The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at William & Mary is dedicated, particularly but not exclusively, to persons age 50 or older, who seek learning, enrichment, and keeping in touch with the larger world. We strive to provide outstanding educational opportunities for members to explore varied topics via courses, lectures, special events and activities in environments that encourage sharing and fellowship.

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Special Events are back!

Keep an eye out for virtual special events during Fall 2021 registration. Dates for these special events are not confirmed at time of catalog print. More information will be available via the Osher website and upcoming monthly newsletters.

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Are Older Adults Exploring & Embracing Telehealth? What We are Learning Since the Pandemic

Christine J. Jensen, Director, Health Services Research, Riverside Center for Excellence in Aging & Lifelong Health and Christy Helsel, TeleHealth Program Director, Riverside Health System

Osher Shared Interest Group

September 30, 2021

Williamsburg Area Genealogical Society

Interested in genealogy and family history? Join us! For the past two years, our group has met once a month to share our successes and brick walls, made local field trips to research libraries and other facilities, found new friends, and had a lot of fun along the way. Whether you are an experienced genealogical researcher or a beginner, we would love to have you join!

If interested in joining this group, email wags1607@yahoo.com

If you are interested in starting a shared interest group, contact us at osher@wm.edu. We are looking to feature more in coming semesters!
Blackboard Offerings

The Three Mary’s: Mary Boleyn, Mary Tudor, and Mary Stewart, Queen of Scots by Debbie Misiag

Storytelling: An Act of Memory, Imagination & Vision by Shari Wiltshire

Keep up with your classmates work in the Storytelling Blog! (Source: osherstorytelling.com)

What is Blackboard?

Blackboard is a popular Web-based learning environment that improves instructor and student experiences through a rich set of features that support active learning. Within Blackboard, you can save and access course-related documents, and easily interact with other course participants using Blackboard’s built-in chat, email, and discussion board tools. With everything related to the course in one central place, you can stay connected to the course both during the times when class is in session but also any other time as well! You don’t have to be a technology guru to take advantage of these courses, but you do need a sense of adventure and a willingness to explore new technologies and skills.

How is Blackboard Different Than Zoom?

Zoom is a terrific platform for meetings and webinars, and as we have all seen during the pandemic, it can be successfully adapted for online courses, too. But unlike Blackboard, it is not a full-blown learning management system with a nice set of tools designed for active classroom learning. If you have taken an Osher Zoom class, you most likely noticed the more passive nature of the course – instructors mostly talk and students mostly listen. Zoom also doesn’t let you save all the documents related to the course within the Zoom session and the only time you have access to the course and its participants is during the actual times the class meets.

The American Wisdom Project

The America Wisdom Project is a pilot research and teaching curriculum of the Innermost House Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization based in California and Virginia. The Project exists to bring an American Wisdom Tradition into focus, through which to illuminate the great wisdom traditions of the larger world. It focuses on Williamsburg and early Virginia as a crossroads of East and West, North and South, Old and New. It develops from Williamsburg in the 18th century to Concord and Walden Pond in the 19th century, to the Far West in the 20th century, and beyond to their roots in the cultures of Native America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

This Project comprehends nature, art, thought, and spirituality as humanistic disciplines of the individual person, drawing upon local and national resources for class instruction, team-teaching, and off-site learning. Like its ancient forebear at Oxford University, Literae Humaniores, the American Wisdom Project is a laboratory for the cultivation of a “more humane learning.”

If you are interested in offering a curriculum that builds semester to semester with a multi-year commitment, contact us at osher@wm.edu.

Offerings Fall 2021 (Via Zoom)

Introduction to The American Wisdom Tradition

Part I: Williamsburg and the 18th Century

Part II: Walden and the 19th Century

Part III: The West and the 20th Century

*See page 12 for dates & times
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Bernard Osher Foundation

Want to attend courses at the Osher Institute?

Don’t have $135 on hand? Apply for a 100% scholarship.

Several scholarships sponsored by the Institute are available to be awarded this semester to individuals age 50 or older who have an annual combined household adjusted gross income of $50,000 or less.

The scholarships (funded by a grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation) pay the full cost of a Regular Membership at the Institute, which includes registration and parking for up to eight semester courses and unlimited one-time lectures.

Applications are available online at www.wm.edu/osher under About Us, Membership.
**ATTENDANCE**

You must be a Regular Member in order to register for courses, one-time lectures and activities (including Town & Gown Noon Lectures), or an Associate Member in order to register for the Town & Gown Noon Lecture Series or special events. Please select your courses and lectures with the intention of attending every session. Absences result in underused classroom space and prevent attendance by members who are on wait lists.

**DROPPING A COURSE**

If you need to drop a course before it begins, please notify the Osher Institute at W&M office at 757-221-1506 so they may contact the first person on the wait list to fill the available seat.

**GUESTS**

Osher Institute at W&M courses, one-time lectures, and activities (including Town & Gown Noon Lecture Series) are intended for Osher members. A member’s guest may attend a course or an activity once, only if the course is not fully subscribed. Local guests must be considering joining the Osher Institute at W&M. Please inform the office of guests contact information prior to any guest attending.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

The Osher Institute at W&M will cancel courses/activities/events/training for weather if W&M University Events and Activities are canceled. A notice will be on the Osher Institute at W&M office voice mail. Please note, you will not be personally contacted.

**NAME TAGS**

Registrants will receive their name tag by email approximately two weeks before the semester begins. Plastic name tag holders will be available on the first day of your course. Please wear your name tag to all Osher Institute at W&M events.

**REFUNDS**

Please note that the Osher Institute at W&M fees are membership fees. They are used to cover overall expenses of operating our lifelong learning program in a given semester and are not directly related to the number of courses you may take (i.e., there are no “per course” fees, and therefore, no “per course” refunds). Members are free to register for open courses (up to 8 courses max) at any time, even after a semester begins. The deadline for a refund of the membership fee is the first day of the semester: September 13, 2021. **Cancellation processing fee:** $10 for regular membership and $5 for associate membership. Please send a written request with a brief explanation of why you are canceling to osher@wm.edu
How to Register online

wm.edu/osher

Benefits to Registering Online
Our online system is a quick and convenient way to register for regular and associate memberships, sign up for courses, add activities, and access your schedule.

Fall Registration Session Dates
Registration request period begins: July 26, 2021
Registration request period ends: July 30, 2021
Course confirmation emails sent out: August 2, 2021
*You can still register for courses after the initial request period ends.

U.S. Mail Registration
Paper registration is an alternative for those who don’t have access to a computer. While we encourage all registrations to be submitted online, we want to accommodate everyone. A mail-in form is available in this catalog. Complete and mail hard-copy registrations and payment to: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, William & Mary, P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187 by July 25, 2021.

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP
$135 Per Semester
Register for up to eight courses each semester
Register for an unlimited number of activities (including Town & Gown Noon Lecture Series), and one-time lectures
Register and pay for special event trips
Enjoy free borrowing privileges at The Earl Gregg Swem Library at William & Mary* 
*Restrictions apply

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP
$50 Per Semester
Attend Town & Gown Noon Lecture Series (consists of six lectures)
American History

America's Long, Long Reconstruction Era and Its Relevance to the Current Discourse on Citizenship

Donna Dodenhoff
Monday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
10/4/2021 - 10/18/2021
School of Ed, Room 1056
32 seats available

This course will explore definitions of American citizenship evolving during the mid-nineteenth century and the redefinition of citizenship forged during the Civil War and Reconstruction. It will conclude by examining how this nineteenth century civil rights revolution is informing the contemporary discourse on citizenship.


Donna Dodenhoff has a Ph.D. in American studies from William & Mary and is currently employed by the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. A public historian, she has extensive experience interpreting American social and cultural history to general public and student audiences.

Building America: The United States in the Federalist Era (1789-1800)

Karen McPherson
Wednesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
9/15/2021 - 9/29/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

We all know the story of the passerby who asked Benjamin Franklin what kind of government the participants in the Constitution- al Convention had created in Philadelphia in 1787. Franklin’s answer was, “A republic . . . if you can keep it.” He might have easily responded, “A republic. . . if you can build it.” The 55 participants in the Constitution- al Convention had written a remarkable document, but no one was sure how, or if, it would work. This class will focus on the key events of the 1790s as the United States went about the process of nation-building.

Karen McPherson graduated from William & Mary and has an M.A. and Ph.D. in government from Catholic University and an M.A. in history from George Mason University. She also taught government and history in the public school system.

Forging a New Nation: Pivotal Moments in American History (1783-1803)

Michael Kerley
Thursday 2:00-4:00pm
3 session(s)
11/18/2021 - 12/9/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

Our government has many features that we take for granted: civilian control of the military, a written Constitution, a listing of reserved rights, a capital in Washington, D.C., and fixed presidential terms of office. When the Revolutionary War ended, however, none of these features were inevitable. Our government could very easily have evolved without these components. Yet, it did not. That is because between 1783 and 1803 several courageous men made critical decisions that determined our destiny. In this course we will look at these pivotal decisions, the circumstances leading to them, and the men who made them.


Michael Kerley is a retired attorney. He has a degree in government at Notre Dame and a law degree at George Washington University. He practiced securities law for over 30 years with a major financial services company. Mike is now an instructor and speaker on the origins of the Constitution.

From Colony to Commonwealth: An Examination of the Primary Sources

Mark Howell
Friday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
11/19/2021 - 12/10/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
16 seats available

It is all too easy to generalize the 18th century as the “Colonial Era.” But Virginians underwent a sea of change in the last quarter of the century. Politically, socially, economically, religiously . . . there was not an aspect of life that was not affected to some degree by the assertion of independence and the war. Participants will have an opportunity to read, analyze, and discuss transcriptions of rarely seen documents—including government documents, newspaper ads, diaries, and personal letters—that reveal these changes.

Mark Howell is Director of Education at the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and has also worked at Colonial Williamsburg and the Library of Virginia. He is passionate about using primary documents in training and programming to evoke a sense of the past for staff and visitor alike.

Home Fires: From the Wizard of Oz to I Love Lucy

Marilyn Younger
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/28/2021 - 11/11/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
40 seats available

What was life like for those living in the U.S. from just before World War II through the Korean Conflict? Gone were the chaos and desperation of the prior two decades. Wars were raging across oceans and people were unsure when the war might directly impact their lives or actually reach U.S. shores. While quietly keeping the home fires burning, Americans were adapting to new lifestyles and evolving technology. We were exposed to more art and entertainment opportunities than ever before. This is a continuation of the prior social history class, Between the Wars: From Ain’t We Got Fun to Brother Can You Spare a Dime. The goal is to better understand the daily lives of our parents and sometimes even ourselves as we lived through this period.

Marilyn Younger retired from the Social Security Administration where she served as director of the Data Exchange Program. She has a B.A. and M.A. in history and is a certified instructor for various leadership classes. She works part time as an interpreter for Colonial Williamsburg and is a Certified Interpretative Guide of the National Association for Interpretation.

Lace was the Fashion in 18th and 19th Century America

Carolyn Cerini
Friday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/29/2021 - 11/12/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
30 seats available

Americans have always been known for their fashion sense. This class will explore whether Americans tried to dress like Europeans with their use of lace in the 18th & 19th centuries, or developed their own style. We will look at how they found out about what others were wearing.

Carolyn Cerini has a B.S. in chemistry and an M.A.T. from Fairleigh Dickinson University. She taught high school chemistry, then taught at Northern Virginia Community Col-
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NPR Behind the Scenes: The Early Years
John Streiff
Wednesday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
10/6/2021 - 10/20/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

National Public Radio (NPR) is well-known today, but you might remember a time when NPR was not as recognizable. John Streiff was an early NPR employee, joining the company in 1972, less than one year after its founding. Discover the triumphs, faux pas, and ‘near misses’ in those first years. Hear the inside story from someone who was there and helped ‘write the book’ on public radio broadcasting at the national level in the United States.

Reading Suggested: This is NPR - The First Forty Years by Adams et al.

John Streiff has a degree in telecommunications from San Diego State and worked in the broadcast industry for decades. He has been a voting member of the Audio Engineering Society, the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and the Motion Picture Academy of America.

