Fall 2021 First-Year Writing Seminars

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Tuesday and Thursday  12:25-01:15p.m.
  WRIT 1370 SEM 106  Elements of Academic Writing: Mind, Body, Self

WF 01:00-02:15p.m.
  CLASS 1562 SEM 101  Augustine’s Confessions
ANTHROPOLOGY 1101
Culture, Society, and Power: Gleaning and the Ethics of Leftovers

What do we do with leftovers? From financial fractions to table and factory scraps, close attention to these seemingly mundane remnants makes visible an array of moral and theoretical issues. In the ancient practice of “gleaning,” or gathering harvest remainders, leftovers carried moral weight: leaving something for the needy was an ethical obligation. Today leftovers are less explicitly adjudicated, but they continue to provoke key questions around property, redistribution, value, and more. Considering historical and contemporary gleaning practices (from medieval harvesting to dumpster diving), we will examine the leftover as concept, metaphor, and material object. To this end, we will read and respond to academic and public texts alongside paintings, film, and scripture—and learn to illuminate the mundane in writing through object biographies, analytical essays, and public-oriented prose.

SEM 101  MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m.  Amiel Bize  19473

ANTHROPOLOGY 1101
Culture, Society, and Power: Archaeology of Food

Have you ever wondered where the food you eat comes from? Why are meals key social events? Did our ancestors eat a Paleo Diet? We will explore how archaeologists learn about ancient foodways from material traces to answer these and other questions. We will consider the role of food in human evolution, the technology of food acquisition and processing, the politics of food, and how food has been used to construct identity. Through reading works authored by archaeologists and anthropologists such as Mary Douglas and Marvin Harris as well as hands-on activities, we will connect the food we eat today to human history and prehistory. Students will analyze texts, reconstruct a prehistoric meal, and perform a deep analysis connecting a present-day meal to the past.

SEM 102  MW 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Nerissa Russell  19474

ANTHROPOLOGY 1101
Culture, Society, and Power: Technoscience and Medicine in Africa

A new Ebola outbreak in Guinea. A “lockdown robot” policing Tunisians’ adherence to pandemic procedures. Stories of science, technology, and medicine in Africa are everywhere, and challenge us to think in new ways about “modern” African life. This course frames science and medicine as inseparable from global relations of power. Scholarly readings, popular media, and fiction will guide our conversations and writing around the relationships between knowledge production, colonization, and global inequality in both historical and contemporary Africa. We will think together about the place of science and biomedicine in African history, and the place of Africa in the global development of science. Students will be asked to write a series of varied research essays and one piece of science/speculative fiction.

SEM 103  MWF 02:40-03:30 p.m.  Rebekah Ciribassi  19475  Stacey Langwick

ANTHROPOLOGY 1101
Culture, Society, and Power: Violence, Power, and Media in the Americas

From print and broadcast news platforms to social media and video streaming services, representations of violence abound. In this course we join social scientists in studying the relationship between violence, power, and media. We will focus our attention on media representations of gendered violence, police brutality, the war on drugs, civil war, and refugee crises in the Americas. How do ideas about victimhood promote solidarity for some, while obscuring the suffering of others? How do ideas about guilt and complicity orient attention toward some causes and culprits of violence, but not others? How do distinct definitions of justice motivate different forms of retributive and reconciliatory redress in the aftermath of violence? These questions will guide our investigation as we practice the fundamentals of academic writing.

SEM 104  MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m.  Amir Mohamed  19476  Stacey Langwick
ANTHROPOLOGY 1101
Culture, Society, and Power: Anthrop Perspectives of Technological Worlds

Technology is at once everywhere and out of sight. It is so completely taken for granted that it seems an unremarkable part of everyday life. There are moments, however, when technologies emerge in dramatic and controversial fashion: the Facebook-Cambridge Analytica data scandal, 5G “conspiracy theories,” or, most recently, Zoom, vaccines, and cryptocurrencies. In this writing seminar we will explore the social lives of technological artifacts—the cultural and historical worlds in which they are embedded—from social media platforms and listening devices to algorithms and machine code. By foregrounding a wide array of technologies, the studies we consider in this course will provide us with tools to interrogate the technological worlds we ourselves inhabit. We will craft an autoethnographic paper, write a film analysis, and put together a short research paper about a technological theme of your choice.

SEM 105  MW 08:05-09:20 a.m.  Simon Posner  19477  Stacey Langwick

ANTHROPOLOGY 1101
Culture, Society, and Power: Culture on Tour

Why do we yearn to leave home and travel? What separates a tourist from a study abroad student—or even an anthropologist? In this class we will explore the construction and evolution of the “tourist mindset”, from armchair travel to contemporary Instagram travel influencing. Through reading ethnographic, literary, and theoretical texts, we will examine how tourism intersects with global power relations, and will also consider how tourism hosts have negotiated and controlled their encounters with guests. Course readings will cover multiple world regions and address topics such as commodification, marketing, and gender/sexuality. Students will gain insight into writing about the social world and about cultural objects like advertisements, films, and social media.

SEM 106  TR 08:05-09:20 a.m.  Connor Rechtzigel  19478  Stacey Langwick

ANTHROPOLOGY 1101
Culture, Society, and Power: Within and Beyond Prison Walls—Resistance, Reform and Abolition

What can lived experiences of incarceration teach us about social difference, power, and solidarity? While prisons world over are sites of historical injustice and racialized violence, narratives of imprisonment equally illuminate spaces of creativity and emergent forms of politics. Engaging with scholarship on punitive violence, reform and anti-carceral activism from a transnational perspective, this class will examine our collective imaginations of the role of prisons in society. We will draw on a range of textual genres such as life history, crime reportage and poetry to study archetypal figures of law enforcement including the prisoner and the policeman in different cultural contexts. Students will learn about rhetorical and narrative strategies used in constructing an academic argument. They will gain particular insight on integrating experiential data with secondary scholarly sources by way of ethnographic interviews with actors working in an interventionist or administrative capacity in the US prison complex.

SEM 107  TR 08:05-09:20 a.m.  Trishna Senapaty  19479  Stacey Langwick

ANTHROPOLOGY 1101
Culture, Society, and Power: Cans to Cultured Meats—Food Technology, Risk, and Society

Can you imagine biting into a juicy burger of cell-grown meat? What health, environmental and societal risks are entailed in introducing new food technology? Humans have utilized technology in food production, distribution, and consumption since tool invention, with instruments such as roasting spits and dishware, machines of mechanical reproduction, drones for food delivery, and petri dishes for cultured meats. We will draw from various fields and media: anthropology (Tim Ingold, Claude Lévi-Strauss), social theory, food science, policy, science fiction (Margaret Atwood, Charlie Jane Anders), podcasts (StarTalk), and film to interrogate “progress” and associated or presumed risks and precarity in food technology from past to present to projected future. Assignments consist of identifying issues, formulating arguments, composing a creative work, and engaging with current controversies.
ANTHROPOLOGY 1101
Culture, Society, and Power: Writing Water in the US—From Wild Rivers to Toxic Lakes

Who owns water? How do humans relate to, know and value water? Water development and the damming of rivers made settlement of the American West possible. This process went hand in hand with indigenous dispossession. Recent events—historic drought in California, waterkeepers at Standing Rock, the water crisis in Flint, dire climate scenarios of droughts and floods, a border wall that would further threaten the Río Grande—raise pressing questions about water rights and the future of water. In this writing course we read, think, and write with water and examine historical and contemporary water issues in the U.S., to explore the meaning of development and what constitutes progress; human relationships to the environment; nature and place; environmental justice; racial inequality and oppression; and borders.

SEM 109  MW 08:05-09:20 a.m.  Rachel Odhner  19699  Stacey Langwick

ANTHROPOLOGY 1101
Decolonizing “The Gaze” in Documentary Film

This course interrogates “the gaze” in documentary filmmaking. How does this documentary “gaze” depict the cultures and societies of people living in far-away places? How do documentary films uphold colonial and imperial projects in the Global South? In what instances do documentaries subvert this colonial "gaze”? Students in this course will develop a critique of power in documentary filmmaking. We will engage with the works of feminist and decolonial scholars, film directors, media theorists, and visual anthropologists such as Trinh T. Minh-Ha, bell hooks, Faye Harrison, Kidlat Tahimik, Jean Rouche, Mina Kesharvaz, and many more. Students will develop an understanding of how film directors develop accountable and collaborative relationships with film subjects. Writing assignments invite students to reflect on how and when documentary films move towards decolonial and liberatory goals. Students will have the option to make a short film as a companion piece to their final essay.

SEM 110  MW 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Natalie Nesvaderani  19737
SEM 111  MW 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Natalie Nesvaderani  19738

ARCHITECTURE 1901
Water and the City

The city’s relationship with water is defined by how the latter is contained, whether as a “river”, ‘sea’ or in pipes and drains. With technological innovations and new knowledge of the nineteenth and twentieth century, technical experts engineered “modern water” and politicians used it as a resource to strengthen the apparatus of the state. Authors, poets, philosophers, filmmakers, and activists also helped in shaping the cultural imagination of water within cities. The writing assignments in this course will require students to think critically about how waters within an urban context are expressed in writing and how these expressions have affected policy decisions about urban projects (parks, infrastructure, housing, etc.) and promoted strategies of territorial control.

SEM 101  MW 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Labib Hossain  19480  Kate Navickas

ART HISTORY 1132
Seeing, Reading, and Writing the Alhambra

This course is centered on Granada’s Alhambra, built, for the most part, during the middle decades of the fourteenth century A.D. Both the most complete surviving medieval Islamic palace and the most popular tourist destination in Spain, throughout the more-than-six centuries of its existence, the Alhambra has inspired admiration and interpretation, this latter being influenced by intellectual trends and cultural currents as varied as Romanticism, positivism, Orientalism, post-structuralism, post-colonial theory, and literature for tourists—it was even the setting for Washington Irving’s famed Tales of the Alhambra. In this class, students will learn to view and to write about the Alhambra through the lenses offered by these various movements and currents, as well as through the eyes of
its contemporary audience, the fourteenth-century poets, courtiers, kings, mystics, and the occasional Christian ally who frequented its beautifully ornamented halls and patios.

SEM 101  TR 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Cynthia Robinson  19481

**ASIAN STUDIES 1111**  
**From a Text to Practice and Back Again: The Yogasūtra**

The practice of yoga is becoming influential and internationally recognized. Now, it is time to look back at the *Yogasūtra* of Patañjali, one of the roots of yoga and a classical Indian text. How does premodern yoga become the yoga we know today? Does the practice of yoga come from the *Yogasūtra*? What are the eight limbs of yoga? This course explores these issues related to the *Yogasūtra* to reveal many lives of yoga beyond the *Yogasūtra* and the connection between the text and practice. Central to the course is slow reading of the *Yogasūtra* in English translation along with its premodern and modern commentaries. The readings, primary and secondary, will provide students with various scholarly practices, including close reading, critical thinking, summary, analysis, argumentation, and research.

SEM 101  MW 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Manasicha Akepiyapornchai  19482  Tracy Carrick

**ASIAN STUDIES 1111**  
**Violence and State in Asia**

What is violence? How does it intersect with and permeate our day-to-day lives? Violence appears in overt ways—acts of terror, self-immolation, drone bombings, hate crimes, as well as in covert and institutionalized forms—mass incarceration, religious militancy, border walls, sexual discrimination, racism, and incitement. In this writing seminar we will question the notion of violence treating it as a problem of study, rather than a self-evident experience or phenomena. Consequently, the “problem” decomposes on three axis: A. multiple forms of violence and its socio-cultural expression; B. its production and its perpetrators; and C. its unfolding, which may have multiple durations. We will examine its relations with state and nation making, ideology, and history. By foregrounding the ways in which violence appears in different moments of time, texts, and media, the writing projects in this class will help us interrogate the multiformal ways in which violence informs and shapes the contemporary world. Writing will be an attempt to make particular available through the categories of the universal.

SEM 102  MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m.  Geethika Dharmasinghe  19483  Tracy Carrick

**ASIAN STUDIES 1111**  
**The Realm of Senses: Ritual, Theater, and Performance in Asia**

Through the studies of theater, performance, and ritual, this course will introduce students to survey the conceptualization of senses and sensations, and also the aesthetics of emotions. We will engage with the debates on the arts of storytelling and performativity in Asia from early modern period to the present. This seminar is designed to examine how theater and performance studies are critical research disciplines allowing and encouraging students to dive into the realm of creativity in which the artistic and the academic are entangled and inseparable. In this course we will learn how to express ideas and questions through the process of writing, including creative writing, play, performance or a book chapter review, and research essays.

SEM 103  TR 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Sirithorn (Ing) Siriwan  19484  Tracy Carrick

**ASIAN STUDIES 1111**  
**Ghosts, Buddhas and Magic: Vietnamese Religious Experience Then and Now**

How does the spiritual world of ghosts, divine beings, and magic intersect with the human realms of politics, economics, and everyday life? In this course by exploring various aspects of religious experience in Vietnam such as philosophy, beliefs, and local customs, students will learn how themes of money, social status, psychology, and power intermingle with religious concerns. This course encourages students to think about how religious traditions change over time by tracing their transformation, reinterpretations, and reiterations through Vietnamese history.
Students will develop essays based on readings about Vietnamese folklore, medieval Buddhist monks, eighteenth-century missionary work, apocalyptic literature, and contemporary religious activities. Certain themes for students to explore and develop will include prophecy, sorcery, pilgrimage, death, trauma, and hope.

**SEM 104** TR 08:05-09:20 a.m.  Hoai Tran  19715

**SEM 105** MW 08:05-09:20 a.m.  Hoai Tran  19716

**ASIAN STUDIES 1111**

**Introduction to South Korean Cinema**

This course explores South Korean cinema from the late 1990s to the present. In this course students will learn how to watch, think about, and write about film through engaging in guided analysis of filmic texts from various perspectives, including auteurism, national cinema, cultural studies, and global genres. Along with these perspectives, we will examine South Korean films in relation to social, cultural, political, economic, gender, and minority matters. All films will have English subtitles, and no prior knowledge of Korean language, history, or culture is required.

**SEM 106** TR 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Jahyon Park  19717

**ASIAN STUDIES 1111**

**Literature, Culture, and Religion: The Korean Wave—Globalization of S. Korean Pop Culture**

In the last two decades, the media and popular cultures in East Asia have quickly grown and influenced Western cultures. Particularly, South Korea has turned from a country importing Western cultures to a nation producing its own cultures and circulating them in an increasingly globalized context. In this class we will explore the Korean Wave or *Hallyu* through academic articles, films, broadcasting, and online comics and games. From a brief introduction of its origin, we will move to analyze the specific features of popular culture industries and productions in South Korea and their reception around the world. With its emphasis on critical analysis, writing process, and revision, this course helps students write about their self-reflective engagements with the media and popular culture.

**SEM 107** TR 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Jahyon Park  19718

**ASIAN STUDIES 1114**

**CANCELLED 7/27/2021--Minority Cultures of Japan**

CANCELLED 7/27/2021--This course introduces students to populations considered "minority" within a Japanese context through a cultural studies lens. This includes ethnic minorities, such as resident Koreans and indigenous Ainu, sexual minorities, religious minorities, and migrants both to and from the Japanese archipelago. We will look at literature, film, and music (hip hop, rap), alongside sociological and ethnographic work on “minority” as a category, covering race, ethnicity, gender, and linguistic belonging in a comparative perspective. Assignments will cover genres such as personal essay, textual and film analysis, and op-ed column writing. No previous knowledge of the topic and no language requirements are necessary to take this course.

**SEM 101** TR 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Paul McQuade  19485

**ASIAN STUDIES 1116**

**The Huns**

The Huns are commonly known as invaders from Asia in the fourth century C.E. who contributed to the fall of the Roman Empire. This is but one aspect of a larger story about Huns and other peoples who were affected by them. The content of this seminar will include written accounts, epic tales such as the *Nibelungenlied* and the *Volsung Saga*, geographic analysis, and information about the life of Attila, the most famous leader of the Huns. Weekly writing exercises will lead to essays responding to readings and class discussions.

**SEM 101** TR 09:40-10:55 a.m.  Keith Taylor  19486
AFRICANA STUDIES AND RESEARCH CENTER 1816
Writing Black Experience and Black Lives
The study of selected works and ideas of writers of the black experience which allows students to read, respond, and write about different genres as they shape their own ideas on these and related topics. We will include poems, essays, short stories, which explore the black experience. Various approaches to writing and responding to literature at university level will be presented. Students will develop writing skills in critical areas that will be transferable to other courses and in their future academic and professional careers.

