Presentations for May - July 2017

Unless otherwise indicated, presentations are held every Tuesday from 2-3 p.m. in the Olin Room (lower level) of the DU Olin Library. The IML does not meet during the months of January, August or December

May 2 - “The New Space Age”  
Dr. Greg Ojakangas, Associate Professor of Physics  
Remarkable new technological developments are reducing the cost of space travel by a large margin. Both manned and unmanned missions to explore the solar system are set to enjoy a much delayed renaissance, but critical environmental issues must be addressed.

May 9 - The Alpha House  
Sue Marshall, Executive Director  
Marshall will explain how the Alpha House is a doorway to a new beginning for offenders by providing a positive atmosphere and the structure needed to make a successful adjustment to the community.

May 16 - 7 Billion Ones  
Randy Bacon, Photographer  
Bacon is a nationally recognized photo and film artist and has received numerous awards for his work. His involvement in the 7 Billion Ones project began almost a year ago with about 20 personal stories and portraits covering topics such as addiction, grief and homelessness. *Off-site visit; 600 West College Street Suite 120 Springfield, Missouri 65806.

May 23 - Springfield Police  
Acting Major Greg Higdon  
Major Greg Higdon will provide an update on the City of Springfield Police Department and how it engages with its citizens.

May 30 - Springfield Little Theatre  
Beth Domann, Executive Director  
Domann will share the history of the theatre and preview the 2017-18 season.

June 6 - Campus Update  
Dr. Tim Cloyd, Drury University President  
Dr. Cloyd will present his vision for the University now and in the future.

June 13 - “Kinship in Business”  
Missy Gelner, Askinosie  
Chocolate Gelner will share the history of Askinosie Chocolate and dive deeper into the concept of “Kinship in Business.” She will explore the community kinship business model and resulting programs, Chocolate University and A Product of Change. There will be taste samples, as well as a variety of products for sale.
June 20 - Sister Cities Program  
*Cindy Jobe, Executive Director*

If you have ever been to the Japanese Festival in the fall, or the Kite Festival in the spring, did you know that you were taking advantage of the Sister Cities program? Jobe will present an introduction to Springfield’s Sister Cities. Come and learn how Sister Cities work and how you might take part.

June 27 - “Doughboys Over There: The American Soldier in WWI”  
*Dr. William “Bill” Piston, Missouri State University*

The employment of tanks, airplanes and poison gas marked the Great War as America’s first modern conflict, but for the common soldier it was a period of transition. Piston will examine WWI from the perspective of the common soldiers who fought in France during the conflict.

July 4 - HOLIDAY – No class

July 11 - “Issues We Face Today”  
*Rabbi Barbara Block, Temple Israel*

Rabbi Block will address some of the most pressing problems facing the Jewish community and other minority faiths in the local, national and global communities, as well as possible solutions that could help alleviate some of those problems.

July 18 - The Council of Churches of the Ozarks  
*Mark Struckoff, Executive Director*

The CCO is comprised of over 70 member churches in Southwest Missouri and focuses on improving the quality of life for members of the community by providing services to alleviate the burdens of poverty. Struckoff will provide information on basic precepts of Christianity and how those compare to other religions in our community.

July 25 - “What Goes Around Comes Around”  
*Laurie Duncan, Education Specialist; City of Springfield Environmental Services Division*

Duncan will discuss topics such as recycling, wastewater treatment and the tons of trash going to the landfill every day.
Presentations for February - April 2017

First Tuesday each month
For those interested, meet at 12:30 p.m. for lunch in the Commons at Findlay Student Center prior to the 2 p.m. presentation in the Olin Room, Olin Library.

February 7 – 2 p.m.
12:30 p.m. lunch at the “Commons” Findlay Student Center if interested
Brian Kincaid, Director The eFactory
The eFactory is a technology-focused small business incubator and entrepreneur development center, focused on helping start-up companies start, grow and accelerate their businesses. In this session, you will learn how the eFactory serves as a front-door to entrepreneurship in Springfield and hear about new and expanding programming.

February 14 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library
Lynn Schirk, MS Homeless Liaison, Office of Students in Transition, Springfield Public Schools
There are currently 971 students identified as having a homeless status,” Schirk said. “I am working to create a reevaluation process that will help better identify our students experiencing homelessness.” Lynn helps identify homeless students, works closely with families, strengthens the district’s relationship with partners and helps educate school employees and community members on the extra support available to homeless students.

February 21 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library
Michael Price, Local History Associate, Springfield-Greene County Library District
“Mark Well The Spot Where They Meet: A History of Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield.” Mark will outline the decades of grassroots efforts to preserve the battlefield at Wilson’s Creek finally paid off in 1961 when the site became a unit of the National Park Service.

February 28 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library
Professor Lora Hobbs, Missouri State University
Professor Hobbs is a Senior Instructor in the Department of Religious Studies at MSU. Professor Hobbs will share some of her experiences and perceptions from regularly taking teams to Haiti to work with various projects for the past 30 years – including earthquake relief, a solar project, and hearing and vision screenings.

March 7 - 2 p.m.
12:30 lunch at the “Commons” Findlay Student Center, if interested
Michelle Morgan, PhD – Missouri State University
The overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy in 1893 and annexation of the islands by the United States in 1898 marked a period of profound change, both for residents of the islands and the American empire. This presentation explores the United States’ interest in the islands and Native Hawaiian response to the American expansion in the Pacific

March 14, On site at Springfield Contemporary Theatre, 302 E. Pershing St
Rick Dines, Managing Artistic Director
SCT is dedicated to the production of contemporary works and works that can be re-energized
through a contemporary view and through an intimate staging while using outstanding directors, local actors and guest professionals throughout the season. Rick will take us “behind the scenes” of this intimate theatre and give us a preview of their upcoming season.

**March 21 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library**

*Steve Runnels, Warning Coordinator Meteorologist, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)*

Abnormal weather is normal, so how predictable are high impact weather events in the Ozarks? Runnels will discuss crafting the forecast message that accurately reflects confidence and threats to enhance response.

**March 28 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library**

*Charlene Berquist, Ph.D., Director, Center for Dispute Resolution*

The CDR exists to provide educational and outreach services that give people, organizations and communities the tools they need to productively manage conflicts, mediation, training, and educational services.

**April 4, 12:30 lunch at the “Commons” Findlay Student Center, if interested**

*Cody Stringer, Ph.D. – Entrepreneurial Specialist – Mercy Research/Product Division*

Mercy Research is an integrated research center of excellence within the Mercy Health system and is home to the Product Development division: a small team of engineers, scientists and product specialists who bring medical devices to life. This unique group is located at the Jordan Valley Innovation Center in Springfield, MO.

**April 11, On site at Center for Music Therapy & Wellness, Drury University, 1312 N. Benton**

*Morgan Robertson, MT-BC*

“Music can name the unnamable and communicate the unknowable.” - Leonard Bernstein

Music Therapy is the prescribed use of music, administered by a trained therapist, to treat nonmusical goals. Join us on-site in Congregational Hall where we will tour the facility, learn about this important and beneficial program and area of study, and make some music!

**April 18 - 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library**

*Paul Walker, Military Historian*

Paul, author of the book “Truman’s Dilemma: Invasion or the Bomb,” examines the circumstances of the war in the Pacific and weighs the factors that resulted in America’s attack on Hiroshima and Nagasaki with the atomic bomb. Come and find out whether Paul thought Truman’s decision was the correct one.

**April 25 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library**

*Colleen Sundlie, Entrepreneur “The Date Lady”*

Colleen will travel down her fiveyear adventure in marketing a new food brand – dates! Colleen will bring many of her products to our meeting to purchase, if interested.
**Presentation for September through November 2016**

*First Tuesday each month - For those interested, meet at 12:30 p.m. for lunch in the "Commons" at Findlay Student Center prior to a 2 p.m. presentation in the Olin Room, Olin Library.*

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**September 6 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library**

*Kyle Wiley Pickett, Music Director & Conductor of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra*

Pickett’s presentation will reveal what a conductor actually does and why one performance is different from another. He will also speak about the 2016-17 Symphony season.

**September 13 – 2 p.m. On site at Wilson’s Creek Battlefield**

*Connie Langum, Battlefield Historian, will show the new film by Wide Awake films about the battlefield in the Visitors Center. Then, take a walk through the new exhibits.*

For those who want to go out on the Battlefield, we will travel to the Ray House and learn about this family and the impact the Battle of Wilson’s Creek had on their lives.

**September 20 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library**

*Peter Meidlinger, Assoc. VPAA for Academic Quality & Prof. of English, CoFounder, DU Scholars Program “Literature Matters: What the Study of Literature Teaches us about Living Well.”*

Meidlinger will discuss an example from ancient Greece (Orestia), an American short story (Baldwin’s “Sonny Blues”) and a Victorian novel (Middlemarch) to argue that the study of literature is uniquely suited to helping us understand what it means to live well, with ourselves and among others.

**September 27 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library**


Worley will discuss what Downtown Springfield has to offer its residents and visitors. From First Friday Night Art Walk, to the Sculpture Walk, to living, dining, shopping and nightlife - it’s all downtown!

**October 4 – 2 p.m., Botanical Center, Workshop Meeting Room, Nathanael Greene Park**

*Katie Stenhoff, Springfield Botanical Center Coordinator will present a visual overview of the many wonderful gardens.*

TripAdvisor rated the Nathanael Greene Park/Close Memorial parks the #1 attractions in the Springfield area. Come early or stay late to enjoy the parks!