Settling the American Frontier: In Words and Pictures
Judith Barzilay
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/7/2021 - 10/21/2021
School of Ed, Room 1056
40 seats available

We will examine themes emerging from the idea of the frontier in American culture as reflected in the award-winning historical trilogy, The Awakening Land: The Trees, The Fields, The Town by Conrad Richter. The books tell the story through the eyes of Sayward Luckett from her childhood in 1795 to the end of her life some 80 years later. The events in the books will be illustrated using paintings and illustrations from various American artists, including those from the Hudson River School.


Reading Suggested: The Pioneers by David McCullough.

Judith Barzilay is a retired federal judge, a position she held for 18 years. From 2012-2016 she was on the faculty of the law school at William & Mary.

The Family Grant: For His Bicentennial
Feather Foster
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/26/2021 - 11/9/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

In session one of this course, we will discuss the first 40 years: Grant’s childhood, education, and career. His romance and marriage to Julia Dent was arguably the most important event in his life. In session two, we will discuss the next 15 years. After some decidedly thin years filled with failure and dead ends, the Civil War and U.S. Grant coincides. He becomes the Great General. Julia and the four children are never apart for long. The Presidency is offered for services rendered. Good times and bad times. In the final session, we will discuss the last bad, sad, and very great years. The Family Grant is a unit. They save him, and he saves them.

Feather Foster spent more than 35 years in advertising before starting a retirement career that has centered on First Ladies of the United States, specifically the old gals. She has written four books on the subject. The latest is Mary Lincoln’s Flannel Pajamas and Other Stories from the First Ladies’ Closet.

The Rise and Fall of Domestic Servants in Early 20th Century Northeast America
David Hopkinson
Friday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
11/19/2021 - 12/10/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
40 seats available

An overview of the rise and fall of the profession of domestic servants as the Gilded Age moved on to the Progressive Era: cultural and historical context; structure, roles, and duties of staff; relationships of servant to master and servant to servant; technological impacts; customs, rules, and manners in wealthy homes attended by servants. We will look at psychological, social class, and sociological factors at work in this unique arrangement of household operations.

David Hopkinson has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. He spent seven years teaching full time at the collegiate and graduate school level, five of those at William & Mary. He was also a tour guide at Maymont Mansion and wrote a manuscript and presented as a public lecturer.

The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt Part I: From Birth to September 6, 1901
Sandy Menaquale
Monday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
9/13/2021 - 9/27/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

Teddy Roosevelt’s (TR) early life is the story of seven men: A naturalist, a writer, a lover, a hunter, a ranchman, a soldier, and a politician, who merged at age 42 to become the youngest President in history. This course will take a look at TR from his birth until he becomes President of the United States. Future sessions will continue examining TR’s Presidency and post-Presidency.


Sandy Menaquale has English and American studies degrees from Mount Holyoke College and taught high school before receiving her M.B.A. She spent more than 28 years in pharmaceutical management for Eli Lilly. Upon retirement, she taught GED classes to inmates and high school language. She also worked for Thomas Nelson Community College as a Workforce Development trainer.

The Roosevelts and Reagan: Pulpits and Policy
Bernie Fitzgerald
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
9/14/2021 - 9/28/2021
Zoom
285 seats available

The presidents used their communication skills and available media (press, radio, and television) to achieve domestic and foreign policy goals. This course will discuss their successes and failures.
Bernie Fitzgerald is retired from the federal government (state, defense, and Army). He has taught a number of Osher Institute courses.

The Story of Free Blacks in Virginia 1619-1865
Horace Mann
Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
10/5/2021 - 10/19/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

The lives of free Blacks in Virginia in the two centuries prior to the Civil War have not been widely discussed. This course will explore how Americans of African descent became free and how they often led lives of achievement despite legal, political and social achievement. In-depth analysis will focus on stories of individuals who resided in free communities in Virginia, specifically in Petersburg, Farmville, and Hampton. Legal cases and legislation that drew a distinction between slaves and free Blacks will be evaluated.

Reading Suggested: Israel on the Appomattox by Dr. Mel Ely.

Horace Mann has a B.A. in philosophy from William & Mary and was a member of W&M Board of Visitors 1978-1981. He was the executive director of the Jamestown 400 Commemoration Commission 2004-2008. Member and Chairman Virginia Board of Historic Resources 2012-16. He is a public affairs consultant, author, lecturer and public historian.

Wild Times: Audubon’s America
Patricia Ryther
Wednesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
11/17/2021 - 12/8/2021
Zoom
35 seats available

A young man in a young nation, John James Audubon had the ambitious goal of painting all the birds of America, life-size. The still new United States was mostly wilderness, and Audubon had a small business to run and a family to support. He labored without success for years, suffering personal rejection and financial ruin, as he discovered new species, studied their habits, and left a warning and a legacy for the conservationists who would follow. This course will focus on Audubon’s life and world, a time of explosive growth and rapid scientific and technological change.


Patricia Ryther is retired from a career in banking and insurance, where her jobs included writing user manuals and other nonfiction. She has a degree in English literature and has taught at the community college level. In retirement, she is pursuing her lifelong interest in fiction writing.

Virginia and the War of 1812: Did Anything Happen Here?
Stuart Butler
Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
11/16/2021 - 12/7/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

This course will examine the military and political events occurring in Virginia during the War of 1812. A special emphasis will be placed on the Virginia militia and how it performed during the war. A brief overview of the causes of the war will be discussed, including British naval presence in the Chesapeake Bay.


Stuart Butler attended Florida State and Florida Atlantic universities: B.A. and M.A. in American history. Retired as Assistant Branch Chief, Military Archives Division, National Archives and Records Admin in 1999.

Historic Presidential Elections
Bill Fetsko
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
2 session(s)
10/7/2021 - 10/14/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

The election of an individual to the office of the President of the United States is always a noteworthy event. For over 225 years the men who have assumed this responsibility have left their mark on the nation’s history. Upon taking the oath of office their actions have helped chart the country’s immediate future. However, in a few instances, situations required decisions that impacted the political, economic, and social direction of the United States for years to come. During these two sessions we will examine a few of these historic elections including those of 1828, 1860, 1876, 1932, 1964 and 1980.

Bill is a former public school teacher and administrator who currently is a curriculum consultant with Colonial Williamsburg. After 35 years in public education, he relocated to Williamsburg where he has assisted with the Foundation’s educational programs including their Summer Teacher Institute. He has conducted workshops throughout the United States and Hungary.

One-Time Lectures

Introduction to The American Wisdom Tradition
Part I: Williamsburg and the 18th Century
Michael Lorence
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
11/18/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

Is there a compelling tradition of wisdom in American life? The world looks to the example of America for many things—for independence, for ideals of freedom and equality, for industry, wealth, and opportunity—but seldom for wisdom! Yet through the length of American history runs a current of “plain living and high thinking” that draws upon the world’s many wisdom traditions, at last to reflect that ancient light back to the world as something radically new. In this part I, we examine the revolution wisdom of the 18th century American Enlightenment by focusing on Thomas Jefferson and Williamsburg, Virginia.

Introduction to The American Wisdom Tradition
Part II: Walden and the 19th Century
Michael Lorence
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
12/2/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

Is there a compelling tradition of wisdom in American life? The world looks to the example of America for many things—for independence, for ideals of freedom and equality, for industry, wealth, and opportunity—but seldom for wisdom! Yet through the length of American history runs a current of “plain living and high thinking” that draws upon the world’s many wisdom traditions, at last to reflect that ancient light back to the world as something radically new. In this part II, we examine the transcendental wisdom of the 19th century American Renaissance by focusing on Ralph Waldo Emerson and Concord, Massachusetts.
Introduction to The American Wisdom Tradition Part III: The West and the 20th Century
Michael Lorence
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
12/9/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

Is there a compelling tradition of wisdom in American life? The world looks to the example of America for many things—for independence, for ideals of freedom and equality, for industry, wealth, and opportunity—but seldom for wisdom! Yet through the length of American history runs a current of “plain living and high thinking” that draws upon the world’s many wisdom traditions, at last to reflect that ancient light back to the world as something radically new. In this part III, we examine the environmental wisdom of the early 20th century American West by focusing on John Muir and Yosemite Valley, California.

Michael Lorence is president of The Innermost House Foundation in California, director of the American Wisdom Project and the Virginia House Project in Williamsburg, and a past director of the Thoreau Society in Concord, Massachusetts. He has for thirty years provided cultural guidance to leaders in industry, state, and the professions.

The Extraordinary Advances of Surgical Care in America: 1775-1865
John McCraw
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
9/14/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
50 seats available

Between 1775 and 1865, American medicine progressed from primitive to scientific. In the Revolutionary War, everything was dirty, entire battalions died overnight from unknown “fevers,” soldiers with exposed leg fractures were sent home to die, and 60% of those who had simple amputations died. Child-bed fever was a major killer of new mothers. Anesthesia didn’t exist. By the time of the Civil War, medicine and surgery were scientific. Ether anesthesia, good surgical training and a sepsis made operations reasonably safe. Medical schools thrived in most cities. We will discuss this exciting period, which set the stage for the dramatic medical developments of the 20th Century.

John McCraw practiced reconstructive surgery of the face, spine, chest, breast, abdomen and extremities for 39 years. He trained at the Universities of Missouri, Virginia, Duke, Florida and Emory. He served in the U.S. Air Force, during the Vietnam War, and is emeritus professor at the University of Mississippi.

Art and Music
American Songbook: Stephen Sondheim and Cabaret
Susan James
Wednesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
9/15/2021 - 9/29/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

Explore the music and lyrics of Stephen Sondheim as interpreted by various artists in the cabaret world. The class will review Sondheim’s influence on American musical theatre and why cabaret artists are drawn to the material. Video clips will be shown to demonstrate his contributions and the artists who are inspired by his work.


Susan James has a bachelor’s in music from Manhattanville College and completed post-graduate coursework in Camera and Film Production from University of Southern California. She understudied on Broadway, produced and directed musical revues for the American Theater Wing, and is founder of Artists in Partnership, a non-profit cultural arts organization.

An Introduction to Film Noir
Thomas Thompson
Wednesday 1:30-3:30pm
6 session(s)
9/15/2021 - 10/20/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

“Down these mean streets a man must go...” Raymond Chandler’s famous words aptly describe film noir whose heyday may have been in the 1940s and 50s but is still very much with us and cannot be confined to private eye or gangster movies. Film critic Roger Ebert once described film noir as, “A movie which at no time misleads you into thinking there is going to be a happy ending.” We will look at some of these films, famous and not so famous. Note: This is a repeat of my course from fall, 2015, using the same movies.

Reading Suggested: The Dark Side of the Screen by Foster Hirsch. Dark City: The Lost World of Film Noir by Eddie Muller.

Beginning Guitar
Kim Hosman
Wednesday 1:30-3:30pm
6 session(s)
10/27/2021 - 12/8/2021
Williamsburg Landing, 3rd Floor Parlor
12 seats available

It is never too late to learn guitar. This class provides techniques that enable you to begin playing songs immediately, starting with simple chords and melodic lines. The basics of reading chord charts, notes, and tablature are covered along the way. Classes are customized to support the interests of the individuals in the group, but you also receive a solid foundation for playing in any style or at any level, whether you want to play campfire songs, aspire to accompany more complex tunes, or to master solo guitar.

Kim Hosman is a classically trained guitarist with extensive experience teaching classes for adult education programs and tutoring privately. She has performed solo and with bands and ensembles doing a range of styles from old-timey Americana and bluegrass to rock and classical. Currently, she teaches at Authentic Guitars in New Town.

High Noon: The Hollywood Blacklist and the Making of an American Classic
Thomas Thompson
Wednesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
11/17/2021 - 12/8/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

In 1947 The House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) came to Hollywood and with it the Blacklist. We will look at this time, mainly in Hollywood but also across the nation. Years later the writer, Dalton Trumbo, said, “It will do you no good to search for heroes or villains. There weren’t any. There were only victims.” Finally, we will watch “High Noon,” a bitter indictment
by the writer Carl Foreman of everything taking place around him. Why look at this bleak period? As the philosopher George Santayana reminds us "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."


Thomas Thompson has a B.A. and M.A. in religious knowledge. He worked for a medical testing laboratory serving clients in the New York area, and became the employee ombudsman for the company’s managers nationwide. Once retired, he was invited by the American Association of Retired Persons to become a trainer, running workshops across the country.

