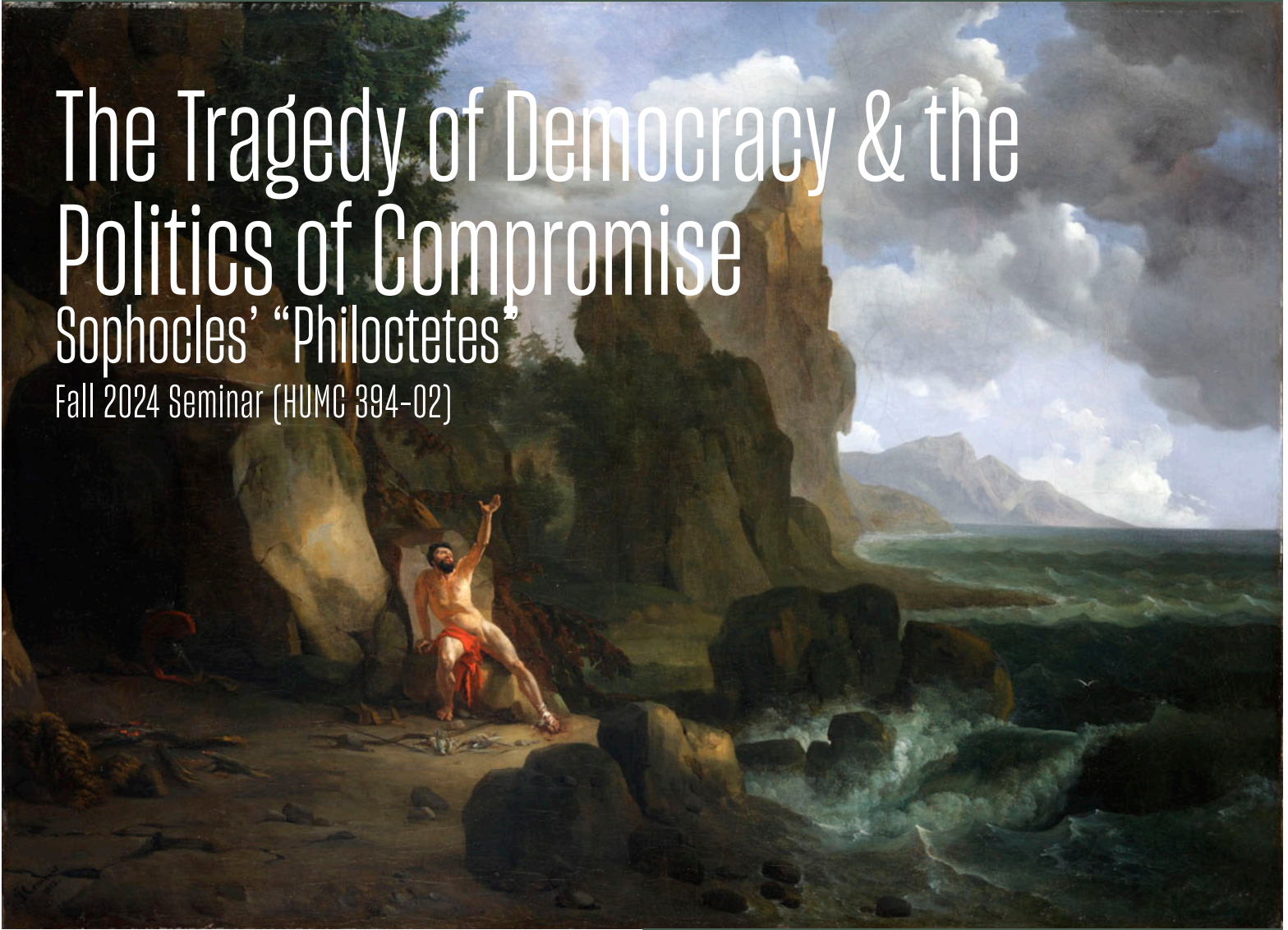


The Tragedy of Democracy & the Politics of Compromise

Sophocles' "Philoctetes"

Fall 2024 Seminar (HUMC 394-02)



Here in the U.S. in 2024, it looks like we are still committed to trying to make this whole democracy thing work, but we also know that democracy sure does seem to ask a lot of us. It is a challenge to figure out how to balance what we can expect from our democracy and what our democracy expects of us. To help us — and the broader USD community — address these problems, we will be looking back to an ancient example of grappling with these very concerns. In this course, we will be working to build a creative performance/lecture event that speaks to some problems of contemporary democratic life through a sustained engagement with Sophocles' *Philoctetes*, a tragedy of injustice, trauma, and reconciliation against the backdrop of a democracy trying desperately to hang on to itself.

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Dates:	Class: Thursdays at 2:30-3:50 p.m. September 5 - October 31 Rehearsals: Friday September 27, Friday October 4 and Tuesday October 8
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Details:	One (1) unit of credit Pass/fail only No prerequisites or technical skills required. Open to all upper division students.