



# VOYAGER

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## **SPRING REGISTRATION IS GOING ON NOW!**

In addition to more on-line and hybrid offerings of courses, there are some new and cycled ones to consider in the Liberal Arts and Core Perspectives areas:

ANT 201 ASL Dwelling  
(Social & Behavioral Perspectives)

ENG 270 VOL Introduction to Greek & Roman Mythology  
(Literary Expression)

ENG 443 HY. Seminar in Selected Authors: Native American Literature. (Literary Expression)

GLB 120 ASL Global Citizenship  
(Global & Historical Perspectives)

HIS 116 ASL. Native American Societies & Histories  
(Global & Historical Perspectives)

IDS 205 ASL. Crisis of Belief -- could be RST or PHI elective  
(Religious Thought or Philosophical Thought)

PHI 303 A Death & Dying  
(Philosophical Thought)

PSC 202 A Political Conflict & Terrorism  
(Social & Behavioral Perspectives)

PSY 204 HYSL History of Psychology  
(Social & Behavioral Perspectives)

PSY 361 A Performance Psychology  
(Social & Behavioral Perspectives)

RST 205 A Women & Religion  
(Religious Thought)

RST 208 HY Spirituality & Work  
(Religious Thought)

Each of the Core Perspectives categories includes a range of courses from which students can choose to fulfill the requirement. However, students must adhere to course prerequisites and co-requisites and should consult with their advisor to select a course appropriate for their interests and academic backgrounds.

- Villa College Catalog p 165

**SEE YOUR ADVISOR to reserve your space.**

### **2018-19 Villa's Core Value: Transformation**

"I think art, especially literature, has the particular power to immerse the viewer or reader into another world. This is especially powerful in literature, when a reader lives the experience of the characters. So if the characters are human and real enough, then readers will feel empathy for them."

- Jesmyn Ward



## { #WHY I WRITE }

Thanks to the more than two dozen writers who participated in the Villa Day on Writing, November 1. We heard stories, poems and about why we write from students, faculty, staff and administrations.

Coming up during exam week -- on Tuesday December 12 from 1 - 3:25 pm, another chance to share your creative words. The Craft of Poetry class will be the featured readers, but others may share their poems and stories. Join us in the Library to read and listen.

# TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS OF THE GOOD MIND

## A Native American Heritage Month Event

Thursday, November 15  
11:00-12:00 (Campus Hour)  
Villa Maria Library, North Room



**MICHAEL MARTIN** is Executive Director of Native American Community Services of Erie & Niagara Counties, Inc. (NACS). Mr. Martin is an Onondaga of the Beaver Clan from the Six Nations of the Grand River territory in Southern Ontario, but was born and raised in Buffalo, NY. Mr. Martin is a graduate of SUNY Buffalo State College (BS, Economics, 1995) and Babson College (MS, Accounting & Entrepreneurial Finance, 1998). In 2016, he was named by his Clan Mother as a Faithkeeper for his Onondaga, Beaver Clan. He was formally condoled by the Haudenosaunee Confederacy in June of 2018.

During this session, Mr. Martin will explore universal principles of the **Good Mind**, an important idea related to wellness for the **Haudenosaunee** (the people European settlers came to call “the **Iroquois**”). He will discuss the relationships of our minds to thoughts, behaviors, and wellbeing. He will provide an overview of traditional teachings about the Good Mind, working with the understanding that **the opposite of a Good Mind is not a bad or evil mind, but rather a clouded mind**. Attendees will be encouraged to reflect upon what clouds our minds and how we may rise above or remove the cloudes to increase awareness. **Mr. Martin will talk about how to maintain our own Good Minds, and how we can harness our collective power (known as *Orenda*) when Good Minds come together to achieve goals that benefit the whole community.**

**THE NORTON WRITER'S PRIZE** | **CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

“ I have something to say to the world, and I have taken English 12 in order to say it well. —W. E. B. DU BOIS ”

**FIRST PRIZE** | **RUNNERS-UP**  
**\$1,500** | **\$1,000**

The Norton Writer's Prize is awarded annually for an outstanding essay written by an undergraduate. The contest is open to anyone enrolled in an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university during the 2018–19 academic year. One first-prize winner and two runners-up will be selected in 2019. Winning essays may be published by W. W. Norton & Company, Inc.

