Spring 2018 Course Descriptions

Instructor: Margaret Ezell-Mainzer
Course: 212-500
Title: Clashing Cultures: Shakespeare's Kings, Queens, and Politicians

Description: This is a Core Curriculum course for Creative Arts (KCRA). The topic for the course will be "Clashing Cultures: Shakespeare’s Kings, Queens, and Politicians" and we will be looking at Shakespeare’s plays that show rulers and leaders and different ways of having power and of using it. In each of the plays there is a conflict over who is in charge and why and we will consider the ways in which Shakespeare makes his audience think about whose side to take and why. The assignments will include short response essays, in-class essays exams, and a group project.

Proposed Readings:
Plays to be read will probably include: The Taming of the Shrew, Shakespeare and Fletcher’s The Tamer Tamed, Coriolanus, Antony and Cleopatra, Richard III, Henry IV part 1, and The Tempest