

The Bill and Carol Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry Emory University

2015-2016 Great Works Seminar



The *Aeneid* of Virgil

(begins February 4, 2016) ****WAITLIST ONLY****

Virgil's *Aeneid* became the most popular epic written in the Latin language shortly after the author's death and has retained that status for the past 2000 years. Through lectures and group discussion, we will investigate the *Aeneid* as a part of the epic tradition and as a response to political changes in the age of Augustus. Other issues explored will include: Latin style and verbal artistry, what it means to be a hero of duty, the importance of self-control, ideals of leadership, and the definition of a classic. We will also try to understand how a poem that includes multiple depictions of personal loss and sacrifice in war within a larger narrative of collective victory could resonate in our own society.

The seminar will be moderated by Henry Bayerle, Associate Professor of Classics at Oxford University of Emory, and will meet at **The Fox Center** from **6:30pm to 8:00pm** for **four consecutive Thursday evening** sessions during the **2016 spring semester: February 4, 11, 18, and 25**. Everyone from the Atlanta community is welcome and invited to join us for this free seminar. For further information and to reserve seating on a "first-come basis," email the Fox Center at foxcenter@emory.edu, or call 404.727.6424.

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