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS**  
**JUNE 15, 2019**

For full contest rules, and instructions on how to enter, please see The Norton Writer's Prize: Official Contest Rules at [www.norton.com/nortonwritersprize](http://www.norton.com/nortonwritersprize)

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Celebrate this year's [National Day on Writing](#) by nominating your best student writing for the Norton Writer's Prize. First place award—\$1,500, and two runners-up—\$1,000 each. All entries considered for publication by W. W. Norton.

Read [previous years' winning essays](#), [print the flier](#) for display in your department, and submit your students' best writing for a chance to be on the list of 2019 prizewinners.

We look forward to reading—and publishing—your students' work!

**CONTACT YOUR WRITING INSTRUCTORS if you feel you have exemplary work!**

## CALL FOR 2019 SKALD SUBMISSIONS!

We are now accepting student art and literary work for the 2019 SKALD publication through February 1, 2019. SKALD is Villa Maria's award-winning art and literary publication. You can upload submissions and view last year's publication online at <http://www.villa.edu/campus-life/skald/>.

### SUBMISSION PROCESS

- 1) There is no limit to the number of pieces you may enter.
  - 2) All work must be created through your coursework at Villa Maria College.
  - 3) Digital images of your work on USB or online submissions are preferred, but two or three-dimensional works will be accepted and photographed (if selected).
  - 4) All work, except digital submissions, must include a Submission Form. That will be forthcoming.
  - 5) Images will be printed. Only still frames or renderings may be submitted from animation, motion graphics or film work.
- Submission categories include:

Animation

Fashion Design

Graphic Design

Literature

Photography

Essays

Digital Filmmaking

Fine Arts

Interior Design

Music Lyrics

Poems & Short Stories

Interviews & Reviews

For further details on submitting art/design digital work online visit <http://www.villa.edu/campus-life/skald/>. Please submit all literary and written works directly to Joyce Kessel at [jkessel@villa.edu](mailto:jkessel@villa.edu).

Best regards, SKALD Faculty Advisors

Joyce Kessel, Julie Zack and Bob Grizanti



After yet another shooting, in light of much rhetoric of hate, in the echoes of so much hurt, I wrote this, The America I don't want to embrace:

### **IN THIS AMERICA**

by Joyce Kessel

In this America  
we are fueled by hate  
and stoked by fear

In this America  
we deride the voices  
of the others

In this America'  
we do not celebrate differences  
but mock them

In this America  
our dreams are nightmares  
of bloody tears and loss

In this America  
we idolize what  
the very few have

In this America  
our guns are more important  
than our children  
our churches  
and synagogues  
our schools

and our theaters

In this America  
we make enemies of our allies  
and embrace those who threaten us

In this America  
we call out the drug dealers  
and lobotomize ourselves  
with the help of Big Pharma

In this America  
silence equals consent  
and presumes acceptance

In this America  
we are judged not by who we are  
nor by what we aspire to be



“There is a danger in forgetting our history.”

- Jesmyn Ward

## A Haudenosaunee Prayer of Thanks

### GREETINGS TO THE NATURAL WORLD!

Today we have gathered and we see that the cycles of life continue. We have been given the duty to live in balance and harmony with each other and all living things. So now, we bring our minds together as one as we give greetings and thanks to each other as People.

Now our minds are one.

We are all thankful to our Mother, the Earth, for she gives us all that we need for life. She supports our feet as we walk about upon her. It gives us joy that she continues to care for us as she has from the beginning of time. To our Mother, we send greetings and thanks.

Now our minds are one.

