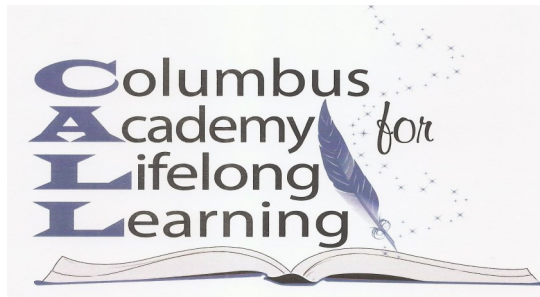


CALL

Fall 2024 Synopsis



The CALL Fall registration takes place at the **Cunningham Center** located on the CSU campus, on Wednesday, September 11th. A social period starts at 1:30 pm and the meeting starts at 2:00 pm. The term begins September 23rd.

If you are unable to hand in the registration form at the registration meeting, you can print it out and either mail the registration form and CSU waiver, along with your check for the membership amount, or leave them in an envelope marked "CALL" at the front desk. Registration forms must be received by September 4th 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 11th.

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Mondays

Sept 23 - Oct 28

12 Revolutionary Discoveries That Could Change Everything

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Facilitator: Kurt Schmitz

DVD / Discussion

Science meets history: Scientific American's Laura Helmuth explores a few of what were once nature's mysteries, of which scientific curiosity and research were eventually able to gain a greater understanding.

We will again open the sessions with a briefing of the week's past or future weather, and in most classes finish the session with a relevant and timely look at our all-important changing climate.

Why Evil Exists

11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Facilitator: Rick Dukes

DVD / Discussion

Professor Charles Mathewes. If we are honest with our selves and our life predicaments we have asked: If there is a God who loves us, why is there so much evil in this world? Why do bad things happen to good people?

This course of study offers philosophy's answer to this omnipresent enigma. Tracing the development of man's philosophical understanding of evil through Babylonian myth, Greek drama, Judaic, Christian and Islamic theology, Western Reformation thought, the minds of the poets and even modern science, we will be presented answers to the question – and perhaps conclusions.

The Nature and Origins of Evil
Enuma Elish – Evil as Cosmic Battle

Greece – Tragedy and the Peloponnesian War
Greek Philosophy – Human Evil and Malice

The Hebrew Bible – Human Rivalry with God
The Hebrew Bible – Wisdom and the Fear of God

Christian Scripture – Apocalypse and Original Sin
The Inevitability of Evil – Iranaeus

Creation, Evil and the Fall – Augustine
Rabbinic Judaism – The Evil Impulse

Islam – Iblis the Failed, Once-Glorious Being
On Self Deception in Evil – Scholasticism

Democracy on the Ballot

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**Facilitator: Dick Tompson
Forum, Participant Driven**

This class will be an open forum discussing all aspects of the American election system—how it is supposed to work and how it is being threatened. The focus is not on personalities or policies, though those will surely play a part in our discussion.

The moderator will follow the class outline, raising questions and providing context, sometimes via articles and short videos. The outline will be distributed at Registration, and it may be requested by email from dicktompson35@gmail.com.

Your participation will be maximized if you review the outline for each class and pursue some study of the week's topic, at a minimum following current developments on national, state and local elections. You will be asked to keep your smartphone ON (volume DOWN) so you can help by acting as a fact-checker/research assistant.

Stories from the Chattahoochee Valley

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**Facilitator: Sharon
Kuechenmeister**

September 23 - Mercer University Medical School. Belinda Baker, Standardized Patient Program Manager is featured speaker.

September 30 - Republican Party Platform for 2024 Elections. Member of Muscogee County Republican Committee will be featured speaker.

October 7 - Democratic Party Platform for 2024 Elections. Member of Muscogee County Democratic Committee will be featured speaker.

October 14 - Columbus Technical College Ken Lockhart, Director of Student Life and Recruitment will be featured speaker.

October 21 - Extension Office - Autumn and Winter Yard maintenance. Featured speaker is Erycka Brock-Kim.

October 28 - The Phenix City Story - pending.

Tuesdays

Sept 24 - Oct 29

Line Dancing

10:30 am – 11:30

**Facilitators: Mary Jo Pugh &
Dixie Turman**

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. This quarter, we will conclude the discussion of Lear and consider Macbeth, Antony and Cleopatra and Coriolanus in the final lectures.

In some of the earliest studies of the nature of tragedy, Aristotle argues that tragedy is defined not only by its content but by its impact on the audience. This course gives us an opportunity to explore the ways that these tragedies affect the way we respond to them both on an intellectual and emotional level.

Turning Points in American History

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Facilitator: Jim Romey
DVD / Discussion

The course will cover time period from 1942 Battle of Midway to 2001 with the 9/11 Attacks.

Examples include 1950 The Birth of Television, 1969 The Birth of Environmentalism, and 1989 The End of the Cold War to name a few.

Ancient Egypt

3:15 – 4:45 pm

Facilitator:

Jan Carter

DVD / Discussion

Ancient Egyptian civilization is so grand that our minds sometimes have difficulty adjusting to it. Ancient Egyptian civilization lasted 3,000 years, longer than any other on the planet. When the young pharaoh Tutankhamen ruled Egypt, the pyramids of Giza had already been standing well over 1,000 years.

