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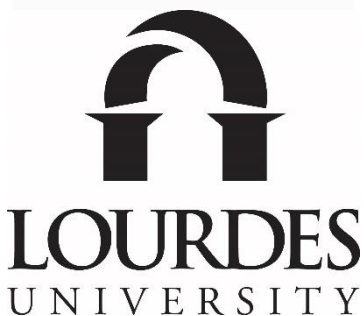
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What is Lifelong Learning?

It's fun! Educational, engaging, and social classes, trips, and lectures organized by Lourdes University. Learning for fun, with no exams or grades!

- Free monthly lectures open to the public
- Classes on a wide range of topics with new classes every semester
- Special events on and off the Lourdes campus
- Travel – fun daytrips with all the details taken care of

Who can join?

Lifelong Learning invites all adults who find joy in learning, regardless of age, religion, or educational background. Scholarships are available.

What are the benefits of membership?

- Join a community of friendly and inquisitive people
- Discounts on all classes, travel, and events

Membership is optional but pays for itself if you participate in a couple events. All memberships expire on July 31, 2024 regardless of the date you join. To be fair, the cost of membership is highest in the fall semester, lower in the spring, and lowest in the summer semester.

Travel with Lifelong Learning

Reflections of History Sparkling glass & crystal, both old and new, plus a classic theater...	April 11
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Road trip to a classic destination of sights and sounds.	May 8
Art and Gardens of Ann Arbor A day to indulge in food, flowers, and fun!	June 13
Solid Gold Detroit A combination of Motown music and a river cruise!	<i>sold out</i>
A Grape Escape A wine lovers' getaway! Visit three wineries and leave the driving to us.	Sept. 12
Detroit's Polish Heart Tour Hamtramck where the culture was shaped by Polish immigrants.	<i>sold out</i>
Auto Barons Holiday Home Tour Explore sumptuous mansions at their most festive.	Dec. TBA

MONTHLY LECTURES

You are invited! Completely free, no reservations, and no strings attached! The Monthly Lecture Series is an opportunity to hear outstanding speakers. Join us for refreshments at 9:15 AM followed by presentations from exceptional speakers from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the Franciscan Center.

Let's Talk About the Weather: The Past, Present, and Future of Weather Forecasting

10:00 – 11:00 AM, Friday, January 19

Weather. It's one of the most common topics of conversation and can change at the blink of an eye. Humans have been trying to forecast, and outsmart, the weather to survive and thrive on the Earth longer than you may think. This presentation will consider how weather forecasting has advanced over the years and what it may look like in the future. Lightning and tornado weather myths will be tested...many that people still believe today. You will also get to see and hear about some "behind the scenes" secrets Broadcast Meteorologists use every day to forecast and present the weather to the public on multiple platforms (television, social media, the internet, radio, etc.). The talk also includes a first-hand account, and video, of what it's like to fly with the United States Air Force Thunderbirds in an F-16 fighter jet!

Jay Berschback is the Chief Meteorologist at 13abc/WTVG-TV in Toledo. He's been with 13abc for more than 25 years and has earned his Television Seals of Approval from The American Meteorological Society and the National Weather Association.

Do You Really Know Who (or What) is Behind the Curtain?

10:00 - 11:00 AM Friday, February 16

What do you know about the candidates and issues for which you vote? If you are like most Americans, not much. There are many who would like to keep it that way and will use all of the tools at their disposal, including misinformation, to make sure that happens.

A 2023 study from the widely respected Pew Research Center found that 65% of those surveyed are in favor of tech companies moderating false information online and 55% think the government should get involved. But that may be akin to the fox guarding the henhouse. So, what can you do to make sure you don't fall prey to misinformation before you cast that ballot? And what can you do when you find that so-called fake

news? Spoiler alert: Misinformation is not just in the political arena, it's everywhere!

Anthony Knopps is a faculty member in Political Management at George Washington University and an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at BGSU. Mr. Knopps also serves as a consultant with the National Endowment for Democracy. He has spoken with groups around the world about the importance of upholding ethical standards in the sharing of information. He earned an M.P.S. in Political Management from George Washington University and a B.A. from the University of Missouri. An Emmy-award winning storyteller, he is a published author with six titles, including *A Page In History*, a look at the 2024 Presidential Race. Mr. Knopps also gave a Ted Talk in New England just a few weeks ago.

Beyond TV Dramas: The Practicality of Forensic Methods

10:00 - 11:00 AM Friday, March 15

Crimes are solved quickly and decisively on television, but real life is seldom so easy. Dive into the world of forensic science and learn how its specialized disciplines are applied to actual cases. The Trace unit studies footprints, but also matches torn fabric, broken glass, and arson evidence. Counterfeit money, as well as charred documents and handwriting analysis, falls under the purview of the Questioned Documents unit. Other units specialize in DNA analysis, firearms, toxicology, and controlled substances. Discover how science is applied to solve crimes, evaluate civil wrongs, and support public health.

Stephanie Grabowski has been working as a Forensic Scientist for the Michigan State Police (MSP) for 18 years in the Controlled Substances Unit. For the first 15 years she was also a part of the Crime Scene Response Team and coordinated team responses. Stephanie is also a member of the Clandestine Laboratory Investigating Chemists (CLIC), the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS), the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists (MAFS), and a past instructor of Introduction to Forensic Science at Oakland Community College.

A Life Full of Music

10:00 – 11:00 AM, Friday, April 19

As a professional singer, Judy Hauman Dye has performed a classical vocal repertoire, including opera, oratorio, Broadway, and jazz. She has appeared at the Kennedy Center and the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., at concert venues in New York City, on cruise ships, with symphony orchestras, including the Toledo Symphony, the Toledo Opera, and the former Murphy's jazz club. She will share memorable moments from her multifaceted life as a singer, educator, mother, and wife. Drawing from her books *An Extraordinary Life* and *Gosh Mom, Don't They Know You Aren't Anybody?*, Judy's stories resonate with the joys and challenges of a life immersed in music.

The Great Edmund Fitzgerald Mystery

10:00 – 11:00 AM, Friday, May 17

It has been nearly half a century since the most mysterious tragedy in the history of the Great

Lakes took the lives of 29 sailors and condemned their ship, the *Edmund Fitzgerald*, to the bottom of Lake Superior in 1975. Though the *Fitzgerald* bore the name of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on her stern, Toledo could rightly claim her as our own. Thirteen of the 29 crew members were Ohioans. Six were from Lucas and Wood Counties and one was from Fremont.

Twenty-nine families lost a loved one when the *Fitzgerald* succumbed to a violent storm without so much as an SOS call for help. Not many men who once served aboard the *Fitz* are still alive, and there may be only one who was both a crew member and lost a relative in the sinking. Thomas Walton, the retired Editor of the Toledo Blade, served as a porter aboard the *Fitzgerald* in his late teens. When the ship sank on November 10, 1975, one of the 29 men lost was his uncle.

Mr. Walton will share his recollections of the mighty *Fitz*, the men who sailed on her, and the various theories of what led to her demise after just 18 years of service on the Great Lakes.

HOT TOPICS

After the monthly lecture, join us for a buffet lunch of soup, sandwiches, and dessert followed by a presentation and lively discussion. Fridays, 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM, also in the Franciscan Center. Reservations are requested at least one week prior.

Universal, Simple and Affordable: Why improved expanded Medicare for all is the cure for our healthcare woes

11:15 – 12:45 PM, Friday, January 19

Practicing and teaching adult primary care at St Vincent Medical Center, Dr. Johnathon Ross has seen first-hand the importance of health insurance as well as how complicated insurance can be. Dr. Ross has advocated for social justice and healthcare as a human right for over 50 years. He will talk about the problems and solutions for this country's health care.

Dr. Ross has served as Past President of Physicians for a National Health Program and the Toledo Lucas County Board of Health and is a current board member or advisor for Physicians for a National Health Program, Michigan for Single Payer, the Single Payer Action Network of Ohio, the Universal Healthcare Action Network of Ohio, and Toledo Area Jobs with Justice, and the Toledo Lucas County Board of Health.

Policing and the Need for Reform

11:15 – 12:45 PM, Friday, February 16

The subject of police reform is very polarizing. One extreme insists that policing is fine, and we actually need more police. The other extreme argues that police consistently violate the rights of citizens, particularly citizens of color, and should be abolished. These disagreements often begin with discussions of a few "bad apples" in the ranks of some police departments or statements that the culture of policing and the institutional racism that is embedded in our system is too much to overcome. With the 10-year anniversary of the start of Black Lives Matter and the deaths of black citizens that was the impetus for the formation of the group, it is fitting to look at policing, the interactions of the system and the black community, and changes that could improve the way that we are kept safe. Join us for a discussion to examine some reforms needed to guarantee that police are held accountable to all American citizens.

