

## Schedule

The readings listed below may change over the course of the term; please check the course website for the most up-to-date schedule. (*Last updated May 4, 2014*)

| Date | Topic                                   | Readings  |
|------|---|---|
| 5/13 | Introduction                            | <i>Literature</i> : Sophocles, <i>Oedipus Rex</i>   |
| 5/15 | Literature & truth                      | Aristotle, <i>Poetics</i> (esp. Introduction 1–8 & Chapters 1–7)<br>David Lewis, “Truth in Fiction”<br><i>Literature</i> : Borges, “Tlön, Uqbar, Orbis Tertius” |
| 5/20 | Literature & expression                 | Alexander Nehamas, “The Postulated Author”<br><i>Literature</i> : Borges, “Pierre Menard”   |
| 5/22 | Literature & metaphor                   | Max Black, “Metaphor”<br>Donald Davidson, “What Metaphors Mean”<br><i>Literature</i> : selected poetry  |
| 5/27 | Literature & emotion                    | Kendall Walton, “Fearing Fictions”<br>Richard Moran, “The Expression of Feeling in Imagination”<br><i>Literature</i> : Poe, “The Pit and the Pendulum”          |
| 5/29 | Literature & make-believe               | Kendall Walton, <i>Mimesis as Make-Believe</i> : selections<br><i>Literature</i> : Ursula K. Le Guin, <i>The Lathe of Heaven</i><br><b>FIRST ESSAY DUE!</b>     |
| 6/3  | Literature & moral imagination          | Tamar Gendler, “The Puzzle of Imaginative Resistance”<br><i>Literature</i> : Edward Albee, <i>The Goat or Who Is Sylvia?</i>                                    |
| 6/5  | Literature & moral philosophy           | Martha Nussbaum, “Flawed Crystals”<br>Martha Nussbaum, “Finely Aware and Richly Responsible”<br><i>Literature</i> : Henry James, <i>The Beast in the Jungle</i> |
| 6/10 | Literature & moral philosophy           | Cora Diamond, “Anything but Argument?”<br>Cora Diamond, “Missing the Adventure”<br><i>Literature</i> : Dostoyevsky, <i>Notes From Underground</i>               |
| 6/12 | Literature & moral education            | Richard Posner, “Against Ethical Criticism”<br>Plato, <i>Republic</i> Books II, III, & X  |
| 6/17 | Literature as a way of life             | Alexander Nehamas, “This Life – Your Eternal Life”  |
|      | <i>Guest speaker</i> : Jordan Tannahill |   |
| 6/19 | Philosophy as literature                | Susan Sontag, “Against Interpretation”<br>Jan Zwicky, <i>Plato as Artist</i><br><i>Literature</i> : Plato, <i>Meno</i><br><b>SECOND ESSAY DUE!</b>              |