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AT AQUINAS COLLEGE



Winter 2021 Registration Begins Wednesday, December 9, 2020

January 11 - March 19, 2021

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Once again, we will have **Zoom only** classes during the Winter Session. The good news is that our Zoom classes have been going very well thanks to the resilience of our OLLI scholars and the excellent presentations from our instructors. However, we are still missing many of you, and in these challenging days, we need you. If you are not a member yet, we would love to have you join for the education and fun. Hopefully, we will be back onsite together again soon. Until then, please continue Zooming along with us!

Thank you, Sheila, Carol, and Susan

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How to Register for Winter 2020-21 OLLI Classes



BY PHONE ONLY (DO NOT MAIL)

- Call our office at **616-632-2430** with your course selections, a valid email address, and payment information. **If the lines are busy, please leave a message.**
- **Zoom links for classes are sent out via email the day before each course.**
- No Google Forms online - they have been removed.

Check out our OLLI Resources Page for calendars, course information, and more!
aquinas.edu/olli

Registration begins
Wednesday, December 9

(Office Closed 12/18 - 1/3)

There's no rush to register, but if you'd like your confirmation and schedule before the holidays, please register by DECEMBER 18, 2020.



- Payment via major credit cards is preferred.
- Registration is not complete until payment has been received AND processed.
- For any refund/credit, a **2 business day** notice BY PHONE IS REQUIRED.
- Registration must be completed by **10 am the day before the course** or you will not receive the Zoom link! Monday course registration must be done by **10 am the Friday before** the course is scheduled.

If you have not joined this year,
select your level of membership!

Current Gold members need to renew for Winter/Spring 2021

Bronze Members
\$25 for 2020-2021
\$15 per class

Silver Members
\$60 for 2020-2021
\$10 per class

Gold Members

\$200 for
Half Year
(ends 6/2021)
No charge for
classes

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MONDAY

Dr. Fred Johnson Series

Mondays, 9:30-11:00 AM

Now What?



Fred Johnson, Ph.D., is associate professor of history at Hope College. His primary field of study is 19th U.S. History. Dr. Johnson has

received many awards including the Hope Favorite and Most Outstanding Professor Awards.

January 11 - Now what after the 2020 election? As the dust settled and smoke cleared in the aftermath of the 2020 presidential election, Americans were confronted with the necessity of asking "What just happened?" "Who are we?" and "Where do we go from here?"

January 25 - Now what with US foreign policy? From 2016-2020, as the United States realigned its foreign policy to de-emphasize international partnerships and devalue post-WWII institutions and alliances, the world noticed and learned some grim lessons.

Dynamic Black Americans

February 8 - A man of enduring excellence. Born into slavery in 1818 on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Frederick Douglass defied myriad injustices of his era and rose to become one of the most powerful voices for freedom in U.S. history.

February 22 - Chain breakers. Society, the law, and those who willfully perverted Christianity were ultimately powerless to keep these brilliant, dynamic black Americans from seizing freedom and fulfilling their destinies.

Malcolm, Martin, Muhammad, and the Moon

March 1 - Caught Between Sputnik and Jim Crow. Chicago teen Emmett Till's murder in 1955 galvanized African Americans' determination to end their second class citizenship but two years later, in 1957, the Soviet Union's launch of Sputnik drew the nation's attention from earthly injustices toward the mysteries of space and the moon

March 15 - Lots of Trial & Error, Not Enough Wins. A technology revolution eventually propelled the United States ahead of Russia in the race for space, but for African Americans, the revolution to obtain full Civil Rights produced dubious results and deadly consequences.

Talking Pictures

Mondays, 9:30-11:00 AM



In this new series, OLLI's movie aficionado **Ian MacNeil**, takes you into and behind the scenes of your favorite movies to explore the

essential elements of filmmaking.

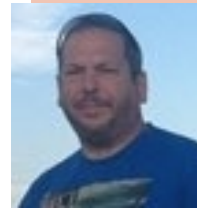
January, 18 - CUT! How does a filmmaker capture the attention of their audience? From casting choices and location scouting to film gauge and aspect ratio, much is conveyed in choices not immediately evident to the viewer. Can you see good directing? How important are production design and costuming to constructing a narrative?