Kristin Blochowski JD, MEd is Assistant Professor of Criminal & Social Justice at Lourdes University, a lawyer and former police officer and FBI Agent.

Tales of a Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarian

11:15 – 12:45 PM, Friday, March 15

From amphibians to zebras, Dr. Tim Reichard, MS, DVM has provided veterinary care to animals, both in zoos and free ranging wildlife, for over 40 years. During that time, he served as veterinarian at our Toledo Zoo. Dr. Reichard will share his animal stories that include capture and immobilization techniques, diagnostic tools, treatments and surgeries, breeding and reproduction, nutrition, animal behavior, environmental enrichment, animal training, and animal escapes and antics. Dr. Reichard has been recognized for his expertise in preventative

medicine programs in a variety of zoo species, and he has also been involved in conservation projects with native snake and amphibian species in Ohio and ground iguana and snake species in Puerto Rico.

Effects of the Pandemic on Immigrant and Refugee Children

11:15 – 12:45 PM, Friday, April 19

The Covid-19 pandemic had worldwide effects that are felt profoundly in our schools. Immigrant and refugee children were especially affected as they were still learning English and, in many cases, their parents were learning English too. Khaldoon Samkari is the English Language and Student Liaison for Sylvania Schools and has worked with students primarily from Syria, Iraq, Sudan, and Palestine. Learn how schools tried to help these vulnerable children.

TRAVEL

Please Note: *If you have special dietary considerations (e.g. vegetarian), you must notify Lifelong Learning at the time of registration. For more information about our trips visit www.Lourdes.edu/Travel*

Reflections of History

Both delicate and strong, the importance of glass has been brilliantly reflected in the history of Tiffin, Ohio. Hawkes Crystal was founded in 1890 by an Irish glassworker after he won the grand prize at the Universal Exposition in Paris. The Hawkes trademark is now being stamped on crystal pieces inspired by the original patterns and shapes. Watch a live glass cutting demonstration with a master cutter and designer as he produces hand cut crystal, renowned for its elegance and beauty.

Another factory in Tiffin produced glassware from 1889 to 1980 under a series of different names, including the United States Glass Company and Tiffin Glass. It managed to stay open during the Great Depression and weather both a tornado and fire. An expert will guide us through the Tiffin Glass Museum with over 1,000 examples of popular lines, stemware, lamps, optics, and colored glass.

A hot buffet lunch will be served in one of Tiffin's oldest buildings, the Pioneer Mill. Built in 1822, it functioned as a mill until 1950. The mill was converted into a restaurant in 1974 and is now on the National Register of Historical Places.

We will also visit the American Civil War Museum of Ohio. Exhibits demonstrate how three emerging technologies –the rifle musket, railroad, and the telegraph– influenced how war was fought. Roam through the displays and artifacts, which range from objects hand carved by POWs to a Lincoln mourning ribbon.

Our behind-the-scenes tour of Tiffin's Ritz Theater will make you nostalgic for a bygone era. As motion pictures grew from a novelty to an industry, increasingly grand movie palaces were designed for a competitive edge. 1,500 people packed the Ritz when it opened in 1928. Renovated in 1998 to its almost original condition, the Ritz Theatre allows us to look back to a time when the theaters themselves often stole the show.

Ralph's Joy of Living is a store that describes itself as "oddly delightful." Browse a selection of gourmet coffee, wine, and other edibles plus appliances, bedding, and quirky gadgets.

Thursday, April 11. Bus departs from Lourdes University parking lot M at 8:00 AM and returns at 6:00 PM. \$155 for members, \$167 for nonmembers.

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

Born from the collision of rhythm and blues, country, and gospel, rock & roll is a spirit that is inclusive and ever-changing. The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame celebrates the sounds and honors the artists whose music connects us all. This museum explores the sonic history and many evolutions of the music that changed the world starting with the Roots of Rock, through the Legends of Rock, to today's artists in Right Here, Right Now. Typical artifacts include instruments used by famous musicians, stage clothing and props, drafts of song lyrics, correspondence, original album art, handbills, posters, and photographs. Many of the exhibits are highly interactive, and the sound of music is omnipresent.

Spend the morning exploring this museum of icons at your own pace, then enjoy a hearty German-themed lunch at the Hofbrauhaus Restaurant. Choose one of these three savory entrees to indulge in:

- 1) Grilled chicken breast in creamy mushroom gravy served with spaetzle
- 2) Sausage plate: one frankfurter and one chicken sausage served over mashed potatoes and sauerkraut, with a side of German mustard
- 3) Pierogies: sauteed cheddar and potato pierogies served with caramelized onions, topped with sour cream and scallions

Each meal includes an appetizer of a German pretzel with bier cheese, nonalcoholic beverages, and apple strudel for dessert.

After lunch, enjoy a bus tour of Cleveland including downtown, Progressive Field, Quicken Loans Arena, Public Square, Playhouse Square Theater District, Millionaire's Row and University Circle. We will drive by the Cleveland Art Museum, Botanical Gardens, Western Reserve Historical Society and Cultural Gardens.

The last stop will be the West Side Market, Cleveland's oldest publicly owned market. The market house and 137-foot clock tower have stood as Cleveland landmarks for over a century. Today the market is home to over 100 vendors of great ethnic diversity. Find fine meats and fresh vegetables, fresh seafood, baked goods, dairy and cheese products, and even fresh flowers. There are also booths that

sell ready-to-eat foods, herbs, candy, and nuts. Bring your cooler!

Wednesday, May 8. Bus departs from Lourdes University parking lot M at 7:30 AM and returns 6:30 – 7:00 PM. \$169 for members, \$181 for nonmembers.

Art and Gardens of Ann Arbor

The peonies should be in full bloom in the Nichols Arboretum's peony garden. For more than a century, peonies have been cultivated in this garden for their fragrance and delicate, papery petals in a range of colors. The garden's nearly 800 plants produce up to 10,000 flowers at peak bloom. This is believed to be the largest collection of heirloom herbaceous peonies in North America.

Before and after the guided tour of the Nichols Arboretum, our guide will highlight the history and landmarks of Ann Arbor. This driving tour will explore the city along with the University of Michigan's north side, central, and medical campuses.

A city icon, Metzger's German Restaurant has served more than seven million people in its 95 years of business. The Metzger family is known for rich, tasty, and traditional German food which we will enjoy for our lunch.

Afterwards, browse the renown Zingerman's Deli with its exceptional array of cheeses, unique olive oils, vinegars, smoked fish, and specialty coffees and teas. Also at this stop is Kerrytown Market & Shops featuring a wide selection of specialty markets and unique shops.

The University of Michigan Museum of Art (UMMA) was founded in 1946 with a strong commitment to contemporary art as well as displaying and interpreting art from the world's many cultures. From antiquities to modern pieces, the UMMA's collection now totals more than 21,000 objects. Our guided tour will showcase the highlights, but there will also be time to explore the exhibits and gift shop on your own.

Thursday, June 13. Bus departs from Lourdes University parking lot M at 8:00 AM and returns at 6:30 PM. \$165 for members, \$177 for nonmembers.

Solid Gold Detroit

Motown started as a record label but became much more, a distinctive sound with simple structures but sophisticated melodies and tremendous pop appeal. Take this toe-tapping tour that will leave you dancing in the streets as we travel through the Motor City, home of the Motown sound, and illuminate local legends who made it big in the music business.

Only a few Detroit venues still have performances of live Motown music, one being the Detroit Princess. Enjoy an amazing Motown Revue performed by The Prolifics. This classic show will have everyone humming, tapping, or dancing along!

Cruise in luxurious style down the Detroit River on the Detroit Princess. This magnificent boat sports an extravagant buffet to match with three hot entrees, hot side dishes, salad, and dessert. Coffee and tea are included, and a full bar will be available for those wanting to purchase cocktails.

Thursday, July 18. Bus departs from Lourdes University parking lot M at 8:30 AM and returns at 6:00 PM. *Sold out.*

A Grape Escape

A getaway for wine lovers: visit three wineries in one day! The first stop is at the Winerie, a family-owned business and destination vineyard. Owing more than 100 acres of land across Erie and Lorain counties, The Winerie's leadership team grows its own grapes and produces its own wines locally. Enjoy a tasting tray of four wines and sweet treats.

Next, we will visit Chateau Winery & Vineyard for a wine tasting tray with five different wines as well as a hot lunch. Owners Bill and Michele Hollister were gracious hosts last year. Tour the production room and indulge in the gorgeous outdoor area which includes a koi pond.