**October 11 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library**

*Business meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. prior to our presenter. Please be present to elect officers, approve new bylaws, etc.*

*Leslie Carrier, Co-Chair, League of Women Voters “What is League of Women Voters and What’s its Mission?”*

This program will highlight the history and background of LWV and how the organization informs citizens, advocates for public policy and works to improve voter education.
October 18 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library

*Nelson Knapp, Board Member of Pet Therapy of the Ozarks*

Come and learn about the outstanding emotional support that dogs provide to our community – and scratch the heads of some fourlegged members.

October 25 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library

*Dr. Dan Ponder, Political Science Professor, Drury University, will discuss Election 2016 especially as it relates to The “Down Ballot” races.*

Ponder argues that the “Down Ballot” races are as important as the presidential election as they are crucial for helping forge the direction of American politics. The “Down Ballot” implicates questions such as: Will the Republicans keep the Senate? What about the House? How about governors? And with what consequences?

November 1 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library

*Mark Rushefsky, Political Science Professor Emeritus, Missouri State University; “The 2016 Presidential Election.”*

The 2016 presidential election will be remembered as one of the strangest presidential elections since the country was founded. Rushefsky will discuss and dissect the elections one week before the nation chooses its forty-fifth president.

November 8 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library

*Dr. Peter Browning, Professor of Philosophy & Religion, Chaplain, Drury University*

Browning will discuss the “Meaning of Life? So, What’s it All About?” He will share some of the fun from class and humbly suggest some of his own discoveries (intellectual and personal) on life’s journey to answering “the Big Question.”

November 15 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library

*Sue Schuble, Retired Kickapoo High School Outdoor Living Teacher and Volleyball/Basketball Coach. “Madagascar: Land of Lemurs, Chameleons, Birds and Strange Plants!”*

Come see what Africa’s big island has to offer and meet the happy Malagasy people.

November 22 – 2 p.m., Olin Room, Olin Library

*Dave Coonrod, President – James River Basin Partnership “Reflections on Water: Ever Wonder if Our Local Water Supplies are in Jeopardy?”*

Coonrod will discuss groundwater quality in the Ozarks and what we can do to ensure water quality and quantities for future generations.

November 29 – 2 p.m., Hoblit Suite, Panhellenic Building, Drury University

*Holiday Gathering*

Join us for cake and coffee as we celebrate the end of a great year of programming.
Summer 2016 – IML Courses

May 3

12:30 - If you wish, meet some other members at the Commons for a buffet lunch on your own.

2:00 - Gayle Harper, photographer. With a best-selling book filled with examples of her wonderful photography, Gayle will talk about her experiences capturing the beauty of the Mississippi River, an area of the country for which she and her photographs have become famous. She took a 90-day trip following the river from its source to the sea and took photos all along the way. We’ll see examples of her work and hear some great stories.

May 10

2:00 - Linda Chorice, Manager of Springfield’s Nature Center (Missouri Department of Conservation). Linda is the driving force behind one of Springfield’s most cherished institutions – the Nature Center! We’ll hear about the Center, the importance of its work, the issues it and our environment are facing and what the Department of Conservation is doing to improve our quality of life here in Springfield.

May 17

2:00 – His Honor Bob Stephens, Mayor of Springfield. Mayor Stephens will bring us up-to-date on what’s happening in Springfield, issues facing the City and some of the exciting things taking place that will continue to shape the future of “The Queen City.” Maybe we’ll also learn how it is that Springfield got that name!

May 24

2:00 - John Rutherford is the “Local History Associate” at the Springfield-Greene County Library. Few people in this community know as much about the history of Springfield and the surrounding area as does John. He is passionate about the subject and will share insights on Springfield “From Prairie to Where we are Today.” This is a fascinating and informative presentation. Don’t miss it!

May 31

2:00 - Melinda Mullins, “The Life and Times of Johnny Mullins” and the famous Ozark Jubilee. Johnny Mullins was a premier country performer, lyricist and one of the stars of the Ozark Jubilee, which was broadcast nation-wide from Springfield, Missouri! Not only will Melinda share some interesting stories about her father and the Ozark Jubilee, she will also sing portions of her father’s most famous songs. Don’t miss this! She has a beautiful voice!

June 7

12:30 - If you wish, meet some other members at the Commons for a buffet lunch on your own.
2:00 - Ed Fillmer has won several Emmy awards and is renowned in the Ozarks for his ability to capture, on film, the history of our region and our people. Ed will offer a presentation on “Grist Mills of the Ozarks.” Once a significant part of life in the Ozarks, grist mills (which grind grain into flour) are now precious and few. Step into the past today as we visit some of the most interesting and beautiful Ozark grist mills of yesterday.

June 14

2:00 - Dr. Mike Stout is a sociologist (MSU) and community activist. Mike’s work in and for the community of Springfield is of vital importance as Springfield grapples with current issues and prepares for a potentially exciting future. Key among his interests are social/cultural diversity and socio-economic inequality and how our community can most effectively address these issues.

June 21

2:00 - Ms Erin Hedlun is the Public Information Officer for the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Erin will tell us about what the OEM does, how we might be protected from storms and other natural disasters, man-made disasters and more. Wouldn’t you like to be well prepared for any emergency? In this day and age the information Erin will share with us can be priceless.

June 28

2:00 - Dr. John Jungmann, Superintendent Springfield Public Schools (SPS), will share with us his views on how our public schools are doing, about issues facing our schools and the nearly 25,000 children in Springfield who attend them. He will also talk about some of SPS’s achievements and will take a peek into the possible future of our schools and of public education.

July 5

12:30 - If you wish, meet some other members at the Commons for a buffet lunch on your own.

2:00 - Nancy Shelt. Nancy comes to us from The Storytellers of the Ozarks and will share some of the fascinating stories they tell. This is a very popular group which shares their stories with other audiences all over the Ozarks. Is there anything better than a good story!?

July 12

2:00 - Dr. Bill Meadows is a seasoned anthropologist. Bill will share with us the fascinating story of the role played by Native American code talkers during World Wars I and II. The code talkers translated vital military messages from English into their native Indian tongue then sent those messages to fellow Native Americans in other units of the American military so that the messages could not be interpreted
by our enemies. Don’t miss this very interesting talk on an important aspect of American history. Recently Dr. Meadows was invited by and spoke to the United State Congress about the code talkers.

**July 19**

2:00 - Dr. David Mullin, is an acupuncturist from the Twin Oaks Chiropractic and Acupuncture clinic. Today we will be treated to a presentation on the history, application and benefits of acupuncture, one of the oldest treatment modalities known to man. Whether you have experienced acupuncture or not, you will very likely find this presentation to be both interesting and informative. His presentation is for information purposes only.

**July 26**

2:00 - Marty Anderson is currently the Executive Director of Alpha House, the halfway house for prisoners being released from the United States Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (the federal prison here in Springfield). After years as an administrator in several federal prisons, Mr. Anderson will share with us what it is that Alpha House does for inmates who have been placed on parole and who are looking for work and eventual release into the community. With many years of experience working with criminal offenders, Marty has lots to share with us.
First Quarter 2016 – IML Courses

February 2

12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch

David Eslick from the History Museum

Who was John T. Woodruff, and why is he important in Springfield history?

February 9

Drury’s Professor Nancy Chikaraishi

Discussion of life interrupted for 120,000 Japanese Americans during WWII: her parents’ internment in Rohwer, Arkansas. Come and find out the happy ending to this story!

February 16

MSU’s Dr. Kevin Evans, Department of Geology and Planning

"Missouri’s Meteorite Impact Structures“ At least three impact structures are known in Missouri, and they line up precisely...what were the odds that it could occur randomly? If you were to have made that bet, you likely would have been right!

February 23

Dr. Deb Larson, MSU Associate Professor of Media, Journalism and Film

Supporting local food, farms, and small business. Creating Show-Me Chefs, the Ozarks’ first community-based cooking-competition television series.

March 1

Presentation by the Honorable Peggy Davis, Commissioner of the 31st Judicial Circuit Court

Drug Treatment Court: This treatment court has a specially designed court docket that has a goal to achieve a reduction in recidivism and substance abuse among drug-involved defenders in the community.

March 8

Jeffrey Maddox

“Beekeeping as part of a Sustainable Lifestyle” Jeff will give an entertaining introduction to what beekeeping is really about — and what it is not. We will talk about how easy this enriching hobby can be.

March 15 - 2 p.m. meet at the Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expressway in the Frisco Room

Ed Fillmer

A compilation of his Ozark Life archive stories. Fillmer has visited people from many walks of life, and these are a few of his favorite stories.
March 22

Dr. Allin Sorenson, Director of Choral Activities and Chair of Fine and Performing Arts at Drury University

Highlights from the recent Drury Singers study abroad trip to Germany, Denmark and Sweden. Audio recordings, video clips and great stories will be shared.

March 29

Todd Wilkinson, Vice Flotilla Commander, Flotilla 5-2, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Always Ready to the Call: The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. The history and current mission and activities (in particular recreational boating safety) of the U.S. Coast Guard’s “force multiplier” from Ozarks lakes to international waters.

April 5

12:30 p.m. meet at Commons for lunch

Drury’s Dr. Robin Sronce, Associate Professor of Management and Dean, Breech School of Business

The Interplay of Leaders and Followers In research and the popular press, much time is spent describing leadership and the critical role leaders play. By contrast, minimal attention is given to the followership and the critical role followers play. We will discuss how the role of follower is likely to occupy the greater and perhaps most satisfying part of our careers.

April 12

2 p.m. meet at the Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Drive

Mr. Nick Nelson, Director of the Springfield Art Museum

The museum’s mission of further engaging the community. Don’t miss this interesting presentation by the leader of one of Springfield’s most important institutions.

April 19

Wayne Glenn

Alf Bolin the Ozarks’ Bushwhacker. Bolin was one of the more notorious “villains” of the Civil War era. After a two-year rampage he paid with his head in Taney County.