Introduction to The Basics of Drawing
Richard Corwin
Wednesday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
9/15/2021-9/29/2021
School of Ed, Room 2056
15 seats available

This course is designed to help participants develop the fundamentals of sketching: one- and two-point perspectives, composition techniques, and basic anatomy. This course will include assignments to be submitted for individual critique by the instructor. At course-end it is hoped participants will have confidence in their finished works. Required materials: 9x10 or 9x12 sketch pad, 2B pencils and pencil sharpener.

Richard Corwin has a B.A. in American history and taught at a private school. He has been exploring Inca and Maya ruins since 1982 and is a member of the Institute of Maya Studies in Miami-Dade College. He has presented an Ancient Maya library lecture series and written three books of short stories.

Muscarelle Docsents Present “Angels, Isms, and Selfies” in Art History
Sandra Stephan
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/5/2021-10/19/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
40 seats available

In “Angels in Art,” Georgianna Avioli will explore the various ways the nine choirs of angels (both good and bad) depicted in art, have served to play a critical role in the stories being told (Oct. 25). In “20th Century Isms in Art,” Patricia Rublein will present a comprehensive timeline of well-known art movements during the 20th Century that have shaped contemporary art of the present (Oct. 12). And in “Before the Selfie—The Self-Portrait,” Sandra Stephan will look at the revealing ways great artists have portrayed themselves and expressed their artistic visions in their self-portraits (Oct. 19). Hear good stories; view great art!

Georgianna Avioli, Patricia Rublein, and Sandra Stephan all have earned advanced degrees and have taught in public and private schools, colleges, universities, adult education and prison programs. They are longtime docents at the Muscarelle Museum of The College of William & Mary.

Let’s Sing Opera!
Nancy Burstein, Roseanne Reddin
Thursday 8:30-10:30am
6 session(s)
10/7/2021-11/11/2021
Ewell Hall, Room 154
6 seats available

If you enjoy opera and can sing solo, this course is for you. Participants will be assigned roles in small ensembles based on their vocal ranges, their willingness to sing languages other than English, and their ability to hold a part. The course will consist of rehearsals of some scenes culminating in an off-book performance with simple costumes and props, and impromptu sing-throughs of other scenes.

Nancy Burstein served as producer and rehearsal pianist for “Living Room Opera” in Massachusetts. She has degrees in economics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, London School of Economics and Political Science, and Yale University. She taught economics at Purdue University and worked as a policy analyst for over 30 years.

Roseanne Reddin has degrees in music and education from Trenton State and Patterson State colleges and took courses in international music education at the University of Hawaii. Rosanne was a school educator for 33 years, taught piano, and accompanied groups and soloists. She is a substitute organist/accompanist at many churches and performs at nursing homes and retirement facilities.

No Small Parts
Melissa Puttre
Wednesday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
11/17/2021-12/8/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

We all know how actors and directors are involved in creating a musical or play. However, it takes a plethora of people from numerous different fields and specialties to not only build a show from the ground up but keep it running once it opens. In this class, we will be taking a look at everyone and everything it takes to bring the amazing shows on Broadway to life.

Melissa Puttre is a graduate of the National Conservatory of Dramatic Arts. She has worked as an actress and director all along the East Coast. Past shows include Romeo and Juliet, Laura Dennis, Lysistrata, Les Liaisons Dangereuse, Little Women, Grease, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Kiss Me Kate, and Children of Eden.

Operas in Spanish, by Hispanic Composers, or with Latino Perspective
Naama Zahavi-Ely, Jorge Parodi
Wednesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/6/2021-10/20/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

Maestro Jorge Parodi, the Music Director of Opera in Williamsburg, will survey the exciting field of operas and songs that are either in Spanish, written by Hispanic or Latino composers, or with Hispanic perspective. Such works, with their lush music and passionate and often surrealistic plotlines, are among the most popular new operas in the world today. Examples include de Falla’s El amor brujo, Catán’s Florencia en el Amazonas, Rodríguez’s Frida and Piazzolla’s María de Buenos Aires. The Hispanic world has given us major operatic performers like Placido Domingo and Juan Diego Florez. Now operas in Spanish are coming into their own.

Naama Zahavi-Ely founded Opera in Williamsburg in 2012, and serves as the artistic and general director. She taught Biblical Hebrew at William & Mary for over a decade before retiring to her birth country, Israel. She believes that Williamsburg is uniquely positioned for intimate performances of opera classics.
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Sinfonicron Light Opera’s Upcoming Production
Ken Krantz
Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm
1 session
12/7/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

For more than 50 years, the student-run Sinfonicron Light Opera Company has presented Gilbert and Sullivan operas and Broadway musicals to the Williamsburg community. This lecture will examine the history, plot, and music of the company’s January 2022 production. Note: As of the publication of this catalog the company has not announced the 2022 show.

Ken Krantz sang with Sinfonicron as a William & Mary law student, and has performed more than 20 roles in Gilbert and Sullivan operas. A retired Navy JAG officer and federal administrative law judge, he performs with Virginia Opera, the Williamsburg Players, and other companies in the region.

What is a Concertmaster?
Carolyn Keurajian
Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm
1 session
9/21/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

Meet the TheWilliamsburg Symphony concertmaster with behind-the-scenes details about what it means to be the concertmaster of a professional orchestra and the expectations of the position. How does one achieve this revered status? The session will also introduce 1-2 other musicians who will share their musical journey and facts about their instruments. Enjoy meeting these accomplished artists who make up Williamsburg’s own professional symphony orchestra. If you attended Meet the Musicians in the Spring 2021 session, note that this session will feature different musicians and information.

Carolyn Keurajian has served as Executive Director of The Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra since January 2012, is Vice-Chair of the LEAD Historic Triangle Board of Directors, and is the Vice-President Elect of the League of American Orchestras’ national leadership team. Carolyn moved to Williamsburg with her family from Princeton, NJ in 2011.

Computer and Technology

iMovie for iOS (iPad and/or iPhone)
Rick Chase
Friday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/29/2021 - 11/12/2021
Zoom
60 seats available

iMovie (iOS version) is a video creation application enabling you to make your own blockbusters using video clips and still photos on your Apple iDevice. You will learn how to browse and select media, make Hollywood-style trailers, create beautiful movies with royalty-free music soundtracks, add narration, add transitions, add titling, edit and enhance audio, and add special EFX. You’ll also learn how to share them with friends and family, play them back on your Apple devices, Apple TV, your PC, and your HDTV. The course will focus on using an iPad (preferred), although iMovie also works on iPhone. iMovie for iOS is similar but different from iMovie for a Mac.


Rick Chase is a retired, seasoned executive whose last assignment was vice president, customer service and support for Dell. Early in his career with General Electric, he ran their field engineering development center and taught electrical and electronic engineering courses to engineers.

iPhone/iPad: The Basics and Beyond
Rick Chase
Monday & Wednesday 9:30-11:30am
6 session(s)
9/13/2021 - 9/29/2021
Zoom
60 seats available

In this course, you will learn how to use the most common apps and functions on these amazing devices. Topics covered include but are not limited to: iPhone features, mail, iCloud, Web browsing using Safari, keyboard, iMessage, FaceTime, camera, photos, contacts, calendar, notes, apps, app store, music, entertainment, iBooks, setting up WiFi, Bluetooth, accessories, and troubleshooting. This course is very hands-on and interactive.

Reading Suggested: Apple iPhone and/or iPad User Guide (free download).

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Mastering Your iPhone/ iPad Camera and Photo Applications
Rick Chase
Wednesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
11/17/2021 - 12/8/2021
Zoom
60 seats available

This course will help you master the camera and photo applications on your iPhone and/or iPad. You will learn the camera’s functions and capabilities, still photography, plus cover the video capabilities. The Photos application will be explored, including navigation in the app, photo editing (crop, trim, rotation, etc.), smart adjustments, enhancing less-than-perfect shots, and information.

“Have been loving my Spring classes. Took ‘Elizabeth I’ on Blackboard and it was great. Looking forward to some hybrid classes in the future.”

– Lisa Craft, Osher member
and filters. You will learn how to organize your photo and video media; make and use albums; navigate and find media in your collection. We will also explore the creation and sharing of albums, how to create slide-shows with music; and using iCloud.

Reading Suggested: Apple iPhone and/or iPad User Guide (free).

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Current Affairs

One-Time Lectures

Operation Glowing Symphony
Michael Richardson
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
12/9/2021
School of Ed, Room 1056
40 seats available

This was America’s first acknowledged cyber warfare operation to defeat ISIS. Details of the attack, planning and execution, declassified in 2020, are covered through recorded interviews with an added feature of the NATO response and problems with national sovereignty in a alliance.

Michael Richardson, a West Point engineering graduate with a concentration in national security and a master’s degree in international affairs, has served as both a federal employee and a government contractor. He has applied his engineering and management skills to the development of technical security processes in United States embassies and to many of the 450 federalized airports.

The World of Stealth
John Hickok
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
9/28/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

Stealth is the ultimate game of hide and seek for our military. Stealth is "the" major capability that the U.S. has that elevates and distinguishes the U.S. defense force from all other countries. This course will help you understand the major technologies and components of creating "stealth," the evolution of stealth platforms since World War II, and the latest stealth platform—the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. The F-35 is the largest and most expensive program in the U.S. Department of Defense, and is being purchased by the U.K., Italy, the Netherlands, Australia, Canada, Norway, Denmark, Japan, Singapore and Poland.

John Hickok has the following degrees: B.S. engineering/nuclear physics (USNA), M.S. in aero engineering and an M.B.A. (NPGS). He retired after a 48-year career in the Navy and Office of the Secretary of Defense, A-6 Intruder NFO and RAF Buccaneer WSO, acquisition assignments including top secret stealth programs, senior professor at DAU, CKO Pentagon under USDAT&L.

Finance & Economics

Baby Boomer Retirement: The Rules Have Changed
Mark Shelby
Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
10/5/2021 - 10/19/2021
School of Ed, Room 1056
40 seats available

Recent academic research details a shift in retirement planning. This is a comprehensive personal finance course for those in the early stages of retirement or those about to retire. It addresses retirement decisions such as asset allocation, income planning, social security, and pitfalls to avoid. This course will help you better understand risk, taxes, budgeting, and estate planning. You will also learn optimal asset allocation, how to develop an income plan, the sequence of returns risk, questions to ask a potential advisor, social security maximization, and six reasons retirees run out of money. We will cover 1031 exchanges and Opportunity Zones.

Mark Shelby is the president of Vertical Investments. He is an experienced investment advisor, financial educator, public speaker, and radio host. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1993, where he served as an academic tutor for finance and economics.

Estate Planning for Modern Times
Rhiannon Hartman
Friday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/8/2021 - 10/22/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
40 seats available

Finance topics covered will include the differences between Wills and Trusts; Retirement Account (IRA) rules; planning for Digital Assets; and Estate Taxes - Past, Present, and Future.

Rhiannon Hartman is an experienced elder-law and estate planning attorney in Williamsburg. She graduated cum laude from the University of Richmond School of Law and has an undergraduate degree from William & Mary.

Lifetime Income Strategies
Jim Bales
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/28/2021 - 11/11/2021
School of Ed, Room 2060
40 seats available

We will discuss financial education for retirees and planning your income for life.

Do Only The Rich Have Trusts? Key Strategies Using Trusts in Your Estate Plan
John Burton
Thursday 2:00-4:00pm
3 session(s)
10/7/2021 - 10/21/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
40 seats available

Trusts are not just for the wealthy. Trusts can handle any estate size more efficiently than relying on a will alone. What is the difference between revocable and irrevocable trusts? Can trusts protect an estate against probate, taxes, creditor claims, and lawsuits? Do trusts protect your assets if you go into a nursing home? This course surveys the uses and vast new planning opportunities trusts can serve in your own estate plan.

John Burton is an experienced estate planning and elder-law attorney who has taught clients, lawyers, and the public on the subjects of estate planning, asset protection, elder law, and business law. He is a graduate of Virginia Wesleyan College, has a J.D. from Regent University School of Law, and is a Certified Estate Planner.
Post-retirement planning is often more difficult than planning for retirement. You are managing your entire nest egg, not collecting paychecks anymore, and have less time to recover your potential mistakes. In this course, you learn time-tested strategies for planning your retirement income that are designed to make your money last.

