**The Crime Film**

**Film 3420 H**

**Short Visual Analysis (25% of Final Grade)**

**Description**

This assignment is designed to test your ability to describe and interpret film narrative. You will be shown a scene from the film, *Out of the Past* (1947). Your task will be to give a description of the scene by breaking it down into its component parts, and then to speculate on its possible meanings.

The clip entitled, Out of the Past, can be found at this location on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dcIVxOVxTs>

The assignment asks you to consider the scene in isolation from the rest of the film. You may watch the entire film if you wish, but you will be graded on the precision with which you are able to describe the sequence and the quality of your ideas about its possible meanings.

Your task, then, is twofold: 1) to describe what you see as clearly as possible (you do not need to use filmic terms); and 2) to explain what it might mean (literally, thematically and symbolically).

You should write the assignment in essay form, but should think of it as having two parts. The first part of the assignment involves a shot-by-shot breakdown of the scene. The second part asks you to provide several possible interpretations of the meaning of the scene. A topic statement is required. A thesis statement is not.

This assignment requires you to analyze the sequence yourself. Using internet or other sources will result in substantial deductions to your grade.

Your assignment should be typed and double-spaced. It should be about 1500 words in length (6 pages). It should be sent to me before 10pm on **July 13, 2020.**

**Late assignments** will have 5% deducted for each day late, including weekends.