April 26

Lori Johnson Murawski, MBA, VP Marketing and Business Development, TelComm Credit Union

Financial transactions using EMV plastic card technology. How we conduct financial transactions using EMV plastic card technology as well as other issues.
Last Quarter 2015 – IML Courses
1st Tue each Month - Meet at 12:30 for lunch at Findlay Student Center
Sep 1 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch
The Structure and Purpose of Romans

After two millennia of interpretation, one might suppose that there is nothing new to be observed about the meaning of Paul’s letter to the believers in Rome. However, in a forthcoming essay, Dr. Mark Given argues that a fascinating feature of the rhetorical structure of Romans has been overlooked, and that an awareness of this feature casts new light on Paul’s priorities and “ends.” Given will summarize his thesis and reflect on some of its possible implications for our understanding of Paul today.

Sep 8 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
Springfield’s History “Then and Now” by John Sellars

This will be a presentation of Springfield history and will feature old comparative photos of Springfield both then and current photos now.

Sep 15 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
From Shakespeare’s Globe to Global Shakespeare by Drury Prof. Dr. Peter Meidlinger

Shakespeare has gone global. 400 years after his death, his plays continue to be widely performed not only in English-speaking countries but also throughout the world. How is it that he continues to speak to our concerns? Focusing on 2-3 of Shakespeare’s plays, Dr. Meidlinger will talk about how current performances find in Shakespeare insights into our own contemporary issues.

Sep 22– Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
Social Media Sparks Social Change by Drury’s Dr. Regina Waters

Today’s news headlines provide growing evidence of the power of social media to create social change. In this presentation, Dr. Regina Waters, Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, will discuss how social media platforms are fueling grassroots efforts to mobilize communities and effect positive change.

Sep 29 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
Coping with Disaster: Lessons from the Joplin Tornado

Drury Asst. Prof. of Psychology and Community Health Organizer, Dr. Jennifer Silva Brown will present this topic concerning the Joplin Tornado and lessons learned from it.

Oct 6– Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch
Human Trafficking and its Psychological Impact on Victims

Drury University Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Rachael Herrington will make this interesting presentation.

Oct 13 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
“What Confucianism Teaches Us About Living Well” by Drury Assoc. Prof. of Philosophy, Dr. Chris Panza
Although Confucius is usually invoked in jokes in Western culture, it’s pretty amazing just how insightful this ancient Chinese philosopher really was — and how applicable what he said is to living a good life today. In this talk, we’ll plumb the depths of Confucianism, look specifically at the ancient text, and see what the Master advises.

Oct 20 — Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
“Writing from a Dog’s Point of View” by Peter Longley

My late Great Pyrenees dog, Orbit, who was well-known in Springfield, has written his autobiography that was published in April. His ability to sing to my wife, Bettine Clemen’s flutes, took him in film around the world on concert tours where his spirit moved international audiences. His circumstances at home, and his compassion for his people, caused him to develop his unique canine understanding, which was confirmed for him when he went over the rainbow bridge. Here, he reveals his wisdom in living the unconditional love of animals, despite all the complexes of their human companions.

Oct 27 — Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
“The Wyoming Dinosaur Project” by Matt Forir, Mo. Inst. Of Natural Science

In addition to paleontological discoveries, Matt will share photos from dig team discoveries including camping challenges, weathering plains thunderstorms, local fauna, and visits to notable attractions in the area.

Nov 3 — Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch
“Cuba and the United States – a Complicated History” by Dr. Brian DeToy, President, Essential History Expeditions.

Born in October 1962, at the height of the Missile Crisis, a career Army officer and historian visited Cuba in May 2015 and returned with lessons from the intertwined past and present of the American-Cuban relationship.

Nov 10 — Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
“The Interface between Postmodern Theology and the White Working Class and Poor in the Ozarks” by Drury Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Dr. Peter Browning

Dr. Browning will present this paper he has prepared for a Drury conference on November 5 through 7.

Nov 17 — Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
“Alternatives for the Death Penalty”

This presentation will be made by Donna Walmsley, Missourians against the Death Penalty.

Nov 24 — Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
“Orchestra Conductor – a Strange Way to make a Living” by Springfield Symphony’s Kyle Wiley Picket

At an orchestra concert, the only person on stage who doesn’t play a note or make a sound gets all the applause. Find out what a conductor really does and why he or she makes a difference.
Dec 1 – Annual Holiday Party – 11:00 AM in the Panhellenic Building
Second Quarter 2015 – IML Courses

1st Tue each Month - Meet at 12:30 for lunch at Findlay Student Center

May 5 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch

The Problem of Homelessness by Dr. Paul Rollinson, MSU Professor of Geography, Geology and Planning
Homelessness is a problem found in many cities including Springfield. Dr. Rollinson will share his research findings about the problem in Springfield, Kansas City and Chicago and possible solutions to this timely problem.

May 12 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Transforming Lives and Enriching our Community through the Arts by Leslie Forrester, Executive Director Springfield Regional Arts Council.
Ms. Forrester will discuss the Springfield Arts Council and what they do for our community.

May 19 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Spiritual leader of Springfield’s Jewish Community by Rabbi Block
Rabbi Barbara Block will share with us her views on the nature of Judaism and related topics.

May 26 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Drury Professor of Economics Dr. Steve Mullins will discuss energy prices and pollution.
Dr. Mullins has done a great deal of research about energy prices and pollution and will share some of his findings.

June 2 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at University Plaza for Lunch

Survivor by David Stoecker Recovered Drug Abuser
David Stoecker is a recovered drug abuser and meth cook. Now in middle-age, married, father and college graduate, he is working to rebuild his life and help others rebuild theirs.

June 9 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Brian Fogle President of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks
Springfield’s Community Foundation of the Ozarks manages over $200 million as it supports non-profits that are helping address some of our area’s most pressing social problems. Mr. Fogle will share with us what is the CFO, what it does and what it is hoping to do in the future.

June 16 – Meet at 2:00 PM in the Lobby of the Hammons School of Architecture

Professor of Architecture and Chair of the Fine Arts Division at Drury
From Professor Bruce Moore’s more than 30 years of experience in the field, he will share his views on the field of architecture and its impact on our lives.

June 23 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Dr. Tom Dicke, Professor of History at Missouri State
Perhaps no one today knows more about the Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918, its impact and devastation than researcher, author and teacher Tom Dicke. He will share with us what he has learned about this terrible epidemic.

June 30 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
"Conversing with the Biblical Narratives", by Dr. Victor Matthews, MSU Professor of Religious Studies
The biblical text is filled with conversations. Several of these will be discussed to open up how the characters addressed each other and the social context of their text.

**July 7 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**
12:30 PM Meet at University Plaza for Lunch

**Miss Texas’s Blue Jackets by Todd Wilkinson**
While most folks remember the Alamo, few today realize that Texas was a sea-going country as well. Todd will spin yarns and tell of the Republic of Texas Navy’s efforts to defend the Lone Star Republic at sea.

**July 14 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

**Walter and Laura Cowart will present a China Travelogue.**
This will be a presentation of a recent China trip complete with pictures.

**July 21 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

**Susan Sommer-Luarca, Artist**
Susan will make a presentation showing some of her work as an artist and tell us about her path to becoming an artist.

**July 28 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

**Dr. Mark Rushefsky, MSU Professor of Political Science.**
Author of one of the most widely read books on health care; he will share his views on health care in America.

**First Quarter 2015 – IML Courses**

1st Tue each Month - Meet at 12:30 for lunch at Findlay Student Center

**Feb 3 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch

**Staying Active – by Dustin Cox DPT**
Finding actives to activate our lives through every stage.

**Feb 10 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

**Sharia law by Dr. Jack Llewellyn, MSU Professor of Religious Studies**
What is the role of the traditional Islamic law in the modern world?

**Feb 17 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

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**Feb 24 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

The role and function of colonial militia from 1607 to 1775. - By Dr. William Piston, Missouri State Professor of History
Dr. Piston discusses the colonial militia as a source of confidence and nationalism on the eve of the American Revolution.

**Mar 3 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch
"New Beginnings at War's End: Napoleon’s Waterloo at 200 and Lincoln’s Appomattox at 150" by Dr. Brian M. DeToy, Essential History Expeditions 2015 marks the bicentennial of the end of the Napoleonic epoch at Waterloo and the sesquicentennial of Lincoln’s triumph in the American Civil War.

**Mar 10 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

Quinine, Malaria, Gin and Tonic, by Paul Gill, MD
A bittersweet history ... Any lessons for the 21st century?

**Mar 17 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

"Performances of my life“ by Dr. Robert Bradley MSU Professor of Theater
What makes some performances special, magical and memorable in theatre, music, dance and other moments in life? Some moments that I treasure along with funny and interesting stories about the people involved.

**Mar 24 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

Diabetes-Current understanding of pathology, diagnosis, and treatment, by Dr. Paul Durham, MSU Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology
What is diabetes type I and II, how is it diagnosed, the disease progression monitored, and what are the latest treatments?

**Mar 31 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

Cheryl Clay, President of the Springfield Chapter of the NAACP
Ms. Clay will share her views on the nature of the relationship between and within the Black population of Springfield and the rest of the city and between the Black community and the justice system in Springfield.

**Apr 7 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch
The 53d season of Tent Theater by Michael Casey
The benefits of being an “Equity” theatre.

**Apr 14 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

"The Extraordinary Life of Rose O'Neill“ by Dr. Erin Kenny and Dr. Katherine Gilbert Drury Professors of English
Rose O’neill led an exciting and highly unconventional life as a highly paid illustrator, bohemian ex-patriot and suffragette.

**Apr 21 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

Dr. Bernard J. McCarthy, MSU Professor of Criminology, Director of the Community and Social Issues Institute and Coordinator for the Master of Science in Administrative Studies program in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security.
United States border security, illegal immigration, cyber security, antiterrorism strategies and the threat posed by ISIL.