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Modern Wealth Management
Sean Allburn
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/26/2021 - 11/9/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
40 seats available

This course acquaints the student with tools essential for sound financial planning and investment management. Financial planning begins by considering your goals with respect to risk exposure, tax environment, liquidity needs, and appreciation vs. income potentials. Sean will encourage your participation as he shares proven strategies to help you achieve your financial goals. He will develop models for portfolio selection to help reduce risk through diversification. He will explore factors affecting financial success, such as: Do you need a plan to triple your income during retirement? Is your financial plan telling you what you need to know? Is there a way to minimize investment risk without sacrificing returns?

Sean Allburn, B.S., Duke University; M.B.A., William & Mary. He has been named in On Wall Street magazine’s “Top Brokers” and “Top Advisors under 40” lists and was distinguished by Inside Business magazine as one of the “Top Forty Under Forty” in Hampton Roads. Managing Director, Sean manages Allburn Financial Consulting from the Williamsburg office of Davenport and Company LLC.

The Minimum Wage Encounters the Invisible Hand
Nancy Burstein, Philip Burstein
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
9/14/2021 - 9/28/2021
School of Ed, Room 1056
34 seats available

This course will explain the basic economic tools of supply and demand, and use them to show the impacts of the proposed increase in federal minimum wage. Our analysis will illuminate the history and politics of this contentious issue and hopefully lead to a better understanding of other government interventions in the free market.

Philip Burstein holds degrees in economics from University of Chicago and Yale University, and a master’s in military history from American Military University. He taught economics at Purdue University and then worked in the field of health economics for over 30 years.

Nancy Burstein served as producer and rehearsal pianist for “Living Room Opera” in Massachusetts. She has degrees in economics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, London School of Economics and Political Science, and Yale University. She taught economics at Purdue University and worked as a policy analyst for over 30 years.

The New ABCs of Investing: Artificial intelligence, Bitcoin, and COVID
Keith Reagan
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
2 session(s)
11/30/2021 - 12/7/2021
School of Ed, Room 1056
30 seats available

An updated look at the factors most affecting the markets, as well as a look into the future of investing.

Keith Reagan, Sr. is a graduate of William & Mary. His post-graduate work includes executive education at the Wharton School of Business. He has been recognized in the Wall Street Journal as a Five Star Wealth Manager for the last six years. His firm, Reagan Holloway, offers fiduciary portfolio management on the Fidelity and Wells Fargo platforms.

Understanding Today’s Economic Trends and Issues
Dan Gaske
Wednesday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
11/17/2021 - 12/8/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

This course examines present-day economic trends, issues, institutions, and markets, both in United States and rest of world, selecting from such topics as: state of US economy / government debt, China’s growing role in international economy, economic sanctions, economics of climate change, impacts of immigration into US, global poverty and the World Bank, Brexit after a year, etc. Exact topics are to be chosen close to course dates based on key issues at that time.

Daniel Gaske has a Ph.D. in economics from Rice University and has taught and led economics training programs for the United States government and numerous universities in the Washington, D.C. area. He is presently an adjunct professor of economics at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business, William & Mary.

One-Time Lectures

Pricing Your Home to Sell in Today’s Real Estate Market
Ted Evans
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
12/2/2021
School of Ed, Room 1056
30 seats available

All markets are different, just as all homes are different. If you do not price your home correctly you might be leaving money on the table, or worse — your home may not sell. Learn about local markets, determining if you are in a seller’s market or buyer’s market, readily available statistics to help you, how to prepare your home for sale, key factors impacting your home’s price, and selecting representation. Finally, we will discuss the listing agreement, contractual traps sellers can eliminate, negotiation tips, and have an open Q&A session on real estate related topics.

Ted Evans has been a licensed realtor in Williamsburg since 2002. He has a
degree in economics and accounting, was a licensed CPA from 1986 to 2006, worked as the managing broker for one of the region’s largest real estate firms, and has been very involved in the Williamsburg Area Association of Realtors, including past president.

General Studies

An Introduction to the Adirondack Park
Peter Henderson
Wednesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/27/2021 - 11/10/2021
School of Ed, Room 1056
30 seats available

The Adirondack Park is the largest park in the lower 48 states; however, unlike most other national and state parks, there is a synergistic balance between public and private ownership - about 50-50. The history, culture, and people of the region will be presented, including the era of the Great Camps, wilderness guides, logging, and the underground railroad. Two most well known locations are Lake George and Lake Placid - home of the 1932 and 1980 winter Olympics. The beauty and breadth of the Adirondack Park will be reinforced through photographs and clips from the PBS documentary appropriately titled “The Adirondacks.”

Peter Henderson spent 34 years as an academic computer scientist and software engineer at The State University of New York at Stony Brook and Butler University. Computer science and computing education was his primary emphasis near the end of his academic career. He is a contributor to two educational columns: Math Counts and Software Engineering Education.

Comprehensive Guide to Adopting a Pet in Williamsburg
Bob Tubbs
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/26/2021 - 11/9/2021
School of Ed, Room 1056
32 seats available

Adopting a pet is a big step. This course prepares you and your family to welcome a dog or cat into your home, into your family and into your life. We will also discuss pet volunteering opportunities and projects in the region.

Bob Tubbs has 25 years corporate experience in marketing, acquisition, and technology and 15 years as a small business owner. He is the Internet Marketing Association founder and former president of the local Rotary club. Bob has a B.S. in tech marketing, is engaged in various community projects, and has adopted and/or fostered 25 cats and 22 dogs over a 30 year period.

Creative Genealogy
Karen McPherson
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/5/2021 - 10/19/2021
School of Ed, Room 2030
30 seats available

So you have created your family tree and you have verified some things and disproven others. Now what? In this class we will examine ways to get creative with your genealogy research. The first session will focus on research: What are your goals and methods? The second session will look at organization: How can you keep track of what you are looking for and what you have found? The third session will focus on telling your story: How can you make sure that the results of your research outlive you? This class is best suited for people who have already begun their genealogy research.

Karen McPherson graduated from William & Mary and has an M.A. and Ph.D. in government from Catholic University and an M.A. in history from George Mason University. She also taught government and history in the public school system.

Introduction to Internet Genealogy
Joseph Sell
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
9/16/2021 - 9/30/2021
School of Ed, Room 2010
40 seats available

This course will explore the two most popular internet sites for genealogy: Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. Students are encouraged to provide search queries for class use.


Joseph Sell has a B.E. in chemical engineering from Villanova University; an M.S. and Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, and an M.B.A. from Rutgers University. He worked professionally in the chemical industry, and upon retirement, undertook the search for his family history.

Residential Construction Systems and Maintenance
Joe Cross
Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm
4 session(s)
10/26/2021 - 11/16/2021
School of Ed, Room 1056
40 seats available

Learn how residential construction (or light frame construction) and systems have grown to the point where you can’t fix it by yourself anymore. Learn the old systems of your house and and the new technologies and how they work together to let you live in comfort. Understand who to call when repairs are needed and the new materials available that do a better job. Learn how to save money and better insure your home repairs get done on time and on your budget. Get an introduction to “smart-home technology” and the changing way many are using this technology to live the way they want.

Joe Cross has a B.A. in architecture and city planning and is the founder of PMA Architects in Newport News. He was the director of construction at Anheuser Busch and a Class A contractor, and has lectured on first-time home buying and home maintenance for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Television Sports Today
Jim Spence
Wednesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/27/2021 - 11/10/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

This course takes students inside the fascinating, compelling and ever-changing world of network television sports. Concentrating on programming and production, topics will include television rights negotiations and commentary. The instructor, who had day-to-day responsibility for all areas of ABC Sports, the most acclaimed television sports organization in history, will draw back the curtain on billion-dollar deals and personalities such as Howard Cosell, Jim McKay, Keith Jackson, Al Michaels, Jim Nantz and Joe Buck.

The World of Oriental Rugs
Frank Shaia, Bryan Siewert
Tuesday 5:30-7:30pm
3 session(s)
11/16/2021 - 12/7/2021
Shaia Oriental Rugs, Shaia Oriental Rugs
40 seats available

This course will feature an overview of the oriental rug industry. It will include the history of rugs from some of the oldest known through those of modern times. It will explain what makes an oriental rug, where they are from, and the various types. While the focus will be on Persian rugs, the course will cover rugs from nearby countries. It will also cover how rugs are woven, rug weaving and looms, the method of preparing the wool, and the dyeing process.

Frank Shaia is a second-generation rug dealer. In 1973, Frank’s older brother, Joseph, opened an oriental rug store in Williamsburg. Frank joined him shortly after and later bought the shop. While the shop specializes in fine new rugs, Frank spends most of his time with antique rugs and exhibits at antique shows.

What Ships Had to Deal with During the Coronavirus and Global Warming
Jacob Polderman
Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
11/16/2021 - 12/7/2021
School of Ed, Room 2030
30 seats available

This course will review examples of what crew and ships had to deal with during the Coronavirus and global warming effects. We will also discuss how this was resolved and Global warming issues and their consequences for ships.

Jacob (Jack) Polderman is a naval architect and a retired manager in the marine industry. Jack still works part-time in the marine regulatory sector.

America’s Weapon Systems
John Hickok
Wednesday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
10/27/2021 - 12/8/2021
School of Ed, Room 1056
32 seats available

This course will provide a comprehensive overview of the Department of Defense and its major weapon systems including our strategic nuclear forces, and those in space, in the air, on the sea, undersea, and on land.

John Hickok has the following degrees: B.S. engineering / nuclear physics (USNA), M.S. in aero engineering and an M.B.A. (NPGS). He retired after a 48-year career in the Navy and Office of the Secretary of Defense, A-6 Intruder NFO and RAF Buccaneer WSO, acquisition assignments including top secret stealth programs, senior professor at DAU, CKO Pentagon under USDAT&L.

Basic Wine Appreciation
Phil Pryor, Lynn Pryor
Monday 4:00-6:00pm
3 session(s)
10/11/2021 - 10/25/2021
Fords Colony, FC Clubhouse
60 seats available

We will discuss how wine is made, regional differences, hints on ordering at restaurants, wine store buying, tasting techniques, and how to find wine values. We will also look at the marriage of wine and food, talk about how to read wine labels, pricing, and wine storage at home. Wine myths will be uncovered. Note: There will be a $15.00 materials fee due at first session.

Phil Pryor has taught Basic Wine Appreciation for over 18 years. Studied wine at the Academie du Vin in Paris. Former member of Les Amis du Vin and other wine clubs. He established and manages the Wine Society for Ford’s Colony. Graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and has an M.B.A. in operations research/systems analysis from Tulane University.

Lynn Pryor has 30 years of experience attending wine tasting groups, seminars and organizations, and 17 years organizing wine tastings. She also has 35 years of technical experience with computers and presentation software.

Congress, the Constitution, and You
Art Grant
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
11/16/2021 - 12/7/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
40 seats available

The purposes of this course are to provide an understanding of Congress’ role in policymaking by focusing on the constitutional basis for that role, and determine how Congress is fulfilling its responsibilities as the “people’s representatives.” We will describe and evaluate the results of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, describe the Founding Fathers’ intentions regarding Congress, and conclude with a description and analysis of current Congressional procedures. This is not a course on the centuries of legal interpretations of the Constitution; it is a course on Congress and its constitutional responsibilities to make policy.

Art Grant is a former assistant professor of history at West Point and adjunct professor of history at George Washington University. During his professional career, he served 34 years in the federal government – 25 years in the executive branch and 9
years on the professional staff of the U.S. Senate.

Future U.S. Weapon Systems
John Hickok
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
11/18/2021 - 12/9/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

This is a follow-on, but separate course from America’s Weapon Systems. America has the most comprehensive and powerful military in the world, but the U.S. Military and the Department of Defense never stand still and continue to plan for threats and scenarios 30 years in the future. Amazing new weapons systems are coming in the near future to counter future threats from Russia, China, North Korea, and Iran, and to continue the war against world-wide terrorism. New technology is being rapidly applied to counter high-risk threats like Russian and Chinese hypersonic and space weapons. The new Biden administration’s priorities and funding will be described. Hundreds of new systems will be covered.

John Hickok has the following degrees: B.S. engineering / nuclear physics (USNA), M.S. in aero engineering and an M.B.A. (NPGS). He retired after a 48-year career in the Navy and Office of the Secretary of Defense, A-6 Intruder NFO and RAF Buccaneer WSO, acquisition assignments including top secret stealth programs, senior professor at DAU, CKO Pentagon under USDAT&L.

