Let others delight in the good old days; I am delighted to be alive right now. This age is suited to my way of life.

Ovid, *Ars Amatoria*, III, 121-122.

This course is not philosophy. This course is about the organization of knowledge. It is about what is certain and what is true. The central questions it raises are: What is knowledge? How is knowledge organized conceptually? How is knowledge organized socially? Does the knowledge we have describe or represent a world outside the self? Does knowledge explain a world outside the self? What is the purpose of knowledge? When we say we know something, what do we mean? When we think about something, what do we think about?

**READINGS:**

- C.P. Snow, *Two Cultures* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)
- Alan Megill (ed.), *Rethinking Objectivity*

**FINAL ESSAY**

Course requirements: attendance, discussion, readings, final essay, good will, a sense of humor, interest, industriousness, and curiosity. No caps or hats.

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