



NAZARENE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

EN 275 Spiritual Autobiographies (3)
Winter 2004
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Course Description

An introduction through their own writings to the spiritual pilgrimages of several significant figures in the history of the church, this course also examines many of the key problems, such as the role of the unconscious, of memory, and the relation of fact to fiction, in the autobiographical genre.

Course Objectives

- To read and discuss thoroughly six foundational spiritual autobiographies

Required Texts

Augustine. *Confessions*. Trans. Henry Chadwick. Oxford: OUP, 1998. Oxford World Classics, 1998.

Bunyan, John. *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners*. 1666. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1987.

Campbell, Will D. *Brother to a Dragonfly*. 1977. 25th Anniversary ed. New York: Continuum, 2001.

Doherty, Catherine. *Fragments of My Life*. 1979. Combermere, ON.: Madonna House, 1996.

Lewis, C.S. *Surprised by Joy*. 1955. London: HarperCollins-C.S. Lewis Signature Classics, 2002.

Martin, Thérèse (Saint Thérèse of Lisieux). *The Autobiography of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux: The Story of a Soul*. 1898. Trans. John Beevers. New York: Random House-Doubleday-Image, 1987.

Course Schedule

12 January – Introduction; Augustine, *Confessions*
19 January – Augustine, *Confessions*
26 January – Augustine, *Confessions*; **Response sheet for *Confessions* due**
2 February – Augustine, *Confessions*; Bunyan, *Grace Abounding*
9 February – Bunyan, *Grace Abounding*; **Response sheet for *Grace Abounding* due**
19 February class cancelled (midterm break)
23 February – Thérèse, *Story of a Soul*
1 March – Thérèse, *Story of a Soul*; Lewis, *Surprised*; **Response sheet for *Story* due**
8 March – Lewis, *Surprised*; **Response sheet for *Surprised* due**
15 March – Doherty, *Fragments*; **Essay due**
22 March – Doherty, *Fragments*; **Response sheet for *Fragments* due**
29 March – Campbell, *Brother*; **Spiritual Autobiography due**
5 April – Campbell, *Brother*; **Response sheet for *Brother* due**
12 April – Campbell, *Brother*

Course Requirements

1. Students should do all the prescribed readings before class and be prepared to participate in class discussion. I look forward to lively discussions.
2. Assignments are due on the dates specified. Late assignments will not be accepted, unless extenuating circumstances can be shown.
3. To receive a passing grade in the course, all assignments must be submitted to the instructor.
4. Plagiarism in any of its forms will not be tolerated.
5. Students may not submit work done for another class.
6. The student is responsible for all the information given in class, and also for any changes to the syllabus that are announced in class.
7. As in all serious literature courses, spelling, punctuation, grammar, style, and format are important in all your written work, including exams. Shortcomings in these areas will be reflected in your marks.

Grading

Participation	20%
Written response sheets	50%
Submission of personal autobiography	10%
Essay	<u>20%</u>
	100%

Important Notes

- Last day to enter course without permission: 19 January 2004
- Last day to withdraw voluntarily from course without financial penalty: 23 January 2004
- Last day to voluntarily withdraw from course or change to audit without academic penalty: 12 March 2004; it is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to NUC Academic Policies, such as the policy on Academic Dishonesty, which are stated in the current Catalogue.
- **Note: Students will participate in a self-evaluation process for part of the participation grade.**