

Lecturer and Class Information Fall 2017



MONDAY, SEPT 25

10:00-11:30 - Emily Dickinson: The Belle of Amherst

Mary Ellen Jukoski is the president of Three Rivers Community College. She received her Doctorate in Education from The University of Memphis in Memphis, TN. Previously she was the president of Mitchell College in New London.

TUESDAY, SEPT 26

10:00-11:30 - The Great Awakening

This lecture will explore the evangelical movement from the late 1700's through 1840, including the circuit rider preachers. Edward Derr has been an Adjunct Instructor of History and Sociology since 2001. He has degrees in history, sociology and education and is currently the coordinator of the ConnCAS Educational Success Program at Three Rivers.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 27

1:00-2:30 - The Invasion of British Music

This lecture will discuss how British music, starting with The Beatles, influenced the music of today. Michael Carta is an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Three Rivers. Prior to Three Rivers, he worked for Pfizer in Groton for 25 years.

THURSDAY, SEPT 28

10:00-11:30 - Writers Group

The writers group meets every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. New members are welcome. This is a self-directed group.

FRIDAY, SEPT 29

11:00*-12:30 - Pottery class

Limit 16 participants. Learn to make a soup bowl. All bowls will be donated to Three River's Empty Bowls Project

which benefits a local soup kitchen.

Paula McNally is the head of the pottery and ceramics program at TRCC. *Note time change.

MONDAY, OCT 2

10:00-11:30 - Civil Air Patrol

A slide show detailing the activities in which the Civil Air Patrol engages. The Civil Air Patrol is the official USAF auxiliary. It was established one week before the Pearl Harbor attack. Today its mission is to provide search and rescue resources for local, state and federal agencies, train 12-18 year old youth in citizenship and volunteer service, and to inform the general public about air and space issues.

1:00-2:30 - The Writer's Group Reading

The Writer's Group shares their stories. Comments from audience welcome.

TUESDAY, OCT 3

10:00-12:00* - Classic Movies

Hitchcock Revisited: The First of Three Films by Alfred Hitchcock

The films are all directed by Alfred Hitchcock, the master of suspense. Brief discussion will follow each film and handouts will be distributed before the screenings. Roger Zotti has been showing films, old and new, for A.L.L. for many years and considers himself a student of films of the 40's and 50's. He is also a member of A.L.L. The films should provide entertainment and knowledge of Hitchcock's unique vision as a director. *Note extended time.

1:00-2:30 - Astronomy and the Solar Eclipse

Bill Dopirak is a Professor of Natural Sciences at TRCC.

WEDNESDAY, OCT 4

10:00-11:30 - They Called Her Reckless - A True Story of War, Love and One Extraordinary Horse

Set during the Korean War, this unusual and inspiring story of a small Korean pony and her fellow Marines speaks to an incredible human-horse connection and the power it unleashed. Janet Barrett's 25 years experience as a horsewoman gave her a particular appreciation for the tight bond that developed between Reckless and her fellow Marines. She has written for magazines, newspaper, radio and TV and the public relations field.

1:00-2:30 - Finland Through My Eyes: Sixty Years of Change

Anita Smiley will share photographs she has taken over a 60-year period of travel in Finland, showing the rise of Finland from a poor country struggling to pay war debts to Russia to a technologically advanced country. Anita, a retired career business educator, now immerses herself in endeavors involving her Finnish heritage. She has organized 22 group tours to Finland and had her first immersion into life in Finland as a International Farm Youth Exchange Delegate to Finland in 1956. In 2016, she was honored by the President of the Republic of Finland with the Cross of Merit of the Order of the White Rose of Finland for her years promoting cultural ties between Finland and the U.S. She is also a member of A.L.L.

THURSDAY, OCT 5

10:00-11:30 - Writers Group

1:00-2:30 - Understanding Loss: How to Help Someone Who is Grieving
Elizabeth Palmieri has 13 years experience working in the field of grief and

loss. She has served as a bereavement coordinator for the Center for Hospice Care for 8 years and as a facilitator for support groups for 13 years. She has also presented in-service programs to business and community organizations.

FRIDAY, OCT 6

Field trip - Lights and Sights Cruise on the Cross Sound Ferry, New London, CT. See flyer for details.

MONDAY, OCT 9

1:00-2:30 - Facebook and Social Media for Beginners

Linda Davis

TUESDAY, OCT 10

10:00-12:00* - Classic Movies

Hitchcock Revisited: The Second of Three Films by Alfred Hitchcock

See Tuesday, Oct 3.