Rocky Point Winery is housed in the historic 100 year old Marblehead Schoolhouse. Established in 2014, Rocky Point Winery is owned by the Redfern family and offers over a dozen varieties of wine, craft beers, and many unique distilled spirits. Sample a wine flight with six wines accompanied by descriptions from a staff member.

Enjoy a shopping stop at Cheese Haven, a unique shopping location located in Port Clinton. This is a place that every cheese lover dreams about. A perfect place to find cheeses and foods to pair with wines, as well as many varieties of candy. Bring your cooler on the bus!

Thursday, September 12. Bus departs from Lourdes University parking lot M at 9:00 AM and returns at 6:00 PM. \$164 for members, \$176 for nonmembers.

Detroit's Polish Heart

Polish immigrants arrived in Detroit as early as the 1850s, but the community lacked a center until the founding of St. Albertus Roman Catholic Church. Our tour of St. Albertus will highlight the brick detailing and octagonal tower on the exterior and the ornate interior

In opulence and scale, you will see that St. Florian Church recalls the great cathedrals of Europe. Rising eight stories above ground, the front of the church features a broad Gothic arch flanked by twin spires. There are striking stained-glass windows, including a huge rose window in the rear of the church, and altar windows depicting five famous Polish saints.

Nestled in the heart of Hamtramck is the Polish Village Cafe. Our Polish plate lunch will include dill pickle soup, homemade bread and butter, stuffed cabbage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and gravy, pierogi, and a pazcek for dessert.

We will then drive past the Hamtramck Disneyland. The whimsical kinetic art structures fills the air with light and music. The 1,945 sq. ft installation is considered one of the top art destinations in Michigan.

Visit three sites at our final stop. Housed in what was the first department store in the city, the Hamtramck Historical Museum celebrates the rich history and culture of the city. The Polish Art Center is a treasure trove of Polish home goods, clothing, and novelty items. Srodek's Campau Quality Sausage Co. sells kielbasa, sauerkraut, pierogi, stuffed cabbage (golabki), and more! Everyone is invited to bring a cooler on this trip!

Thursday, October 10. Bus departs from Lourdes University parking lot M at 8:45 AM and returns at 6:30 PM. *Sold out.*

Auto Barons Holiday Home Tour

The early auto industry gave substantial fortunes to John F. Dodge, co-founder of Dodge Brothers Motor Car Company and Edsel Ford, founder of the Ford Motor Company. Their wealth was used in part to construct two of America's

finest residences and country estates: Meadow Brook Hall and the Ford House. Tour these two grand homes in their holiday splendor!

As details become available, they will be posted at www.Lourdes.edu/Travel

SPECIAL EVENTS

Along the Way: The Camino de Santiago, from the Pyrenees to the Atlantic Ocean

2:00 – 3:30 PM, Tuesday, February 20

Franciscan Center; Free and open to members of Lifelong Learning & UTRA.

The Camino de Santiago, or the Way of St. James, is a network of pilgrim's trails leading to the revered shrine of the apostle James in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, northwestern Spain. According to tradition, the remains of Saint James are buried here. This path, traversed by pilgrims since the Middle Ages, traces its main route along an ancient Roman trade path. Spanning several routes across Spain, France, and Portugal, the Camino draws over 200,000 pilgrims each year. Vince Walsh will share the highlights of his 41-day hike on the Camino with the history, symbolism, and scenery found along the way.

Vince Walsh is a graduate of the University of Toledo with a bachelor's degree in both chemistry and geology as well as a master's degree in geology. Now retired, Vince worked most of his adult life as an analytical chemist. He also volunteered with the Peace Corps in Malaysia from 1977 to 1981. An avid hiker, Vince is a member of the Maumee Valley Adventurers.

This presentation is cohosted by the University of Toledo Retirees Association (UTRA) and Lifelong Learning.

Passover Seder for the Interfaith Community

4:00 – 6:00 PM, Sunday, April 7

Franciscan Center

Free event, open to all – registration required

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Jewish Community Relations Council, in partnership with Lifelong Learning, is hosting a model Passover seder specifically geared towards our non-Jewish neighbors and open to

all. This event, which will take place two weeks before the start of Passover, is meant to show how a seder is traditionally held, debunking myths and stereotypes while helping to teach others about the important Jewish holiday that serves to remember the Israelites' exodus from slavery in Egypt. Participants will each have their own seder plate with ritual items, and the event will include light bites.

Please RSVP by Friday, March 29 to Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.

Alternatively, you may register online at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/lourdes-passover-seder>

Fr. Bacik Lectures

5:30 PM, Thursday, April 18

5:30 PM, Thursday, May 23

Fr. Jim Bacik will continue his lecture series with titles to be announced later. Presentations will be in the Franciscan Center theater. *No reservations are necessary.* General admission is \$10 (cash or check only) payable at the door.

Arboretum Tour: Evergreens

9:30 – 11:00 AM, Friday, April 26

Rain date: Friday, May 3

The Lourdes University campus has a wide range of tree species, enough to qualify as an arboretum. Professional arborist Scott Kirby will lead a tour through a grove where 40 different species of fir trees grow. Learn more about the variety of evergreens, common problems, how to care for them, and how to select the right one to add the perfect texture to your landscape. Scott became a certified arborist in 1992 and enjoys sharing his knowledge and love of trees.

180th Fighter Wing Base Tour 10:30 – 1:45 PM, Thursday, May 2

Have you heard fighter jets overhead? Most likely they are from the 180th Fighter Wing (180FW) of the Ohio National Guard. This is your opportunity to see the base from the inside, view an F-16 jet up close and learn about the flight equipment needed to fly one.

Situated on 135 acres at the Toledo Express Airport, the 180FW base and infrastructure have been designed and constructed to support the current and future fighter aircraft needed for America's security and defense. The 180FW is made up of more than 1,200 combat-ready Airmen who flew more than 2,600 sorties, including nearly 950 combat flying hours, in 2021. Learn about the wing and its mission, as well as facts about the Ohio Air National Guard and how they serve the community.

After learning about a variety of flight equipment, there will be a tour of a hangar and the 9/11 memorial. We will then enjoy a catered lunch and finish with the dramatic take off, or

landing, of a F-16 jet. Please note there will be a lot of standing. Transportation to the base is not provided; please arrange your own transportation. U.S. Citizens will be required to provide a driver's license or state ID. Foreign nationals are required to bring a passport or visa number.

A catered seated lunch is included.

In compliance with government regulations and as a commitment to fostering community engagement, we have adjusted the tour cost to exclusively cover the expenses of the catered lunch, ensuring an affordable and accessible opportunity for all participants.

Eclectic Bellydancing Extravaganza 11:15 – 12:45 PM, Friday, May 17

Join Lifelong Learning friends for an exotic semester finale! Indulge in a sumptuous lunch buffet followed by performances by dancers from the House of Mesmeric. Discover the rich history of this dance form as well as different styles, including tribal fusion, traditional, and cabaret. The House of Mesmeric celebrates inclusivity, ensuring that every belly is welcome!

CLASSES

History of Food in the World

Tom Sorosiak
10:00 – 11:00 AM, Mondays
February 12 – March 4 (4 weeks)

This inquiry into the history of food will begin in the time of 'hunters and gathers' and will follow the change in eating habits from the Paleolithic era, through the domestication of plants and animals, to the modern commercialization of food production which feeds people worldwide. The main dietary categories will be food, beverages, nutritional needs, and the correlation between food-related policies and health longevity with people today. Special consideration will be given to the daily eating habits of people in the United States.

Tom Sorosiak retired from teaching in the History Department at BGSU and has previously taught history classes for Lifelong Learning. His doctoral research is included in the two volumes of *The Cambridge World History of Food*.

Great Decisions – 2024

Hugh Grefe
1:30 – 3:00 PM, Tuesdays
February 13 – March 12, April 9 – 23 (8 weeks;
no classes 3/19-4/2)

Prepare to discuss the biggest topics in international news! Explore eight topics ranging from economic warfare to science across borders to NATO's future.

Discussions are based on materials from the Foreign Policy Association which selects eight critical issues each year. Read a chapter in the briefing book at home, then watch a televised briefing at the start of class before diving into a spirited and structured discussion of the most critical global issues facing America today. The textbook required for this class, *Great Decisions*, is available for purchase online. The book is also available at the Lourdes Welcome Center for \$35 (payable by cash or check only).

Facilitator and previous participant Hugh Grefe earned a Master of Arts in History at the University of Toledo and has served in a variety

of senior staff and board roles in the greater Toledo community. In 2002 he was awarded a Fannie Mae Foundation Fellowship to participate in the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Temperance & the Making of America

Sarah Franzen

9:00 – 10:00 AM, Thursdays

February 15 – March 7 (4 weeks)

Often, when we talk about the American Temperance movement, our minds jump straight to the 1920s: speakeasies, Al Capone, and the failure of national prohibition. In fact, the story is much older (and much more complicated) than that. This class will explore the American temperance movement from the early 1830s to the mid-1850s. We will discuss how the twentieth-century crusade against liquor had its beginnings in the nineteenth century abolition and women's rights movement. We will also learn how it shaped and was in turn shaped by national rhetoric about race, empire, and gender. Plus, the instructor is an English professor so there will be lots of examples from popular fiction and poetry of the time. Poe, anyone?

