10 p.m. Reza Shahbazi 17198 Shimon Edelman

PSYCHOLOGY 1140 SEM 102

Perception Cognition Development: The Power of Story-Telling—Cognitive Accounts

We communicate through stories. It is not only narratives and movies; we construct stories around gossip, news, or a simple phone call. Anthropologists claim that stories are—cross-culturally—fundamental to our lives. Cognitive scientists claim that the human mind is a literary mind that comprehends the environment through stories. What aspects of our cognitive system make the story so irresistible? What in the composition of a narrative is so compelling that we can't give up before finding its resolution? Through close reading and writing, the students in this class will get acquainted with cognitive accounts for our ability to detect story patterns in practically any chain of events. Writing assignments will apply cognitive theories to excerpts from literary and film narratives discussed in class.

MWF 11:15-12:05 p.m. Catalina Iricinschi 17199 James Cutting

ROMANCE STUDIES 1102 SEM 101

The Craft of Storytelling: *Decameron*

All of us tell stories for a variety of reasons—to entertain, to console, to teach, to persuade—to discover and explore both our inner lives and the world we inhabit. Stories are one of the prime ways in which we make sense of a world that is not always propitious. They serve as instruments by which we seek to shape our future. In this seminar, we shall consider how the craft of storytelling helps us face the task of living: the love and the happiness and the community we seek, the virtues we espouse, our talents and our vulnerabilities. Our principal reading (in English translation) will be a masterpiece of European literature, Giovanni Boccaccio's *Decameron* (ca. 1349–51), which showcases one hundred stories told by ten young Florentines fleeing the Black Death of 1348. Students will write both analytic and personal essays.

MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Marilyn Migiel 17200

SOCIETY FOR THE HUMANITIES 1110 SEM 101

Reporting from Hell

When you're being bombed, hunted down, or otherwise persecuted, can you objectively report on what's happening? Is your on-the-spot report on hell superior to testimony you give years later? Is an eyewitness report superior to that of an historian? Is a filmed report superior to a written one? We will address these and related questions through analytic discussion and writing about the legendary Edward R. Murrow's radio broadcasts during the Blitz of London in World War II, written accounts by Jewish children trapped in the Holocaust, and a report smuggled out of a Soviet labor camp for women political prisoners. We will also examine documentary films, oral testimony of Holocaust and Soviet camp survivors, and (if time permits) Internet reports on some recent hells.

TR 02:55-04:10 p.m. Sidney Orlov 17204

SOCIETY FOR THE HUMANITIES 1130 SEM 101

Propaganda

How does propaganda work? Does it necessarily involve lies? Is it compatible with humor? What is its curious relationship to religion? We will explore these and other questions in the context of World War II propaganda for domestic consumption in Soviet Russia, the United States, and Nazi Germany. Our wide-ranging course materials will include propaganda posters; speeches by Stalin; *Life* magazine advertisements; cartoons by Walt Disney and Dr. Seuss; films from Frank Capra's famous series *Why We Fight*; propaganda advice from Hitler and his Minister for Propaganda; and Leni Riefenstahl's *Triumph of the Will*—sometimes called the greatest propaganda film ever made. Our essays will be analytic.

TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Sidney Orlov 17226

SPANISH 1103 SEM 101

Race and Nature in Latin America

Is race socially constructed or a biological fact? Where is "nature" and what is our relationship with it? In this course, we analyze the interplay of race, nature, and geography in Latin America from the first encounters between Amerindians and Europeans to environmental and social justice movements of the 21st century. Primary texts (letters, short stories, poetry, movies, maps, music art) and topics include: Columbus's descriptions of the "New World," colonialism, mestizaje, and nationalism (Marti), the cosmic race, South American landscapes, environmental, Americanisms (Neruda), Macondo and Magical Realism (Garcia Marquez), ecofeminism (Ferré), queer ecology, eco-socialism and "Mother Earth," and eco-racial imperialism (*Avatar*). Students are encouraged to develop their own interests and interpretations through short writing assignments aimed at sharpening critical thinking.

TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Shawn McDaniel 17225 Marilyn Migiel

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES 1123 SEM 101

Technology and Society: Users and Their Stories

Every technology you see, whether it be a simple artifact like a pencil or a complex system like a nuclear power plant, is designed with particular uses in mind. This course critically examines the idea of the user, whom designers must take into account. The concept of "user" pushes the boundaries of thinking about consumers of technology and enables a better understanding of technological design, testing, misuse, and reuse. The course will focus on how this conception of the user can be fruitful for writing about technology, from journalistic accounts to book reviews, policy statements, and academic analyses.

