



## 2018 SPRING TERM PREVIEW

March 13 – May 3, 2018

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: Honoring Legends of the Silver Screen**

In this year's film series, participants will watch and discuss blockbusters whose lead actors (or directors) are now deceased, leaving behind a rich and diverse legacy. From Hepburn to Bogart, Sinatra to McQueen, Rickman to Shepard, Bialy to Moreau, the group will follow in the tracks of these shining stars, thus adding to the mystique of both the movies and their famous leads.

#### **Behind the Scenes at SOKY Bookfest**

Come learn what goes on behind the scenes at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual SOKY Bookfest. We will hear from Jennifer Bailey at Barnes & Noble and Sara Volpi at WKU, who both put in endless hours of hard work to make this important regional event such a success every year. Dr. David Bell will also tell us about his latest novel and discuss the author's perspective on Bookfest.

#### **Greek Mythology**

This four-week class will cover the essential Greek myths, with special attention to their relevance to ancient Greek culture and thought.

#### **Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream ... Behind Bars!**

*A Midsummers Night's Dream* is one of Shakespeare's most beloved and popular plays. We will study this comedy of mismatched lovers, supernatural forces, and strange metamorphoses over four weeks in preparation for seeing a live performance. At the end of the course, participants will be invited to watch inmates perform in the Shakespeare Behind Bars production of the play at Luther Lockett Correctional Complex near Louisville.

#### **More Memoir Writing**

Leah Wendt will be joining us again in the spring and offering two writing classes. If you have already taken a memoir writing class, she will be teaching an advanced section that you will want to join. If you want to start writing your memoir, there will be a beginners' class as well.

### **GENEALOGY**

#### **Genealogy for Beginners ... and Beyond**

Interested in doing your family tree but don't know how? This class will cover everything you need to get started researching your family history or continue a project you've already begun. You'll get suggestions from instructors Katherine Pennavaria and Rosemary Meszaros on which subscription services are worth the price and which are not. Participants will also receive targeted advice from the instructors and a copy of the presentation for each topic. Learn to use Ancestry.com, find obituaries, and much more!

## ***HEALTH/MISCELLANEOUS***

### **Beginning Knitting**

It's never too late to begin knitting! In this class, students will learn the basics – casting on, knit, purl, and casting off. Each student will complete a project that can be used as a washcloth, dishcloth, or coaster. There will be group instruction and lots of individual assistance. After students master the basics, they will be ready to move on to projects of their own choosing. The possibilities are unlimited.

### **Bosnia in Bowling Green**

This course will offer a taste of the Bosnian American experience in Bowling Green, including an overview of events that led to our significant Bosnian population settling here and field trips that will introduce participants to some of the rich traditions our Bosnian neighbors brought to town when they arrived.

### **Confucius Institute at WKU presents “Chinese Culture Series” for SLL Members**

This four-week class will introduce students to several aspects of Chinese culture. It will include a two session cooking class workshop, a tour of the Confucius Institute mobile unit, demonstration of Chinese calligraphy, and more.

### **Cookies and Conversation**

Please join members of the SLL Advisory Board for coffee, cookies, and brainstorming. We want to hear your ideas for future courses, interest groups, travel adventures, and any other suggestions on how we can make our SLL even bigger and better!

### **Finding Peace with Yourself and Others**

This course will be an introduction to Nonviolent Communication, a process of thinking and communicating developed by Dr. Marshall B. Rosenberg in the 1960s to teach people of any age, gender, or background a more effective and satisfying communications style. Nonviolent Communication utilizes a set of principles that support living a life of empathy, care, and authenticity to forge more meaningful relationships.

### **Painting Silk Scarves**

Sandra Hazelton will teach you how to create beautiful silk scarves using a variety of techniques. No artistic talent is required; there is no wrong way. No ugly scarf was ever created. This class will be held in the instructor's home for three of the four sessions.

### **Pathways to a Better You**

Using Techniques from success authors, Buddhist teachings, and accumulated knowledge, students will practice living a life instead of just living.

## ***CURRENT ISSUES/BUSINESS/ECONOMICS***

### **Black-White Racial Identity and Conflict**

This class will help students gain understanding of the role race plays in the lives of black and white citizens in the United States.

## **Practical Personal Finance**

All of us need to be informed, financially independent citizens, regardless of background. Practical applications in personal financial planning will be explored, including consumer psychology, credit/debt management, spending plans, major purchases, taxation, savings optimization, estate planning, and insurance/risk management.

## **Religious Liberty and the First Amendment**

In this eight week course on the most controversial constitutional right, we will explore the historical background of the First Amendment's religion clauses. Students will also read and discuss U.S. Supreme Court decisions, interpreting the meaning and scope of religious liberty.

