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Office hours: Tuesday/Thursday 11-12:30, 2-3:30, and by appointment

Required books for the class:

The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson, ed. Thomas Johnson

Emily Bronte, Wuthering Heights

Lyndall Gordon, Lives Like Loaded Guns

William Shakespeare, Othello

Supplemental books:

Emily Dickinson, Selected Letters

Judith Farr, The Gardens of Emily Dickinson

Alfred Habegger, My Wars are Laid Away in Books

Brenda Wineapple, White Heat: The Friendship of Emily Dickinson and Thomas Wentworth Higginson

The purpose of this senior seminar is to explore both the poetry of Emily Dickinson and the abundance of new biographical and critical studies of her life and work. We’ll spend quite a bit of time reading her as closely as possible for the poetry itself, but also in conjunction with Gordon’s Lives Like Loaded Guns, perhaps the best new account of her life. Work for the course will be a research project/presentation and a take home final.