WRTG 3020, Section 044: Writing to Know Poetry  
Fall Semester 2014

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Class Location:  CHEM 133

**Required Texts:**  
2) *Writer’s Help* (an online style guide).  
3) Desire2Learn materials.  
4) Your writing (in hard copy).

**Overview:**  Welcome to WRTG 3020, an exploration of 20th & 21st century American poetry and academic writing workshop. In this class you can expect to write plenty, and we will often spend our class time revising and discussing drafts of your papers. The primary goal of the course is to help you become stronger academic writers. To that end, WRTG 3020 emphasizes thoughtful analysis, careful reading, clear argumentation, and sustained inquiry into a subject. Our subject in this class, as mentioned, is American poetry since 1900. We’ll read Gertrude Stein, Sylvia Plath, Robert Creeley, Allen Ginsberg, Sonia Sanchez, Lyn Hejinian, and Marilyn Hacker, among many others. Additionally, this class gives you the opportunity to explore poetry through writing in a number of ways (from papers to imitations to the assortment of classroom exercises you’ll do). Academic writing (e.g. papers) in genres common to the study of poetry will indeed be our principal writing-oriented focus, but it’ll be far from our only one. It is my hope that in writing in a great number of ways about poetry—by using writing broadly as a tool for sustained inquiry into our subject—you will develop a rich, rewarding relationship with poetry, and grow as a writer in the process.

**CCHE Criteria:**  The Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE), which is the governing body for our state colleges and universities, stipulates certain criteria for upper division (CO3) writing courses. To help you better understand how this course incorporates the criteria, I identify key elements below and summarize how the course speaks to each.
Rhetorical Knowledge. This course will enhance your ability to understand the subtle ways poets communicate to readers—thus enhancing your ability to do poetry analysis—by immersing you in the work associated with a variety of poetic movements. We’ll study the High Modernists, the Objectivists, the Confessionals, the New York School Poets, the New American Surrealists, the Black Arts poets, and the Language Poets, among others. We’ll discuss the stylistic features unique to the poetry of each movement, and we’ll consider the poetry of each movement as rhetoric, which is to say we’ll think hard about the many factors (historical moment, political and philosophical orientation of the poets, perceived audience, etc.) that shape this unique, highly context-sensitive form of communication. Additionally, since there are two main audiences—literary critics and creative writers—for poetry criticism at universities, this course requires that you learn to write a craft annotation (the primary paper written in creative writing classes) and a literary analysis (the primary paper written in literature classes). This will enhance your ability to write persuasively on poetry for these critical academic audiences. Our chief rhetorical text will be poet-critic Mary Oliver’s A Poetry Handbook, which we’ll use to extend your understanding of poetic artifice. We’ll also use excerpts from a number of rhetorical texts, including Ann Merle Feldman’s Writing and Learning in the Disciplines (to help with literary studies’ disciplinary rhetoric); Becky Bradway and Doug Hesse’s Creating Nonfiction, a Guide and Anthology (to help with the rhetoric of literary journalism); and Lee Gutkind’s You Can’t Make this Stuff Up, the Complete Guide to Writing Creative Nonfiction from Memoir to Literary Journalism and Everything in Between (also to help with the rhetoric of literary journalism). We’ll also use Writer’s Help, an online Bedford/St. Martin’s style guide. Moreover, you will be asked to apply reflective strategies in class discussion, in journal assignments, and in the final two papers for the course, the Literary Journalism Essay and the Reflection Paper.

Writing Process. This course involves frequent peer review of drafts, with an emphasis on helping you see your habits in composing papers. Additionally, in peer review sessions we will discuss concrete strategies for developing your papers, with an emphasis on the specialized vocabulary and argumentative strategies required for each assignment. You will use a variety of technologies (from word processing software to library databases to Desire2Learn to our online style guide) in this course and you will learn to evaluate sources for relevance through in-class exercises and discussion.

Conventions and Content Knowledge. Through in-class writing exercises, class discussion, individual conferences, your major paper assignments, my written comments, and more, you will hone your understanding of how to manipulate voice, diction, syntax, content, and other elements of composition in order to speak authoritatively to audiences within the poetry community. For instance, you will learn to compose with authority for both creative writers and literary critics.

