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This catalog is available at www.wm.edu/osher which incorporates a larger font size with the use of the zoom feature.
My how our world has changed during these last 5 months. I hope you are doing well and are enjoying the lifting of some restrictions by our Governor.

The COVID-19 pandemic initiated many changes for our Osher mode of course delivery this past spring and summer; we literally dove into the deep-end and immediately began converting in-person scheduled courses to Zoom. I am so proud of how our staff, volunteer instructors and YOU rose to the challenge!

We received very positive feedback from participants to indicate most found the use of Zoom fairly easy to navigate and loved not needing to drive long distances or finding parking. An added benefit to offering programming online was the ability to engage W&M alumni to re-connect with the Tribe through registration for our courses. Of course, we all miss the social aspects of our program but for now benefit from larger class sizes when online.

W&M is planning to bring undergrad and graduate students back to campus while implementing social distancing policies. This may affect available space for our program so in an effort to be proactive and allow our members to plan accordingly, we are proceeding with more than 100 courses, lectures and activities online for this fall. I trust you will find plenty to stimulate your love of learning. When W&M has made final decisions regarding their space needs and the best interests of the health of our community members we may be able to make some adjustments and add additional courses for some instructors whose courses did not lend themselves to online instruction.

In addition to these changes, I will be retiring in late October of this year. It has been my great pleasure to work with this program for the last 14 years. I look forward to the opportunity to become a member, take Osher courses, and of course volunteer to be a class host! My staff works as a great team and are the backbone in keeping our day to day operations moving and we have plans in place for a smooth transition to a new director. So as we greet the new season, my staff and I will be providing training to instructors for presenting their courses online, continuing to provide training materials for you as members to participate in online courses if you have not already done so. If you wish to participate but don’t have the technology readily available, please let us know. Should you require any assistance, please feel free to reach out and we will assist you. Best wishes for your continued good health.

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The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at William and 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.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at William & Mary (Osher Institute at W&M) was founded in 1991 as the Christopher Wren Association by the late Wayne and Ruth Kernodle. Our program was designed to allow continued intellectual stimulation and fellowship for persons specifically, but not exclusively, over the age of 50.

Our programming works well for the active senior who seeks intellectual stimulation in the form of short term courses, social interactions and opportunities to engage with the community. Our courses include opportunities to study Art and Music, Computers and Technology, Government and Law, Literature, and Yoga, or to join various foreign language small groups during the lunch hour and more. There is something for everyone.

In 2018, our lifelong learning program was invited to become a part of the Bernard Osher Foundation network. The affiliation was accompanied by an initial $100,000 grant which has supported audio/visual upgrades to the Wightman Cup Room, the purchase of portable presentation equipment for off-site classroom use, increased Town and Gown lecture series programming and the creation of a one-day “Weekend Sampler University”. We were also able to establish the Christopher Wren Association/Kernodle Scholarship so that more of the Williamsburg community can enjoy our class offerings. Two conditions of the grant were that the program become an official entity of William & Mary and the organizational name change to reflect the alignment with the Bernard Osher Foundation.

The Bernard Osher Foundation is dedicated to supporting various education and arts programs and has funded 123 other Osher Institutes nationally. In 2020 the program will be evaluated on its use of the initial funding and will be eligible for an additional $1 million endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation. This subsequent investment will ensure stability for Osher Lifelong Learning at William & Mary for years to come.

Affiliation with the Bernard Osher Foundation has also provided us access to The National Resource Center which provides an excellent network with other Institutes to seek collaboration, ideas and much more.

In January 2021 we will celebrate our 30th anniversary and we look forward to many more years of service to our members.
WE RECOGNIZE

With our greatest appreciation, we honor these four outstanding instructors who have each taught in our Osher program for 20 years or more. You are an inspiration to us all. Thank you for your time and dedication.

Terry Elkins  
Science

As a career Physicist, Terry Elkins was active in the early days of satellite technology, specializing in airborne and space-based reconnaissance systems for a variety of purposes including national defense and astronomy.

“My reason for teaching here (Osher) was a desire to share with others the specialized knowledge and experience I accumulated over 40 years, and to learn from hearing their own perspectives.”

Terry and Osher members explore the science and controversies surrounding global climate change and environmental pollution. Terry’s personal lifetime fascination with astronomy inspired his courses on Modern Astronomy, which has undergone an extraordinary “explosion” in recent decades. “It is rewarding for me to see the enthusiasm and sense of wonder in Osher members when presenting my courses in Modern Astronomy. The dedication and focus of the participants is inspiring.”

Mr. Allburn is quick to note that everyone has different dreams, desires, needs, fears and concerns, and new things are always coming in the future. Content and topics change with each semester to keep up with current events so that information is timely and most relevant. “It feels like a nice way for me to help enrich the community in which I live. I get to share some of my knowledge, and hopefully help a few folks with the decisions they make on their investment portfolios.”

Glenn Markus  
World History

“A fascination with archaeology started when Glenn was in sixth grade as he looked at a fish tank holding layers of sand taken from the same location over a long period of time. He became very interested in ancient Roman society, and he has taught on topics such as “The Rise of Christianity in Ancient Rome.” “The ancient Romans were pretty much the same as we are. Human nature is the same. People eat, cry, celebrate, and live their lives as best they can. We sometimes think of ourselves as advanced, superior or sophisticated, but like those in ancient Rome, we live daily in our own perception of where we are. Exploring the past shows we can learn much; it is very relevant.”

Ed. Note: Sadly, Glenn Markus passed away on June 15, 2020

Jack Edwards  
Government and Law

With a distinguished teaching and college administrative career at William & Mary, Jack was known for his passion for increasing faculty-student interactions. He carries on his passion at the Osher Institute at W&M.

“I enjoy teaching Osher members because they are genuinely interested in the subject, and are not just getting their tickets punched. They know a lot, and I learn from them. Being an instructor makes me think about the substance of the course, but beyond that, how can I make it interesting to participants?”

Jack teaches courses on elections, covering some key historical aspects as well as current election dynamics and political trends. The passion of teaching is evident in Jack as a volunteer instructor. “With the help of excellent participants, it has enabled me to continue that which I most like.”

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Sean Allburn  
Finance

Sean Allburn teaches financial planning, investing, and asset management, particularly with regard to retirement and he gets excited as each new semester approaches.

“I’ve been teaching these courses for 20 years now, and I look forward to it every year. Teaching here is almost a perfect fit for me. Most of my clients are already retired and my real expertise is in managing investment portfolios during retirement.”

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Thank you to these dedicated instructors who have volunteered for 15-19 years. Our program exists because of generous volunteers like you.

James Bales
Sheila Conrad
Don Berg
The late Fred Czufin
The late Carl Finstrom
Bernie Fitzgerald
Helen Hamilton
Julian Ward Jones
George King
Carlo La Fiandra
The late John McKnight
Earl McLane

Ken McLennan
John Ogden
Jacob Polderman
John Rogers
Richard Sherman
Carol Sherman
Carolyn Stowe
David Tetrault
Caroline Williams
Bill Williams
The late Jack Willis
Glenn Winters

Volunteer Instructors
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Want to attend courses offered by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at William & Mary?

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

Several Kernodle-Christopher Wren Scholarships sponsored by the Institute will be awarded this year 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 in the Institute and registration and parking for up to eight semester courses.

Applications are available from the Osher Institute at W&M office at (757) 221-1506 or osher@wm.edu. Return by mail or email.

The scholarship program is named after the late Wayne and Ruth Kernodle, founders of the Christopher Wren Association’s lifelong learning program in 1991.

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5. Take Photographs
6. Help in Our Office
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8. Help Organize Events and Receptions
9. Shape Curriculum and Recruit Instructors
10. Help Instructors Create Power Point Presentations
11. Teach a Course
12. Provide Technical Assistance in the Classrooms
**COURSE TOPIC**

**POLICIES**

**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 William & Mary 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 William & Mary 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 William & Mary. The office must be informed prior to any guest attending.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

The Osher Institute at William & Mary will cancel courses/activities/events/training for weather if William & Mary University Events and Activities are canceled. A notice will be on the Osher Institute at William & Mary office voice mail (757-221-1506). Please note, you will not be personally contacted.

**NAME TAGS**

Registrants will receive their name tag by e-mail 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 William & Mary events.

