**Fall 2015 Heyman Center Friends/Carl Hovde Colloquium**

***Topics in European Humanism: The Literary Flowering***

Professor James V. Mirollo

Thursdays, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Description: we will survey the literary scene via three topics that are crucial to the flowering of the many works in poetry and prose that were produced at the time.

Syllabus:

Topic I: The Virgil Factor

Sept. 10: Augustine, *Confessions*, tr. Chadwick (Oxford pb.)

Sept. 24: Dante, *Inferno*, tr. Mandelbaum (Bantam pb.)

Topic II: Secular Manners and Morals

Oct. 8: Boccaccio, *The Decameron*, tr. Rebhorn (Norton pb.) New Translation. Focus will be on Preface, Day 1, 3, 6, 10

Oct. 22: Castiglione, *The Book of the Courtier*, tr. Bull (Penguin pb.)

Topic III: Self-Knowledge

Nov. 5: Montaigne, *Essays*, tr. Cohen (Penguin pb.)

Nov. 19: Shakespeare, *King Lear* (Pelican pb.)

Dec. 3 make-up