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FALL 2022 COURSE SCHEDULE

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COVID PROTOCOLS

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Registration

To register for a course, please email or call the course coordinator.

Printable Course Listing

[Printable Fall 2022 Course List \(PDF\)](#)

Revised August 30, 2022

Course Details

Click on a course title below to view detailed information about the course.

Monday

#	Time	Course	Coordinator	Location
1	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Classic Films	Tobey Marsceill, Wes Marsceill	Virtual
2	9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Reading US History, Jill Lepore, These Truths: A History of the United States	Michael Stevens	Virtual
3	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Experiencing Great English Literature	Phil Paulson	Madison Senior Center
4	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Refighting the Civil War	Daryl Sherman	Virtual
5	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Sensing the World Around Us	Linn Roth	Capitol Lakes
6	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Pathways to a Sustainable Planet	Richard Steeves	Virtual
7	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Drawing as a Sacred Activity: Imaginative Drawing with the Non-Dominant Hand	Heather C. Williams	Virtual
8	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Exploring Creativity	Karen Wulff	Christ Presbyterian Church
9	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Money Skills for Retirees	Tom Eggert	Virtual
10	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Novels Old and New	Bonnie Dill, Carol Spiegel, Marsha Urbaniak	Hybrid - Vista West
11	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	First Amendment Freedoms and Limits in an Era of Incitement and Hate Speech	Allen May, J.D.	Madison Senior Center
12	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Women's Journeys toward Self-Discovery	Grethe Brix-J. Leer	Virtual

Tuesday

#	Time	Course	Coordinator	Location
1	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Biographies	Chuck Pils, Mary Becker	Wisconsin Bank and Trust
2	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Short Stories and Essays	Irv Klibaner	Covenant Presbyterian Church
3	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Truth Decay	Jack Mitchell	Virtual
4	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Whither the State	Dennis Dresang, Terry Shelton	Virtual
5	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Jazz	Toni Jakovec	Wisconsin Bank and Trust

Wednesday

#	Time	Course	Coordinator	Location
1	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Buddhism: An Overview	Craig Wille	Hybrid - Vista West
2	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Continuing Philosophy	Ed Cothroll, Bill Colwell, John Miller	Virtual
3	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Current Events AM	Mert Corwin	Virtual
4	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Five Painter Profiles	Mary Em Kirn	Oakwood Village West
5	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Global Affairs and the Media	Leon Lindberg, Steve Hirsch, Kirk Elliott	Hybrid - Capitol Lakes
6	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Drawing as a Sacred Activity: Observational Drawing	Heather C. Williams	Virtual
7	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Biographies Eastside	Helen Brewster	Goodwill Community Room
8	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Current Events PM	Meg Taylor, Jerry Burns	Virtual
9	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Frontiers in Life Science	Paul Brandl	UW Space Place
10	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Writing Workshop - WED	Andy Millman	Virtual
11	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Film History	Jim O'Brien	Oakwood Village West
12	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Reminiscence Writing	Judy Havens, Mary De Wolf	Hybrid - Madison Senior Center

Thursday

#	Time	Course	Coordinator	Location
1	9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	What in the World Happened	Chuck Pils, Hank Whipple, Jim Albright	Hybrid - Capitol Lakes
2	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Conversations in Global Spirituality	Jeanne Bowman, Howard Bowman	Christ Presbyterian Church
3	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Healthy Aging: Maintaining Function and Preventing Injury	Frank Stein	Attic Angel Place
4	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Writing Workshop-THURS	Andy Millman	Virtual
5	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	The Play's the Thing	Tess Mulrooney	Madison Senior Center
6	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	We Love a Mystery	Barbara Evens	Virtual

Friday

#	Time	Course	Coordinator	Location
1	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Delightfully Dickens: Great Expectations and Bleak House	John and Jan Kinar	Virtual
2	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	PLATO Travel	Annette Bollig, Kevin Bollig, Lois Baseler, Linn Roth	Capitol Lakes
3	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Thinking as a Sacred Activity	Heather C. Williams	Virtual
4	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	What Really Happened on 9/11?	Tom Schlicht	Madison Senior Center

