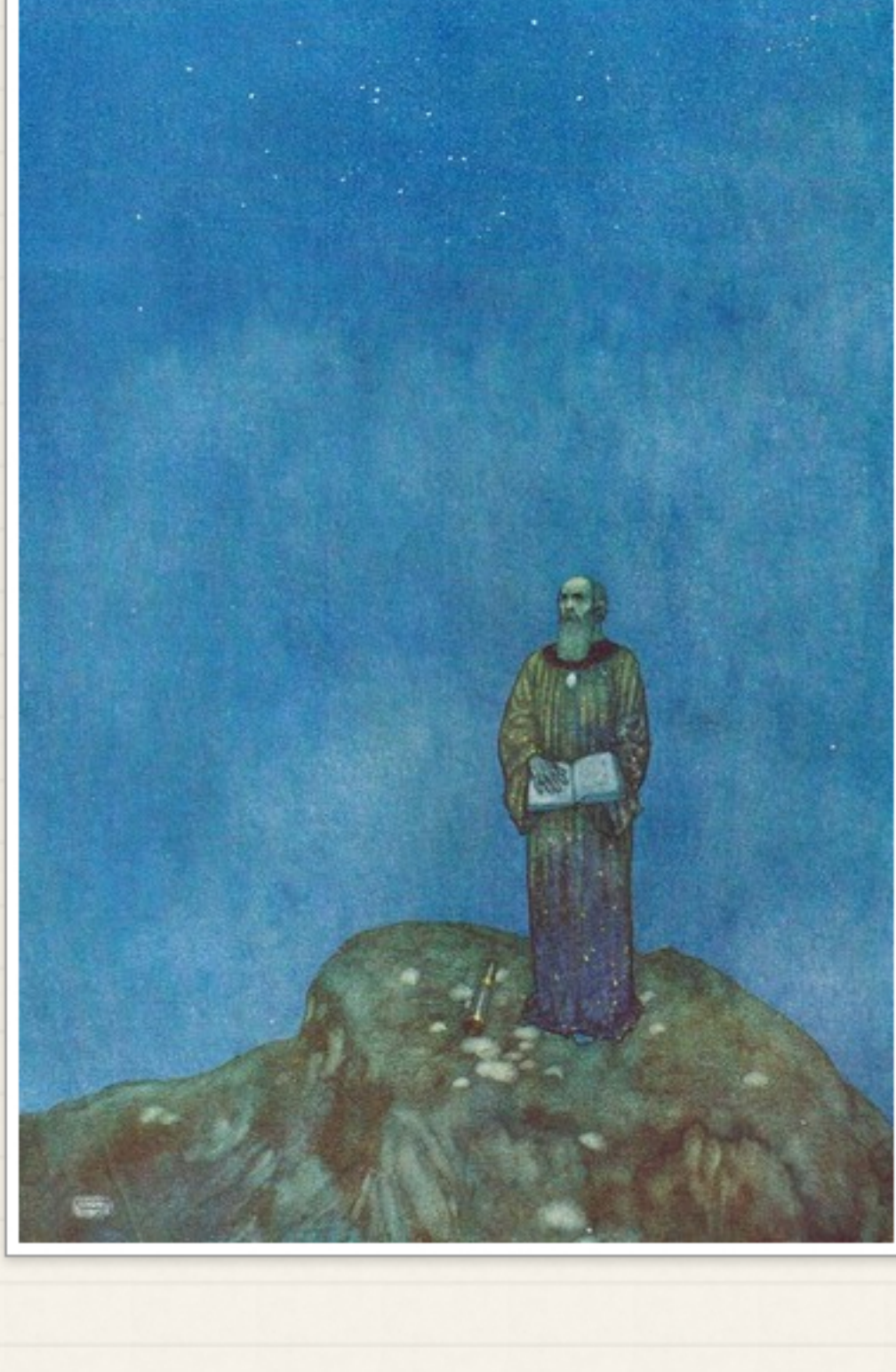


# Summer Seminar: Plato & Shakespeare

Being Beside Oneself



## a co-sponsored seminar for entering college freshmen

With pleasure, we invite you to apply for a unique summer seminar co-sponsored by the Houston Institute and the Samuel & Erasmus institute. The seminar will engage Plato's *Phaedrus*\* and Shakespeare's *The Tempest*: two master works that have intrigued and inspired numerous souls of the past, present, and, no doubt, of the future.

Wildly imaginative and also approachable, they dig into some of the more mysterious ideas (and experiences) of human life, including the transformative nature of forgiveness, and the potential of divine communion--such as being pulled out of oneself ("beside oneself") by poetic inspiration or impactful love.

\*We will also read Josef Pieper's *Divine Madness*--a short philosophic work on Plato's *Phaedrus*.