**REFUNDS**

Please note that the Osher Institute at William & Mary 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 course 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. For Fall 2020, the refund deadline date is September 14, 2020. Please submit a refund request in writing to osher@wm.edu. An explanation as to why you are canceling is appreciated.
Benefits to Registering Online
Our online system is a quick and convenient way to register for regular and associate membership, sign up for courses, add activities, access wait lists, and access your schedule.

Fall Registration Session Dates
Registration request period begins: July 28, 2020
Registration request period ends: August 2, 2020
Course confirmation emails sent out: August 3, 2020
*You can still register for courses after the initial request period ends.

U.S. Mail Registration
Paper registration is an alternative for those that 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 August 2, 2020.

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 (which consists of six lectures)
Register and pay for special events
American History

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

Donna Dodenhoff
Mon 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
9/14/2020 - 9/28/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

This course will explore definitions of American citizenship forged during the cataclysm of Civil War and Reconstruction. It will conclude by examining how the current discourse on the meaning of the Civil War and Reconstruction is informing the contemporary discourse on citizenship.

Reading: Suggested: Reconsidering Reconstruction: Between the Cataclysm of Civil War and the Reconciliation of the Constitution by Sean Wilentz.
Reading: Suggested: Reconstruction: A Short History of Reconstruction by Eric Foner. After Slavery: Race, Labor and Citizenship in the Reconstruction South by Bruce E. Baker and Brian Kelly, editors.

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

Freedom, Capitalism, and the Enigma of Slavery Prior to the Civil War

James Belcher
Fri 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
9/18/2020 - 10/2/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

Were the founders hypocritical, or did they simply accept the practices of the time, believing subjugation and religious beliefs were consistent? What responsibility did capitalism have in promoting such practices? This course will encourage thoughtful consideration and dialogue on this timely subject.


James Belcher has a B.A. in economics from Southern Methodist University and an undergraduate certificate in higher education from Oxford University (philosophy). He is a certified public accountant and global chartered accountant.

“Go West, Young Man...” Westward Expansion in American History and Mythology

Karen McPherson
Tue 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 session(s)
9/15/2020 - 9/29/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

The entire quotation – “Go West, young man, and grow up with the country” – is attributed to an 1865 editorial written by New York newspaperman Horace Greeley (although no one has found these words in Greeley’s newspaper). But even if we cannot prove that Greeley actually wrote these words, he clearly agreed with the sentiment – along with virtually all Americans. The call of the West was a driving force throughout American history. In this course we will examine the five W’s of westward expansion – Who moved Where, When, Why, and How. And perhaps most importantly: With what consequences?

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.

If Walls Could Talk: Stone Walls of New York and New England

John Delano
Tue 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
10/6/2020 - 10/20/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

The 250,000 miles of stone walls in New York and New England are an enduring testimony to the work ethic of 17th - 19th century subsistence farmers. Many of those farmers left their farms to work the flat, fertile, rock-free lands in the Mid-west. The
abandoned New England fields ringed by stone walls were reclaimed by the forests. It is now common to find stone walls, stone foundations, and family cemeteries in the New England woods. Those long-forgotten features will be explored using old survey reports, diaries, maps, images, and John Delano’s personal accounts of his explorations of stone walls.

**Reading: Suggested:** *Sermons in Stone: The Stone Walls of New England and New York* by Susan Allport.

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

**The Constitutional Convention of 1787**

**Michael Kerley**  
Tue, Thu 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM  
8 session(s)  
9/29/2020 - 10/22/2020  
via Zoom  
275 seats available

In this course we will study the Constitutional Convention of 1787 in detail. We will examine the reasons why the Convention was called. We will then take a chronological look at the discussions and debates that occurred during that long summer in Philadelphia. We will explore the framers’ thoughts and perspectives as they struggled to create our novel form of government. We will also become familiar with the key participants at the Convention. Course attendees should expect to obtain a better understanding of how and why our Constitution was created.

**Reading: Suggested:** *The Summer of 1787: The Men Who Invented the Constitution* by David O. Stewart.  
*A Brilliant Solution: Inventing the American Constitution* by Carol Berkin.

Michael Kerley is a retired attorney. He earned 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.

**The Eagle’s Webbed Feet: A Maritime History of the United States**

**Bill Riffer**  
Wed 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
6 session(s)  
10/28/2020 - 12/9/2020  
via Zoom  
275 seats available

The United States is a maritime nation whose Navy has always been integral to its existence--first as a small but up-and-coming trading nation, then as one of the world’s “Great Nations,” and finally as a super power. Throughout, the Navy’s changes and progression have mirrored and paralleled the nation’s. This course is a six-part survey of that progression from a small maritime defense force into the most powerful Navy in history.

**Reading: Suggested:** *To Shining Sea* by Stephen Howarth.

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.

**Art and Music**

**Art and Music Unfurl in History: Part II**

**Sandra Stephan,** Coordinator;  
**Georgianna Avioli; Patricia Rublein**  
Wed 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
3 session(s)  
10/7/2020 - 10/21/2020  
via Zoom  
275 seats available

This course presents images of works of art from the permanent collection of the Muscarelle Museum of Art. They will be combined with audio of the music from the same time frame, and both will be discussed in their historical contexts. The political, social, religious, and financial occurrences in a country have great influence on the artists who contribute to the cultural lives of the world community. Part II presents all new material.

Sandra Stephan earned her B.A. from Old Dominion University and her M.A. and Ph.D. in English from Tulane University. She is professor emerita, Youngstown State University and has taught 18th century British literature for three decades, as well as courses in medicine, literature and writing.

Georgianna Avioli was a mathematics adjunct lecturer the William & Mary for 23 years who took advantage of auditing art history classes while there. She has been a docent at the Muscarelle Museum of Art for over 20 years.

Patricia Rublein has a B.A. in the history of art from William & Mary. She has worked as the executive director of the Cultural Alliance of Hampton Roads and is currently a docent at the Muscarelle Museum of Art.

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Exploring Painting with Soft Pastels
Judith Leasure
Tue 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
6 session(s)
10/27/2020 - 12/8/2020
via Zoom
16 seats available

In this course, we will work from photos to examine the principles of art used to produce realistic still life paintings. This course is for all skill levels, but is especially geared toward the beginner and those with some previous experience. Drawing skills are not required. During the course, we will complete two or three paintings. All materials will be provided for a $30 supply fee. Arrangements to exchange materials and fees will be determined at a later date.

Judith Leasure has a B.A. in music education and an M.A. in business management. She has extensive private studies with Signature Members of the Pastel Society of America (PSA) and she is a Juried Associate Member of PSA. She has had works exhibited in numerous national-level shows and has extensive teaching experience.

Film Noir: A Walk Down a Dark Alley
Thomas Thompson
Wed 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
6 session(s)
10/28/2020 - 12/9/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

In 1995 Roger Ebert wrote: “Film noir: The film of darkness and the night, of shadows and mean streets, of losers, grifters and bottomfeeders. Often disreputable, the film noir was usually about crime, but it didn’t glorify criminals the way 1930s gangster pictures did. Instead, its characters got involved in crime out of desperation, accident, weakness, or sheer bad lust.” The French critic Nino Frank argued that these movies are not procedurals or whodunits, they are character studies and sociological investigations. This time we will look at six more of these film noir classics.

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

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, the American Association of Retired Persons invited him to become a trainer, running workshops across the country.

Geniuses of the American Musical
Dan Sherman
Thu 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
6 session(s)
9/17/2020 - 10/22/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

This course will focus on the careers of some of the leading composers and lyricists who have given us some of our greatest stage and film musicals. A biographical approach will be used to both describe the history of musicals and to highlight contributions of composers such as Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and Leonard Bernstein, along with lyricists such as Alan Jay Lerner. A special session will be devoted to Stephen Sondheim in honor of his 90th birthday. This multimedia course will draw on many sources to present great performances, including those by the composers and lyricists themselves.

Reading: Suggested: Listening for America: Inside the Great American Songbook by Rob Kapilow.

Dan Sherman is an economist who has presented 25 courses on musical theatre and other topics at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute sites in Northern Virginia. He has also lectured for Wagner Societies and college alumni groups. He received his Ph.D. in economics from Cornell University.
Introduction to the Basics of Drawing
Richard Corwin
Thu 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
6 session(s)
9/17/2020 - 11/12/2020 via Zoom
12 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.