February 15 - LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! What is the cinematographer responsible for? Camera angles establish size and scale while lighting can set tone and focus. How has Spike Lee's dolly shot defined his style? How do editing and visual effects create a whole new world?

March 8 - FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT! What makes Meryl Streep so iconic? What role do producers and executive producers play? From the opening frame to the closing credits, every second of a film's runtime is hand-crafted and intentional. What is the difference between score and soundtrack and how do they impact the audience?

Custer's Last Stand

Mondays, 1:30-3:00 PM



Scott Stabler, Ph.D., is professor of history at GVSU with a specialty in American History. Dr. Stabler has taught many classes for OLLI including on the Civil

War and the Founding Fathers.

January 18 - Issues Surrounding Custer's Last Stand involved the Civil War, Manifest Destiny, the actions of American Indians and a variety of other factors. This session will set the stage for what happened in this famous conflict on the plains of Montana.

January 25 - Exploring the Results of the Battle of Little BigHorn.

This famous battle was not just a megalomaniac looking for fame meeting his fate, but marked the decline of a centuries old culture and the rise of a reservation system that still exists.

Changes in Attitudes: Understanding Racism

Monday, 9:30-11:00 AM



Dave Kampfschulte, director of Amazing Circles Workshops, does not believe that questions stop once we leave school. He has been

facilitating thought provoking classes, discussions, and activities for years.

February 1 - The events resulting from the killing of George Floyd have galvanized our nation once

again in history to confront racism. Join Dave as we delve deeper into what racism is, the effects it has, and what we can do to help heal these deep wounds in our society.

Anne's Book Discussion: Somerset Maugham (1874-1965)

Mondays, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



Anne Horwitz, J.D. received her Masters from Harvard and her J.D. from Cooley Law School.

February 15 - Theodore Dreiser

called Maugham "a great artist... a genius." In this class, Anne will discuss Maugham's books, *The Moon and Sixpence* and *The Painted Veil*. The first book is about a middle aged stockbroker who abandons family and career to pursue his passion of painting, inspired by the life of Paul Gauguin. The second takes place in Hong kong and follows a very fickle duped woman forced to reassess life after an affair.

February 22 - Discussion of Maugham's book, *Of Human Bondage*, an autobiographical novel.

March 1 - *Theater*, a young couple immerse themselves in the world of theater.

March 8 - *The Razor's Edge*, a young man seeks meaning of life in Paris, London, and India.

What's Going On in Ada?

Monday, 1:30-3:00 PM



Jim Ferro, Planning Director for Ada Township and **Kristin Wildes**, Museum Manager of the Ada Historical Society and Averill Historical.

March 8 - Join Jim and Kristin as they give the history of the Village of Ada as well as tell of future plans. The re-visioning began in 2006 and in the last 15 years

with the business district changes and new businesses, the rejuvenation of the city is well on its way. Learn how the planners have blended the past with the new, and what will be happening next.

The Science of Alzheimer's Disease: Preventing Dementia by 2025 (or earlier)

Monday, 1:30-3:00 PM



David Morgan, PhD, is the Director of the Alzheimer's Alliance at the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University and Global Impact

Professor of Translational Science & Molecular Medicine.

March 15 - This lecture will update students on where we are in the United States in our understanding of Alzheimer's. Dr. Morgan's discussion will focus on our understanding of the causes of the disease, and our most recent attempts to intervene in the disease process.

TUESDAY

Art for the Time of Covid

Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 AM



Suzanne Eberle, Ph.D. is a professor emerita of Art History at Kendall College of Art & Design. Her areas of specialization include Modern and

Contemporary Art, as well as art related to issues of the body, including the History of Fashion.

This series looks at how selected historical and contemporary artists have articulated and processed physical and psychological issues resulting from challenges similar to those we are enduring in the pandemic.

January 12 - Portraits of the Self - Zoom and FaceTime provide an intense, often disorienting experience of self-looking, but artists have long used their own faces as a way to examine and define themselves; here we look at what artists hoped to discover in the mirror.

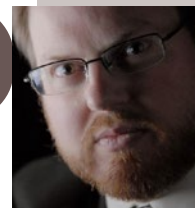
February 2 - The Nature of Melancholy - How and why have artists turned loneliness, loss, and sadness into profound, important works of art?