Sarah Franzen was an English professor at Trine University in Angola, Indiana for fourteen years before coming to Lourdes to serve as the Assessment Specialist. She holds a Ph.D. in Literature and Criticism from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and her dissertation, *Alcoholic Republic/Temperate Empire*, addresses all of the things that will be covered in this class, just in a more detailed and, quite frankly, more boring manner.

Paper and Pencil Drawing: Student's Choice

Patrick H. Dubreuil

10:00 – noon, Tuesdays

February 13 – March 19 (6 weeks)

Everyone needs help to reach their full potential and become the artist they want to be. Bring your drawing questions and unfinished projects so our experienced instructor can help you to improve your technique. Lessons and exercises will be based upon requests from the students. If you are baffled by blending or finding

textures tricky, join us for answers in a comfortable and supporting studio!

A Toledo native, Patrick Dubreuil has taught in the Lourdes Art Department for 13 years since getting his M.F.A. from BGSU.

Understanding Perspective

Patrick H. Dubreuil

1:00 – 3:00 pm, Tuesdays

February 13 – March 19 (6 weeks)

This class will cover the basics of one and two point perspective drawing. This course is designed for beginners and those who want to better understand perspective. Apply basic techniques to create interior and exterior spaces on paper, such as room interiors and cityscapes. Learn to accurately depict depth and dimension in your artwork.

History of Christianity – From 200 to 700 A.D.

Paul Mueller

1:30 – 3:30 PM, Thursdays

February 15 – March 21 (6 weeks)

This course delves into the early development of Christian doctrine and how it affected history and how history affected Christianity. This was a foundational period in the formation of Christianity in which key concepts were scrutinized and clarified.

Paul Mueller is an adjunct instructor of theology at Lourdes University. He received his Master of Arts degree in theology at Lourdes in 2011, and his doctorate in theology at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in 2021. He is an active member of St. Joseph Parish in Sylvania.

Pioneers of Reform

Tom Roka

2:30 – 4:30 PM, Thursday

February 15 – 29 (3 weeks)

Henry Bergh, Mother Jones, and Nellie Bly were very different people who shared a passion to correct social injustices.

Born into a wealthy family, Henry Bergh (1813-1888) followed his calling to end animal cruelty and founded The America Society for the Prevention of Cruelty Against Animals, or ASPCA, in 1864.

Mary Harris (1837-1930), aka Mother Jones, was an Irish born immigrant. Trained to be

a teacher, Harris gave up that career after her family died due to impoverished conditions. She then began a quest to unify miners and child laborers, waging war on companies and managing over 1000 strike locations. By the 1890s Mary Harris was widely known as Mother Jones and continued to call for working class revolution until her death in 1930.

At the age of 20, Nellie Bly (1864-1922) convinced the New York Herald to hire her as a journalist. Her initial articles dealt with the "girl puzzle," her idea that women will reject societal expectations and embrace individuality. She proved this by being the first woman to circle the world in 72 days. More importantly, her exposé "10 Days in the Mad-House" shed light on the appalling treatment of patients, shocking the nation.

These three remarkable people are important for challenging the social problems created by the Industrial Revolution and Gilded Age. Jones and Bly, in particular, defied contemporary assumptions about women's roles. Their diverse backgrounds emphasize the power of individual action as a catalyst for reform.

Tom Roka is an adjunct instructor for several institutions, including Lourdes University. A college educator for nearly 30 years, Tom earned an MA from the University of Toledo.

The Spectrum of Jazz

Fritz Byers

9:30 – 11:30 AM, Tuesdays

February 20 – March 26 (6 weeks)

This class will survey the history of jazz, with particular focuses on distinct eras, great innovations in instrumentation, composition and improvisation, and singular figures of enduring influence. Each class will involve a brief discussion of relevant social and musical history, extensive listening to recordings, open-ended time for shared reactions, and a brief conclusion that will sum up the day's listening and point toward the next session. No homework will be required, but there will be plenty of suggestions, including a comprehensive list of recommended recordings and texts. No musical knowledge is necessary.

Fritz Byers has been a devoted jazz fan since his high school days in the early 1970s. He

has hosted Jazz Spectrum (and now hosts the companion show, Jazz Spectrum Overnight) on WGTE-FM 91, on its sister stations, and now online, continuously since he created the show in April 1989. He has written extensively about the music and currently writes and edits a blog on the Jazz Spectrum homepage, www.wgte.org/jazz. He has no formal musical training and is certainly not a musicologist. His love for and knowledge of jazz is formed entirely by his years of listening as an interested layperson.

Learnin' 'Rithmetic, and History

Dr. George Shirk

10:00 – 11:30 AM, Wednesday

February 21 – 28 (2 weeks)

Beginning with the settling of the Northwest Territory, the 19th century was a time of significant changes in America. Those changes can be seen in public school mathematics (arithmetic) texts of the time. "At 5 cents a gill, how much will 8 pints of rum cost?" This example not only reflects the units of measure, but also the importance of rum! This class will focus on original grade school arithmetic texts from the 1800s and the history they represent.

Dr. George Shirk earned his Ph.D. in Mathematics Education from the University of Illinois and his MAT from the University of the South. He is a Professor Emeritus from the University of Toledo.

The Origin Story of Mennonite Christians

Joel Shenk

2:00 - 4:00 PM, Wednesday, February 21

Explore the origins and rich history of the Mennonites, a branch of Christianity, that involves tales of adventure, unwavering conviction, martyrdom, scandal, and profound faithfulness. Despite being smaller in numbers and often overlooked in history, this tradition boasts a remarkable heritage that perseveres to inspire people even today. Regardless of your faith background or familiarity with Mennonites, come to learn and gain a deeper understanding of this part of the Christian church.

This presentation will be led by Joel Shenk who has been serving as pastor at Toledo Mennonite Church since 2010. He lives with his wife and two daughters in Toledo. You will often

find them as regulars at the Toledo Farmer's Market, Ottawa Park, SIP Coffee, and any number of our wonderful local library branches. Pastor Joel graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary. He is an avid fly fisher, a hobby rod-builder, and aspiring gardener.

An Overview of Islam

Jomana Al-Hinti

10:00 – noon, Friday, February 23

Islam is the second largest faith worldwide, so join us to learn about the origins of Islam, pillars of the faith and the different acts of worship performed by Muslims. Ramadan and fasting will be discussed in detail. We will also discuss the relationship of Islam to other religions.

Jomana Al-Hinti is a Neurologist in town who is also a proud mother of six kids. She is a community organizer, leader of multiple youth groups over that last several years and an Islamic studies teacher for youth and adults at different Masajid, institutes and online.

Fluid Expressions: Mastering Watercolor Techniques

Mary Jane Erard

1:00 – 3:00 PM, Fridays

February 23 – March 22 (5 weeks)

Dive into the world of watercolor painting in this class designed for both beginners and enthusiasts. From mastering basic brush strokes to blending colors, this class offers step-by-step guidance to develop your skills in a supportive environment where experimentation is encouraged. All supplies will be provided.

Mary Jane Erard is an experienced art teacher and previously taught a Lifelong Learning class in plein air painting.

National Issues Forums

- ◆ **A New Land: What Kind of Government Shall We Have?**
- ◆ **A House Divided**

Lifelong Learning is offering two forums that can be taken as separate classes, but we encourage you to take both. Both forums address questions critical to our country today.

These discussion classes use materials prepared by the National Issues Forums Institute (NIFI). NIFI is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that serves to promote public deliberation about difficult public issues. Participants in each class will receive a publication from NIFI to read prior to class. Class meetings will be spent in structured discussions and group deliberation.

◆ **A New Land: What Kind of Government Shall We Have?**

Hugh Grefe

1:00 - 2:30 PM, Mondays

February. 26 – March 11 (3 weeks)

Imagine yourself in the spring of 1787, just four years after the Revolutionary War's end. The new Republic is unstable and its liberty threatened. The Articles of Confederation are insufficient to meet the challenges of the developing country. All the problems ultimately lead to one question: what kind of government should we have? Join the discussion to figure out a workable balance between a strong central government and states' rights with respect for local autonomy. Revisit a historical debate with a modern perspective.

