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   Thurs. Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

» TWO UTOPIAN VISIONS: NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE’S
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   THOREAU’S WALDEN—William Major
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   This course is canceled.

» FOUR SHORT NOVELS AND A FILM: CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN’S LIVES
   —Jane Barstow
   Meets every two weeks.
   Thurs., April 14, 28; May 12, 26; 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

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Cost: $80, Fellows and UHart Alumni $65

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Not that long ago, only “important people” had their life stories published, either as a biography or autobiography. However, in the last 25 years, the life stories of relatively ordinary people (a.k.a. memoirs) have become a hot publishing trend. In this workshop, participants will learn the key components of memoirs, read some examples, and engage in workshop exercises that allow them to explore, write, and revise their own life stories, either for personal satisfaction or for possible publication.

Cost: $75; Fellows, $60

TWO UTOPIAN VISIONS: NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE’S THE BLITHEDALE ROMANCE AND HENRY DAVID THOREAU’S WALDEN—William Major
Utopian thinking and social experimentation dominated much of the intellectual fervor of 19th-century America, perhaps no more so than in the transcendental hotbed in and around Concord, Massachusetts. Two writers of the time were intimately familiar with utopian socialist and reformist ideals, but Nathaniel Hawthorne and Henry David Thoreau took strikingly different approaches to the concept of utopianism.

Hawthorne joined George Ripley’s socialist experiment at Brook Farm, while Thoreau built himself a small cabin on the banks of Walden Pond as an “experiment” in living. We will read and discuss the two major literary works that emerged out of the desire to reform both the self and society, Thoreau’s Walden (1854) and Hawthorne’s The Blithedale Romance (1852). Our discussions will explore the differences between theory and practice and probe the tensions between individual desire and the collective good.

Cost: $65; Fellows $50

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