

LITERARY SURVEY · SIXTEEN SESSIONS

Minority Voices in American Literature

Douglass to Ocean Vuong: Black, Latinx, Asian American, Native American voices

The American literary tradition contains more traditions than one. This course honors the plural. Slave narratives, the Harlem Renaissance, the Chicano and Nuyorican movements, the Asian American canon, the Native American Renaissance, and the writers still shaping American letters today. Every text opens a room; the point is to walk into as many as we can.

SIX REPRESENTATIVE SESSIONS

1. Frederick Douglass, Harriet Jacobs, W.E.B. Du Bois
2. Zora Neale Hurston, Langston Hughes, Ralph Ellison
3. James Baldwin, Toni Morrison, Alice Walker
4. Sandra Cisneros, Julia Alvarez, Junot Díaz
5. Maxine Hong Kingston, Amy Tan, Ocean Vuong
6. Louise Erdrich, Sherman Alexie, Joy Harjo

FORMATS · ALL CAN BE ADAPTED TO YOUR CALENDAR

- Full series:** Sixteen weekly sessions of 90 minutes
Workshop: Four to eight sessions, shaped to the venue's calendar
Single talk: One 60–90 minute lecture on a chosen theme
Delivery: In person, in the Philadelphia region

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Give Them Unquiet Dreams — Kirkus Best Book of 2019. Pushcart Prize nomination. Founder, Silver Current Press.

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