SEM 101  MW 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Carole Boyce Davies  19487

ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY 1640
Disappearing Ice and Snow: Writing about Ecological Change
The planet is warming, climate is changing and we are all stakeholders. How do we write critically about the science of climate change, without losing the broader context of what is at stake? This course will address the rapidity of change in the Arctic and global mountain ranges as case studies in scholarship regarding ecological change and loss. We will integrate different modes of writing and communication in a classroom akin to a dynamic writing “lab”. Students will practice expository, technical, persuasive, and narrative writing while also honing research skills such as literature reviews, collaboration, peer review, and meaningful engagement with invited experts.

SEM 101  TR 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Elizabeth Lombardi  19488  Elliot Shapiro

ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY 1640
Migration and Moonbirds: Animal Movement Over Space and Time
From arctic birds that traverse the poles to butterflies that migrate thousands of miles over generations, animal movements inspire us and captivate our imaginations. This seminar will explore animal movement as a lens through which to discover and implement different ways of communicating about science. We will investigate a variety of writings about animal movement, including accounts of animal movement from Native Americans, peer-reviewed scientific journal articles, and excerpts from popular science and personal narrative prose about movement. Students will summarize scientific studies, write about science for different audiences, and describe their own connections to animal movement via personal narratives. This course will “lift the hood” on ecological research and give students the resources to understand and explain scientific findings to a broad range of audiences.

SEM 102  TR 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Jennifer Uehling (Lab of O)  19489  Elliot Shapiro

ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY 1640
The Human-nature Relationship: Past, Present, and Future
A pressing question in our climatically changing world is: can the relationship between humans and the rest of the natural world be mutually beneficial? In this seminar, we will focus on readings from two science-based books to explore this question: (1) Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations and (2) Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants. The different styles of writing of the two books will also serve as examples for your writing assignments. With the assigned essays, you will practice both investigative, critical writing and more creative and personal styles of writing. The course will finish with a critical comparison of the two readings for the course and your own proposed answer to the initial question on the human-nature relationship.

SEM 103  TR 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Catalina Mejia  19490  Elliot Shapiro
NEUROBIOLOGY & BEHAVIOR 1220
Sex and Gender Politics in Scientific Research

What are sexes? How do social and political perceptions of sex and gender shape biological research? What does and doesn’t scientific research tell us about sex and gender? In what ways have sex and gender been mishandled by science, perpetuating a system of exclusion and bias? Across the semester we will traverse a wide array of research fields, time periods, perspectives, and styles of writing. The course begins by acknowledging that science as a social enterprise is fundamentally gendered. We will thus explore the scientific research of sex and gender alongside the sociopolitical landscape of this research by engaging with diverse texts and the writing process.

SEM 101 MW 02:45-04:00 p.m. Caitlin Miller 19491 Elliot Shapiro

NEUROBIOLOGY & BEHAVIOR 1220
Ethical Investigations of the Neuroscience of Perception

Our individual perception is composed from neural firing in our brain, integrating sensory information from our environment into lived experience. In this course students will complete a series of diverse writing assignments to investigate the neurobiology of perception across species, and how changes in perception are affected by evolution, neurodivergence, and psychoactive drugs. We will combine narrative readings from unique perspectives, from Temple Grandin, Yayoi Kusama, to Oliver Sacks, with scientific research papers as students learn to craft key documents in research writing: literature reviews, research papers, and argumentative essays. Students will build upon these skills and read texts like Saini’s Superior alongside applied research papers on anthropogenic impact, to discuss and create written proposals for ethically aiding individuals in stress in our community.

SEM 102 MW 11:25-12:40 p.m. Rose Tatarsky 19492 Elliot Shapiro

NEUROBIOLOGY & BEHAVIOR 1220
Nothing in Biology Makes Sense: Writing Persuasively about Evolution

Evolutionary biologist Theodosius Dobzhansky famously titled an essay he wrote in 1973 “Nothing in Biology Makes Sense Except in the Light of Evolution”. In this course we will read several famous authors on the topic of evolution, from Darwin to Dawkins as well as popular books such as “The Beak of the Finch”. Topics covered will include natural selection, how one species gives rise to many, and the evolution of us! Written assignments will include translating primary literature into popular science, responding to critiques of evolutionary theory, and exploring the deep past of some familiar animals. No background in biology is required, only an interest in, as Darwin put it, the “many forms most beautiful and wonderful, which have been, and are being, evolved”.

SEM 103 TR 08:05-09:20 a.m. Zena Casteel (Lab of O) 19493 Elliot Shapiro

NEUROBIOLOGY & BEHAVIOR 1220
Natural History Collections As Windows Onto Environmental Change

Human activities are changing the natural world in ways that are overwhelmingly present in our modern lives, not just for humans but for all species. In addition to global climate change, human-mediated activities with environmental consequences include the damming of rivers, deforestation, and agricultural practices. Global climate change is a particularly hot-button issue in the realm of political discourse, but for the scientific community it is a widely accepted reality. Scientists across disciplines are therefore working to understand how our human activities are impacting both the abiotic (non-living) and biotic (living) world. In this seminar we will focus on the biotic realm, especially on the vertebrates, and investigate how species are responding to global and local changes. We will pay special attention to the role that natural history collections (like the Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates, where we work) play in understanding how populations and ecosystems respond to varying environments. For example, we will explore how conservation strategies can protect, preserve and perhaps even rescue species, delve into the ways that natural history collections can inform us about these processes, and debate
some of the associated ethical dilemmas. We will draw on readings from the primary scientific literature along with some historical accounts. Writing assignments will focus on tools for engaging the public through clarity of reasoning and scientific understanding.

SEM 104  MW 09:40-10:55 a.m.  Alicia Brunner (Lab of O)  19494  Elliot Shapiro

NEUROBIOLOGY & BEHAVIOR 1220
Alien Evolution: Using Earth To Predict Life on Other Worlds
This course will leverage our existing understanding of evolutionary principles, combined with the physical laws of the universe, to attempt to speculate about the morphology, physiology, and behavior of life on other worlds. Over the course of the semester we will pay special attention to convergent evolution: the independent evolution of similar traits in unrelated organisms. There will be weekly writing assignments, including but not limited to five formal essays that range from a formal analysis to a piece of creative writing.

SEM 105  TR 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Hayden Waller  19495  Elliot Shapiro

CLASSICS 1531
Greek Myth
This course will focus on the stories about the gods and heroes of the Greeks as they appear in ancient literature and art. We will examine the relationship between myths and the cultural, religious, and political conditions of the society in which they took shape. Beginning with theories of myth and proceeding to the analysis of individual stories and cycles, the material will serve as a vehicle for improving your written communication skills. Assignments include preparatory writing and essays focusing on readings and discussions in class.

SEM 101  MWF 08:00-08:50 a.m.  Daniel Gallagher  19496
SEM 102  TR 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Stephen Fodroczi  19497  Courtney Roby

CLASSICS 1562
Augustine’s Confessions
The Confessions is an autobiographical account of Augustine’s discovery of god through his reading of philosophical texts and, eventually, the Bible. But since he regards his own story as an example of ordinary human development, he uses it as a way of thinking about human nature in general. This allows him to analyze some fundamental problems in life – sin, friendship, emotions, sex, faith and the existence of god – through his narrative. The course will follow Augustine’s intense focus in this work on reading texts (since the decisive changes in his life all came from discovering books). We will learn how to interpret and analyze informal arguments and how to reconstruct theories sketched in the text and to set them out with clarity and concision.

SEM 101  WF 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Charles Brittain  19523

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE 1104
Reading Films: Modern Chinese Cinema
We live in an image-saturated world. How do we make sense of the moving image and its powerful roles in shaping culture and mediating our relationship with the world? This course will equip students with the tools to understand and decipher film language. It introduces and interrogates the basic notions, technologies, terminologies, and theories of film analysis. We will study visual and compositional elements, like mise-en-scène, cinematography, editing, and sound. Films we discuss will include different geographies, genres, major directors, schools, and film movements. Through writing students will learn to analyze films with accurate, medium-specific vocabulary, develop informed and nuanced arguments, and critically reflect on the position of the viewer.

SEM 101  TR 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Keyun Tian  19545  Debra Castillo
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SEM 102 MW 07:30-08:45 p.m.  Junting Huang  19700  Debra Castillo

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SEM 103 MW 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Junting Huang  19783  Debra Castillo

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE 1105
Books with Big Ideas

What do Frankenstein and Things Fall Apart have in common? What lies behind the fantastical stories of Aladdin? Do we have to like Garcia Marquez and Shakespeare? These texts and authors re-imagine the human experience at its most intriguing level. In this course we will discuss human rights, intimacy, joy, isolation, and other controversies at the heart of these books. Throughout the semester, students will learn how to articulate an informed and nuanced position on these issues via formal practices in analytical readings, drafting, peer review, and self-editing. Actual selection of readings may vary depending on the instructor's focus.

SEM 101 MW 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Nitzan Tal  19591  Debra Castillo
SEM 102 MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m.  Jessica Ness  19592  Debra Castillo
SEM 103 MWF 11:20-12:10 p.m.  Amrita Chakraborty  19593  Debra Castillo
SEM 104 MW 08:05-09:20 a.m.  Elias Beltran  19594  Debra Castillo
SEM 105 MWF 11:20-12:10 p.m.  Tianyi Shou  19595  Debra Castillo
SEM 106 MW 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Kholoud Hussein  19713
SEM 107 MW 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Kholoud Hussein  19714

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE 1106
Robots

In 2015 Japan's SoftBank Robotics Corporation announced the world's first robot with feelings. Many people were excited, many more disturbed. If robots are simply, as the dictionary suggests, machines “designed to function in the place of a living agent,” then what is so disturbing about them? Since robots are designed to replace human labor (first economic, and now also emotional), do they represent a threat as much as they do an aid? What happens when robots exceed their purpose, and become more humanlike? How do robots read, write, and feel? How do the activities of coding and writing, or decoding and reading differ? Students will be equipped with the vocabulary and writing strategies to rigorously analyze, compare, and debate the meaning of robots in the human
imagination from different epochs, countries, languages, and media. In doing so they will write in a variety of registers about works such as the play R.U.R. by Karel Čapek, who invented the term “robot”. Other materials may include philosophical texts, fiction, videogames, films, graphic novels, and hip-hop concept albums.

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE 1119
A Taste of Russian Literature
Explore important aspects of the Russian culture in broad historical, geopolitical and socioeconomic context through the lens of Russian folklore, poetry, short stories of Gogol, Chekhov, and Bulgakov, works of contemporary Russian-American writers, visual art, and international film, in which, among other things, food and Russian culinary and hospitality tradition figure prominently. The literary journey will take you from the lavish tables of the eighteenth-century aristocracy, to the hardship and austerity of GULAG prison, to the colorful and savory regional fare of the former Russian Empire and Soviet Union, to the fridge and pantry staples in the everyday life of Russian family. Your writing assignments will help you develop critical thinking and argumentative skills, precision and clarity of expression, ability to write with discipline, creativity, and sense of style.

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE 1134
Reading Poetry
Poems are puzzles, or are they plants? In this class, you'll learn to read with poetry as a fellow writer. You’ll respond to key questions like “How does this poem work?” or “Why do I like it?” Poems are often thought of as infinite in the possibilities of perception and wonder they produce. Together we will grapple with the paradox of writing about poetry in a closed, concise form without domesticating it, by investigating how reading poetry can teach us how to write anew. How are lines and stanzas related to sentences and paragraphs? Can ideas “rhyme?” Are notions such as deixis, voice, metaphor, apostrophe, prosody, and the “lyric I” essential to producing a cogent and truthful argument in any discipline? In addition to poems and essays by poets, this course may include relevant literary theory, scientific texts, musical works, and extracts from novels or films.

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE 1135
Loneliness and the City
The theme of metropolitan loneliness has elicited some of the most interesting work in cinema history. This course asks: what makes loneliness and the city a winning combination for cinematic representation? Tackling the work of American mainstream directors, European arthouse masters as well as “global cinema” auteurs, we reflect on issues of belonging, longing, (digital) connectivity, and the pursuit of happiness in the modern city. Possible selection of films by Sean Baker, Coppola, Jonze, Kaurismäki, Kieslowski, Kim Ki-Duk, Loach, Gaspar Noe, Ulrich Seidl, Scorsese, Truffaut, and Wong Kar-Wai, among others. This course puts emphasis on close-reading and revision of writing.

CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING 1109
Cities and Regions: Gender, Cities, and Planning
Gender affects the way individuals perceive and experience the city. In this course we examine the evolution of literature and debates in planning scholarship since the 1970s. Through discussions and writing assignments, we focus on unpacking the gendered implications of historically planning cities using “men” as a prototype, and how gender is incorporated into economic, political, and urban spatial systems. We focus on how ideas about gender are shaped by exploring classic texts in economic development, feminist planning theories, social justice, housing,
and transportation. We consider challenges and opportunities facing planners and communities in incorporating gender-based concerns. Through analytical literature reviews and essays on personal city experiences or other art forms, students will develop skills in critical analysis, comparison, and personal reflection.

SEM 101 TR 01:00-02:15 p.m. Seema Singh 19602 Kate Navickas

DEVELOPMENT SOCIOLOGY 1200
She-roes: Global Perspectives on Girls’ Empowerment

From Malala Yousafzai to Michelle Obama—girls’ empowerment has become a popular rallying cry for promoting inclusion and progressive social policy. What does it mean to be empowered? How does the experience of identity affect how empowerment is understood and produced? This course will ask students to develop their own answers to these questions through an exploration of diverse readings on the lives of popular ‘sheroes’ such as Michelle Obama, Malala Yousafzai’s and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, alongside articles from policy and practice on the subject of gender, feminism, and intersectionality. Writing assignments will include critical reflections on the readings, short essays and one long-paper where students are asked produce and argue their own thinking on the material.

SEM 101 TR 09:40-10:55 a.m. Aubryn Sidle 19603 Kate Navickas

DEVELOPMENT SOCIOLOGY 1200
Good for Business? Corporations, Entrepreneurs, and Global Poverty

Corporations from Coca-Cola to Walmart, Monsanto to Nike are promising to improve the lives of the world’s 1.8 billion poor people. In the name of “doing good,” companies offer loans to street-vendors, promote the use of menstrual pads, and sell seeds to smallholder farmers. Are these programs motivated by commitments to human well-being or the search for greater profits—or both? How do real communities respond to business initiatives claiming to improve their lives, and what happens when plans go awry? By building research skills and writing in different genres, students will engage debates about the social purpose of markets and enterprise, interrogate how policies work in practice, and learn to investigate the prospects and limits of businesses for the development of diverse communities.

SEM 102 MW 11:25-12:40 p.m. Ewan Robinson 19604 Kate Navickas

DEVELOPMENT SOCIOLOGY 1200
Pirated Ecologies: Somalia and International Waste Disposal

Why did people from a failed state revive piracy in the twenty-first century? The “how?” and “why?” of Somali piracy are complex, partially understood through the presence of illegal dumping of toxic waste by foreign companies. Somali piracy is a dramatic example of the unintended consequences of illegal waste disposal and the ways that global power can be reshaped suddenly and violently. Beginning with a World Bank memo ironically advocating for increasing pollution in underdeveloped countries, the readings for this course will examine who makes the rules about where waste goes, and what happens when that becomes contested. Students will write pieces focusing on analysis, research, and persuasion as part of their exploration of how waste and piracy have interacted in the Somali context.

SEM 103 TR 08:05-09:20 a.m. George Spisak 19785
SEM 104 TR 09:40-10:55 a.m. George Spisak 19786

ENGLISH 1105
Writing and Sexual Politics: The Vampire’s Reflection—Fear, Love, and Transformation

Why do we need vampires? And who gets to decide who the real vampires are? Even before Dracula took flight in 1897, we craved creatures of the night to give shape to our most hateful fears and leave a shadow over our most impossible dreams. Course readings will first unearth the vampire’s most famous origins in Dracula and Carmilla, excavating through criticism to unlock the secret of their danger, and their seductive appeal. From there,
we will explore the vampire’s transformation through diverse contemporary works in literature as well as film and TV including *Let the Right One In*, *What We Do in the Shadows*, and others. In this class you will exorcise traces of humanity, transgression, and queerness in vampiric acts through critical analysis. You will hunt your own fears to spawn new vampire tales. Above all, you will confront that which is most monstrous, or by another turn, glorious.