Major Assignments: You will be required to complete the following main assignments:

1) Imitations (3)
2) Craft Annotation
Below are brief descriptions of the major course assignments, including the relative weight of each in your final grade:

1) Imitations: You will write 3 graded imitations of assigned poets this semester. With each you will include a short description of your methodology called a methodology statement. These will be roughly 3 pages each (1-page imitation + 2-page methodology statement), for a total of roughly 9 pages across the semester. Each imitation w/methodology statement is worth 5% of your final grade.

2) Craft Annotation: In this paper you will close read the work of a poet and make an argument about how the poet has crafted his/her poems. You will really need to think like a poet to write this paper; you will need to demonstrate that you understand what the key compositional “moves” in the poems are and why the poet chose to make them (over the many other compositional possibilities available). You will rely heavily on the vocabulary from our Glossary of Terms handout and Mary Oliver’s A Poetry Handbook. 3-4 pages. 15%.

3) Research-Based Literary Analysis: In this paper you will close read the work of a poet and make a thesis-driven argument about the poet’s work, using analysis and research as the primary tool for making a persuasive argument. We will discuss the subtle distinctions between this paper and the craft annotation later in the semester; however, 2 crucial differences are 1) the literary analysis requires library research (quite a bit—we’ll focus on researching techniques during the unit), and 2) in the literary analysis you will rely more on the specialized vocabulary of the literary critic. 5-6 pages. 20%.

4) Literary Journalism Essay: Literary journalism is a sub-genre of creative nonfiction and it’s become, in recent years, more and more common in the academy and also as a vehicle for poets/critics to explore the place of poetry in our culture. In this assignment, that’s what you’ll do: you’ll investigate an aspect of poetry’s impact on our culture. You’ll do this by engaging in traditional research (library research) but you’ll also need to do “legwork” research: go to a poetry slam, interview a local poet, visit a small press, etc. You’ll need to get out into the community and then describe your experiences, using the craft of literary journalism—scene-by-scene construction, dialogue, sensory detail, etc. Additionally, you’ll need to explore your personal relationship to your subject matter in this essay. As Doug Hesse & Becky Bradway have written about literary journalism, “Oddly, the act of centering a piece around a particular journalistic subject can give writers a door into their own selves.” You’ll want to open those doors, go through them, and explore/discover your own unique relationship to your subject matter in the process. 7-9 pages. 20%.

5) Memorization and Recitation: You will memorize a poem and recite it in class. 5%
6) Reflection Paper: In this, the final paper you will write in this class, you will have a chance to reflect on the different ways you’ve engaged with poetry this semester. You will have a chance to reflect on what you’ve learned (or haven’t). 3-4 pages. 10%

The Portfolio System: You won’t turn the above-listed major assignments in “piecemeal,” but rather, you’ll hand the majority of them in as part of portfolios. You will produce 3 portfolios this semester (Craft Annotation Portfolio, Research-Based Literary Analysis Portfolio, and Literary Journalism Portfolio)—a portfolio for each major unit of the class. Here is what you’ll hand in with each portfolio:

1) the major paper for the unit (craft annotation, research-based literary analysis, or literary journalism essay);
2) an imitation—you will imitate the same poet you have focused on in the major paper for the unit (or one we decide is relevant to your content);
3) a methodology statement—in this you will describe the elements of composition you have focused on in your imitation;
4) related drafts and written student feedback.

Drafts and the Portfolio Process: Since the emphasis in this class is on developing and revising your work, you will produce drafts of each of the major assignments, and you will get feedback from the class on those drafts (except for the Reflection Paper, which you will turn in during finals week). You should hold onto all drafts and written feedback you get because, as I mention above, each time a portfolio is due you will hand in related drafts and feedback. This is so I can see that you have been working hard at revising and improving your writing; I want to see that you are taking into consideration the observations of your peers and that you are engaged in the tricky process of revision. It’s also a way for me to emphasize how central revision is in the writing process. Good writers work hard at revision and they understand that it takes a lot of time and effort to get to that finished product.

The Journal:

There are two ways to journal in this class: 1) electronically (in this case you’ll bring your laptop to class every time we meet), and 2) “old school” (in this case you’ll bring an “old school” paper notebook to class every time we meet). I don’t have a preference, but make sure that you save all in-class writing on your laptop if you elect to compose in-class writing electronically.

