Summer 2020

TO: CSS Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors,

FROM: John Bonin and Don Moon, CSS Co-Chairs

We look forward to working with you in the coming academic year. It will begin in a somewhat unusual manner in that we will not have an All College Meeting, but we will schedule smaller meetings via Zoom for sophomores and for seniors close to the beginning of the semester. COVID-19 has caused serious disruption to the way in which we can run the CSS in the fall (and maybe even in the spring). The regular social events that make life in the College richer for all of us must be seriously curtailed at least in the fall. We will be unable to have our usual Monday Lunches, Friday afternoon Social Hours, and evening events including the Fall Banquet and the December Holiday Party. To the extent possible, we are exploring substituting events perhaps over Zoom, about which we will provide information later.

For a complete overview of the academic year please see the CSS Calendar.

We all have responsibilities for the safety of everyone in the CSS community. Use of the public spaces, i.e., the CSS Library and the CSS Lounge, will be restricted based on safety requirements. We will be sending more information about this in the future. Please understand that the faculty, Martha and the preceptors are all aware that this will not be a normal CSS semester. Martha will be working remotely as will Professor Bonin. In the fall term Sophomore tutorials will be online only. Everyone will be trying to make the remote experience as personal as possible. We appreciate your understanding and support and hope that we can return to more normal CSS life in the spring term.

Enjoy the waning days of summer. We look forward to working with most of you soon.

SOPHOMORES:

Your first colloquium paper is due Monday, August 31st, the first day of classes, and the first Tutorial paper is due Friday, September 4th. To help you get a head start with the reading, we have attached the syllabi and first assignments for the colloquium and for the tutorials.

Please read the "Registration Notes" for sophomores. You will be taking the sophomore colloquium (CSS 271) as well as your first trimester tutorial for which you have been assigned (CSS 220 or 230 or 240). You should preregister for a non-CSS course in the fall if you have not already done so (and have an opportunity to do so). Once drop/add has begun you may change the non-CSS course or add an additional non-CSS course (with
partial or full credit), but you should consult your CSS advisor about all the courses you will be taking in the fall.

JUNIORS:

Please read the "Registration Notes" for juniors. If you are planning on being away for the fall semester, please let us know where you will be by sending an e-mail to mcrebbin@wesleyan.edu.

Please review your plan for completing your Stage I and Stage II General Education Requirements. If you have not yet completed Stage I requirements, please submit your plan via email to Martha at mcrebbin@wesleyan.edu by Wednesday, September 2nd.

SENIORS:

Please read carefully the "Registration Notes" for seniors and the attached schedule of important dates for senior thesis and senior essay. It is your responsibility to meet these deadlines.

Some of you are not yet Stage I or Stage II compliant with regard to the General Education Expectations. As you know, it is mandatory for all CSS seniors to be Stage II compliant in order to graduate from the CSS. If you have not yet met this requirement, please submit your plan (or revised plan) via e-mail to Martha at mcrebbin@wesleyan.edu by Wednesday, September 2nd.