**SEM 101**  MWF 12:25-01:15 p.m.  Kathryn Diaz  19612  Masha Raskolnikov

**ENGLISH 1105**  
**Writing and Sexual Politics: Female Desire in the Digital Age**

This course examines the desires of women, and those who identify as women, in twenty-first-century America. What is the relationship between desire and power? How is desire shaped by cultural, political, and economic forces? And how does digital technology such as Instagram mediate the objects and forms of female want? We will read texts that explore different types of longing, from sex and romance to ambition and hunger. We will also examine the constraints placed on desire by race, class, sexuality, and gender identity. Texts may include Netflix’s *Sex Education*, essays by Audre Lorde, fiction by Carmen Maria Machado, and feminist theory. Students will write personal narratives and research essays, record podcasts, and produce a multimedia writing portfolio on a topic of their choosing.

**SEM 102**  TR 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Philippa Chun  19613  Masha Raskolnikov

**ENGLISH 1105**  
**Writing and Sexual Politics: When Beauty Becomes Beast**

“Everything is sex except sex, which is power,” says Janelle Monáe, but what does this mean? In this course we will delve into the social capital of sex through desirability and its many faces, from the politics of attraction to the weaponizing of the grotesque and everything in between. Analyzing how identities within race, gender, and sexuality affect our views on sex and attraction, as well as how these views shape writing through different media like music, movies, and creative writing, we’ll discover exactly what makes “sex” so powerful.

**SEM 103**  TR 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Anastasia McCray  19614  Masha Raskolnikov

**ENGLISH 1111**  
**Writing Across Cultures: Monster Hunter Narratives**

Where there are monsters, there are monster hunters, from Grendel and Beowulf to Dracula and Blade. What makes the hunter distinct from the monster? How do we represent the monster hunter, and their relationship to the monster? We will explore the monster hunter as portrayed in poetry, film and television, comics, and other media from different cultures. We’ll discuss what specific portrayals of the monster hunter “tell” us about culture, and how historical contexts, cultural contexts, and media constraints affect those “tellings.” We will explore writing cultures by crafting creative memos, reports, and tabloids alongside media analyses.

**SEM 101**  MWF 11:20-12:10 p.m.  Lisa Camp  19498  Roger Gilbert

**ENGLISH 1111**  
**Writing Across Cultures: Documentary Now**

In the era of social media and fake news, documentary has surged in popularity. Recent films follow public figures like RBG or investigate current events, like the infamous Fyre Festival. Genres beyond film have also embraced and parodied the form in television (*The Office, Documentary Now!*), poetry, and podcasts (*S-Town*). Documentaries claim to be factual, yet they’re often accused of being propaganda. We will discuss why documentary resonates with our moment and examine their arguments to ask: what is the relationship between propaganda and data? What counts as evidence? Whose voices are heard and whose are silenced? Students will learn how to craft and revise arguments, write film reviews, gather oral histories, and create their own documentary poetry, essay, podcast, or film.

**SEM 102**  MWF 12:25-01:15 p.m.  Olivia Evans  19499  Roger Gilbert
ENGLISH 1111
Writing Across Cultures: Traveling Poetry—Conquest and Ritual
From tales of meandering conquest in Homer to Dante’s underworld, poetry ferries readers across time and space. Beginning with *The Odyssey*, Part One of this two-part course (each can be taken separately) explores the themes of conquest and pilgrimage. We will interrogate narratives of discovery while reading poetry about colonization in the Americas (Shakespeare’s *The Tempest*, Hart Crane). Next, we will turn to the motif of pilgrimage in journeys both earthly (Chaucer) and otherworldly (Dante). We will ask: How does the sonnet’s epiphany relate to narratives of discovery? The epic’s authority to manifest destiny? We will approach our own writing as a mode of travel: How do we move through ideas and across drafts? How is writing a vehicle for thought rather than a destination?

SEM 103  MW 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Olivia Evans  19500  Roger Gilbert

ENGLISH 1111
Writing Across Cultures: Rules of the Game—Writing Under Constraint
An entire novel written without ever using the letter “E”; a poem “sculpted” out of Google search results; a book about nuclear proliferation built around the Fibonacci sequence. We’ll read a tradition of twentieth- and twenty-first-century writing that deals with the mechanical, the mathematical, and the programmatic in order to see how games of style might find new substance, where “authenticity” is filtered through self-imposed or socially conditioned restrictions. Like a host of classroom Houdinis, we will place ourselves in shackles and see what magic we can create by escaping our bonds.

SEM 104  MW 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Greg Londe  19501

ENGLISH 1111
Writing Across Cultures: Home, Unbound
How do you write about home amidst ongoing displacement? How would you conjure a home if you had been torn from a homeland and moved across multiple sites instead of belonging to just one? Writers of diasporic background like Bhanu Kapil, Theresa Hak Kyung Cha, and Dionne Brand, who have undergone violent histories, continue to invent ways of moving through the world and relating to it. They don’t fully arrive at new homes but along the way open space for surprising ways of being that reimagine home as a process of becoming rather than a fixed place. Students will write analytical and creative essays as they trace their own trajectories through and in dialogue with works that entwine poetry, essay, critique, memoir, and archive.

SEM 105  MW 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Elisávet Makridis  19502  Roger Gilbert

ENGLISH 1111
Writing Across Cultures: Feeling Race, Sexuality, and Gender
What worlds will your touch make possible? When we consider the physicality of language, its units, the letters on the tongue, the letters on the page, what, then, is legible of the arrangements of a life, our lives, others’ lives, the word-shapes we pour into? This course will hold central the sensorial, the tactile, the bodied experiences of words collected into worlds. We touch each other through language, extend from our bodies to make each other more possible. Traveling through poetry with the generous company of essays, poetic essays, and theoretical texts, we will give of our touch to worlds queer, Black, Asian, Indigenous, migratory, and femininely erotic. We will write hybridly, experimentally towards our most radical language, forecast with feeling the future-words we are.

SEM 106  MW 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Jasmine Reid  19503  Roger Gilbert
ENGLISH 1111
Writing Across Cultures: The Detective Novel and Film
Beyond the smoking gun and the femme fatale, do detective novels have more to say? Can entertainment legitimately address social issues? And can popular fiction be as complex as ‘high brow’ literature? In this class we shall explore the ways in which detective novels and films are often a Trojan horse for intricate literary forms and contents. Specifically we shall look at the ways in which they make commentary on questions of gender, race, class, law and justice, the delicate balance between order and freedom, and age-old questions of familial versus civic duties.

SEM 107  TR 09:40-10:55 a.m.  Mukoma Wa Ngugi  19504

ENGLISH 1111
CANCELLED--8/2/2021--Writing Across Cultures: The Literature of Care Work and Care Workers
CANCELLED--8/2/2021--Did you bang pots and pans in support of care workers this year? Humans come into the world helpless and needing care; we generally leave the world that same way. In between we care for others—we love, help, and try to heal. This course examines some of the literature on care, including writings about motherhood, about doctoring and nursing, and about life after grievous injury requiring the caretaking of others. What can we do in paying attention to the stories of those who care and are cared for? Texts might include writings from the frontline workers during the Covid-19 epidemic; the novel and film Never Let Me Go; the memoirs The Body Undone and The Argonauts and work on the racial politics of who does the caretaking in our culture today.

SEM 108  TR 09:40-10:55 a.m.  Masha Raskolnikov  19505

ENGLISH 1111
Writing Across Cultures: The Culture of the Raj
Judging from the many popular novels and movies dealing with the British rule in India, the "Raj" was a time of pageantry and color, adventure and romance. But to what extent is this image historically accurate? How did people live their lives, and how did the colonial rule affect not only Indian society and culture but also contemporary Britain? The Raj did invent many of the modern forms of spectacle and public ceremonial display, but is there anything else that survives to the present day? What do we know about “race” and nationalism, for instance, or literature and imperial ideology, and the various “cultural” ways we understand ourselves—then as much as now? Readings will draw on both literary and historical texts, and include some current films and popular fiction.

SEM 109  TR 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Satya Mohanty  19506

ENGLISH 1111
Writing Across Cultures: Childhood and Youth
How would you write about the early years of your life? Can a personal memoir or novel capture and convey your larger community as well as your own experience? This course focuses the intersections of public and private lives through personal narratives of childhood, youth, and coming-of-age journeys. We will consider the interactions between the individual, culture, and society, with special attention paid to the politics of the family and the nation. Authors may include Thi Bui, Annie Ernaux, James Baldwin, and Elena Ferrante. Students will write short analytical essays and informal creative exercises emulating the forms and styles of course texts.

SEM 110  TR 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Chi Le  19507  Roger Gilbert
ENGLISH 1120
Writing and Community Engagement: Lenses in Our Lives
Since Nero squinted through gems to watch gladiators die, artificial lenses have changed the way we see the world; ‘the lens’ is a common metaphor used to compare ideologies or to interpret art with a philosophy. This course will investigate how lenses came about and how the widespread presence of lenses (in cameras, the eye) started to shape the world around us. We’ll consider the implications of privileging vision over hearing and touch; explore the strangeness of lenses, which distort in order to clarify; read ancient, medieval, and modern accounts of lens-making and use, fiction in which a lens or camera is particularly relevant, philosophy and theory which examines lenses, and study films and photographs with the insights gained along the way.

SEM 101 TR 02:45-04:00 p.m. Seth Strickland 19508 Laura Brown

ENGLISH 1130
Writing the Environment: The American Imagination at Sea
Do oceans bring us together or keep us apart? This course explores representations of oceans and seas in American literature, film, and music. We will read Phillis Wheatley, Herman Melville, and Elizabeth Bishop; watch nature documentaries; and listen to sea shanties and whale songs as we think about the ocean as a place of life, death, beauty, and terror. As we navigate through the material and symbolic seas that form the United States’ turbulent history and our planet’s imperiled future, students will write creative pieces and analytical essays focused on the maelstrom of artistic, economic, environmental, and political forces that constitute “the sea.”

SEM 101 MWF 11:20-12:10 p.m. Susannah Sharpless 19509 Roger Gilbert

ENGLISH 1130
Writing the Environment: Learning from Plants and Animals
Climate change frequently inspires feelings of sadness and anxiety, shame and guilt. Yet such emotions are often paralyzing. What other emotions can we explore when we experience climate grief? Who or what can we turn to discover new ways of living and feeling differently? This course examines environmental poetry, fiction and memoirs that suggest that humans, plants, and other non-human entities are kindred beings embedded in an ecosystem. As ancient parts of the same “tissue” as humans, plants and nonhumans are crucial teachers for ways to live more sustainably. Readings include Native, Black, and postcolonial writings that ask what we can learn from plants when we treat them as persons and co-citizens. Assignments include formal essays, creative writing, and fieldwork.

SEM 102 MWF 01:30-02:20 p.m. Austin Lillywhite 19510 Roger Gilbert

ENGLISH 1130
Writing the Environment: Climate Fiction
How should we write about climate change? What written forms can help us to envision just environmental futures? Can a novel change minds? Can a global ecological crisis fit in something as small as a poem? This course explores how writing can serve as a tool for confronting climate change in our daily lives. As we read poetry, novels, and policy briefings, we will focus particularly on the power of storytelling in the context of a warming world. Texts may include Jenny Offil’s Weather, Jesmyn Ward’s Salvage the Bones, Amitav Ghosh’s Gun Island, and Octavia Butler’s Parable of the Sower. Writing assignments may include op-eds, literary arguments, and creative exercises in speculative world-building.

SEM 103 TR 08:05-09:20 a.m. Molly MacVeagh 19511 Roger Gilbert
**ENGLISH 1134**
**True Stories**

How do we understand the reality of others? For that matter, how do we know and understand our own experience? One answer is writing: writing can crystalize lived experience for others. We can record our observations, our thoughts, our feelings and insights and hopes and failures, to communicate them, to understand them. In this course, we will read nonfiction narratives that explore and shape the self and reality, including the personal essay, memoir, autobiography, documentary film, and journalism. We will write essays that explore and explain these complex issues of presenting one’s self and others.

**SEM 101** MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Bonnie (Yonbom) Chung 19512 Charlie Green
**SEM 102** MWF 11:20-12:10 p.m. India Hackle 19513 Charlie Green
**SEM 103** MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Mackenzie Donnelly 19514 Charlie Green
**SEM 104** MW 02:45-04:00 p.m. John Lennon 19515
**SEM 105** TR 09:40-10:55 a.m. Adam Szetela 19516 Charlie Green
**SEM 106** TR 11:25-12:40 p.m. Ernesto Quiñonez 19517

**ENGLISH 1140**
**Writing Medicine: Stories of Illness and Healing**

What does it mean to be healthy? How do we describe our pain? Who becomes a physician? The practice of medicine isn’t confined to scientific knowledge: it raises difficult questions about culture, identity, and bodies, and the stories we tell about all of these. This course will focus on works of literature and media to think about how medical care changes across time and place, and to explore images and narratives that shape our expectations about illness and health. Short writing assignments and longer essays will develop your critical thinking, strengthen your writing skills, and build your awareness of the complex cultural landscape of medical care.

**SEM 101** MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Taylor Pryor 19518 Laura Brown
**SEM 102** MWF 11:20-12:10 p.m. Mackenzie Berry 19519 Laura Brown
**SEM 103** MW 07:30-08:45 p.m. Margaux Delaney 19520 Laura Brown

**ENGLISH 1158**
**American Voices: Asian-American Food Writing**

From odes to phở, to essays about crying in H Mart, food writing is evocative—and challenging. How do we capture taste in words? How do we convey the intense associations between food, memory, and belonging? We will study how Asian-American writers, documentarians, and food bloggers—including Michelle Zauner, Molly Yeh, David Chang, and Jhumpa Lahiri—explore the connections and tensions between food and racial identity. Students will analyze texts, write critical responses, and work on creative projects, culminating in a class-wide food writing “anthology” of our own.

**SEM 101** MWF 11:20-12:10 p.m. Alice Rhee 19521 Roger Gilbert

**ENGLISH 1160**
**Intersections: Race, Writing, and Power**

How does race inform the way we understand the world around us? How do writers explore their experiences of race and colonialism to challenge conventional notions of nation, citizenship, knowledge, and self? In this class we engage materials that complicate our ideas of race in order to imagine new forms of identity, social life, and political possibility. We engage with creators who are Black, Brown, Indigenous, People of Color, or from the Global South. The works we study may include podcasts, graphic novels, memoirs, poetry, plays, or films. Writing
projects may be critical, creative, or research-based, as we develop our understanding of race and identity and by extension our capacities as writers.

**ENGLISH 1167**  
**Reading Now**  
Reading is experiencing a new revolution in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. We still read paper books, but we also read by scrolling on screen, through search engines, and in images and memes. What kinds of texts are emerging in this new era, and how do we read them? How do writing—and our ways of reading—connect with the urgent topics before us now: technology and social control, truth and media, climate change and apocalypse, identity, equality, and human rights? This course will examine the past twenty years of writing in a variety of genres, printed and/or online, from fiction to memoir to poetry and beyond. As we read, we will explore and discover the forms that our own writing can take in response.

**ENGLISH 1168**  
**Cultural Studies: Dear Diary**  
Do you have a diary? Are diaries always meant to be private, or do we sometimes write in diaries as if someone else is reading them? In this course we read several diaries and texts that are written like diaries in the form of fictional autobiography, public memoir, or graphic novels that use illustrations and other modes of storytelling. We explore each for common themes, such as the diary as a confessional space. We examine common diary-writing styles, like the self-reflexive and informal tone. We ask how the diary is different than autobiography and if different genres of literature are gendered and how and why diaries raise questions about personal identities. Authors include Anne Frank, Harriet Jacobs, Benjamin Franklin, Sigmund Freud, and Leslie Arfin.