1:00-2:30 - Beyond the Solar System

Learn about the Milky Way, nebulae, quasars, black holes, dark energy, dark matter, galaxies, and the Big Bang Theory in relation to distance, time and an expanding universe in this dynamic slide/talk presentation. Charles Prewitt taught science to junior and senior high school students in remote locations across the globe.

WEDNESDAY, OCT 11

10:00-11:30 - Veterans' Affairs of the U.S.A

Discussion of the status of our veterans today. Edward Banas is the former commander-in-chief of the Veterans' of Foreign Wars of the U.S.A.

1:00-2:30 - The Eye

An informal discussion of the diseases of the eye with questions accepted from the audience as well as a tips for assisting the blind. Dr. Michael Betten is a retired ophthalmologist and member of A.L.L. Jennifer B. Ettenger, MPA, COMS, is a Blind Rehabilitation Special-

ist for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

THURSDAY, OCT 12

10:00-11:30 - Writers Group

FRIDAY, OCT 13

10:00-11:30 - Broadway Goes to Hollywood - Part I

These lectures examine the origins of the Broadway musical and its eventual evolution into the Hollywood musical. It showcases the development of the "book musical" and its importance in the works of George Gershwin and Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. We will also examine the careers of Leonard Bernstein, Adolph Green, Betty Comden in *On the Town* and the increasing importance of dance through the choreography of people like Michael Kidd in musicals such as *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* and *West Side Story*. Jared Day was a professor of History and Engineering Public Policy for 26 years at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

1:00-2:30 - Broadway Goes to Hollywood - Part II

MONDAY, OCT 16

10:00-11:30 - The U.S. Coast Guard Today

A look at the work of the Coast Guard and the Academy presented by officers and cadets.

TUESDAY, OCT 17

10:00-12:00* - Classic Movies

Hitchcock Revisited: The Third of Three Films by Alfred Hitchcock

See Tuesday, Oct 3.

1:00-2:30 - Interstate/Government Transportation

Phil Mayer is Professor of Economics and Political Science at Three Rivers. He received his BS from Villanova Uni-

versity, MA from Kansas State and MLS from Fort Hayes State University.

WEDNESDAY, OCT 18

Field trip to the Mohegan Sun

Casino. See flyer for details.

THURSDAY, OCT 19

10:00-11:30 - Writers Group

1:00-2:30 - Improv

Kristin Hartnett trained in improvisation at Florida Studio Theatre in Sarasota, Florida and found her calling. She now facilitates Laughworks: School of Improv in New London.

FRIDAY, OCT 20

10:00-11:30 - Itch to Stitch

Bring your knit, crochet or other crafty project and join us for an informal get-together.

MONDAY, OCT 23

10:00-11:30 - Inspirational Tidbits

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou said that and this program could make you feel pretty good when you hear a number of brief inspiring stories of successful human beings. Dick Curland spent 34 years as an educator and immediately became a consultant upon retiring. With degrees from both ECSU and UConn, he has been telling stories since his Boy Scout days in the 1940's. He is also a member of A.L.L.

TUESDAY, OCT 24

10:00-12:00* - Classic Movie

The Gershwins' "Crazy for You" - Act I

Gary Motin is an optical physicist and worked for NUSC as head of the ElectroOptics branch, Analysis & Technology and taught math and physics at Mitchell College and TRCC. His hobby

is classic films of the 40's and 50's. He is also a member of A.L.L. *Note extended time.

1:00-3:00* - Classic Movie

The Gershwins' "Crazy for You" - Act II

*Note extended time

WEDNESDAY, OCT 25

10:00-11:30 - *How the Press is Preserving Democracy*

In the face of accusations of fake news, dwindling public approval and smaller newsrooms, news organizations are keeping the public informed and holding government accountable. Jim Konrad has been a journalist for more than 30 years. He is the executive editor of *The Bulletin*, a small but hardy band of journalists covering Eastern Connecticut. He also has voted as a Democrat, Republican and an unaffiliated voter.

THURSDAY, OCT 26

10:00-11:30 - *Writers Group*

FRIDAY, OCT 27

Bus Trip to the New Bedford Whaling Museum and New Bedford Art Museum. See flyer for details.

MONDAY, OCT 30

10:00-11:30 - *Time Travel with Your DNA*

Carol Sommer will explain how family history inspired her to become a time traveler, share some research approaches and tell some of her favorite stories. Carol grew up in Old Mystic and now lives in Waterford, the site of many of her ancestors' deeds (and misdeeds). She freelances for *The Day*, writing monthly columns about famous and not so famous local people.