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CLASSIC FILM DISCUSSION

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Tobey and Wes Marsceill	platoclassicfilms@gmail.com	954-695-2778

Course Description

Virtual meetings to discuss a film selected primarily from Turner Classic Movies (TCM) shown the previous week and watched at your convenience in your own home. Participants will be invited to join the Google Meet site via email the morning of the discussion. Some movies may be shown off-hours so participants should have the ability to record/tape/or stream movies to fully participate. Please contact Tobey Marsceill via email to register.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Monday
Meeting Time	9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Start Date	September 19, 2022
End Date	December 12, 2022
No Course Dates	September 26, 2022; November, 28 2022
Participation	No reading to minimal reading
Class Size	35
# of Sessions	11
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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READING US HISTORY, JILL LEPORE, THESE TRUTHS: A HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
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Michael Stevens

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608-215-4887

Course Description

We will read and discuss the first half (1492-1865) of Jill Lepore's highly acclaimed book *These Truths: A History of the United States*, which takes its title from the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident." Lepore tells stories and introduces us to people who help us discuss her central question: when has America succeeded and when has it failed to live up to those "self-evident truths"? Join us as we explore US history together in this lively account. Get a copy of the book and come prepared at the first session to discuss the Introduction and Chapter 1.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Monday
Meeting Time	9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Start Date	September 12, 2022
End Date	November 14, 2022
No Course Dates	October 24, 2022; October 31, 2022
Participation	Regular reading/discussion expected
Class Size	15
# of Sessions	8
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions
Syllabus	These Truths Syllabus Fall 2022.pdf
Coordinator Bio	Michael Stevens Bio.pdf

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EXPERIENCING GREAT ENGLISH LITERATURE

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Phil Paulson	philplsn@gmail.com	608-318-1567

Course Description

We will explore a novel, poetry, and a play. The novel will be Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*, a coming-of-age story of "Pip" set in Kent and London of the early to mid-19th century. It begins in a cemetery, ends in an eventual triumph of good over evil and explores affection, loyalty, and conscience versus social advancement, wealth, and unprincipled ambition. Poems from the *Seashell Anthology of Great Poetry* will be selected and discussions led by class members. Our play will be selected by the class in the first two sessions with its reading and discussion in the last four sessions.

Location	Madison Senior Center
Meeting Day	Monday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September 19, 2022
End Date	November 21, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	Regular reading/discussion expected
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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REFIGHTING THE CIVIL WAR

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Daryl Sherman	snippetswi@gmail.com	608-238-5106

Course Description

We continue the DVD presentation with discussion format presented virtually, with a review of Ken Burns' *Civil War*, and some of the special features. We will focus the presentation and discussion on some DVDs devoted to single battles. We will then decide whether we wish to continue or whether it is time to bring the course to a conclusion.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Monday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September 26, 2022

End Date	December 5, 2022
No Course Dates	October 3, 2022
Participation	Some reading/discussion expected
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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SENSING THE WORLD AROUND US

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Linn Roth	rothlinn@sbcglobal.net	608-238-2297

Course Description

Through interactive presentations and demonstrations, this course will provide an introduction to neuroscience: how neurons work, how the brain is organized, and how we hear, see, taste, smell, touch and balance. No background in science or preparation required. If you have an interest in the brain, our senses, and asking questions, join us to learn how we perceive the world around us, how much we distort that world, and how the brain creates each individual's reality. Programs will include a brief review of how senses change with age, common myths about the brain, plus questions and answers.

CLASS WILL MEET TUESDAY OCT 18 (INSTEAD OF MONDAY OCT 17) AND TUESDAY OCTOBER 25 (INSTEAD OF MONDAY OCTOBER 24).