February 23 - Mapping the Body - This brief history of medical illustration shows us that even scientific ideas about the body are set within a context of larger cultural beliefs, attitudes, and anxieties.

March 16 - The Artist Confronts Disease - Here we will explore ways that artists have portrayed and processed physical illness and the psychological challenges it brings.

Before History, There was Art

Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00 PM



Henry Luttikhuisen, Professor of Art History Emeritus at Calvin College.

January 12 - In the Beginning was the Image

- To paraphrase the nineteenth-century German romantic writer Goethe, those without a historical consciousness are doomed to live hand to mouth. Studying history not only teaches us about the past, it also helps us to understand the present by showing us how we got here. There is perhaps no better way to discover the history of art than to start at its beginning—before words were written. Throughout the course, we will strive to see how visual objects and places gave shape to particular cultural practices.

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January 19 - Hunting and Gathering

Students will study some of the oldest works of art and architecture that survive. Dr. Luttikhuisen will examine a wide range of prehistoric artifacts and architectural sites, from Paleolithic cave paintings to the Neolithic site of Stonehenge

January 26 - The Neolithic Revolution

A discussion that will consider how prehistoric things and sites have affected the way we live and see the world around us.

Chair Yoga and Mindful Movement

Tuesdays, 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM



Kathy Julien has personally experienced the healing and transformative effects of Yoga and Meditation. After

realizing the benefits, Kathy now enjoys sharing these practices with students, especially those who think they "can't." She believes this is a practice for every "body." Her desire as a Yoga and Meditation teacher is to help students come home to themselves, one breath at a time.

February 2, 9, 16, & 23 - Each class will be a day of healing and transformation. You must register for the four dates.

Birds, Insects, Native Plants and More: Inviting the Web of Life into Your Yard.

Tuesday, 1:30-3:00 PM



Martha MacCleery, MSU Advanced Master Gardener and Master Naturalist, is currently active in 4-H, a docent at Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, and

serves as Education Chair at Wild Ones River City here in Grand Rapids. Gardening has always satisfied both her love of science and the arts.

February 2 - Birds, flowers, and nature.

Go on a journey with Marty to learn the value of native plants whether you're a beginner, an experienced gardener, or somewhere in between! What is our cultural history of lawns and choosing exotic plants for our landscape? How do native plants increase insects in our yard and thus help birds? How do I transform my landscape into a nourishing "foraging hub" that provides ecosystem services such as food, shelter, and nesting sites for wildlife? Learn all of this as well as new initiatives that will get you "on the map" as a citizen scientist of the world!

Military genius, emperor, tyrant? Napoleon!

Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00 PM



Karin Maag, Ph.D., is Director of H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies and history professor at Calvin College. She earned a B.A. from

Concordia University, Montreal; M.A. and Ph.D. in Reformation History from the University of Saint Andrews, Scotland.

Over the course of four weeks, Dr. Karin Maag will introduce you to the fascinating life and times of Napoleon Bonaparte.

February 9 - History of Napoleon from his youth to his rise through the military ranks in the tense era of the French Revolution.

February 16 - Napoleon's increasing domination of French political life and his ever-expanding empire.

February 23 - Assessment of Napoleon's impact on France, Europe, and the world.

March 2 - Evaluation of the emperor, the reasons for his successes, and his eventual downfall.

Costa Rica, Land of Biodiversity and Ecotourism

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 AM



Judy Cotner, M.Ed. is a retired elementary school teacher. She received her B.A. from the University of Miami, her teaching certificate from

MSU, and her master's degree from GVSU. Her hobby is traveling and photography.

February 9 - The Rich Coast. Travel virtually on marshy waterways to search for hidden wildlife in this beautiful equatorial country. Settled by the Incas from South America and the Aztecs from North America, and discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1502, Costa Rica has a rich history. Learn how indigenous Indians, Spanish settlers, and African descendants celebrate their heritage and proudly carry on their culture and traditions. Discover the secrets of stone spheres excavated by archaeologists. Visit the Gold and Jade Museums, a coffee plantation, and the nesting grounds of the Green Sea Turtle in Tortuguero.

