

**WINTER QUARTER 2020:****Fiction Cluster: Contemporary Fiction**

Thursdays - Chris Candice

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**Course Description:** This course is focused on three elements of contemporary fiction: reading and analyzing modern writers, studying and applying technical aspects of style and craft, and workshopping original works of fiction. The course reading list covers a number of diverse works from novelists and short story writers, from innovative late 60s novels like Kurt Vonnegut's *Slaughterhouse-Five* to today's award winning novels like Carmen Maria Machado's *Her Body and Other Parties*. Chapters from Benjamin Dreyer's new style book and excerpts from *The Bedford Glossary of Critical and Literary Terms* will introduce students to both practical and theoretical aspects of style and craft. Students will also submit stories for workshop critiques and will be expected to provide practical and careful feedback for their classmates.

**TEXTBOOKS:**

Dreyer's English: An Utterly Correct Guide to Clarity and Style by Benjamin Dreyer  
Publisher: Random House (January 29, 2019)  
ISBN-10: 0812995708  
ISBN-13: 978-0812995701

Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison  
Publisher: Vintage; Reprint edition (June 8, 2004)  
ISBN-10: 140003342X  
ISBN-13: 978-1400033423

Chemistry by Weike Wang  
Publisher: Vintage; Reprint edition (April 3, 2018)  
ISBN-10: 0525432221  
ISBN-13: 978-0525432227

Mrs. Caliban by Rachel Ingalls  
Publisher: New Directions; Reprint edition (November 28, 2017)  
ISBN-10: 9780811226691  
ISBN-13: 978-0811226691

The Giant's House by Elizabeth McCracken  
Publisher: Dial Press Trade Paperback; Reprint edition (October 30, 2007)  
ISBN-10: 0385340893  
ISBN-13: 978-0385340892

Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut  
Publisher: Dial Press Trade Paperback; Reissue edition (January 12, 1999)  
ISBN-10: 0812988523  
ISBN-13: 978-0812988529

Her Body and Other Parties by Carmen Maria Machado  
Publisher: Graywolf Press; 1st Edition edition (October 3, 2017)

ISBN-10: 155597788X  
ISBN-13: 978-1555977887

The Invoice by Jonas Karlsson  
Publisher: Hogarth; First American Edition edition (July 12, 2016)  
ISBN-10: 110190514X  
ISBN-13: 978-1101905142