Location	Capitol Lakes
Meeting Day	Monday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September 26, 2022
End Date	December 5, 2022
No Course Dates	November 21, 2022; November 28, 2022
Participation	No reading to minimal reading
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	9

Registration Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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PATHWAYS TO A SUSTAINABLE PLANET

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Richard Steeves	coot42@gmail.com	608-833-5586

Course Description

This is a discussion group on adapting to a sustainable society. We explore the consequences of our current path and how they could be mitigated by using carbon free energy. We will also talk about the effects of electrical distribution, our food choices, and how to promote biodiversity. We will take a field trip on October 10th to Holy Wisdom Monastery to learn about their sustainability work.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Monday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September 19, 2022
End Date	November 21, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	No reading to minimal reading
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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DRAWING AS A SACRED ACTIVITY: IMAGINATIVE DRAWING WITH THE NON- DOMINANT HAND

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Heather C. Williams	heather@drawingtogether.com	760-213-6060

Course Description

In this class you will explore your heart's wisdom with drawing exercises that I presented around the world for twelve years for the Louise Hay International Teacher Training. You will learn that you have within you all the resources you need to do what you came here to do, to express your talents and abilities, to improve the quality of your life, to change old patterns, to fulfill your dreams. Drawing is a sacred activity because it connects your conscious mind, unconscious mind and supra-conscious mind.

Lecture and Drawing Exercises - Heather's book, *Drawing As a Sacred Activity*, was published in 2002 and is available at all book stores and public libraries.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Monday
Meeting Time	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September 19, 2022
End Date	November 21, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	High participation with assignments and/or possible presentations by participants
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions
Coordinator Bio	WHO IS HEATHER.pdf

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EXPLORING CREATIVITY

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Karen Wulff	wulff.karen@gmail.com	608-770-8408

Course Description

Class will be a workshop where individuals work on their personal art goals in a sharing environment. Participants can exchange knowledge and offer “gentle” feedback to each other if they want to. Bring the supplies you will need for your own project. Everyone must bring a plastic or similar material sheet or tarp to put under their workspace. We are fortunate to be invited to use the space and therefore this requirement is a must.

Location	Christ Presbyterian Church
Meeting Day	Monday
Meeting Time	1:00 PM to 3:00 pm
Start Date	September 19, 2022
End Date	November 21, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	High participation with assignments and/or possible presentations by participants
Class Size	10
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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MONEY SKILLS FOR RETIREES

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Tom Eggert	tleggett@wisc.edu	608-279-8608

Course Description

Retirees have different financial challenges than younger people. We no longer save for retirement, but now grow and use the money we saved. We'll cover diversification, interpreting your financial statements, taxes,

socially responsible investing, thematic investing, investing outside the market, creating a personal investment plan and using tools in making investment decisions. The class is designed so that we'll learn just as much from our classmates as from guest speakers. We will have a mix of presentations, guest speakers and reviews of our investing successes and failures.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Monday
Meeting Time	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Start Date	September 12, 2022
End Date	November 21, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	Regular reading/discussion expected
Class Size	30
# of Sessions	11
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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NOVELS OLD AND NEW

Coordinator

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Marsha Urbaniak	urbaniakmarsha@gmail.com	608-219-2394

Course Description

During the Fall Semester we will discuss the following novels.

- Sept. 19 & 26 - *Return of the Native*
- Oct. 3 - *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet* by Jamie Ford
- Oct. 10 & 17 - *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead* by Olga Tokarczuk
- Oct. 24 & 31 - *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich
- Nov. 7 - *Ivanhoe* by Sir Walter Scott
- Nov. 14 & 21 - *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See.

