

**Instructor:** Geoff Hamilton

**Course number:** ENG365S

**Course title:** Contemp. Amer. Fiction

**Course Description:** This course examines a robust selection of contemporary American novels and short stories. Among our chief concerns will be the representation of violence, alienation, and individual autonomy, and the legacy of seminal American mythologies of the self and the nation.

**Required Reading:** Mark Leyner, *My Cousin, My Gastroenterologist*; Trey Ellis, *Right Here, Right Now*; Susan Choi, *A Person of Interest*; Don DeLillo, *Libra*; Cormac McCarthy, *The Road*; *30/30: Thirty American Stories from the Last Thirty Years*, Eds. Shreve and Nguyen

**First Three Texts/Authors to be Studied:** Mark Leyner, *My Cousin, My Gastroenterologist*; Trey Ellis, *Right Here, Right Now*; Susan Choi, *A Person of Interest*

**Method of Instruction:** Lecture/Discussion.

**Method of Evaluation:** 2 essays, participation, final exam.