**ENGLISH 1168**  
**Cultural Studies: Black Memoirs**  
Memoirs, biographies, and autobiographies have played a major role in the formation of African American literature. From Frederick Douglass’s *Autobiography* to Lauryn Hill’s *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill*, the genre has allowed Black creatives the space to affirm themselves, their experiences, and the communities they represent. In this course we will examine African American memoirs from the nineteenth century to the present day. Materials will include works by Angela Davis, Ralph Ellison, George Jackson, Alice Walker, and more. Written assignments will include close readings, comparative literary analyses, and a final research paper, all with an emphasis on revision.
ENGLISH 1168
Cultural Studies: Travel, Real and Imagined

When we travel we venture into the unknown, and learn about new cultures and ways of life. When we don’t know how to speak a language, we communicate through gestures. We might encounter an entirely new culture or we might discover that life in a foreign country is not so different from our own lives back home. Through travel, we discover more about ourselves. As we emerge from a pandemic which dramatically restricted travel, we can reflect on how in the past year we traveled in our daydreams and through books and screens. This seminar explores examples of travel writing from medieval to more contemporary narratives. Weekly readings will be complemented by discussion of issues such as race, economics, gender, politics, literature, and science. Writing assignments will range from detailed critical analysis to travel journals and blogs.

SEM 103  MWF 11:20-12:10 p.m.  Rocio Corral García  19536  Masha Raskolnikov

ENGLISH 1168
Cultural Studies: Action Movies and the Licenses to Kill

Action films thrill viewers with car chases, fight scenes, and explosions. In addition they are also some of the most familiar portrayals of national defense, policing, and justice. This course examines action film genres such as espionage, sci-fi, and the western to focus on conversations about violence and national justice. We will also explore the mechanics of the military-entertainment complex. Students will analyze action sequences, marketing material, and write at least one op-ed. Texts will range from staples of the genre like Hitchcock’s *North by Northwest* and the James Bond franchise, to Regan-era Hollywood, war films, and foreign films from Bong Joon Ho, and Gillo Pontecorvo.

SEM 104  MWF 01:30-02:20 p.m.  Charline Jao  19537  Masha Raskolnikov

ENGLISH 1168
Cultural Studies: Poetic Justice or the Refusal to “Move On”

What if the past is not in the past? If we put our history in front of us instead of behind us, how might our world change? In this class we will study BIPOC poets, writers, and artists whose works keep us from quickly moving on or making peace with harm. As they reckon with the histories of slavery and colonialism, they show us that these don’t belong to a past that is over; that violence may morph over time but it continues. As writers and artists of color navigate fear and uncertainty, they also mourn for their ancestors and work against their own marginalization and erasure. In this course we will write personal and critical essays that challenge us to do the same.

SEM 105  MW 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Yessica Martinez  19538  Masha Raskolnikov

ENGLISH 1168
Cultural Studies: Gut Feelings

What does it mean to have a “gut feeling” about something? Our hunches or intuitions have often been dismissed as irrational, but scientists have also learned that the stomach can think: our gut is literally our “second brain.” In this course we will explore what it means to think and know through our bodies. Why do we believe what we believe? How do sick and marginalized bodies feel and think? What do our guts tell us about gender, racial politics, disability, desire, and power? Roxane Gay’s memoir *Hunger* and episodes of Hulu’s *Shrill* are examples of the texts that will encourage us to question conventional medical accounts of minds and bodies. To that effect, you will write a personal essay, your own piece of non-fiction journalism, and even develop podcast episodes.

SEM 106  MW 07:30-08:45 p.m.  Maggie O’Leary  19539  Masha Raskolnikov
ENGLISH 1168
Cultural Studies: Modes of Healing
Contemporary culture is often described as “therapeutic.” We will examine this idea focusing on self-care, mindfulness, wellness culture, self-help, and talk therapy. What can these practices offer? Where do they fail? Do we spend too much time looking inward, analyzing our minds and emotions, and not enough time taking action against injustice? In this class we will draw on literary texts, as well as writing about disability and trauma, to interrogate “therapeutic culture.” We will read stories by authors such as Sigrid Nunez and Nafissa Thompson-Spires, and use analytic and creative essays to think through questions of genre and style.

SEM 107  TR 08:05-09:20 a.m.  Christina Fogarasi  19540  Masha Raskolnikov

ENGLISH 1168
Cultural Studies: On Being Black In and Out of Africa
How is Blackness defined? Do Africans living on the continent perceive themselves as Black? What happens when continental Africans interact with people of African descent living around the world? The class will consider the ways Africans perform and challenge Blackness as a racial identity. Both formal and creative writing assignments including close reading and composition exercises will provoke thinking about race, history, and literature. Readings may include drama by Ama Ata Aidoo, fiction by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, NoViolet Bulawayo, Thando Mgqolozana, and Mukoma wa Ngugi, and creative nonfiction by Okey Ndibe and Pius Adesanmi, among others.

SEM 108  TR 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Bwesigye Bwa Mwesigire  19541  Kevin Attell

ENGLISH 1168
CANCELLED 7-26-2021; Cultural Studies: Race, Gender, and Writing about Hip Hop
CANCELLED 7-26-2021; Hip-hop dominates our cultural landscape influencing everything from our music, to our fashion, to the very phrases we use to express ourselves. From its humble conceptions to its culturally-dominant present, it has popularized social, economic, and political critiques of anti-black Western culture. Paradoxically, it has also mobilized the hyper-masculinity, mass consumerism, and heterosexism that reinforces the very culture it aims to challenge. In this course we will examine and write our way through these paradoxes. By the end of the course students will develop expository essay writing skills by investigating the race and gender politics of hip-hop history and culture.

SEM 109  TR 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Chelsea Frazier  19542

ENGLISH 1168
Cultural Studies: Comic Books! Graphic Novels! Transmedia!
Graphic novels and comics have long mixed research and storytelling. From Maus to Logicomix to Fun Home, graphic novels tackle complex historical, philosophical, and literary issues. The For Beginners and Introducing...comic books series include such titles as Climate Change for Beginners, Black Women for Beginners, Quantum Theory, Mind and Brain, and Derrida. Finally, the field of graphic medicine translates medical science for at-risk communities. Supporting Cornell’s public mission of community engagement, this course teaches students to read and compose argumentative essays, info comics, multimedia presentations, and other forms of transmedia knowledge. Students learn critical and creative skills for sharing research with specialists, community members, policy-makers, funding agencies, and the general public using software such as Word, Comic Life, and PowerPoint.

SEM 110  TR 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Jon McKenzie  19543
ENGLISH 1168
CANCELLED - 8/5/2021--Cultural Studies: Ethical Comedy

CANCELLED - 8/5/2021--This course studies a variety of humorous texts in television, film, and fiction to understand the mechanics of comedy, with a special focus on the ethics of comedic representation. Assignments will include screenwriting practice and analytical writing.

SEM 111 TR 02:45-04:00 p.m. Nafissa Thompson-Spires 19544

ENGLISH 1168
Cultural Studies: College Reading, Teen Texts

What is Young Adult or YA fiction? How has it emerged alongside our understanding of what constitutes the difference between childhood and the teen years? This class will be exploring the emergence of YA fiction from the late eighteenth century to the present moment as specific genre of texts that straddles the line between didactic and pleasure reading. Through this we also be challenging the notion of “easy” versus “difficult” texts as worthy critical analysis. By exploring writers such as Francis Hodgson Burnett, Sandra Cisneros, Alice Childress, and Holly Black students this class will how the specific aims of YA fiction make it a unique site for the exploration of race, colonialism, gender, gender identity, and class as well as the vagaries of the literary marketplace.

SEM 112 MW 02:45-04:00 p.m. Lenora Warren 19793

ENGLISH 1170
Short Stories

What can a short story do that no other art form can do? We all consume and produce stories. To write about how narrative works, both within and against tradition, is to touch the core of identity, the quick of what makes us human. Storytelling informs all writing. Engaging diverse authors, we will practice not only reading sensitively and incisively but also making evidence-based arguments with power and grace, learning the habits of writing, revision, and documentation that allow us to join public or scholarly conversation. We will embrace “shortness” as a compression of meaning to unpack. Our own writing may include close analyses of texts, syntheses that place stories in critical dialogue, and both creative and research-based projects.

SEM 101 MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Rogelio Juarez 19546 David Faulkner
SEM 102 MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Michael Lee 19547 David Faulkner
SEM 103 MWF 11:20-12:10 p.m. Courtney Raisin 19548 David Faulkner
SEM 104 TR 08:05-09:20 a.m. Carlos Gomez 19549 David Faulkner
SEM 105 TR 09:40-10:55 a.m. John Anspach 19550 David Faulkner
SEM 106 TR 11:25-12:40 p.m. Zahid Rafiq 19551 David Faulkner
SEM 107 TR 01:00-02:15 p.m. Elie Piha 19552 David Faulkner
SEM 108 MW 07:30-08:45 p.m. Virdi Culbreath 20144

ENGLISH 1183
Word and Image

What happens when we adapt books into movies, write fan-fiction about video games, or create poetry about paintings? What happens when we write about one genre as though it were another? We have been writing about images and making images about writing for a long time. In addition to conventional types of art and literature like paintings, novels, or poetry, other forms such as film, video games, exhibitions, and virtual reality offer lively areas for analysis. In this class, we will engage with widely varied cultural forms—including, perhaps, experimental poetry, medieval manuscripts, graphic novels, memoirs, plays, films, podcasts, and more—to develop multiple media literacies as we sharpen our own writing about culture, literature, and art.

SEM 101 MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Oona Cullen 19553 Brad Zukovic
SEM 102 MWF 11:20-12:10 p.m. Robert Romero 19554 Charlie Green
ENGLISH 1191
British Literature: Here Be Dragons
The dragon is one of our longest lasting and most popular literary figures. From ancient myth to Beowulf to Spenser's Faerie Queene to Tolkien's The Hobbit and beyond, dragons are a symbol of otherness, of "the fantastic", of fear and evil and greed. This course will look at some of the oldest occurrences of the dragon to the newest—from the biblical book of Revelation and the Norse Volsungsaga to Game of Thrones and How to Train Your Dragon. We will also be considering topics such as non-Western dragons, the gender of dragon-slayers, and ecocritical or animal studies approaches to these fire-breathing beasts. Students will be expected to write analytic and research-based papers.

ENGLISH 1191
British Literature: Jane Austen Made Me Do It
We needn’t add zombies to Pride and Prejudice to know that Jane Austen still walks the earth, undead. Her influence on popular culture—movies, sequels, "updates," fan fiction—is greater today than ever. Something about her writing makes us want to (re)write. We will read Pride and Prejudice (1813) and Emma (1816) in their revolutionary historical context, to watch Austen manipulating her contemporary popular culture, especially that threatening new thing called “the novel,” consumed largely by women. (Indeed, her first completed novel, Northanger Abbey, can be read as “Gothic” fan-fiction.) We will also sample some modern-day transformations of Austen’s works—and perhaps invent some, learning from her stylistic games. Writing assignments may include commonplace-book and encyclopedia entries, literary analyses, critical syntheses, archival research, creative projects.

ENGLISH 1191
British Literature: Which Shakespeare Character are You?
Did Shakespeare invent character? Hamlet, Cleopatra, Othello—when we think of Shakespeare we think of people, those who have leapt off the page into a life of their own. A literary character, since Shakespeare’s time, has seemed to be a unified personality, with a set of aims and qualities that develop over the course of the story. Today, we’re also interested in character in its ethical sense: what kind of people we can make ourselves into (think self-help or #goals). In this course we’ll encounter some of Shakespeare’s most famous characters, to see how they may or may not have influenced these modern ideas about literary and moral character. Students will develop their analytical and persuasive skills across a series of writing assignments.

ENGLISH 1191
British Literature: Medieval Obsessions
Around 1800, poets and artists looked to the Middle Ages as a “golden age” of culture, religious belief, and society, finding in it a model for their own ideas about individual freedoms, creativity, and the authentic self. This class will explore Romantic obsessions with Arthurian literature (fairy tales, romance, etc.) and the aesthetic mania for Gothic architecture and ruins (Keats, Tennyson, Morris, Walpole, Novalis, Goethe).
ENGLISH 1270
Writing About Literature: Writing About Fiction
This course examines modern fiction, with an emphasis on the short story and novella. Students will write critical essays on authors who flourished between 1870 and the present, such as James, Conrad, Joyce, Woolf, Hurston, Nabokov, Fitzgerald, Hemingway, Faulkner, Rhys, Welty, Kafka, and Morrison. We will focus on short fiction, with the seminar culminating in the study of one or two short novels. Close, attentive, imaginative reading and writing will be central throughout.

SEM 101 TR 02:45-04:00 p.m. Jeremy Braddock 19563

ENGLISH 1270
Writing About Literature: Reading Poems
What is poetry? Why is it so baffling yet present in all cultures? What exactly does poetry communicate, and how? In this course we will demystify poetry by immersing ourselves in it, moving away from trying to “get” poetry toward experiencing it, from formal verse (e.g., sonnets, ballads, sestinas) to free verse, focusing primarily on poetry in English. Writing frequently, mostly essays and also poems, we will explore what makes a poem a poem and how to take pleasure in the process of reading. Our readings will likely include Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, June Jordan, Ilya Kaminsky, and others.

SEM 102 TR 02:45-04:00 p.m. Charlie Green 19564

ENGLISH 1270
Writing About Literature: Poetry and Democracy
The poet William Carlos Williams wrote, “It is difficult / to get the news from poems / yet [we] die miserably every day” because we lack what’s found in poems. In this seminar we’ll explore poems by writers of diverse backgrounds and histories. Reading poems attentively and repeatedly, we’ll also explore what poetry offers that’s so crucial, even life-saving. To assess this essential poetry-element, we’ll consider recent perspectives on meaning-making and truth from scholars in philosophy, cognitive science, psychology, and media studies: essays about epistemology, sense perception, cognitive biases, and “media bubbles.” Also, over the semester, participants memorize five poems and retain them in memory, essentially assembling an internal poetry anthology to recite at parties and political conventions for decades to come.

SEM 103 TR 01:00-02:15 p.m. Joanie Mackowski 19565

ENGLISH 1270
Writing About Literature: Banned Books
In this writing seminar we will read and respond to literary works that have been banned at various points in history and in different cultures. We will read them for sheer enjoyment and interpretation, but we’ll also talk about the reasons, sometimes quite surprising, for their suppression and look for common threads between them in the way they challenge political or social authority. Readings will include Aristophanes’ play Lysistrata, Lillian Hellman’s play The Children’s Hour, Voltaire’s Candide, Kate Chopin’s The Awakening, Anne Frank’s The Diary of a Young Girl, and poems by Walt Whitman, Charles Baudelaire, Anna Akhmatova, and Allen Ginsberg.

SEM 104 TR 02:45-04:00 p.m. George Hutchinson 19566

FEMINIST, GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES 1119
Utopias
Imagine a world with no war, violence, or injustice. For centuries, storytellers have envisioned such utopias. This course examines the powerful allure perfected tomorrowlands exert, especially over trans, queer, feminist, disabled, and BIPOC imaginaries. Considering race and ethnicity, the environment, class divides, forms of gender and sexuality, disability, and the role of technology, we will transport to various utopias appearing in speculative fiction texts, including: Brave New World; I, Robot; The Giver; Never Let Me Go; Black Mirror; Buffy the Vampire
Slayer; and Utopia Falls. As we explore, we will develop a utopian critical vocabulary. Supplemented by theoretical texts, students will engage in critical and creative writing formats including research essays, stylistic imitations, and a project imaginatively representing a utopia of their own design.

FEMINIST, GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES 1121
Environmental Justice for Whom? Stories in Sex and Gender

How are environmental toxins distributed across landscapes of social hierarchy such as gender, race, indigeneity, and class? How might projects of environmental justice ameliorate or exacerbate these social hierarchies? This course acquaints students with key debates in environmental studies from a feminist decolonial perspective. Topics will include corporate mining, ecofeminist activism, sustainable development, and food systems. Beginning with the axiom that “writing is thinking”, students in this course will conceptualize gender and sex as forms of power which work in and through ecosystems, economies, environmental governance systems, bodies, and science itself. In this subject-driven writer’s workshop, students will draw on course material to produce a robust and thoughtful portfolio of analytic writing.

FRENCH 1108
Monstrous Forms: Wild Men and Wicked Women

This course proposes an exploration of monstrosity through two major figures in Medieval and Early Modern Culture: the “Wild Man” and the Witch (with some forays into related figures). These two figures seem to exemplify monstrous humanity, in both physical and moral dimensions. We will also explore how accounts of wild men explore the border between human and animal, as well as the relationship between the “civilized” and the natural world. Why are these male monsters so often seen as wild, not quite human, while the women are seen as wicked, often supernaturally endowed? How do these portraits of male and female monsters overlap or become problematic? How do they relate to gender roles in Medieval and Early Modern Culture?

