

# NARRATIVE INQUIRY

**SPC 6934 | CRN: 20999**

What are the stories that comprise our lives? What have they meant to us and others? What good use can we make of these stories? This course focuses on personal narrative as a way of understanding, and responding to, everyday issues of lived experience. We'll orient to personal narrative as a fundamentally communicative process, which entails exploring the ways language and meaning-making occur in the stories we live, tell, and examine. Rooted in auto/ethnography and phenomenology, the course will engage us in discussing a diverse number of related topics and issues including narrative theory, the "narrative turn," reflexivity, memory, emotion, vulnerability, identity negotiation, narrative ethics, cultural representation and critique, and social justice. Students will complete discussion facilitations, short writings, and a larger course project that uses and/or examines personal narrative.

*\*Grad students from outside the Communication Department must contact the instructor to request permission to take this course.*

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Tuesday 2:00 PM – 4:45 PM

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