Location **Hybrid - [Vista West](#)**

Meeting Day	Monday
Meeting Time	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Start Date	September, 19 2022
End Date	September 21, 2022
No Course Dates	November 21, 2022
Participation	High participation with assignments and/or possible presentations by participants
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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FIRST AMENDMENT FREEDOMS AND LIMITS IN AN ERA OF INCITEMENT AND HATE SPEECH

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Allen May, J.D.	amay@att.net	630-263-2629

Course Description

On January 6, 2021, the United State Capitol was stormed by a mob attempting to overturn the outcome of the Presidential election. Five people died and more than 140 people were injured. Some claim the mob's actions were criminally provoked by inflammatory words spoken during a rally before the attack. Inciting lawlessness is not protected by the First Amendment. But how far can you go before speech crosses the line? Course members will discuss these boundaries and various theories of free speech. We will also consider limits the government has to control prohibited speech through censorship and even to compel some speech.

Location	Madison Senior Center
Meeting Day	Monday
Meeting Time	1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
Start Date	September 19, 2022

End Date	November 7, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	Some reading/discussion expected
Class Size	16
# of Sessions	8
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions
Syllabus	First Amendment Syllabus.pdf

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WOMEN'S JOURNEYS TOWARD SELF-DISCOVERY

Coordinator

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Course Description

Writing journals and memoirs helps you shape your life story while also clarifying what it has meant to you. This class will use prompts to help you enter into your writing as a stepping-stone toward deeper self-awareness. These prompts are meant to be suggestive, and class members are free to modify them as they choose. The class will continue to build a sense of community, based on discussion in an open non-judgmental atmosphere. Discussions are based on class members' writings, and all sharing is voluntary and respectful of each person's privacy.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Monday
Meeting Time	1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Start Date	September 26, 2022
End Date	November 14, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	High participation with assignments and/or possible presentations by participants
Class Size	15
# of Sessions	8

Registration Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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BIOGRAPHIES

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
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Course Description

We are biography readers who enjoy sharing their experiences. Presentations are participants' responsibility. It is optional for participants to do a presentation. We will examine the lives of men and women who went into political, military, and entertainment careers. What factors caused them to enter these professions? Did they make contributions to national or international history? Not all are of heroic proportions. Some of the best life stories are about people who have fallen into oblivion, but lived interesting lives. Controversial personalities add particular spice to discussions.

Location	Wisconsin Bank and Trust
Meeting Day	Tuesday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September 27, 2022
End Date	November 29, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	High participation with assignments and/or possible presentations by participants
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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SHORT STORIES AND ESSAYS

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
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Course Description

For those who love reading and discussion, this is the perfect entertainment. One hour each is devoted to a short story and an essay. There is always a lively, opinionated, and friendly atmosphere with a welcome for all participants. Come join us as we delve into the ever-fascinating world of short stories and essays created by some of the best writers who have put pen to paper. Texts to be used: *Best American Short Stories 2021* and *Best American Essays 2021*.

Location	Covenant Presbyterian Church
Meeting Day	Tuesday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September 20, 2022
End Date	November 22, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	High participation with assignments and/or possible presentations by participants
Class Size	15
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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TRUTH DECAY

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Jack Mitchell	jwmitch1@wisc.edu	608-274-6903

Course Description

Former President Trump and many of his supporters deny the fact that he lost the 2020 election. Millions reject the facts of climate change or the importance of vaccinations. Traditional news media are accused of reporting fake news, while upstart media make no pretense of sticking to facts and striving for truth. This course will look at evolving attitudes toward human rationality and objective methods for seeking truth. And we will explore media technology from the printing press to the Internet and their implications for journalism that pursues truth and propaganda that seeks to persuade.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Tuesday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Start Date	September 20, 2022
End Date	November 8, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	Regular reading/discussion expected
Class Size	16
# of Sessions	8
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions
Syllabus	Truth Decay Syllabus.pdf
Coordinator Bio	Jack Mitchell Biography.pdf

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WHITHER THE STATE

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
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Terry Shelton	Tkshelton1321@gmail.com	--

Course Description

Review of state and national political developments. Examination of key public policy issues affecting U.S. economy and society.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Tuesday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September 27, 2022
End Date	November 22, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	No reading to minimal reading
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	9
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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JAZZ

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Toni Jakovec	tjakovec@yahoo.com	650-948-5831

Course Description

Presenters from within the group and outside experts. Early New Orleans to contemporary. No musical skills necessary. Learn about upcoming events. Group outing organized if enough class interest.

