

AQUINAS SCHOLARS
Honors Seminars
Summer 2016

Date: October 23, 2015

Note: All seminars are two credits.

Honors seminars are all published in the Schedule of Classes under IDSC. Honors seminars all have a course number of IDSC 480. The word "Honors" or an abbreviation of honors, such as "HONR," is at the beginning of the course title.

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Summer 2016 – 2nd Session

IDSC 480-1 (CRN 30089) – Honors Mitakuye Oyasin: Native American Literature with an Ecological Focus

Summer 2016 – TR 10:00 AM -12:00 PM Location: JRC 481

2nd Summer Session – 7/11/16-8/18/16

Faculty: Elizabeth Wilkinson (English) and Maria Dahmus (Environmental Studies)

This course will combine fiction and non-fiction texts that approach the idea of environment and environmental sustainability from a variety of Native American and Indigenous world views. In addition to reading and writing about Native literature, this course will strive to connect students to Native American food and farming and the social-ecological systems in which the stories are embedded. If all goes as planned, we'll be cooking some indigenous recipes and visiting Wozupi Native American farming co-op. Texts that will likely make the reading list include Heid Erdrich's cookbook *Original Local: Indigenous Food, Stories, and Recipes from the Upper Midwest* (and we may organize a visit and a cooking class by the author); *Braiding Sweetgrass*, a non-fiction text by Robin Wall Kimmerer, a Potawatomi woman who is also a biology professor; and the novel *Solar Storms* by Linda Hogan, a story about four generations of women working to save ancestral land from dam development. Other possible texts include poetry from Leslie Marmon Silko, Joy Harjo, and others; William Apess's 1835 essay on the "...Unconstitutional Laws of Massachusetts Relative to the Mashpee Tribe"; and selections from Winona LaDuke's *All My Relations*, David Treuer's *Rez Life*, and Vine Deloria, Jr.'s *God is Red*.

IDSC 480-2 (CRN 30090) – Honors In Pursuit of Justice

Summer 2016 – TR 9:00-11:00 AM Location: MHC 211

2nd Summer Session – 7/11/16-8/18/16

Faculty: Kathleen Winters (Political Science)

NOTE: This seminar **DOES NOT** appear in Class Finder as registration for a one-professor seminar is controlled by the faculty member. Please contact Kathleen Winters (wint4786@stthomas.edu, 651-962-5724) directly if you would like to be enrolled in this seminar.

One of the purposes of law is to achieve justice; law is applied through courts, and thus courts, too, serve the pursuit of justice. This course examines not only several different forms of justice – criminal, economic, social, procedural, and substantive – but also how laws and courts in different countries and societies attempt to pursue justice. Disagreements about justice are one basis for differing ideologies, not only in the United States, but across the globe and throughout history. Primarily, this course will examine contemporary conceptualizations of different forms of justice, as well as how laws and courts serve to pursue a society's ideals of justice. While the course will begin with an analysis of justice in the United States, it will proceed by examining justice – and the laws and courts that pursue it – in countries throughout the world. Students will engage in critical evaluations of how well countries' laws and courts serve the pursuit of justice, as conceptualized by that society, and thus be able to discuss the positives and negatives associated with a particular country's pursuit of justice across several different forms of justice.