**Apr 28 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

Dr. Dennis Hickey, MSU Director, Graduate Program in Global Studies and the James F. Morris Professor of Political Science
The ongoing dispute between the People’s Republic of China (Taiwan) and Japan over the Senkaku (Diaoyu) Islands in the East China Sea. Why does the U.S. not recognize Japanese ownership of the territory.

Second Quarter 2014 – IML Courses
1st Tue each Month - Meet at 12:30 for lunch at Findlay Student Center
May 6 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch

“Oh la la, Paris!!!”
Dr. Mike Carlie will take us on a tour of beautiful Paris, France with all of its famous 
museums, architecture, markets, transportation systems, artists, street life and much more.
May 13 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Reed Auditorium in the Trustee Science Center

Prevention of Falls
Dustin Cox, DPT will teach how to learn safer ways to fall into summer.
May 20 – Meet at Jordan Valley (Roy Blunt) Innovation Center

An Introduction to the Jordan Valley Innovation Center
We will meet there and will be treated to a presentation followed by a tour.
May 27 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

The history of the Book in Fifty Minutes
David Richards, Head of MSU’s Special Collections and Archives Department will teach us 
about the history of the book from Ancient Sumerian clay tablets to 21st century publish-
on-demand books.
June 3 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM meet at University Plaza for lunch

“Biography and Memoir”
Drury’s Dr. Resa Willis, English Professor, is the author of “Mark and Livy: The Love Story of 
Mark Twain and The Woman Who Almost Tamed Him” and “FDR and Lucy: Lovers and 
Friends.” She also wrote “Farmer’s Daughter and I Can Prove it.”
June 10 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Reed Auditorium in the Trustee Science Center

What is sustainability and why should we care?
Barbara Lucks, Sustainability Officer Springfield Department of Environmental Services, will 
make this presentation about recycling.
June 17 – Meet at 2:00 PM Reed Auditorium in the Trustee Science Center

The Every of Child Promise
Todd Parnell, former Drury President, will tell us how our community promises to 
empower families so that every child age birth to 6 has the opportunity to enter our 
schools ready to learn.
June 24 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

The Unsecular Campus: Exploring the Student Religious Marketplace
John Schmalzbauer will tell us how colleges and universities have long been portrayed as 
a negative influence on student religiosity. Far from secular, the student union is one of 
the most religious places.
July 1 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM meet at University Plaza for lunch

You say you want a revolution? Changing hearts and minds in our Revolutionary period.
Dr. Daniel Ponder, Drury Professor of Political Science, will trace the sometimes surprising 
historical and intellectual roots of the American Revolution.
July 8 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Fire on the Border: the Iowa and Minnesota Sioux Uprisings, 1857-1862
Todd Wilkinson will tell the long-neglected story of the Dakota Sioux uprisings which
culminated in the Great Sioux Uprising of 1862 and the largest 1-day execution in American history.

**July 15 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Reed Auditorium in the TSC**

*Inflammation – The Real Killer*
Drury Biology Professor Dr. Robert Stone will tell us about how we could be treating some of the wrong conditions in the human body.

**July 22 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

*A visit to the South Pole*
Doyle Kinder M.D. will tell us how the Antarctic is a place where all wind comes from the north and where a polar bear would freeze to death.

**July 29 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

*The United States of America*
Jerry Jacobs visited each Springfield in the United States in 2001. He will tell of his experiences from the largest at the time Springfield, MA to the smallest Springfield, MS. Abraham Lincoln’s parents were married in Springfield, KY while he is buried in Springfield, IL.

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**Course Schedule for Fall 2013**

1st Tue each Month - Meet at 12:30 for lunch at Findlay Student Center

**Sep 3 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch

“What’s Hidin’ in the Haw Bushes?”
Join Todd Wilkinson as he takes you on a virtual tour of several local haunted spots in Southwest Missouri and Northwestern Arkansas and discusses Ozarks superstitions and folklore.

**Sep 10 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

“Yonder Mountain: Living In and Writing About Ozark Culture”
Drury English Professor Dr. Jo Van Arkel’s talk will be based on the new anthology, “Yonder Mountain,” published by the University of Arkansas Press which celebrates writers living in and writing about Ozark Culture.

**Sep 17 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

Understanding Health Care will be presented by consultant Chuck Wells
Understanding the implications of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare) from the perspective of hospitals, doctors, insurance companies. How these powerful segments of the industry adapt will directly impact the consumer.

**Sep 24 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**

Special Facilities of the Springfield-Greene County Park Board
Thomas Moore, Superintendent of Special Facilities of the Park Board will discuss what the Special Facilities are all about and what makes them special.

**Oct 1 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library**
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch
Regulating the Landscape -- The Effect of Laws and Codes on Landscaping
Joe Fearn, Drury University Groundskeeper, will make this presentation about how laws and codes and how they affect what we are able to do with our lawns.

Oct 8 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“Serving Superfoods for Supper”
Natalie Allen will discuss “super” foods which are packed with vitamins, minerals and fiber and will tell us about these healthy options and how to incorporate them into your daily diet.

Oct 15 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“Remembering Egypt”
MSU Religion Professor Dr. Victor Matthews will discuss Egypt and the Exodus that are continually referenced by biblical writers and the ancient Israelites. His focus will be on cultural memory, how it is formed and how it shapes historical narratives.
Oct 22 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“Plantation, Humiliation, Alienation: The Dialectics of Inequality and the Age of Exception”
MSU Professor Dr. Marvin Prosono will make this presentation after he made a similar presentation in Switzerland.

Oct 29 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“Zambia and Botswana: Beauty and Beasts”
Karen McDonald will make this presentation about a trip she and her husband made to visit her daughter in Kafue National Park, Zambia. She will share pictures and experiences.

Nov 5 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch

“Understanding Delirium and Dementia”
Drury Visiting Professor of Behavioral Sciences will discuss a basic overview of delirium and dementia and what is known about the prevalence, causes and treatment and about the basics of Alzheimer’s and Vascular Dementias.

Nov 12 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“Trivia, Little Known Facts That Took Place in the War”
Our own John Purtell will present this interactive discussion about Civil War happenings and history and will involve audience participation.

Nov 19 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“Working Toward the Future we Want: the Relevance of the United Nations At 68”
MSU United Nations Librarian Ann Fuhrman will discuss the UN efforts to solve problems that challenge humanity and how it impacts our daily lives.

Nov 26 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“Magnifying the Quality of Live: The VRCO brings new hope to those with significant Vision Loss in the Ozarks and Beyond”
MSU Associate Provost Dr. Chris Craig will describe the unique services of a new agency with a mission to magnify the quality of life for individuals of all ages with significant vision loss.

Dec 3 – Annual Christmas Party – Location to be announced
Course Schedule for Spring 2013

Second Quarter 2013 – IML Courses

1st Tue each Month - Meet at 12:30 for lunch at Findlay Student Center

May 7 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch

“Anything but pleasant: the story of Arizona’s Graham-Tewkesbury Feud”
Todd Wilkinson will tell us about the Pleasant Valley War, a story of the feud between the Graham and Tewkesbury families which rivals the famous fight between Hatfields and McCoys.

May 14 – Meet at 2:00 PM at the Nathaniel Greene Park
A visit to the Botanical Gardens
We will meet in the Botanical Gardens at the Nathaniel Greene Park.

May 21 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

TV Weather Forecasting: Science and Entertainment
Most people get their weather information from local TV. KY3’s Brandon Beck explains what goes into making the forecast every day and discusses some of the challenges in his field in today’s technoculture.
May 28 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Jerry Jacobs’s surprising decision to quit an outstanding job to become a war zone medic in the Army
Those of you who have been in a war zone probably think he was crazy, and he probably was but it didn’t keep him from volunteering. He will share some of his experiences.

June 4 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at University Plaza

21st Century Health Care Ethics: Moving to the Next Level
Dr. Peter Browning will talk about the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Act. What is the future of health care in the U.S. and how can we improve care so that it is fair, compassionate and more effective?

June 11 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

A Conversational Presentation of the History and Culture of Buffalo Hunting Before 1876
Gary Morris will touch on economics, distribution, dangers, and practical reasons during this period of our history.

June 18 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Rock of Ages: Bringing Old and Young Together with the Drury Intergenerational Rock Band
Dr. Natalie Wlodarczyk will talk about the program which includes Drury students and our own IML people.
June 25 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Hiking trails and cozy cabins along the Buffalo National River
Springfield hiker and Librarian Kathleen O’Dell will talk about easy-to-moderate hikes and great cabins to rent in the Buffalo National River area.

July 2 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at University Plaza for Lunch

Remembering Egypt
Dr. Victor Matthews will discuss about Egypt and the exodus that are continually referenced by biblical writers and the ancient Israelites. His focus will be on cultural memory and how it is formed and how it helps to shape historical narratives, popular opinion and ritual performance.

July 9 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

The Brain
Drury Chemistry Professor Dr. Mark Wood will talk about how Neurotransmitters are chemicals in the brain that guides all of our “thinking.” Are we in love? Are we afraid? Are we in love and afraid? Do we really make choices or are we preprogramed to respond and our delusions is that we are among choices?

July 16 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

50 Years of Art in Springfield
Dr. Robert Bradley will make this interesting presentation about art evolving in Springfield.

July 23 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

How Relevant is the Constitution in Constitutional Law?
Dr. Dan Ponder, Drury Professor of Political Science, will discuss how only 165 federal laws have been declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court. What the Constitution “says” or “is” is often simply what a majority of 5 justices say it is at any time.

July 30 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

A discussion on memory loss
Julie Vanvig Burnell, Oxford Outreach Coordinator will discuss memory loss and its causes.