John Wayne and John Ford: Western Actor and Western Director
Bill Krantz
Tue 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
10/27/2020 - 11/10/2020 via Zoom
275 seats available

John Wayne saddled up and John Ford directed some of the greatest films in one of America's greatest art forms: The Western. Each played a pivotal role in establishing the Western as a genre for adults by elevating it from the adolescent movie matinees. This course will review their lives and accomplishments as well as their long association of making movies together.

Bill Krantz is a retired U.S. Army dentist with an interest in Westerns.

The Piano is Grand: A Short History
Carol Huber
Fri 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
10/9/2020 - 10/23/2020 via Zoom
40 seats available

After a cursory look at predecessor instruments, we will trace the development of the piano looking at builders, artists, marketing and technology, as well as social and economic influences. Then, the focus will be on the two leading American piano manufacturers, how that whittled down to one, and why there are noticeable differences between instruments.

Carol Huber received her bachelor's from Hart School of Music and a master's from University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in applied piano, and a graduate degree in IT from Boston University. She graduated from the Army War College and is a PMI certified project manager. A retired federal employee, Carol now works for the Jamestown/Yorktown Foundation.

Computer and Technology

iMovie for iOS (iPad and/or iPhone)
Rick Chase
Mon 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 session(s)
10/5/2020 - 10/19/2020 via Zoom
50 seats available

iMovie (iOS version) is a video creation application enabling you to make your own blockbusters using video and photos on your Apple device. You will learn how to browse and select media, make Hollywood style trailers, create beautiful movies, play them back on your Apple devices and Apple TV, and learn how to share them with friends and family. The course will focus on using the iPad, although an iPhone can be used. It is not appropriate for Apple Mac computers.

Reading: Suggested: iMovie Help for iPad (FREE) by Apple. iPhone and/or iPad User Guide (FREE).

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.

Introduction to Excel
Edward McMahon
Wed 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 session(s)
9/16/2020 - 9/30/2020 via Zoom
275 seats available

This computer lab course is a hands-on introduction to Microsoft's Excel spreadsheet program. We will cover the basics of Excel including data types and data entry, creating and modifying lists and tables, creating graphs from data, and performing some data analyses. Attendees are expected to have basic computer operating skills (like creating and saving Word documents) and should bring a USB flash drive to class.

Ed McMahon has degrees in physics and electrical engineering, and a Ph.D. in system science. He has prepared and taught management courses since retiring as president of MRJ Technology Solutions. He received a diploma from the Chinese Cookery in 1996 and teaches hands-on Chinese cooking for the Confucius Institute at William & Mary.
iPhone/iPad: The Basics and Beyond

Rick Chase
Wed, Fri 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
6 session(s)
10/28/2020 - 11/13/2020
via Zoom
50 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 or Apple iPad User Guide (Free).

Mastering Your iPhone/iPad Camera and Photo Applications

Rick Chase
Fri 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 session(s)
11/20/2020 - 12/11/2020
via Zoom
50 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 filters. You’ll 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 slideshows with music; and using iCloud.

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

Searching the Internet for Genealogical and Family History Records

Joseph Sell
Tue 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
6 session(s)
9/15/2020 - 10/20/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

This course is an intermediate genealogy course where a multitude of Internet sites will be explored to locate and save documentation on your ancestors. The participant should be well versed in the use of their computer browser. Opportunities in class will be made to practice searching some of the sites. Members can bring a laptop computer, iPad, tablet or smartphone to practice Internet searches.

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.

Finance and Economics

Baby Boomer Retirement: The Rules Have Changed

Mark Shelby
Tue 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
10/6/2020 - 10/20/2020
via Zoom
275 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, and social security, as well as 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.

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.

Behavioral Finance: How Common Biases Lead to Bad Investment Decisions

Mark Monroe
Tue 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 session(s)
10/27/2020 - 11/10/2020
via Zoom
30 seats available

Many investors are well versed in the traditional strategies and theories that govern financial markets. Yet, too often, those same investors...
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struggle to consistently apply that knowledge to their own portfolio. Why? This course will compare and contrast how traditional finance theory (what investors should do) differs from behavioral finance theory (what investors actually do). Participants will learn how faulty reasoning and common biases plague even the most intelligent investors, resulting in irrational investment decisions. Participants will also learn strategies to modify or adapt to behavior, leading to improved application of traditional finance concepts.

Mark Monroe is the founder of Monroe Capital Partners, a registered investment advisor that offers fiduciary portfolio management. He is a Certified Financial Analyst Charter holder and earned his CIPM Designation from the CFA Institute. Mark holds B.S. degrees from North Carolina State University in economics and statistics and has managed investment portfolios for over 30 years.

Do Only The Rich Have Trusts? Key Strategies Using Trusts in Your Estate Plan

John Burton
Thu 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 session(s)
9/17/2020 - 10/1/2020
via Zoom
275 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.

Lifetime Income Strategies

Jim Bales, Jacob Bales
Thu 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 session(s)
9/17/2020 - 10/1/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

We will discuss financial education for retirees and how to plan your income for life. 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 from your potential mistakes. In this course, you will learn time-tested strategies for planning your retirement income that are designed to make your money last.

James Bales, registered principal, James Bales Financial, LLC. Securities offered through Centaurus Financial, Inc. Member of FINRA and SIPC.

Social Security and Taxes in Retirement

Jacob Bales
Mon 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
10/26/2020 - 11/9/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

A comprehensive wealth management plan incorporates over a dozen diverse yet related issues. Sean will share proven strategies to help you achieve your financial goals. Do you need a plan to triple your income during retirement? Is your financial plan telling you what you need to know? Other highlights: Practical methods to find higher dividends and interest when interest rates are low. Is there a way to minimize investment risk without sacrificing returns? We will discuss strategies to navigate a volatile market, and consider whether alternative investments should be a part of your portfolio.

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. A Senior Vice President-Investments, Sean manages Allburn Financial Consulting from the Williamsburg office of Davenport and Company LLC.”

Loving our Zoom class! What’s an Osher class without Oreos? — Lisa Brickey, Osher member
In this course, we will review the basics of taxes in retirement and how they may not be what you expect, as well as focus on how the changes from the 2018 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act can affect you. We will have a discussion on Social Security claiming strategies, in addition to management tips. The tax portion will have a focus on the basic concepts and policies that work together to create the system we know today. You will learn methods that can help manage the taxes you experience, including proper distribution structure and asset structuring strategies.

Jacob Bales joined James Bales Financial in 2013. Jacob is a fully licensed Registered Representative with Series 7 and Series 66 certifications. He is a co-advisor at James Bales Financial, focusing on planning, research, and advising, including Social Security.

**Understanding Today’s Economic Trends and Issues**

**Dan Gaske**  
Thu 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
3 session(s)  
10/29/2020 - 11/12/2020  
via Zoom  
275 seats available

This course examines a selection of today’s international economic trends, issues, and institutions. Likely topics could include Brexit, underground economies, the international Monetary Fund, world trade and world trading system, China’s global economic sanctions. Exact topics to be chosen closer to actual dates of course based on important issues at the time of the course.

Daniel Gaske holds 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.

**The Impact of Coronavirus on Global Markets and the Economy: Past, Present, and Future**

**Keith Reagan**  
Tue 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
3 session(s)  
11/17/2020 - 12/8/2020  
via Zoom  
275 seats available

What just happened? What did we do to our economy? Was that necessary? Or do we need to do more? What happens next time? How will pandemics affect investing in the future?

Keith Reagan, Sr., has been a registered investment consultant for over 25 years. He is a graduate of William & Mary. His post-graduate work includes executive education at The Wharton School of Business. He has been recognized as a Five Star Wealth Manager for three years in a row. His firm, Reagan Holloway, offers fiduciary portfolio management on the Fidelity and Wells Fargo platforms.

**Fake News: Media, Misinformation, and Mistrust**

**Candice Benjes-Small**  
Mon 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
3 session(s)  
10/5/2020 - 10/19/2020  
via Zoom  
275 seats available

“Fake News is not a fight over Truth but rather a fight over Power.” We will examine how political, societal, and technological forces affect the spread of information, and explore our own behaviors in order to become more thoughtful consumers of media.

