

## **Banned Books, Dow, Spring 2015.**

### Course description and requirements:

This course is a writing / discussion seminar, which means you will be graded on five papers as well as class discussion. Each paper is worth 15 percent of the final grade; class discussion is worth 25 percent. You may write about any of the five books assigned; class discussion is based on discussion of all seven books.

Papers are due no later than the beginning of the first class at which we are discussing the book that the paper is about. Each paper must be no more than 1,000 words; there is no minimum length.

I will say more about the content of the papers, as well as the class discussion component, during the first class session.

### Reading assignments:

Jan 20, 22: introductions.

Jan 27, 29: Toni Morrison, Song of Solomon

Feb 3, 5:

Feb 10, 12: Henry Miller, Tropic of Cancer

Feb 17, 19:

Feb 24, 26: Kurt Vonnegut, Slaughterhouse Five

Mar 3, 5:

Mar 10, 12: Richard Wright, *Black Boy*

Mar 17, 19: spring break, no class.

Mar 24, 26: Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Mar 31, Apr 2:

Apr 7, 9: Walt Whitman, *Leaves of Grass*

Apr 14, 16:

Apr 21, 23: William Faulkner, *As I Lay Dying*

Apr 28, 30: TBA