

## ENG 220L 721

Welcome to Lit & Gender Online!

We're sure to have an exciting summer session, as we think deeply and critically about gender issues and how they are reflected in and affected by literature and other forms of popular culture. For those of you that do not know me, I'm Dr. Patricia Tarantello, a former Marist College Red Fox myself, who now works in the English department, where I teach FYS (in fact, I'm the FYS Director), Core Lit classes, Upper-Level English classes, and Capping. I love to think through gender issues, so I'm excited to have the opportunity to work and share ideas with you in this class. If you need to get in contact with me, you can e-mail me at [patricia.f.tarantello@marist.edu](mailto:patricia.f.tarantello@marist.edu).

This class is organized by week. Weeks open on Mondays at 8:00AM and close on Sundays at 11:59 PM. You will have a Thursday 11:59 PM deadline for some of the work and the rest will be due by Sunday at 11:59 PM. Each week, you will need to watch a TED talk on gender, read a text, write a paragraph long forum post, and write a 2-page (500 word) response paper. Your final project will be to create your own engaging and persuasive TED-style talk about some aspect of literature and gender, informed by library research. By the end of the session, you'll feel confident about your understanding of gender concepts and your ability to apply those concepts to various forms of popular culture.

Most of your readings will be available on Brightspace. You do need to purchase the two following books:

Title: *Sleeper and the Spindle*

Author: Neil Gaiman

ISBN: 9780062398253

Title: *Felix Ever After*

Author: Kacen Callender

ISBN: 9780062820266

I look forward to working with you this summer!

Best,

Dr. Tarantello