

## **Honors First Year Seminars, Fall 2023**

### **Sections, Titles, and Descriptions**

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#### **Minds and Bodies in Comics (Honors)**

In this FYS, you will develop your skills as a researcher, speaker, and writer by reading great comics and thinking about how mental and physical experiences are represented within them. Along the way, we will engage with scholarship in a variety of fields, including disability studies, comics history, and visual rhetoric.

Throughout the semester you will have the chance to work with the Cannavino Library's [impressive and ever-growing collection of comics](#). As the semester progresses, you and your classmates will choose the comics we read as a class and will organize and moderate our class discussions of them. It will be great to see where your interests take us!

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#### **Autobiographical Americans: Studying History through the Writings of Those Who Were There (Honors)**

How do we understand ourselves and our place in the world? This course will look at the relationship between personal events/attitudes and the larger forces of culture and history that shape an individual's understanding of their experience. Americans have written about themselves in many ways, through letters, diaries, journals, and formal autobiographies. The cast of characters for this class will include the famous and the ordinary, and stretch from the colonial period to the near present.

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#### **Family Matters (Honors)**

We all have families, be they adoptive, biological, or chosen. We have relationships to our parents or caregivers, as well as siblings of various sorts, and many face the question of whether to start families in the future. Although we don't always consider them, families raise a host of philosophical questions, which we will explore in this class. Should one have children? How is parenting affected by race, sexuality, and poverty? Is it best understood as a collective or individual endeavor? Who should do the caretaking and how should children be raised? What obligations do grown children and parents have to each other? Does having children change the world? Does it make life more meaningful? Through reading and discussing *Revolutionary Mothering* and *The Philosophical Parent*, along with your own research, this course will challenge and enrich your thoughts about parenthood and family.

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**Rockin' the Look: The Synergies Between Fashion and Rock 'n' Roll**

Since the birth of rock 'n' roll in the 1950s, the relationship between fashion and popular music has been a culturally significant one. This course will explore the ways in which the constant intertwining of fashion and rock 'n' roll has shaped attitudes, taste, and consumption as well as the identity of the youth of the past seven decades. Looking at a variety of media including music, magazines, and videos, we will study this unique and exciting relationship while engaging critical college-level skills such as information literacy, research, public presentation, and writing.