Candice Benjes-Small is the head of research at William & Mary Libraries, having served previously at the University of Southern California and Radford University. She has presented and published extensively on critically evaluating news sites and is lead author of the article Teaching Web Evaluation, selected as a 2013 Top Twenty article.

**Future U.S. Weapon Systems**

**John Hickok**  
Mon 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
3 session(s)  
10/26/2020 - 11/9/2020  
via Zoom  
275 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. 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.

**How to Play a Bridge Hand: Parts II and III**

**Michael Jenks**  
Tue 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
3 session(s)  
10/6/2020 - 10/20/2020  
via Zoom  
50 seats available
This course will provide intermediate-level and experienced players added insights into proper declarer play. Techniques include using probabilities; forcing a defender into giving declarer a free finesse (end play) and discarding a winning trick (squeeze play); how to determine a defender’s point count and distribution in order to select the better alternative among two or more lines of play; and the importance of the order in which alternative lines of play are attempted. Handouts discussing proper declarer play, defensive play, and bidding will be provided for each hand played by class participants.

Michael Jenks is a graduate of the United States Military Academy with a master’s degree in engineering from Stanford University. Mike spent 28 years in the United States Army Corps of Engineers. He is a bronze, silver, and ruby Life Master bridge player and has taught bridge locally since 2010.

Modern Hebrew for Beginners
Betty Ronnen
Wed 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
6 session(s)
10/28/2020 - 12/9/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

Hebrew is the foremost language in the old testament. For two millennia it ceased to be a spoken language but was applied to prayers and other religious writings. For the past two hundred years it has been continuously adapted to present day life. Participants in this course will be introduced to commonly used expressions and phrases related to interests and look into biblical root words which were reconstructed for day-to-day communication. Participants in this course can either choose to become involved by learning from homework assignments or be casual listeners only.

Betty Ronnen graduated from the School of Occupational Therapy in Jerusalem. She received a Ph.D. from New York University. She was a therapist and an adjunct faculty member. She teaches conversational Hebrew at Temple Beth El in Williamsburg.

[We] just wanted to go on record that my husband and I really hope that Zoom courses will continue to be offered, regardless of the presence of the coronavirus.

– Jo and Ken Krantz, Osher at W&M Member

Online Learning Essentials
Scott Langhorst
Tue 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
10/27/2020 - 11/10/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

This course focuses on how to extend your lifelong learning skills using various computer and Internet technologies. Course topics include methods and types of distance learning tools, how to use your computer for distance learning courses, and what to expect in a distance learning and/or an online environment. Take a guided tour of some William & Mary distance learning tools and applications such as Zoom, Blackboard, and Panopto. In addition, learn more about the incredible variety of free, reputable courses that are available online.

Scott Langhorst is retired from the Virginia Community College System and federal service (Army civilian). He is a faculty development specialist and trainer with experience as both a classroom and online teacher. Scott earned a Ph.D. in public administration from Virginia Commonwealth University and was an undergraduate psychology major at William & Mary.

Residential Home Systems Life-Cycles
Joe Cross
Thu 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
3 session(s)
9/17/2020 - 10/1/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

Everything has a life-cycle. This course describes major house systems, how they work and when they should or have to be replaced. It explains the skill levels required for repair, replacements, renovations, and home additions. We will examine the common problems associated with trades and contractors and how to avoid common pitfalls, as well as provide an introduction to new products, systems, and sources.

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.

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Spanish Conversation with a Little Grammar for the Intermediate/Advance Level

Chris Scheiderer
Fri 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
6 session(s)
10/30/2020 - 12/11/2020
via Zoom
25 seats available

This course is for members who already know Spanish but would like to improve their ability to speak and understand it. Each session will be an opportunity for everyone to say something in Spanish. Commentary will be based on what others say and what the group prepares for each session.


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.

The World of Oriental Rugs

Frank Shaia, Bryan Siewert
Tue 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
3 session(s)
11/17/2020 - 12/8/2020
via Zoom
275 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.

Bryan Siewert is the General Manager of Shaia Oriental Rugs and has been working for Frank Shaia for over 10 years. He grew up in Richmond and attended Virginia Tech.

Government and Law

America’s Weapon Systems

John Hickok
Thu 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
4 session(s)
10/8/2020 - 10/29/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

Defense Strategy has focused on the threats of Russia, China, South Korea and Iran to the U.S. A volatile Middle East and Central Asia has kept America at war for 19 years, with no end in sight, as well as the continued threat of terrorism. This course will provide a comprehensive overview of the Department of Defense and the 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.

Citizen Watchdogs: Holding Your State and Government Accountable

Megan Rhyne
Fri 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 session(s)
10/9/2020 - 10/23/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

Participants will learn how to use the General Assembly website to track their lawmakers and the bills through the 2017 Virginia legislative session. They will also learn about the Virginia Freedom of Information Act: Its use, abuse, and the policy behind open records and open meetings acts.

Reading: Suggested: Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Free Online).

Megan Rhyne, director of the Virginia Coalition of Open Government since 2008, received 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.

Congress, the Constitution, and You

Art Grant
Thu 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 session(s)
10/29/2020 - 11/12/2020
via Zoom
60 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.

Reading: Suggested: The Quartet by Joseph J. Ellis.

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.

Supreme Court Preview
Jayne Barnard
Tue 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
9/15/2020 - 9/29/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

The Supreme Court is traditionally a flash point for issues of national importance to millions of people. It also handles many cases that would seem to be important only to the people before the Court. In this course, we will explore some of the “hidden gems” on the Court’s docket for the 2020-2021 term.

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 Commission and the process and consequences of Ponzi scheme victimization.

The Critical Role of Congressional Oversight in American Democracy
Eric Thorson
Mon 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
11/16/2020 - 12/7/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

The conflict between the executive branch and the Congress has reached an unprecedented level of discord. 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 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 Sen. William Roth.

Eric Thorson is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He was chief investigator of the Senate permanent subcommittee on investigations; chief investigator on the Senate finance committee; and inspector general of the Treasury. He coordinated over 20 congressional hearings, including Russian organized crime in the United States and conduct issues in the IRS.

Literature and Writing
Heroes, Gods, Honor, Glory and War: Understanding Homer’s Iliad
John Livecchi
Thu 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
6 session(s)
10/29/2020 - 12/10/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

Few works are more fundamental to understanding our heritage than Homer’s The Iliad. This course aims to immerse the participant in Homer’s world through a close reading of The Iliad in a modern English translation. Reading, discussion, and writing in response to what we read will help broaden our understanding of Greek mythology and Homer’s contribution to world literature, no matter at which level we begin.


Reading: Suggested: Homeric 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.

Shakespeare’s Hamlet: “To Be or Not To Be” on a Search for Answers
Elizabeth Guiliano
Mon 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
9/14/2020 - 9/28/2020
via Zoom
25 seats available

In this course we will discuss the multifaceted and often elusive themes and questions at the heart of this lengthy and complex tragedy. Our study of Hamlet will explore the historic and cultural contexts in which it was written as well as the language for which Shakespeare is so lauded. Participants are encouraged to read the play; we will, however, view a film version of the play by interspersing scenes in our discussion.

Reading: Suggested: Hamlet by William Shakespeare.

Beth Guiliano is a retired professor of English, who taught literature and writing for over 20 years. She holds a B.S. in theatre, an M.A.T. in teaching English, and a D.A. in English education.
Settle in with The Screwtape Letters to uncover the multi layers, metaphors, and spiritual life applications of C.S. Lewis’ classic book. The focus of discussion is not Christian apologetics nor a deconstruction of Lewis’ theology. It is a close look at how easy it is to self-delude and fall short of our best selves. If you have always appreciated this author or genre of writing then this discussion group is the opportunity to share and learn more. (Reading the book ahead is recommended, but we will read most if not all of the book together during the course).


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Photography

**How to Photograph Colonial Williamsburg and William & Mary**

*Carlo La Fiandra*

Tue 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
2 session(s)
9/15/2020 - 9/22/2020
via Zoom
20 seats available

In this two-session course we will gain a better understanding of how to use the camera to achieve desired results with photographic examples to illustrate those techniques.