GERMAN STUDIES 1109
From Fairy Tales to the Uncanny: Exploring the Romantic Consciousness

How did bawdy tales of peasants using magic to climb the social ladder get transformed into moral lessons for children? The answer lies in Romanticism and its appropriation of the imagination as a force for social transformation. As Romantics edited older tales for juvenile consumption they wrote new ones for adults. This new fiction created the matrix for modern pop genres like fantasy, science-fiction, murder mysteries, and gothic horror. To understand this paradigm shift in modern culture, we will read, discuss, and write about a variety of texts the Romantics collected, composed, or inspired, including poetry and film, in addition to classic fairy tales and academic scholarship on the topic.

GERMAN STUDIES 1121
Writing Berlin

Berlin is a city that reinvents itself by rewriting itself. In this writing seminar we’ll study a variety of literary, visual, and sonic texts to create a virtual map of the city, from its emergence as modern metropolis in the 1920s, reduction to rubble in World War II, afterlife as refuge of the disaffected in the 1980s, and rebirth at the turn of the twenty-first century. As we make our way through the linguistic, visual and aural landscape of its ever-changing topography we’ll create our own stories of a mythical Berlin in dialogue with texts written by the displaced persons
who breached its real and imagined walls and navigated its illicit economies.

SEM 101  MW 09:40-10:55 a.m.  Ekaterina Pirozhenko  19572

GERMAN STUDIES 1122
Love and Death in Vienna

Singing boys. Dancing horses. Waltzing debutantes. Those fortunate enough to live in a city where each day begins with a pastry and ends with a two-liter bottle of wine must live a charmed existence! Not according to Freud. After decades of treating the morbid Viennese, he concluded that human nature must be torn between two warring forces: a love instinct and a death drive. In this seminar we’ll explore both sides of Vienna’s enigmatic character, its life-affirming hedonism and its self-destructive nihilism, through the lens of narrative fiction on page and on screen. Along the way, we’ll learn to read and view more critically by writing our way through the best literature and cinema of the multi-ethnic metropolis on the Danube.

SEM 101  MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m.  Douglas McBride  19573

GERMAN STUDIES 1170
Marx, Nietzsche, Freud

A basic understanding of Marx, Nietzsche, and Freud is a prerequisite for participating in critical debates in the humanities and social sciences. Our seminar will explore key terms in the revolutionary models of critical analysis these thinkers pioneered: historical materialism, post-metaphysical philosophy, and psychoanalysis. This will mean articulating points of contrast as well as convergence. Discussions and writing exercises will focus on texts that created the discursive framework for critiquing society and culture today. Our method will proceed from the premise that critical reading, thinking, and writing are inseparable moments in the same operation of critique. The question that guides that method will be: Do alternative ways of thinking exist in opposition to the ones we view as natural, inevitable, or universal?

SEM 101  TR 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Emir Yigit  19574  Douglas McBride

SEM 103  MWF 12:25-01:15 p.m.  Conall Cash  19576  Douglas McBride

GERMAN STUDIES 1175
Small Forms, Big Ideas

Small forms can contain big ideas. This course will put contemporary microformats, such as tweets, snaps, lists, and text messages, in dialogue with a much broader spectrum of small, short, and simple forms, from anecdotes, jokes, and aphorisms to fables, short stories, and feuilletons. With a focus on German literature and philosophy, we will read exemplary cases of small literary forms (e.g., Brecht, Dörrie, Kafka, Lichtenberg, Walser), along with short philosophical reflections on the economy of language, the effects of miniaturization, and the desire for simplicity (e.g., Adorno, Benjamin, Nietzsche, Polgar, Schlegel). Writing activities will provide related training in small academic forms like notes, glosses, abstracts, protocols, excerpts, and commentaries, which will become the crucial building blocks of academic work on larger scales.

SEM 101  TR 09:40-10:55 a.m.  Erik Born  19577

GOVERNMENT 1101
A Tale of Two Koreas

Today, the two Koreas could not be more different. Since their division in 1953, the South has matured into a prosperous democracy, while the North has turned into a nuclear-armed dictatorship. How did they get there and what lies ahead? To address these questions, students will survey the history of the Korean peninsula and engage with relevant contemporary debates surrounding nuclear proliferation, alliance politics, and the US-China competition. In examining these issues, students will learn to make, support, and evaluate arguments. Writing assignments will include—among others—a review article (to practice writing critically for an academic audience), a policy brief (to practice writing purposively for a policy-making audience), and an op-ed (to practice
GOVERNMENT 1101
The Politics of Work

We hate work because it’s alienating, exhausting, and difficult. We also cherish it because it absorbs, fulfills, and empowers us. Work seems to both dominate and free us. This paradox is the topic of this course. Exploring the relationship between work and concepts such as freedom, power, and struggle in the political writings of Karl Marx, Max Weber, W. E. B. DuBois, Simone Weil, and Kathi Weeks, we ask: How does work encourage and discourage our political engagement as citizens, organizers, and thinkers? How do different types of work (factory work, academic study, emotional labor) prepare us for political activity? Can politics succeed without work? Student writing assignments include analytical essays, blogs, briefs, and personal reflections that focus on understanding the politics of work today.

SEM 102 MW 02:45-04:00 p.m. Samuel Rosenblum 19579 Jill Frank

GOVERNMENT 1101
Anticolonial Global Justice

Environmental degradation, forced migration, and racial injustice are major crises which highlight the ways in which the effects of European colonization live on in the present. What can written work from individuals who have experienced these crises tell us about the conditions that led to their emergence? By reading broadly across the history of political thought this class examines how thinkers and activists such as Immanuel Kant, Frantz Fanon, N. Scott Momaday, and Nanjala Nyabola understand the relationship between the environment, freedom, domination, race, and justice. Students learn how to analyze and question theories of justice that may inform these urgent issues through a series of essays that center on textual, conceptual, and historical interpretation.

SEM 104 MW 08:05-09:20 a.m. Alexia Alkadi-Barbaro 19581 Alexander Livingston

GOVERNMENT 1101
Decolonization

The course explores the struggle for decolonization, the end of European colonial domination, and the emergence of independent nation-states—by examining different theories, ideas, and forms of opposition to empire. How did anticolonial intellectuals and political leaders theorize and fight for a change in the rapport de force between their nation and the European colonial powers? What use did they make of international institutions such as the UN General Assembly and the International Court of Justice to challenge imperial rule as an acceptable form of international polity? What solidarities and networks did they forge across continents for the liberation of their nations? Students will analyze primary source materials (speeches, memoirs, manifestos, legal documents, audiovisual materials, etc.) and secondary literature on anticolonial struggle and liberation movements.

SEM 105 TR 09:40-10:55 a.m. Oumar Ba 19582

HUMAN ECOLOGY NONDEPARTMENTAL 1150
Unequal Childhoods

Inequality in America starts in early childhood. With this in mind, we might ask questions like: What parental and family contexts give children the best chance to succeed? What responsibility do public policy makers and social structures have to provide equitable experiences to all children? In order to understand the texture of inequality during childhood, we will examine two cornerstones of childhood: parents and public policy makers. During the first half of the semester, we will explore how parents impact childhood and the transition into adulthood. We will then examine how public policy shapes children’s lives and environments. We will interrogate how class, race, and gender shape children’s experiences and sense of agency throughout the semester. Writing assignments include reflections, research papers, and syntheses of policy.
HUMAN ECOLOGY NONDEPARTMENTAL 1151
Understanding Inequity in Women's Health

While women have always played a central role in the history of health, gender inequity persists in many areas of science and medicine. From the exclusion of women from clinical trials, to unequal funding for women’s health research, and policies restricting access to care, the impact of these inequities affect the health of all people. This course will examine gender inequity in science from historical, sociocultural, and political-economic lenses to engage students with the ways in which these effects manifest. We will also take an intersectional approach, examining how other marginalized identities are affected by inequities. Students will be asked to read texts including scientific papers, popular news stories, and memoirs, and respond using both critical analysis and reflection skills in their writing.

HISTORY 1200
Climate Change and Human History

Climate change has been impacting human history as long as there have been humans around to be impacted. This seminar will introduce students to writing at the college level through an investigation of the deep historic roots of what appears to be a modern phenomenon. The first part of this course will focus on scientific and historical debates on the cause, extent, and impacts of climate change from the dawn of human prehistory until the present day. The second half of the course will be spent interrogating the climate sciences from a multitude of humanistic perspectives, including science studies and the history and philosophy of science. Students will learn how to synthesize and analyze scientific articles, publications in history and other disciplines of the humanities, as well as how to read and interpret primary-source evidence.

HISTORY 1200
The Meaning of Life

This course will focus on the meaning of life as a scientific and philosophical problem in modern European thought. From evolutionary theory to existentialism, what were the stakes of these debates over life and what do they tell us about the broader social, political, and cultural moments of which they were a part? How do we think historically about ideas and grapple with their material consequences? We will answer these questions by engaging with a variety of primary sources from thinkers like Charles Darwin, Henri Bergson, and Frantz Fanon, as well as secondary materials by historians of science and philosophy. Writing assignments will be designed to build toward the final essay, a research paper on an approved topic.

HISTORY 1200
Sex in Early Modern Europe, 1500-1800

How did early modern people think sex worked? How was it possible for a woman to give birth to rabbits in 1726? And what did it mean to have sex with someone of the same gender before modern notions of homosexuality? This course will investigate these questions and examine how power and knowledge shape perceptions of reproduction and desire. It will argue that sex(uality) was a fundamental way in which early modern people understood their lives and their social, cultural and political worlds. We will read medical treatises, letters, diaries, and court documents, in addition to the works of modern historians. Students will develop their writing skills through readings responses, short essays, blog posts, and other creative writing assignments.
Walt Disney Presents

“Walt Disney Presents” was the name of an anthology series premiering on ABC in 1954. Walt and Roy Disney developed the program, initially called “Walt Disney's Disneyland,” to finance the construction of the iconic theme park that opened the following year. The show leveraged Disney’s famous name and face to attract outside investment for new projects. This course will examine the history of the strategies that launched the iconic brand, from the late 1930s to Disney’s death in 1966. Film, finance, law, media, and politics: all intersect with the theme of Disney in this course. Students will be asked to think and write critically about what Disney was presenting, to whom, and why his messages were significant in a particular historical moment.

SEM 104  MWF 11:20-12:10 p.m.  Jennifer Begakis  19588  TJ Hinrichs

HISTORIES OF QUEER ASIA

Histories of Queer Asia” explores queer practices, ideas, subjectivities, and actors in Asia during the twentieth century. We will explore the meanings of Queer historically by paying attention to the dynamics of colonialism, the makings of contemporary LGBTQ+ movements, representations of both normative and non-normative gender and sexuality, and the creative, and subversive strategies that accompany gender and sexual non-conforming lives. What does it mean to use the term Queer historically? What kinds of stories become visible when we prioritize Queer? Equally important, what might this and other English-language terms obscure from view? This course is a critical reflection on the politics and history of Queer in Asia that aims to think in community about how we relate to writing, language, translation, and historical experience.

SEM 105  MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m.  Emily Donald  19589  TJ Hinrichs

CANCELLED 8-5-2021—Histories of Social Justice in Human and Nonhuman Worlds

CANCELLED 8-5-2021---The Covid-19 has shown that humans don’t own the earth but share it with other lifeforms, including the tiniest of them—the virus. Concurrently, it has also exposed how histories of race, class, gender, and caste-based inequalities shape the uneven effects of the pandemic across different communities. In the wake of our present predicament, this course studies the entangled histories of human and nonhuman lives in conditions of social and environmental distress. We will read select works from history, anthropology, indigenous studies and science studies, as we think about questions of social justice in extractive plantations, pesticide factories, dammed rivers and blasted forests. Student assignments will involve close reading of academic texts, writing of reviews, auto-ethnographies, and a final essay based on a case study.

SEM 106  MW 07:30-08:45 p.m.  Aparajita Majumdar  19590  TJ Hinrichs

“Laughter in Hell”: Surviving through Humor in Times of War

Can laughter help you survive in times of war? And should you make fun of traumatic events of the past? Most people would say yes to the first question but find the second one difficult to answer. We will explore how movies such as Benigni’s Life Is Beautiful and texts such as Lipman’s Laughter in Hell use humor to condemn totalitarian regimes and testify to the importance of laughter as a defense mechanism. Students will learn to identify and use humor, while developing skills in the close reading and written analysis of a wide array of sources from the First and Second World War, such as cartoons, oral testimonies, and movies. The course will culminate in an independent oral history project using firsthand Holocaust testimonies.

SEM 107  MW 09:40-10:55 a.m.  Benedetta Carnaggi  19695
HISTORY 1200  
Writing History: A Life Under Cover—Spies in History, Fiction, and Cinema  
What does it mean to be a spy? Why are we so interested in other people’s secrets? The continued success of the James Bond franchise and the scandal generated by Edward Snowden’s revelations show how topical the issue of surveillance has become. This course will explore practices of espionage from a range of historical periods and sources, including authors such as Jeremy Bentham, Michel Foucault, Hannah Arendt, George Orwell, and Philip K. Dick. Twentieth-century Europe will get special emphasis, but other geographical areas will also be covered. Students will develop skills in close reading and written analysis of a wide array of sources, such as memoirs, diaries, surveillance files, journalistic accounts, and movies.

SEM 108  MWF 12:25-01:15 p.m.  Benedetta Carnaghi  19696

HISTORY 1321  
Post-World War II America: Crisis and Continuity  
Why are the years following World War II considered so remarkable in the landscape of American history? Several critical events and debates that rocked the nation from the 1940s onward reverberate today, such as involvement in wars, civil rights, women’s rights, concerns about teenagers, and crises in American cities. Enriched by a variety of primary sources, including films and TV shows, this course analyzes the central events, people, and forces that transformed American society and culture from the years after World War II to the present. The course aims to help students learn how to write persuasively about scholarship and primary sources, while gaining a deeper appreciation for the lasting influence of the major events, crises, and interpretations of post-World War II American history.

SEM 101  TR 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Kelly King-O’Brien  19599

HISTORY 1335  
Fascisms  
What is fascism? The title of this seminar, “Fascisms,” reveals the variety of definitions, interpretations, and applications of the word “fascism.” One essay will discuss why fascism succeeded in some countries and not in others. Daily life under fascist rule in Mussolini’s Italy will be another theme. After reading Rosetta Loy’s recollection of her childhood in Fascist Italy, you will write your own first-person account. Prompted by Carlo Levi’s memoir, you will write a letter to your family about your experience as an antifascist in exile. Finally, you will write a speech about resistance to fascism in France, Germany, and Italy on the part of women and university students in particular. Writing clear and convincing prose is the goal in these and other assignments.

SEM 101  TR 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Jomarie Alano  19601

HISTORY 1400  
Rudyard Kipling’s India: Literature, History, and Empire  
Rudyard Kipling (1865–1936), most famous today as the author of children’s stories, including The Jungle Book, was one of the most popular and acclaimed writers of his day. He was also a noted chronicler of the world of the British empire. In this class we will read the short stories, poems, and novels that Kipling wrote about India—including his most famous novel, Kim. Students will explore the intersections between Kipling’s stories and the history of British rule in India, and also consider the broader question of how fictional works can be used to explore the history of past cultures.

SEM 101  TR 09:40-10:55 a.m.  Robert Travers  19605
HISTORY 1402
Global Islam
In this course we will examine Islam as a global phenomenon, both historically and in the contemporary world. We will spend time on the genesis of Islam in the Middle East, but then we will move across the Muslim world—to Africa, Turkey, Iran, Central-, East- and Southeast Asia—to see how Islam looks across global boundaries. Through reading, class discussions, and frequent writing, students will try to flesh out the diversity of Islam within the central message of this world religion.