◆ **A House Divided: How Do We Get the Political System We Want?**

Hugh Grefe

1:00 - 2:30 PM, Mondays

April 15 – 29 (3 weeks)

Every American is affected by the divisions and outrage that prevent us from making progress on urgent problems. Should we require more accurate, respectful discussion in the media and online, or would that stifle free speech? Should we reform politics and government to encourage compromise, or will that mean giving up on the changes we really need and want? Should we crack down on money in politics, or will people just find new ways to evade the rules? Join the conversation about getting the political system we want in order to revive our ability to work together on the country's most urgent problems.

Ukrainian Easter Eggs

Sr. Mary Peter Kaminski & Stas' Krukowski

1:30 – 3:30 PM, Wednesdays

February 28 – March 27 (5 weeks)

Ukrainian Easter Eggs, also known as pysanky, are a beautiful tradition of folk art that dates back centuries. The word pysanky is taken from the Ukrainian word “to write,” which gives a hint into how it's done. Creating these precious eggs takes focus and attention to detail, but the results are stunning. Come create your own Easter egg! All supplies are included in the registration fee, and the kistka kit will be yours to take home.

Stas' Krukowski is the Franciscan Connections Liaison for the All Good Things Art and Gift Shop and Rosary Care Center. He has worked with the Sisters since November of 2021. He is from the Toledo area and has been creating and selling art since his early childhood taking lessons on Saturday mornings at the Toledo Museum of Art. Stas' finds inspiration in the beauty of the natural world and enjoys sharing his artistic interpretation through a variety of mediums like painting, sculpture, photography, and poetry.

Sr. Mary Peter Kaminski has been creating pysanky for many years and enjoys sharing the symbolism of this centuries old technique. Before retirement she worked as a medical technologist for 38 years.

Shostakovich and Us

Dr. Christopher Williams

3:30 – 5:00 PM, Mondays

March 4 – 18 (3 weeks); Exclusively online

In the nearly fifty years since his death, the music of Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975) has come to occupy a central place in our classical concert repertory that rivals the likes of Beethoven, Brahms, and Mahler. This was in some respects improbable: an impudent modernist, known for his ambivalent, violent, and brooding moods, the leading composer of the Soviet Union, a man whose ideological commitments were at best elusive. Yet his music has only gained in popularity in the United States and the rest of the world, with complete recorded cycles of his 15 symphonies now a common goal for conductors and

orchestras. His 15 string quartets occupy an equally venerated place in the world of chamber music.

This class will discuss Shostakovich's career and achievements in film music, opera, and other genres, with each class framed by select symphonies and string quartets. The power, the drama, the passion, the humor, the pageantry of this unique and influential voice will be laid bare and discussed.

Dr. Christopher Williams holds a Ph.D. in Music History and Literature from the University of California at Berkeley, and has taught at UT, BGSU, the Universität Salzburg, and in the joint program of the Cleveland Institute of Music and Case Western Reserve University.

The History of Israel & Palestine

Mary Robinson, Ph.D.

1:00 - 2:00 PM, Wednesday

February 28

The conflict between the Israel and Palestine reflects a long-standing struggle in the region encompassing the land between the Jordan River to the east and the Mediterranean Sea to the west. That conflict has deep historical roots, shaped by statehood claims from the Israelis and the Palestinians that have been influenced by various international agendas and activities. This class will review the history of this conflict from the late 19th century to the present.

Dr. Mary Robinson is Associate Professor of History at Lourdes University.

The Baby Boomiest Decade: A Cultural and Historical Kaleidoscope of the Fifties

Shari O'Brien, Ph.D., J.D.

1:00 – 3:45 PM, with a generous break.

Tuesdays, March 5 – April 2 (5 weeks)

Think of the 1950s and a kaleidoscope of stirring images come to mind. In many respects, it is recalled as a sturdy bridge between the Depression and the war years of the 1930s and 1940s and the turbulent protest years of the 1960s and 1970s. It was, however, a complex decade of striking contrasts: placid, white bread, cookie-cutter suburbs on the one hand, but ugly racial tensions on the other; relative global stability after two cataclysmic world wars, but a Cold War that included fallout shelters and

McCarthyism; a time of conformity to rigid social norms, yet one of simmering teen rebellion. We will view pieces of the kaleidoscope in the areas of political leadership; social justice and criminal law; science and medicine; business and industry; literature; the media; and entertainment and leisure. Characters we'll encounter who loomed large include Eisenhower and Krushchev; the Rosenbergs, Rosa Parks and J. Edgar Hoover; Oppenheimer, Jonas Salk and Dr. Spock; Ray Kroc and Juli Lynne Charlot; Arthur Miller and JD Salinger; Walter Cronkite and Walter Winchell; Lucy, Jackie Gleason, Walt Disney, James Dean, Marilyn Monroe and Elvis; and Mickey Mantle and Joe Di Maggio. ... These and others will make the fifties boom for us!

Dr. Shari O'Brien has doctorates in English and law; she worked in United States District Court. Publishing five law review articles as well as hundreds of essays and poems in national journals, she taught writing and poetry for twenty-seven years at UT and practiced law for 36 years.

Wines of Argentina

Nicholas Kubiak

6:30 – 8:30 PM, Wednesday, March 6

There are seven wine regions in Argentina with more than 100 official appellations. Argentina is the fifth largest wine producing country in the world and renowned for its Malbec and Torrontés wines. Come with us to the foothills of the Andes as we explore this great wine region and taste six unique wines. Please feel free to bring food for pairing.

Nicholas Kubiak is a Certified Specialist of Wine and Spirits and a veteran of our local wine industry.

The Great Lakes Today

Marya Czech

10:30 – noon, Wednesdays

March 6 – April 10 (6 weeks)

The Great Lakes provide us with magnificent beauty, each lake with its own distinct character. However, the lakes are facing threats from human encroachment and climate change. Each lecture will explore highlights of the lakes as well as current research on pollutants, invasive species, and the impact of recreational and

economic uses. We will also discuss the new set of threats represented by increasing temperatures and changes in precipitation patterns.

Instructor Marya Czech is a retired professor from the Lourdes University Biology Department and currently works as a regional environmentalist.

Israel, the Old-New Land

Daniel Pearlman & Tim Hagen

Class 1: 1:00–2:30 PM OR Class 2: 3:00–4:30 PM
Friday, March 8

Israel is a country of many contradictions. It is a land thousands of years old but a country 75 years young. It mixes ancient cities with ever-growing skyscrapers. Tourists and tattooed hipsters bump shoulders with devout adherents of the three major monotheistic religions as well as those of other faiths and none. It is a land of conflict and a land of peace; the sea and the desert; flat coastal plains and steep mountain tops; sun and snow. For countless people and for thousands of years, it is the center of the universe. Join local expert Daniel Pearlman on an educational tour of Israel through photos, videos, and stories of the land, the people, the history, and more. Then, you will have a chance to visit Israel through the use of Virtual Reality (VR) glasses, giving you a realistic 3D touring experience.

Since there are a limited number of VR glasses, the same class will be given twice, once at 1 PM and again at 3 PM.

Daniel Pearlman is the Vice President of Community and Government Relations at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. He previously lived in Israel and earned his Master's degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Tim Hagen is the Project Manager and Technology Coordinator at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, where he oversees a virtual reality program for seniors.

Introduction to Chess

Jeremy Conn

3:00 – 5:00 PM, Thursdays

March 7 - 21, April 4 – 18 (6 weeks; no class on March 28)

Learn the rules of chess as well as the history and culture of this classic game. If you thought chess may be too difficult to learn, or never really understood it, this course is definitely for you. You will successfully learn how to play chess confidently and with a head start toward playing like an expert! This class will also cover the history of the development of chess, chess notation, how chess is organized as a sport, how computers are made to play chess, the many ways to enjoy chess, and more!

We will learn chess step by step, piece by piece. Beginning on day one, we will play partial chess, adding pieces until we are playing full games. This easy going and fun class is aimed at beginners, but at every step there will be material relevant to all levels. Registration includes a standard plastic tournament set, board, and carrying bag that will be yours to keep.

Jeremy Conn is a strong amateur chess player and aspiring master, the president of the Knights of Toledo Chess Club (currently hosted online by Chess.com), and an experienced chess coach for beginning and intermediate players. Jeremy loves to share his knowledge of and profound love for the game.

It's in the Cards

Sheila Otto

9:30 – 11:30 AM, Mondays

March 11 – 25 (3 weeks)

Are you inspired by beautiful quotes and art? Many people keep motivational signs in sight, but have you ever created your own? This class will be an exploration of words, images, and stories as a form of self-exploration, a way to bring forth elements and words that matter the most in your life. Together we will combine wisdom stories, collage, scissors, and imagination in cards that illustrate wisdom, values or humor that inspire us.