We give thanks to all the Waters of the world for quenching our thirst and providing us with strength. Water is life. We know its power in many forms - waterfalls and rain, mists and streams, rivers and oceans. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to the spirit of water.

Now our minds are one.

We turn our minds to all the Fish life in the water. They were instructed to cleanse and purify the water. They also give themselves to us as food. We are grateful that we can still find pure water. So, we turn now to the Fish and send our greetings and thanks.

Now our minds are one.

Now we turn toward the vast fields of Plant life. As far as the eye can see, the Plants grow, working many wonders. They sustain many life forms. With our minds gathered together, we give thanks and look forward to seeing Plant life for many generations to come.

Now our minds are one.

With one mind, we turn to honor and thank all the Food Plants we harvest from the garden. Since the beginning of time, the grains, vegetables, beans and berries have helped the people survive. Many other living things draw strength from them too. We gather all the Plant Foods together as one and send them a greeting and thanks.

Now our minds are one.

Now we turn to all the Medicine herbs of the world. From the beginning, they were instructed to take away sickness. They are always waiting and ready to heal us. We are happy there are still among us those special few who remember how to use these plants for healing. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to the Medicines and to the keepers of the Medicines.

Now our minds are one.

We gather our minds together to send greetings and thanks to all the Animal life in the world. They have many things to teach us as people. We see them near our homes and in the deep forests. We are glad they are still here and we hope that it will always be so.

Now our minds are one.

We now turn our thoughts to the Trees. The Earth has many families of Trees who have their own instructions and uses. Some provide us with shelter and shade, others with fruit, beauty and other useful things. Many peoples of the world use a Tree as a symbol of peace and strength. With one mind, we greet and thank the Tree life.

Now our minds are one.

We put our minds together as one and thank all the Birds who move and fly about over our heads. The Creator gave them beautiful songs. Each day they remind us to enjoy and appreciate life. The Eagle was chosen to be their leader. To all the Birds - from the smallest to the largest - we send our joyful greetings and thanks.

Now our minds are one.

We are all thankful to the powers we know as the Four Winds. We hear their voices in the moving air as they refresh us and purify the air we breathe. They help to bring the change of seasons. From the four directions they come, bringing us messages and giving us strength. With one mind, we send our greetings and thanks to the Four Winds.

Now our minds are one.

Now we turn to the west where our Grandfathers, the Thunder Beings, live. With lightning and thundering voices, they bring with them the water that renews life. We bring our minds together as one to send greetings and thanks to our Grandfathers, the Thunderers.

Now our minds are one.

We now send greetings and thanks to our eldest Brother, the Sun. Each day without fail he travels the sky from east to west, bringing the light of a new day. He is the source of all the fires of life. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to our Brother, the Sun.

Now our minds are one.

We put our minds together and give thanks to our oldest grandmother, the Moon, who lights the night-time sky. She is the leader of women all over the world, and she governs the movement of the ocean tides. By her changing face we measure time, and it is the Moon who watches over the arrival of children here on Earth. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to our Grandmother, the Moon.

Now our minds are one.

We give thanks to the Stars who are spread across the sky like jewelry. We see them in the night, helping the Moon to light the darkness and bringing dew to the gardens and growing things. When we travel at night, they guide us home. With our minds gathered together as one, we send greetings and thanks to all the Stars.

Now our minds are one.

We gather our minds to greet and thank the enlightened Teachers who have come to help throughout the ages. When we forget how to live in harmony, they remind us of the way we were instructed to live as people. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to these caring Teachers.

Now our minds are one.

Now we turn our thoughts to the Creator, or Great Spirit, and send greetings and thanks for the gifts of Creation. Everything we need to live a good life is here on this Mother Earth. For all the love that is still around us, we gather our minds together as one and send our choicest words of greetings and thanks to the Creator.

Now our minds are one.

We have now arrived at the place where we end our words. Of all the things we have named, it was not our intention to leave anything out. If something was forgotten, we leave it to each individual to send such greetings and thanks in their own way. Now our minds are one.



