

## **Fall 2020 Course Description**

**Instructor:** Marian Eide

**Course:** ENGL 303

**Title:** Approaches to English Studies: Writing Matters

**Description:** How does writing contribute to our ability to make meaning in the world? Is there something specific about the way that writing practices guide our thinking, and form mental habits? Does a specific medium (poem, essay, novel, drama) adjust our way of knowing? This course focuses on writing across genres to hone skills that are highly valued in the workplace and that empower individuals in their communities and careers. We will consider a wide variety of genres to enhance our own writing practices: these include fiction and poetry, but also essays and emerging forms in new media.

**Proposed Readings:** Margaret Atwood, Toni Morrison, Colson Whitehead, Viet Thanh Nguyen, Stephen King, Anne LaMott, Maxine Hong Kingston,