Fall 2020 Course Description

Instructor: Mary Ann O'Farrell
Course: ENGL 377
Title: British Novel to 1870

Description: This course will focus on the history and development of the British novel and on the many pleasures to be taken in reading it. We will also consider some preoccupations of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries as these are developed in the novels we read. Some of our interests in class discussion and as readers will include: money and marriage, manners and style, publishing and reading practices, bodies and things, majority and minority of character, business and politics, spinsters and bachelors, ways of knowing, works and words, laughter and blushes and tears. Requirements will include mid-term, final, and two short papers.

Proposed Readings: Texts will include works by such writers as Jane Austen, Charlotte Brontë, Wilkie Collins, Daniel Defoe, Charles Dickens, and Elizabeth Gaskell.