We’ll spend roughly 10-15 minutes journaling most class periods. I will assign the topic just before you start writing. Sometimes the journal entry will be on the assigned reading. Sometimes it will be on a topic from our discussions. Sometimes it will be related to a major assignment and it might serve as a leaping-off point for a dialogue
about that assignment. In all cases, the journal entries should help you reflect on the course material and get more out of the class than you would have otherwise.

Each journal entry should be dated at the top, like this for instance: “8/25/14.” I will collect your journals at the end of the semester (NOTE: you’ll have to print up your responses if you journal electronically) and I will be looking to see that you’ve legitimately engaged with each assigned topic and engaged with writing itself. Challenge yourself as a writer, stylistically and intellectually, in the journal entries. They’re in-class writings, so I don’t expect them to be perfect. But you’ll notice, in our readings, that most professional writers are good at ruminating on a subject in a distinctive and appealing way. If you can find or develop your own distinctive and engaging way to “think on the page” as you journal this semester, that will be excellent.

Course Readings (A Warning):

The poems and essays we’ll read by professional writers cover all kinds of material, including some that might be upsetting to some of you (sexuality, family dysfunction, physical/emotional abuse, and more). Additionally, some assigned readings use profanity. It’s my belief that, as writers and academics, we must be open to the full spectrum of content and language in this classroom. That doesn’t mean we should ever quietly accept writing that deals with charged material in insensitive ways. But it does mean we should respect and try to learn from any writer’s (professional or otherwise) content/language choices, even (or perhaps especially) if said writer pushes us outside our comfort zones. I would hope that no one would drop the course because of assigned material and this permissiveness, but that is a decision each of you will have to make.

Grading: Your grade for the class will be calculated as follows:

Major Assignments: 85%
Participation: 15%

Important Information on Participation: Active participation is essential in WRTG 3020. We will spend the majority of classroom time involved in discussion and workshop activities and these are vital to your development in the course. If you have trouble speaking up in groups (because of nerves, shyness, etc.) please see me after class so I’m aware.

Verbal participation, attendance, on-time assignments, your journal, and preparedness are the main components of class participation. Preparedness is very important. Make sure you always show up to class having read the assigned materials for that day. Make sure you have the assigned materials with you. Desire2Learn materials can be accessed in class on your laptop if you like. However, even if you access assigned reading in class on your laptop you must have notes about the reading on paper with you at the beginning of class. This is because I collect notes occasionally to see that students are engaging
with the assigned reading. In effect, there are three ways to take notes on the assigned reading for this class: 1) take notes in a paper notebook, 2) take notes on your laptop and print them up before class, and 3) underline (or use a highlighter) and jot notes in the margins of assigned readings—in this case you will have to print up readings if they’re from Desire2Learn. Please choose whatever works best for you.

**Grading Criteria:** For each of your major papers, you will receive a handout detailing the specific requirements of the assignment. However, the following general criteria for grading should help familiarize you with the standards of this upper-division writing class.

A Range: Exceptional in form and content: paper is well-organized; observations are insightful, original, surprising. Evidence supports primary and local claims convincingly. Style is graceful and appropriate. Paper is largely error free.

B Range: Strong in form and content: paper is clearly organized; observations are largely accurate and demonstrate above-average interpretive/critical thinking skills. Evidence supports primary claims and largely supports local claims. Style is clear and appropriate. There may be minor grammatical issues.

C Range: Satisfactory in form and content: paper might have some issues with organization, but the argument is relatively clear; observations are largely accurate, but perhaps they’re somewhat obvious and/or underdeveloped. Evidence supports primary claims but some doesn’t support local claims—or evidence is simply lacking in places. Style is acceptable, but perhaps uneven or underdeveloped. There may be recurring grammatical errors.

D Range: Not satisfactory in form and content: paper has serious issues with organization; the argument is difficult to follow. Observations are poor; they are underdeveloped and often incorrect. Evidence does not convincingly support primary claims and often doesn’t support local claims. Evidence is lacking in places. There may be pervasive grammatical errors.

F (not passing): Seriously underdeveloped content. May be extremely difficult to follow. There is little evidence and most of it is unconvincing. There may be pervasive grammatical errors. This grade might also result from plagiarizing or lateness.