Storyteller/story listener Sheila Otto will share some favorite short wisdom parables, offer some starter guidelines, and then encourage participants to look within themselves to find their stories using a playful approach of cutting and pasting words and magazine pictures to identify parts of their personal stories creating their own

wisdom cards. You will go home with new ways of seeing and sharing yourself!

The Vietnam War

Dr. Dwayne Beggs

1:30 - 2:30 PM, Wednesdays

March 13 - April 17 (6 weeks)

We will study early Vietnamese history and the oppression experienced by the Vietnamese people, the events leading up to American involvement in Vietnam, the continued escalation of U.S. military involvement in Vietnam and the eventual withdrawal of U.S. forces. A particular focus will be given to the military and diplomatic aspects of U.S. involvement in Vietnam as well as the impact of the war on the American home front.

Two books are recommended but not required. *Vietnam and the United States: Origins and Legacy of War* and *Vietnam: Explaining America's Lost War* also by Gary R. Hess.

Dr. Dwayne Beggs has taught many popular classes on many military conflicts for Lifelong Learning. Dr. Beggs earned a M.A. and a Ph.D. in U.S. Diplomatic History from BGSU. He also holds an M. Div. and served as a Youth Pastor / Associate Pastor for 22 years.

The Final Verdict: a Discussion of the Death Penalty

Joseph Moran

10:00 – 11:30 AM Thursdays

March 14–21 (2 weeks)

Few issues evoke stronger feelings than the death penalty. Many see it as both deserved and a deterrent while others view it as ineffective and a barbaric remnant of the past. The course will cover justifications for and against the penalty and the position of the three Abrahamic religions. It will also address execution methods, landmark court decisions, public opinion, the potential for mistakes, its national and international use, death row, and the likely future of capital punishment.

Joseph Moran has an M.A. in Criminology from BGSU and taught at Lourdes University for 20 years, primarily Criminology and Penology. Joe retired from the Toledo Municipal Court Probation Department where he was a supervisor and briefly served as chief probation officer. In retirement, Joe has worked as a chemical

dependency counselor at the Lucas County Correctional Center (jail) and serves as treasurer of the non-profit Toledoans for Prison Awareness.

Heroes from Northern Ohio

Jerry Wesolowski

1:00 – 2:00 PM, Monday, March 18

Join us for stories of men from Ohio who distinguished themselves in service to our country, including recipients of the Medal of Honor, the United States' highest military decoration for acts of valor in combat. Learn about soldiers like those involved in the daring Great Locomotive Chase of 1862 who penetrated nearly 200 miles into enemy territory to capture a railroad train and attempted to destroy tracks vital to the Confederates. Explore the story of Leonard Thom, from Sandusky, who served as the Executive Officer aboard the boat that launched the legend of JFK, and many more.

Jerry Wesolowski served a year in Vietnam providing security for the Air Force. The effects of his exposure to Agent Orange still affect him today.

Exploring Eclipses

Laura Megeath

10:30-11:30 AM, Friday, April 5

A beautiful and rare event is coming: a total solar eclipse on April 8. Come explore the Sun and Moon and learn about different types of eclipses. Discover what makes these events so extraordinary. Inside the Appold Planetarium, we will even watch the eclipse from the surface of the Moon!

Laura Megeath is the Coordinator of both Lifelong Learning and the Appold Planetarium.

Journalism as Witness: Freedom, un-freedom and the human person in the writing of George Orwell and Hannah Arendt

Dr. Keith Burris

3:00 – 5:00 PM, Wednesdays
March 27–May 1 (6 weeks)

We will read Orwell's *Homage to Catalonia* and *The Portable Hannah Arendt* closely. The first two weeks will be devoted to the Orwell book, which is often called the greatest war correspondence book ever written. But it is also a book about fascism and freedom. We will

spend three weeks on the Arendt book, looking at excerpts from *Eichmann in Jerusalem*, *The Origins of Totalitarianism*, and *The Human Condition*. In the sixth week we will sum up and synthesize. The course will be mostly discussion style with short mini-lectures mixed in.

Registration includes a copy both books. Keith C. Burris, Ph.D. wrote for the Toledo Blade from 1986 to 1988 and again from 2013 to 2022. His most recent position was Editorial Director and Vice President of Block Newspapers. In addition to writing for several other newspapers, Keith has also taught at Washington & Jefferson College, the University of Hartford, Trinity College, and West Virginia University.

Glass City Architecture: A Mood Ring of Our Past

Tedd Long

10:30 – 11:30 AM, Tuesday, April 2

A lot of a city's past can be revealed by its architecture. Join us for an exploration of the changing mood of the Glass City through an interactive timeline highlighting downtown Toledo's architecture. Often, architects project not only their own personal styles but also the city's mood when they design a building.

Tedd Long is an author, photographer, lecturer, and curator of www.holytoledohistory.com.

These Are a Few of My Favorite... Places!

Ted J. Ligibel

2:00 – 4:00 PM, Thursday, April 4

Preservation of historic sites has been Ted Ligibel's life work for 50 years. Explore places past and present and hear their stories—some lamentable and others marked with success. We will visit Fallen Timbers and River Raisin Battlefields, Wildwood Metropark, Fountain Point (that contains the second longest porch in Michigan), the majestic Wright-Harvey mansion, the eleventh-hour rescue of the Gardner Building, the heart-stopping save of the Valentine Building, the Vistula and Lakeside Historic Districts, and historic districts around Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. Discover lesser-known works of some of the region's most famous architects, like E.O. Fallis, D. W. Gibbs, David L.

Stine, Norval B. Bacon, the Wachter's and the Huber's, and George S. Mills. In addition, meet some of the people that influenced Ted in his early years of historic preservation.

Ted J. Ligibel, Ph.D., has 50 years of experience in historic preservation, having been involved in dozens of efforts to save historic places in Ohio and Michigan. He has worked at several of the region's major institutions and has directed the nation's largest graduate program in Historic Preservation at Eastern Michigan University, retiring from there in 2019. His writings on local history, historic preservation, and historic architecture include his most recent work, *Toledo's Oldest Cheese Store: A. Rensch & Company, 1882-2016*.

Long May She Reign: British Queens and the Evolution of the British Government

David Enstone

9:30 – 11:00 AM, Thursdays

April 4–18 (3 weeks)

Britain's three longest serving female Monarchs were Queen Elizabeth 1 (1558-1603), Queen Victoria (1819-1901), and Queen Elizabeth 2 (1952 – 2022). Against the background of the life and times of these three Queens, we will discuss the history and evolution of the British Monarchic system which came about in the 10th Century. Until 1707 the Monarchy ruled Britain and then the first Parliament of the Kingdom of Great Britain was established, after the merger of the Kingdom of England and the Kingdom of Scotland. We will then review the evolution of the British Parliamentary system and the transition of power that took place over the next 300 years.

Raised in the United Kingdom, David Enstone has previously taught Lifelong Learning classes on the UK, art & music, and New Mexico.

It's Great, But is it Art? Part 2

Sharon Havelak

10:00 -11:30 AM, Tuesday, April 9

The Armory Show of 1913, with over 1300 works by 300 artists, shocked the US art world and changed the direction of American art. After World War II, the US would become the center for art, with the even more abstract styles of Action Painting, Pop Art, Op Art and Color Field

Painting. We will look at the why, how and who of these styles and why they are considered hallmarks of their eras, with a focus on the most influential of the early 20th century artists, Pablo Picasso. You may never like these styles – but you will understand why they are considered important. Attendance at the previous class in the fall is not required.

Sister Sharon Havelak, OSF, is an artist and adjunct instructor at Lourdes University. She previously managed All Good Things, a gift shop and gallery that offers items made by the Sisters of St Francis, but now gives more of her time to her art.

Paint like an Impressionist

Beth McArthur

1:00 – 3:00 PM, Friday, April 12

If you ever wanted to know more about the Impressionists or just dabble in painting like one, this class is for you! We will be briefly discussing the origins of the Impressionist movement and some of the artists bringing this new style of painting to light – no pun intended! You will be capturing the essence of the Impressionism style on a canvas frame with creative applications of paint. There is no wrong or right way to create art, so no artistic skills are needed. You will be impressed by what you create to take home. If this sounds intriguing, then sign up quickly as the moment is as fleeting as an Impressionist trying to paint on a cloudy day!

Beth McArthur earned her degree in Art Education and had the privilege of teaching for many years. Some of her happiest times in teaching came during her time at Sylvania Franciscan Academy under the care of the Sisters of Saint Francis. Beth has come full circle, as she has since retired from teaching but now enjoys her role as Store Director at All Good Things on the Lourdes University campus.