SEM 101 MW 02:45-04:00 p.m. Eric Tagliacozzo 19606

JEWISH STUDIES 1987
Jews on Film: Visible and Invisible
Why were Jews virtually invisible in films produced during the Hollywood’s “golden age”? Is this a surprise, given the leading role played by American Jews in founding the studio system? Writing about the films studied in this course will help students situate and interpret the presence (and absence) of characters identifiable as Jews in Hollywood films released from the silent era through the present. We will view approximately six films in their entirety and study excerpts from others. Films to be studied in whole or part may include: The Immigrant, The Jazz Singer, The Great Dictator, Casablanca, The Apartment, Funny Girl, Annie Hall, Barton Fink, and A Serious Man. Students will write film analyses, review essays, reflective responses, and explorations of contextual material. Readings from film studies and popular journalism will situate these films within the historical, cultural, and industrial contexts in which they were produced.

SEM 101 TR 01:25–02:40 p.m. Elliot Shapiro 19607

LINGUISTICS 1100
Language, Thought, and Reality: Indigenous Relationships with the Earth
How do we begin to properly think about climate change? How does our society today put humans at the center of our society and how does this affect the lives of plants and animals around us? We will focus on exploring these subjects by learning about the relationships that Indigenous cultures around the world have with the Earth. We will think critically about these relationships and how these dialogues are starting to surface in academia and in the media. We will explore the strengths and weaknesses of the writing surrounding this dialogue while learning how to properly construct and communicate concepts in well-formed academic essays.

SEM 101 MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m. Charlotte Logan 19608 Tracy Carrick

LINGUISTICS 1100
Language, Thought, and Reality: Language and Nationalism
As the French Revolution began to unfold in 1789, the Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen declared that “all sovereignty resides essentially in the nation,” delineating a standard of political legitimacy that was to become dominant in Europe and the Americas over the course of the next century. But what is a “nation”; To what extent is a nation defined by its language, and how have governments enforced standard languages to construct nations? Students will read texts by linguists such as Jacob Grimm and political philosophers such as Johann Gottfried von Herder, and will write comparative and analytical essays examining the ways in which conceptions of language and nation have mutually influenced one another.

SEM 102 TR 09:40-10:55 a.m. Thomas Darnell 19609 Tracy Carrick
LINGUISTICS 1100  
Language, Thought, and Reality: Language, Myth, and Reality

Have you heard that your generation is ruining the English language? It’s not true. Language is involved in nearly everything we do, so it’s tempting to consider ourselves experts on the topic of language. However, many widespread opinions about language prove to be inaccurate or untrue when examined more closely (the English language is deteriorating, certain languages are more logical/more complex than others, etc.) In this course, we will examine some common myths about language, both in popular media and in our everyday lives. Students will think critically in developing ideas about popular conceptions of dialects of English, other languages of the world, and “recent” concerns about their own language. Students will learn how to plan, construct, and execute their arguments in well-formed academic essays.

SEM 103  MWF 12:25-01:15 p.m.  Caitlin Brady  19610  Tracy Carrick

LINGUISTICS 1100  
Language, Thought, and Reality: The First Sentence

“What’s the oldest language?” is a question that people often ask linguists. In this class we will examine whether it makes sense to ask this question at all. In this FWS we will look at the earliest attested evidence for a wide variety of languages and think about what is involved in interpreting, understanding, and evaluating this data. How do we know what is the earliest? How do we read what is written in unknown scripts? How do we understand what is written? What does the written evidence tell us about the cultures that produced the writing? How was the data collected and under what circumstances? Each student will choose a language to become expert in. They will learn and write about the early language data. They will evaluate and controversies relating to this data and they will reflect on the historical, philosophical, and ethical issues arising from the preservation and/or collection of the texts.

SEM 104  MWF 01:30-02:20 p.m.  Michael Weiss  19611

LINGUISTICS 1100  
Language, Thought, and Reality: How to Build a Language

In the twenty-first century there has been a resurgence of constructed languages, driven in part by their visibility in Avatar, Game of Thrones, and the film adaptations of Lord of the Rings. However, hundreds of languages have been constructed for reasons as diverse as finding God, uniting nations, aiding the disabled, and communicating with computers. The majority have been deemed failures, either because they were unpopular or lacked linguistic sophistication. We will explore the linguistic tools necessary to compose linguistic systems with the expressive power, systematicity, and limitations of natural languages, from the level of sounds to words to sentences. The ultimate goal is for each student to begin constructing their own language and to justify in writing its linguistic validity and practical or artistic merit.

SEM 105  MW 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Dan Cameron Burgdorf  19702  Tracy Carrick

LINGUISTICS 1100  
Language, Thought, and Reality: Ethics in Artificial Intelligence

New advancements and applications of artificial intelligence (AI) are found at an ever-increasing rate, but at what cost? With AI becoming so pervasive in our lives, discussion about the ramifications and ethical concerns that arise is increasingly important. This course will cover material ranging from the economic and environmental effects of AI to current topics like deep fakes and self-driving cars. Various articles and Martin Ford’s Architects of Intelligence: The truth about AI from the people building it will be used as a basis for examining these issues. Students should expect to defend their views on ethical implications of AI as well as propose ways of guarding against darker outcomes in clear and concise academic essays.

SEM 106  TR 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Kaelyn Lamp  19888  Tracy Carrick
MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1101
Aspects of Medieval Culture: Writing about Dreams in the Middle Ages

Dreams are universal (and mystifying) occurrences common to all humanity and are thus frequently found in literature across cultures and time; however, the so-called “dream-vision” genre became an immensely popular and well-established mode of writing in medieval Europe. These texts are eclectic in subject matter—including bird debates, journeys to celestial spheres, and courtly love—but they present rich and alluring experiences for readers. We will explore the literary and rhetorical opportunities this genre afforded medieval authors and how these writers used the dream framework to comment on societal issues and debates. We will consider how such methodologies can provide useful interventions in the students’ own writing and research. Students will be expected to complete five formal essays as well as weekly, informal writing assignments.

SEM 101 TR 01:00-02:15 p.m. Savannah Caldwell 19615 Marilyn Migiel

MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1101
Aspects of Medieval Culture: Mind and Soul in the Middle Ages

“Know thyself,” a timeless injunction as true in Socrates’ time as it is now. What is it to know one’s self without an understanding of the deepest, ineffable part of one’s being—the mind? This idea has occupied the thought of medieval philosophers, theologians, and writers throughout the Middle Ages, and shaped Western culture. This course will explore issues surrounding the immortality of the soul, conscience, intellect, and reason through an attentive analysis of ancient and medieval texts, beginning from the classic theorizations of Aristotle’s De Anima and Plato’s Phaedo, progressing through medieval texts representing both Neoplatonic and Aristotelian heritages (including texts of the great thirteenth-century philosopher-theologians, Bonaventure and Aquinas), and culminating in literary texts, particularly in Dante’s Commedia. The course will devote considerable attention to developing fundamental skills in academic writing and research.

SEM 102 TR 09:40-10:55 a.m. Felicia Di Palo 19616 Marilyn Migiel

MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1101
Aspects of Medieval Culture: Heroes and Heroines of the Medieval World

This course explores how heroic narratives reflect ideas about gender, nation, religion, and belonging and how those ideas developed over time. What makes figures heroic or villainous, and what do such things about the societies who tell their stories? We will focus on a broad selection of historical sources from Africa, Asia, and Europe related to the period of the “Middle Ages,” 500-1500 C.E. We will examine conflicts and contests between men and women in Beowulf, The Arabian Nights, and Sundiata. We will also explore historical and legendary accounts of “warrior women,” such as stories of the Amazons, Mulan, and Joan of Arc. A series of formal essays and assignments will familiarize students with the fundamentals of writing and research.

SEM 103 MWF 03:45-04:35 p.m. Patrick Naeve 19617 Marilyn Migiel

MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1101
Aspects of Medieval Culture: The Medea Myth from Ancient Greece through the Middle Ages

This course explores literary representations of the mythical figure, Medea, in Europe ca. 500 B.C.E.-1500 C.E. Primary sources will include Euripedes’ Medea, Apollonius of Rhodes' Argonautica, Chaucer’s Legend of Good Women, and Christine De Pizan’s Book of the City of Ladies. In addition, students will read secondary texts that pertain to the writing process and literary theory. Through class discussions, informal writing responses, composition exercises, and a self-directed research paper, students will develop the fundamental skills of textual analysis.

SEM 104 MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Ryan Randle 19618 Marilyn Migiel
MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1101
Aspects of Medieval Culture: The Art of Friendship in the Latin Middle Ages

This course will study how friendship was imagined and cultivated in the Latin Middle Ages, exploring what pre-modern friendship has to offer an increasingly global and rootless world. Medieval Europe was rich in forms of friendship and communal life: monasteries and confraternities, universities and trade guilds, literature and letter-writing provided context for intimate personal and long-distance relationships, even as urbanization, expanding horizons, and a deluge of new ideas created a challenging sociological space analogous to our own. The course surveys ancient writers like Aristotle and Cicero, before tracing the ways the pagan inheritance took root in a Christian milieu. Analytic and creative writing exercises will teach students to engage poetry, art, architecture, and epistolary correspondence as a means of finding their own voice in the polyphony of history.

SEM 105  MW 09:40-10:55 a.m.  Zachary Thomas  19619  Marilyn Migiel

MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1101
Aspects of Medieval Culture: Medieval British Archaeology

Are you fascinated by the material of the medieval world? This course will take you through the archaeological history of medieval England from the end of the Roman world to the era of knights and castles. Using texts by archaeologists we will discuss questions ranging from data analysis to archaeological interpretation. How do archaeologists use materials to reconstruct daily life? How do you write about material culture? Topics will include settlements, food and agriculture, personal adornment, and more. The writing work for this class will focus on building a research paper and utilizing secondary sources to build an argument as well as science communication and understanding scientific research papers.

SEM 106  MW 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Alice Wolff  19620  Marilyn Migiel

MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1101
Aspects of Medieval Culture: Medieval Migrations

People, objects and stories were on the move in the Middle Ages. What happens when poems, manuscripts, and stories move through the world? How are they received and how do they adapt to, or are adapted by, new environments? This course will explore these different but often interconnected kinds of migration by considering global history, nationhood, and identity from an intersectional perspective. By reading medieval literature as well as modern theory on migration, we will examine and analyze what drives these moves around the globe. Through formal essays and assignments, students will learn the fundamentals of writing and research.

SEM 107  TR 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Thari Zweers  19621  Marilyn Migiel

MEDIEVAL STUDIES 1101
Aspects of Medieval Culture: In Rome’s Shadow? Society and Culture in “Dark Age” Italy

The collapse of the Western Roman Empire in the fifth century CE has often been taken to herald the beginning of the "Dark Ages"—a period supposedly marked by widespread violence, irrational piety, and a civilization in ruins. But did the Roman Empire really “fall”, and what was left in its wake? How did contemporary Italians understand their place in a world rapidly changing around them? This seminar explores the history, art, and archaeology of Italy from the time of the last Roman emperors to around the year 1000. Together we will reveal the vibrancy of this dynamic period and think critically about the stories we tell about the past. Writing assignments will help you develop skills in using historical sources to advance an argument, building from short response pieces towards a final research project.

SEM 110  TR 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Samuel Barber  19813
SEM 111  TR 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Samuel Barber  19814
MUSIC 1701
Sound, Sense, and Ideas: Why Do We Need Music? Perspectives on Music in Human Culture
Is music part of your life? Why? What can music mean in different cultural contexts to different people? This course will explore music as a part of our own lives and as a diverse cultural form. We will read anthropological and musicological genres of writing (by Bruno Nettl, Tia DeNora, Judith Becker, Gary Tomlinson, John Blacking etc.) that attempt to capture how music can be meaningful in human life, cross-culturally, in various past and present human societies. Students will write a reflexive piece about their emotional engagement with music, produce a personal account of a musical experience at Cornell, critique and respond to scholarly and journalistic articles, and cite scholarly work for a paper arguing if we need music at all in our lives.

SEM 101 TR 11:25-12:40 p.m. Thomas Cressy 19626 Annie Lewandowski

MUSIC 1701
Sound, Sense, and Ideas: Animal Music—From Cicadas to Whales
As musically conscious beings, what might we discover about ourselves, and about the sentient world, by exploring the creative minds of other species? In this class we’ll investigate the broad world of animal music through topics ranging from the rhythmic cycles of cicadas to the evolving songs of humpback whales. Class content will be drawn from scholarly writings, contemporary narratives, field recordings, and guest visits by researchers working in animal communication. Synthesizing material drawn from recorded and written sources, students will develop skills in writing essays and reflections about the nature of music, broadly defined.

SEM 102 MW 11:25-12:40 p.m. Annie Lewandowski 19627

MUSIC 1701
Sound, Sense, and Ideas: Listening Through Writing
What was the last thing you listened to—a song, a TikTok video, a friend describing their day, the sound of traffic? How would you use writing to describe what you heard, and what might that description say about the nature of sound, your own experiences, and the world around you? Through writing exercises and multi-draft essays, we will explore writing as an extension of listening as we narrate personal listening experiences, learn different ways to describe popular music, practice close listening to everyday sonic environments, and analyze how listening is shaped by cultural assumptions. Readings from musicology and sound studies, as well as examples of music criticism, interviews, zines, and blogs, will shed light on how written texts can inform our own listening practices.

SEM 103 MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m. Lee Tyson 19697

MUSIC 1701
Sound, Sense, and Ideas: Queer Popular Music
Why did disco music emerge in gay, black communities? How did Riot Grrrls bring “girls to the front” of punk shows? From hip-hop to musical theater, from Dolly Parton to Prince, we will listen to a wide range of U.S. popular music and watch music videos as we explore how LGBTQ individuals and communities use sound to navigate identity and desire. Written histories and criticism by and about queer musicians and fans will help us to understand what “queer” means, while honing our close reading skills. Through personal narratives and multi-draft essays, we will practice writing about music and develop critical arguments about how popular music mediates queerness as identity, practice, and politics.

SEM 104 MWF 01:30-02:20 p.m. Lee Tyson 19698
Due to the overlap in material, you will not receive credit for this class if you have previously taken AmSt 1141 or Music 1701 or FGSS 1114 taught by Lee Tyson.
Trees in Ancient Religion and Contemporary Thought

Judaism, Christianity, Islam feature vibrant trees in their mythopoetics; without trees, these religions would look different. With the recent renaissance in tree studies, which shows that trees think and have agency, it is time to reexamine the histories of trees and their role in shaping human conceptions of regeneration, life/death, good/evil. In order to appreciate trees in both ancient and modern thought, students will study scriptural texts from antiquity and beyond, art, and contemporary writing on vegetal life from botanists, philosophers, and novelists. Students will write five essays, which will build upon each other; the essays both summarize our work but also forge new questions about the cumulative histories of mythic trees. We will also utilize Cornell’s arboretum for a dynamic classroom experience.

PHILOSOPHY 1110
Philosophy in Practice: Education and Inequality

Now that you’re in your first year of college, it is important to pause for a moment to ask yourself some important questions: Are you here to acquire knowledge of a certain skill? Are you here to break free of constraints you felt were limiting your intellectual freedom in high school? What is the purpose of education? What counts as education as opposed to indoctrination? How is knowledge produced and transferred? How is education limiting, and for whom? In this class we will be discussing these questions through a philosophical lens. We will be reading contemporary and classic literature in social and political philosophy that will help us to discuss, write, and engage with these questions.
PHILOSOPHY 1110
Philosophy in Practice: Applied Ethics in a Divisive World

Is abortion morally permissible? Is Affirmative Action a wrongful form of discrimination? Do social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter have an ethical obligation to censor hate speech? Is it morally permissible to eat animals? What is the most ethical approach when it comes to vaccine distribution? This course will focus on the principles and philosophical arguments underlying conflicts and moral dilemmas of central and ongoing concern to society as they arise within practical and real-life contexts. Throughout the course students will learn how to write and think critically about divisive issues in the world today and the importance of doing so both on a personal and academic/professional level.

SEM 102  MW 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Alex Esposito  19636  Karolina Hubner

PHILOSOPHY 1111
Philosophical Problems: Liberation in Latin American Philosophy

Is there such a thing as Latin American philosophy? In this course we will explore a possible answer by investigating how the concept of liberation is a common thread in Latin American philosophical thought. This exploration will take us from Latin American Catholic theology and the distinct philosophical humanism developed in Mexican and Chilean universities, to the manifestos of indigenous revolutionary groups, like the Mexican Zapatistas. By focusing on the concept of liberation, we will collaboratively develop the skills to produce successful academic texts that address important questions for our own political moment, like “How should we compare the search for liberty with the search for liberation?”, “How can we ensure the cultural and political freedom of others?”, “Is individual autonomy compatible with cultural autonomy?”.