February 16 - Pura Vida. Take a sky walk across a suspension bridge in the canopy of a misty cloud forest. Visit an eco-lodge on the banks of the Sarapiquí River and swim in thermally heated pools that look upon Mt. Arenal, a recently dormant volcano. Awake to the growling sounds of howler monkeys and take an evening flashlight walk to find the red-eyed tree frog. Marvel at the splendor of a red torch ginger or bird of paradise wildflower. Join Judy and traverse twelve climate zones and the highest density of biodiversity in the world.

Brexit, Boris and the Future of British Politics

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 AM



Martin Spence, Ph.D., is associate professor of history at Cornerstone University where he teaches World and European History. He pursued his undergraduate and doctoral studies at Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

As Britain finally leaves the European Union, this class reflects on the broader changes and continuities in the British political landscape that this tumultuous era of British history exemplifies.

March 2 - Historical Context. This class will place the main political parties in Britain in their historical context, and examine how their core ideologies and constituencies have changed over time.

March 9 - Reflections. Reflections on how the Conservative elite-educated Boris Johnson was able to capture a large chunk of historically working-class Labour voters in order to help him "deliver Brexit."

WEDNESDAY

How the Bible Came to Be

Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 AM



Rev. Maurice Fetty received degrees from Union Theological Seminary, NYC, and a M.A. from Butler University and a Master of Divinity

from Christian Theological Seminary. Rev. Fetty, now retired, spent the majority of his career as minister of Mayflower Congregational Church. He has published over 15 books.

January 13 - Examination of the History of the Bible - Rev. Fetty will examine the Western world's most influential, most translated, best selling book: the Bible.

He will trace the Bible from origins, to composition, collection, and canonization.

January 20 - Varieties of literature in the Bible - In this session, Rev. Fetty will give an overview of the Bible's many varieties of literature. Special attention will be given as well to the development of the English Bible with a focus on the King James Version which is in the 405th anniversary of its publication.

Exquisite Architecture of New Orleans

Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 PM



Pam Vanderploeg is a researcher/historian who has a passion for history and architecture. She spent 11 years as assistant director

of the Kent District Library, served as director of research and creative services at West Michigan Modern, and ended her career directing the work of researching, documenting and preserving Grand Rapids architectural history at Architecture Grand Rapids.

January 13 - Experience New Orleans architecture

from Creole cottages, double-galleried townhouses, shotgun-style homes in the French Quarter, the mansions of the Garden District combined with French Colonial homes, and the other historic styles of the American settlers, post-Louisiana Purchase.

January 20 - Pam will share images and the architectural history

interwoven with the complicated and exotic, sometimes dark, history of the early French-Spanish city set against the rhythms of the jazz pioneers and the splendor of the second line (those parade spectators in the second row).

Music from America's Fertile Crescent: The City of New Orleans

Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 PM



Jon Vanderploeg, an attorney at Smith, Haughey, Rice & Roegge, is an avid record collector and music historian.

January 27 - The Birthplace and history of Jazz

Join Jon as he takes students on a musical journey to New Orleans. Although all origins of music came through New Orleans, it *must* be recognized as the birthplace of Jazz, sending seedlings up the Mississippi to Memphis, Chicago, and off to New York, and beyond. Jon will explore the origins of ragtime, traditional jazz, blues, soul and R & B, and the styles that evolved from them. Of course, music will be played all along this journey.

February 3 - Music from the likes of Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, Fats Domino will continue. Jon will also discuss why New Orleans, as an ethnic and cultural crossroad, was the source of this musical stew that came to be loved around the world.

Lewis and Clark, The Journey Continues

Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 PM



Michael Stevens, Ph.D., teaches American and Russian Literature and Creative Writing at Cornerstone University. He received

his doctorate in literature from the University of Dallas.

February 10 - The Westward Journey. Dr. Stevens will follow the trail of the Corps of Discovery, to the headwaters of the Missouri River, into the perilous passage of the Rocky Mountains, and finally down the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean--with many trials

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and serendipities along the way. Special attention will be paid to the interactions with the Native Americans along the route, and the ingenuity of the Corps members in finding a way through.

February 17 - The Eastward

Journey Home. Dr. Stevens will continue to follow the Lewis and Clark Expedition, from their winter quarters on the Pacific Coast, up through their more exploratory and investigatory paths across the Continental Divide, all the way to their 'miraculous' return to St. Louis, nearly two and half years after departing – setting the agenda for the next generation of adventurers and discoverers. Strange and quirky historical tidbits will be frequently investigated!