Course Schedule for Summer 2012

Second Quarter 2012 – IML Courses

1st Tue each Month - Meet at 12:30 for lunch at Findlay Student Center

May 1 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Reed Auditorium in the Trustee’s Science Center 12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch

Albert Einstein: the man who broke our preconceptions about the Universe.
Dr. Greg Ojakangas, Drury University Physics Professor will discuss: One of the great pillars of modern physics was developed by one lone man, ages ahead of his time: Albert Einstein. The theories of Special Relativity and General Relativity and their remarkable implications about reality will be discussed.

May 8 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

The Hindu Bible

Dr. Jack Llewellyn, MSU Religious Studies Chair will make this presentation. When you compare religions, sometimes you don’t find what you were looking for, because you can’t identify something comparable to Christianity in another religion. Though Hindu tradition has produced a great variety of holy books, there really isn’t one that is regarded as uniquely authoritative. The Hindu Bible? There isn’t one.

May 15 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Genealogy! Why?

Victor Kohman, librarian with the Springfield-Greene County Library will make this presentation. Genealogy is one of the fastest growing pursuits worldwide. Discover the ins and outs of genealogy and why pursuing it might improve your mental social and physical health.

May 22 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“Pea Ridge: The Most ‘What If’ Battle of the Civil War”

MSU’s Professor Dr. Bill Piston will tell us how Pea Ridge was the most significant battle in Arkansas during the Civil War. The Confederates under General Earl Van Dorn enjoyed superior numbers and the advantage of position, yet lost decisively to the Federals under General Samuel R. Curtis. Had any one of the 10 critical factors gone differently, however, Van Dorn might have won one of the South’s greatest victories of the war.

May 29 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

The Odd Couple

Our own Bob Bradley will be the director of this Tent Theater production and will make a presentation about this play and explain the ins and outs of directing it for this summer.

June 5 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library 12:30 PM Meet at University Plaza for Lunch

“1862: Rivers, Railroads, and the Fate of the Confederacy”

Dr. Bill Piston will discuss how 1862 saw some of the most significant battles of the Civil War. The major battles included Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh and Stones River in Tennessee; Iuka and Corinth in Mississippi; New Orleans in Louisiana and Perryville in Kentucky. He will discuss how rivers and railroads shaped Union and Confederate campaigns in a year that witnessed critical losses for the South.

June 12 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
The causes and consequences of the growing public debt

Dr. Tom Wyrick, MSU Economic Professor Emeritus will discuss the magnitude of the problem, the consequences of excessive public debt, why our political process promotes excessive debt and ways of addressing the problem.

June 19 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Snapshots from the History of Religion in the USA: Truth is Stranger than Fiction

Dr. John Schmalzbauer, MSU Associate Professor of Religious Studies will make this presentation about the history of religion in our country.

June 26 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Aspects of Biblical Law

Dr. Vic Matthews, MSU Professor of Religious Studies will present this discussion. Biblical Law ranges from terse statements in the Ten Commandments to legal precepts embedded in narrative. A variety of law statements and how they reflect ancient Israelite thinking and culture will be explored in this presentation.

July 3 – Meet at 2:00 PM in the Springfield Art Museum 12:30 PM Meet at University Plaza

A trip to the Springfield Art Museum to view Water Color Exhibits

The Museum will provide us with docents to explain the many exhibits on display.

July 10 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

From Tokens to Texting Part 1

Carol Lynne Freeman, MSU Emeritus Professor of Library Science will make this presentation about the transition from the use of mnemonic devices to the development of written scripts and the modern representations of the spoken word.

July 17 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

From Tokens to Texting Part 2

Lynne Freeman will continue her discussion about the transition process.

July 24 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Current Political Situation

Presentation by Dr. Brian Calfano, MSU Political Science Professor will lead this discussion about the current political situation in a Presidential Election year.

July 31 – Meet at 2:00 PM at the Nathaniel Greene Park
Field Trip to the Botanical Gardens

Peter Longley of the Botanical Gardens will meet us at the Nathaniel Greene Park to tour the Botanical Gardens. He will arrange for a presentation about the Gardens and a subsequent tour.

Course Schedule for Spring 2012

First Quarter 2012 – IML Courses

1st Tue each Month - Meet at 12:30 for lunch at Findlay Student Center

Feb 7 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch

“Gandhi’s Hinduism”
This discussion will be led by Dr. Jack Llewellyn, MSU Chairman of Religious Studies. Because he managed to successfully lead India to independence from British rule, Mahatma Gandhi became the most famous Hindu of the twentieth century. This discussion will explore ways he was typically Hindu.

Feb 14 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Great American Novels
Dr. Randy Fuller, Drury University English Professor will lead this discussion. Since the 19th century, critics have discussed and debated the Great American Novel. Two candidates for the prize go to “Moby Dick,” by Herman Melville, and “Invisible Man,” by Ralph Ellison. We’ll learn about both these novels during this week and next week.

Feb 21 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Continuation of discussion about Great American Novels
Dr. Fuller will continue his discussion.

Feb 28 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

The European financial crisis: What it means for America
Dr. Tom Wyrick, MSU Professor of Economics, will lead this discussion of financial troubles in the Euro-zone and the impact it will have on employment and investments in the USA.

Mar 6 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch

Generational Issues – How we are different and how we are the Same
Don Harkey of Galt Consulting will lead this discussion. For the first time in the history of mankind, there are 4 distinct generations in the workforce at the same time. This is making the differences between these generations really apparent. What are the differences? How do the different generations think? More importantly, what are the traits of people that transcend generations?

Mar 13 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
“Evil Eye Superstitions”
Paul Gill, MD retired and a member of Mature Learners will lead this discussion about superstitions.

Mar 20 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Running the U. S. Medical Center -- An Institute Built to Last
Juan Castillo, Warden of the U. S. Medical Center here in Springfield, will talk about the problems associated with running the program here in Springfield. The USMCFP’s long tradition of correctional healthcare excellence is, in large measure, due to their unwavering dedication to public service and loyalty to our great nation.

Mar 27 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

The Missouri Mormon War of 1836
Todd Wilkinson, Instructor of History at OTC and Drury, will discuss this little known war that occurred in Missouri in 1836.

Apr 3 – Meet at 2:00 PM at the Nature Center in Springfield, MO
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch

Field trip to the Nature Center
Linda Chorice, Nature Center Manager, has set up a meeting for us to view a film about Aldo Leopold and his connection with Missouri. Her staff will lead discussions about it after the film.

Apr 10 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

The Marketing of American Politics: A Review of What We Know and Some Ideas on What We are seeing in 2012
Dr. Brian Calfano, MSU Political Science Professor will continue the discussion which he started on September 27th at Mature Learners.

Apr 17 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Reed Auditorium in the Science Center

Stem Cell Research and What it Means for the Future
Drury Professor Dr. Roger Young will meet with us again to discuss Stem Cell Research. He has promised to make it more on our level this time. This is an extremely important topic for discussion and holds a lot of promise for our future and our descendant’s future.

Apr 24 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“True Stories of Christian County”

Wayne Glenn, renowned radio host and historian, will present this topic. Christian County was established in 1859 and in its early years, many bloody events occurred revolving around bushwhackers and baldknobbers.

Course Schedule for Fall 2011

Last Quarter 2011 -- IML Courses

1st Tue each Month - Meet at 12:30 for lunch at Findlay Student Center
Sep 6 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch

Jesus and His Disciples This presentation is by MSU Religious Professor Dr. Victor Matthews. Jesus gathers and then uses his disciples as a sounding board for his theology and as an intimate group in the midst of a sea of strangers. When they fail to understand him or his mission, that gives Jesus the chance to instruct them and us.

Sep 13 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Memory and Space in the Old Testament Dr. Victor Matthews will talk about how The Old Testament narratives are filled with stories about particular places and the memories that are created by these encounters. The question becomes how these memories are used to spark or add authority of later stories set in the same places.

Sep 20 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Argonauts, Apaches and Texans: The Civil War in Arizona If the title of this presentation surprised you, you’re in good company: the story of the Civil War in Arizona is still a relatively unknown one. In this presentation, Todd Wilkinson will tell the story of many colorful characters, North and South, who struggled for control of Arizona Territory during the War Between the States.

Sep 27 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“The Marketing of American Politics: A Review of What We Know and Some Ideas on What We’ll See in 2012”

MSU Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Brian Calfano will make this presentation. Persuasion and motivation are the core ingredients of successful campaigns, where they’re intended to win over public opinion on an issue or garner votes for a candidate. The lead up to the 2012 election presents us with an opportunity to observe a variety of political marketing strategies aimed at persuasion and motivation. After this talk, you may never view campaigns, candidates, and political “information” the same way again!

Oct 4 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch

“Medical Uses of Stem Cell Therapy” Drury Professor Dr. Roger Young and his students will discuss the treatment of a wide array of medical issues that have been promised by the panacea of Stem Cell Therapy. In this presentation, we review the ethical debate in utilizing stem cells and the recent genetic advances that have modified this discussion and laid the foundation for practical applications of such treatment.

Oct 11 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Making Chocolate to Make a Difference John Waldo of Askinosie Chocolate Company will make this presentation. What Does it Take to Run a Chocolate Factory - is it a Business or an Adventure..., and What’s “Facetious” About Chocolate?

Oct 18 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

The Fine Press Movement
This presentation will be made by MSU Library Science Professor Emeritus Carol Lynne Freeman. In the late 1800’s there was a reaction to the increasingly poor quality of printed materials. Some printers ignored the technological advances and went back to the art of the hand printed book, using early printers like Aldus and William Caxton as models.