**Grade Chart:**

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**Revision of a Major Assignment for a Grade Change:**

I will allow you to re-submit one of your major assignments for re-evaluation and potential grade change. If you elect to do this, I suggest that you meet with me (in my office, after class, etc.) to discuss the assignment. You will have to attach the original graded version and you will also have to submit a 2-page report in which you describe your revision strategy. This optional Revision Project will be due near the end of the semester.

**Basic Information and Course Policies:**

**Assignments:** All out-of-class assignments must be typed and double-spaced (poetry imitations can be single-spaced). Staple if longer than a page. Use standard 12-point font size and standard 1-inch margins. Do not email assignments to me; all assignments must be handed in as hard copies. **Late assignments** will only be evaluated for full credit if you have asked me for an extension, I have granted it, and you get the assignment in on the revised due date.

**Attendance:** Regular attendance is mandatory. If you miss 4 classes, your final grade will be lowered 1 full letter grade (e.g., from a B to a C). If you miss 5 classes your final grade will be lowered 2 full letter grades. If you miss 6 classes or more you will fail the class. It is very important that you understand this policy. **If you miss 4 classes, your final grade will be lowered 1 full letter grade. If you miss 5 classes your final grade will be lowered 2 full letter grades. If you miss 6 classes or more you will fail the class.** In other words, you get 3 free passes (but please remember that nothing in this world is ever really free: missing class means missing assignments and classroom exercises and that will negatively affect your participation grade). If you find yourself in a position where you’ll absolutely need to miss more than 3 classes, you must email me with a formal request to miss those additional classes and, in the request, explain your reasons for the absences. If I grant your request, you will not be penalized beyond an effect on your participation grade for the absence(s); in other words, your final grade will not be lowered 1 full letter grade for each class you miss beyond the 3rd. This is the only way to get an exception to the above-stated attendance policy. But be aware that I may not grant your request and you should seriously consider your schedule this semester, including any exams you’ll have for other classes that might conflict with this class, before you decide to stick with this section of WRTG 3020. In general, in the case of serious illness, family emergency, etc. I will grant a request. And in the case of vacation, work schedule, etc. I won’t. I may ask for documentation. Please also note that it is your responsibility to arrive to class on time. I take attendance at the beginning of every class session and, if you aren’t there, you will get marked absent. You can come up to me after class to let me know that you arrived, and I’ll mark you present, but be advised that late arrivals negatively affect your participation grade. Be advised as well that, if you arrive to class after I’ve called your name during roll, it is your responsibility to make sure that I’ve marked you present. I will make accommodations for students exercising their rights to religious observance and in such cases students will not be penalized in any way for
missing class. Please note that a missed group or individual conference counts as 1 absence.

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is the act of presenting another author’s work as your own. All work in WRTG 3020 must be original. If you plagiarize in any part of an assignment you will get a failing grade for that assignment and you may fail the course. I may also choose to report plagiarism to the Honor Council. Remember, when you paraphrase or quote the work of others you must cite your sources. If you don’t, it’s plagiarism. And it doesn’t matter if you have plagiarized intentionally or not; presenting another’s work as your own is plagiarism. Also, you may not hand in the same paper to two different classes; all work for WRTG 3020 should be unique to WRTG 3020. You are responsible for reading, understanding, and complying with the CU Honor Code, which you can find at http://honorcode.colorado.edu/about-honor-code

If you have any questions regarding what constitutes plagiarism please ask me. I’ll be glad to answer your questions.

**Writing Center:** If you want additional help with your writing, the Writing Center in Norlin Library (Norlin E111) is a great place to go to talk about ideas, improve your thesis or essay organization, or just generally work on your writing skills. Check the Writing Center website for more information about hours and services, or request an appointment online at http://www.colorado.edu/pwr/writingcenter.html

**Disabilities:** If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability please submit to me a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner so that your needs may be addressed. Disability services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. For more information call 303-492-8671, email at dsinfo@colorado.edu, visit N200 Center for Community 107 UCB, or see http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices

**Discrimination and Harassment:** The University of Colorado at Boulder policy on Discrimination and Harassment, the University of Colorado policy on Sexual Harassment, and the University of Colorado policy on Amorous Relationships apply to all students, staff, and faculty. Any student, staff, or faculty member who believes s/he has been the subject of discrimination or harassment based upon race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or veteran status should contact the Office of Discrimination and Harassment (ODH) at 303-492-2127 or the Office of Student Conduct (OSC) at 303-492-5550. Information about the ODH, the above referenced policies, and the campus resources available to assist individuals regarding discrimination or harassment can be obtained at http://hr.colorado.edu/dh/