**How to Simply Leave a Legacy**

*Dawn Parker*

Mon 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
10/26/2020 - 11/9/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

In this course you will learn how to simply tell your story in a way that matters. We can get so overwhelmed with all the stuff we have collected that we can no longer decide what to keep, what to get rid of, how to preserve it all, and how to organize it in a way that makes a difference for our children’s children. We will explore how to record your family history through photos,

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media, oral interviews, and journaling in a way that will leave your story to the next generation in a simple organized way. This course includes a hands-on experience to get the job done.

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

Shapes and Shadows
Helen Oderisi
Fri 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
9/18/2020 - 10/2/2020 via Zoom
15 seats available

In this course we will open our eyes and minds to shapes and shadows and how to use them to create striking compositions, both in color and black and white. Each session will feature inspiration followed by practice. We will begin and end each session with an open discussion of lessons learned and homework assignments. What fun we will have!

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.

Religion and Philosophy
Applied Belief Analysis
Barnet Feingold
Fri 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
6 session(s)
10/30/2020 - 12/11/2020 via Zoom
20 seats available

This course is devoted to examining beliefs that matter. The first session is a summary of the principles of Belief Analysis described at barneysplace.net. The remaining five sessions use those principles to analyze student-submitted beliefs and to explore such topics as Human Agency and Dignity in the Age of Darwin; Catalytic Narratives and Confirmation Bias; A Critique of “The Secret” Beliefs, Cognitive Distortions, The Coddling of the American Mind; and Choosing Personal Narratives. The course will be challenging. It is suggested that participants should peruse barneysplace.net to determine whether it is right for you. Returning belief analysts are welcome.

Barnet Feingold has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Penn State. He served the Veterans Administration in diverse clinical, supervisory, consulting, research, and training roles for over 30 years. After retiring, he taught at Shepherd University. He has over a dozen publications and presentations about the nature of belief.

Between the Testaments
Ray Morgan
Mon 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 session(s)
10/5/2020 - 10/19/2020 via Zoom
275 seats available

The Hebrew Old Testament ends with the book of Malachi. The Greek New Testament starts with the book of Matthew. In most Bibles Malachi and Matthew are separated by a few pages of indexing information, or even two or three essentially blank pages. Those innocuous pages between Malachi and Matthew represent over 400 years of tumultuous history. Empires, tyrants, conflicts, cultures, and religions play out on the stage we often call the Holy Land. This course will cover the history of the Holy Land during that generally unknown time frame between the testaments.

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.

Science and Health
Deciphering Your Grandchild’s Math Homework
Judy Rodgers
Mon 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 session(s)
11/16/2020 - 12/7/2020 via Zoom
24 seats available

Children today are learning math in a very different way than we were taught. The four processes are the same. We still add, subtract, multiply, and divide but the way we teach these processes is significantly different. In this course we will discuss the new ways of teaching math and the reasons for it. We will also partake in some hands-on activities and games that you can use to have fun and at the same time re-enforce this new thinking.

Judy Rodgers taught 3rd and 4th grade for over 10 years and taught parents from different countries how to help their child with mathematics through games. She has an M.Eds in general education and special education, and a certificate in educational leadership. She has presented at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics’ annual meeting.

Demystifying Human Immunology
Stewart Sell
Fri 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
10/30/2020 - 11/13/2020 via Zoom
275 seats available

Find out how seven immune mechanisms not only protect against infections (virus, bacteria, mycobacteria, worms, etc.) and cancer, but also cause disease (diabetes, myasthenia gravis, Grave’s disease, hemolytic
anemia, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus erythematosus, Crohn’s disease, psoriasis, sarcoidosis, etc). Additional topics include: how vaccines work, monoclonal antibodies and rationale for monoclonal antibody treatment, tumor immunity, and AIDS. The underlying theme is inflammation and how immune mechanisms modify inflammation for better or for worse.

**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.**

**Introduction to Informal Logical Fallacies**

**Kelly Shaw**

Tue 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

3 session(s)

11/17/2020 - 12/8/2020

via Zoom

50 seats available

Would you like to make friends and influence people by pointing out critical thinking mistakes during cocktail parties or online political discussions? Do you yearn to clean up your own thinking by filtering out personal bias when constructing or considering the merits of an argument? Informal logic can be defined as a set of techniques that help us evaluate the validity and soundness of arguments in everyday discourse. We will study examples of several of the most famous logical fallacies in informal logic to help us identify and address sloppy arguments made by others, and ourselves.

**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.**

**Is the Paris Climate Accord Within Reach?**

**Robin Church**

Tue 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

3 session(s)

9/15/2020 - 9/29/2020

via Zoom

100 seats available

The Paris Climate Accord was agreed by 196 states at a United Nations Convention near Paris in 2015 and ratified in 2016. The main aim of the agreement is to keep the increase in global average temperature well below two degrees Celsius above the preindustrial level. The course will consider whether this is feasible and how it might be achieved. We will consider what mitigation steps are available today in the electrical, transport and industrial sectors, and where research and innovation will be required. We will not cover possible adaption steps if this is not achieved or the theory of climate change.

**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.**

**Medical Knowledge 101**

**Frances Jones**

Thu 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

6 session(s)

9/17/2020 - 10/22/2020

via Zoom

275 seats available

This course will address the what, why, and ways to improve your health. Our physicians share knowledge about diseases such as bowel movement changes, fecal and bladder incontinence, back pain, physical therapy, nutrition, osteopathic manipulative treatment, preventive medicine, and much more. Dr. Frances Jones, gastroenterologist, serves as the coordinator for this course with presentations from physicians and other specialists from Tidewater Physicians Multispecialty Group (TPMG).

**Frances Jones is a doctor of medicine who specializes in gastroenterology. She served as an assistant professor of medicine for the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences from July 2013 to 2019. During that time she taught medical students, residents, gastroenterology fellows, and physician assistants.**

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– Bob & Sue Flood, Osher at W&M Member
Presidential Illnesses

Jonathan Stolz
Mon 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 session(s)
9/14/2020 - 9/28/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

The health and illnesses of United States presidents that served from the start of our republic to the mid-twentieth century is presented in this course. How the chief executive’s physical and mental ailments interplayed with historic events as well as the evolution of medical care as it pertains to the occupants of the White House is discussed. An awareness of past presidential maladies highlights the importance of knowing the medical history of those running for our nation’s highest office in this election year.

Jonathan Stolz is a physician who practiced radiology in Pennsylvania before retiring and moving to Williamsburg. He has had a long time interest in the history of medicine. His Osher Institute at William & Mary courses have included: Presidential Illnesses, Medicine in Colonial America, Civil War Medicine, The Transformation of American Medicine, and Medicine in Ancient Civilizations.

Unpacking the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dana Willner
Wed 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
3 session(s)
10/28/2020 - 11/11/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

How was COVID-19 discovered? What is the difference between an antibody test and a PCR-based test? Why do we need a vaccine? This course explores the answers to these and other questions about the COVID-19 pandemic through the lens of molecular biology, statistics, and bioinformatics. We will start with how COVID-19 was discovered and what makes it different from the flu, then we will compare and contrast ways in which we test for the virus and what they tell us. Finally, we will look at therapeutics and vaccines, and the role each plays in controlling and preventing future pandemics.

Dana Willner is currently a lecturer in the Computer Science Department at William & Mary. Her background is in exploring humans and their microbiomes using high-throughput DNA sequencing combined with biostatistics and bioinformatics.

Shoreline Studies

Carl Hobbs
Thu 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
3 session(s)
11/19/2020 - 12/10/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

This course will consider the physical character of beaches, sand dunes, barrier islands, and tidal marshes, along with the processes that form and modify them. The important processes are wind, waves, tides, and storms, and (on a longer scale) sea-level rise. By the conclusion of the course, students should have a better understanding of and appreciation for the major environments of the shore.

Reading: Suggested: The Beach

What “Bugs” You: An Introduction to Insects and Other Anthropods

Timothy Christensen
Tue 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
11/17/2020 - 12/8/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

The word “bug” frequently denotes various invertebrate organisms though more typically when referring to insects. We often think of insects as pesky problems affecting our daily lives. Certainly, that does occur at times; however, just how important are insects and what do we really know about them? This course examines an introduction to insect diversity, ecological associations and their relationships with humans from a global perspective. Please note: this is NOT a course about how to control insect pests around the home, garden, etc.

