



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

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 Modern Western World. Literary works studied will include:

Sufi poems by Ibn Árabi and Rumi, Christian mystical works by Saint John of the Cross along with selections of prose from Saint Teresa of Ávila, and discussion on other mystical voices such as that of the Jewish mystic Maimonides, as well as readings of contemporary authors. 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 paper, presentation, or web-based presentation as the final, capstone project.