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**COL 245**  
**Senior Colloquium**  
**Religion, Reason, Irreverence**

*Required Reading* available at Broad Street Books:

Miguel de Cervantes, *Don Quixote*  
Bernal Diaz, *The Conquest of New Spain*  
Denis Diderot, *Rameau's Nephew*  
Desiderous Erasmus, *The Praise of Folly*  
Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*  
Madame de Lafayette, *The Princess de Cleves*  
John Milton, *Paradise Lost*  
François Rabelais, *Gargantua*  
William Shakespeare, *King Lear*

All other readings will be distributed.

Course Outline

Wed. September 3, Introduction

Mon. September 8, Desiderus Erasmus (c. 1466-1536)  
*The Praise of Folly* (1508)

Wed. September 10, Bernal Diaz (c. 1498-c. 1580)  
*The Conquest of New Spain* (c. 1551-1568) pp.15-26, 44-88, 189-277, 353-415

Mon. September 15, François Rabelais (c. 1484-c. 1553)  
*Gargantua*, Intro—Chapter 22 (pp. 195-292)

Wed. September 17, François Rabelais (c. 1484-c. 1553)  
*Gargantua*, Chapters 22—56 (pp. 292-379)

Mon. September 22, Martin Luther (1483-1546)  
“95 theses”, “Preface to the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans” (1522)  
(Review Paul’s “Letter to the Romans”)

Wed. September 24, , Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556)  
“Letter on Obedience” (1553)

*The Spiritual Exercises* (1540)

Mon. September 29 William Shakespeare (1564-1613)  
*King Lear* (1606), Act I

Wed. October 1, William Shakespeare (1564-1613)  
*King Lear* (1606), Act II, III

**First Paper Due: Friday, October 3**

Mon. October 6, William Shakespeare (1564-1613)  
*King Lear* (1606), Act IV, V

Wed. October 8, Miguel de Cervantes (1547-1616)  
*Don Quixote* vol. 1 (1605-1615), Prologue—Chapter 21 (pp. 7-127)

Mon. October 13, Miguel de Cervantes (1547-1616)  
*Don Quixote* vol. 1 (1605-1615), Chapters 22—34 (pp. 127-241)

Wed. October 15, Miguel de Cervantes (1547-1616)  
*Don Quixote* vol. 1 (1605-1615), Chapters 35—52 (pp. 241-355)

Mon. October 20, Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679)  
*Leviathan* (1651), Intro (pp. 7-9), Chapters 10-16 (pp. 58-110)

Wed. October 22, Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679)  
*Leviathan* (1651), Chapters 17—18 (pp. 111-122), Chapters 28—31 (pp. 205-245),

**Hallie Lecture by Saul Friedlander, Thursday October 23**

**FALL BREAK**

Wed. October 29, John Milton (1608-1674)  
*Paradise Lost* (1667-74), Bks. 1-3 (pp. 2-76)

Mon. November 3, John Milton (1608-1674)  
*Paradise Lost* (1667-74), Bks. 4-8 (pp. 77-195)

Wed. November 5, John Milton (1608-1674)  
*Paradise Lost* (1667-74), Bks. 9-12 (pp. 196-303)

**Second Paper Due: Friday, November 7**

Mon. November 10, Scientific Revolution  
Galileo (1564-1642), “the Starry Messenger” (1610)  
Descartes (1596-1650), “The Principles of Human Knowledge” (1644)  
Newton (1642-1727), “On the System of the World” (1687)

Wed. November 12, Mme. De Lafayette (1634-1693)  
*The Princesses de Cleves* (1678), Bks. 1-2 (pp. 23-98)

Mon. November 17, Mme. De Lafayette (1634-1693)  
*The Princesses de Cleves* (1678), Bks. 3-4 (pp. 99-176)

Wed. November 19, Denis Diderot (1713-1784)  
*Rameau's Nephew* (1761)

Mon. November 24, Thesis Presentations

### **Thanksgiving Recess**

Mon. December 1, French Revolution and Enlightenment Thought  
D'Alembert, "Preface to Encyclopedia"  
"Declaration of Independence"  
Sieyes, "What is the Third Estate"  
"Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen"  
Gouges, "Declaration of the Rights of Woman"

Wed. December 3, French Revolution and Enlightenment Thought  
Sade, *Philosophy in the Bedroom*

Mon. December 8, No Class

**Final Paper Due: Friday, December 12**