

HUM 177B, *ADVANCED HONORS IN INTEGRATED SCIENCE, SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES*

Spring Semester, 2018 Lecture Schedule

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Table: Lecture and Seminar Sections

Professor	Location
Professor Lindahl	Lecture: BBC 004 Seminar: DMH 208
Professor Rostankowski	Lecture: BBC 004 Seminar: BBC 222

Course Lecture Schedule, however some seminars ARE listed because they will be held jointly in BBC 222.

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
0 SEMINAR BBC 222 JL & CR	25 January THURS-DAY!	Introduction to SJSU Studies Honors, second semester Welcome back! Guidelines and plans for the semester.
1 LECTURE BBC 004 CR	30 January Tuesday	How Mother Nature became “the environment”: artistic, social and scientific attitudes and repercussions. READ: <i>HUM 177B Reader: Silent Spring</i> by Rachel Carson (selections); Gary Snyder, <i>Turtle Island</i> (selections; poetry)
2 Lecture JL	6 February Tuesday	7 Billion and Counting. READ: HUM 177B Reader: Robert Kunzig, “Population 7 Billion” from the <i>National Geographic Magazine</i> , 2011; Postman, <i>Technopoly</i> (chapters 1 through 4) http://www.collier.sts.vt.edu/1504/pdfs/technopoly-neil-postman.pdf

3 Lecture JL	13 February	Technopoly READ: Postman, <i>Technopoly</i> (chapters 9 through 11)
4 Lecture CR	20 February	Re-thinking the arts; what counts as art in the age of technology? READ: Kleiner, F. <i>Gardner's Art through the Ages</i> , 14 th ed. Chapter 30-31 <i>HUM 177B Reader</i> : W. Benjamin, "The Work of Art in an Age of Mechanical Reproduction"
5 Lecture JL	27 February	The (Humanist) Self and the Future READ: HUM 177B Reader: Turkle, <i>Alone Together</i> (selections); E. Brynjolfsson and A. McAfee (2011) <i>Race Against the Machine – How the Digital Revolution Is Accelerating Innovation, Driving Productivity, and Irreversibly Transforming Employment and the Economy</i> , all.
SEMINAR!! Guest JW BBC 222	1 MARCH THURS- DAY!	The Indebted Life and the Shaping of Personhood guest presentation by Prof. Jason Wozniak READ: Hum 177B Reader, Brunger, "The Fallacy of the Consumer Model in the University"
6 Lecture Guest KP	6 March	What Is Education For? Guest presentation by Prof. Ken Peter READ: HUM 177B Reader: 'Professors at San José State Criticize Online Courses' <i>NY Times</i> ; 'The Online Revolution Drifts Off Course' <i>National Public Radio</i> (http://www.npr.org/2013/12/31/258420151/the-online-education-revolution-drifts-off-course); Interview: 'Re-evaluating the Future of Online Education' http://www.kqed.org/a/forum/R201312120900
7 Lecture (Guest) JS	13 March	Embracing Science, Rejecting Science What factors lead people to trust scientific claims, and /or scientists? What factors lead people to reject scientific claims and/or scientists? What are the risks when non-scientists are unable to evaluate the credibility of scientific claims or scientists? READ: <i>HUM 177B Reader</i> : Mnookin, <i>The Panic Virus</i> (selections); Natrass, <i>AIDS Conspiracy</i> : Chapter 2 "AIDS origin conspiracy theories in the United States and South Africa," Chapter 5, "Science, Conspiracy Theory, and the South African AIDS policy tragedy." Oreskes, "Science and public policy: what's proof got to do with it?,"
8 Lecture JL	20 March	Re-thinking Psychology READ: Adam Phillips and B. Taylor, <i>On Kindness</i> , ALL; <i>HUM 177B Reader</i> : Philip Zimbardo, <i>The Lucifer Effect</i> (selections)
SEMINAR!!	22 March	MIDTERM EXAMINATION in Seminar

Spring Break	24 March - 1 April	SPRING RECESS and Cesar Chavez Day – Enjoy! – no classes (READ: Eggers, <i>The Circle</i> pages 1-end)
9 Lecture CR	3 April	World Architecture: Iceland to Dubai READ: Kleiner, F. <i>Gardner's Art through the Ages</i> , 14 th ed. pages 1019-1031. <i>HUM 177B Reader</i> : readings and videos on the architects, Zaha Hadid, Ieoh Ming Pei (addition to the Louvre), Frank Gehry, Guenter Behnisch, Renzo Piano & Richard Rogers (Pompidou Center), Norman Foster
10 Lecture JL	10 April	Dave Eggers' <i>The Circle</i> – Post-humanism, cyberspace, and respect for persons? Reading: D. Eggers, <i>The Circle</i> , all
11 Lecture CR	17 April	Neuroscience and who we create ourselves to be. We are what we do repeatedly; nature vs nurture in the 21 st century. Readings: <i>HUM 177B Reader</i> : Watch videos: Dr. Donald O. Hebb: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsrMoXJSxto Hebb's Law: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbwFq0M802g and Neuroplasticity: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_yB-AYG6Eg Sandel, review pages 184-207, 244-269.
12 Lecture CR	24 April	The New Reading: Reading About instead of Reading; Critical Thinking in the Age of Technology READ: <i>HUM 177B Reader</i> : Critical Thinking in the Age of Technology
13 Lecture JL	1 May	Recognizing difference, recognizing shared humanity: Cosmopolitanism READ: <i>HUM 177B Reader</i> : A.K. Appaiah, <i>Cosmopolitanism</i> , (selections), and "Ethics in a World of Strangers" video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=esZQ2cf2Gkw
14 Lecture DM	8 May	It is all about you – the students. READ: <i>HUM 177B Reader</i> : Brooks, David. <i>The Road to Character</i> (selections)
SEMINAR!!! JL & CR BBC 222	10 May THURS- DAY!	Review session for final examination!!
Final Exam	17 May	Thursday, 2:45-5:00 p.m. - short essay examination in Seminar. You will <u>not</u> need greenbooks.

REQUIRED TEXTS

HUM 177B Reader, available on professors' Canvas sites.

E. Brynjolfsson and A. McAfee (2011) *Race Against the Machine – How The Digital Revolution Is Accelerating Innovation, Driving Productivity, and Irreversibly Transforming Employment and the Economy* (Lexington, MA: Digital Frontier Press) ISBN 978-0984725113

Dave Eggers (2013) *The Circle* (NY: Random House) ISBN 978-0345807298

Adam Phillips & B. Taylor (2009) *On Kindness* (NY: Farrar, Straus & Giroux) ISBN 978-0141039336

N. Postman (1993) *Technopoly* (NY: Vintage) ISBN 0-679-74540-8 or as pdf:
<https://mafhom.files.wordpress.com/2013/06/technopoly-neil-postman.pdf>

Fred Kleiner (2016) *Gardner's Art through the Ages*, 15th Edition, Backpack, Book E (Boston: Cengage) ISBN 978-1285838021

Michael Sandel. *Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?*, Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, 978-0-374-18065-2