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- This online course runs from **July 20 to August 14, 2020**
 - Class meets for an hour on Mondays and Wednesdays and includes one hour-long office hour on Fridays for a total of **12 hours of instruction**
- Class size is limited to **10 students**
- The complete course costs **\$795**

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INSTRUCTORS



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Mark earned his B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles, majoring in History and English Literature with highest departmental honors and minoring in Spanish Literature. Mark then went to Yale University and Yale Divinity School, where he studied Roman History and Early Christianity, earning his Ph.D., M.Phil., and M.A. in History and his M.A. in Religion.

A *cum laude* graduate of Yale University, Mark earned his B.A. in American Studies. Mark has been an educator for over twelve years, teaching at the Wheeler School in Providence, at the Curtis School in Los Angeles, and in an array of educational programs including the Breakthrough Collaborative, Jumpstart, and an intensive writing program run through Stanford University.



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Rob Conant

Rob received his A.B. in Psychology from Georgetown University and his J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center. He spent over a decade pursuing a career on Wall Street, including advising multibillion-dollar hedge fund clients as a securities lawyer and running the business development operations of the lobbying group for the hedge fund industry. He has since left the financial services arena in pursuit of creative endeavors, primarily as a screenwriter and educator.

Dylan received her B.A. in American Studies and Creative Writing from Columbia University, where she made Dean's List. She also studied Art History in Rome. Recognized for academic excellence, Dylan was an AP Scholar with honors, a National Merit Scholar, a Spanish Honors Society member, and a Jesse and George Siegel Scholarship recipient.



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Lily Freda

Lily graduated *cum laude* from Harvard University with a degree in English. While there, she wrote for *The Harvard Crimson* and created and performed in an original one-act musical. Lily has tutored students in the Washington D.C., Boston, New York, and LA areas, and is an International Baccalaureate Diploma recipient. In New York, Lily was a staff writer and video director at *The Huffington Post* and hosted a *Time Out New York* Critics' Pick variety show. Her work has also appeared in *The New Yorker*.

Shirin earned her B.A. in Economics from Columbia University, where she made the Dean's List. She was also an AP Scholar with Honors. After graduating from Columbia, Shirin completed a two-year investment banking analyst program at Credit Suisse in New York. Following finance, she worked in publishing—freelancing at *Vogue*, interning at *Glamour*, and working as an Editorial Assistant at *Departures* magazine. Shirin is a published writer whose work has appeared in *LA Weekly*, *The Rumpus*, and a number of online literary magazines.



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