***To the Lighthouse*:**

**"Reading minds" in Virginia Woolf's masterpiece**

**OLLI Short Course, July 8-12, 2024**

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**SYLLABUS**

**NOTE:** The required edition of *To the Lighthouse* (1927) for this OLLI Short course is the

2005 edition (annotated), edited by Mark Hussey (Harcourt, Inc. ISBN: 978-015603047-

2). The syllabus below indicates pages in this edition only. If you prefer to use a different edition of the novel, you may do so. However, the stream of consciousness style and lyrical prose that distinguish this novel are vital elements of understanding it. Professor Rubenstein will refer to and read aloud passages in the designated edition only. You may follow the same section numbers provided below, which are consistent across all editions of the novel, but pagination varies among several available editions.

**Monday, July 8**: Introductory lecture on Virginia Woolf and guidance for reading (or re-reading)

*To the Lighthouse*

***Optional***: If you know very little about Virginia Woolf, you are encouraged to read the brief biographical Preface by Mark Hussey (pp. *ix-xviii).* Participants are advised *not* to read Hussey’s Introduction (pp. *xxxv-lxviii*) until you’ve finished reading the novel.

**Tuesday, July 9**: *For this date*, read **Part I, Sections I-IX,** of *To the Lighthouse*: “The Window”

(pp. 5-57); lecture and group discussion

**Wednesday, July 10**: *For this date*, read **Part I, Sections X-XIV**, of “The Window” (pp. 57-126); lecture and group discussion

**Thursday, July 11**: *For this date*, read **Part II, Sections I-X**: “Time Passes” (pp. 127-46) and **all of**

**Part III, Sections I-XIII**: “The Lighthouse” (to the novel’s end: pp. 147-211); lecture and group discussion

**Friday, July 12:** *To the Lighthouse* wrap-up*:* closing lecture by Prof. Rubenstein followed by

discussion and questions from participants.

**Optional:** read Mark Hussey’s introduction to the novel (pp. *xxxv-lxviii*).