Course: Gods, Heroes, and Seekers in Ancient Greek Literature

Meetings: Tuesdays, September 29 - December 8, 2014
6:30 - 9:30 PM

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Hesiod, Works and Days and Theogony (Hackett Classics 1993)
(Hackett Classics 2011)
Aeschylus, Prometheus Bound, trans. Scully and Herington (Oxford 1990)
The Complete Aeschylus in Translation, Vol. 1: Oresteia,
trans. Burian and Shapiro (Oxford 2011)
A Plato Reader: Eight Essential Dialogues, ed. C.D.C. Reeve
(Hackett Classics 2012)
Aristophanes, Four Plays by Aristophanes, trans. William Arrowsmith
(Meridian Classics 1984)
Euripides I. eds. Grene and Lattimore (Chicago 2013)

(Note: Even if you already own a different translation of any of these texts, be sure to acquire your own copy of the translations indicated here. You’ll need them for class discussion and for your paper.)

Schedule of meetings and readings:

Sep. 29 Homeric Hymns, intro and pp. 1-67; Hesiod, intro and Works and Days (pp. 1-50).

Oct. 6 Hesiod, Theogony (pp. 61-90); Aeschylus, Prometheus Bound.

Oct. 13 A Presocratics Reader, pp. 1-125; Aeschylus, Agamemnon (in Oresteia).

Oct. 20 A Presocratics Reader pp. 127-172; Aeschylus, Libation Bearers and Eumenides (in Oresteia).

Oct. 27 Aristophanes, Clouds; Plato, Euthyphro, Apology, and Crito.
Schedule of meetings and readings (continued):

Nov. 3     Sophocles, *Oedipus the King*; Aristophanes, *Birds*; Plato, *Phaedo* and *Meno*.

Due by Sunday Nov. 8: a brief (one or two paragraph) description of your paper topic. Send (preferably in a Word document) as an email attachment to dlwray@uchicago.edu


Due by Sunday Nov. 22: a first draft (7-10 pages) of your paper. Send (preferably in a Word doc) as an email attachment to dlwray@uchicago.edu

Nov. 24    No class (Thanksgiving long weekend).

Dec. 1     Euripides, *Medea* and *Phaedra*; Aristophanes, *Frogs*.

Dec. 8     Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*.

Due by Sunday Dec. 13: the final version (10-15 pages) of your paper. Send (preferably in a Word document) as an email attachment to dlwray@uchicago.edu