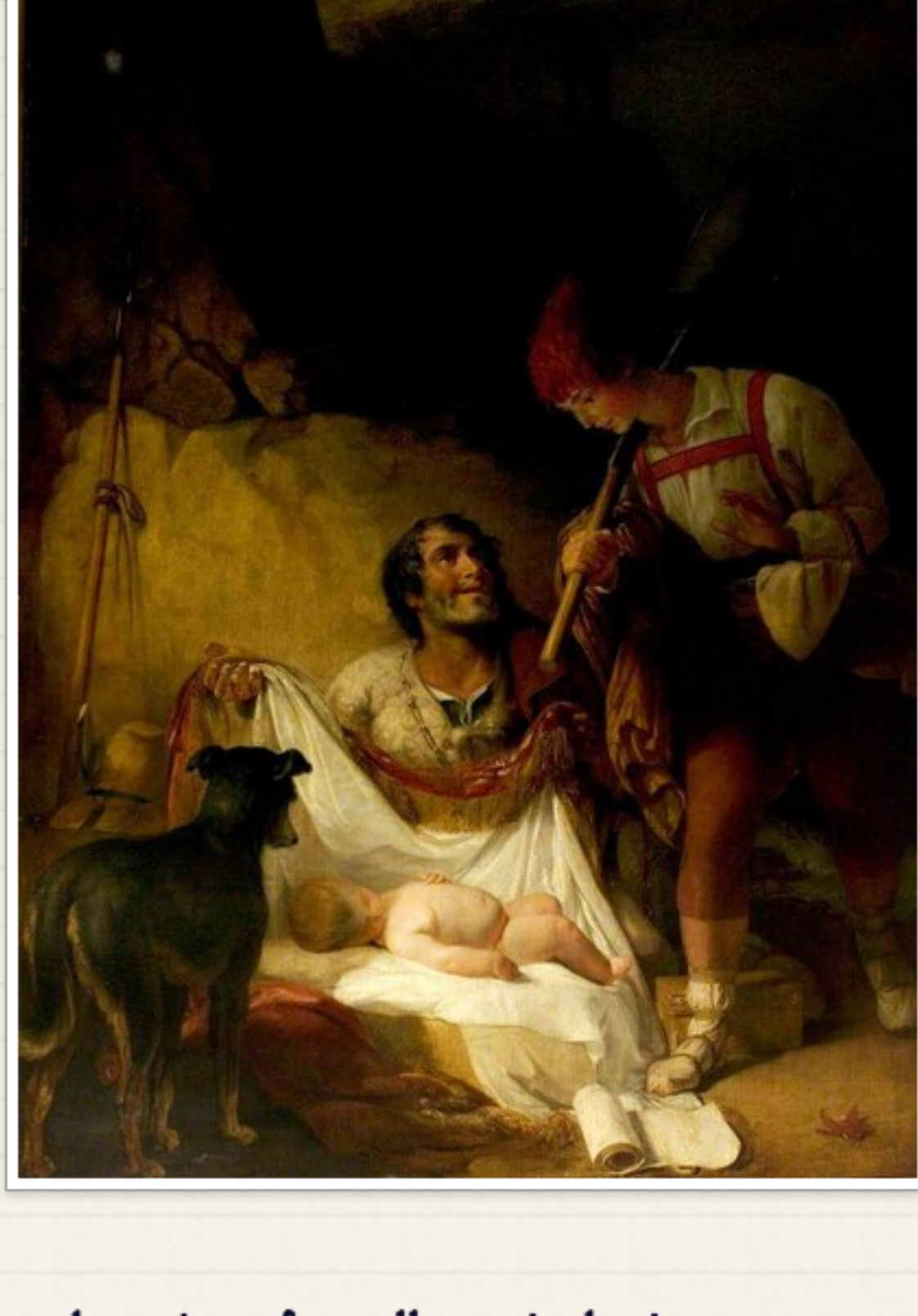


Summer Seminar: Plato & Shakespeare

Epiphanies, Fools & Apology



a co-sponsored seminar for college students

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 *The Apology* and Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*.

