

Whitman College Semester in the West  
Itinerary October 14-24 2004

**READ: Hal Rothman, *Neon Metropolis: How Las Vegas Started the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*.** Introduction, Chapters 1, 3, 4, 8. These chapters are required. You may find other chapters useful for your epiphany, which must focus on Las Vegas and is due during the canoe trip (see below).

**Thursday, October 14:** Drive to Las Vegas via Death Valley, Camp at Red Rock Canyon through Saturday evening.

**Friday, October 15:** 10:30 Meet Culinary Union Organizer Glen Arnodo  
3:00pm Meet Jan Jones, former mayor of Las Vegas, One Harrah's Court.  
Evening: Explore Las Vegas

**Saturday, October 16:** *Morning and Early Afternoon:* Class Discussion, Writing Time. Prepare for Canoe Trip. 3:00 Meet Irene Rostine, Meg McPhaden's grandmother and long time Las Vegas resident, at UNLV library. Homemade Lasagna and Discussion at Irene Rostine's Home.

**Sunday, October 17:** 9:00am Meet author Hal Rothman, tour Las Vegas in Grayline Bus, Discussion. *Afternoon:* Depart for Moab, Utah, arrive LATE. Stay at Slickrock Campground in Moab. Laundry and Showers, trailer will not be fully unpacked.

**Monday, October 18:** Begin Canoe Trip. Meet at 8:00am, fully packed and ready, at Tex's Riverways in Moab. They will provide transport. We will leave our vehicles in their secure parking lot. Begin Canoe Trip. 52 Miles on the Green River from Mineral Bottom to the confluence with the Colorado River. 5 days, 4 nights. Shuttle upriver by jet boat on the Colorado River to Potash (near Moab) by Tex's Riverways.  
*Evening:* Reading Aloud Selections by Terry Tempest Williams and Ellen Meloy

**Tuesday, October 19:** Canoe and explore. First set of **Las Vegas epiphanies** due at dinner. Evening reading of ten epiphanies. **Wednesday, October 20:** Canoe and Explore. Finish **Las Vegas epiphanies**. **Thursday, October 21:** Canoe and explore.  
*Evening: Discussion of Reading:* William Cronon, "The Trouble with Wilderness"

**Friday, October 22:** Canoe to confluence, jet boat pickup. Return to Slickrock Campground by dinner. Dinner out in Moab at Mexican Joint. Showers and Laundry.

**Saturday, October 23:** Morning: Move camp to site on public lands south of Moab. Afternoon: Return to Moab, explore. Dinner: Meet Ellen Meloy. **Read:** Selections from "A River Flowing From The Sunrise"

**Sunday, October 24:** Begin second half of writing course with Ellen Meloy.  
Late morning: Drive to Pack Creek to meet Ken Sleight (Seldom Seen)