Introduction to the Course

Welcome! This semester we will be looking at the amazing world of the short story. In this class we’ll approach the various texts from a number of different ways, but in the end our main goal will be discover those insights into the human condition that the writers of these stories have to offer.

Communication/Blogs: This semester we will be using both traditional email and the available blogging software to enable us to better communicate inside and out of class. The first thing you need to do is to send an email from the email address you use most frequently to carr@kizzier.com. Then go to blogger.com or tumblr.com and set up a personal blog for yourself. This is where you will post your responses to the readings, etc. I have set up a class blog for us as well. Look for an invitation to join in your email inbox and follow the steps to login. If you don’t have a computer with internet access at home, discover the 500+ terminals we have here on campus.

Texts: We have several required texts this semester:

- *The Art of the Short Story* ed. Dana Gioia and R.S. Gwynn (required)
- *The Short Stories* by Ernest Hemingway (required)
- *A Visit From the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan (required)
- *The Vintage Book of Contemporary American Short Stories* ed. Tobias Wolff (required)

These texts are available at the bookstore, as well as online. We will also have various handouts and links during the semester. Just remember that for each reading assignment, you should read the required material and blog on it before coming to class.

Syllabus and Handouts: You can find the syllabus and various handouts about the course on my faculty homepage: http://faculty.ccbcmd.edu/~ckizzier/index.htm. There you will learn about the requirements of the course, the definition of plagiarism, and grades. I will also post all assignments and due dates there. So add the site to your favorites list!

Contact me about absences or appointments for office hours by emailing me at carr@kizzier.com. For questions about course work, post your questions to the Class Blog or email your classmates. You can also leave me a voice message at 443-840-1638. My office is located in E325.