

University of Oklahoma
Honors Colloquium
HON 3993.004, Spring 2003

**Readings in Native
Literature**

Honors College 182
Monday 1:30-4:20

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Course Description

An interdisciplinary seminar exploring recent writings by native people in North America and elsewhere. Students read representative book-length works on a variety of subjects and engage in focused research projects on topics of their own choosing; weekly seminar meetings alternate between readings and research. Class discussions are supplemented by guest speakers, audiovisual presentations, and campus tours.

Required Texts

These books can be purchased at the OU Bookstore and are also available at the reserve desk in Bizzell Memorial Library:

Andrew Wiget (ed.), *Handbook of Native American Literature* (New York, NY: Garland Publishing, 1996).

Clara Sue Kidwell, *Choctaws and Missionaries in Mississippi, 1818-1918* (Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 1995).

Geary Hobson, *The Last of the Ofos* (Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona Press, 2000).

Circe Sturm, *Blood Politics: Race, Culture, and Identity in the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma* (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2002).

Craig Womack, *Red on Red: Native American Literary Separatism* (Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 1999).

Gus Palmer, *Telling Stories the Kiowa Way* (Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona Press, 2003).

Robert Allen Warrior, *Tribal Secrets: Recovering American Indian Intellectual Traditions* (Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 1995).

Grading Criteria

Course grades are assigned according to a point system:

A	375-450 points
B	300-374 points
C	150-299 points
D	75-149 points

Each assignment is evaluated on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis according to the following schedule:

14 Class Meetings @ 5 points	70 points
6 Reading Responses @ 10 points	60 points
6 Research Reports @ 10 points	60 points
3 Research Presentations @ 20 points	60 points
Final Paper	100 points
Final Presentation	50 points
Final Exam	50 points

Class Schedule

January 13	Course Introductions
January 20	<i>Handbook of Native American Literature</i> pp. 145-205, 311-394
January 27	Kidwell, <i>Choctaws and Missionaries in Mississippi</i> Reading Response due
February 3	Research Projects Research Report due Research Presentations
February 10	Hobson, <i>The Last of the Ofos</i> Reading Response due

February 17	Research Projects Research Report due Research Presentations
February 24	Sturm, <i>Blood Politics</i> Reading Response due
March 3	Research Projects Research Report due Research Presentations
March 10	Womack, <i>Red on Red</i> Reading Response due
March 17	Spring break
March 24	Research Projects Research Report due Research Presentations
March 31	Palmer, <i>Telling Stories the Kiowa Way</i> Reading Response due
April 7	Research Projects Research Report due Research Presentations
April 14	Warrior, <i>Tribal Secrets</i> Reading Response due
April 21	Research Projects Research Report due Research Presentations
April 28	Course Conclusions Final Paper due Final Presentations
May 5	Final Exam due