Oct 25 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Isabel’s House for Grandparents Isabel’s House Program Manager Kelly Miller will be sending a staff member to discuss Isabel’s House. Support systems for grandparents and families, consider Isabel’s House. When you need a little extra help with a short term crisis, Isabel’s House, provides a special place for children to stay overnight. It is like a home away from home at no cost to you!

Nov 1 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch

“The Bible and Sex, Part II.” Drury Religious Professor Dr. Teresa Hornsby will continue her discussion about sex and the bible. You might want to review her book “Sex Texts from the Bible” which is available from Amazon.Com. Please write down any questions before you come because she is a very interesting person.

Nov 8 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“Christmas in Wartime” Dr. Louise Jackson will make this presentation. Even in the midst of war, Americans have always found ways to celebrate Christmas. Louise will highlight a few Christmas practices in American wars from the Revolution to Vietnam, including at least one carol that was particularly popular in each conflict.

Nov 15 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“Because you Care, our Students can Learn” In 2008, Doug Pitt founded Care to Learn to meet the emergent needs of Springfield students in the areas of health, hunger and hygiene. Three years later, Care to Learn has met more than 50,000 needs and is serving southwest Missouri. Learn how Doug and a staff of one is meeting the growing needs of students living in poverty.

Nov 22 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“Drury at 139” Drury University President Todd Parnell will discuss one of his passions, the 139th anniversary of Drury University. Parnell graduated from Drury University in 1969. He then went on to earn his Master’s in Business Administration from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College in 1971. On January 1, 2008 Todd was named Drury’s 16th President.

Nov 29 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“Our China Trip” Dr. Allin Sorenson, Drury University Music Chair, will make this presentation along with some of his students. In May, they got back from a two week trip to China in which they performed and learned a lot about the country. They will share this experience with us.

Dec 6 – Meet at 12:00 PM in Cooper Estates Meeting Room

Christmas Party -- Everyone brings a dish to share
Course Schedule for May- July 2011

1st Tue each Month - Meet at 12:30 for lunch at Findlay Student Center

May 3 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at Commons for Lunch

From Battlefields Rising: How the Civil War Transformed American Literature
Dr. Randy Fuller, Drury University Professor of English, will discuss his new book that has just been published. He has always been a highly sought after presenter for Mature Learners.

May 10 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

From Battlefields Rising: How the Civil War Transformed American Literature
Dr. Randy Fuller will continue his discussion.

May 17 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“How We Beat the British, Part One: The True Story of the Minute Men at Lexington and Concord” by MSU Department of History Professor Dr. Bill Piston
The American Revolution began with the “Shot Heard ’Round the World” at Concord and Lexington, Mass., on April 19, 1775. According to legend, stalwart American farmers grabbed their trusty rifles and employed their woods lore and marksmanship to defeat the British, whose bright red uniforms and foolish European tactics made them easy prey. Dr. Piston will discuss how the reality was quite different, yet even more to the credit of the patriots who fought that day.

May 24 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“How We Beat the British, Part Two: George Washington’s Strategy for Victory” continuation discussion by Dr. Bill Piston
Few generals who won a war were defeated as often as Georgia Washington, Virginia aristocrat and amateur soldier. How then did Washington prevail? Dr. Piston will discuss how Washington devised a strategy that allowed the Americans to defeat the British, the world’s most powerful nation.

May 31 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Populist Cartoons: A Window into the Third Party Movement – 1890’s
The history of the Populist Movement will be told by Dr. Bob Miller, MSU History Professor, through the medium of cartoons taken from Populist-oriented newspapers of the 1890s. Populist editors especially designed their newspapers to attract new converts and rally them to the cause on election day.

Jun 7 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library
12:30 PM Meet at University Plaza for Lunch

“Theatre is Magic”
Maxine Whittaker of the Springfield Theatre Alliance will make this presentation about theatre and how it can make dreams come true. The writer dreams, then writes, then the director dreams the
play to reality. The actors dream of playing that exciting role and the audience dreams of having a thrilling night of theatre.

Jun 14 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

The Butterfield Overland Mail
Todd Wilkinson, Service Desk Manager, Adjunct Instructor at OTC will make this presentation about the Butterfield Overland Stage. This company operated from 1857 through 1861 and went in Missouri from St. Louis through Fort Smith, AR and on through Indian Territory. This is a part of our storied past and has been featured in many westerns including at least one Randolph Scott movie.

Jun 21 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Riches to Rags
Dr. Sandra White will tell how she happened to select the topics of mental illness and homelessness for her novel, “Riches to Rags,” and what she learned about each topic in the aftermath of writing the book.

Jun 28 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

“God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run The World-And Why Their Differences Matter” by Stephen Prothero
Dr. Jack Llewellyn, Professor and Department Head of the MSU Department of Religious Studies, will discuss this book which is an overview of the world religions. This is situated in an argument that when people say that all the religions are the same they make a big mistake.

Jul 5 – Meet at 2:00 PM at Wilson’s Creek Battlefield
12:30 PM Meet at University Plaza for Lunch

A trip to Wilson’s Creek Battlefield
We will meet at Wilson’s Creek Battlefield and see a 28 minute orientation film and an 8 minute electric map presentation. The entrance fee is $5; however, a senior pass gets you and everyone in your car (up to 4 adults) in free.

Jul 12 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Steps needed to become a U.S. Citizen
Charles Pratt, Community Relations Officer of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Kansas City, MO, will discuss the government’s immigration programs and its laws to help us understand the requirements and path to U. S. citizenship.

Jul 19 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Reed Auditorium – Science Center

What’s that thing out there glinting in the Sun?
A presentation by Dr. Greg Ojakangas, Drury University Physics Professor. He will be discussing his research on space debris studies. He will have lots of nice graphics and will bring the topic “down to earth” for us.

Jul 26 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Current counseling concerns of college students.
Ed Derr, Drury University Director of Counseling, will make a presentation about the current concerns
of University students. He will talk about problems that have been presented to him through counseling.

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1st Tue each Month - Meet at 12:30 for lunch at Findlay Student Center

Sep 7 -- Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

My Experiences with Arthur Miller, Marilyn Monroe, James Dean & others Dick Meyer will continue his discussions about celebrities he has actually worked with in New York City. His previous talks generated a great deal of interest and he is coming back to tell us more.

Sep 14 -- Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Reap the Whirlwind: Guerrillas and the Civil War in Missouri Dr. Bill Piston, History Professor at MSU, will make this presentation. Only Virginia and Tennessee saw more battles during the Civil War than Missouri, but in Missouri a large portion of the struggle took the form of guerrilla warfare. He will address the nature and conduct of the guerrilla war, how it impacted civilians, the identity of the guerrillas and how the Union government combated guerillas.

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Freedom’s Champions: Missouri’s African Americans in the Civil War Dr. Piston continues his discussion of the Civil War in Missouri. Although the Civil War ended slavery in America, the story involved much more than Lincoln’s famous Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. This presentation places the service of Missouri’s 8,000 black Civil War soldiers and sailors in the context of the larger war.

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Iron Afloat: Missourians and the Civil War on the Western Rivers Dr. Piston continues his discussion of the Civil War in Missouri. The role Missourians played in famous battles is well chronicled, but the contributions of Missourians who fought on the Mississippi River and its tributaries have been largely overlooked. This presentation examines the crucial role Missourians played in building, manning and sustaining the Union ironclad flotilla that opened the Mississippi River and doomed the Confederacy.

Oct 5 -- Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

How to know what Foods to Choose Paul Trout, Certified Executive Chef from OTC will make this presentation about choosing foods. He will advise us where to look for real food and what choices are the best decisions when shopping. He will be providing a list of local produce, meat and dairy providers in the local area as well as how to read a label.

Oct 12 -- Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Is Organic Sustainable? Paul Trout will continue his presentation. Choosing to ship organic foods from other countries or across the U.S. to claim sustainable for marketing purposes ... is this the right choice for consumers? What is Holistic farming and how can we get to know what is responsible when making food choices.
Oct 19 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Lessons from Sinkholes – Living with our Landscape Dr. Doug Gouzie, MSU Geology Professor will discuss recent sinkhole openings, from the house swallowed in 2006 in Nixa to the large hole that destroyed an entire apartment building in Guatemala in May 2010 have reminded us that we live in a very active landscape. A review of local sinkhole events and information and an overview of ongoing research at Missouri State University with interesting photographs and the latest news on things you can look for around your own property that may indicate a risk for sinkhole.

Oct 26 – Meet at 2:00 PM at Missouri Institute for Natural Science

Missouri is “The Cave State” Matt Forir, Executive Director of Missouri Institute for Natural Science, will present information about caves in general. He will also tell us why Missouri is “The Cave State” and it’s not because we have the most caves. He is a very interesting repeat presenter and we will go to his location where we heard him last time.

Nov 2 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Springfield’s Premier Green campus: the Elementary Years Dr. Wendy Anderson, Director of Campus Sustainability and Drury U. Associate Professor of Biology will talk about how Drury has fully embraced its commitment to the environment in 2005 with the 2005-6 Convocation Series on Sustainability. Drury is like a first-grader, full of energy, enthusiasm and the desire to learn and do. Come hear what Drury has done so far, what they plan to do soon and what their long-term goals are. In the process, think about our own personal journal of living sustainably.

Nov 9 – Meet at 2:00 PM in the Trustee Science Center Auditorium

How physicists view the world–thinking about objects and their interactions Dr. Brant Hinrichs, Drury Associate Professor of Physics will make this presentation. What is reality? What is physics? Answers will reveal how physicists view physical phenomena in the world around us. We will develop some physics views about electricity and magnetism. Are electricity and magnetism the same thing or different? Come prepared to be actively involved!!