Tim Christensen is a biological scientist with the Department of Defense having responsibilities for wildlife management, forestry, wetlands, entomology and integrated pest management. He is a Board Certified Entomologist and holds a Bachelor of Science in biology and graduate degrees in management, community health and entomology.

What Exercise Should I Be Doing?

Karen Thomas
Wed 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
10/7/2020 - 10/21/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

While exercise is beneficial not all exercise and exercise programs are appropriate for everyone. Whether you are a beginning or lifelong exerciser, the aging process has made us adapt to our changing bodies. This course will help you make informed choices about your exercise activities. The latest information and guidelines
World History

Growing up in Nazi Occupied Netherlands During World War II and Postwar Era

Jacob Polderman
Tue 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
11/17/2020 - 12/8/2020 via Zoom
40 seats available

This course will discuss the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands from the instructor’s personal experience living in Walcheren during this time. From the Nazi invasion in 1940 to the liberation in November 1944, we will discuss the challenges of everyday life for citizens, including the “hunger winter” when food was shipped to Germany. After the liberation of the rest of the Netherlands in 1945, the country was in a very bad state, which took years to repair. All of this, and more, will be covered.

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.

ISIS, Syria and the Explosive Middle East

John Hickok
Wed 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
3 session(s)
9/16/2020 - 9/30/2020 via Zoom
275 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 and a follow-on blitzkrieg attack on Iraq by ISIS in June of 2014. ISIS 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.

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.

Queen Victoria: Europe’s Grandmother

Linda Smith
Tue 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 session(s)
10/27/2020 - 11/10/2020 via Zoom
275 seats available

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert planned the marriages of their children with the goal of a unified, peaceful Europe under Anglo-German guidance or, at least, to extend their influence. Did they succeed or fail? This course will trace their descendants’ marriages through the 19th and 20th century Europe “for better or for worse.”

Linda Smith has a B.A. in history and political science from Boston College,
The American Civil War: An International History

Michael Butler
Thu 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
3 session(s)
10/8/2020 - 10/22/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

This course will examine the Civil War in its diplomatic context. We will examine the international background to secession, Union and Confederate foreign policy, and the Civil War’s impact on British, French, Spanish and Russian diplomacy. Note that the course will focus on diplomatic and political, rather than military, history.

Michael Butler has a Ph.D., with a focus on 20th century American diplomacy. He spent 30 years as a state department foreign service officer; was a visiting assistant professor of history at William & Mary; and a former faculty member at University of Virginia and West Point. Author of Cautious Visionary: Cordell Hull and Trade Reform, 1933-1937.

The Holocaust from a Victim’s Perspective

Donald Schilling
Tue 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 session(s)
10/6/2020 - 10/20/2020
via Zoom
40 seats available

Although eight decades in our past, the Holocaust continues to pose difficult and disturbing questions about the human experience. It is ultimately beyond our grasp to understand fully what it was like for those who experienced it, but as human beings concerned about the nature of human experience we should confront the Holocaust and seek its meanings as best we can. This course attempts to do so by examining one dimension of this complex event, the experience of victims, through the reading and discussion of Primo Levi’s iconic narrative, Survival in Auschwitz.


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.

The Psychology of Pandemics

David Hopkinson
Mon 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 session(s)
11/16/2020 - 12/7/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

Throughout history the known world has been swept by waves of infectious diseases, sometimes from novel sources but sometimes from surges of old enemies. This course will examine common psychological and sociocultural responses as humans faced the approaching menace, reacted to its peak destructive effects, and recovered a new normalcy. Examples are: denial, alarmism, unfounded reassurances, doomsday prophecies, extreme withdrawal, and reckless defiance. Each was expressed in the conceptual frameworks of their times. We will use Bubonic Plague, Smallpox, 1852-60 Cholera Pandemic, 1918 Spanish Flu, HIV/AIDS, and COVID-19 to illustrate.

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.

One-Time Lectures

America’s Diplomats: Who They Are, What They Do, Why It Is Important

James Bullington
Mon 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
1 session
10/26/2020 - 10/26/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

This lecture will explore the State Department and Foreign Service, the career of diplomacy, the work of our embassies and consulates, the difference between career and political ambassadors, and the instructor’s 34 year history in Africa and Southeast Asia, including wartime Vietnam. It will assess the decline in U.S. diplomatic capacity and global influence in recent years and examine America’s role in a post-pandemic world.

Jim Bullington was a career foreign service officer and ambassador, serving at 12 posts in Africa and Southeast Asia and as Dean of the State Department’s highest-level training program. He is a graduate of Auburn, Harvard, and the Army War College, and has published three books and numerous articles.

Civil Liberties in the Time of Pandemics

Judith Barzilay
Wed 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
1 session
10/7/2020 - 10/7/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

The rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution are not absolute and can be limited in certain circumstances. Using the COVID-19 pandemic as illustration, this lecture will set out the legal framework for two of the most important government actions in fighting a pandemic: so-called stay at home orders and health-related surveillance, including contact tracing. The presenters will discuss issues of emergency authorities, privacy rights, federalism and separation of powers, with reference to both U.S. federal and Virginia law.

Judith Barzilay spent 18 years as a federal judge and is now on the faculty of the William & Mary Law School. She taught English literature and composition in high school and college and was a reference librarian. She has a particular interest in the biographies of influential women who might have been overlooked by traditional historians.

Civil War Battle of Hampton Roads: USS Monitor Versus CSS Virginia

Mike Collier
Mon 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
1 session
10/26/2020 - 10/26/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

The battle of Hampton Roads, March 8-9, 1862, was instrumental in both the Civil War and future Naval warfare. It was the first battle in history between ironclads: Union’s USS Monitor and Confederacy’s CSS Virginia (not the Merrimack). This course includes a lecture on the construction of the two ships, the battle and its aftermath.


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).

Climate Change: Uncertainty, Disagreement, and Moving Forward Together

Thomas White and John Delano
Thu 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
1 session
11/19/2020 - 11/19/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

Climate change is a difficult problem. There is uncertainty not only about the negative effects of climate change but also the positive effects of mitigation strategies and there is deep political and moral disagreement about how
best to move forward. This lecture will explore the dimensions of uncertainty and disagreement and ways of moving forward. It will draw on climate science, psychology, and environmental ethics. In the last 20 minutes, participants will answer this question: “How can we, as inhabitants of the only planet we have, ‘bend the curve’ of climate change?”

Thomas G. White retired in 2017 from the University of Virginia’s Curry School of Education where he was a senior research scientist. He has a Ph.D. in developmental psychology from Stony Brook University, taught at Gettysburg College, and worked for several research organizations and school districts before going to the University of Virginia.

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

Composition for Artists
Judith Leasure
Fri 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
1 session
9/18/2020 - 9/18/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

In the first class, we will discuss principles of composition and things to be considered when developing a composition. In the second class, we will break into groups of three or four people who will put together compositions in light boxes applying the information learned in week one.

Judith Leasure has a B.A. in music education and an M.A. in business management. She has extensive private studies with Signature Members of the Pastel Society of America (PSA) and she is a Juried Associate Member of PSA. She has had works exhibited in numerous national-level shows and has extensive teaching experience.

Disease Prevention and Preventative Care in Well Being
Carrie Karnes
Wed 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
1 session
9/30/2020 - 9/30/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

Proactive and preventative health care offers many benefits. When it comes to our health, prevention is much better than cure. Our physicians will share knowledge about diseases, such as diabetes, congestive heart failure, colon cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Explore ways to stay healthy, through routine screenings, nutritional consultation, and information that will empower you to make healthy choices and reduce your risk of disease.

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.

First In War and in the Hearts of His Countrymen: The Revolutionary Patriot, Dr. Joseph Warren
Christian Di Spigna
Mon 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
1 session
10/12/2020 - 10/12/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

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Suzanne Munson received her Ph.D. in developmental psychology, and chair of numerous NASA advisory panels. He also has a Ph.D. in geochemistry.

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Suzanne Munson
Thu 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
2 session(s)
10/29/2020 - 11/5/2020
via Zoom
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How do Computer Systems Work?