Engaging some of the most puzzling and important questions in the adventure of human living, these two works move and turn with wisdom, mystery, and wit. As we open doors, windows, (or maybe just slight cracks) to these works, there is no doubt, surprises and insights will follow. (*And why not conjure thoughts of winter amidst a Houston summer?!*)

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 reading Plato's *The Apology* prior to the seminar. Please respond quickly 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 painting: *Finding of Perdition* by Henry Thomson (c1823)

**But thus: if powers divine
Behold our human actions, as they do,
I doubt not then but innocence shall make
False accusation blush and tyranny
Tremble at patience.**

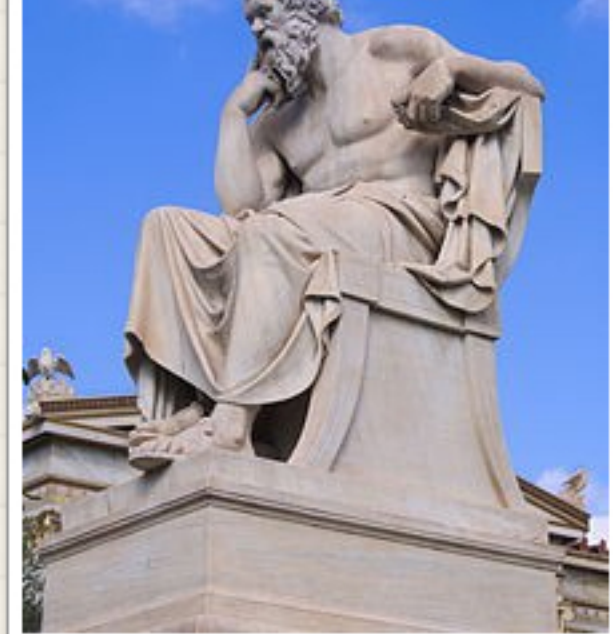
(Hermione, *The Winter's Tale*)



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"Neither I nor any other man should, on trial or in way, contrive to avoid death at any cost."

~ *Apology* (Socrates speaking)



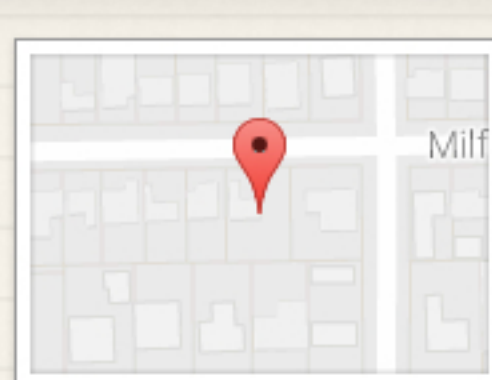
SEi & HI June Seminar II

WHEN

**Tuesday, June 13th, 4:45pm to Friday,
June 16th, 9:45pm**

WHERE

**1707 Milford Street
Houston, TX**



[Get Directions](#)

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Attend (RSVP)

A Plan

Attendees: for college students

Dates & Hours: *June 13, 15:* 4:45 pm ~ 7:45 pm *June 16:* 4:30 pm ~ 9:45 pm

Schedule:

June 13 and 15:

4:45 hospitality and conversation (informal but on seminar topics and issues)

5:30 Plato seminar

7:00 hospitality and conversation

7:45 finish

June 16:

4:30 hospitality, conversation, and bocce

5:30 *The Winter's Tale*, dramatic reading, part 1

7:00 dinner

8:00 *The Winter's Tale*, dramatic reading, part 2

9:00 play discussion

9:45 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



Though I am not naturally honest, I am so sometimes by chance...

~ Autolykus (a rogue peddler), *The Winter's Tale*

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 19. (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**