Instructor: Mari Ruti

Course number: ENG380F

Course title: The History of Literary Theory

Course Description: This course traces literary theory from classical criticism to the nineteenth century. Topics include the imagination, creativity, sublimity, the criteria of aesthetic judgment, the relationship between literature and society, and the ethics of reading/interpretation.

Required Reading: Authors include Plato, Longinus, Sidney, Burke, Kant, Schiller, Shelley, George Eliot, Marx, Arnold, and Freud.

First Three Texts/Authors to be Studied: Plato, Longinus, Sidney

Method of Instruction: Lecture, discussion

Method of Evaluation: 2 in-class tests (25% each); 5-7 page paper (40%); class participation (10%)