

*Writing to the Moment* –  
Self and Society in Eighteenth-Century Britain



Joshua Reynolds, Self Portrait, ca.1747-49

In spring 2021, we will read a wide variety of first-person texts including:

- Defoe's *A Journal of a Plague Year*
- Richardson's *Pamela* and Fielding's *Shamela*
- Johnson's *The Life of Mr. Richard Savage*
- excerpts from *The Spectator*, *The Tatler*, *The Female Tatler* newspapers
- letters and diary entries from writers including Samuel Pepys, Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, Ignatius Sancho, James Boswell, and Frances Burney
- poems of the country and the city and of daybreak and nightfall

ENG 4860/4861, MWF 10-10:50 a.m. (WEB), Dr. Jennifer Wilson