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Dear Students of ARTSSCI 1A06 / Practices of Knowledge,

The university community takes the health and wellness of our members seriously and we are interested in slowing the potential for spread of COVID-19. We are committed to ensuring the successful completion of the current academic term by all of our students. While the University has taken many measures to prepare and keep our community informed as the pandemic has unfolded, the university has made a decision to suspend classes at McMaster. **McMaster in-person classes and tests for undergraduate and graduate students will end as of Friday 13 March 2020 and no in-person exams will be held at the end of this term.** The following describes what you can expect for ARTSSCI 1A06 / Practices of Knowledge between now and the end of the term:

Between now and Tues. 7 April 2020, you can expect the following changes with respect to course instruction for this course:

There will be no class lectures, but students are expected to complete the readings of poetry (Friedrich Hölderlin and Mary Oliver) as well as the novel by Richard Powers, *The Overstory*, and to submit weekly reflections to the TA dropboxes as required to complete the participation assignment (please contact your TA via email with questions or concerns). I will be providing some additional resources on Avenue to structure and support these readings. The dropbox is open on the Avenue site for the midterm essays and the deadlines remain intact (please contact me via email with questions or concerns about the midterm essay).

In addition, you can expect the following changes to the assessments used for this course:

Instead of a final exam (2 hours) I will be posting a take-home final assignment on or before April 1, 2020 that will be due for submission on the Avenue dropbox on the originally scheduled date of the final exam, Friday April 24, 2020. I will post the assignment and the word count on the Avenue site, as well as distribute it on the class distribution list. Please contact me by email if you have any questions of clarification regarding the final take-home assignment **once I have posted it**. Finally, while there will be no scheduled in-person office hours, I and the TA's remain available on email for consultation.

If you have a need for further accommodations, please continue to communicate with Student Accessibility Services and keep me informed. In the event of significant changes to the COVID-19 situation, further changes may need to be made to this course. Please visit <https://covid19.mcmaster.ca/> for up-to-date university information.

Sincerely,

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