Supreme Court Preview
Jayne Barnard
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
9/16/2021 - 9/30/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
100 seats available

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) conducts its essential work behind closed doors. In this course, we will try to peek behind the curtains. We will look at several cases on the Court’s 2021-22 docket; analyze the arguments likely to be made by the parties and amici (“friends” of the Court); look at some behind-the-scenes people who drive and finance these cases, and cast votes on how these cases should be decided.

Jayne Barnard was the Cutler Professor of Law and Kelly Professor of Teaching Excellence at William & Mary, where she specialized in corporate and securities law. Her research interests included the powers of the Securities and Exchange Commis-

The Critical Role of Congressional Oversight in American Democracy
Eric Thorson
Monday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
9/13/2021 - 9/27/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

Our Constitution’s carefully designed system of checks and balances is a pillar of American democracy. We will discuss the importance of, and the legal foundation for, the critical role of oversight in our democratic society. Previous congressional oversight hearings regarding IRS misconduct and Russian organized crime will be analyzed. We will also look at the role of inspectors general, who focus from within on the integrity and efficiency of agency programs, and report to and support both their agencies and the Congress. This will be an apolitical look at preserving the integrity of our government and our democracy.

Reading Suggested: The Power to Destroy by Senator William Roth.

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The History of Social Security: 1935 to 1975
Marilyn Younger
Thursday 2:00-4:00pm
3 session(s)
9/16/2021 - 9/30/2021
Discovery I, Room 136
40 seats available

Today 64,000,000+ people receive a monthly payment from the Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program, commonly called Social Security. Social Insurance was first implemented in Germany in 1889. How did it come to be part of FDR’s New Deal and what was the implementation of the program like for the people who experienced it during the Depression? When and how were Medicare and Medicaid added and how were they implemented and perceived? These laws represent major changes in the lives of people who lived through these periods, and by implication through our own.

Reading Suggested: The Woman Behind the New Deal by Kirstin Downey. Social Security Today and Tomorrow by Robert Ball.

Marilyn Younger retired from the Social Security Administration where she served as director of the Data Exchange Program. She has a B.A. and M.A. in history and is a certified instructor for various leadership classes. She works part time as an interpreter for Colonial Williamsburg and is a Certified Interpretative Guide of the National Association for Interpretation.

The Virginia Legislative Process
Megan Rhyne
Friday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
10/8/2021 - 10/22/2021
School of Ed, Room 1056
40 seats available

With shrinking state and local news outlets it is harder than ever to find out what your state lawmakers are up to in Richmond. This nonpartisan course teaches students about the Virginia legislative process - the written and unwritten rules - and how to search for and track bills of interest to you. Participants will also learn how to connect financial contributions to candidates and elected officials, and how to use open government laws to keep everyone accountable.

Megan Rhyne, director of the Virginia Coalition of Open Government since 2008, has a B.A. in radio, television and motion pictures from the University of North Carolina and a J.D. from the University of Colorado School of Law. She was an adjunct professor of media law at Hampton University.

U.S. Border Security and Immigration Control: A Historical Review
Mike Collier
Monday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
9/13/2021 - 9/27/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

Historical and current policy coverage of U.S. border security and immigration control. These areas have been a major concern of the U.S. government since the late 1700s. U.S. policy has oscillated frequently in these areas over the past 200-plus years. The course places the recent policies on U.S. border security and immigration control in their historical context and hopefully dispels many myths in these areas.

Mike Collier graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. After a career as a U.S. Coast Guard officer, he pursued a second career in higher education, retiring from Eastern Kentucky University. He has an M.S. in strategic intelligence (Defense Intelligence College) and a Ph.D. in international relations (Florida International University).

Health & Wellness
An Engagement/Interaction of Life’s Experiences/ Situations and How We React From Day to Day
Fran Bado
Tuesday 4:30-6:30pm
3 session(s)
9/14/2021 - 9/28/2021
Discovery I, Room 136
40 seats available

It’s all about you! Do you need a life’s reset? How do we approach each day and how does it affect our lives? As we go through our daily routines, do we take advantage of all that surrounds us? We will have fun discussing positive and negative energy areas that motivate us, and how to appreciate the magic of our surroundings. It is highly interactive and you may see life with a different perspective. Take a break, kick back and see where this little road takes you!

Fran Bado is an executive project manager who is certified by the IBM Project Management Institute. He retired from IBM after 54 years and continues to teach across the curriculum of project management. His passion for teaching coupled with his experience assures maximum skill transfer for students.

Control Your Stress & Anxiety Using Self Hypnosis and Mindfulness
Sherene Silverberg
Monday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
10/4/2021 - 10/18/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

While there are few certainties in life, it is certain the earth will continue to spin and each day will have its new challenges. The question is, will you deal with these challenges as an exciting adventure or with fear and dread? This course will teach you multiple self hypnosis techniques using mindfulness practices to enable you to take control of your reactions to life’s challenges. You will learn how to rise to life’s challenges and not let them create undue stress in your life. You will finally be in control, experiencing life with peace and calm.


Sherene Silverberg is an International Association of Counselors and Therapists (IACT) Certified Hypnotherapist who helps people make lasting changes in their health, relationships, careers, and families. Her specialties are stress, anxiety, and pain control, menopausal women, weight control, sugar and chocolate addiction, smoking cessation, phobias, and academic performance.
Finding Sense of Place in the New Normal
Lynda Dunnigan
Tuesday 4:30-6:30pm
3 session(s)
10/5/2021 - 10/19/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
30 seats available

As we rethink and reshape our sense of place post COVID-19, join a discussion on the pandemic's disruption of the normal system of systems (health, medicine, economics, environment, education, history, and politics) through geographer D.W. Meinig's Beholding Eye lens. When lost in the middle of nowhere, a sense of place, those memories of people, places, and experiences, anchored us in a world turned upside down. Who we were pre-COVID-19 governed our response to the pandemic. Cast overnight into a middle of nowhere like no other, the "system of systems" turned upside down, leaving us vulnerable in an environment challenging a lifetime of experiences. Searching for stability in an as yet undefined constantly shifting world, we risked life itself when we acted normally, leaving us wondering when, and if, life as we knew it would return.

Lynda K. Dunnigan has degrees from James Madison University and Syracuse University and has 34 years of teaching experience. With backgrounds in the social sciences and humanities, she has designed and taught humanities courses at the secondary level, and is a former member of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Teacher Advisory Committee.

Functional Exercises to Improve Fitness, Balance, and Agility
Karen Thomas
Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
9/14/2021 - 9/28/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
30 seats available

Functional exercises are designed to help you meet the physical demands of your life from activities of daily living to athletic competitions. It is not training for a specific event but to develop a grounding of fitness, balance, and agility for all levels of fitness. This course will have a combination of lecture and activity opportunities to practice the exercises which need little to minimal equipment. Learning proper exercise techniques not only helps prevent injuries but increases the effectiveness of the exercises. You will also learn how to increase the intensity of the exercises as your fitness improves.

Karen Thomas has an M.A. in kinesiology and is an American College of Sports Medicine Certified Exercise Physiologist with certifications in "Exercise is Medicine," nutrition, and public health. She retired in 2018 from Montgomery College, Maryland, after teaching health and exercise science for 29 years.

Introduction to the Enneagram
Todd Payne
Friday 9:30-11:30am
6 session(s)
9/17/2021 - 10/22/2021
Zoom
50 seats available

Have you ever felt you and a friend or loved one simply are not connecting? Or wonder why you reacted to something as strongly as you did? The Enneagram is a powerful personality system for understanding ourselves and others and improving relationships. It forges traditional "external" behavior categories and explores the fears, hopes and needs of nine distinct types. In this beginner’s course, we will consider each type, including yours, and how your type propels your habitual thoughts, feelings and actions. With greater self-awareness comes greater empathy and fluency in communicating with others. No Enneagram experience necessary.

Todd Payne, M.Div., IWLC, became a certified integrative wellness life coach after 20 years as a Lutheran pastor. He coaches self-understanding and growth through the Enneagram for groups, schools, couples and individuals and teaches through OLLI at the University of Denver and at the Boulder Valley School District Lifelong Learning.

On the Way to Well: Journaling for Reflection, Renewal, Healing and Wholeness
Wendy LeBolt
Wednesday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
10/27/2021 - 11/10/2021
School of Ed, Room 2056
20 seats available

How do you develop post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)? Can you get it from experiencing a serious medical illness or living through a pandemic? Who gets PTSD? PTSD has been in the news often since the Gulf Wars and many people associate it with soldiers; however, approximately 70% of Americans will experience a traumatic event in their lifetime and approximately 8% will develop the disorder. This course will present an overview of PTSD beginning with the history of the disorder and continuing with diagnostic criteria, prevalence, and treatment.

Arleen Cerbone Faustina has a Ph.D. in psychology from Tulane University, where her research centered on the effects of stress on behavior, with a focus on PTSD. Her experience extends from the classroom to research, private practice, and the pharmaceutical industry.
HEALTH & WELLNESS

One-Time Lectures

Advances in Technology and Convenience in the Modern Age of Medicine
Carrie Karnes
Tuesday 4:30-6:30pm
1 session
10/12/2021
Riverside Doctor’s Hospital, Rooms A&B
25 seats available

Health care access and services have advanced dramatically in the past decade due to widespread use of technology in delivery of care. Use of telehealth modalities and electronic medical records have benefited patient experience by more efficient, synchronous care. Use of telehealth promotes delivery of acute, chronic, primary and specialty care, that is just a click away.

Carrie serves as the coordinator for this course at Riverside Doctors Hospital in Williamsburg, which will be taught by various physicians and hospital administrators. She has worked at the hospital for over five years and currently serves as the volunteer/community relations manager.

Brain Power Boot Camp
Tina Thomas, Katie McDonough
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
9/16/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

Join us as we explore the impact of Alzheimer’s and dementia. This lecture will provide you with research updates, tips and strategies for brain health; explore the relationship between Alzheimer’s disease and dementia; examine what happens in a brain affected by Alzheimer’s; detail the risk factors for and three general stages of the disease; identify FDA-approved treatments available to treat some symptoms; and finally we will look ahead to what’s on the horizon for Alzheimer’s research.

Tina Thomas has a B.S. in health care administration and an M.S. in hospice and palliative studies. She holds certifications in gerontology, pastoral care, nursing home Administration, and Alzheimer’s disease and dementia care. Tina is the Director of Programs and Services for a chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association. She also worked as a home health and hospice administrator.

Coronavirus
Stewart Sell
Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm
1 session
11/30/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

This lecture will be an overview of the properties of the Coronavirus, it’s origin, pathogenesis of infection, immune response, vaccines, and treatment.

Stewart Sell has a B.S. from William & Mary and an M.D. from University of Pittsburgh. Residency at Massachusetts General Hospital; Research fellow at the National Institute of Health and University of Birmingham, England. Taught Medical Schools in Pittsburgh, San Diego, Houston and Albany; and served the New York State Department of Health.

Hospice House & Support Care of Williamsburg: A Gift to the Community
Diane Schwarz
Monday 1:30-3:30pm
1 session
10/25/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

Hospice House & Support Care of Williamsburg is a social model hospice. We are a four-bedroom home and provide end of life care and bereavement services for the community at no charge. Yet many people in the community do not know who we are or what we offer as the word “hospice” is misunderstood and sometimes feared. Statistics show that people wait too long to engage with hospice and that the sooner one does, the better the quality of life. Hospice is not about dying; it’s about quality living. This presentation explores the beginnings of hospice, what hospice is and what it is not.

Diane Schwarz is the programs and operations director for Hospice House & Support Care of Williamsburg. She has a B.A. in history and historic preservation from Mary Washington University and an M.Ed. in museum education from William & Mary.

Remembering When: A Fire and Fall Prevention Program
Ellie Rest, Jason Sweet (Battalion Chief)
Monday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
11/1/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

Did you know adults over 65 are twice as likely to be injured by a fire at home? Or that falls are the leading cause of death in older adults due to unintended injuries? Remembering When, developed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), focuses on 16 key messages on how to prevent fires and falls at home. Learn how to increase safety at home during this fun, interactive lecture.

Battalion Chief Jason Sweet and CONECT Program Coordinator Ellie Rest are trained facilitators in the Remembering When program. With a focus of wellness and “aging in place” in mind, the pair is working to strengthen the collaboration between the Fire, Police, and Social Services departments within James City County to better the lives of those in our community.