TUESDAY, OCT 31

10:00-12:00* - Classic Movie

To Have and Have Not (1944 - Bogart and Bacall) with Gary Motin.

*Note extended time.

1:00-2:30 - *More Elder Law Issues*

Discussion of laws affecting older people. Michael Lahan is a graduate of Boston College and the UConn School of Law. He has been in practice in Norwich since 1969. His practice is limited to estate planning, wills, trusts, probate administration and elder law.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 1

Field Trip: Lunch at Norwich Technical High School

THURSDAY, NOV 2

10:00-11:30 - *Writers Group*

1:00-2:30 - *Fiction Book Discussion*

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi. Copies of the book will be available in the TRCC library. Faye Ringel, a Norwich native, is Professor Emerita of Humanities at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, where she taught for 25 years. She has performed music, given lectures, and accompanied silent films for A.L.L. every year since the organization was founded. She is also a member of A.L.L.

MONDAY, NOV 6

10:00-11:30 - *Finds from Summer 2017 Excavations*

Brian Jones is Connecticut's State Archaeologist and is associated with the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History at UConn. Brian received his PhD in Anthropology from UConn in 1998 and has a broad background in New England archaeology that spans the Paleoindian period through the industrial era.

1:00-2:30 - *Non-fiction Book Discussion*

Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance. Copies of the book will be available in the TRCC library. Beth Delaney works at the Scotland Public Library.

TUESDAY, NOV 7

10:00-11:30 - *Rare Coins & Collecting*

Larry Erhart is an experienced numismatist and the owner of Colonel Coin &

Currency and a member of A.L.L.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 8

1:00-2:30 - *Queen Isabella of Spain*

This lecture will examine one of the most important figures in the rise of modern Europe, Queen Isabella of Spain. She oversaw the discovery of the Americas, planted the seed for the 400+ year Spanish Empire, reformed the Catholic Church in Spain, invented the Spanish Inquisition, and drove out of Spain both the Jews and the Muslims. Jared Day was a professor of History and Engineering Public Policy for 26 years at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

THURSDAY, NOV 9

10:00-11:30 - *Writers Group*

1:00-2:30 - *Arthritis*

Dr. Sandeep Varma is a rheumatology specialist and director of the Backus Hospital Arthritis Center.

FRIDAY, NOV 10

10:00-11:30 - *Itch to Stitch*

Bring your knit, crochet or other crafty project and join us for an informal get-together.

1:00-2:30 - *Everyone Can Sing*

Everyone who is able to speak can discover their singing voice! Come and join us as we sing our way through an afternoon of vocal warm-ups, breathing techniques and familiar tunes! Lyric soprano, Avery Rondeau, was born and raised in Jewett City. She has a master's degree in Vocal Performance from UConn and made her international debut in Ireland where she collaborated with the Dublin Institute of Technology on several operatic scenes. She is a local voice teacher and continues to sing in the CT area. Faye Ringel, a Norwich native, is Professor Emerita of Humanities at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, where she taught for 25 years. She has performed music, given lectures, and accom-

panied silent films for A.L.L. every year since the organization was founded. She is also a member of A.L.L.

MONDAY, NOV 13

10:00-11:30 - Local News: Your Taxes, Your Streets, Your Schools, Your Politicians

Claire Bessette shares her experience covering City Hall, local schools, business, features, scams and scandals in Norwich and southeastern CT and the changing nature of news gathering and public participation. She has been covering Norwich and local news for The Day since 1994. Prior to that, she worked at The Bulletin,

Willimantic Chronicle and a Montville weekly newspaper. She has also taught newswriting at UConn.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 15

10:00-11:30 - Contemporary Issues in Financial Planning

Alex Miele received a BA in Economics and Government from Connecticut College. She is a Certified Financial Planner and was honored to be included in CT Magazine's "40 Under 40" issue that highlights upcoming professionals in the state. CT Magazine has also honored Ms. Miele as a Five-Star Wealth Manager. She was recently named to Forbes magazine's inau-

gural list of America's Top Next-Generation Wealth Managers.

THURSDAY, NOV 16

10:00-11:30 - Writers Group

1:00-2:30 - Open Forum

Open discussion on timely topics. Review of past and future programs for A.L.L. Gideon Loewenstein is a member of A.L.L.

FRIDAY, NOV 17

Both sessions - Current Issues

Gary Donato is a retired naval officer. He earned his PhD in Political Science and Diplomatic History from UConn.

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