

JUNIOR-SENIOR HONORS SEMINAR

Fall 2009

Current sophomore and junior English majors who have taken at least two upper-division English courses are invited to apply for the fall 2009 Honors Seminar to be taught by Dr. BILL HARDWIG. Applications are available in 311 McClung Tower and are due back in the office by **Wednesday, April 8th**. The course will meet MWF 10:10-11:00; enrollment is limited to 15 students.

English 398: Science, Race and American Literature, 1876-1940 **Dr. Bill Hardwig**

This class will examine late 19th-century and early 20th-century American literature, science and law that deal implicitly or explicitly with the concepts of race and racial classification. We will explore how scientific and literary documents seek to generate authority when making racial declarations in the contentious and sensitive post-Reconstruction climate. Literary texts will include a selection of the following: Charles Chesnutt, *The Marrow of Tradition*; Thomas Dixon, *The Clansmen*; William Faulkner, *Light in August*; Harlem Renaissance poets, selected poetry; Frances Harper, *Iola Leroy*; Nella Larsen, *Passing*; George Schuyler, *Black No More*, and Mark Twain, *Pudd'nhead Wilson*.

Requirements: 2 papers, midterm and final exams, short reading responses, quizzes and active class participation.

Students pursuing **Honors in English**, must take both English 398 and English 498 (Senior Honors Thesis), earning a B or above in both courses; have a 3.0 or better overall GPA and 3.5 or better in the major.

Students who take 398 are *not required* to continue on with 498.

Please note that this section of 398 may be petitioned to count for the English major requirement of one course in language, theory, cultural, ethnic or gender studies, and/or the major requirement for 20th century literature, and/or the requirement for American literature.

ENGLISH 398 (JUNIOR-SENIOR HONORS SEMINAR) APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Student ID# _____ E-mail: _____

Expected date of graduation: _____ GPA: _____

Concentration (Circle one): Creative Writing Literature Rhetoric Tech.Comm.

Please list all *upper-division* English courses taken at UTK:

	Course Number or Title	Instructor	Semester Taken	Grade Earned
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Briefly state why you wish to enroll in the Honors Program.

If you have an idea for an Honors Thesis, please describe it briefly.

Use the back of this form to write anything else that you wish to tell about yourself and your interest in the program.

NOTE: Applications are due in 311 Mc Clung Tower by **Wednesday, April 8th**. If accepted into the class, you will be notified by the English Department and **we will add you into the class online.**