Our focus in this course will be on philosophical hermeneutics, or the philosophy of interpretation. We will explore questions about the meaning of our experience, the possibility of translation, and the limits of human understanding.

We will *read* texts by Ricoeur, Gadamer, Heidegger, Derrida, Fish, and Villoro (among others).*

There will be short writing assignments throughout the semester and a longer research paper at the end.

To register for the course, you must be a graduate student or have instructor consent.

**Our primary texts:**


*Texts by Luis Villoro, Jacques Derrida, and Stanley Fish will be supplied by the instructor.