TR 01:25-02:40 p.m. Ranjit Singh 17223 Michael Lynch

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES 1123 SEM 102

Technology and Society: Examining Technological and Natural Disasters

We constantly hear these in the news: oil spills, airplane accidents, nuclear catastrophes, trains colliding, flooded towns, hurricane-ravaged regions, earthquake-triggered disasters, tsunami-wiped coasts, and many more. Why and how did these disasters take place? How have we responded to them? In this course, we will explore the interconnection of society, environment, and technology to gain understanding of the "technological" and "natural" disasters we constantly observe in the media. Through a variety of reading and writing assignments, we will learn how journalists, filmmakers, and scholars depict and explain how and why disasters involving technologies and naturally-occurring phenomena occurred. The choices we make about what technology to develop and use as well as where to build our cities are tightly linked to the meanings we attach to our environment. Consequently, in the world we live in today, ideas about risk, vulnerability, accidents, and catastrophes are often associated with our scientific and technological creations and organizations instead of some mysterious supernatural forces. To examine how all of these are connected, the readings for this course have been carefully selected that will address these topics.

MW 02:55-04:10 p.m. Yulianto Mohsin 17224 Ronald Kline

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES 1126 SEM 101

Science and Society: Patients in Practice—The Making of the Medical Patient

What does it mean to be a patient? Whether for a routine check-up, a specific diagnosis, or a hospitalization, we have all been, will be, or will know someone who is a medical patient. This course explores how the patient has been constituted, constructed, and categorized over time in a variety of medical and non-medical spaces: doctor's office, operating theater, even online. Written texts are central to this process of construction, so that moving through these spaces will enrich students' understanding of writing itself through reading responses, comparisons, and a final paper.

TR 11:40-12:55 p.m. Jessica Polk 17221 Bruce Lewenstein / Rachel Prentice

WRITING 1370 SEM 101

An Introduction to Writing in the University

This writing seminar is designed for students who need more focused attention in order to master the expectations of academic writing. The course emphasizes the analytic and argumentative writing and critical reading essential for university-level work. With small classes and with weekly student/teacher conferences, each section is shaped to respond to the needs of students in that particular class.

MW 10:10-11:00 a.m. Jessica Sands 17205

Do not request this course on a ballot. Students who believe they need this kind of intensive work should fill out a ballot with 5 other preferences and then attend the Writing Consultation on August 25. For further information, contact Joe Martin, . "S/U" grades only.

WRITING 1370 SEM 102

An Introduction to Writing in the University

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MW 11:15-12:05 p.m. Brad Zukovic 17206

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WRITING 1370 SEM 103

An Introduction to Writing in the University

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MW 12:20-1:10 p.m. TBA Brad 17207 Zukovic

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WRITING 1370 SEM 104

An Introduction to Writing in the University

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TR 10:10-11:00 a.m. Darlene Evans 17208

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WRITING 1370 SEM 105

An Introduction to Writing in the University

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MW 01:25-02:15 p.m. Joe Martin 17209

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WRITING 1370 SEM 106

An Introduction to Writing in the University

This writing seminar is designed for students who need more focused attention in order to master the expectations of academic writing. The course emphasizes the analytic and argumentative writing and critical reading essential for university-level work. With small classes and with weekly student/teacher conferences, each section is shaped to respond to the needs of students in that particular class.

TR 01:25-02:15 p.m. Jessica Sands 17210

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WRITING 1370 SEM 107

An Introduction to Writing in the University

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TR 11:15-12:05 p.m. Tracy Hamler Carrick 17211

Do not request this course on a ballot. Students who believe they need this kind of intensive work should fill out a ballot with 5 other preferences and then attend the Writing Consultation on August 25. For further information, contact Joe Martin, . "S/U" grades only.

WRITING 1370 SEM 108

An Introduction to Writing in the University

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TR 02:30-03:20 p.m. Kelly King-O'Brien 17212

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WRITING 1420 SEM 101

Opening up New Worlds Through Research and Rhetoric

Drawing upon personal or academic experiences and interests, students select their own topics and design research portfolios that highlight significant analytic research. To do this, you will step through the Cornell Library gateway and receive a semester-long guided tour through one of the world's most amazing research libraries—its vast search engines, its abundant print and electronic collections, its precious special collections and archives. This introduction to college research explores using data bases, evaluating information, and engaging both to produce effective academic writing. Study techniques of analysis for converting scholarly information into thesis, synthesizing and acknowledging sources, developing voice and style, crafting technically and rhetorically sophisticated prose. Readings provide models of interdisciplinary scholarship highlighting researched-based writing in the sciences, social sciences, and the humanities. This course is especially appropriate for students who feel they have only just begun developing their academic research and writing skills.

MWF 01:25-02:15 p.m. Darlene Evans 17262

First-year students preferred. Those other than first-year students should contact instructor for permission.