Location	Wisconsin Bank and Trust
Meeting Day	Tuesday
Meeting Time	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Start Date	September 27, 2022
End Date	November 29, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	High participation with assignments and/or possible presentations by participants
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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BUDDHISM: AN OVERVIEW

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Craig Wille	wille.craig@gmail.com	608-692-3163

Course Description

This course will present an overview of primary beliefs and practices related to Buddhism, a historic review of Buddhism's development through the present day, and its effect in terms of art and social systems. Buddhist practices will be discussed however the primary focus of this class is not on development of skill in those practices. While the class will be taught in a hybrid manner-in other words including availability through Google meet. While the use of the hybrid option is certainly an option, I encourage you to consider attending live!

Location	Hybrid - Vista West
Meeting Day	Wednesday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September 21, 2022
End Date	December 14, 2022
No Course Dates	October, 05 2022; October, 12 2022; November 23, 2022
Participation	Some reading/discussion expected
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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CONTINUING PHILOSOPHY

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
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Bill Colwell	wscacct@live.com	847-830-1501
John Miller	milo13@fastmail.com	317-430-1111

Course Description

We will be reading and discussing the book *How The World Thinks: A Global History of Philosophy*, by Julian Baggini, reprint 2019, by Granta Books, London. The book is available in paperback. The author seeks to expand our Western-centric understanding of philosophical thought through exploration of the philosophies of Japan, India, China, and the Muslim world as well as the lesser-known traditions of Africa's and Australia's first peoples. Here is a short video introduction by the author: [Julian Baggini on How the World Thinks - The Hedgehog and the Fox](#).

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Wednesday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September 21, 2022
End Date	December 7, 2022
No Course Dates	November 23, 2022
Participation	Regular reading/discussion expected
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	11
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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CURRENT EVENTS AM

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Mert Corwin	mdcorwinjr@gmail.com	608-774-3403

Course Description

This class will discuss local, national and international, hot and current, events. Some topics will be very current and others will be ongoing issues. Topics will be determined each week, at the start of the session. All viewpoints are encouraged. The format will be very casual and interactive. Participants are encouraged to forward relevant links, during the week, about current topics, for discussion.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Wednesday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Start Date	September 21, 2022
End Date	November 30, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	Some reading/discussion expected
Class Size	20
# of Sessions	11
Registration	Required, email the coordinator for instructions

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FIVE PAINTER PROFILES

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Mary Em Kirn	mkfloridays@yahoo.com	239-287-2325

Course Description

From the 1400s to the 1600s, the area of Flanders (present day Belgium) was the center of some of Northern Europe's most important artistic endeavors. Discover the rich heritage of Flemish painting during fully illustrated PowerPoint presentations. Prof. Kirn will discuss oil paintings by Jan van Eyck, Rogier van der Weyden, Pieter Bruegel the Elder, Peter Paul Rubens, and Anthony van Dyck.

Location	Oakwood Village West
Meeting Day	Wednesday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Start Date	September 21, 2022
End Date	October 19, 2022
No Course Dates	

Participation	No reading to minimal reading
Class Size	30
# of Sessions	5
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS AND THE MEDIA

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
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Steve Hirsch	hirsch4622@icloud.com	608-347-5810
Kirk Elliott	kirk_elliott@hotmail.com	608-255-5646

Course Description

We focus on international events and concerns, addressing United States issues only as they relate to the rest of the world. An invited speaker or a member of the group will do an online or hybrid (online and in-person) presentation for about 40 minutes, and then take questions and comments for perhaps 20 minutes. After we take a break, we'll then discuss items of interest that members have brought to the meeting (members are invited to bring a news clipping or summary of an item of interest). We hope to increase our exposure to high-quality sources of news and information.