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What’s that thing out there in space, glinting in the sun? Dr. Gregory W. Ojakangas, Drury Associate Professor of Physics will discuss distant orbiting objects which pose a potentially catastrophic threat to both manned and unmanned space missions, and can be observed by telescope as points of light that grow brighter and dimmer as they rotate in the sun while orbiting the earth. The goal is to be able to look at a piece of orbiting debris, far too distant to resolve directly, and be able to tell its size, shape and probably composition just by the way it reflects light. As NASA prepares to return to the moon and mars, getting astronauts and spacecraft safely beyond our own orbiting junkyard is a prerequisite.

Nov 23 – Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Missouri Trial Judge, Prosecutor and Defense Attorney Views of the Sentencing Assessment Report Process Dr. Karl Kunkel, Professor of Criminology and Head of the Department of Sociology at MSU, will make this presentation. The goal of this controversial sentencing reform was to save money by decreasing the prison population. This discussion examines how opinions vary on the value of the new Sentencing Assessment Report.
Nov 30 -- Meet at 2:00 PM in Olin Room of Olin Library

Going Green Cara Shaefer, Director-Energy Management and Conservation for City Utilities, will discuss various aspects of energy and water efficiency. There is a lot of talk about “going green” today. Most people think that means installing renewable energy sources, while efficiency is overlooked. Making your home or business more efficient is the first step to “going green.” Learn low-cost and no-cost ways to take that first step, and where to go from there.

Dec 7 -- Meet at 12:00 PM at Recreation Room in Cooper Estates

Annual Christmas Party This will be our annual Christmas party which will be held at Cooper Estates. The entrance is located off of Eastgate Drive just south of Division.

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Opportunity Lost: Drury College and Minority Students in the Early Years
We are honored to have Todd Parnell ’69, 16th President of Drury University, with us to share his research and inaugurate IML sessions for the fall.

Sept. 8
Lincoln and the Border States
When Lincoln was inaugurated in March 1861, he faced the task of restoring the Union. Nowhere was this more daunting than in Missouri, Kentucky, and Maryland. These slave states possessed a substantial white population loyal to the Union but opposed to the emancipation. In the end Lincoln treated each state differently, but he generally favored force in Missouri and Maryland but reconciliation in Kentucky. Presented by Dr. William Piston, MSU Department of History.

Sept. 13
All My Sons
Performance at Vandivort Center Theatre at 2 p.m., with seating reserved.
Please come at 1:30 p.m. for a brief annual meeting.

Sept. 15
The President’s Paladins: Lincoln’s Search for a Commanding General
Lincoln’s attempt to find a general capable of defeating the South’s Robert E. Lee lasted from 1861 to 1864. The man who finally emerged as the North’s champion during the Civil War was a most unlikely candidate, Ulysses S. Grant, a prewar failure dogged by rumors of alcoholism. Yet the Lincoln-Grant team carried the North to victory and restored the Union. Presented by Dr. William Piston, MSU Department of History.

Sept. 22 and 29
Charles Darwin: Past Present or Future
Darwin is recognized for his theories about natural selection. We will examine his life and accomplishments and ask whether his thoughts are still applicable with today’s scientific and business development. February 12, 2009 marks the bicentennial year for the birth of both Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin.
Presented by Dr. Roger Young, Drury University Biology Department with Drury students.
Oct. 6
Drury University International Student Opportunities
A presentation on the Study Abroad Program at Drury and the flagship program in Volos, Greece. Students have also studied in centers located in Granada, London, Ljubljana, Cairo and Rome. About half of Drury student are involved in the Study Abroad Program. Presented by Michael Thomas, Dean of International Programs with Drury students.

Oct. 13
Sins of a Father, Sins of a Nation: The continual relevance of Arthur Miller’s play “All My Sons.” This will be a discussion on the recent production of this classic at the Vandivort Theatre. Notice that IML will attend the matinee performance on Sunday, September 13, at 2 p.m. Dr. Robert Bradley, director of the play and retired MSU Theater Department faculty, will speak.

Oct. 20
Field Trip to Riverbluff Cave annex
Direction and carpool plans TBA
Matt Forir, Executive Director of Riverbluff, will give a short presentation about the exhibit which displays many Ice Age fossils from the Riverbluff Cave which remained untouched by humans and animals for 55,000 years until its discovery the morning of Sept. 11, 2001.

Oct. 27
Cloning: a New Look at an Old Procedure
Few people might be aware of the relative antiquity of animal cloning. here is an introduction to cloning research and recent results taking place since its first success in 1952. Dr. Robert McKinnell, Drury alumnus, is Professor Emeritus University of Minnesota in the fields of genetics, cell biology and development.

Nov. 3
A Look at Springfield Ballet and Little Theatre
Katie Cornwell and Kim McCracken will explain the history and programs of our ballet and theatre which they are each involved in as to business affairs and development.

Nov. 10
Journey through Jazz: America’s Indigenous Art Form
For this week we will have a survey of jazz from its origins in New Orleans through ragtime, swing, bebop, fusion, and current trends. Leading this study of the history of jazz is Dr. Tijuana Julian. Drury’s Vice President of Student Affairs as well as Professor in the Music Department and first chair trumpet with Springfield Symphony.

Nov. 17
Sing Well into Retirement
You might thing you have passed the age limit for successfully singing publicy or for your own enjoyment. Learn techniques involved to extend the singing experience into the “Godlen Years” with Dr. Richard Honea, Professor of Music at Evangel University and conductor of the University Chorale. He also teaches lessons for senior vocalists. Class held in Lydy Art Center next to Clara Thompson Hall

Nov. 24
When Religion Becomes Evil
Explore reasons why a growing number of Americans identify themselves as non-religious, how various religious traditions have been manipulated to support violence, and how believers can work together in constructive ways in an increasingly diverse world. Presented by Dr. Peter Browning, Drury Chaplain and Department of Religion and Philosophy chair.
Dec. 1
My Experience on 9/11 at the Pentagon
On Sept. 11, 2001 our nation suffered devastating attacks, awakening us to a new type of threat. Air Force Lt. Col. Loren Lundstrom was on duty that day in the Pentagon and will recount how events played out and his involvement in subsequent efforts to counter al Qaeda terrorists. Lundstrom is a dean at Ozarks Technical Community College.

Dec. 8
Christmas Party
11:30 a.m. Cooper Estates community room
Directions: north of Chestnut off Eastgate which parallels U.S. 65
Bring finger foods appropriate for buffet lunch. Entertainment again by talented Hiser brothers.

Course Schedule for May through July 2009
Sessions are on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in the Olin Room, Olin Library.

May 5
Settling the Ozarks
Dr. Robert Kipfer has had many community interests including the history of our area. He is a retired physician (gastroenterologist) who has for many years studied how the area around Springfield came to be settled from 1818 to 1833.

May 12
Marketing of Ethnicity
In this session we conclude our Immigrant Experience series. From holiday celebrations to everyday eating, we are aware of the many different foods that are influenced by different ethnic cultures. What are the popular trends in marketing today? Chief Chef at OTC, Paul Trout, will speak.

May 19
Center for Community Studies
The Center at Drury has worked with about 75 regional communities for the past 25 years. Several were selected to receive DREAM Initiative designation and funding. This is a collaborative community-university learning opportunity in cooperation with the University of Missouri Extension. Jay Garrott is a professor in the Drury School of Architecture.

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There was much idealism motivating the early founders and faculty of Drury as an institution of higher education in Southwest Missouri. But their visions were challenged by financial difficulties, campus discord and local politics. Early successes were disrupted by a battle of willful personalities,
eventually leading to the tragic death of a young man whose tombstone reads, “I have given my life to Drury College.” Bill Garvin is Drury’s special collections director and archivist.

June 9
Abraham: from Mesopotamia to Father of the Israelites
James Moyer of the Missouri State University religious studies department will discuss Abraham as a foreigner who migrated to the land of Canaan and passed all his tests with supreme faith to become the Father of the Israelites. This is the first of a series on characters in the Bible.

June 16
Rebekah: from Mother to Manipulator
Dr. Moyer continues with a portrayal of an upper class woman in Genesis who favors her son Jacob and manipulates her husband into giving this favored son the blessing that should have gone to the older son, Esau.

June 23
Joseph: From Juvenile Delinquent to Egyptian Leader
Genesis tells us how Joseph was his father’s favorite son, and how that favoritism led to Joseph’s spoiled and conceited behavior. But did Joseph’s arrogance mean he deserved the hardships he faced? Anyway, how did he get to become the No. 2 man in ancient Egypt? James Moyer, chair of department of religious studies at MSU.

June 30
Contemporary Economic Perspective: Past, Present and Future Issues
A discussion of recent economic events with a focus on the boom and collapse of the housing market, rescue of financial sector and the expanding role of government regulations. Jeff Wisdom is instructor of economics at OTC and will also talk about his assignment guarding insurgents in Iraq.

July 7
The Effects of Opacity in the Banking System
This will focus on how obscurity in the banking industry has contributed to the financial crisis. Jeffrey Jones, who has spoken previously at IML, teaches economics in the Breech School of Business at Drury.

July 14
Damsels in Distress: the Heroine in American Literature
Randall Fuller of the Drury’s Department of English will have three sessions. He will acquaint us with the female protagonists in each of three American novels highlighting their trials and tribulations. We begin with the familiar novel The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

July 21
Continuing the discussion of “Damsels in Distress,” we examine The Awakening by novelist Kate Chopin. This celebrated novel, written in 1899, is about life in Louisiana. Randall Fuller, Drury’s associate professor of English, will be leading the discussions.

July 28
The concluding novel about heroines to be discussed by Dr. Fuller in the series is The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner. The author focuses on life in the old South as seen through the eyes of the
Compson family. Class members are encouraged to read these works if possible before the classes to enhance discussion. Please request copies from the Springfield public library, which can obtain extra copies from Mobius or order copies from Borders.