When Cleopatra came to power, Tutankhamen had been in his tomb more than 1,000 years. Egypt was the most advanced of any ancient civilization. Yet, even after deciphering the hieroglyphs, Egypt remains one of the most mysterious. Scarabs, mummies, obelisks, sphinxes—their civilization was extraordinary and yet so "other" from what we live today.

We will chronologically survey the full 3,000 years of recorded Egyptian history. Some of the topics will be: Prehistoric Egypt, Ancient Egyptian Thought, Napoleon and the Beginnings of Egyptology, The Great Pyramid of Giza, The End of the Old Kingdom, The First Intermediate Period, and The Middle Kingdom - Dynasty XI

You will learn what Egypt was like before writing, and how hieroglyphs were deciphered. These lectures show how Egyptology has been one ongoing detective story - and reveal Napoleon's massive contribution to what we know.

Wednesdays

Sept 25 – Oct 30

Native Empires in Latin America

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Facilitator: Dick Tompson

Videos and Discussion

Using a selection of You Tube videos, we will trace the colorful evolution of the native empires which ruled before the arrival of Europeans. The earliest empire, the Olmecs, dating from 1500 BCE, preceded the great city of Teotihuacan in the valley of Mexico, known for its majestic pyramids. The Mayan empire built the most unique civilization of the Americas, with its temples, distinctive script, calendar and astronomical science.

The successor Aztec (Mexico) empire may have been the most powerful collection of rulers in Mesoamerica, but its rule was cut short by Spanish conquest. The Inca of the 15th century were the heirs of a series of cultures which had ruled the Andean coast and mountains for millennia.

Macroeconomics
Made Clear

11:45 am – 1:15 pm

Facilitator: Les Tatarek

DVD / Discussion

Last spring we learned how the economy is measured, and peeked behind the curtain to see exactly how some terms are defined. This quarter we will look at broader economic questions. What have we learned from past recessions? What is good Monetary or Fiscal Policy? How much debt is too much for a country? How big should government be? What are the big Macroeconomic challenges of our time?

Professor Weerapana of Wellesley College will discuss the economic issues and we will supplement those lectures with insights from a Professor of Philosophy! Dr. David Johnson will provide a different viewpoint on who influenced the country's founders, and how big should government be?

You do not need to have attended last spring's classes to learn and benefit from this quarter's lectures. The material is current (2023), if not timeless. You will complete the course 6 days before Election Day. As they say in Canada, "timely, eh?"

Understanding
Cognitive Bias

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Facilitator: Les Dean

DVD / Discussion

This course is designed to help you understand human biases that are common in daily life. Some of these are helpful in our daily lives, while others are negative. One or more biases will be presented in each session along with examples and results from scientific research.

Some of the topics include the gambler's fallacy, the hot hand fallacy, con artists, stereotypes, the Monty Hall decision, false memories, belief bias, remembering more emotional events, nostalgia, social desirability bias, empathy gap, survivorship bias, non-compliance pressure, and superstitions.

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

Sept 26– Oct 31

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.

Understanding the New Testament

11:45 am – 1:15 pm

Facilitator: Rick Dukes

DVD / Discussion

With Professor David Brakke. This is a critical/historical look at the New Testament with significant theological implications. Emphasis is given to the cultural and sociological background of the first century during which almost all the New Testament was written.

This is a serious study offering insight and understanding to Christian believers, interested God-fearers, first century historical Christian students and agnostics alike.

You are invited to learn more about the Jewish origins of the Christian faith, the work and theology of Paul the Apostle, the inter-relatedness of the Gospels, the search for the historical Jesus and more.

The Paradox of the New Testament
The Jewish Origins of the Christian Faith

I Thessalonians and Paul's Ministry
The Salvation of Gentiles in Galatians

Romans on God, Faith and Israel
Community Conflicts in 1-2 Corinthians

Worship and Leaders in Paul's Congregations
Paul's Theology on Slavery and Christ

Adapting Paul's Teaching to New Situations
Jesus as the Suffering Son of Man in Mark

Jesus as the New Moses in Matthew
The Church in the Gospel of Matthew

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

Everyday Engineering

3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Facilitator: Paul DeCurtis

DVD / Discussion

This course, with Professor Stephen Ressler, will allow us to explore everyday technologies from an engineering perspective, starting with a detailed examination of the typical American single-family residence as an engineered system. We will then get into technical systems in autos and then transportation – roads, bridges, tunnels and railroads. For each of the technologies addressed in this course, Professor Ressler will attempt to answer three questions: How does it work? What are the scientific principles on which the design and operation are based? Because no technology is perfect, how and why does it sometimes fail?

If you are interested in learning more about the world we live in, please join me in this travel thru “Everyday Engineering”

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

Hilton Terrace Baptist Church

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Needle Arts

Thursdays

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

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

Panera Bread on Macon Road

Anyone interested in all types of needle work is invited.