



The Wren Pen
A newsletter of the Christopher Wren Association

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*"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance." -
philosopher Alan Watts*

Fall is certainly a time for change as will soon be evident by the trees on campus as they change color and drop leaves. Christopher Wren Association is undergoing more than our fair share of changes this year. Not only did we become fully integrated with William & Mary, but our upcoming name change to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at William & Mary has us busy with logos and other marketing and communication-related conversations. Your CWA team has been hard at work recruiting and training class assistants and hosts for multiple new classrooms as well as coordinating upgrades to our beloved Wightman Cup Room location. I wish to thank you for your understanding as we get many logistics squared away and for your patience as we all learn our way around campus to our new locations. I think it will be great to be immersed on campus with the W&M student body. I'm guessing it will have all of you reminiscing about your college days!

Scherry Barra, Director

Welcome New CWA Instructors!

Many of the new CWA instructors attended a new instructor orientation on August 23rd. They shared overviews of their courses and received information to help them get off to a great start in September.



Pictured from left to right: Diana Lorence, Michael Lorence, Sarita Golikeri, Kathy Eckhardt, David Morrison, Kathleen Slevin, Rhonda Parsons, Elizabeth Guiliano, Jim Rettig, Guanxin Shi, Mike Collier, and William Kossler. New instructors not pictured: Candice Benjes-Small, David Bisno, Martha Harrell, George Moein, John Nordlund, Helen Oderisi, Phil Shane, and Naama Zahavi-Ely.

A Few Catalog Changes

The following changes occurred since the printing of the Fall 2018 Catalog:

- **Yoga and Meditation** - location changed to the Charter Room in Williamsburg Landing
- **Making the iPad Work For You** - location changed to Tucker Hall, Room 111
- **Understanding Today's U.S. Economic Trends, Issues, and Institutions** - not meeting on 12/06; class time extended to 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm on 11/15 and 11/29
- **Three Fascinating 20th Century Women You May Not Know** - not meeting on 9/19; class time extended to 9:30 am - 12:00 noon on 9/12 and 9/26
- **Ripped from the Headlines: Kazuo Ishiguro's The Reminds of the Day** - Cancelled
- **The Aging Eye: Diagnosis and Management of Ocular**

Diseases - moved from 9/14 to 12/07

- **The State of Senior Living: An Industry in Transition** - Cancelled
 - **Exploring Jewish Holidays** - Cancelled
 - **Growing up in Iran** - not meeting on 12/3; meeting 11/12 and 11/26; content on the Persian Empire deleted
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Welcome to Our New Board Members

We extend a warm welcome to our new CWA Board members and thank them for their service:

John Anderson, Vice President (former Secretary)

Mark Smith, College Relations Chair

Catherine Flanagan, Hospitality Chair

Clive VanOrden, Program Analysis & Evaluations Chair

Jim Rettig, Secretary

Leonard Taubman, Special Events Chair

A Call for Town and Gown Volunteers

CWA was founded as a volunteer organization, and member volunteers remain vital to all aspects of our operation. We are recruiting a new corps of volunteers to support the Town and Gown Noon Lecture Series. These helpers will assist Town and Gown Coordinator Elizabeth Keller with signing members in at the lectures, writing thank you letters to lecturers, and picking up cookies and lecturer lunches during the series. Training will be provided. If you would like to assist with these easy but very important jobs, please contact the CWA Office at 221-1506 or

Program Committee Members Plan for Spring 2019



It's Not Too Late

There is still time to purchase your membership and/or add more courses up to your 8 course maximum. Some of the open courses which begin early in the term include:

1968: It was 50 Years Ago Today

America Comes of Age

**An Engagement/Interaction of Life's Experiences/Situations
and How We React from Day to Day**

Ancient Rome and the Rise of Christianity

Appreciation of South East Asian Textiles

**Behavioral Finance: How Common Biases Lead to Bad
Investment Decisions**

Buying and Selling Homes in Today's Real Estate Market

German Conversation Table

Italian Conversation Table

Jane Austen's Early Works in Cultural Context

Pricing your Home to Sell In Today's Real Estate Market

Protecting Your Estate From Probate, Taxes, Creditors and

Long-Term Care Expenses

Shoreline Studies

Some Basics of Spanish Grammar with Reading and

Conversation for Intermediate Students

Spanish Conversation Table

The Emergence of Modern Medicine: 1700-2000

The Hawing Paradox

The Single Lens Reflex Camera

The Universe: A Tour Through Space and Time

The Year of the Bird Meets Street Art: The Audubon Mural

Project

The YMCA and Modern America

Time in a Bottle: Musicals That Capture a Moment in

History

To Be a Virginian

Traditional Chinese Customs

Understanding Opera, Part 1

Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society Potpourri

Writing a Spiritual Memoir: Discovering the Uncharted

Journey

Browse course offerings on the [Christopher Wren Association's Online Registration Site](#) to see additional open courses starting later in the term.

With Sympathy

With heavy hearts, we share with the news of Bob Carboni's death on August 10, 2018. A dedicated CWA member, Bob coordinated the CWA Book Lovers Group for 17 years. Bob's funeral Mass will be offered at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 7th at St. Bede Catholic Church.

Go Green!

Take the WATA Green Line

Wear your CWA name tag to ride the WATA Green Line Shuttle from William & Mary Kaplan Arena parking lots 1-5 to stops convenient to Small, Morton, Andrews, and Tucker Halls as well as the Commonwealth Auditorium in the Sadler Center and the Swem Library. Click [here](#) to access the schedule and stops for the Green Line.

Important Reminders

- You must complete one [Parking Registration Form](#) for each driver needing a hang tag. If you have not done so already, take your completed Parking Registration Form(s) to Parking Services at 201 Ukrop Way.
- The deadline for refund requests is September 10, 2017. Please submit your request in writing to chriswren@wm.edu.
- Please remember that W&M provides our classroom space free of charge. If you have an issue with any classroom, please contact the CWA office.
- If you must drop a course for which you've registered, please let us know (chriswren@wm.edu) so that someone on the wait list can take your place.

If you have not received your name tag via email please call the office at 221-1506.

Note: Your name tag will print exactly as you have entered it in your profile.



A graphic with the words "Thank You!" written in a red, cursive, handwritten-style font on a white background, centered within a yellow rectangular area.

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- Virginia Symphony Society
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- Johnson, Gasink & Baxter LLP
- Noah's Ark Veterinary Hospital
- Suzanne Dana, Williamsburg Realty
- WindsorMeade of Williamsburg
- The Peninsula Center
- Monroe Capital Partners
- Backyard Birder
- Morrison Dental Sleep Medicine
- Sarah Kuehl, Howard Hanna Real Estate

Welcome to the New CWA Office Member

Welcome Melissa Degaraff, the new member of the CWA office staff. Melissa joins us after working in student and academic services in the community college environment. In addition to assisting CWA members, Melissa's responsibilities include working with the Program Committee to bring new instructors to CWA and to support creation of course schedules. She is in the office mornings; say hello if she answers your call.

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