E 379R ● Imagination in 20th Century Poetry

Instructor: Whitbread, T
Unique #: 34950
Semester: Fall 2010
Cross-lists: NA

Areas: VI
Flags: NA
Restrictions: None
Computer Instruction: Y/N

Prerequisites: Nine semester hours of coursework in English or rhetoric and writing.

Description: Wallace Stevens, Elizabeth Bishop, and Galway Kinnell are three of the most diverse, challenging, and rewarding major poets of the 20th century. Their poems and poetics are a fertile field for research and discoveries. We shall read widely in the poetry, interpreting individual poems as themselves, in relation to one another within each author's work, and in terms of comparison/contrast between authors, with references outward to shared antecedents and contemporaries. We'll focus intensively on specific poems selected to plumb each poet's range, depth, idiosyncrasies and excellences.

Texts: (all paperbacks) Wallace Stevens, THE PALM AT THE END OF THE MIND (Vintage); Elizabeth Bishop, THE COMPLETE POEMS 1927-1979 (Farrar-Straus-Giroux); Galway Kinnell, A NEW SELECTED POEMS (Houghton Mifflin).

Requirements & Grading: Two 6-7 pp. interpretive analytical essays and one 9-12 pp. research paper, counting for 20%, 30%, and 40% of the grade, respectively. Class participation counts for 10% of the grade. Plus/minus grades may be assigned. No final exam.

Schedule:
Th Aug 26: Stevens & Bishop
Tu Aug 31: Stevens
Th Sep 2: Stevens
Tu Sep 7: Stevens
Th Sep 9: Stevens
Tu Sep 14: Bishop
Th Sep 16: Bishop
Tu Sep 21" Bishop
Th Sep 23: Kinnell
Tu Sep 28: Kinnell
Th Sep 30: Kinnell
Tu Oct 5: Stevens PAPER #1 DUE
Th Oct 7: Stevens
Tu Oct 12: Stevens
Th Oct 14: Stevens
Tu Oct 19: Bishop
Th Oct 21: Bishop
Tu Oct 26: Kinnell
Th Oct 28: Kinnell
Tu Nov 2: Stevens
Th Nov 4: Stevens PAPER #2 DUE
Tu Nov 9: Stevens
Th Nov 11: Bishop
Tu Nov 16: Bishop
Th Nov 18: All Three
Tu Nov 23: All Three
Tu Nov 30: All Three RESEARCH PAPER DUE
Th Dec 2: All Three

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