GS 1181: Express Yourself! Self-Exploration through Creative Nonfiction

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Fall 2018—8 Week Course—MW 12PM-12:50PM

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Course Description: A study of how to be successful in college and in your life journey.

Honor Code: Don’t cheat or copy and paste something from somebody else. If you do, you will make an immediate 0 in the course. Don’t lie to me about anything. I’ve been teaching for almost 30 years. I’ve heard everything.

Special Accommodations: Contact Student Life or the Freshman College. They will then contact me and then I can make accommodations to help you be successful.

Course Materials and Texts:

- Short Takes: Brief encounters with Contemporary Nonfiction by Judith Kitchen
- Touchstone Anthology of Contemporary Creative Nonfiction by Williford and Martone
- Flash drive to be kept with you at all times
- Access to Blackboard, Microsoft Word (not to be mistaken w/ Mac), and a printer

Attendance: Mandatory throughout the course. Skipping class is not an option. This is worth 30% of your grade. Daily attendance will be taken. If you get sick or are having problems, email me immediately.

Grade Breakdown:

- Attendance: 30%
- Readings/Homework, Class Activities, Book Checks: 20%
- Quizzes, Midterm, Final: 20%
- Campus Activities & Activity Reports: 20%
- Final Project: 10%
- Total: 100%

- You will be required to bring your 2 anthologies to class every time. Failure to do so will result in a 0 for that day for all activities, quizzes, etc. and you will be told to leave the classroom.

- Quizzes may or may not happen each day in class. Just keep up with your assignments and you will be fine.

- All assignments will be announced in class. If you do not come to class, you will not know what is going on.

- The requirements for the Final Project will be explained in class during Week 4.
Grading:

A=90-100; B=80-89; C=70-79; D=60-69; F=59 and below

Tentative Course Schedule:

**Weeks 1-3:** Assigned readings, writing, and campus activities

**Week 4:**
Monday—Workshop for Final Project

Wednesday—Midterm

**Weeks 5-7:** Assigned readings, writing, and campus activities

**Week 8:**
Monday—Final Project Due

Wednesday—Final Exam