Peter Henderson  
Thu 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
1 session  
11/19/2020 - 11/19/2020  
via Zoom  
50 seats available

Are you curious about how computers work, but concerned the details will overwhelm and confuse you? Then this lecture, which strives to explain a complicated topic so anyone can understand it, is for you! The presentation starts with a one minute video animation illustrating the complexity of a simple computer model for adding two numbers. Engaging interactive activities will guide you to more fully grasp the basic concepts of how computers work, without the confusing jargon, etc. The presentation ends with the same video, which should make more sense to you.

Leukemia and Lymphoma

Stewart Sell  
Thu 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
1 session  
10/8/2020 - 10/8/2020  
via Zoom  
275 seats available

The definition of histologic types, biology, prognosis and treatment of leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma will be discussed. In addition, concepts of maturation arrest theory of cancer and differentiation therapy will be reviewed along with classification by cellular markers (flow cytometry), bone marrow transplantations, and graft versus cancer effect.

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.

Operation Glowing Symphony: America’s Only Acknowledged Cyber Attack

Michael Richardson  
Mon 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
1 session  
9/14/2020 - 9/14/2020  
via Zoom  
275 seats available

To destroy ISIS, the Islamic State, the U.S. forces had first to destroy their

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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.

**Overcoming Amnesia: Uncovering the Truth About a Family’s Role in Slavery**

**Bill Sizemore**

Mon 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

1 session

11/9/2020 - 11/9/2020

via Zoom

275 seats available

This lecture tells the story of his slave-owning Virginia ancestors, their slaves and those slaves’ descendants -- a story that lay buried by a century of denial and historical amnesia. Its threads run through the Civil War, Reconstruction, Jim Crow, the Great Migration, the struggle for civil rights, and the crippling legacy of slavery that still plagues the nation today. In microcosm, it is the story of Virginia and the South. In telling it, Sizemore hopes to advance an essential, if painful, national conversation about race.

**Paris in the Twenties: The Golden Years**

**Thomas Thompson**

Wed 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

1 session

10/21/2020 - 10/21/2020

via Zoom

275 seats available

From William Wiser’s The Crazy Years: Paris in the Twenties: “They called it ‘the great good place’ — the city where everyone went, where everything was happening, where life was lived at its peak. Paris in the 1920s was cheap, unfettered, exciting, a haven for geniuses and crackpots, a seedbed of artistic accomplishment. Seldom has so much creative energy erupted in one place at one time. It was the city where Lindbergh landed and Hemingway took off.” We will look at this remarkable decade in “the City of Light,” a time which Papa Hemingway described as “A Moveable Feast.”

**Photo Organization: Digital and Print**

**Dawn Parker**

Mon 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

1 session

10/19/2020 - 10/19/2020

via Zoom

275 seats available

Imagine all your photos organized and all in one place, permanently and safely, with a system that lets you find any photo in literally seconds! This approach includes old slides, movies, and memorabilia, too. We will talk about scanners and digitizing old media, cloud storage accounts, software for creating digital books and projects, and how to repair older damaged photos.

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

**Preserving and Transferring Wealth in the Commonwealth of Virginia**

**Wake Buxton**

Mon 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

1 session

10/5/2020 - 10/5/2020

via Zoom

275 seats available

This course will focus on properly preserving and transferring wealth in Virginia. We will discuss wills, trusts, and estates, as well as Virginia’s new laws pertaining to powers of attorney and medical directives. Particular emphasis will be given to protecting family assets from the Deadly Ds: divorce, death taxes, disability, and debts.

Wake Buxton is an attorney and resident of Williamsburg. He holds a LL.M. in estate planning from the University of Miami and an M.B.A from William & Mary. Mr. Buxton taught estate planning at the University of Charleston and was director of its Graduate Financial Planning Program.

**Primary Care: A Foundation for a Healthier You!**

**Carrie Karnes**

Wed 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

1 session

10/7/2020 - 10/7/2020

via Zoom

275 seats available

Primary care physicians will share ways for you and your family to stay healthy. Learn why understanding your family medical history and individual risk factors help to prevent and manage chronic disease. We will discuss which evidence based
screenings and healthy behaviors are recommended across the age continuum to facilitate prevention, early diagnosis and treatment—all with the aim to improve your quality of life.

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.

**Sinfonicron Light Opera Company’s Upcoming Show**

**Ken Krantz**  
Mon 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
1 session  
11/9/2020 - 11/9/2020  
via Zoom  
275 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 2021 production. Note: As of the publication of this catalog the company has not announced the 2021 show. The announcement will be made during the fall semester.

*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.*

**Something’s Coming: What’s Playing, Opening and Heading to Broadway**

**Melissa Puttre**  
Wed 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
1 session  
10/14/2020 - 10/14/2020  
via Zoom  
275 seats available

Keeping track of what is opening or playing on Broadway can be tricky at times. In this lecture we will look at what is playing, what is coming, and what to catch before it takes its final bow.

*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.*

**Successful Aging: Wisdom From 80,000 Patients and Counting**

**Daniel Shaye**  
Tue 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
1 session  
9/15/2020 - 9/15/2020  
via Zoom  
275 seats available

Aging bodies, gravity, psychological stress, injury, and illness; we all face the same challenges as years pass, but some of us age more gracefully than others. How can we remain active and vibrant, keeping our remarkable machines (our bodies) in tip-top shape? Relying both on evidence-based recommendations and personal and clinical experience with over 80,000 patients, this course will reveal self-care tips and secrets for living a long life that maximizes your true potential.

*Daniel Shaye is licensed in Virginia as a doctor of chiropractic, and is a fellow of the International Academy of Medical Acupuncture. A William & Mary alum, he graduated magna cum laude from Logan College of Chiropractic in 1996 before co-founding Performance Chiropractic in Williamsburg, VA.*

**The Electoral College**

**Michael Kerley**  
Wed 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
1 session  
9/23/2020 - 9/23/2020  
via Zoom  
275 seats available

The upcoming presidential election has re-focused national attention on the peculiar system that we use to select our presidents: the electoral college. In this lecture we will examine this unique institution. We will examine its origins at the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and its subsequent evolution. We will inspect the actual constitutional language that governs this process. Finally, we will evaluate the main arguments - both pro and con - about whether this curious institution should be retained.

*Michael Kerley is a retired attorney. He earned 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.*

**The Federal Deficit and Debt Dilemma**

**Kenneth Winter**  
Wed 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
1 session  
10/14/2020 - 10/14/2020  
via Zoom  
275 seats available

This lecture focuses on federal financial inflows, outflows and trends. For many years, the federal government consistently has reported unsustainable financial trends, including deficits, debt and related requirements. Among the untenable trends are an estimated $76 trillion in existing debt and social insurance
promises (an average of $600,000 per U.S. household). This lecture highlights financial trends and options related to the interconnected dilemma of increasing taxes and/or decreasing services (spending) and/or continuing unsustainable borrowing.

Ken Winter is a retired federal financial executive with over 40 years of experience. He is currently a part-time educator/instructor and consultant. During the past 25 years, he regularly provided instruction on many financial, accounting, budgeting, internal control, and appropriations law topics at client entities throughout the United States.

The Gershwins Part 1: I Got Rhythm
Paul Boren
Mon 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
1 session
10/5/2020 - 10/5/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

George and Ira Gershwin are arguably America’s greatest songwriting team. Their music became the intersection of the Great American Songbook and the Jazz Standard. This course will survey the concurrent origins of the Great American Songbook and Jazz. The Gershwin Brothers’ history, their style, and how they wrote songs together, and why Jazz performers adopted the Gershwin songbook. Who can ask for anything more?

For many years, Paul worked with the Department of Defense and sat through countless meetings. He never fell asleep though, because he was thinking about baseball, music or other topics instead of listening to the speaker. Now he is retired, takes naps often, and teaches about baseball, music and topics he spent countless hours thinking about.

The Gershwins Part 2: The Man I Love
Paul Boren
Tue 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
1 session
10/27/2020 - 10/27/2020
via Zoom
250 seats available

George and Ira Gershwin are arguably America’s greatest songwriting team. Their music became the intersection of the Great American Songbook and the Jazz Standard. This course will be about the Women Jazz Singers who loved performing Gershwins’ Music. You will learn the background on famous Gershwin works and hear over a dozen Women Singers perform these Jazz Standards. Listen to Billie, Ella, Sarah, Carmen, Anita, Cleo, Cheryl, Dianna, and many more women sing about The Man I Love.

