

Fall 2016 Heyman Center Friends/Carl Hovde Colloquium
The Greek Tragedians

Thursdays, 5.30-7.30 p.m.
Gareth Williams

Course Description:

This colloquium will be led by Gareth Williams, the Violin Family Professor of Classics. The overriding objectives of the course will be to explore (i) what lies beyond the modern reputation of, and beyond modern critical orthodoxies about, many of the famous Greek tragedies of the fifth-century BCE; (ii) what factors made the Greek tragedies such important modes of commentary on fifth-century Athenian social, political and literary culture; (iii) what thematic, literary and philosophical differences distinguish the works of Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides; and, perhaps above all, (iv) what factors give such topical relevance and urgency to twentieth-century readings of Greek tragedy. The weekly schedule of readings is set out in the syllabus below, and recommended texts are listed below the syllabus; those texts will be available at Book Culture, on 112th street between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue. Further suggestions for secondary reading are available upon request.

Syllabus:

September 8:	Introduction to the course in general; then discussion of Aeschylus' <i>Oresteia</i> trilogy
September 22:	Sophocles' <i>Oedipus the King</i>
October 6:	Sophocles' <i>Antigone</i>
October 27:	Euripides' <i>Medea</i>
November 10:	Euripides' <i>Bacchae</i>
December 1:	Euripides' <i>Hippolytus</i> (with Seneca's <i>Phaedra</i>)
December 8:	Make up class if needed

Recommended Texts:

Aeschylus II: The Oresteia. Edited and translated by David Grene, Richard Lattimore, Mark Griffith, and Glenn Most. Chicago: Chicago University Press, 2013. Paper \$12.00. ISBN: 9780226311470.

Sophocles I: Antigone, Oedipus the King, Oedipus at Colonus. Edited and translated by David Grene, Richard Lattimore, Mark Griffith, and Glenn Most. Chicago: Chicago University Press, 2013. Paper \$12.00. ISBN: 9780226311517.

Euripides I: Alcestis, Medea, The Children of Heracles, Hippolytus. Edited and translated by David Grene, Richard Lattimore, Mark Griffith, and Glenn Most. Chicago: Chicago University Press, 2013. Paper \$12.00. ISBN: 9780226308807.

Euripides V: Bacchae, Iphigeneia in Aulis, the Cyclops, Rhesus. Edited and translated by David Grene, Richard Lattimore, Mark Griffith, and Glenn Most. Chicago: Chicago University Press, 2013. Paper \$13.00. ISBN: 9780226308982.