A Review of Groundbreaking Lawsuits Centered on Song and Music

Wednesday, 1:30 - 3:00 PM



Bruce Courtade, an attorney with Rhoades McKee, specializes in services for business and industry dispute resolution and litigation. He is also a local music aficionado.

February 24 - Bruce, along with a few law partners, will explore, explain and highlight legal disputes - including Michigan courts and/or artists - involving legal issues ranging from freedom of speech (Dr. Dre and rap group N.W.A. and their fights with the City of Detroit and Auburn Hills over 1st Amendment issues); to plagiarism (lawsuits brought by and against some of music's biggest stars claiming songs or lyrics were stolen); to ugly break-ups and disputes over "custody" of the groups' names and music. This class will feature video clips and excerpts from some of the songs that will be discussed.

Penguins and Polar Bears

Wednesday & Thursday,
9:30-11:00 AM



Becky Knack received a B.A. from Southwestern University in English literature and her M.A. in Linguistics from the University of

Michigan. She taught for 21 years at East Grand Rapids High School.

Wednesday, March 3 - Penguins in

Antarctica. Some years ago, Becky and her husband, Wally, traveled to Antarctica, and then last year made the trip to the other end of the world to visit the Arctic. Becky will share with students over two straight days the wonders of both, comparing and contrasting these two "ends of the Earth." Naturally, climate change will be under discussion as well as the fauna (lots) and flora (not so much)! The talk will include the fascinating landscapes which will, of course, include pictures.

Thursday, March 4 - Polar Bears

in the Arctic. In this session, Becky will share her trip to the other end of the world where the polar bears live. Unlike the Penguins, seals, whales and seabirds who live in Antarctica, these beautiful white creatures live in the south region of the Arctic. Even though both polar regions have lots of snow and ice, polar bears stick to the Arctic. Becky will talk about the reasons why the polar bears only live in the Arctic and many other fascinating facts about this region. Becky strongly recommends travel to both, but hopes the armchair tour will be fun, informative, and inspiring.

Trump Foreign Policy: An Analysis

Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 AM



Roger Durham, Ph.D., University of Oregon, is Director of the International Studies Program and professor of political science at Aquinas

College. He is also the Palmatier Endowed Chair of Political Science at Aquinas. Doc, as his students affectionately call him, is one of the most popular professors on campus - and with our OLLI students!

March 10 - Dr. Durham will review 4 years of the Trump Administration's foreign policies including discussions of US membership in crucial international organizations, relations with allies, relations with adversaries, changes in trade and military policy, and of course the virus!

Say Cheese

Wednesday, 1:30-3:00 PM



Chesley Thorn found ways to keep busy during the pandemic by taking it up a notch and starting her own business, **Say Cheese GR**. The new charcuterie board

shop is adding flavor to gathering all over Grand Rapids. Chesley was encouraged by friends and family to give it a try because of her love of creating the delicious cheese boards. And business is growing.

March 17 - Join Chesley for a special Zoom cheese tray demonstration.

During this workshop Chesley will walk you through the steps to build a charcuterie board, a beautiful (and delicious) work of art! Learn tips and tricks from a local professional. Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this, especially for special occasions you may (or may not) be hosting!

THURSDAY

Walking the Camino de Santiago: An Inspiring Pilgrimage

Thursdays, 1:30-3:00 PM



Ann Zoellner, retired educational leader, earned her B.A. and M.A. from MSU in Communications/Speech-Language Pathology. Since

retiring, Ann has been traveling the world and sharing her amazing trips with students at OLLI.

A pilgrimage is a journey into an unknown or foreign place, where a person goes in search of new or expanded meaning about themselves, others, or a higher good. Join Ann and a friend as they share their life changing experience of looking for those dancing stars by walking the Camino de Santiago: a 500 miles pilgrimage across the top of Spain *We recommend a viewing of the movie "The Way", with Martin Sheen and directed by his son, Emilio Estevez, prior to the class.

January 14 - Become familiar with both the history of Spain and the medieval Camino De Santiago. The 500 mile walk, a 9th century pilgrimage, leads to the shrine of St. James the Greater.

