Independent Study (CLAS 599)

An Inquiry into Herodotus’ Histories
Fall 2009
Instructor: John Bauschatz, Ph.D.

Goals:
- a) To become familiar with the (innovative) writing and reportorial style of Herodotus, both from selected primary Greek readings and from the translated text as a whole.
- b) Through related scholarly essays to explore some of the background and influence of Herodotus’ writing
- c) To improve my reading skills of Attic Greek
- d) To ascertain to what extent Herodotus and The Histories had important influences on 19th and 20th century travel (and history) writing.

Course requirements:
***Readings as described below
***Provide a weekly “reading diary/response” (to count as 1/3 of overall grade)
***Translations (selected), submitted in writing, in reasonably polished (but original) English (to count as 1/3 of overall grade)
***Meet weekly with Prof. Bauschatz (9:30-10:30 am Tuesdays)
***Final seminar paper (15-30 pages) on a subject to be agreed upon by October 20 (to count as 1/3 of overall grade)

Pre-requisites: Greek 112-212


Provisional Schedule

In addition to the rough schedule below, there will be additional texts/essays assigned by the instructor as the semester progresses. Translations to be assigned as the course progresses.

Week 0: Aug. 25
  Initial Meeting, syllabus, paperwork, etc.

Week 1: Sept. 1
  Histories (Introduction, Book 1.0-1.100)
  Translate 1.0 – 1.5
  Appendix A, B

Week 2: Sept. 8***reschedule***
  Histories (Book 1.101-216)
  Translate
Appendix C,D

Week 3: Sept. 15

*Histories* (Book 2.1-90)
Translate
Appendix E,F

Week 4: Sept. 22

*Histories* (Book 2.91-182)
Translate
Appendix G,H

Week 5: Sept. 29

*Histories* (Book 3)
Translate
Appendix I,J

Week 6: Oct. 6

*Histories* (Book 4.1-98)
Translate
Appendix K,L

Week 7: Oct. 13

*Histories* (Book 4.99-205)
Translate
Appendix M,N

Week 8: Oct. 20

*Histories* (Book 5)
Translate
Appendix O,P
Proposal for final paper

Week 9: Oct. 27

*Histories* (Book 6)
Translate
Appendix Q,R

Week 10: Nov. 3

*Histories* (Book 7.1-118)
Translate
Appendix S,T

Week 11: Nov. 10
Histories (Book 7.119-239)
Translate
Appendix U

Week 12: Nov. 17
Histories (Book 8)
Translate
Draft of paper due

Week 13: Nov. 24
Histories (Book 9)
Translate

Week 14: Dec. 1
Translate
Final paper due (15-30 pp)

Week 15: Dec. 8
Last day of class