Location	Hybrid - Capitol Lakes
Meeting Day	Wednesday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September 21, 2022
End Date	November 30, 2022
No Course Dates	November 23, 2022
Participation	No reading to minimal reading
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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DRAWING AS A SACRED ACTIVITY: OBSERVATIONAL DRAWING

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Heather C. Williams	heather@drawingtogether.com	760-213-6060

Course Description

In this class you will explore my unique approach to perception and observational drawing that I learned during my 5-year Art Apprenticeship with Norwegian artist, Jan Valentin Saether. You will learn my 5 Keys to observational drawing and whether you are a beginner or an advanced artist, you will gain a new way of seeing the world around you. Drawing is the core method of researching, investigating, developing and communicating ideas. Today, drawing is viewed as an essential skill for everyone. It is a sacred activity because it engages your mind, your heart and your unique point of view!

Lecture and Drawing Exercises - Heather's book, *Drawing As a Sacred Activity*, was published in 2002 and is available at all book stores and public libraries.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Wednesday
Meeting Time	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September 21, 2022
End Date	November 23, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	High participation with assignments and/or possible presentations by participants
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions
Coordinator Bio	WHO IS HEATHER.pdf

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BIOGRAPHIES EASTSIDE

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Helen Brewster	hbrewster1944@gmail.com	608-358-6774

Course Description

Group members present biographical sketches on a person (sometimes persons) of their choice. Volunteer presentations are needed about once a year, group is flexible. Otherwise, there is no preparation or homework. We learn a lot, much of it unexpected, and enjoy lively discussions. Contact Helen via phone or email to discuss or join this friendly, welcoming group.

Location	Goodwill Community Room
Meeting Day	Wednesday
Meeting Time	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Start Date	September 21, 2022
End Date	November 16, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	High participation only when presenting. Otherwise, group discussions follow presentations.
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	9
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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CURRENT EVENTS PM

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
Meg Taylor	taylome@charter.net	206-369-3578
Jerry Burns	geburns@facstaff.wisc.edu	608-556-2924

Course Description

This is an in-depth discussion course on current events in Wisconsin, the United States and the World. Course members choose the topics and lead and moderate a discussion or two. We email readings and website links prior to each discussion. Each presenter may invite a guest with some first-hand knowledge or experience on the topic for the discussion.

Since this is a popular course and often has a waiting list, there is another Current Events course available on Wednesday mornings.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Wednesday
Meeting Time	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Start Date	September 21, 2022
End Date	December 7, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	High participation with assignments and/or possible presentations by participants
Class Size	25
# of Sessions	12
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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FRONTIERS IN LIFE SCIENCE

Coordinator

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Course Description

This class will bring us to the “cutting edge” of scientific research. Each week a different researcher or science expert reports and discusses his or her innovations, inventions and/or discoveries. The UW Biotechnology Outreach Directory has brought a variety of researchers to this class over the past several years. Topics have included: bird flu, heart disease, cancer, aging, stem cells, DNA sequencing, nanotechnology and others. You will be able to discuss your questions and concerns with these science experts each week.

Location	UW Space Place
Meeting Day	Wednesday
Meeting Time	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Start Date	September 21, 2022
End Date	November 30, 2022
No Course Dates	November 23, 2022
Participation	No reading to minimal reading
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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WRITING WORKSHOP - WED

Coordinator

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Course Description

“The scariest moment is always just before you start.” Stephen King, *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*. Maybe you haven’t written the first word. Possibly you’re polishing that manuscript. Our writers' group will provide you with the feedback, structure and support you need to push forward or get started. All writers are welcome, regardless of your experience or the type of writing you wish to pursue.