January 21 - The Camino Frances is the most famous of all the Camino de Santiago routes. Starting in St. Jean Pied de Port, France, and ending in Camino de Santiago, in Galicia, Spain. We will bring you down "The Way", visiting beautiful cities and charming medieval towns.

January 28 - Did we dance with the stars in the fields of Spain? When all was said and done, we not only danced with those stars but came away with **life lessons** that changed our lives. It may be the most physically demanding thing we ever did.....and we just can't stop walking!

The Search for the Holy Grail

Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 AM



Gary Eberle is a professor Emeritus of English at Aquinas College where he taught literature, humanities and writing. He is the

author of eight books of fiction and non-fiction. He served as chair of the English department for 15 years, was twice named outstanding faculty member of the year by the Aquinas College Student Senate, and, in 2019, was inducted into the Aquinas College Hall of Fame. Eberle has been teaching regularly in the Emeritus/ OLLI program since 1983.

This three-part course will trace the Grail legend from its Celtic origins in Arthurian legend, through several medieval versions and modern manifestations and then try to explain the enduring meaning of the Grail quest. We'll explore its obscure beginnings, several literary versions by French, German and English authors, and some modern versions of the Grail search. Most people today know of the Holy Grail only through [The Da Vinci Code](#) or the Monty Python spoof. However, the facts, legends and history surrounding the Grail are much more interesting than Dan Brown's conspiracy theory and—once you know the real story—the Monty Python version will be even funnier because you'll get the inside jokes. The course is divided into three sessions, one meeting per month.

January 21 -The Grail in the context of Arthurian legend.

Christian and pagan influences, earliest versions of the quest.

February 18 - Stories of the Grail in the Middle Ages. Literary versions of the Grail legend by Chretien de Troyes, Wolfram von Eschenbach and others. Whose version is the "real" one?

March 18 - Stories of the Grail in the Middle Ages. Literary versions of the Grail legend by Chretien de Troyes, Gottfried von Strasbourg and others. Whose version is the "real" one?

Long-term Senior Living Solutions in the 21st Century

Thursday, 9:30-11:00 AM



Brian P. Hauenstein has a lifelong history of serving the community and others through missionary works and local projects. He is

currently the owner and principal of Oasis Senior Advisors of Grand Rapids. He is the founder and President of the Senior Care Coalition serving our aging population along with over a dozen other local senior industry leaders. Brian is an executive board member of St. Mary's Foundation and ambassador to the Hauenstein Neuroscience Center at Mercy Health. He works with local families to find the best solutions for long-term care and senior industry navigation.

January 28 - Long-term Senior Living Solutions in the 21st Century – Learn about how one can navigate the complexity of options facing families today. Do you have a life plan? If not, what are you waiting for? Brian will help you think through the many options and help you start building your plan today.

Meditation for the Soul

Thursdays, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



Fred Stella, writer and lecturer, is an ordained Pracharak (Outreach Minister) for the West Michigan Hindu Temple. He is currently president of

Interfaith Dialogue Association and hosts its weekly radio program. Fred has practiced daily meditation for 30 years.

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Meditation through mindfulness can help people relax, manage chronic stress and even reduce reliance on pain medication. It is a way of finding peace, clarity and happiness. Although the practice has ties to many different religious teachings, meditation is less about faith and more about altering consciousness, finding awareness, and achieving peace. An hour of quiet is good for all so *join Fred for all four of these classes or attend on days that work for you.*

February 4, 11, 18, & 25

Impressionism in Painting and Poetry: A Writing Workshop

Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 PM



Miriam Pederson is an emeritus professor of English at Aquinas College. She has been published in many poetry journals, anthologies. She has

also authored a poetry chapbook titled, *This Brief Light*.

During these 4 classes, Miriam aims to inspire... those who love the Impressionists and are interested in writing poetry. Like Impressionist paintings, Impressionist poetry consists of short, swift "brush strokes" that capture the, often abstract, experience of the poet who has been struck by a simple observation. The moment will pass swiftly by and disappear if not documented in words or paint. Impressionist paintings will be the inspiration for participants to compose "poetry of the moment," through, as Wordsworth put it, a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings."

February 4 - Description and discussion of Impressionist poetry.