**Classroom Etiquette:** Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. General CU guidelines regarding classroom behavior can be found online at http://www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html
**Gadgets:** Cell phones must be turned off during class time *unless I ask you to use them.* If we’re working on laptops please do not access websites unless I ask you to. The 21st century is one with a seemingly unlimited reservoir of technology-driven distractions (author David Foster Wallace refers to it as the “Total Noise” century) and distraction in the classroom is detrimental to learning. When you’re in the classroom, you should be focused on the activity at hand and that only. Now, the activity at hand in our class will often involve using laptops and other gadgets—this technology is, of course, critical in a 21st century classroom and, when used well, it’s *invaluable*—but it has limitations and a distracted class is not a productive one. We’ll try to use technology well: in a professional, beneficial, controlled way.

**Directions to My Office:** One last thing! My office is in the stadium and, occasionally, students have trouble finding it. I encourage you to come by during office hours to discuss your writing.

Here’s how you find me:

1) Enter Stadium Gate 9  
2) Go through the first door on the left  
3) Go up one flight of stairs  
4) Go through the door on the left  
5) Go down the hall until you see 266 on the right  
6) Enter and find me in 266E
**WRTG 3020 DAILY SYLLABUS**

**Notes:** Daily assignments are subject to change. Assignments may also be added to this schedule. Any changes will be announced in class. It is likely that assignments will added from our online style guide, Writer’s Help. Each Desire2Learn poetry packet is comprised of roughly 8-12 poems.

PH = *A Poetry Handbook*  
D2L = Desire2Learn

The Desire2Learn portal can be found at [https://learn.colorado.edu/](https://learn.colorado.edu/)

You will need to use the VPN (Virtual Private Network) to access full-text documents from Norlin Library databases when you’re off campus. See [http://oit.colorado.edu/vpn](http://oit.colorado.edu/vpn) for information and links to VPN downloads.

**Week One: Introduction to WRTG 3020**

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Discussion: William Stafford’s “Traveling through the Dark” | Buy course textbooks  
Read “The Music of the Line” by Kim Addonizio & Dorianne Laux (D2L) |
| W   | 8/27 | Discussion  
Journal Entry: Lineation exercise | In Class  
Discussion  
Journal Entry: Concrete language exercise |

**Week Two: Understanding Poetry from the Inside**

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| W   | 9/3  | Read PH pp. 19-34: “Sound”  
Read PH pp. 92-108: “Imagery”  
In Class: Discussion  
Journal Entry: Analyzing a poem for sonic effects  
Journal Entry: Concrete language exercise |

**Week Three: Understanding Poetry from the Inside**

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| M   | 9/8  | Read PH pp. 67-91: “Verse That Is Free” and “Diction, Tone, Voice”  
Complete concrete language exercise  
In Class: Discussion  
Journal Entry: Scansion exercise  
Receive Handout: Memory Map assignment |
| W   | 9/10 | Read “Glossary of Terms” by Steve Orlen (D2L)  
Memory Map poem due  
In Class: Review of terms  
Discussion: The Modernist project  
Voices & Visions video: William Carlos Williams |
### Week Four: The Modernists

**M 9/15** For Class: Read “Poems: William Carlos Williams” (D2L)  
In Class: Discussion  
Journal Entry: William Carlos Williams imitation

**W 9/17** For Class: Read “Poems: Gertrude Stein” (D2L)  
Read “Introduction to *The Cambridge Introduction to 20th Century American Poetry*” by Christopher Beach (D2L)  
In Class: Discussion: The Craft Annotation & Your First Graded Imitation  
Discussion: Gertrude Stein

### Week Five: The Modernists

**M 9/22** For Class: Read “Poems: Wallace Stevens” (D2L)  
Read the excerpt from “Lyric Modernism: Wallace Stevens & Hart Crane” by Christopher Beach (D2L)  
In Class: Voices & Visions video: Wallace Stevens  
Discussion

**W 9/24** For Class: Re-Read “Poems: Wallace Stevens” (D2L)  
In Class: Discussion  
Journal Entry: Stein or Stevens imitation (your choice)  
Short seminar on using *Writer's Help* (bring in your laptop if you want to follow along on your own computer)