Andy Millman’s writing has appeared in several outlets, including *Whistling Shade*, *Points in Case*, *Midwest Review*, *The Big Jewel*, *Zest Literary Journal*, *Black Heart Magazine*, *Flash Fiction Magazine*, *The Helix* and *Pif Magazine*.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Wednesday
Meeting Time	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Start Date	September 21, 2022
End Date	November 30, 2022
No Course Dates	November 2, 2022
Participation	Regular reading/discussion expected

Class Size	14
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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FILM HISTORY

Coordinator

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Course Description

Tough guys in tough situations make good decisions and bad, but women are tough, too, and brave, and sing better, if necessary. Sometimes, the past seems like a refuge, but that won't last. The future looks hopeful, but it's not going to be easy. As Judy Garland sings, "someday soon we all may be together, if the fates allow." Amen to all that.

Location	Oakwood Village West
Meeting Day	Wednesday
Meeting Time	1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Start Date	September, 21 2022
End Date	November, 23 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	No reading to minimal reading
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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REMINISCENCE WRITING

Coordinator

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Course Description

Participants write stories about their pasts and share them with the class. Sometimes they're funny; sometimes they're sad; and sometimes they're fleeting memories that we want to capture with our pencils. We choose our topics from our childhood, our family life and our careers to express who we are. No experience required!

Location	Hybrid - Madison Senior Center
Meeting Day	Wednesday
Meeting Time	1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Start Date	September 21, 2022
End Date	November 30, 2022
No Course Dates	November 2, 2022
Participation	High participation with assignments and/or possible presentations by participants
Class Size	10
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED

Coordinator

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Course Description

This course is made up of presentations on eclectic historical topics of interest, from prehistoric times to the present. Presentations last 45 minutes to an hour (or more, depending upon presenter and topic), with time remaining for questions and answers. Enthusiastic Q & A's are the norm. Some of the topics this Fall include: Catastrophes, the Chicago and Peshtigo fires; Personal stories of three Germans during WWII; and the US Coast Guard.

Location	Hybrid - Capitol Lakes
Meeting Day	Thursday
Meeting Time	9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Start Date	September 22, 2022
End Date	December 1, 2022
No Course Dates	November 24, 2022
Participation	High participation with assignments and/or possible presentations by participants
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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CONVERSATIONS IN GLOBAL SPIRITUALITY

Coordinator

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Course Description

Utilizing texts from Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism and Taoism, the course will invite us into insights for the spiritually independent. The course will be a series of structured conversations (not lectures nor academic study of world religions). We will share insights based on various religious texts related to themes such as Ultimate Reality, The Nature of Self, Wisdom, Discerning One's Path and Dying.

Participants will need the text *The World Wisdom Bible* edited by Rami Shapiro (find on Amazon or other places).

Location	Christ Presbyterian Church
Meeting Day	Thursday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Start Date	September 22, 2022
End Date	October 27, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	Regular reading/discussion expected
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	6
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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This course has been cancelled.

HEALTHY AGING: MAINTAINING FUNCTION AND PREVENTING INJURY

Coordinator

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Course Description

Healthy Aging is a lecture and discussion course from an occupational therapist's perspective that explores the topics such as designing personal health goals, prescriptive exercise, managing stress, healthy diets, mindfulness, longevity, and spirituality. The coordinator will use latest research to support presentation. The class will be a combination of lectures through PowerPoint followed by comments, questions, and discussion.

Location	Attic Angel Place
Meeting Day	Thursday

Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September, 22 2022
End Date	December, 01 2022
No Course Dates	November, 24 2022
Participation	Regular reading/discussion expected
Class Size	15
# of Sessions	9
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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WRITING WORKSHOP-THURS

Coordinator

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Course Description

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Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Thursday
Meeting Time	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Start Date	September 22, 2022
End Date	December 1, 2022
No Course Dates	November 24, 2022
Participation	Regular reading/discussion expected
Class Size	14
# of Sessions	10

Registration Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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THE PLAY'S THE THING

Coordinator

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Course Description

Each semester we read (aloud) and discuss three or four plays using an integrated approach which allows everyone to participate. Participant volunteers will each present a brief background of each play and playwright before reading begins. This semester we will be reading *The Crucible*, *Rosenkrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, *Lady Windermere's Fan* and *You Can't Take It With You*.