Walking for Fitness
Ray Funkhouser
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
10/21/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
30 seats available

What gives the same aerobic workout for the lungs and heart as jogging or aerobic dance, does not stress the leg joints and feet, provides more exercise for the
upper body than running or jogging? The answer is race walking, also know as fitness walking, power walking, or health walking. In this moving clinic, you will learn efficient walking and specific race walking techniques, walking safety, how to start your personal walking program, choosing shoes, and how to dress for varied weather. Whether you are an exercise enthusiast or just starting a fitness program, you will enjoy exploring this increasingly popular fitness activity. Wear comfortable shoes.

Ray Funkhouser is a two-time national race walk champion, set two American records, and was a finalist in three Olympic track and field trials. He represented the United States in international competition on four continents and coached four USA track and field international teams. Ray is currently president of the USA Track and Field Virginia Association.

You and Your Relationships:
Setting Healthy Boundaries
Nancy Johnston
Monday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
11/15/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

Expressing ourselves when we need to say “no” to avoid extending ourselves further can be a real challenge. Whether interacting with family members, friends, or work colleagues, we too often give when we have little left to give. We will explore three areas of work that can help approach boundary setting in a fresh, informed way. These three skill-based modules include: listening to self, interacting with other people, and being with yourself as you interact with other people. Clear, well formulated boundaries foster both a healthy self and strong relationships.

Nancy Johnston is a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice in Lexington, VA. A 1974 graduate of William & Mary, she has been a mental health therapist for 43 years. She specializes in relationships and mindfulness, has two published books on relationships, and teaches at workshops, conferences, and retreats.

Activities

Meditation as Preventive or Alternative Medication
Madhur Bhashini
Wednesday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
11/3/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

In this session, you will learn what Meditation is and how it has the potential to bring amazing results to your holistic well-being! You will also learn a few effective Meditation techniques to release stressful thoughts and emotions, and boost your physical and mental health.

Madhur Bhashini is a descendant of ancient yogis and has been sharing her knowledge and experiences with communities worldwide to help them see ‘life’ from a different perspective and enjoy peace, harmony and deep contentment. Professionally, she holds a doctorate in medical biology and worked as a scientist, professor, counselor and healer.

Yoga and Meditation
Indira Ghosh, Shubir Ghosh
Monday 9:30-11:30am
6 session(s)
9/13/2021 - 10/18/2021
Williamsburg Landing, Alvin P. Anderson Auditorium
30 seats available

Yoga is an outstanding segment of an ancient educational and remedial legacy which is seen to be valid, relevant, and supportive in a new millennium with ever-growing health and well-being concerns. Athletes use it to tone muscles and increase flexibility. Corporate executives rely on it to de-stress. Doctors prescribe it for everything from sore backs and respiratory problems to chronic fatigue. This course will focus on gentle yoga postures and the importance of progressive breathing as well as an introduction to the healing benefits of sound meditation. Bring a mat or blanket to use on the floor and wear comfortable clothing.

Indira Ghosh was a lecturer in physical education and yoga in Loreto College, Calcutta, India. She has conducted and participated in yoga and meditation seminars across the globe. She taught yoga in the Midwest through area universities, hospitals, and community centers. She is also an orthopedic nurse and teaches yoga and meditation in

Williamsburg.

Shubir Ghosh was a teacher and business executive in India, where he lived for 50 years. He immigrated to the United States in 1991 and continued working here in both professions until he retired. He has been lecturing on Eastern religions and Islam for several years at the Osher Institute.

Yogic Breathing
Madhur Bhashini
Wednesday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
10/27/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

Enhance your immunity and general health by proper breathing. Learn the science and art of an ancient practice, originating in India, of cleansing the energy channels, for an efficient flow of life force in the body system. Practiced in India for thousands of years, it has scientific evidence of enhancing physical, mental, and emotional health and eventually makes you feel whole!

Madhur Bhashini is a descendant of ancient yogis and has been sharing her knowledge and experiences with communities worldwide to help them see ‘life’ from
a different perspective and enjoy peace, harmony and deep contentment. Professionally, she holds a doctorate in medical biology and worked as a scientist, professor, counselor and healer.

Languages

Conversational Italian for Travelers: Level One
Carolyn Stowe
Monday 1:30-3:30pm
6 session(s)
10/4/2021 - 11/8/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
20 seats available

Your travel in Italy will be enhanced by an introduction to local language and a taste of Italian culture. We will use both a syllabus and a workbook. Classroom participation will be encouraged, and it will be fun!


Carolyn Stowe received a B.A. in Italian from Vassar College and participated in the master’s program in romance languages at the University of Pennsylvania. She traveled extensively in Italy with her tour company, Stowe Away Tours, Inc. Carolyn taught elementary and secondary level French for ten years and gives private lessons in Italian.

On Va Parler Français!
Judy Corello, Elaine Jansen
Friday 9:30-11:30am
6 session(s)
10/29/2021 - 12/10/2021
Zoom
12 seats available

This French course is designed for low- to mid-intermediate level French students who wish to improve their speaking and listening comprehension skills as well as their vocabulary and grammar. Students will participate actively in the class by conversing amongst themselves. Students will be expected to complete assignments prior to each class.


Judy Corello taught both high school and university and was an administrator for Old Dominion University and William & Mary. She has a B.A. in French from Emmanuel College, an M.A. in French literature from La Sorbonne, and an M.Ed. in counseling from the University of New Hampshire. She also studied, worked and lived in France.

Elaine Jansen has a B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University in international economics. She studied abroad at Dijon University in France. Subsequently, Elaine worked for Banque Nationale de Paris in their New York office. She also has an M.B.A. in banking and finance from Hofstra University.

Reading and Conversation for Intermediate/Advanced Students of Spanish
Christopher Scheiderer
Monday 1:30-3:30pm
6 session(s)
10/25/2021 - 12/6/2021
School of Ed, Room 2030
25 seats available

Esta clase es para estudiantes que ya saben leer, hablar y entender bastante bien (al nivel intermedio o avanzado). Para cada clase habrá o bien un artículo de prensa, un cuento o una lectura del Read & Think Spanish. Y vamos a conversar y comentar sobre el contenido de estas lecturas siempre con la idea de escuchar diferentes opiniones e impresiones de todos los miembros del grupo.

Reading Required: Read & Think Spanish (Premium Third Edition) by The editors of Think Spanish magazine, ISBN: 9781259836312.

Christopher Scheiderer taught all levels of Spanish at the college level for 40 years. He taught at Christopher Newport University from 1971 to 2004, and at the University of Maryland, Waynesburg College, and Ohio State University.

Activities

French Conversation Table
Anne de Vulpillieres, Didier de Vulpillieres
Wednesday 12:00-1:00pm
12 session(s)
9/15/2021 - 12/8/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
30 seats available

La Table de Conversation Française est un lieu de rencontre de personnes ayant en commun un intérêt dans la langue française et dans l‘approfondissement de leur connaissance de sa culture. Les séances sont organisées autour de la lecture d’articles de journaux ou de magazines, lus et commentés par chaque participant dans une ambiance décontractée. Un niveau minimum de compréhension de la langue française est toutefois nécessaire pour pouvoir profiter pleinement de ces sessions.

Didier de Vulpillieres is a native of France who has lived in the United States for more than 30 years. He holds an engineering degree from France and an M.B.A. in international operations from Michigan State.

Anne de Vulpillieres is a native of France who has lived in the United States for more than 30 years. She is an accomplished artist who also tutors French conversation at home.

German Conversation Table
Judith Taddeo
Monday 12:00-1:00pm
12 session(s)
9/13/2021 - 12/6/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
30 seats available


Judith Taddeo grew up in Bonn, Germany. She was a former member of the German Foreign Service and is currently working as a professional technical and legal translator. She has a B.A. in linguistics, with an emphasis on bilingualism as well as language acquisition in children.

Spanish Conversation Table
Ruth Fraser
Tuesday 12:00-1:00pm
12 session(s)
9/14/2021 - 12/7/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
30 seats available

La mesa espanola les ofrece a sus miembros la oportunidad de mantener y enriquecer su lengua espanola hablada.&nbsp; En las reuniones, unos articulos de periodicos o del internet forman las base de la lectura y de los comentarios de los participantes.&nbsp; El ambiente es amistoso y todos nos apoyamos el divertirnos.&nbsp; (Caveat: This is not a beginning Spanish class meant to teach
Literature & Writing

A Guided Self-exploration of Homer’s “The Odyssey”
John Livecchi

Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
8 session(s)
9/13/2021 - 11/1/2021
Zoom
30 seats available

This semester for The Odyssey we will pursue a “guided self-exploration” on our own (except for a final wrap up). The benefit is to enjoy reading at your own pace and on your own time! This self-paced course with span eight weeks and all communication will take place via email. Each week you will receive background material and suggestions for which translations to use. We will meet via Zoom at the end of eight weeks to discuss and answer final questions you might. Further details will be sent to participants.


Reading Suggested: Homer’s Moments: Clues to Delight in Reading The Odyssey and The Iliad by Dr. Eva Brann.

John Livecchi taught Homer’s The Iliad and The Odyssey for much of his career as a high school English teacher. He holds an M.A. in English, College of New Jersey and an M.Litt., Drew University. He was IBM’s Teacher of the Year for the mid-Atlantic region in 1992 and New Jersey’s Christa McAuliffe Fellow in 1994.

How Serious Literature Can Also Be Fun to Read
Terry Nienhuis

Thursday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
11/18/2021 - 12/9/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
25 seats available

This course may appeal to two large groups of readers: Those who like “serious” literature but cannot explain why and those who feel intimidated by such literature and feel that they prefer reading “popular” literature. Both groups often refer to popular literature as a “guilty pleasure.” This course will take as its text the short stories of a serious but accessible and contemporary short story writer named Ron Rash. This author focuses on Appalachian materials but has been very successful and highly recognized in the literary world.


Terry Nienhuis has a B.A. in English from Western Michigan University, and an M.A. and Ph.D in English from the University of Michigan. Terry taught English at Western Carolina University and received the Emeritus University Teaching Award in 2002. He teaches face to face and online English to Chinese teenagers and adults.

Images and Influence on Women: Little Women, Anne of Green Gables, Secret Garden
Judith Cobb

Thursday 2:00-4:00pm
3 session(s)
10/28/2021 - 11/11/2021
School of Ed, Room 1056
40 seats available

All three of these books were written over a century ago. Yet, young women still read them and see role models in the characters. Please read all three books and be willing to engage in order to add to the discussion.


Judith Cobb is a retired Lutheran pastor with a B.A. from Upsala College and an M.A.R. from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. In addition to parish ministry in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Missouri, she has taught English as a second language and community college courses.

Storytelling: An Action of Memory, Imagination & Vision
Shari Wiltshire

Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
6 session(s)
9/14/2021 - 10/19/2021
Blackboard & In-person
School of Ed, Room 2056
25 seats available

This course seeks to familiarize participants with the art of storytelling to build competent storytellers. The lesson will not prioritize writing a story, but instead guide the artist through the features of creating a well-structured and enticing adventure that demands attention! This course is suitable for the artist who writes fiction, but will be more fun for the artist who wants to captivate and excite an audience with shorter tales that may be based in reality and highlight unique experiences. This course will engage the art of storytelling from various creative angles, and will require you to come up with original content, then write down your ideas so as to organize and structure your stories. Suitable for the fledgling photographer, the proud grandparent, the war Vet, the filmmaker, the comedian, and the professional lecturer. By the end, participants will be more prepared to break down the psychological barriers
that keep them from telling their stories and continue, or begin, telling people the stories of their choice.

Shari Wiltshire is a writer and facilitator. She has a B.A. in English and an M.S.W. from Virginia Commonwealth University. As a published print news reporter she developed a passion for engaging the public and serving the community. She encourages people to dive into their histories, to find those unique experiences that shape their lives and share those stories.

Writing for the Fun of It
Frank Milligan
Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm
6 session(s)
10/6/2021 - 10/20/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
40 seats available

This relaxed, fun course ranges from learning to think like a writer to publishing your work. Discussion and exercises reveal simple yet effective tools for organizing your thoughts. Learn to choose the best form to convey your unique vision: Fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or drama, and the essential building blocks of each. A quick grammar and style refresher shows why you do not have to be a grammar expert to be a good writer. With a project you will begin in class, or one you have already started, learn to apply professional techniques that will elevate your writing to the next level.