For the sake of meaningful conversation, this workshop is limited in number. The event is sponsored--there is no cost for attendees and materials will be provided. Full attendance for all seminar meetings is required in addition to completing the reading of Plato's *Phaedrus* prior to the seminar. Please respond quickly, no later than May 15, as we will fill the seminar soon. See below for further details and instructions.

Sincerely yours,

Jeff Presberg (Samuel & Erasmus institute) and Paul Fortunato (Houston Institute)

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Above illustration of Shakespeare's Prospero by Edmund Dulac  
(see link below for a vintage copy of his illustrated version of *The Tempest*--a rare treasure!)

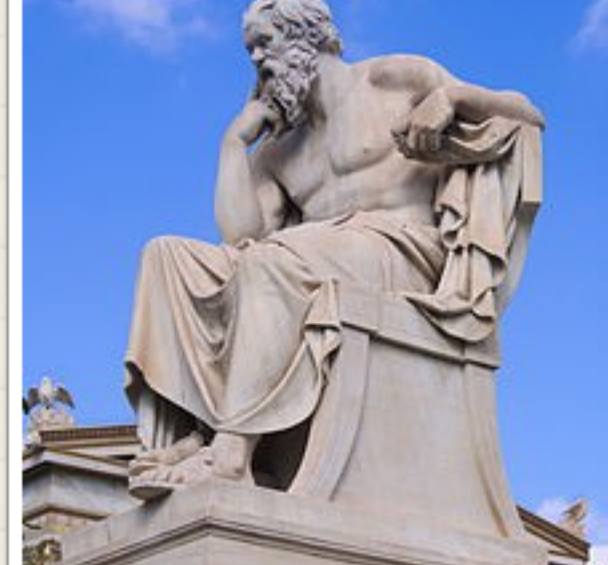
*Full fathom five thy father lies;  
Of his bones are coral made;  
Those are pearls that were his eyes:  
Nothing of him that doth fade,  
But doth suffer a sea-change  
Into something rich and strange.  
Sea-nymphs hourly ring his knell: Ding-dong  
Hark! now I hear them,—Ding-dong, bell.*  
~ *The Tempest*



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*Well then, my dear Phaedrus, do you think, as I do myself, that something more than human has happened to me?*

~ *Phaedrus* (Socrates speaking)



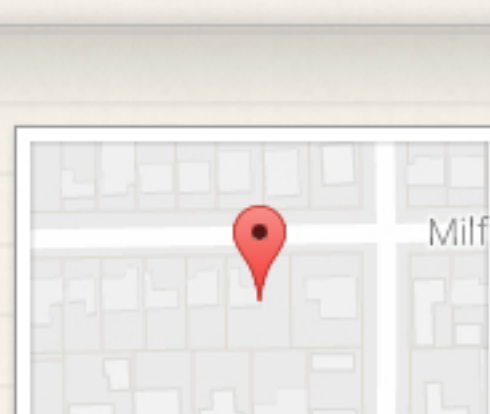
## SEi & HI June Seminar I

WHEN

**Tuesday, June 6th, 4:15pm to Saturday, June 10th, 9:30pm**

WHERE

**1707 Milford Street  
Houston, TX**



[Get Directions](#)

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

**Attend (RSVP)**

## A Plan

**Attendees:** for entering college freshmen

**Dates & Hours:** June 6, 8: 4:15 pm ~ 7:15 pm June 10: 3:15 pm ~ 9:30 pm

**Schedule:**

June 6 and 8:

4:15 hospitality and conversation (informal but on seminar topics and issues)

5:00 Plato seminar

6:30 hospitality and conversation

7:15 finish

June 10:

3:15 final Plato conversation and overview

4:00 hospitality and bocce

5:00 *The Tempest*, dramatic reading, part 1

6:30 dinner

7:30 *The Tempest*, dramatic reading, part 2

8:30 play discussion

9:30 finis

**Cost:**

- sponsored

**Attire & Things:**

- elegant casual (collared shirt for regular days; sport coat and pants for dinner)

**Materials:**

- books and reading materials supplied

- bring a pen and journal

**O, wonder! How many goodly creatures are there here! How  
beauteous mankind is! O brave new world, That has such people  
in't!**

~ Miranda, *The Tempest*



**The Tempest, illustrated by Edmund Dulac**

## How to apply

Compose a brief essay, 1-2 paragraphs, explaining why you would like to attend this seminar. Submit your essay to Jeff Presberg by email and before May 15. (see contact information below). Submit your full contact information, including a mailing address.

*Note: once application is accepted, arrangements will be made to deliver books and readings to attendees.*



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*Give light, and the darkness will disappear of itself.*

~ Erasmus

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THE "WORLD" ARE THOSE WHO REALLY TRANSFORM IT. ~ C.S.  
LEWIS**