

English 204: Native American Literature
Spring 2006
Tues. 7-9:30

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Office: 206 Lawrence
Hours: MW 4-5:30

Texts

Nicholas Black Elk, *Black Elk Speaks*
Alice Callahan, *Wynema*
Ella Deloria, *Waterlily*
Joy Harjo, *How We Became Human*
Tiffany Midge, TBA
Alex Posey, *Chinnubie and the Owl*
Susan Power, *Grass Dancer*
Philip Red Eagle, *Red Earth*
Craig Womack, *Drowning in Fire*
Additional shorter selections photocopied or on reserve.

Requirements

Attendance and active participation in class discussion, including weekly posts to class blackboard 10%
Midterm (in class 3/8) 20%
Final (take home) 30%, due 5/5
Two short essays 20% each, due 2/15 & 4/17

Course Outline

Note: This outline is tentative and will be adjusted according to the needs and interests of the class.

M, Jan 23- Introduction to course
W, Jan 25- Introduction to Muskogee (Creek) culture and literature
Louis (Littlecoon) Oliver, "Chasers of the Sun" (handout)

M, Jan 30- Callahan, *Wynema*
W, Feb 1- Callahan

M, Feb 6- Posey, *Chinnubie and the Owl* (selections)
W, Feb 8- Posey, *Fus Fixico Letters* (selections)

M, Feb 13- Womack, *Drowning in Fire*
W, Feb 15- Womack
Short paper due

M, Feb 20 Womack
W, Feb 22- Harjo, *How We Became Human*

M, Feb 27- Harjo
W, March 1- Harjo

M, March 6- Harjo, review for midterm
W, March 8-exam

Spring Break March 11-19

M, March 20- Introduction to Dakota/Lakota literature;
Readings TBA
W, March 22-

M, March 27- Deloria, *Waterlily*
W, March 29- Deloria

M, April 3- Black Elk
W, April 5- Black Elk; Demaille, *The Sixth Grandfather* (selections)

M, April 10- Black Elk
W, April 12- Philip Red Eagle, *Red Earth*

M, April 17- *Red Earth*
Short Essay Due
W, April 19-Tiffany Midge, TBA

M, April 24-Midge

W, April 26- Susan Power, *Grass Dancer*

M, May 1- Power

W, May 2- Review for take-home final

Friday, May 5- Take-home final exam due