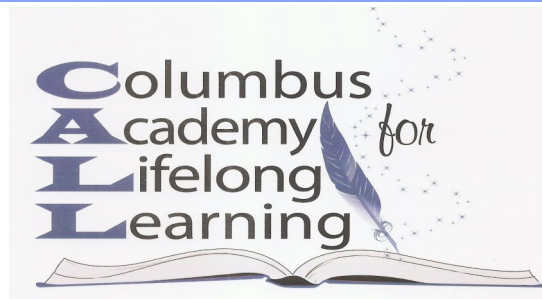


CALL Spring 2024 Synopsis



The CALL Spring registration takes place at the Elizabeth Bradley Turner Center located on the CSU campus, on Wednesday, March 6th. A social period starts at 1:30 pm and the meeting starts at 2:00 pm. The term begins March 18th.

If you are unable to hand in the registration form at the registration meeting, you can print out and mail the registration form, along with your check for the membership amount. Registration forms must be received by March 6th at the Post Office Box for your name to appear on the roster.

If you have questions about enrollment, contact Sharon at sofar961@icloud.com or call at 218-969-5763. If you have questions about a course, you can contact the facilitators if they included their email or contact Sharon who will forward your questions. We look forward to seeing you on the 6th.

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Mondays

March 18 - April 22

Solving for Zero: The Search for Climate Innovation

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Facilitator: Kurt Schmitz

DVD

With atmospheric CO2 levels on an alarming rise, solving the world's man-made climate crisis is likely going to require innovation in order to achieve net zero carbon emissions and keep the planet from potentially catastrophic global warming. This 10-part series will explore some of those possible solutions. In addition, some of the latest information on climate change will be presented and explained. And of course, weekly updates on local and national weather items of interest will begin each day's lesson!

Great Decisions Foreign Policy

March 18 - April 8

11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Facilitator: Bain Cowell

DVD / Discussion / Book

Great Decisions is a discussion class about major U.S. foreign policy challenges. Each week, as homework we'll read a chapter in the *Great Decisions 2024 Briefing Book*. In class we'll watch a half-hour video on the week's topic, then have an hour of discussion and comments led by the facilitator.

The topics in spring quarter will include:

NATO's Future

Understanding Indonesia

High Seas Treaty

Pandemic Preparedness

If you do not have the *Great Decisions 2024* book, please order it on the Great Decisions website, where you can also find a detailed description of the topics. The book has eight chapters including the four we covered in winter quarter and the ones we will study in the spring. Other websites offer electronic book versions for less cost.

If you decide not to buy the book, you can still attend, watch the video, and listen to or engage in the discussion. If you have questions, please see me afterward or e-mail me at baincowell@hotmail.com.

**The Whitewater
Express**
April 15

11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Facilitator: Ed Kinner

The Whitewater Express - Ed Kinner was Technical Adviser to Uptown Columbus on the Whitewater Project.

He will describe the history and process as well as take us on a virtual ride over the Rapids on the Chattahoochee River. Ed is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

MidTown Inc.
April 22

11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Facilitator: Julio A. Portillo

Julio A. Portillo, Executive Director of this non-profit located in MidTown, will teach us about how it is working to sustain and enhance the neighborhoods and businesses thru Education and Advocacy in the MidTown community. Julio is a graduate of Columbus State University.

**A Pastime of Their
Own - The Story of
Negro League
Baseball**

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**Facilitator: Sharon
Kuechenmeister**

DVD / Discussion

Louis Moore is a Professor of History at Grand Valley State University. He earned his Ph.D. in History from the University of California, Davis. He is the Author and narrator of this 6 week series. It considers Emancipation and the American pastime-baseball.

Black folks across Texas started commemorating June 19, 1865 (Juneteenth) to mark the abolishing of slavery. One could not go to a Juneteenth event without baseball.

In a South that tried to limit Black freedom, baseball became a symbol of mobility and autonomy....All Star games drew up to 50,000 fans. My Dad was a Satchel Paige fan.

