Comparative Literature / History G8420: THE HERMENEUTIC TRADITION
Fall 2015, Wednesday, 4:10-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday – September 9, 2015
Introduction

Wednesday – September 16, 2015
Humanist Hermeneutics
Erasmus, *Ciceronianus* (1528); Kathy Eden, "Equity and Renaissance Historicism" (1993); "Erasmian Hermeneutics" (1997)

Wednesday – September 23, 2015
The New Philology
Spinoza, *Tractatus Theologico-Politicus*, chapters 7-8 (1670)

Wednesday – September 30, 2015
Romantic Hermeneutics
Schleiermacher, "Hermeneutics" (1819); "General Hermeneutics" (1810)

Wednesday – October 7, 2015
Nineteenth-Century Historicism
Dilthey, "The Rise of Hermeneutics" (1900); Droysen, *Outline of the Principles of History* (1867)

Wednesday – October 14, 2015
The Hermeneutic Circle
Heidegger, *Being and Time*, chapt. 32 (1927); Leo Spitzer, "Linguistics and Literary History" (1948)

Wednesday – October 21, 2015
Aporias of Historicism (1)
R.G. Collingwood, "Human Nature and Human History"; "The Historical Imagination"; "History as Re-Enactment of Past Experience" (1946)

Wednesday – October 28, 2015
Aporias of Historicism (2)
Jorge-Luis Borges, "Pierre Menard, Author of the Quixote" (1939)

Wednesday – November 4, 2015
Gadamer (1)

Wednesday – November 11, 2015
Gadamer (2)

Wednesday – November 18, 2015
Gadamer (3)
*Truth and Method*: "Analysis of Historically Affected Consciousness", "Language as the Medium of Hermeneutic Experience", "Language as Horizon of a Hermeneutic Ontology" (in *Truth and Method*)

Wednesday – November 25, 2015
The Gadamer-Habermas Debate

Wednesday – December 2, 2015
Metahistory
Hayden White: *Metahistory: The Historical Imagination in Nineteenth-Century Europe* (Introduction) (1973); "Narrative in Contemporary Historical Theory" (1987); "Droysen's Historik: Historical Writing as a Bourgeois Science" (1987)

Wednesday – December 9, 2015
Conclusion-Discussion of Student Work

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