

# Oh the places we went! : creating and teaching Dr. Seuss : then and now! : an honors thesis (HONRS 499)

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## Abstract:

For my Honors thesis project I chose to create and teach an honors colloquium, Dr. Seuss: Then and Now! under the direction of Dr. Tony Edmonds, professor of history. As a social studies education and history major I was grateful to have the opportunity to gain some teaching experience while also broadening my content knowledge. The course focused on the life and works of Theodor Geisel (better known as "Dr. Seuss") as well as his continuing legacy as a children's author and illustrator. It was offered during the fall 2008 semester, during which time fifteen students from a wide variety of majors participated in the class. The intention of this course was to help students better understand the significance of Geisel's works and to develop a greater appreciation for them. In preparing and teaching this course, Claire learned valuable strategies and skills that helped her to become a more effective as well as more knowledgeable teacher.

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