**Stories from the
Chattahoochee
Valley**

3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Facilitator: Sharon Kuechenmeister

March 18th. Adam Drucker of “Fair Count” (voter registration). This non-profit was founded in 2019 by Stacy Abrams and anchored in Georgia. Fair Count works to build long-term power in communities that have been historically undercounted in the census, underrepresented at the polls, and whose communities are often torn apart in redistricting.

March 25th. Botanical Gardens of Columbus. Lauren Moore as speaker.

April 1st. Master Gardener Tina Armistead will discuss native plants for our area, as well as dealing with our clay soil and other topics.

April 8th. Bryan Banks. Tunnels in Uptown/ Downtown Columbus. He has a Ph.D. and is Associate Professor of History as well as Chair, Dept. of History, Geography and Philosophy at CSU. He is Executive Editor of AGE of REVOLUTIONS.

April 15th is pending

April 22nd is pending

Tuesdays

March 19 - April 23

Keep Moving

10:30 am— 11:30

March 19th and 26th, April 2nd

Facilitator: Geri Regnier

Exercise is an important factor in maintaining mental acuity and an active lifestyle. Join us as we practice balance, movement, flexibility, and strength.

Bring your weights and bands if you have them as well as a water bottle.

Line Dancing

10:30 am— 11:30

April 9th, 16th and 23rd

Facilitator: Geri Regnier

Join us for a fun way to get exercise! Beginner and veteran line dancers are welcome.

We will walk through and review each dance, starting with the old favorites, and learn a few new dances, too.

Shakespeare's Tragedies

11:45 am— 1:15 pm

Facilitator: Barb Romey

DVD / Discussion

This course will explore the nature of tragedy and the relationships between the needs of the individual and the needs of a greater society. The first part of the course will explore Hamlet, Othello and the first part of King Lear. When we continue the class in the Fall, Macbeth, Antony and Cleopatra, and Coriolanus will conclude the lectures.

The presenter, Dr. Clare R. Kinney has chosen to omit Romeo and Juliet because it falls outside the time period that she is exploring and, in her words, does not exemplify a tragedy of fate.

Turning Points in American History

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Facilitator: Jim Romey

DVD / Discussion

1873 Bloody Sunday - Ending Reconstruction
1886 How the West was Won and Lost - Custer
1886 The First Red Scare - Haymarket
1898 The End of Isolation - War with Spain
1900 The Promised Land - The Great Migration
1901 That Damned Cowboy - Theodore Roosevelt
1903 The Second Transportation Revolution
1909 The Scourge of the South - Hookworm
1917 Vote for Women! - The 19th Amendment
1919 Strikes and Bombs - The Year of Upheaval
1933 Bold Experimentation - The New Deal
1939 Einstein's Letter - The Manhattan Project

Understanding Cognitive Bias

3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Facilitator: Les Dean

DVD / Discussion

This course is designed to help you understand human biases that are common in daily life. In each lecture a bias will be defined, examples given, and results from research will be discussed.

Some of the topics will include why we are blind to our own biases, confirmation bias, seeing people behind everything, the IKEA effect, group decision-making biases, beneficial biases, observer biases, making better decisions, attribution error, memory misinformation, shortcuts in making decisions, and hindsight bias.

Wednesdays

March 20 – April 24

Native Peoples of North America

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Facilitator: Dick Thompson

Videos and Discussion

For a century after the Civil War the U.S. government tried to manage the Indian presence in the West, but continuing movement of settlers, a gold rush, a transcontinental railroad and a string of military forts upset all plans. Successive treaties further curtailed Indian lands and a massive program to wipe out the buffalo struck at a principle means of subsistence.

The federal government mounted a campaign to further reduce treaty lands and suppress native peoples' resistance. Army raids were paired with a policy of assimilation: native children were forced into boarding schools and reservation lands were divided into allotments and federal courts were used to redefine Indian "justice."