Reading Suggested: Time to Write: Discovering the Writer Within After 50 by Frank Milligan. Complete Guide to Writing Fiction and Nonfiction by Pat Kubis and Bob Howland.

Frank Milligan has taught creative writing at Northern Virginia Community College and Lorton Workshop Art Center. His book, Time to Write: Discovering the Writer Within After 50, won a silver award at the 2009 National Mature Media Awards. He holds an M.A. in writing from The Johns Hopkins University, an M.B.P.A. in management, and a B.A. in psychology.

Finding your Shots on Vacation in a Busy World
Helen Oderisi
Wednesday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
10/6/2021 - 10/20/2021
Helen’s Place Photography
15 seats available

Our world hopefully is opening back up and many are wanting to travel. Often, photographically, we either feel uninspired when we encounter a spot with many people, or we end up taking photos that uninspire us later. Sometimes we choose to leave the camera in the room. Gasp! In session one we will discuss methods to avoid these problems and stay inspired. Session two we will take a field trip downtown. You will be guided to find fun angles and put your new ideas into action. We will choose your favorite images and have a lively critique during the final session.

Helen Oderisi fell in love with photography while at William & Mary. In 1990 she started Colonial Photography, now Helen’s Place Photography. Teaching and inspiring others has always been a huge part of her mission as a professional photographer. Fun is her motto.

How to Photograph Colonial Williamsburg and William & Mary
Carlo La Fiandra
Monday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/5/2021 - 10/19/2021
Illy Caffe
15 seats available

This course consists of three photographic walking tours. During each walk you will be instructed on how to obtain good photos at the various locations we encounter. Participants are expected to walk approximately 2 miles for each session. Each student should bring a camera with extra batteries. The instructor will attempt to explain to everyone any technical issues they may have with their camera. We will meet and be dismissed in front of Illy coffee shop at 9:30am and 11:30am.

Carlo La Fiandra is a mechanical engineer with several engineering degrees who explains technical photographic topics in a manner understandable to those who are uninformed about these topics. He has taught more than 20 Osher courses on different photographic topics for over a decade.

Photo Organization- Simple and Done
Dawn Parker
Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
10/5/2021 - 10/19/2021
Zoom
60 seats available

Imagine all your photos organized permanently, safely and with ability to find any photo in literal seconds (Including old slides and movies). We will talk about scanners, digitizing old media, and cloud storage accounts. You will learn techniques you can use with any photo management system. We will learn the art of interviewing and voice recording to preserve your legacy. Begin to enjoy your photos again and leave a legacy through photos and stories in a way that is simple, manageable, and stress free.

Dawn (Dee Dee) Parker has been working in this field since 1999. She has been presenting this topic for several years in surrounding communities.
Religion & Philosophy

Christianity: The First Four Centuries
Ray Morgan
Wednesday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
10/27/2021 - 11/10/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

This class will follow the history of the early Christian movement from the years 30 AD to roughly 480 AD. Initially, the Christian movement resided within greater Judaism. However, conflict soon arose between the beliefs of mainstream Judaism and this new Jewish Christian sect. This conflict resulted in an eventual parting of the ways between what became two irreconcilable belief systems. Then, having separated from Judaism, the Christian movement had to define its doctrinal beliefs. This class will cover the early development of the movement that became Christianity. That coverage will be laid against the relevant unfolding political and military events within the Roman Empire.

Ray Morgan has B.S. and M.S. degrees in engineering. During his working life he was an engineering and technology manager for the U.S. Postal Service. After retiring and moving to Williamsburg he has pursued his enjoyment of history.

Faith in Times of Transition
Adrian Williams
Friday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
10/8/2021 - 10/22/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
25 seats available

This class will look at how faith is affected in times of trauma and transition. Faith is often looked at as a rock in the difficult times of transition, but in reality faith is formed and reformed through transitional moments in our lives. We will take time to examine how we can apply trauma-informed care and spiritual practices into our daily lives as well as in our relationships with others. Finally, we will look at the specific ways transitions affect us mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually and consider ways to best reform our faith during these trying times of change.


Reading Suggested: Spirit and Trauma: A Theology of Remaining by Shelly Rambo.

Adrian Williams has a B.A. in musical theater from Mary Washington College and an M.Div. from the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. He is the director of education ministries at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church and has led programs and created curriculum for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at local, state, and national levels.

Introduction to Informal Logical Fallacies
Kelly Shaw
Friday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
9/17/2021 - 10/1/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
25 seats available

Advertisers want us to buy their toothpaste. Political parties want us to vote for their candidates. The neighborhood committee wants us to oppose new city ordinance. In each case we are subject-ed to an argument aimed to change our behavior or opinion. Join this class to learn techniques from Informal Logic to help you identify and weed out unsound arguments. The course will cover: A brief introduction to classical logic, the definition of valid and sound arguments, techniques to identify when an argument exists, and many real-life examples showing common fallacies in these arguments. By the end you will have the tools you need to detect fallacies used by others, and root them out of your own discourse.

Kelly Shaw has a Ph.D. in computer science with a concentration in artificial intelligence. Her master’s thesis included a catalog of multi-valued logic systems whose rejection of ‘Excluded Middle’ would distress any classical logician.

Monologue, Dialogue, Ca-caphologue
Lawrence Durrett
Monday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
11/15/2021 - 12/6/2021
Williamsburg Landing, Alvin P. Anderson

How is that inner conversation going as you elder, float, or soldier on? Enjoying a multi-modal approach, we will deepen and enrich our savoring of being, noun and verb. Writing, journaling, intentional dialogue, strategic deployment of music, varieties of breath, and cardinal stretches will happen. The take aways will enliven you in every dimension.

Lawrence Durrett has a B.A. in government; an M.Div.; and an M.S.L.S. He has served as a United Methodist minister, a librarian, and a yoga teacher and provided music in churches and nursing homes. He enjoyed post graduate work at the National Presbyterian Church of Virginia’s Theological Seminary and the Catholic University of America.

The Gospel of Mark: Good News for the End Times
Alexis Witt
Friday 1:30-3:30pm
3 session(s)
10/29/2021 - 11/12/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
25 seats available

Written at the height of the Jewish-Roman Wars (66-70 CE) and what seemed like the end of the world, the Gospel of Mark was written with urgency to bring hope to a hurting people and a hurting world – through the person of Jesus, who Mark claims is the Messiah and the Son of God. This course will explore the message that the Gospel of Mark seeks to communicate, through examining the text and by entering the world of, behind, and in front of the text, examining its literary and narrative contexts, its historical context, its socio-political contexts, and its religious contexts.


Reading Suggested: Fortress Introduction to the Gospel’s by Mark Allen Powell.

Alexis Witt has a B.A. in religious studies from the University of Richmond and an M.Div. from The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. She is trained in the academic study of religion and the Bible and brings biblical exegesis, work in Greek and Hebrew, and a variety of scholarly perspectives to her teaching.
The Life Most Worth Living: Virtue Theory in Ancient & Modern Perspective
Bill Rhodes
Friday 9:30-11:30am
6 session(s)
9/17/2021 - 10/22/2021
School of Ed, Room 1056
30 seats available

This course addresses the fundamentals of virtue ethics, concentrating on the thought of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. It asks what constitutes a good life and focuses on the sort of person who lives well. Time permitting, modern virtue theory, and findings from formal psychological research will be covered.


Bill Rhodes earned his doctorate from the University of Colorado, Boulder. A published author and researcher, he served as a professor and academic department head at the U.S. Air Force Academy and currently teaches online courses for Air University.

Science
Identifying the Common Trees of Virginia
Jim Perry
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/7/2021 - 10/21/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
25 seats available

This class will consist of two lectures and a final field trip where students will be introduced to the identification and habitats of the dominant trees of the Coastal Plain of Virginia. Using leaves, fruit, odor, and habitat, we will pick out the common plant attributes that can be used to help in quick identification of indigenous woody plants. The field trip through W&M woods is an easy walk and is optional.

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Introductory Astronomy
Brad Perry, Carmen Fragapane
Tuesday 5:00-7:00pm
3 session(s)
10/26/2021 - 11/9/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
24 seats available

This course presents a brief survey of the solar system, stellar and galactic astronomy, and cosmology. A separate practical observing session, following the conclusion of this course, is planned at the Kiskiack Golf Club.


NASA’s Search for Life Beyond the Earth
John Delano
Wednesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/6/2021 - 10/20/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

More than 6,000 planets have been detected orbiting other stars. Our Milky Way galaxy is now inferred to have billions of planets. Data shows that the structure of our solar system has some rare, but not unique, characteristics that favored the evolution of complex, carbon-based life. The methods used for discovering planets and determining their orbits around distant stars will be presented with minimal jargon along with descriptions of their possible climates and their potential for having life-as-we-know-it. The latest data will be presented and discussed.

John Delano was a NASA-funded researcher for 30 years. He retired from the State University of New York at Albany in 2016 where he served as a distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus in Department of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences (joint-appointed to Department of Chemistry), Associate Dean, and member and chair of numerous NASA advisory panels. He also has a Ph.D. in geochemistry.

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9/14/2021 - 9/28/2021

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This course will cover the “Golden Age” of the Solar System exploration from machines to humans. Over the last 50 years robotic probes from Earth have investigated the Sun, all of the planets, many of their moons and some dwarf planets, asteroids and comets. From 1969 to 1972, 12 humans have walked on the surface of the Moon during the NASA Apollo Program. Humans will return to Moon as early as 2024 as part of the NASA Artemis Program. NASA is now planning a human mission to Mars, which will take more than seven months each way. This course will cover what we have learned and what we still do not understand about the Solar System.


The Journey from Climate 
Doom to Active Hope 
Thomas White 
Thursday 2:00-4:00pm 
6 session(s) 
10/28/2021 - 12/9/2021 
Discovery 1, Room 136 
15 seats available

When you think about climate change and environmental degradation, do you experience feelings of sadness, helplessness, or anger? Do you want to leave these negative thoughts and feelings behind and take a thought-provoking journey to “active hope”? In this small, discussion-oriented class, you will explore the ideas of some scientists, social scientists, and philosophers who have shown us how we could create a new, more hopeful story for ourselves. You will discuss these ideas with your classmates and consider this question: How can I become more active—and hopeful—in protecting the Earth and ensuring the well-being of future generations?

Reading Suggested: The New Climate War by Michael E. Mann. Great Tide Rising by Kathleen Dean Moore.

Tidal Wetlands of Virginia 
Jim Perry 
Friday 9:30-11:30am 
3 session(s) 
9/17/2021 - 10/1/2021 
Discovery 1, Room 136 
25 seats available

In this class we will concentrate on the ecology of Virginia’s tidal wetlands. We will discuss the importance of tidal wetlands, history of their uses, distribution and classification of Virginia’s tidal marshes, and their dominant flora and fauna. We will end with a discussion of tidal wetland losses in Virginia and the application of the “Mitigation” concepts (wetland conservation versus preservation, creation versus restoration) and the potential future of Virginia’s tidal wetlands.


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One-Time Lectures

Algorithms
Peter Henderson
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
11/18/2021
School of Ed, Room 1056
40 seats available

Algorithms are becoming more pervasive in our everyday lives, primarily due to computers; however, they are not a new concept - one classic algorithm was developed by the Greek mathematician Euclid (323–283 B.C.). What is an algorithm? Some simple examples of algorithms will be presented. There are numerous algorithms for solving the same problem, but some perform better than others. Indeed, there are a whole class of inherently hard problems for which no efficient algorithms exist. Finally, the rise of social media algorithms will be addressed, including a basic understanding of how they work and built-in bias.

Peter Henderson spent 34 years as an academic computer scientist and software engineer at The State University of New York at Stony Brook and Butler University. Computer science and computing education was his primary emphasis near the end of his academic career. He is a contributor to two educational columns: Math Counts and Software Engineering Education.

Hydrogen: Fuel of the Future?
Robin Church
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
11/4/2021
Zoom
40 seats available

The general consensus from climate scientists and many governments is that the world will have to meet net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, if we are to avoid a climate disaster. Many systems, such as long-distance trucking, ocean shipping, air travel and some important industrial processes, are very difficult to decarbonize. Hydrogen may be the answer, but it is expensive. This lecture will delve into the possibilities of using hydrogen to solve these global imperatives.

M. Robin Church is a chemical engineer by trade, earning his B.S. from Imperial College in London and his Ph.D. from Cambridge University. He was employed in the United States planning refinery projects around the world. Since retiring he has given courses and presentations on energy for the Osher Institute and William & Mary.

