English 190: Shakespeare

Time: MWF 10.30
Place: MC 1056
Office hours: Hagey Hall 223, MWF 3.00-5.00; TR 10.00-4.00

Texts: *King Lear*

   *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
   *Othello*
   *The Merchant of Venice*
   *The Taming of the Shrew*
   *The Tempest*

   Fowler, Aaron, McArthur, *The Little Brown Handbook*

The Penguin editions of Shakespeare are in the bookstore, but any edition will do.

**Written Assignments:**

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**Lecture Schedule**

Mon Sept 12  Introduction
Wed Sept 14  *King Lear*
Mon Sept 26  *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
Wed Oct 12   *Othello*
Mon Oct 24   Mid-Term Exam
Wed Oct 26   *The Merchant of Venice*
Wed Nov 9    *The Taming of the Shrew*
Wed Nov 23   *The Tempest*
Mon Dec 5    Course Review

The course will be in lecture format, although student questions are encouraged. Students are expected to master the plot elements of each play as the basis for a consideration of thematic elements and issues of literary technique.

We will discuss one act each class (five classes per play). Students are expected to have read the entire play before the first lecture.