SEM 101  TR 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Alejandro Vesga  19639  Karolina Hubner

PHILOSOPHY 1111
Philosophical Problems: Explaining Consciousness

We take it for granted that we are all conscious, but what explains this fact? Is consciousness even something that can be explained? In this writing seminar we will focus on clearly and concisely explaining the views of philosophers and other thinkers who have responded to these and related questions. We will also focus on clearly and concisely explaining our own reactions to these views. Formal essay assignments will include short, expository essays. Some of these will be developed into longer essays that will be revised in light of instructor and peer review comments.

SEM 102  MW 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Eve Dietl  19640  Karolina Hubner

PHILOSOPHY 1111
Philosophical Problems: Debates about Free Will

What is free will? Does anyone have it? Do we need to have free will to be morally responsible for our actions? If every one of our choices has been determined by the distant past together with the laws of nature, could we still have free will in some sense? Does contemporary science show that free will is an illusion? In this class we will examine these and related questions from a variety of perspectives. Through frequent class discussion and a series of writing assignments, students will learn how to clearly explain the arguments and positions of others as well as how to construct persuasive arguments of their own in clear and concise writing.

SEM 103  TR 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Dean Da Vee  19641  Karolina Hubner
PHILOSOPHY 1112
Philosophical Conversations: Liberalism and Neoliberalism
This course examines the role of political liberalism in the modern history of the United States, which involves teasing apart three interdependent but separate things: the theory of political liberalism, the purported use of that theory in the genesis of the United States, and the role that liberalism plays in the current neoliberal political order. We will combine investigation into the historical circumstances which contributed to the development of liberalism and the emergence of neoliberalism with criticism of existing states of affairs and brainstorming new possible ways of being. Readings will include Marx, Rawls, Dubois, Davis, and more.

SEM 101  TR 09:40-10:55 a.m.  Erin Gerber  19649  Karolina Hubner

PHILOSOPHY 1112
Philosophical Conversations: Ancient Greek and Asian Philosophy
What does one’s best life consist in? What are minds and souls, good and evil, the implications of piety for governmental rule? This class explores Grecian, Buddhist, and Confucian responses to these questions and more. Engaging the works of Greek thinkers like Plato and Aristotle, along with sayings of the Buddha and Confucius themselves to later Buddhist and Confucian thinkers in Japan, you will improve your ability to analyze and think critically about philosophical texts. You will learn to clearly and concisely express your thoughts and understanding in analytical, comparative, and argumentative writing. You will also break down intellectual barriers by participating in both eastern and western ways of thinking, which enables you to communicate about age-old questions in new and insightful ways.

SEM 102  MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m.  Brianna Zgurich  19650  Karolina Hubner

PHILOSOPHY 1112
Philosophical Conversations: Borders, Immigration, and Citizenship
We become citizens by being born to citizens or by being born within the relevant territory. But in other cases our rights do not depend on where, and to whom, we are born. Why is citizenship different? And what justifies national borders in the first place? Citizens are often thought to have the right to keep people out of their country. Why do they have this right, if they do? And may they use force to enforce it? Your writing on these issues will aim at good argumentative practices. Accordingly, you will work on careful, charitable analysis of textual arguments, considering and responding to counterarguments, and explaining your reasoning. A clear, concise, and inviting prose style will be emphasized.

SEM 103  MW 09:40-10:55 a.m.  Benjamin Yost  19651

PHILOSOPHY 1112
Philosophical Conversations: Pointing at the Moon—The Forms and Methods of Buddhist Philosophy
Why do we suffer? Can you think the thought of not thinking? Who can you trust? How short should you clip your fingernails? Is there a difference between the sacred and the mundane? In this class we will consider such questions as presented in Buddhist philosophy. The works take interestingly different written forms. The writings attributed to the historical buddha and Shantideva were often in short verses. Later writers like Bodhidharma, Nagarjuna, and Dōgen wrote longer form works. Zen koans can be just a few words. Each of these genres will provide unique challenges to help improve the quality of your writing, thinking, and arguments. You might even learn something about the world.

SEM 104  TR 09:40-10:55 a.m.  Timothy Kwiatek  19652  Karolina Hubner
PERFORMING & MEDIA ARTS 1104  
*Gender and Crime: The Case of the Female Detective*  
Some say crime’s a man’s world, but female detectives like Lisbeth Salander, Clarice Starling and Miss Marple can be found solving crimes and busting bad guys across media. Drawing from TV, film, fiction and theatre across a range of cultural moments, this course explores the ways in which the female detective impacts the conventions of the crime narrative in which she functions. Texts include *How To Get Away With Murder, Veronica Mars, Silence of the Lambs*, and Jennifer Healey’s virtual reality crime drama *The Nether*. Students will develop strategies for attentive reading and thoughtful writing. Assignments include reviews, position papers, pitches and analytical responses, and will focus on critical thinking, preparation, clear prose, argument structure, and well-supported claims.

SEM 101  TR 08:05-09:20 a.m.  Aoise Stratford  19703  
SEM 102  TR 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Aoise Stratford  19704

PERFORMING & MEDIA ARTS 1161  
*Food and the Media*  
Ours is a food-obsessed culture. Whether we focus on diet and health, or binge-watch competitive cooking shows, or explore cuisine in relation to regional, racial, or ethnic identity, many of us either “eat to live” or “live to eat.” Television producers, investigative journalists, bloggers, and cultural critics feed our obsession, generating a burgeoning body of food-related prose and programming both informative and entertaining. Through readings from *Gourmet* and *Eating Well* magazines, screenings of *Beat Bobby Flay* and *The Great British Baking Show*, and airings of Samin Nosrat’s *Home Cooking*, among others, we will examine together how food suffuses our media and constitutes our Food Nation. Assignments will include food memoirs, food histories, food podcasts, food criticism, and food reporting.

SEM 101  MW 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Ellen Gainor  19654

PERFORMING & MEDIA ARTS 1162  
*Burnout Feminism: The Politics of Writing, Work and Wellness*  
You’re tired. I’m tired. We’re all tired. Wait, is there a problem? In the 1970s feminists argued “the personal is political”—if we all suffer the same, problems can’t be merely personal. We will view work and wellness through an intersectional lens, questioning how gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, and class affect our experiences of effort, emotion, and eroticism. We will read authors like Sara Ahmed, Gloria Anzaldúa, Ursula Le Guin, Audre Lorde, Adrienne Rich, and Virginia Woolf, exploring diverse modes of address: memoir and essay, poetry and fiction, posts and podcasts. Coursework will develop key feminist writing skills: curiosity, contextualization, criticism, communication. Students will find their authorial voices through personal essays, political manifestos, and cultural criticism, culminating in a self-directed work of research or creativity.

SEM 101  MW 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Kelly Richmond  19655  Stratford Aoise

PERFORMING & MEDIA ARTS 1163  
*Decoding Race, Gender, and Class in Technology*  
What is the relationship between technology and power? If technology is political, how can we decode its meanings? This course invites students to examine how race, gender, class and technologies shape and reshape one another. We will think technology broadly - as race and sexuality - and concretely - as machinery, cables, code, and medicine. Students will gain an understanding of the intimate relationships between media, technology, ideology, and political economy through close readings of, and creative, analytical writings on, the many tools that we interact with daily. We will read work from Black feminism, queer theory, materialism, technology and media studies. Authors may include Angela Davis, Gayle Rubin, Wendy Hui Kyong Chun, Ruha Benjamin, and Frantz Fanon.

SEM 101  TR 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Victoria Sorensen  19622  Stratford Aoise
PERFORMING & MEDIA ARTS 1164
Page to Stage to Kick-Ball-Change: Adapting Musical Theatre

Why tell the same story in a new way? More than half of all the shows nominated for the Tony Award for Best Musical are adaptations. From Hamilton and Hadestown to The Wizard of Oz and West Side Story, playwrights and composers have been recreating pre-existing plots for the all-singing, all-dancing stage for generations. How do adaptations reinvigorate stories for new audiences in an ever-changing society? How do they intersect and impact understandings of race, class, gender, sexuality, and politics? Students will watch various musical theatre adaptations and compare them alongside source materials including fiction, film, comics, biography, and more. Through writing performance reviews, analytic essays, and imagining an original musical theatre adaptation, students will become triple threats in critical thinking, argumentation, and literary style.

SEM 101   TR 09:40-10:55 a.m.   Andrew Colpitts   19623   Stratford Aoise

PERFORMING & MEDIA ARTS 1165
Fourth Walls: Barriers, Boundaries, and Borders in Performance

Recently, walls and other boundaries have played critical rolls in the symbols and substance of social and political movements—Black Lives Matter protesters confronting rows of police shields, the violation of bodily autonomy at the heart of the #MeToo movement, and chants of “build the wall” at right-wing political rallies—are but a few examples. Walls, or the lack thereof, are also an important feature and symbol in theatrical production. The “fourth wall” in theatre—referring to the imaginary boundary between actors and audience—is most noteworthy for its absence. Together, over the span of the semester, we will explore the use of walls and other barriers, both physical and figurative, in plays and performance. Through careful reading of scripts, attentive viewing of live and mediated performances, active discussion, and critically engaged writing, we will consider how theatre uses walls to highlight, question, and perhaps even disrupt regional, cultural, political, and social division.

SEM 101   MW 09:40-10:55 a.m.   Samuel Blake   19624   Stratford Aoise

PERFORMING & MEDIA ARTS 1166
Making Feminist Theater in the Twenty-First Century

Feminist Playwrights are speaking up! From Aleshea Harris’ participatory response to anti-Black violence, "What to Send Up When It Goes Down," to Lily Padilla's exploration of collective care and trauma, "How to Defend Yourself," to Madeliene George's queerly comedic climate change play, "Hurricane Diane," feminist playwrights are tackling today's most pressing issues. In this class we will analyze feminist plays and theater scholarship to explore how these artists are working to make the theater more equitable and accessible (and how industry norms are impeding their efforts), and how you might be empowered to make change in your own profession. With an emphasis on in-class discussions, scaffolded writing assignments, and collaborative writing workshops, this class will foster students' ability to produce coherent, concise, persuasive prose.

SEM 101   TR 09:40-10:55 a.m.   Caitlin Kane   19625   Stratford Aoise

POLISH 1301
East European Film

In this class we will watch, discuss, and write about fiction films, documentaries, and animated movies from Eastern Europe. In addition to learning film terminology, students will get acquainted with cultures, social issues, and geography of Eastern Europe. They will write critical essays, film production analyses, and creative assignments about Oscar-winners and lesser known films from the region. The class includes guest speakers and visits to Cornell museum and the teaching barn. All films are available for streaming through Canvas for students to watch them in their free time.

SEM 101   TR 09:40-10:55 a.m.   Ewa Bachminska   19629
PSYCHOLOGY 1130
Animals, Social Learning, and Behavior

Do crocodiles care for their babies the same way cats do? How do animals that eat dangerous insects learn to handle them? This class will focus on social learning and behavior in a wide range of animal species, from amphibians to whales. We will discuss the cognitive capacities required for parental care in other species and the importance of social learning for the development of adaptive skills. Readings will include original research studies as well as articles and book chapters. Students will learn how to translate scientific findings for the public, concisely convey their ideas in both written and spoken form, and propose their own research.

SEM 101  TR 09:40-10:55 a.m.  Mary Elson  19630  Kate Navickas

PSYCHOLOGY 1140
Event Cognition: How the Mind Remembers Experience

Watching the day go by is like watching a movie. Like movies, our day-to-day experience is full of changing events, characters, scenes, and even narratives. And just like watching a movie, at the end of a waking day, we often find ourselves remembering certain events but not others. In this course we will discuss how and why do we remember or forget certain events. We will explore these questions from the angle of experimental psychology and cognitive neuroscience. Along the way, we will read, critique, and try to emulate peer-reviewed scientific articles, opinions in the popular press, and scientific blog posts to deepen our understanding of event cognition specifically and science communication more broadly.

SEM 101  TR 09:40-10:55 a.m.  Karen Sasmita  19631  Kate Navickas

PSYCHOLOGY 1140
The Human Mind and Beautiful Things

What is beauty and how do we recognize it? Are there universal rules like symmetry that make an artwork beautiful or is beauty a matter of individual taste? In this class we will try to answer these questions by exploring the psychological and neurobiological underpinnings of our experience of beautiful things. We will read popular science readings, blog posts, and scientific journal articles. Through critical analysis of these texts, we will work on constructing clear and convincing arguments about how the perceptual, emotional, and neural mechanisms give rise to the experience of beauty. Writing assignments will include critical essays, reviews, and scientific research papers.

SEM 102  TR 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Elif Celikors  19632  Kate Navickas

ROMANCE STUDIES 1102
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.

SEM 101  MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m.  Marilyn Migiel  19637
ROMANCE STUDIES 1102
The Craft of Storytelling: Spiritual Autobiography
What does it mean to be "spiritual"? (And how does that category get distinguished from its frequent companion, "religious"?) How do we tell stories about parts of ourselves that resist description; parts of ourselves that may go unrecognized in much of our daily lives? (Does spirituality, put this way, start to sound a little like sexuality?) This course encourages students to develop their thinking and writing skills through close reading of a series of largely Christian texts that write the spirit with the body. Beginning with the fifth-century African bishop Augustine's *Confessions*, we'll move through the Middle Ages into more modern forms of self-questioning and self-expression. What, we'll ask, do we talk about when we talk about God? Is it more, or less, like what we talk about when we talk about love?

SEM 102  MW 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Cary Howie  19638

ROMANCE STUDIES 1102
The Craft of Storytelling: Italian Renaissance Comedies
In this course students will read and write about four Italian Renaissance comedies that feature stories of love, lust, intrigue, and mistaken identities: Machiavelli’s *Mandrake Root*, Ariosto’s *Supposes*, the Accademia degli Intronati’s *The Deceived*, and Bibbiena’s *The Comedy of Calandro*. Textual analysis will be accompanied by brief theatrical readings that will promote a deeper and more empathetic understanding of the characters. Students will write analytic and personal essays.

SEM 103  MWF 11:20-12:10 p.m.  Giulia Andreoni  19808

ROMANCE STUDIES 1102
The Craft of Storytelling: Women’s Writing, Writing Women
This course asks students to consider the ways in which gender influences writing. We will explore the differences between stories authored by men and by women to better understand how women use their writings to challenge the male authorial models that dominate the literary field. A range of medieval, early modern, and modern texts will help students think critically about the social and political implications of women picking up the pen. Students will produce analytic, personal, and creative essays as they explore what it means to write about, to, for, and as women.

SEM 104  MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m.  Julia Karczewski  19809

ROMANCE STUDIES 1108
Cultural Identities: Sailors and Cities—Cultural Exchange in France's Ports
The transatlantic world crystallized because of aggressive endeavors to build colonial empires. Port cities became hubs around which multicultural connections were forged. Port cities also serve to memorialize a much darker past. How does the slave trade continue to haunt these places? Why are port cities touchstones in the debates on the immigration and French identity? From the influential hip hop to come out of Marseille to films depicting the passage of migrants through refugee camps in Calais, this course will consider a wide range of materials to advance students’ abilities to think and write critically. We will eventually move our study beyond the Hexagon to cities like Dakar and Port-au-Prince. In-class discussions and collaborative writing exercises will support the refinement of academic writing skills.

SEM 101  TR 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Hannah Hughes  19642  Cary Howie
ROMANCE STUDIES 1109
Image and Imagination: French Cinema in the Margins

This course provides an introduction to the study of cinema and French culture in the Twentieth Century. This class will be an introduction to the great periods of French cinema, from poetic realism, to the New Wave, and the more recent turn towards questions of sexuality, gender and race. A particular attention will be given to the representation of the margins in French society, through figures such as madness, addictions, dysfunctional families, prohibited sexualities. Texts will include the films, cultural and historical contextualizing pieces, film theory, and critical reviews. You will be asked to write screening reports, critical essays, film reviews and more creative pieces.

SEM 101  MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m.  Romain Pasquer  19643  Cary Howie

ROMANCE STUDIES 1109
Image and Imagination: French Film—1895 to the Present

This course explores French cinema from the first projection by the Lumiere brothers in 1895 to today. We will study a range of films, from early silent films like Melies’s *Voyage dans la lune*, to some surreptitiously subversive films from during the Nazi occupation, to the avant-garde experiments of the New Wave Cinema, as well as more recent films. By engaging with the films, academic articles, and some film theory, as well as participating in writing workshops, you will successfully interpret filmic form, and produce clear and original written arguments about French cinema.