From the River to the Glass: Rhône's Wine Tapestry

Nicholas Kubiak

6:30 – 8:30 PM, Wednesday, April 10

The Rhône is a major river in France and Switzerland, rising in the Alps and flowing west

and south through Lake Geneva and southeastern France before discharging into the Mediterranean Sea. As one of the major highways for the Greeks and Romans, this trade route has been cultivating wine since 600 BC! It's been a home to Popes and Royalty alike. Join us as we delve into the wines and history of the Rhône with six fantastic wines. You are invited to bring food for pairing.

Adventure on the Rhine River

Dr. Andy Jorgensen

9:00 – 11:00 AM, Tuesday, April 16

We will take a pictorial tour along the Rhine River from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam, exploring several cities along the way with their historic buildings and vineyards. We begin in Basel visiting a quaint pharmaceutical museum which includes a replica of an alchemist's laboratory. The city boasts many other important venues, such as the 17th century Kunstmuseum, which is the first publicly available museum for art in the world. Another stop is Strasbourg with its timber-framed homes and businesses, including Reislings wineries. The nationality of this town depended upon which country won the last war, Germany or France, so it is quite multicultural. A long stretch of the river includes dozens of castles, some decaying and others thriving. A high point will be a visit to the striking Gothic cathedral in Cologne. Touring this area would not be complete without peeking into a working Dutch windmill. These massive structures pump water to prevent flooding in much of the country.

Dr. Andy Jorgensen is Professor Emeritus at the University of Toledo. He has spent considerable time living and studying in Europe over the past several decades.

Visions of Native Landscapes

Barbara Mauter

10:00 - 11:30 AM, Friday, April 12

Many Native American writers can paint and create landscapes with just their words. A selection of Native poetry and writing inspired by these landscapes and environments will be shared. The goal is to be immersed, galvanized, and transported by their words to experience North American landscapes in a new way.

Barbara Mauter is an adjunct instructor with over 20 years' experience teaching college. She has taught and presented various workshops for UT, BGSU, Monroe County Community College, and Lifelong Learning at Lourdes University. She is known for her critical thinking class activities. Barbara's interests center around how our minds work, reading, thinking, and Native American culture and history.

Water, Water (isn't) Everywhere: But Is It Safe to Drink?

Dr. Joseph Cotruvo PhD, BCES

Tom Henry, guest speaker

10:30 – 12:30 PM, Mondays

April 15 – May 20 (6 weeks)

*Attend online
or on campus!*

Water is necessary for all life and is also essential for economic progress. Demand for water continues to increase, especially as the world population has passed 8 billion, but the total world supply has been constant for millions of years. This class will describe issues providing safe water throughout the world, including Toledo.

- Regulation of water quality, including federal, state, and local responsibilities
- Connections between water quality and public health
- Comparisons between public drinking water, bottled water, and home treated water
- Causes of worldwide water shortages
- Approaches to produce more drinkable water.

We will review several publicized drinking water issues including Flint and lead (what really happened), Chrome VI (Erin Brockovich story), Perfluorochemicals (PFAS), Toledo's algal bloom and algal toxins event, water chlorination, and waterborne disease including water related Legionellosis.

Dr. Joseph Cotruvo is a Toledo native with a BS in Chemistry from UT and a Ph.D. in Physical Organic Chemistry from OSU. He spent 25 years at USEPA in Washington principally as first Director of EPA's Drinking Water Standards Division, and as Director of EPA's Risk Assessment Division in the Toxic Substances program. Since his retirement from the EPA, Joe works as an international consultant on water, environmental and public health and is a member of the World Health Organization's Drinking Water

Guidelines Committee. He is also an Adjunct Research Professor in the UT Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Dr. Cotruvo will be joining us via Zoom.

Guest speaker Tom Henry has focused on Great Lakes environmental-energy issues for most of his 28 years at *The (Toledo) Blade*.

The Wit, Grit & Wisdom of Winston Churchill

L. Paul Hood, Jr.

10:00 – 11:30 AM, Wednesday

April 17 – 24 (2 weeks)

Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965) was one of the most noteworthy political leaders of the 20th century. Churchill was a British statesman, orator, and author who twice served as British Prime Minister. A very complex man of mixed British and American heritage, he served five different constituencies, both as a Tory and as a Liberal as a Member of the British Parliament and in several Cabinet positions. A prolific and glib writer, quote master and raconteur, this course will examine selected Churchill quotes and literary works, and, by so doing, try to put Churchill's 90-year life into perspective.

A native of Louisiana and a passionate history buff, Paul Hood obtained his undergraduate and law degrees from Louisiana State University and an LL.M. in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center before settling down to practice tax and estate planning law in the New Orleans area. Paul has taught at the University of New Orleans, Northeastern University, University of Toledo, and Ohio Northern University.

Pioneering Women in Photography

Kristin Baldeschwiler

3:00–5:00 PM, Thurs., April 18 – May 9 (4 weeks)

This class will introduce you to four trailblazing women in photography: Julia Margaret Cameron, Gertrude Käsebier, Dorothea Lange, and Margaret Bourke-White. Each class will present one photographer's biography and body of work, as well as compare their work to that of their contemporaries. Though these women had different backgrounds, equipment, and subjects, as well as different receptions to their work, each was a pioneer in her own way.

Instructor Kristin Baldeschwiler received her BA in Art History from Lourdes University, works at St. Vincent Medical Center, and is the artist/owner of Baldeschwiler Art & Design, LLC.

God and the History of Religion – Part 1

John Krochmalny

10:00 – noon, Mondays

April 22 – 29 (2 weeks)

Throughout recorded human history, there appears to have been a relationship existing between God (the Supreme Being), His creation, and mankind. This continues to today with over 6 billion people believing in the existence of a Supreme Being but *perhaps* differing on cultural interpretations. Various human cultures recorded these stories/myths and made them integral to their societal existence. In God and the History of Religion - Part 1, we will look at the anthropological progression involving the concepts of God and mankind's understanding from the first member of the human race, Lucy (approximately 300,000 BCE) to Abraham (approximately 2300 BCE).

John Krochmalny has considerable higher-education teaching experience as an instructional designer and technical trainer.

The Story You Need to Tell

Beth E. Heinzeroth White

10:00 – noon, Tuesday, April 30

You have a unique life story. You have experienced joy, confusion, anger, sorrow, and the satisfaction of hard-won life lessons. Your valuable insights can teach, inspire, and strengthen your relationships. This class is designed to help you appreciate your story's power through storytelling tips, dispelling myths that might be holding you back, and various methods you can use to explain how life has made you smarter. Explore how to craft your personal experiences into a compelling story. No writing or performing experience is needed. The goal is for you to understand that your story is significant and that you have what it takes to tell it. It's time to begin writing!

Beth E. Heinzeroth White is a former pediatric clinical nurse specialist and author of award-winning nonfiction and fiction books about nursing. She recognizes the energy of the words

“tell me a story” and thoroughly enjoys sharing it with others.

Each participant will receive a complimentary copy of “Ruminations” based on Kit Wilson, RN, the main character in Beth’s fiction series.

Beginner Birding

Elizabeth Anderson
9:00 – 10:30 AM, Fridays
May 3 – 10 (2 weeks)

Learn the basics of bird identification in this introductory course! You'll learn to look for size, shape, sound, markings, and more to identify common Ohio birds. A second session will put your newfound knowledge to use as we venture to Secor Metropark to practice birding in the field. This course includes a copy of the book AMNH Pocket Field Guide to Birds of North America (Eastern Region) for each student to keep.

Elizabeth Anderson received an English degree from Lourdes University and now works as an administrative assistant and author. Her debut novel, *The Remarkable Retirement of Edna Fisher*, released in 2023 from Midnight Meadow Publishing. Her next novel, *The Keeper of Lonely Spirits*, is pending from Mira Books, with an expected release date of 2025. Elizabeth started birding 13 years ago and looks forward to sharing one of her favorite pastimes with Lifelong Learners.

The Journey of the Universe: Cosmological Gifts for the Great Turning

Rosine Sobczak, OSF
10:00 – noon, Mondays
May 6 – 13 (2 weeks)

These turbulent times have led some people to a cosmological approach to explore life’s deeper meaning. Thomas Berry, Passionist priest and cultural historian, and Brian Swimme, mathematician and cosmologist, have presented us with such an approach. Learn about these men and the cosmic story they are telling us. Participants will explore this Story in word, discussion, and action. Cosmological gifts are presented to stimulate a deeper sense of who we are and the part we play in this evolving story.

Registration includes a copy of the book *The Universe is a Green Dragon* by Brian Swimme.

Sister Rosine Sobczak, OSF is an Associate Biology Professor Emerita, who has linked biology and spirituality to a great degree in her own life for the past 30 years and presented insights to others who were eager to listen and grow in their own spirituality.

