



HON 3000/01 Colloquium Title: Mystical Literatures – Dr. Robert Simon

Course Description: This 1-credit pass/fail colloquium will focus on the various definitions, histories, and literary expressions of Christian, Jewish, and Sufi mysticism and mystical thought in the Late Medieval and Early Modern Western World. Literary works studied will include: Sufi poems by Rumi, Christian mystical works by Saint John of the Cross along with selections of prose from Saint Teresa of Ávila, and short selections from the Jewish mystic Maimonides. Students will explore the ideas in the works in context as well as their possible connections with our time. Readings, discussions, and discoveries in the colloquium will be in English, with weekly short quizzes and options for either a final paper, final presentation, or final creative portfolio as the capstone project.