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The Psychology of Climate Change
Thomas White
Mon 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
1 session
11/2/2020 - 11/2/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

This lecture seeks to explain why people vary widely in their beliefs about climate change, and why they are more or less willing to change their behavior or support policies that reduce the impact of climate change. Whether you are a “denier,” an “alarmist,” or something in between, you can gain a deeper understanding of how you and others are influenced by the psychology of climate change. The most important psychological factors are perception of scientific agreement, risk perception, group identification, and confirmatory bias.

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.

The Hotel Del Coronado
Beautiful Stranger Legend Re-Examined
John Streiff
Wed 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
1 session
10/21/2020 - 10/21/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

Come hear the story of this fascinating woman who reputedly haunts the Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego! The legend began in 1892 and yet her story has never been fully told. Hear a unique interpretation of the facts based on analytical commentary of subject matter experts. Discover a new take on the history and learn revealing new details that have only recently been unearthed. If you are interested in historical mysteries, have ever stayed at the Hotel Del Coronado, or heard of this renowned legend, you owe it to yourself to find out what all the talk is about!

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This lecture seeks to explain why people vary widely in their beliefs about climate change, and why they are more or less willing to change their behavior or support policies that reduce the impact of climate change. Whether you are a “denier,” an “alarmist,” or something in between, you can gain a deeper understanding of how you and others are influenced by the psychology of climate change. The most important psychological factors are perception of scientific agreement, risk perception, group identification, and confirmatory bias.

Thomas G. White retired in 2017 from the University of Virginia’s Curry School of Education where he was a senior research scientist. He has a Ph.D. in developmental psychology from Stony Brook University, taught at Gettysburg College, and worked for several research organizations and school districts before going to the University of Virginia.
The Scientific Method and the Climate

Edward McMahon
Mon 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
1 session
11/2/2020 - 11/2/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

This lecture presents the principles of the scientific method and applies these principles to the issue of climate studies and predictions. We address data sources and reliability, climate models and predictions based on those models, Greenland Ice Sheet Project results, reconstructed temperature histories (proxies) for past ages, and various related observations.

Ed McMahon has degrees in physics and electrical engineering, and a Ph.D. in system science. He has prepared and taught management courses since retiring as president of MRJ Technology Solutions. He received a diploma from the Chinese Cookery in 1996 and teaches hands-on Chinese cooking for the Confucius Institute at William & Mary.

The World of Stealth

John Hickok
Mon 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
1 session
9/21/2020 - 9/21/2020
via Zoom
275 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.

Theatre Traditions and Superstitions

Melissa Puttre
Wed 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
1 session
9/16/2020 - 9/16/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

Whether it is wishing a performer “Break a leg”, not saying the title of a certain Shakespeare play aloud while in a theatre, or leaving a ghost light on at night, the theatre and its community are filled with traditions and superstitions that have been passed down through the ages. Spend an afternoon digging into this rich history.

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.

What Can You Do With Your WRL Library Card?

Barry Trott
Wed 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
1 session
9/30/2020 - 9/30/2020
via Zoom
275 seats available

From ebooks, downloadable music, genealogy, and health research to direct assistance from librarians, you can find what you need through Williamsburg Regional Library’s (WRL) digital collections and services. We will discuss the variety of resources that can be accessed with your library card 24/7 from the WRL website, www.wrl.org. Whether you use a desktop computer, a laptop, or a mobile device there is something for you at WRL.

Barry Trott is the digital services director at the Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL). He coordinates the library’s digital collections, services, and programs, including the library website and social media. He is the series editor for Libraries Unlimited’s Read On series and author of Read on...Crime Fiction (2008).

With Walt Whitman, Himself

Jean Huets
Mon 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
1 session
9/28/2020 - 9/28/2020
via Zoom
50 seats available

This lecture draws from the book With Walt Whitman, Himself by Jean Huets, which Ed Folsom, Whitman scholar, describes as “a true Whitmanian feast—for the intellect as well as for the eyes.” A selection from the book’s 300+ period images immerses the audience in Walt’s tempestuous life and times: A family harrowed by alcoholism and mental illness; the bloody Civil War; burgeoning, brawling Manhattan and Brooklyn; literary allies and rivals; and his beloved America racked by disunion even while racing westward.

Jean Huets' With Walt Whitman, Himself is acclaimed as "a true Whitmanian feast" by scholar Ed Folsom. Her writing is in Kenyon Review, Brooklyn Rail, New York Times, North American Review, and Civil War Monitor. She co-founded Circling Rivers, which publishes literary nonfiction and poetry.
Activities

**Basic Wine Appreciation**  
**Phil Pryor and Lynn Pryor**  
**Mon 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM**  
1 session  
9/28/2020 - 9/28/2020  
via Zoom  
275 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.

**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 holds 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.

**Italian Conversation Table**  
**Flavio Mangini**  
**Thu 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**  
12 session(s)  
9/28/2020 - 12/10/2020  
via Zoom  
20 seats available

Durante questo corso di conversazione avrete l’opportunità di praticare italiano con i vostri compagni di classe. Dovete essere in grado di leggere articoli di giornali e riviste e partecipare alla conversazione in italiano. Questo non è un corso di insegnamento della lingua italiana ma cercheremo di aiutarvi se necessario.

**Flavio Mangini** was born and raised in Italy where he earned his Ph.D. in chemistry. He joined a Fortune 500 company, worked in Europe and the United States, and retired as a vice president. He frequently visits family and friends in Italy and continues to look for opportunities to speak Italian.

**Opera in Williamsburg**  
**Rehearsal - The Elixir of Love**

**Naama Zahavi-Ely**  
**Thu 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**  
1 session  
9/24/2020 - 9/24/2020  
via Zoom  
275 seats available

This course will be about Opera in Williamsburg’s staging of Donizetti’s lovely comedy The Elixir of Love. We presented this opera at the Kimball in October 2012, with a superb cast and creative team including Jonathan Blalock as Nemorino, and we plan to stage it again in September 2020, with a different superb cast and creative team including Pavel Suliandziga as Nemorino. This course will give a “behind the curtains” peek at the specific presentation and at the artistic and technical choices and challenges involved in bringing the opera to the stage of the Kimball Theatre. Presented by Naama Zahavi-Ely, Artistic and General Director of Opera in Williamsburg, with participation by the members of the cast and the creative team.

**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.

**Town & Gown Noon Lecture Series**

**JoAnn Gora, Coordinator**

**Thu 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**  
6 session(s)

Join us on six dates from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM for these exciting lectures! Each will be viewable online via Zoom and participants will receive a link via email the morning of each lecture. The link will be the same for each lecture.

**October 22:** Christopher Howard, Harriman Professor of Government and Public Policy,  
**Topic:** The Social Safety Net in America.

**October 29:** Daniel Cristol, Chancellor Professor of Biology,  
**Topic:** Quicksilver Nightmare: Mercury Pollution that Never Goes Away and Birds that Do.

**November 5:** Nathaniel Throckmorton, Associate Professor of Economics,  
**Topic:** COVID-19 and the U.S. Economy.

**November 12:** Howard Hoegge III, President and CEO, the Mariners’ Museum and Park,  
**Topic:** The Mariners’ Museum and Park: Impact of a Servant’s Heart.

**November 19:** Marcus Holmes, Associate Professor of Government, Co-Director, Social Science Research Methods Center  
**Topic:** The Neuroscience of Face to Face Diplomacy.

**December 3:** Earl D. White, II M.D., Medical Director for Healthcare Ethics, Sentara Healthcare,  
**Topic:** Dilemmas in Healthcare Ethics in the Time of the ‘New Normal.’

**JoAnn Gora** has more than 44 years experience in higher education. Before starting her own consulting firm, she was president of Ball State University, chancellor of the University of Massachusetts (Boston), provost and vice president for academic affairs at Old Dominion University, and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Fairleigh Dickinson University. JoAnn received her Ph.D. from Rutgers University.
**Yogic Breathing**

**Madhur Bhashini**

Tue 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
1 session(s)  
10/13/2020 - 10/13/2020  
via Zoom  
50 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.*
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