

HUMANITIES SEMINARS PROGRAM

Shakespeare's Comedies

Spring 2017

Thursdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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REQUIRED TEXTS: Seminararians may use any annotated edition of Shakespeare—that is, one with notes to unfamiliar words on the bottom or the margin of the page.

The following individual paperback editions are reliable:

Shakespeare, William. *As You Like It*. Edited by Frances E. Dolan, Penguin Books, 2000. ISBN: 978-0140714715.

---. *Cymbeline*. Edited by Peter Holland, Penguin Books, 2000. ISBN: 978-0140714722.

---. *Measure for Measure*. Edited by Jonathan Crewe, Stephen Orgel, and A. R. Braunmuller, Penguin Books, 2000. ISBN: 978-0140714791.

---. *The Merchant of Venice*. Edited by A. R. Braunmuller, Penguin Books, 2000. ISBN: 978-0140714623.

---. *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Edited by Russ McDonald, Penguin Books, 2000. ISBN: 978-0140714555.

---. *Richard III*. Edited by Peter Holland and Stephen Orgel, Penguin Books, 2000. ISBN: 978-0140714838.

---. *The Tempest*. Edited by Peter Holland, Penguin Books, 1999. ISBN: 978-0140714852.

---. *Twelfth Night*. Edited by Jonathan V. Crewe, Penguin Books, 2000. ISBN: 978-0140714890.

---. *The Winter's Tale*. Edited by Frances E. Dolan, Penguin Books, 1999. ISBN: 978-0140714883.

If you prefer a single-volume complete works, I would recommend is *The Wadsworth Shakespeare* (ISBN-13: 978-1133316275), which is a re-issue of *The Riverside Shakespeare*.

PROCEDURES: It is important to have each of the plays read *before* the class meeting when they will be discussed since I shall predicate my comments on the assumption that everyone has done so. It is perhaps more important that the text is brought to class since I shall focus on particular passages and discuss them in some detail.

COURSE CALENDAR:

January 26: Introduction.

February 2: *Richard III*.

February 9: *Midsummer's Night's Dream*.

February 16: *Merchant of Venice*.

February 23: *As You Like It*.

March 2: *Twelfth Night*.

March 9: *Measure for Measure*.

March 23: *Cymbeline*.

March 30: *Winter's Tale*.

April 6: *The Tempest*.