School of Letters 2020 Book List

Literature Classes

ENGL 503 | Literary Criticism

Dr. Mark Rasmussen

(Note: Students must absolutely get the third edition--very different content from editions one and two.)

The Norton Anthology of Theory and Criticism, third edition

ISBN: 978-0393602951

ENGL 518 | Forms of Nonfiction

Jessica Goudeau

(Note: It doesn't matter to me which version students have; I'm always happy for them to buy whatever's cheapest.)

The Devil's Highway by Luis Alberto Urrea

ISBN: 978-0316010801

Notes of a Native Son by James Baldwin

ISBN: 978-0807006238

Evicted by Matthew Desmond

ISBN: 978-0553447453

Fun Home by Alison Bechdel

ISBN: 978-0544709041

Writing Workshops

ENGL 510 | Workshop in Fiction

Jamie Quatro

(Note: I've decided, this year, to put together a packet of short stories I've hand-selected, instead of using an anthology. We'll focus on stories the first four weeks. And then I've chosen two novellas to discuss during the last two weeks of the term.)

We The Animals, Justin Torres

ISBN: 978-0547844190

Bluets, Maggie Nelson ISBN: 978-1933517407

ENGL 509 | Workshop in Poetry

Nickole Brown

(Note: I'd like to suggest—though not require—that students read these books before the residency starts in June; it will give them that much more time to write.)

Indigo, Ellen Bass

ISBN: 978-1556595752

Kettle Bottom, Diane Gilliam Fisher

ISBN: 978-0966045970

Forest Primeval, Vievee Francis

ISBN: 978-0810132436

Thieve, Joe Wilkins ISBN: 978-0899241661