Location	Madison Senior Center
Meeting Day	Thursday
Meeting Time	1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Start Date	September 29, 2022
End Date	December 8, 2022
No Course Dates	November 24, 2022
Participation	High participation with assignments and/or possible presentations by participants
Class Size	15
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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WE LOVE A MYSTERY

Coordinator

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Course Description

The class meets every two weeks (every other week) to discuss and critique contemporary mystery novels. Members take turns leading the discussion focusing on the author, settings, characters, plot development and conclusion. Readings are chosen at the end of each semester for the next semester. The first class we will discuss *Song of the Lion* by Anne Hillerman . Novels can be found in the South Central Library System.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Every other Thursday
Meeting Time	1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Start Date	September 22, 2022
End Date	December 8, 2022
No Course Dates	
Participation	High participation with assignments and/or possible presentations by participants
Class Size	18
# of Sessions	7
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions
Syllabus	We Love a Mystery Syllabus.pdf

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DELIGHTFULLY DICKENS: GREAT EXPECTATIONS AND BLEAK HOUSE

Coordinator

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Course Description

This semester we will read two works by Charles Dickens: *Great Expectations* ISBN: 9781435167193 and *Bleak House* ISBN: 9780141439723.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Friday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September 16, 2022
End Date	December 16, 2022
No Course Dates	November 25, 2022
Participation	High participation with assignments and/or possible presentations by participants
Class Size	14
# of Sessions	13
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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PLATO TRAVEL

Coordinator

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Course Description

PLATO Travel Group participants are adventurous, curious, and anxious to share their experiences and information from trips all over the planet. Members present travelogues of their adventures and information on their destinations in a friendly atmosphere where exchange and discussion are welcome. The group compiles information on various travel companies and tips for specific trips, and members socialize and explore trip materials during a mid-presentation break. We encourage members to bring friends interested in a trip topic and/or joining PLATO, and armchair travelers are always welcome!

Location [Capitol Lakes](#)

Meeting Day	Friday
Meeting Time	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September 23, 2022
End Date	December 2, 2022
No Course Dates	November, 25 2022
Participation	No reading to minimal reading
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	10
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions
Syllabus	Plato Travel Syllabus.pdf

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THINKING AS A SACRED ACTIVITY

Coordinator

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Course Description

I have been doing a lot of thinking about the world today – as, I’m sure, have you. A few months ago, I watched a very interesting video that inspired me to explore three different kinds of thinking: mechanical thinking, critical thinking and straight thinking in the abstract. It is from this inspiration that I am creating a new class titled: *Thinking as a Sacred Activity*. In this class, we’ll use drawing and journal writing to explore our own unique way of engaging these three kinds of thinking.

We’ll also study the history of human innovations. As well as the work of Socrates, Aristotle, Carl Jung and Thane Walker – to better understand where we are today with technology and artificial intelligence.

Location	Virtual
Meeting Day	Friday
Meeting Time	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Start Date	September 30, 2022
End Date	October 28, 2022
No Course Dates	

Participation	High participation with assignments and/or possible presentations by participants
Class Size	No limit
# of Sessions	5
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions
Syllabus	Plato Travel Syllabus.pdf

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WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ON 9/11?

Coordinator

Name	Email	Phone
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Course Description

Were the President's two wars justifiable? Was the Patriot Act? Was his EPA announcement that Ground Zero was safe to clean up? Why did he first resist forming the 9/11 Commission? Then, why did he underfund, stonewall, delay security clearances, resist providing documents, refuse to have his staff, his VP, and himself testify under oath? What was being covered up? We read excerpts and watch DVDs by scholars and whistleblowers. Please join our discussion.

Location	Madison Senior Center
Meeting Day	Friday
Meeting Time	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Start Date	September 16, 2022
End Date	December 2, 2022
No Course Dates	November 25, 2022
Participation	Regular reading/discussion expected
Class Size	10
# of Sessions	11
Registration	Required, contact coordinator for instructions

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