AH 3696G [Winter 2023]: Paradise Found: Un/tamed Nature in Early Modern Art

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Class Location: VAC 249 Class Time: Tuesday: 11:30AM to 2:30

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Please note this course outline is subject to change

Course Overview

This course will explore fifteenth to seventeenth-century sites and artistic developments through the examination of natural spaces. Nature, both tamed and untamed, has been present in art in countless ways, including being a source of inspiration, the background or subject of images, materials, and places where art can be created and discussed. By focusing on European, Colonial Latin American and Islamic art, the course will explore the interconnections between natural space and art. Classes will be organized spatially with examinations of divine spaces, untamed natural places, and gardens. Through the application of Renaissance and modern theories of space, students will consider the complex relationship between the representation of early modern places and matters of power, gender, gaze, and colonization. Using an interdisciplinary approach, we will study these cultures and artworks from the perspectives of art history, architecture, landscape design, history, ecocriticism.

Learning outcomes for students

This course is designed to assist you in acquiring:

- **x** a broader understanding of early concepts and artistic presentations of green spaces shapes contemporary ecocriticism, queer ecology, and approaches to sustainability.
- x knowledge about artistic and **vis** cultural production within a series of diverse historical contexts.
- **x** familiarity with terminology, stylistic classifications, methods, and theories employed in the study of art and visual culture.
- x communication and writing skills through class participation, writing assignments, and presentations

Course Delivery: This course will be in person, which means that we will meet as a group weekly.

Assignments

Participation (20%): Rolling dates - Class participation: 10% - 250-word responses: 10%

Group Assignment (20%): January 31, 2023 Short assignment (20%)

A student seeking academic accommodation for any work worth less than 10% must contact the instructor or follow the appropriate Department or course specific instructions provided on the course outline. In arranging accommodation, instructors will use good judgment and ensure fair treatment for all students. In all cases where accommodation is being sought for work totalling 10% or more of the final grade in a course, students will be directed to the appropriate Faculty Dean's office.

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Documentation from Family Physicians/Nurse Practitioners and Walk-In Clinics A Western Student Medical Certificate (SMC) is required where a student is seeking academic accommodation. This documentation should be obtained at the time of the initial consultation with the physician/nurse practitioner or walk-in clinic. An SMC can be downloaded at http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf.

At the time of illness, students should make an appointment with a physician/nurse practitioner at Student Health Services. During this appointment, request a Student Medical Certificate from the Physician/Nurse Practitioner.

Students should request that an SMC be filled out. Students may bring this form with them, or request alternative Emergency Department documentation. Documentation should be secured at the time of the initial visit to the Emergency Department. Where it is not possible for a st7048>4 <0t7048>4 <

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Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Health and Wellness <u>http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/</u> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help. Immediate help in the event of a crisis can be had by phoning 519.661.3030 (during class hours) or 519.433.2023 after class hours and on weekends.

Health and Wellness:

Western offers a variety of counselling services and several mental health resources for students. If you or a friend are feeling overwhelmed, confused or unsure of your mental health state, please don't ignore it. There are steps you can take to help yourself or help others. Western provides several on-campus healthof complex materials and ideas is demonstrated. The writing is of appropriate length, and demonstrates mastery of techniques so that results are meaningful and not simplistic. Regarding research, a majority of the secondary sources pertaining to the topic have been consulted and proper citation has been used.

75-79 (Very Good, B+) The writing shows above average analysis, critical thinking and independent thought. Written claims are supported by ample evidence and the components of the topic are well-researched and presented. The work is addressed in reasonable depth and/or breadth and covers material appropriate to the course. Written analysis is organized around focal points and the development of the argument is easily followed. The writer demonstrates an above average ability to write in an intelligible style