The Big Change: Musical Theater in the 1970s and 1980s

Dr. Christopher Williams
3:30 – 5:00 PM, Mondays
May 6 – 20 (3 weeks); Exclusively online

The decade of the 1970s and 1980s saw one of the most dramatic fragmentations of musical style and concept in the history of musical theater. A waning of interest in the epic book musicals that capped the 1960s was met by the emergence of concept shows, pop and rock styles, revivals, pastiches, and throwbacks, most of which channeled nostalgia and market-tested formula drawn from the early decades of the genre. Critics often lamented a failure of imagination and an unwillingness of producers to take risks, but these changes paved the way for the trends of the next three decades.

This class focuses on the high points and one-hit wonders of this period, combined with the continuing success of established talents like Stephen Sondheim (*Sweeney Todd*, *Merrily We Roll Along*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Into the Woods*), the flourishing career of British import Andrew Lloyd Webber (*Evita*, *Cats*, *Phantom of the Opera*), and French newcomer Claude-Michel Schönberg (*Les Misérables*, *Miss Saigon*), as well as isolated hits like the Pulitzer Prize-winning *A Chorus Line*, Jerry Herman’s *Le Cage aux Folles*, Charles Strouse’s *Annie*, Kander and Ebb’s *Chicago*, and the Fats Waller review *Ain’t Misbehavin’*.

Future of Ukraine

Jarosław Szczepański
10:00 – 11:00 AM, Tuesday May 7
Attend online or on campus!

As the situation on between Russia and Ukraine remains tense, experts worldwide are engaged in debates regarding the future of

Ukraine. While the years ahead are marked by uncertainty, several potential scenarios are under consideration. The Ukrainian Institute for the Future has contributed to this discourse by presenting key points for discussion regarding post-war Ukraine, drawing on the latest findings from political, social, and strategic research.

This class aims to offer an in-depth examination of the internal perspective on Ukraine, juxtaposing it with the broader perception of the country within the eastern flank of NATO. The discussion will consider various facets, including politics, economy, demography, and security.

Jarosław Szczepański trained as a political scientist and lawyer and currently works as an assistant professor from the University of Warsaw in Poland. He was a 2021 Fulbright Fellow at OSU. He recently conducted research at Victoria University of Wellington.

The Land of the Rising Sun: 12,000 Years of Japanese Art History

Chris Rilling

1:00 – 3:00 PM, Wednesday, May 8

Japanese art can be traced back millennia and can take many different forms, from delicate pottery and wonderful woodblock prints to intricate ink drawings and exquisite origami. With so many centuries of creativity to unpack, we will focus on Japan's most important artistic periods and identify its most significant artists.

Chris Rilling is both an educator and artist. After receiving a master's in art education from the University of Toledo, Chris taught art and art history at Owens Community College and Northview High School.

Wine and War

Nicholas Kubiak

6:30 – 8:30 PM, Wednesday, May 8

This class will focus on the effects that World War II had on the wine industry. Encounter

family vineyards that persisted in dismal conditions to maintain their livelihoods and their identities. The war forced businesses to adapt and so tastes were changed. We will taste six historically significant wines and learn their stories. Everyone is welcome to bring food for pairing.

The Complexity of Lawmaking

Linda Furney

1:00 – 3:00 PM, Thursdays, May 9 – 23 (3 weeks)

Government classes traditionally teach the basic process of how a bill becomes a law. This class will focus on the obstacles that prevent bills from becoming laws. Expect deep dives into topics like lobbying, term limits, gerrymandering, and the pivotal role of constituent engagement. Get ready for an engaging, interactive class and come armed with your questions!

Linda Furney served 21 years as an elected official. She was elected to the Toledo School Board, Toledo City Council, and the Ohio Senate. As a teacher, she taught English at Whitmer High School and the American School in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil as well as home economics at Springfield High School.

Ultimate United States Trivia Challenge

Jan Whitaker

10:00 – 11:30 AM, Tuesday, May 14

Calling all *Jeopardy* fans! Test your knowledge of the United States in this fun and interactive quiz about famous places, geography, and historical facts. There will be a prize for the person with the most correct answers!

An inveterate traveler, willing to go anywhere anytime, Jan Whitaker is an Ohio native with a lifelong interest in the history of our area. Previously Jan spoke about the 1,200-mile Buckeye Trail and shared personal stories of her hike, as well as regional National Park Sites she has visited.



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- Complexity of Lawmaking \$43 / \$55
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- Heroes from Northern Ohio \$16 / \$28
- History of Christianity \$76 / \$88
- History of Food in the World \$30/ \$42
- History of Israel & Palestine \$16 / \$28
- House Divided: Political System \$33 / \$45
- Introduction to Chess \$86 / \$98
- Israel, the Old-New Land \$16 / \$28
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- It's Great, But is it Art? \$21 / \$33
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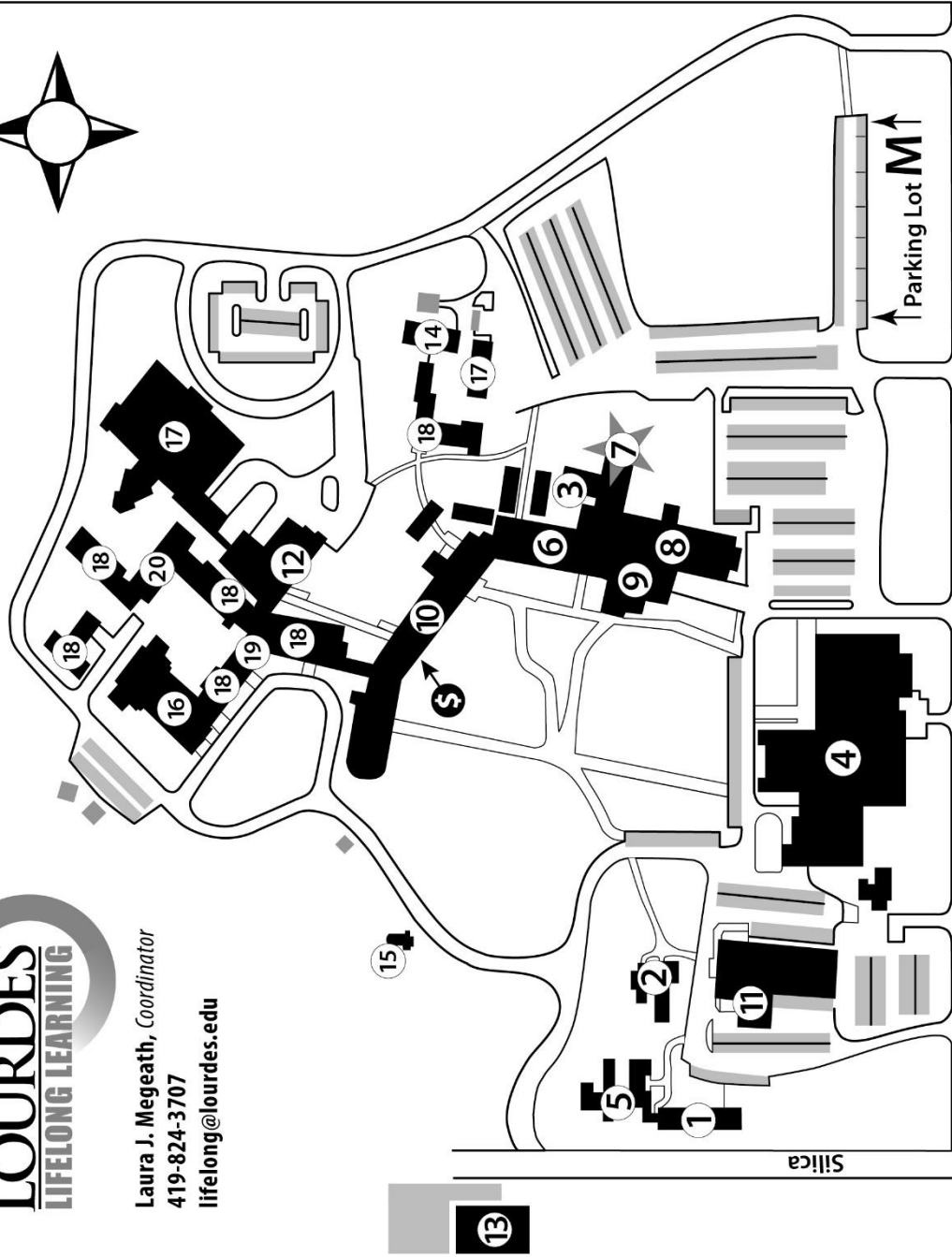
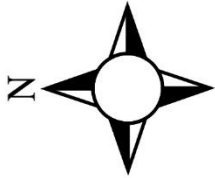
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