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**For Education Graduate Students only**

The slave narrative is an important genre in American literature, which, even after the abolishment of slavery in the US, has continued to be highly influential in 20th and 21st century American literature. We will begin with two of the best-known slave narratives, Fredrick Douglass’s Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass (1845) and Harriet Jacobs, Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl (1861). We will then examine how the neo-slave narratives of the 20th and 21st century both employ and transform in fictional works the earlier autobiographical texts and how they incorporate the history of slavery and its aftermath in US culture. Possible novels include: Octavia Butler’s Kindred (1979), Toni Morrison’s Beloved (1987), Thylias Moss’s Slave Moth (2004), and Colson Whitehead’s The Underground Railroad (2016).

**Required for First Year English Graduate Students in All Programs**

This course is an introduction to theory and methods for graduate study, with emphasis on the impact of theoretical schools of thought on the evolution of the profession.

The aim of this graduate poetry workshop is to develop and deepen our understanding of the forms and possibilities of poetry. We'll study both classic and contemporary models, and we'll engage in various assignments that broaden our range. Students will write, workshop, and revise several poems during the course of the semester. In addition to discussing craft, we will study and discuss the poetry market and publication.
opportunities. This class is only open to MFA students. Other students need professor permission to enroll. MFA candidates may repeat this course for credit.

**Eng 681:1**
**Graduate Fiction Workshop II**
M. Bondurant
W 3-5:30
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Course description goes here.

**Eng 683:1**
**Form, Craft, and Influence: Fiction**
T. Franklin
M 6-8:30
tfrankli@olemiss.edu

Through intensive reading, we will explore the forms of fiction. Students will be required to write original short fiction as well.

**Eng 711:1**
**Studies in Shakespeare**
Friedlander
Th 3-5:30
ari@olemiss.edu

Course description goes here.

**Eng 717:1**
**2 Texts, 3 Ways: Approaches to Environmental Criticism of 18th-Century Texts**
E. Drew
W 3-5:30
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In this graduate seminar, we will analyze two major 18th-century texts (one long poem and one novel) through the lens of three major ecocritical/environmental theories. We will begin by reading the two primary texts to establish a baseline knowledge of them. After that, the course will be broken into three three-week units: one week reading a theoretical text followed by two weeks here we read the poem and the novel through that theoretical lens. Written assignments will include short “readings” of each text through each theorist as we move through them. Students will choose one of those short papers to expand for the final paper.

The goals of this seminar will be to develop familiarity with three important recent theoretical approaches to environmental criticism, to learn how to identify the affordances and limitations offered by each theoretical approach, and to gain skill in applying theoretical texts to literary
analysis. Theoretical texts may include work by Bruno Latour, Jason W. Moore, Donna Haraway, Stacy Alaimo, Monica Allewaert, Richard Grove, and essays on queer ecology. Primary texts may include John Dryden’s *Georgics*, Alexander Pope’s *Essay on Man*, or James Thomson’s *Seasons*; and Daniel Defoe’s *Robinson Crusoe*, Ann Radcliffe’s *Romance of the Forest*, or Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein* or *The Last Man*.

Eng 735:1  
Bhagat-Kennedy  
Studies in the Novel: The Historical Novel Across Space and Time  
M 6-8:30  
mbk@olemiss.edu

This seminar constellates a range of historical novels to analyze the relationship between history and literature, with a focus on how fiction (re)interprets pivotal events in a particular community or nation’s past and consolidates collective identities. Beginning in nineteenth-century Britain, we will travel across a number of world regions to examine how authors adapted and departed from established models of the historical novel to reinvent the genre in light of their own sociocultural and political contexts. Categories to be explored will include historical romances, alternate histories, revisionist histories, and historical metafiction. We will examine works by Maria Edgeworth, Walter Scott, James Fennimore Cooper, Sol Plaatje, Gabriel García Márquez, Octavia Butler, and Yaa Gyasi, among others.

