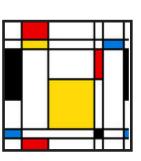


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#### Take this class if you're willing to leave suburbia and experience art live in person! Most weeks we'll meet at the assigned Friday hours, but we'll also take at least five required field trips, meeting off campus some Fridays to see art up close and personal. Last time field

trips included a Berkeley artist's studio, the de Young Museum and amazing murals in the Mission District. Our trips will use the class time as well as the hours after our



meeting time ends so don't take this class if you don't have Friday

afternoons free.

Honors Art 5

The Visual Arts

Before you make your decision, just imagine: Someday the person you are falling in love with will point at a work of art across a room. You'll win her/his heart be-

cause, having taken Honors Art 5, you'll be able to say "That must be a Monet." or "It always makes me smile when I see Claus Oldenburg's work." Trust us. You'll LOVE this class and all the fun field trips.

#### F 9-11:50AM #7058 IGETC Area 3A, CSU Area C1, Honors: Humanities/Art

**Professor Curtis Corlew** is an artist, journalist, photographer, multimedia developer, bicyclist and really bad guitar player. He has been known to award bonus points for particularly snarky, but on-point comments. Curtis has a tendency to get worked up over typography, black and white photography, punctuality and the First Amendment. Don't ask him about bicycles unless you have time to burn.

### Honors Economics 5 Economic History of the U.S.

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Why do some nations grow faster than others? Why do institutions matter? How

is the role of institutions evolving in an increasingly digital world? What parallels can be drawn between contemporary issues like the global financial meltdown of 2008 and historical events



like the Great Depression of the 1930s? And what exactly is "cliometrics?" You'll

learn to be economic historians as we retrace the history of the American economy from the Colonial era to the present day. If you're fascinated by the ever evolving "story of US" then this course is for you.

#### MW 1-2:20PM #0223 IGETC Area 4F; CSU Area D5 & US Hist B; Honors Soc/Beh Sci

**Professor Shalini Lugani** received her PhD from the University of Georgia (home of the Georgia Bulldogs). She is passionate about teaching and believes that critical thinking skills are an investment that yield returns over a lifetime. She has been awarded a Rotary International Scholarship for advanced studies along with membership in Gamma Sigma Delta in recognition of high scholarship. Shalini enjoys practicing yoga, taking nature walks, and a perfectly brewed cup of piping hot Darjeeling tea.



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# Honors English 221

Advanced Composition & Critical Thinking

What do a Superbowl ad, a presidential campaign speech and a column in the *LMC Experience* have in common? They're

all arguments: someone is trying to persuade you using some sort of reasoning, rhetorical bluster, or some such trickery. Honors English 221 focuses on analyzing arguments and bringing your academic writing skills up to the next level in preparation for transfer. But don't



take it from us, here's what LMC & UC Berkeley alumnus Miguel Mauricio says, "*My experience at Cal has been great, but* 

> it has also been challenging. Los Medanos as a whole did not prepare me, but there are two classes that I have taken there that did and one of them was Mr. Sterling's 221 class. Use this class as practice to prepare yourself for your future academic careers." How is that

for persuasion?!

#### MW 11AM-12:20PM #8442 IGETC Area 1B, CSU Area A3; Honors: Humanities/Art

**Professor Alex Sterling** has a BA in philosophy from Macalester College, an MA in philosophy from Purdue University, and an MA in English from Cal State East Bay. Alex has been married to Julianne since 1999, and they have two sons, Jasper and Adlai, who are in high school and middle school. Alex loves to read (especially on his patio in Albany), and has lately been reading about the conspiracist mind-set, the "outrage industry," and sexism in high-tech, in addition to novels, ethics, and various nonfiction.

### Honors Math 34

Introduction to Statistics

This ever-popular Honors Course will give you tools to make data-driven decisions only numbers can answer. How do you choose between two players on your fantasy football team (say, Michael Crabtree vs. Larry Fitzgerald)?



consistent? Or, how would you test the following claim on a diet pill bottle: "Consumers who used our product for 2 months lost 3 times the weight when compared to people who did not use our product?" You'll love the

Should you pick the player who has earned the most points, or the one who is most

smaller class size and creative assignments where you get to test your own hypotheses.

#### TuTh 3-4:50PM #7396 IGETC Area 2, CSU Area B4, Honors: Math/Science

**Professor Rick Estrada** is a proud graduate Modesto Junior College who holds a B.A. and M.A. in mathematics from San Francisco State University. On his commute to LMC he enjoys listening to podcasts, most recently Radiolab and The Joe Rogan Experience. A sportsman at heart, Rick has recently started learning Jiu Jitsu when not spending quality time with his loving family: wife, Vichet, and two children, Sofia and Julian.

## Honors Philosophy 2

The Ethics of Information **Honors Seminar** 

Do you Tweet or is Insta more your thing? Are you wearing a Fitbit? Carry your phone everywhere? Every day you send data out into the world - do you wonder who is collecting, sharing, or selling your information? Should you worry?

This class will take you on a journey to analyze how the collection and use of information impacts us. You'll explore deep questions about ethical behavior in this modern "information age."

We'll study established moral principles and then apply them as we try to answer questions related to dilemmas of ownership, access, privacy and security such as:

Our images are collected everywhere through facial recognition software -



do you know who owns your face?

What impact does Big Tech have on our lives and our knowledge of the world around us? Does truth still matter?



Should it be legal for the US government to conduct wide-spread data collection on its citizens?

Are online comments a form of free speech that should be protected?

This seminar has been designed especially for Honors Students and is taught by two dynamic professors whose areas of expertise are perfect for this provocative class. Don't miss it!

#### TUTh 9:30-10:50AM #2216 IGETC Area 3B; CSU Area C2; Honors Seminar

**Professor Christing Goff** is a research librarian and also serves as the Library Director for Los Medanos College. She loves working one-on-one with students who have challenging research projects and spending time in the Sierras. Christina is the proud mother of two.

**Professor Cindy McGrath** stepped out of the newsroom and into the classroom in 1988. She has won numerous statewide awards for her teaching and also serves as the advisor for The LMC Experience. Cindy spent 11 years in Florida as an editor at the St. Petersburg Times. She writes in inches, measures in picas and tosses terms around the journalism lab like "dogleg", "raw wrap" and "bastard type." In one of her less sane moments, she worked as the Sacramento press coordinator for the Dukakis for President primary campaign. Chalk it up to her Massachusetts roots. Cindy is also well-known for teaching archery at the Honors Retreat.