### Week Six: Work on Craft Annotation Portfolio Drafts

**M 9/29** For Class: Read example craft annotation in *Writer's Help* & example craft annotation on D2L  
Draft of Craft Annotation Portfolio due (3 copies)  
In Class: Workshop

**W 10/1** For Class: Prepare for Peer Review  
In Class: Peer Review

### Week Seven: Mid-Century Movements: The Beats, New York School Poets, Projective Verse

**M 10/6** For Class: **Craft Annotation Portfolio due**  
Read “‘Okay I’ll Call You / Yes Call Me’: Frank O’Hara’s ‘Personism’” by Stephen Burt (Poets.org: http://www.poets.org/viewmedia.php/prmMID/5908)  
Read “Poems: Frank O’Hara” (D2L)  
In Class: Discussion  
Journal Entry: Frank O’Hara imitation

**W 10/8** For Class: Read “Poems: Allen Ginsberg” (D2L)  
Read “Variations on a Generation” by Ann Charters (D2L)  
In Class: Discussion  
Journal Entry
### Week Eight: Mid-Century Movements: The Beats, New York School Poets, Projective Verse

| M 10/13 | For Class: | Read “Poems: Robert Creeley” (D2L)  
Read “Introduction to Postmodern American Poetry” by Paul Hoover (D2L)  
Read “Projective Verse” by Charles Olson (D2L) |
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| W 10/15 | For Class: | Read “Poems: Sylvia Plath” (D2L)  
Read “Poems: Adrienne Rich” (D2L)  
Read “Adrienne Rich: Consciousness Raising as Poetic Method” by Helen M. Dennis (D2L) |
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|         | In Class:  | Voices & Visions video clips: Sylvia Plath  
Discussion: The Literary Analysis  
Discussion: Sylvia Plath & Adrienne Rich |

### Week Nine: The ‘60s & ‘70s: The Daughters of Midas

| M 10/20 | For Class: | Read “Poems: Elizabeth Bishop” (D2L)  
Voices & Visions video clips: Elizabeth Bishop  
Seminar on Chinook & CU databases (bring in your laptop if you want to follow along on your own computer)  
Discussion: Research-Based Literary Analysis Proposal |
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|         | In Class:  | Research-Based Literary Analysis Proposal due  
Read Writer’s Help section on disciplinary writing (specifics TBA)  
Read excerpt from Ann Merle Feldman’s Writing and Learning in the Disciplines on Writing in Literary Studies (Desire2Learn)  
Read example Research-Based Literary Analysis (Desire2Learn) |

### Week Ten: Work on Research-Based Literary Analysis Portfolio Drafts

| M 10/27 | For Class: | Draft of Research-Based Literary Analysis due (3 copies)  
“Treated” draft of Literary Analysis due (1 copy)  
Workshop on sentence-level refining |
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| W 10/29 | For Class: | Prepare for Peer Review  
In Class: Peer Review |

### Week Eleven: The ‘60s & ‘70s: New Surrealism

| M 11/3  | For Class: | Research-Based Literary Analysis Portfolio due  
Read “Poems: Russell Edson” (D2L)  
Recommended (not required) Reading: “Introduction to Great American Prose Poems: From Poe to the Present” by David Lehman (D2L)  
In Class: Discussion  
Journal Entry: Prose poem exercise |
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**Journalism and Everything In Between** by Lee Gutkind (D2L)
Read “Consider the Lobster” by David Foster Wallace (D2L)
Recommended (not required) Reading: “Run, Rudolph, Run” by Denis Johnson (D2L)

In Class: Discussion: Literary Journalism & Portfolio 3
Journal Entry

**Week Twelve: The ‘60s & ‘70s: Black Arts Movement**

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**Week Thirteen: The ‘80s & ‘90s: New Formalism**

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**Week Fourteen: Fall Break**

**Week Fifteen: Into a New Century: Language Poetry/Work on Literary Journalism Essay Portfolio Drafts**

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Week Sixteen: Recitation & Reflection/ Work on Literary Journalism Essay Portfolio Drafts

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NOTE: The Reflection Paper and optional Revision Project are due (provisionally) on Monday, May 5 by 4 pm. You can put them in my box in ENVD or hand them to me in my office.