## ***HISTORY***

### **Ceremony and Celebration: A Journey of Exploration of the Jewish Holidays and Traditions**

When did Rosh Hashanah, the anniversary of creation, become a day of judgement? How does Yom Kippur unite the priest's atonement with the prophet's repentance? What makes Kohelet, read on Sukkot, the most joyful book in the Bible? Why is the remembrance of the Passover story so central to Jewish morality and what are its ties to Christianity? And which does Shavuot really celebrate, the law or the land? Ceremony & Celebration will reveal the stunning interplay of Biblical laws, rabbinic edicts, liturgical themes, communal rituals and profound religious meaning of each of the five central Jewish holidays.

### **Collective Memory: A Look at Regional Historic Photographs**

This class taught by Tommy Hines, director of the historic South Union Shaker Village, will be a survey of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century photography using local examples from both private and museum collections. The discussion will center around changing technology and changing times.

### **Colorful Characters of Bowling Green**

Bowling Green has been the home of many famous and infamous characters. Join us and learn about these folks from all walks of life, including the oldest profession.

### **The Crusades: Then and Now**

This class will focus on the major Crusades between 1096 and 1270. The relevance of this period to today's conflicts in the Middle East will also be discussed.

### **Founding of Bowling Green: The Movie**

In 1998, Dorian Walker's Peridot Pictures made a movie about the founding of Bowling Green entitled "200: A Historical Docu-Drama Celebrating the Bowling Green-Warren County Bicentennial." Since there was such a great response when it was shown at SLL in 2016, we will have another extended one-time class so that students may (re)view the film and have time for discussion about the rich history of this area.

### **Thomas Merton and Gethsemani Abbey: Two of Kentucky's Hidden Treasures**

Thomas Merton embodies many contradictions, one being that he is a famous monk. By definition, a monk is hidden, obscure, out of the limelight. A contemplative monastery is also intended to be hidden from and uninvolved with the outside world. Merton began an international outreach which included commenting on the Vietnam War and later making a pilgrimage to India where he began to engage with the great Eastern World religions. The course will investigate Merton's contradictions and study him both in the context of a Kentucky Trappist Monastery and as an international teacher of the spiritual life.

## **Women's Suffrage Movement**

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment is approaching. Join us as we learn the history of the movement from The Seneca Falls Convention in 1848 to the birth of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment. We will also learn about various local women and their involvement

## **World War I**

This class will explore different aspects of WWI from its global ramifications to its Bowling Green connections.

## ***SCIENCE/MATH/TECHNOLOGY***

### **Attracting Birds to the Backyard**

Methods for attracting birds to your backyard, including feeders, water features, and landscaping, will be discussed. Also, birds most likely to be attracted will be presented. After this informative four-week course, you will want to consider taking the "Birding for Beginners" class.

### **Birding for Beginners**

After an introduction to birds common to the Bowling Green area on the first day of this class, the remaining sessions will offer field trips to local birding spots.

### **Finding Nature at Lost River Cave**

Have you ever wondered how to attract wildlife to your backyard? Or what wildflowers grow in spring? Perhaps you've pondered what plants can give color to fabrics, or how to determine a tree's name. Learn all of this and more in hands-on, interactive sessions that will teach you identification skills, the basics of dyeing fabric naturally, and how to make your home into a home for nature.

### **Geocaching 101**

Enhance your travels and expand your outdoor adventures with the newest technology for treasure hunting. Geocaching uses a hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS) and a set of latitude and longitude coordinates to locate "treasures" hidden all across the USA and right here in Bowling Green. No prior knowledge is required and we guarantee that you will enjoy your new skill.

### **Significant Inventions for the Automobile**

We will explore various inventions in the auto industry that contributed to ease of use, comfort, and safety of the automobile. These will include the electric starter, windshield wipers, and automatic transmissions, plus a look at the people and stories behind their development and successful implementation. There will be "hands on" examples of some of these in class.

### **T Rex and the Crater of Doom**

One terrible day some 65 million years ago, a mountain-sized asteroid slammed in the Yucatan Peninsula, triggering a chain of events that led to the extinction of 75% of all living species, including the dinosaurs. We will read the book, "T. Rex and the Crater of Doom" and participate in solving this exciting science "whodunit," which led to the now widely accepted impact theory.

## INTEREST GROUPS

*Interest Groups provide SLL members with an opportunity to join with other members who share a focus on a certain area of interest (i.e. Bridge, Meditation, Opera, French, Photography, etc.). New Interest Groups may form at any time. Please indicate your interest by registering (no fee) for upcoming meetings and events. Interest groups will identify one member to serve as the leader and as the point of contact for others interested in joining.*

- **WKU Cultural Enhancement Series (CES)**
- **Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers (co-sponsored by CES)**
- **Metropolitan Opera in Cinemas**

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT EVENTS

*These mid-day gatherings are open to SLL Members and guests and require registration 7 days in advance of each event. Unless otherwise stated, cost is \$10.50 per person, which includes the presentation, a light meal, dessert, and a beverage.*

- **Adventures in Kentucky Barbeque with Wes Berry**
- **How to Use the Best Camera You Have with You All the Time – Your Smartphone**
- **Honey: There's More to It Than Meets the Eye**

**Please invite your friends,  
family and neighbors!**