World History

A History of Jerusalem’s Temple Mount and the Temples that Stood Upon It
John Rogers
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
11/16/2021 - 12/7/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

We will study Jerusalem’s Temple Mount and the temples of Solomon, Zerubbabel, and Herod the Great that stood upon it. We will also examine what happened to the Temple Mount after the destruction of Herod’s Temple in 70 A.D.

John Rogers is a retired vice president of a Fortune 500 company. He has extensive experience in corporate and military instruction. He is a lifelong student of history.

Understanding the Science and Management of Virginia’s Groundwater
Jim Perry, William Mann
Monday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
10/25/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
25 seats available

This lecture will introduce listeners to the physical and geomorphic processes that drive groundwater movement. We will also discuss potential issues our aquifers face that are derived from withdrawal, such as land subsidence and aquifer depletion, and possible pollution through recharge practices.

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William Mann graduated from Amherst College, has an M.D. from Penn State and an M.B.A. from William & Mary. He was an academic gynecologist for 40 years. William is a governor appointee to the Potomac Aquifer Recharge Oversight Committee and a member of the Water Equity Task Force and working groups on establishing PFAS levels in drinking water.

“...Osher enriches my life and has built a community of friends based on our mutual interests.”
- Patricia Paquette, Osher member
Six Battles That Changed the Course of History
John Rogers
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/5/2021 - 10/19/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

The battles we will review are: PLATAEA 479 BC, the Greeks defeat the Persians and win their freedom. TOURS AD 732, the Franks defeat the Muslim invaders. EUROPE will be Christian. HASTINGS, 1066, the first battle of William of Normandy’s multi-year campaign to conquer England. VIENNA (KALENBERG) 1683, the Ottoman Turks are defeated, ending the last Muslim incursion into Europe. JUTLAND 1916, the Royal Navy’s victory over the combined French and Spanish Fleet ends Napoleon’s dream of conquering England. JUTLAND 1916, the Royal Navy’s victory insured that their blockade of Germany would continue. Germany’s downward spiral into starvation and defeat continues.

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The Islamic State and the Explosive Middle East
John Hickok
Friday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
9/17/2021 - 10/1/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

In Iraq, Al Qaeda, the 9/11 terrorists, turned into an even more extreme group called the Islamic State (IS). In January of 2011 the Middle East exploded into the Arab Spring, including a civil war in Syria, a follow-on blitzkrieg attack on Iraq by IS in June of 2014, and the standup of an IS caliphate. IS has been soundly defeated in both Iraq and Syria, but not the world. Now dozens of other countries in the Middle East are at war or on the verge of exploding. How did the IS arise? Why do Muslims in the Middle East hate the west so much? This course will identify and discuss the significant historical and current events from Mohammed’s death up to the present, and review the history and status of all middle east countries.

John Hickok has the following degrees: B.S. engineering / nuclear physics (USNA), M.S. in aero engineering and an M.B.A. (NPGS). He retired after a 48-year career in the Navy and Office of the Secretary of Defense, A-6 Intruder NFO and RAF construction. He is a lifelong student of history.

The Three Mary’s: Mary Boleyn, Mary Tudor and Mary Stewart, Queen of Scots
Debbie Misiag
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/26/2021 - 11/6/2021
Blackboard & Zoom
30 seats available

This Blackboard course will explore the lives of three women: Mary Boleyn, the sister of Anne Boleyn. Mary was a mistress of Henry VIII; Mary Tudor, the sister of Elizabeth I of England and Mary Stewart, Queen of Scots and a cousin to Elizabeth I. Each woman will have a module in this fully on-line course. Each module will last one week. Participants will enjoy brief articles, video and movie clips and narrated PowerPoint presentations to view on their own schedule within each week. Participants are expected to participate in the discussion board by answering 1-2 questions per week by typing in the text box on Blackboard. The class will have one Zoom meeting prior to the start of the class and one Zoom meeting the last week of the course so that participants can get to know each other.

Debbie has a B.A. in history from California State University, Fullerton and an M.A. from John Hopkins. She has taught undergrad and graduate students in person, hybrid and on-line. She has presented at state and national conferences. Debbie was an elementary school teacher and administrator and developed numerous professional learning opportunities for her staff.

What is Fascism? An Historical Analysis
Donald Schilling
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
9/16/2021 - 9/30/2021
Discovery 1, Room 136
40 seats available

In our current political moment the term fascism has been used with greater frequency. Many have wondered, “To what degree are western democracies now being transformed by fascist movements?” The purpose of this class is twofold: First, to analyze the fascist movements that became powerful in the interwar period, especially in Italy and Germany, and thus help us better answer the question posed in the course title; second, to examine several contemporary political developments to assess whether fascism is an accurate descriptor in these cases. This class will require some reading of documentary materials and short excerpts from books and articles.

Suggested: Reading: The Anatomy of Fascism by Robert O. Paxton.

Donald Schilling has a Ph.D. in modern European history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and spent 41 years teaching courses in this subject area at Denison University, including Confronting Evil: The Holocaust in History, The Rise and Fall of Nazi Germany, and The Origins and History of World War II.

World War II in the Air Over Europe (1939-1945)
Bill Riffer
Thursday 9:30-11:30am
3 session(s)
10/28/2021 - 11/11/2021
Zoom
250 seats available

Much of World War II can be broken down into component parts. In this course, we will look at the impact of air operations on four of these parts: The German conquest of western Europe, the Battle of Britain, the allied reconquest of western Europe, and the allied strategic bombing campaign against Germany. In each case we will investigate the successes and failures of each campaign, try to understand what was behind them, and evaluate the impact on the overall European Theater of Operations (ETO).

Bill Riffer is a retired career submarine officer with a lifelong interest in military history. In addition to at-sea commands, he also served as Atlantic Submarine Force chief of staff for doctrine, tactics, and training. He has degrees in nuclear engineering, national security policy, and international relations.

One-Time Lectures
Military Government Hospital: Okinawa
Stewart Sell
Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm
1 session
9/14/2021
Zoom
275 seats available

We will review the verbatim diary and correspondence of the commanding officer of military government hospital behind the lines in Okinawa during world War II.
Poland’s Contributions to Allied Victory During World War II

Timothy Wray
Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm
1 session
11/30/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

Most Americans know little about Poland’s role in WWII other than that Germany conquered it in 1939. This presentation will show how the Poles were able to raise substantial land, sea, and air forces even after Poland’s territory was occupied, and how those forces contributed to Allied victory. We will also discuss how the Polish forces loyal to the Polish government-in-exile (aligned with the Western Allies) and the pro-communist Polish forces raised by the USSR became pawns in the political struggle for Poland’s postwar future.

The Camino de Santiago and World Pilgrimage

George Greenia
Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm
1 session
11/16/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

This lecture will discuss the “travel for transformation,” which has grown steadily even as church attendance has fallen off in Western countries. The legendary trek across northern Spain to the tomb of St. James the Apostle has inspired the world and draws hundreds of thousands of walkers, some of sure belief and others of admittedly flickering faith.

The Treaty of Versailles: Beyond the Conventional Wisdom

Joseph Johnson
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
1 session
9/21/2021
Kaplan Arena, Wightman Cup Room
130 seats available

To many Americans the Treaty of Versailles is a vindictive document that unfairly punished Germany and directly led to World War II. This presentation will examine the treaty in the context of long-term European history to help participants deepen their understanding of the treaty and its impacts on future events.

Joe Johnson is Chief of Staff at the Defense Acquisition University and volunteers as president of the Fort Belvoir military history club. He majored in European history at Washington and Lee University prior to a career in the U.S. Army, which included instructor assignments at the Quartermaster School and the Command and General Staff College.
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- Windows 7 or later•macOS X with macOS 10.7 or later
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From Monticello Ave., turn north on Treyburn Dr. At the Brookdale gate give your name and reference Osher Institute. Continue on Treyburn and bear right at the circle onto Windbrook Ln. to the parking area. Do not park in the sheltered spaces or circle. Check in at the registration desk of the main building. You will be directed to the class location.

Edgeworth Park at New Town – 5501 Discovery Park Blvd.
From Ironbound Rd., turn onto Discovery Park Blvd. and drive to the far end of the road. Park out on street or to the left of the main entrance or behind the building. Members should not park in spaces near front entrance.

Ford’s Colony – 240 Ford’s Colony Dr.
Turn into the main Ford’s Colony entrance off of Longhill Rd. Go 1 mile on Ford’s Colony Dr. to the roundabout. The clubhouse is on the right. Park on the left hand side of the clubhouse. The banquet room is on the left as you enter the front door.

Helen’s Place Photography – 1205 Lightfoot Rd.
Head northeast on VA-199 W. Take the exit toward VA-603 W/Mooretown Rd/Lightfoot Rd. Merge onto VA-603/Mooretown Rd. Turn right onto Lighfoot Rd. Helen’s Place Photography will be on the left.

Illy Café – 435 W Duke of Gloucester St.
Illy Café is within Merchants Square, across the street from Kimball Theatre. There is a paid parking lot ($2 an hour) at the corner of S. Boundary and Francis Streets and other nearby parking garages.

Kimball Theatre is on W. Duke of Gloucester St. near Little Theatre/Campus Center. There is a paid parking lot ($2 an hour) at the corner of S. Boundary and Francis Streets.

Patriot’s Colony – 6000 Patriot’s Colony Dr.
Depending on the assigned room for the course:
Liberty Lounge - Heading West on Route 5 (John Tyler Highway), Patriot’s Colony will be on the right. Stop at the guard house and give your name and reference Osher. Park in the parking lot in front of the Cannon Community Center.

Riverside Doctors’ Hospital Williamsburg - 1500 Commonwealth Ave. Heading East toward Busch Gardens on Route. 60/Pocahontas Trail, the hospital will be on the right just before the interchange for Route 199.

Shaia Oriental Rugs – 1328 Jamestown Rd.
Off of Route 199, turn onto Jamestown Rd. toward Jamestown Settlement. Shaia Oriental Rugs is just past the Colony Square Shopping Center on the right at 1325 Jamestown Rd.

Thomas Nelson Community College – 4601 Opportunity Way From Monticello Ave. take VA-199 west towards Lightfoot. Take route 60/Lightfoot exit turning left at traffic light onto route 60/Richmond Rd. Go 0.3 miles and turn left onto Centerville Rd then get in the left lane and turn left onto Opportunity Way.

Williamsburg Landing – 5700 Williamsburg Landing Dr.
When you turn left on Lake Powell Road, drive past the Williamsburg Landing main entrance and turn left on Marclay Road (the first road on the left past Williamsburg Landing). Continue down Marclay Road to the Event Parking gravel lot on the left side. There is a connecting sidewalk from the Event Parking lot to the Landing Building. A shuttle will be provided for events held in the Assisted Living Building and the Doig Health Club.

Williamsburg Regional Library – 515 Scotland St. Schell Room or Theatre. Park in the library parking lot or the lot across the street. All morning classes use theatre entrance.

WindsorMeade – Windsor Hall Dr. #3900 Park in the Belk / Bed Bath & Beyond (4900 Monticello Avenue) shopping lot. Park at the far right end in front of Binns of Williamsburg. There will be a continuous shuttle running loops beginning 30 minutes before class begins.
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Mail to: Osher Institute at William & Mary, PO Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795
Membership Registration Form

[ ] New Member  [ ] Returning Member  [ ] Honorary Member

Member Information

Name: ___________________________  Phone #: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________  Email: ___________________________
City, State & Zip: ___________________________  Has your address changed?: [ ] Yes  [ ] No
Nickname: ___________________________  Has your email changed?: [ ] Yes  [ ] No
How did you hear about us? [ ] Friend  [ ] Advertisement  [ ] Facebook  [ ] Catalog  [ ] Other

Membership Options Please select your semester membership level.

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Course Name - List requests in order of preference. Circle “H” if willing to host or “CA” if willing to adjust volume / shut down.

#1 ___________________________  H/CA
#2 ___________________________  H/CA
#3 ___________________________  H/CA
#4 ___________________________  H/CA
#5 ___________________________  H/CA
#6 ___________________________  H/CA
#7 ___________________________  H/CA
#8 ___________________________  H/CA

Activity Name - Activities (including Town & Gown) and One-Time Lectures. List in order of preference.

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