Tribal communities struggled to keep their traditions and narrowly avoided "termination" in the 1950's to launch a broad program of revival in the 1970's

Macroeconomics
Made Clear

11:45 am – 1:15 pm

Facilitator: Les Tatarek

DVD / Discussion

Inflation, interest rates, unemployment, GDP, national debt, recession... these terms are frequently in the headlines. But do you know what they really are? What they are not? How they affect each other? Wellesley's Professor Weerapana is an award winning teacher who has appeared in Princeton Review's Best 300 Professors.

Using plain language and easy to understand examples he answers these questions and more. Macroeconomics is not only made clear, but it is made simple. Don't you want to be much better prepared to tell if someone is misleading you about the economy? Of course! We all want that. Especially as we are bombarded with election pitches this year. Join us for some interesting economic history recessions that occurred in our lifetime and how our future (and that of our children and grandchildren!) may be impacted!

Idris Elba as "Luther"
Psychological Thriller

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Facilitator: Sharon Kuechenmeister

BBC series DVD & Discussion

Season three continues with Luther and his coterie of characters working to solve crimes and make London streets safer. Many unexpected twists and turns with a musical score designed to thrill and sometimes frighten. We are kept on the edge of our comfortable chairs in the auditorium. Unlikely you can fall asleep during "Luther"!

Board Games

3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Facilitator: Jane Sanford

Enjoy a variety of card and board games each week.

If you have a particular game you would like to play, bring it with you.

Thursdays

March 21 – April 25

Writers Call

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Facilitator: Gaby Azhar

This is not an instructional class on how to write; but rather a chance for the class members to write on a selected topic each week, and share their work with the class.

If you enjoy writing then this is the class for you.

History of Christianity II

From the Reformation to the Megachurch

11:45 am – 1:15 pm

Facilitator: Rick Dukes

DVD / Discussion

In this term we'll see that secular modernity and globalization have transformed today's Christianity. While the practice of the faith seems to be shrinking in North America and Europe it is booming in Africa, Asia and Latin American.

In many ways the encounter of the Church with the supernatural is more potent than ever. In today's world doctrinal debate and spiritual warfare don't stay just in the Church – they flow into the streets!

How should the Church respond to the world of Islam? What about the clash between counter-culture Christian faith and rampant Capitalism? How should Christians react to the secularization of the modern world?

Should be a challenging, maybe even inspiring term.
Hope to see you there! Hasta Manana

Trivia

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Facilitator: Nancy DeCurtis

Come and enjoy the fun of competing using our buzzer system while exploring all categories of trivia. (The buzzers will be arranged according to social distancing guidelines in order to keep everyone safe.)

For questions email annedecurtis@gmail.com

“The Bletchley Circle -

San Francisco”

3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Facilitator: Paul DeCurtis

Movie

Set during the thrilling social change of the mid-1950s, this BBC program captures the lives of four remarkable women gifted with extraordinary intelligence, breathtaking capacity for pattern recognition, and a genius for decryption.

Years after secretly serving during WWII as code-breakers tasked with penetrating the Axis Powers' secret communications, they turn their skills to solving murders overlooked by police. In the process they are plunged into fascinating corners of the city, forge powerful relationships, and rediscover their own powers and potential.

Our women achieve justice not only for the victims, but also for themselves as they carve out new lives in the wider world. We will also see bonus interviews with the cast and crew from Season 1 and 2 which was shown during the Winter Quarter.

Activity Groups

A Walk in the Park

Mondays & Thursdays

9:00 am

Facilitator: Mary Anne Youmans

Please see Website or Weekly Update
for weekly locations.

Mahjong

Mondays

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Facilitator: Sue Watson

Hilton Terrace Baptist Church

Corner of Hilton & Warm Springs Road

Lunch Bunch

Book Club

3rd Friday

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Facilitator: Sue Portwood

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Needle Arts

Thursdays

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Facilitators: Mary Catherine
Hiller and Gaby Azhar**

Panera Bread on Macon Road

Anyone interested in all types of needle work is
invited.