Eng 743:1  
C. Ellis  
Studies in Literary Genre: Race, Nature, and the Non/Human  
W 6-8:30  
ceellis2@olemiss.edu

*Graduate students who have taken a different version of 743 previously may repeat this course for credit. MFA students will be given the option to submit a creative final project.*

This course will explore how cultural constructions of nature shape, and are shaped by, cultural conceptions of race. How have representations of the nonhuman world been recruited to advance racial projects? How have ideas about race framed or informed environmental imaginaries? We'll begin by surveying some of the persistent binaries that have shaped Western racial and environmental thought in the past three centuries, including the binary of the wild vs. civilization in settler colonial thought, the animal vs. the human in antiblack and patriarchal discourse, the natural vs. the monstrous/artificial in discourses of sexuality and eugenics, and the swarm vs. the individual in immigration discourse. We'll then explore how these articulations of race and nature have been navigated and contested, and how new visions of non/human community have been called into being, in texts by authors and scholars writing from and against the margins of “the human” from the nineteenth century to today.

Eng 766:1  
P. Alexander  
Studies in Contemporary American Literature  
T 6-8:30

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“Can the penitentiary teach the academy?” So asks H. Bruce Franklin, the well-known scholar of literary works produced from jail and prison, in a 2008 issue of PMLA. This seminar responds to Franklin’s question through our study of Black orators and/or Black writers whose works of life writing on racialized mass incarceration span from the Civil Rights era to the current Black Lives Matter moment. We will be particularly attentive to how these works have redefined the field of African American literary studies and reshaped the terrain of public intellectualism. Our literary journeys will traverse personal experiences with and/or intimate witness of mass criminalization and mass incarceration: we will investigate the aesthetic and political significance of depictions of the prison-industrial complex and the U.S. carceral state as they appear in the manifestoes, letters, speeches, autobiographies, memoirs, and essays of Black literary authors and intellectuals who will likely include Martin Luther King, Jr., Fannie Lou Hamer, George Jackson, Rubin “Hurricane” Carter, Angela Y. Davis, Assata Shakur, Safiya Bukhari, Mumia Abu-Jamal, Bryan Stevenson, Shaka Senghor, Susan Burton, and Albert Woodfox.

We will also examine the reception of these works in relation to their engagement in (counter-)public intellectualism, whether that (counter-)public intellectualism appears in the form of (open) letters, critical essays, public addresses, prison interviews, critically acclaimed documentaries, or Hollywood biopics. Finally, we will consider how these works participate in a vibrant tradition of neo-abolitionism within the African American literary tradition, and also how they anticipate and expand contemporary critical discourse on Black intellectual history (the work of Grant Farred and Brittany Cooper), studies of contemporary imprisonment in Black literature (the work of H. Bruce Franklin, Michael Hames-Garcia, Dennis Childs, and Lisa Corrigan), and engagements in critical prison studies scholarship with imprisoned intellectualism, abolition, anticarceral feminism, abolition feminism, policing, state violence, gendered social control, discriminatory sentencing, indefinite solitary confinement, and racialized prisoner abuse (the work of Angela Y. Davis [with Gina Dent, Erica R. Meiners and Beth E. Richie], Joy James, Dylan Rodriguez, and Victoria Law).

776:1
Before and After Loving: Worrying the Color Line in Southern and Post-Southern Autobiography
Gussow
TH 6-8:30
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The U.S. Supreme Court ruling against so-called anti-miscegenation laws in Loving v. Virginia (1967) was a landmark, one that not only enabled interracial marriage and looked forward prophetically toward the U.S. Census of 2020 with its check-all-that-apply racial self-declarations, but that represented a pivotal moment in the long history of the color line in the U.S. South. Taking the Loving decision (and the film Loving) as a sort of North Star, this seminar will explore the ways in which South-focused memoirists, autobiographers, and a novelist or two, especially since the mid-1990s, have wrestled with the extraordinary challenges and transformative possibilities encountered when individuals, and families, choose to live and love across the color line.
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