

## Humanities Seminars Program: Dante's *Purgatorio*

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### Text:

- Alighieri, Dante. *The Purgatorio*, translators Jean and Robert Hollander. New York: Random House, 2003. ISBN: 0385496990

### Tentative Schedule of Material:

- 1. November 5, 2015: Overview and Review**
  - a. Introduction to the course, and to Dante: Dante's life and times, and bibliography
  - b. Overview of the *Inferno*: intensive review
  - c. Introduction to Purgatory and to *Purgatorio*
    - i. What is human nature?
- 2. November 12, 2015: First 11 cantos of *Purgatorio*: Ante-Purgatory / Entrance to Purgatory**
  - a. **Cantos 1-4**: Introduction to *Purgatorio* and Ante-Purgatory
  - b. **Cantos 5-8**: Ante-Purgatory
  - c. **Cantos 9-11**: Entry to Purgatory proper; Terrace of Pride
- 3. November 19, 2015: cantos 12-22 of *Purgatorio*: Purgatory Proper**
  - a. **Cantos 12-15**: Terraces of Pride and Envy
  - b. **Cantos 16-19**: Terraces of Wrath, Sloth and Avarice
  - c. **Cantos 20-22**: Terrace of Avarice
- 4. December 3, 2015: Cantos 23-33 (end) of *Purgatorio*: Purgatory / Eden, or human nature without sin**
  - a. **Cantos 23-26**: Terraces of Gluttony and Lust
  - b. **Cantos 27-30**: Entry into Eden
  - c. **Cantos 31-33**: Eden