Bryn Mawr College Department of English

English 289: <u>Living Alternatives:</u> <u>Lesbian/Gay Literature in Our Time</u> Joseph E. Kramer, English House 102 Office Hours: Thursdays 3-5 p.m., and by Appointment

Seal Press Feminist.

Required Texts:

Becky Birtha.

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The Motion of Light in Water. Samuel R. Delany. (Plume) NAL. Larry Duplechon. Blackbird. St. Martin's. David B. Feinberg. Eighty-Sixed. Viking/Penguin. Fried Green Tomatoes At the Whistle Stop Cafe. Fanny Flagg. McGraw. Alan Hollinghurst. The Swimming Pool Library. Random. NAL. Larry Kramer. Faggots. Audre Lorde. Zami. Crossing Press.

Paul Monette. Borrowed Time: An AIDS Memoir. Avon.

Lovers' Choice.

Carl Morse and Joan Larkin, eds. Gay and Lesbian Poetry in Our Time. St. Martin's. Joanna Russ. On Strike Against God Crossing Press.

Don Shewey, ed. Grove-Weidenfeld. Out Front.

Scott Symons. Helmet of Flesh. (Plume) NAL. Edmund White. A Boy's Own Story. (Plume) NAL

Jeannette Winterson. Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit. Atlantic Monthly.

The Passion. Random.

Irene Zahava, ed. Speaking for Ourselves. Crossing Press.

Schedule:

Jan. 22 Organization

I. The Point of Departure

> Jan. 24 Wilson. Street Theater in Shewey, pp. 1-77.

II. Growing Up and Coming Out

Jan. 29 Winterson. Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit.

Jan. 31 Oranges... White. A Boy's Own Story.

Feb. 5 A Boy's... Duplechon. Blackbird.

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Feb. 7 <u>Blackbird.</u> Smith. <u>Remedial English</u> in <u>Shewey</u>, pp. 307-334.

Feb. 12 Russ. On Strike Against God.

Feb. 14 On Strike...

Remembering and Remaking

Feb. 19 Lorde. Zami.

Feb. 21 Zami.

Delany. The Motion of Light in Water.

Feb. 26 The Motion...

Then and Now

Feb. 28 Flagg. Fried Green Tomatoes. . .

Mar. 5 Fried Green Tomatoes. . .
Hollinghurst. The Swimming Pool Library.

Mar. 7 The Swimming Pool Library...
Sherman. Bent in Shewey, pp. 79-147.

V Theaters of Conflict

Mar. 19 Hughes. The Well of Horniness in Shewey, pp. 221-252.

Tolan. A Weekend Near Madison in Shewey, pp. 253-306.

Mar. 21 Fierstein. Forget Him in Shewey, pp. 335-354.

Kondoleon. The Fairy Garden in Shewey, pp. 419-492.

Mar. 26 McNally. The Lisbon Traviata in Shewey, pp. 375-418.

VI Voices and Choices

Mar. 28 Birtha. Lover's Choice.

Apr. 2 Zahava, ed. Speaking for Ourselves.

VII Romantic Agony

Apr. 4 Symons. Helmet of Flesh

Apr. 9 Helmet of Flesh.
Winterson. The Passion.

Apr. 11 The Passion.

VIII Rage, Comedic and Otherwise

Apr. 16 Kramer. Faggots.

Apr. 18 <u>Faggots</u>. <u>Eighty-Sixed</u>.

Apr. 23 Eighty-Sixed.

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IX Living with Dying

Apr. 25 Monette. Borrowed Time.

Apr. 30 <u>Borrowed Time</u> Chesley. Jerker. . . in <u>Shewey</u>, pp. 449-492.

May 2 Hoffman. As Is in Shewey, pp. 493-552.

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English 289: Out and About: Lesbian/Gay Writing in Our Time

Fall 1993

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Office Hours: Th 2-4 p.m. and by appmt.

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Required Texts:

James Baldwin.

David B. Feinberg.

Radclyffe Hall. Alan Hollinghurst.

Larry Kramer.

Audre Lorde.

Joanna Russ.

Paul Russell.

Sarah Schulman.

Don Shewey, ed. Edmund White.

Jeanette Winterson.

Giovanni's Room.

Eighty-Sixed.

The Well of Loneliness. The Swimming Pool Library.

Faggots.

Zami: A New Spelling of My Name.

On Strike Against God.

Boys of Life. After Delores.

Out Front: Contemporary Gay and Lesbian Plays.

A Boy's Own Story.

Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit.

Readings for Class Sessions:

August 31: Organization and Introduction

Sept. 2: Hall. The Well of Loneliness.

Sept. 7: Hall, contd.

Sept. 9: Baldwin. Giovanni's Room.

Sept. 14: Baldwin, contd.

Sept. 16: Wilson, Street Theater (in Shewey, 1-77)

Sept. 21: Winterson. Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit.

Sept. 23: Winterson, contd.

Sept. 28: White. A Boy's Own Story.

Sept. 30: White, contd.

Oct. 5: Lorde. Zami: A New Spelling of My Name.

Oct. 7: Lorde, contd.

Oct. 14: Hollinghurst. The Swimming Pool Library.

Oct. 19: Hollinghurst, contd.

Oct. 21: Sherman, Bent (in Shewey, 79-147).

Oct. 26: Tolan, A Weekend Near Madison (in Shewey, 253-305).

Oct. 28: Russ. On Strike Against God.

Nov. 2:	Russ, contd.
Nov. 4:	Kramer. Faggots.
Nov. 9:	Kramer, contd.
Nov. 11:	Schulman. After Delores.
Nov. 16:	Schulman, contd.
Nov. 18:	Russell. Boys of Life.
Nov. 23:	Russell, contd.
Nov. 30:	Feinberg. Eighty-Sixed.
Dec. 2:	Feinberg, contd.
Dec. 7:	Hoffman. As Is. (in Shewey, 493-551).

The writing for this course will consist of frequent short essays (2-4 pp.) and a longer essay (12-15 pp.) in lieu of a final examination.

I expect regular attendance of class meetings and careful reading of the assigned works as preparation for class discussion. Preparation for this course should certainly reach 10-12 hours per week.