

Humanities Program, Fall 2017

Theme: Revolutions

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Unit Outline

Date (Day)	Morning	Evening
Nov 7 (Tue)	The 60s Spiritual Revolution 1. Harry Oldmeadow, "Dharma Bums: Beats, Hippies, and the Counter-Culture" from <i>Journeys East: 20th Century Encounters with Eastern Religious Traditions</i>, p.245-269 2. Gary Snyder, "Buddhism and the Coming Revolution" in <i>Takin' it to the Streets</i> 3rd ed. Pp. 250-252 3. Gary Snyder http://bit.ly/2z2Gfiu (Interview) 4. Gary Snyder <i>The Portable Sixties Reader</i>, pp. 560-565 (Poetry)	X
Nov 9 (Thurs)	Interpreters of Rumi I: Coleman Barks 1. Mark Sedgwick, "Sufism Meets the New Age" from <i>Western Sufism: From the Abbasids to the New Age</i> p.222-235 2. Coleman Barks TED Talk http://ow.ly/z2zp30ezN3l 3. Selected translations of Rumi by Coleman Barks from a. <i>The Essential Rumi</i> & b. <i>The Illuminated Rumi</i>	Guest Lecture by Prof. Jason Blum , "Domesticating Spirituality: Taming the Rebelliousness of the Spiritual Revolution" 1. Demi Moore with Deepak Chopra (reciting Rumi): http://bit.ly/2A4wVdV 2. Madonna (reciting Rumi): http://bit.ly/2yi4aNJ 3. "How Did Rumi Become One of Our Best-Selling Poets" <i>New York Times</i> 4. "The Erasure of Islam from the Poetry of Rumi" <i>New Yorker</i>
Nov 14 (Tue)	Guest Lecture-Performance by Turkish musician Mr. Latif Bolat (http://www.latifbolat.com/) Between Nov 9 and Nov 14 work on your portfolio.	X
Nov 16 (Thurs)	Library Workshop (details will be announced) - Project 4 Begins - You will bring in TWO questions that you	Lecture by Prof. Syed Rizwan Zamir , "Whence comes, then, this song of

	would like to research to the Library Workshop. · We will meet in the library	the Friend: Encountering Rumi & his interpreters"
Nov 21 (Tue)	X (Read <i>The Forty Rules of Love</i> pp.1-146 by Elif Shafak for Nov 28)	X
Nov 28 (Tue)	Elif Shafak: An interpreter of Rumi? Discussion in Sections on <i>The Forty Rules of Love</i>	X
Nov 30 (Thurs)	Interpreters of Rumi II: Annemarie Schimmel, Rumi and a Life of Learning 1. Annemarie Schimmel, "A Life of Learning" (Charles Homer Haskins Lecture) 2. Annemarie Schimmel, "Mystical Poetry in Islam: The Case of Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi" <i>Religion and Literature</i> 20:1, 1988, 67-80	· Reporting your findings in sections · December 1: Annotated Bibliography is due at 5pm
Dec 5 (Tue)	End of the semester meeting in Hance (Reflections & Concluding Thoughts)	X