



2017 SPRING TERM

March 14 – May 4, 2017

Here are **just a few** of the **wonderful classes** that will be available to our members

ART/LANGUAGE/LITERATURE/MUSIC

An Afternoon at the Movies

Have you ever watched travel movies and thought to yourself, “I want to travel there!”? In this course, participants will explore six international films centered on the theme of travel, in a physical, geographical sense, but also in a more spiritual and intimate context. Participants will be involved in lively post-screening discussions. Movies will be shown in the original language with English subtitles.

Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar ... in Prison

Conspiracy and violence, betrayal and friendship, political intrigue and rhetorical savvy ... Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar has it all. What happens when this powerful play is performed in a prison? This four-week intensive course explores the themes and performance possibilities of one of Shakespeare’s most enduring plays. At the end of the course, participants are invited to attend the Shakespeare Behind Bars production of Julius Caesar at Luther Lockett Correctional Complex near Louisville.

Best Loved Poems

Do you have favorite poems that you remember from years ago? Or do you just wonder why poetry matters to so many people? In this class we will discover afresh the pleasure of reading some of the best loved poems in the English language. We’ll read poetry that has brought pleasure, delight, and comfort to generations of readers. Our poets will range from Shakespeare, Wordsworth, and Keats, to Edgar Allen Poe and Robert Frost.

Puccini at WKU

The focus of this class will be two things – the stories and the glorious, glorious music. This is not a history of Giacomo Puccini’s operas, but rather a listening-based exploration of them. If you already love his operas, come and share your enthusiasm! You are in for a treat if you are not familiar with Puccini. “A Pair of Puccinis! Suor Angelica and Gianni Schicchi” will be presented by WKU Theater and Dance and WKU Department of Music and SLL members will have the opportunity to attend as part of this course.

Carmen at TPAC Field Trip

SLL members will travel to Nashville to enjoy a live performance of *Carmen*. Katherine Pennavaria will present a one-time session on this wonderful opera. Whether you are able to attend the performance or not, this class will be open to all SLL members.

Evolution of the American Short Story

The American short story is a unique literary movement that provides a photo album of America’s unfolding cultural and social progression. From the romantic writing of Edgar A. Poe to the realism of Mark Twain, to the modernist and post-modernists, to the more modern day existentialist writers and beyond, the short story continues to grow in popularity. The Evolution of the American Short Story class seeks both to enhance the joy of reading of some of America’s best short stories and to appreciate the role that the short story has played and continues to play in American literature as a reflection of the society.

CULTURE AND EXERCISE

Cultivate Your Vital Energy with a Bit of Chinese Culture

Sounds odd, right? How about “Eight-section Brocade?” Nope, not needlework! In this class, you’ll learn an ancient Chinese health care system so named. It is a qigong exercise. Qigong means cultivating your vital energy by a set of regulated physical movement and mental exercise akin to meditation. Meanwhile, you’ll learn Chinese culture through storytelling from an author who has published multiple books on the subject.

Movement, Mindfulness, and Meditation

Come dressed for comfort and be prepared for yoga stretches, breathing exercises, and guided meditation. No experience necessary: open to all.

CURRENT ISSUES/BUSINESS/ECONOMICS

Keynes vs. Hayek

As the stock market crash of 1929 plunged the world into turmoil, two men emerged with competing claims on how to restore balance to economies gone awry - John Maynard Keynes and Freidrich Hayek. This class will be an interesting economic exploration for all who attend. Nicholas Wapshott’s book “Keynes Hayek: The Clash That Defined Modern Economics”, will be the base used for this spring course.

Financial and Estate Planning

Andrew Head, director of the WKU Financial Planning Program, will join the spring instructors as he brings his expertise to SLL members on the importance of and how to be smart about money management.

HISTORY

History of Corvette

America’s Sports Car: The Chevrolet Corvette. From the introduction of the General Motor’s *Dream Car* at the 1953 Motorama, through the development of a real car that could be “taken to the track on Sunday, driven to work on Monday,” to the current world class sports car built in Bowling Green, Kentucky, we’ll look at the changes to the car over seven styling generations. Two class sessions are visits to the Corvette Museum and the GM Assembly Plant.

South Union Shaker Village and You

This four session course will focus on the South Union Shakers, their influence on the regional culture during the 19th century, and the regional culture’s effect on the Shaker community. We will cover folk life, architecture, furniture, and other objects created by the Shakers. The southern aspects of South Union’s traditions will be a central theme, highlighting what distinguishes this community from the rest of American’s Shaker villages.

The Bowling Green Patch (Relevance, Rhythm, & Recollection) in the Quilt of Kentucky’s Black Heritage

The purpose of this class is to facilitate participants’ personal interest in observing, inquiring, and discussing Bowling Green’s African American heritage.

Ancient Egypt

Overview of Old Kingdom, Middle Kingdom, and New Kingdom in Egyptian history and conquest of Egypt by later empires. Class will include videos and images to illustrate Egyptian and art and architecture and gods of the Egyptian pantheon.

Civil War and Bowling Green

Topics covered in this course include Bowling Green area sentiments on the slavery and state's right question, the 1860 election, and the departure of South Carolina will be the beginning topics of this four-week course. Shiloh and other regional battles will be discussed, as well as post-war problems and growth and development of Bowling Green.

The Arab-Israeli Conflict

The main focus of the course is on the 20th Century history of Arab-Zionist relations, but students also will gain insights into the history of the Jewish Diaspora and the political, economic, and social situation in Palestine in the nineteenth-century. Class discussions, screenings of documentaries, and analysis of primary sources are integral parts of this courses

SCIENCE

Geology of Kentucky

Discover the natural regions, landscapes, geologic attractions and mineral heritage of our beautiful state.

Backyard Birding

An introductory "how to" course on attracting and identifying birds in your backyard habitat.

Birding in the Field

This course comprises four group outings to local birding "hot spots" to practice spotting and identifying birds in the field.

GENERAL INTEREST

Outside the Classroom: Exploring WKU

Enjoy learning about the many assets WKU brings to our community - besides the students. Each week will be a new experience as we explore a different location. From a "behind the scenes" visit to the WKU PBS television and public radio stations to a hayride exploring the WKU Farm, this course will guarantee a lot of fun.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT EVENTS FOR SPRING 2017

- SLL members and guests will enjoy an evening Food For Thought presentation by Oleh Koropey on the Ukraine and its surroundings. Members will also enjoy authentic Ukrainian food prepared especially for this event.
- Dan Maudlin, local radio and communications personality, will bring several of his musician friends to talk to us about the role that Bowling Green songwriters play in the commercial market. He and his friends will also entertain the audience with some of their music.
- Midday on April 12th, FFT attendees will hear from the widow of a very renowned magician as she tells us what it was like to be backstage, what secrets she can reveal, and how it felt to be sawed in half.

STILL IN THE WORKS...

- **Art Class**
- **Acting Class**
- **Railroad History and Tips for Rail Travel**
- **Scientific Breakthroughs**
- **Quilting Class – History, Design, and Hands-on Learning**
- **Stoics: A Look at Philosophy From Another Point of View**