February 11 - Observation documentation in words.

February 18 - Poetry writing in the moment.

February 25 - Writing, sharing, and discussion of Impressionism in painting in poetry.

Miles and Miles of Murals Part II

Thursday, 9:30-11:00 AM



Caroline Cook has a love for everything Grand Rapids. She founded Grand Rapids Running Tours in 2014. Caroline tells fascinating tales and

gives guided tours of Grand Rapids - highlighting the city's culture, history, and growth.

March 11 - In Part One, we viewed dozens of meaningful and beautiful pieces of artwork on brick buildings, under concrete bridges, and upon cement streets in Grand Rapids. They are proof that outdoor murals help to create an anchoring sense of place and a spark of energy into our city neighborhoods and nooks and crannies. When created by local artists, these outdoor murals can express what's on our minds... a reflection of our identities, values and current events. They begin conversations. They also beautify and introduce overlooked outdoor spaces. The murals we will see today, just like in Part One, can have an immensely powerful, positive effect on you when you understand their "stories."

The Fords: From Yesterday's Accidental First Couple to Today's Much Needed Hope

Thursday, 1:30-3:00 PM



After 17 years of leading the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, **Gleaves Whitney** became executive director of the Gerald

R. Ford Presidential Foundation in September 2020. In that role he is on a mission...

March 11 - In this presentation **Gleaves** will tell us why he accepted this new role, how the Fords' stock is rising in our hyper polarized society, and what civic and political lessons

we can learn from Jerry and Betty Ford as we confront our nation's most pressing challenges today. We are excited to have Gleaves at OLLI for the first time since taking on his new role!

FRIDAY

The Splendor of Italy

Fridays, 9:30-11:00 AM



Gary Hauck, Ph.D., is dean emeritus at Montcalm Community College where he has also taught world cultures and geography, religion, humanities, and history.

January 22 - Today, we'll be exploring the beauty and history of Rome, Pompei, and Florence.

From the classical era of the Roman Empire to the brilliance of the Renaissance and Baroque eras, you'll marvel at all these sights!

January 29 - It's time for adventure in Pisa, the Cinque Terre, Venice, and Sicily as we continue to explore the beauty and splendor of Italy. We'll climb to the top of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, hike around the edge of Italy's most romantic shoreline, ride a gondola on Venice's Grand Canal, and peek inside the crater atop Mt. Etna!

The Nine Lives of Benjamin Franklin

Friday, 9:30-11:00 AM



Richard Bell, Ph.D., is professor of history at the University of Maryland. He has won more than a dozen teaching awards, including

the University System of Maryland Board of Regents Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, the highest honor for teaching faculty in the Maryland state system. He serves as

a Trustee of the Maryland Historical Society, as an elected member of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, and as a fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

February 5 - Franklin's genius...

is a puzzle. Born to a humble family of candlemakers, his rise to the front ranks of American history was as unexpected as it was meteoric. Historian Richard Bell examines Franklin's ascent and his considerable efforts to build a better world. Many of his ideas encompassed not only natural science and engineering, but also public works, music, civic improvements, political trailblazing, and commerce.

Detroit: Engine of America

Friday, 9:30-11:00 AM



R.J. King, U of M graduate and award winning author, is currently editor of **DBusiness** magazine & **Daily News**, and **Detroit 500**, all of

which cover companies in metro Detroit and Michigan. Mr. King was a business writer for **The Detroit News** for 16 years. He sits on the board of many businesses, including DAC Executives Club and DAC Car Club. Mr. King is the author of four books.

February 12 - R.J. King will talk about his latest book Detroit: Engine of America, which details how Detroit grew from a French city to the Motor city. This book gives an explorer's guide to Detroit, following in the footsteps of well-known pioneers, inventors, and merchants. Detroit has turned the corner on its renaissance, but few people know how the city was, and still is, at the cutting edge of manufacturing, innovation, and culture!

American Folklore

Fridays, 9:30-11:00 AM



Jason Stevens, Ph.D., is assistant professor of English at Cornerstone University. He earned his degrees from the University of Dallas.

March 5 - Tall Tales and Folklore.

This session will be a funny and thoughtful look at Tall Tales, Folklore, and Native American Myths and Legends. He will begin with tales from the West, and then focus on the folklore work of Zora Neale Hurston in the South.

