



Hamilton Honors Program Courses Fall 2007



**ENG 180T HHP CRN 54725: *Native American Literature* 2:30pm- 3:45pm T R
402 MOS Kelli Lyon Johnson**

Ecology and Environment in Contemporary Native American Literature focuses on the interconnections among landscape, environment, and culture as they appear in Native American writings. Students will explore environmental issues significant to Native and non-Native peoples across North America, examining a variety of Native American perspectives on land preservation, management, appropriation, and reclamation. Students will play a significant role in running the course by helping to determine its direction, by designing their own projects, and by identifying pertinent environmental issues to study. We will be reading works by Native authors from a variety of nations, including novels by Louise Erdrich, Linda Hogan, and Thomas King. For more information, please contact the professor at klyonjohnson@muohio.edu.

**PHL 104.HHP CRN 54724: *Purpose or Chance in the Universe* 11:30-12:45 TR
204 PHE J. Kelly**

For the past three hundred years there has been growing up in our minds, dominated as they are by science, a new imaginative picture of the world. The world, according to this new picture, is purposeless, senseless, and meaningless. Nature is nothing but matter in motion. The motions of matter are governed, not by any purpose, but by blind forces and laws. Nature on this view is "merely the hurrying of material, endlessly, meaninglessly." You can draw a sharp line across the history of Europe dividing it into two epochs of very unequal length. The line passes through the lifetime of Galileo. Europeans **before Galileo**--whether ancient pagan or more recent Christian --thought of the world as controlled by plan and purpose. **After Galileo**, Europeans think of it as utterly purposeless. For the intellectual ancestors of the Europeans, this world-view has deviously dominated the intellectual scene. We will examine and critically assess this picture of the world and the role of responsible religion. For more information contact me at kellyjs@muohio.edu

Allowing a Non-Honors Course to Provide Honors Course Credit

A student in good standing with the Hamilton Honors Program (HHP) may **ONCE** extend for HHP credit one course offered by the University. The student must have at least sophomore standing at the time of application. A **course extension contract** between the student and instructor must be negotiated, submitted within the first three weeks of the term, and approved by the HHP. In order for this **contract** to be approved, the following criteria must be met:

- The **course** must be a formal one, (not an Independent Study)
- The **course** must be at least 3 credit hours.
- The student must have continuing, perhaps even extra, contact with the instructor.
- The **course** work must result in a tangible end product that would not otherwise result from satisfying that **course's** requirements. (e. g., a 15 page research paper)

See: http://www.ham.muohio.edu/honors/hhp_courses.htm