SEM 102  TR 01:00-02:15 p.m.  Nick Huelster  19685  Cary Howie

ROMANCE STUDIES 1113
Thinking and Thought: On Love

Love is everywhere—in our own lives, but also in literature, film, art, and media. Yet we spend very little time thinking critically about love and its companion, sex. In this course we will analyze love from a multiplicity of perspectives, drawing on philosophical, religious, literary, visual, and sociological texts. We will consider such topics as philosophical approaches to love, feminist thinking on love and sex, state regulations of sexuality, love and sex in literature, film, and popular culture, sex on campus and the hook-up culture, as well as the intersections between race, ethnicity, class gender, and sexuality.

SEM 101  MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m.  Itziar Rodriguez de Rivera  19644
SEM 102  MWF 11:20-12:10 p.m.  Itziar Rodriguez de Rivera  19645

ROMANCE STUDIES 1113
Thinking and Thought: Globally Queer

This course proposes the interdisciplinary study of nonnormative sexualities and genders around the world. We will analyze works from gender studies, history, literature, cinema, popular culture, among other areas. Our examination will encompass both lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender as well as those individuals whose sexual/gender identities practices and experiences fall outside normative designations. We will ask whether and how “LGBTQ” functions as a coherent category of analysis, and we will pay particular attention to differences (of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual practice, embodiment, class) that are contained within, and often disrupt, that category. We will also discuss how and when not just our classifications but our assumptions, concepts, and theories of sexuality and gender prove valid for other cultural contexts.

SEM 103  MWF 02:40-03:30 p.m.  Itziar Rodriguez de Rivera  19646
ROMANCE STUDIES 1113
Thinking and Thought: Doubles, Doppelgangers, and Dispossession

The figure of the double, or doppelgänger, has long captivated our collective imagination. Strikingly familiar yet eerily foreign, such figures come to dispossess a person of their own identity. Transcending boundaries between canonical and popular fiction, why do these beings—from European Romanticism to Invasion of the Body Snatchers and the Faceless Men of Game of Thrones—serve as a source of continued fascination, intrigue, and horror? Through a variety of analytical, argumentative, and critical writing assignments, we will examine how writers have been haunted by such entities in an attempt to understand the relationship between a writer and their writing. Readings include texts by George R.R. Martin, Oscar Wilde, H.P. Lovecraft, Sigmund Freud, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Heinrich von Kleist, Maurice Blanchot, and others.

SEM 104   TR 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Brandon Greer   19647   Cary Howie

ROMANCE STUDIES 1114
Semiotics

What allows us to make assumptions about people based on the way they speak or dress? How can we understand the deeper meaning of a fairy tale or an episode of The Simpsons? What does macaroni and cheese mean, and why is it not on the menu at most upscale Manhattan eateries? This seminar introduces semiotics, the study of signs and the meaning-bearing sign systems they form; sign systems that include not only human language but also literature, painting, sculpture, film, music, dance, and also such aspects of popular culture as advertising, fashion, food, and television, to name just a few. The diversity of semiotic systems provides many possibilities for thinking and writing critically about the world we live in.

SEM 101   MWF 02:40-03:30 p.m.  Ti Alkire   19648

ROMANCE STUDIES 1115
Literature and Medicine: Europe, Africa, the Mediterranean

Why are there so many medical doctors who are also prolific and fascinating writers? What is the effect of their medical training on their literary expression? How are physicians, illness, spaces of healing, and the practice of medicine represented in the work of authors (medical doctors and not) coming from the countries as diverse as Italy and Ghana, Algeria, and France? Malika Mokeddem, Ayi Kwei Armah, Carlo Levi, Aldo Carotenuto, and Marie Cardinal are only some of the authors read in this course. Students will receive assignments as varied as journal writing and summaries to reaction papers, book and film reviews, annotated bibliographies, pastiches, and research proposals. Course syllabus includes at least two feature films and Zoom meetings with the authors read in the course.

SEM 101   MW 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Kora von Wittelsbach   19653

SOCIOLGY 1110
Writing Computers and Society

Computer technology is the “zeitgeist” of our contemporary times. Learning how to study, think about, discuss, and write about computerization using a sociological vocabulary is a valuable skillset that can be continually drawn upon over the course of a lifetime. Students enrolling in this course will study the sociology of computerization, they will explore and discuss a variety of social issues embedded in computerization, they will write about computerization, and they will give and receive constructive writing feedback in small workshop groups. Writing assignments will include short essays on a variety of sociological themes including computing in organizational settings, access to computers amidst class-gender-race dynamics, pandemic themes related to computers and society, emergent political challenges related to our new online media ecosystem, online dating culture, and more.

SEM 101   MWF 09:05-09:55 a.m.  Joseph Sullivan   18926
Technology and Society: Carceral Technologies

This class examines prisons as technologies and the role that specific technologies play in the U.S. prison system. We will study networks of carceral communication and technological ingenuity and resistance within the prison environment, including trade and tinkering with contraband cell phones, prison writing and literature, and #PrisonTikTok. Together we will look at the history of mass incarceration in the United States as well as the tradition of abolition. We will pay particular attention to artwork created inside the environment of the incarceration as well as exterior media representations of prison life. Writing assignments include analyses of prison literature, prison technologies, and media made in (and out) of prisons, such as prison rap and #PrisonWife TikTok.

SEM 101  TR 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Catherine (Cat) Coyle  19660  Elliot Shapiro

Technology and Society: Digital Infrastructures

How are TikToks connected to a Congolese mine, space debris, and a Bengali street market? These are all part of the digital underbelly: the often forgotten patchwork of infrastructures including undersea cables, gig workers, and algorithms enabling our use of digital technologies. In this seminar we will trace and analyze these backstage technologies, exploring issues including tensions in the gig economy, the environmental impacts of the cloud, and current debates surrounding the development of algorithms. Writing assignments include speculative fictions about the future of the internet, analyses of social media from Silicon Valley start-ups, and an exploration of controversial computing technologies.

SEM 102  MW 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Donny Persaud  19661  Elliot Shapiro

Science and Society: Food-Flix and Chill

If the films produced over the last 15 years serve as any indication, food resonates. With titles ranging from *Supersize Me* (2003) to *Food Evolution* (2016), with the likes of *Cowspiracy* (2014) and a few thought-provoking Chipotle commercials sprinkled in-between, food topics have no dearth of cinematic appeal. This seminar will teach you to write clearly about food issues, paying particular attention to the parallels between the chosen films and contemporary food-related social movements. In addition to critical analysis of films through a “food studies” lens, we will sample readings from a variety of related genres, from science writing to blogs and media criticism. Writing assignments will span these methods, culminating in the submission of a collaboratively-researched proposal for a class film script.

SEM 101  MW 08:05-09:20 a.m.  Rebecca (Becca) Harrison  19662  Elliot Shapiro

Planetary Health: Plagues, Pandemics, Extinctions

Americans often think of health as physician interactions at a bedside, pills procured at a pharmacy, reps done in the gym, or foods bought in a supermarket. But the COVID-19 pandemic began with a virus initially transmitted from a bat, a pangolin, or some other species. Climate change may increase the frequency of global pandemics. Further, two centuries of industrial production have made life easy for many humans while impoverishing and immiserating many more. Many communities, often communities of color, have suffered disproportionate effects of toxins leached into water supplies and absorbed into crops. The planet is facing mass extinctions caused by human activities. This course examines the meeting of health and environment. It starts with the COVID-19 pandemic, which has exposed the cracks in U.S. society, including the U.S. health system. It also considers contamination of the water in Flint, Michigan, and other examples that reveal the vital linkage between health and environment.

SEM 101  TR 02:45-04:00 p.m.  Rachel Prentice  19664
WRITING 1370

Elements of Academic Writing: Metaphor in Art, Science, and Culture

Metaphor is the essence of human creativity—a form of thought, desire and the language of the unconscious mind. How does metaphor operate in literature, pop culture, politics, and the thought of theoretical scientists such as Einstein and Richard Feynman? Can we improve our capacity to think metaphorically? The Writing 1370 classroom is a dynamic workspace where students assemble the scholarly tools necessary to explore these complex, interdisciplinary questions. By collaborating with peers to pose questions, examine ideas, and share drafts, students develop the analytic and argumentative skills fundamental to interdisciplinary reading, research, and writing. With smaller class sizes, two 50-minute class sessions, and weekly student/teacher conferences, Writing 1370 is an alternative route FWS that provides a workshop setting for students to learn flexible and sustainable strategies for studying the essential elements of academic writing and for producing clear, precise academic prose that can address a variety of audiences and meet diverse rhetorical aims.

SEM 101  MW 11:20-12:10 p.m.  Brad Zukovic  19665
This alternate route FWS offers a more individualized learning environment that is particularly appropriate for students who have not had much formal writing instruction; are unfamiliar with academic or research-based writing; or feel a general lack of confidence about their writing.

WRITING 1370

Elements of Academic Writing: Mind, Body, Self

The purpose of this course is to develop our skills as writers. We will do this by looking at relationships between minds and bodies, and what that means for having a sense of self. In short, we examine being-in-the-world. For example, How does the mind relate to the body; How does the body relate to the environment; How do I feel connected to myself and others? The Writing 1370 classroom is a dynamic workspace where students assemble the scholarly tools necessary to explore these complex, interdisciplinary questions. By collaborating with peers to pose questions, examine ideas, and share drafts, students develop the analytic and argumentative skills fundamental to interdisciplinary reading, research, and writing. With smaller class sizes, two 50-minute class sessions, and weekly student/teacher conferences, Writing 1370 is an alternative route FWS that provides a workshop setting for students to learn flexible and sustainable strategies for studying the essential elements of academic writing and for producing clear, precise academic prose that can address a variety of audiences and meet diverse rhetorical aims.

SEM 102  MW 10:10-11:00 a.m.  Jessica Sands  19666
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WRITING 1370

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SEM 103  MW 01:30-02:20 p.m.  Brad Zukovic  19667
This alternate route FWS offers a more individualized learning environment that is particularly appropriate for students who have not had much formal writing instruction; are unfamiliar with academic or research-based writing; or feel a general lack of confidence about their writing.

WRITING 1370
Elements of Academic Writing: Food for Thought

How does the food on your table tell a story about you, your family, your community, your nation? How do we make food choices, and how are these choices complicated by the cultural, socio-economic, and political forces that both create and combat widespread international hunger and food insecurity? The Writing 1370 classroom is a dynamic workspace where students assemble the scholarly tools necessary to explore these complex, interdisciplinary questions. By collaborating with peers to pose questions, examine ideas, and share drafts, students develop the analytic and argumentative skills fundamental to interdisciplinary reading, research, and writing. With smaller class sizes, two 50-minute class sessions, and weekly student/teacher conferences, Writing 1370 is an alternative route FWS that provides a workshop setting for students to learn flexible and sustainable strategies for studying the essential elements of academic writing and for producing clear, precise academic prose that can address a variety of audiences and meet diverse rhetorical aims.

SEM 104  TR 10:10-11:00 a.m.  Tracy Carrick  19668

This alternate route FWS offers a more individualized learning environment that is particularly appropriate for students who have not had much formal writing instruction; are unfamiliar with academic or research-based writing; or feel a general lack of confidence about their writing.

WRITING 1370
Elements of Academic Writing: Connecting Cultures

What is culture? How does culture set standards for our behavior? How do we negotiate the intersections between cultures? How do the processes of culture determine the politics of assimilation, the power of language, and the spaces we inhabit? Particularly in writing, how does culture help us determine strategies appropriate for convincing a variety of distinct audiences and purposes? The Writing 1370 classroom is a dynamic workspace where students assemble the scholarly tools necessary to explore these complex, interdisciplinary questions. By collaborating with peers to pose questions, examine ideas, and share drafts, students develop the analytic and argumentative skills fundamental to interdisciplinary reading, research, and writing. With smaller class sizes, two 50-minute class sessions, and weekly student/teacher conferences, Writing 1370 is an alternative route FWS that provides a workshop setting for students to learn flexible and sustainable strategies for studying the essential elements of academic writing and for producing clear, precise academic prose that can address a variety of audiences and meet diverse rhetorical aims.

SEM 105  TR 11:20-12:10 p.m.  Darlene Evans  19669

This alternate route FWS offers a more individualized learning environment that is particularly appropriate for students who have not had much formal writing instruction; are unfamiliar with academic or research-based writing; or feel a general lack of confidence about their writing.

WRITING 1370
Elements of Academic Writing: Mind, Body, Self

The purpose of this course is to develop our skills as writers in order to competently navigate the communication and expression of thought for academic success. We will practice reading, writing, and discussing ideas with purpose. The framework of thought to help us study our writing will examine the relationships between minds and bodies, and what that means for having a sense of self. In short, we examine being-in-the-world. Many questions in this course pertain to relationships: How does the mind relate to the body; How does the body relate to the environment; How do I feel connected to myself and others? This course takes an interdisciplinary approach and incorporates materials from biology, philosophy, psychology, and sociology. The Writing 1370 classroom is a dynamic workspace where students assemble the scholarly tools necessary to explore these complex,
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WRITING 1370
Elements of Academic Writing: Writing Back to the News
Students will ensconce themselves in debates raging within the contemporary news media—such as politics, conflicts within higher education, gender equality, international crises, American popular culture—and will write about contemporary controversies to different audiences in a variety of mediums, such as argumentative essays, investigative pieces, and blog posts. The Writing 1370 classroom is a dynamic workspace where students assemble the scholarly tools necessary to explore these complex, interdisciplinary questions. By collaborating with peers to pose questions, examine ideas, and share drafts, students develop the analytic and argumentative skills fundamental to interdisciplinary reading, research, and writing. With smaller class sizes, two 50-minute class sessions, and weekly student/teacher conferences, Writing 1370 is an alternative route FWS that provides a workshop setting for students to learn flexible and sustainable strategies for studying the essential elements of academic writing and for producing clear, precise academic prose that can address a variety of audiences and meet diverse rhetorical aims.

WRITING 1370
Elements of Academic Writing: Heroes and Villains
How do tales of warriors and foes reflect the values and anxieties of various cultures? How are representations of these characters inflected by their perceived gender, sexual, racial, and socio-economic identities? How do historical narratives of rivalry, particularly those about medieval knights and their enemies, inform contemporary film and fiction about superheroes and villains? The Writing 1370 classroom is a dynamic workspace where students assemble the scholarly tools necessary to explore these complex, interdisciplinary questions. By collaborating with peers to pose questions, examine ideas, and share drafts, students develop the analytic and argumentative skills fundamental to interdisciplinary reading, research, and writing. With smaller class sizes, two 50-minute class sessions, and weekly student/teacher conferences, Writing 1370 is an alternative route FWS that provides a workshop setting for students to learn flexible and sustainable strategies for studying the essential elements of academic writing and for producing clear, precise academic prose that can address a variety of audiences and meet diverse rhetorical aims.

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SEM 106  TR 12:25-01:15 p.m.  Jessica Sands  19670
SEM 107  TR 01:30-02:20 p.m.  Kelly King-O’Brien  19671

SEM 108  MW 09:05-09:55 a.m.  Abigail Sprenkle  19672
SEM 109  MWF 12:25-01:15 p.m.  Abigail Sprenkle  19673

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WRITING 1420
Research and Rhetoric: Bridging Differences

In an increasingly divided world along lines of identity, language, politics, and religion, how do we enact change? How do we talk across our differences when we cannot even agree on what count as facts? In this research-intensive class, we’ll read broadly about a variety of divisive topics and potential solutions related to the course theme of “Bridging Differences.” Drawing upon personal experiences, academic interests or questions sparked by course readings, you will select a course-inspired topic and compose a research portfolio that highlights significant analytic research. We will explore the Cornell Library gateway to develop college-level research skills: using databases, evaluating information, and engaging responsibly with sources to produce effective academic writing. You will learn strategies for analyzing, synthesizing and acknowledging sources, developing a thesis that emerges from research, and for talking about the research and writing you are doing. This course is especially appropriate for students interested in building academic research and writing skills with an eye toward graduate school.

SEM 101  MW 11:25-12:40 p.m.  Kate Navickas  19675