March 12- Native American Myths. Jason will review Native American myths and legends (of which there are many) during this class. As always, Jason will give a lively and fun presentation.

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Dr. Fred Johnson Series - Now What? After the 2020 Election? 9:30 11	Dr. Suzanne Eberle - Art for the Time of Covid- Week #1 9:30 Dr. Henry Luttikhuizen - Before History, There was Art - Week #1 1:30 12	Maurice Fetty - How the Bible Came to Be 9:30 13 Pam VanderPloeg - Architecture of New Orleans 1:30	Ann Zoellner - Walking the Camino de Santiago 1:30 14	15
Ian MacNeil - Talking Pictures - Cut! 9:30 18 Dr. Scott Stabler - Custer's Last Stand Week #1 1:30	Dr. Henry Luttikhuizen - Before History, There was Art - Week #2 1:30 19	Maurice Fetty - How the Bible Came to Be 9:30 20 Pam VanderPloeg - Architecture of New Orleans 1:30	Prof. Gary Eberle - The Search for the Holy Grail 9:30 21 Ann Zoellner - Walking the Camino de Santiago 1:30	Dr. Gary Hauck - The Splendor of Italy 9:30 22
Dr. Fred Johnson Series - Now What? U.S. Foreign Policy 9:30 25 Dr. Scott Stabler - Custer's Last Stand Week #2 1:30	Dr. Henry Luttikhuizen - Before History, There was Art - Week #3 1:30 26	Jon VanderPloeg - Music of New Orleans 1:30 27	Brian Hauenstein - Long-term Senior Living Solutions 9:30 28 Ann Zoellner - Walking the Camino de Santiago 1:30	Dr. Gary Hauck - The Splendor of Italy 9:30 29

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Dave Kampfschulte - Understanding Racism 9:30 1	Dr. Suzanne Eberle - Art for the Time of Covid - Week #2 9:30 Kathy Julien - Chair Yoga 11:30 Martha MacCleery - Birds, Insects & Plants 1:30 2	Jon VanderPloeg - Music of New Orleans 1:30 3	Fred Stella - Meditation 11:30 Miriam Pederson Painting & Poetry Workshop Week #1 1:30 4	Dr. Richard Bell - Nine Lives of Benjamin Franklin 9:30 5
Dr. Fred Johnson Series - Dynamic Black Americans- Enduring Excellence 9:30 8	Judy Cotner - Costa Rica 9:30 Kathy Julien - Chair Yoga 11:30 Dr. Karin Maag - Napoleon! 1:30 9	Dr. Michael Stevens-Lewis & Clark: The Journey Continues 1:30 10	Fred Stella - Meditation 11:30 Miriam Pederson Painting & Poetry Workshop Week #2 1:30 11	R.J. King - Detroit: Engine of America 9:30 12
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Dr. Fred Johnson Series -Between Sputnik & Jim Crow 9:30 Anne's Book Discussion: Somerset Maugham Week #3 11:30 1	Dr. Martin Spence - Brexit & the Future 9:30 Dr. Karin Maag - Napoleon! 1:30 2	Becky Knack - Penguins in Antarctica 9:30 3	Becky Knack - Polar Bears in the Arctic 9:30 4	Dr. Jason Stevens - American Folklore 9:30 5
Ian MacNeil - Talking Pictures -Five, Six, Seven, Eight! 9:30 Anne's Book Discussion: Somerset Maugham Week #4 11:30 Jim Ferro - What's Going on in Ada? 1:30 8	Dr. Martin Spence - Brexit & the Future 9:30 9	Dr. Roger Durham - Trump Foreign Policy: An Analysis 9:30 10	Caroline Cook - GR Murals Part 2 9:30 Gleaves Whitney - The Fords 1:30 11	Dr. Jason Stevens - American Folklore 9:30 12
Dr. Fred Johnson Series - Trial & Error 9:30 Dr. David Morgan- Preventing Dementia 1:30 15	Dr. Suzanne Eberle - Art for the Time of Covid Week #3 9:30 16	Chesley Thorn - Say Cheese 1:30 17	Prof. Gary Eberle - The Search for the Holy Grail 9:30 18	End of Winter Session 19
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