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This continues with a study of how the bloody conflict between the Union and Confederacy affected such authors as Hawthorne, Melville, Whitman.
Randall Fuller, Drury Dept. of English
Olin Room

May 20
How to Negotiate in Business and in Life
This presentation will cover both the fundamentals of negotiating theory and practice in a workshop atmosphere.
Amy Lewis, Drury Breech School of Business
Hearth Room

May 27
Immigrant Experience: an Introduction to Our Series
(last minute substitute course) Historical review looking at a chart of the many diverse immigrant groups arriving over the years in America.
Bill Longman
Hearth Room

June 3
The Immigrant Experience: An American Kaleidoscope
Almost everyone's ancestors were immigrants. The earliest arrived on the shores of Virginia and Massachusetts, followed by waves of newcomers especially in the 19th century. We will introduce the topic and look at four waves of immigration and how they were alike and different. Also to be viewed is "They Came to America."
Leader is Bill Longman
Olin Room at Olin Library

June 10
Out of One, Many: Irish and German Immigrants
Large waves of Irish and German immigrants arrived in the 1800s. We will hear about the Seyffardt family coming 1850 from Baden, Germany, also learn about the German presence in the Ozarks as recorded by Gary Kremer.
Leader is David Rauch of the German-Austrian-Swiss Society.
Olin Room at Olin Library

June 17
Immigrants to America: Did They Fit In?
George Hummasti of MSU dept. of history will examine the European immigrants to America from the early 19th century through World War I with an emphasis on changing reactions to them by native Americans.
June 24
Post World War I & II Immigrants
We will interview several foreign born citizens who came from the Philippines, Germany, Japan, England, learning about their reasons for coming with their personal stories. Also present will be a member of the Polish Olympic team who immigrated in 1985.
Chaired by Sol Codillo
Hearth Room at Bay Hall.

July 1
Ellis Island among Many Ports of Entry Offering Freedom
The people and the numerous reasons for making the arduous journey from foreign lands will be discussed with stories, plus the second half of “They Came to America” film.
Mary Blanche.
Olin Room in Olin Library.

July 8
The Spanish-Mexican Population in Early America
David Adams retired MSU history professor. To what extent did the Spaniards populate the United States in Colonial times and also Mexicans later on as many were affected by the Mexican Revolution. Included is the story of the Galarzia family coming to America in 1910.
Hearth Room in Bay Hall.

July 15
The Right Man for the Right Time: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
This is a chronological review of Dr. King’s life from boyhood to the Rosa Pakrs boycott when he was thrust into the forefront of the civil rights struggle.
Rev. Maurice Tate of Washington Ave. Baptist Church and MSU religious studies.
Hearth Room at Bay Hall

July 22
What’s New and What’s Happening on Broadway
Dr. Robert Bradley, emeritus Missouri State, returns from New York which he calls the theatre capital of the world with review of productions.
Olin Room at Olin Library

July 29
Basics and Challenges of Autism
Rick Schnake, attorney and parent of autistic child, shares insights about autism which is gaining more attention.
Olin Library in Olin Room

Aug. 5
Business Ethics
Rod Oglesby Drury Breeech School of Business.
Hearth Room in Bay Hall

Course Schedule for Spring 2008

A list of classes, dates and locations follows. All classes meet at 2 p.m. at Drury’s Springfield campus unless otherwise noted.
February 5 & 12

Getting to Know Willa Cather
Hearth Room at Bay Hall

Two of Cather’s novels will be discussed by Michael Gorman, visiting professor at Missouri State University’s Department of English. *My Antonia* is one of her most popular and possibly misunderstood novels about the pioneer West and pastoral ideology. *The Professor’s House* shows the hold the American Southwest had on Cather. Please read these novels if you can.

February 19

World Population Trends
Olin Room at Olin Library

How serious is the population growth on Earth? What are the primary problems we face? Deborah Corcoran, instructor in the Missouri State University department of geography, geology & planning will discuss these questions and more.

February 26

The Electoral Politics of the Electoral College
Hearth Room at Bay Hall

Daniel Ponder, Drury associate professor of political science, will explore the connection between what the U.S. Constitution says about presidential elections, how elections have been transformed in light of the document, and where we are now in reference to the upcoming 2008 election.

March 4 & 11

A Healthy Life is an Active Life
Olin Room at Olin Library

Scott Zimmerman, professor in the department of biomedical sciences at Missouri State University, has done studies on healthy aging at the University of Wisconsin and will look at the differences between a sedentary life and actual aging. This will cover heart and muscle health as well as weight control.

March 18

Exploring South Africa
Olin Room at Olin Library

Overcoming the violence of apartheid years, South Africa is now a multicultural democracy. Bill and Lee Longman visited this beautiful land in October 2007 and will share pictures and impressions.

March 25

Exploring Thailand
Olin Room at Olin Library
Among the pictorial topics shared by Mary Blanche and Charlene Cantrell will be Buddhist temples, Thai culture and food, and the Hill Tribe people inhabiting the Golden Triangle.

April 1

Exploring Quebec
Olin Room at Olin Library

There is something charming about the province of Quebec. It is like visiting Europe without leaving North America. Dennis and Pam Edwards will share their impressions of this charming destination.

April 8 & 15

Smallness: A Microscopic View of the World Around Us
Trustee Science Center Auditorium

Drury associate professor of biology Wesley Rowley returns to lecture in the field of science as we explore the cellular and tissue levels of life as we understand anew that we are more complicated than what “meets” the eye.

April 22

Field Trip to OOVVDA Winery
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OOVVDA is a local winery just north of Springfield. Class members will meet in Lot #7 on Drury University campus at 1:30 p.m. and carpool to the winery, arriving for a 2 p.m. appointment. Driving directions: Go north 3 miles on Glenstone Avenue. At the blinking red light at the intersection of H and AA turn left (west); look for winery sign.

April 29, May 6, & May 13

American Literature and the Civil War
Hearth Room at Bay Hall

Randall Fuller, Drury associate professor of English and director of the University Honors Program, examines his study of several famous authors and how this agonizing struggle affected their writings. Authors include Emerson, Whitman, Dickinson, Douglass, Hawthorne, and Melville.

Fall 2005 Courses

Sept. 6 The Negro Spiritual

Presented by Richard Todd Payne, professor of music, Missouri State University. This will be an inspiring vocal performance by Dr Payne along with discussion of many of the American spirituals beloved by so many.
Recital Room, Lydy Hall. (Lydy Hall is west of Olin Library and next to Clara Thompson Hall).

Sept. 13 & 20 Reading Cities

Presented by Professor Robert Weddle, Hammonds School of Architecture, Drury University. These two presentations will investigate architecture and urban design as a way of “reading” cities and better understanding their histories and cultures. The presentations will draw upon examples of cities and other environments from around the world.

Trustee Science Center, Room 20

Sept. 27 Education Update: Current Topics & Issues

Presented by Dr Sharon Price, School of Education and Child Development, Drury University.

Dr. Price will discuss the state of education today. Olin Room, Olin Library

Oct. 4 Working on Working

Presented by Dr. Robin Schraft, Theatre Dept. chair, Drury University. Dr. Schraft, director of the musical Working, will provide a behind-the-scenes look of the production. IML members will be invited to attend one of the performances. Olin Room, Olin Library

Oct. 11 Lithuania: New Day for an Ancient State

Presented by Will Prigge, professor of history and political science, Drury University. Dr. Prigge will offer an update on this Baltic nation that has emerged from Soviet domination.

Olin Room, Olin Library

Oct. 18 I'm Going to Live Until I Die

Presented by Dr. John Sellars, president of Drury University. Are there differences in the way people in the Midwest plan for retirement as compared with those living in the East? Following a brief business meeting, IML members will be invited to meet Dr. Sellars, Drury’s 15th president. Refreshments will be served. Hearth Room, Bay Hall

Oct. 25 Changing to a Flat Income Tax--Will it Work?

Presented by Dr. Kelly Still, Breach School of Business Administration, Drury University. Tax payers grumble about the complicated income tax. But would a simplified flat tax improve things and is it fair? Olin Room, Olin Library

Nov. 1 & 8 Norman Vincent Peale Meets Martin Seligman:

The Power of Positive Thinking and Learned Optimism

Presented by Joseph F. Hulgus, professor of psychology, Missouri State University. This discussion will review the perspectives of Norman Vincent Peale (as reflected in The Power of Positive Thinking) and M.E.P. Seligman; comparing and contrasting their points of view. The talk will cover the confluence of perspectives and practical life implications and applications will be addressed. Olin Room, Olin Library
Nov. 15  A Life in the Theatre

Presented by Robert Westenberg, professor of theatre, Drury University. Dr. Westenberg will share his experiences working in professional theatre in New York and from his acting career. He will share the events that formed his decision to leave the theatre and become a teacher.

Olin Room, Olin Library

Nov. 22 Thanksgiving – No meeting

Nov. 29 & Dec. 6 Cyprus: A Divided State on Europe’s Periphery

Presented by Dimitri Ionnides, professor of geography and geology, Missouri State University. Dr. Ionnides will discuss the past, present and future of Cyprus, a region where Greeks and Turks live in tension. Dr. Ionnides will also speak on the current status of the Cyprus people and their economy and what the future may hold. Olin Room, Olin Library

Dec. 13 Christmas Party

A potluck Christmas party will be held in the clubroom at Cooper Estates at noon.

Other IML Information

IML Lunch Dates: Please join IML friends for lunch at noon in the Findlay Student Center Commons on Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 2 and Dec. 6.

Parking: Parking is in Lot 1 off of Central Street or Lot 7 off of Summit Street.

Parking Hangtags: New hangtags will be available for IML members in September.

Questions: Contact IML chair Pat Klos at 732-8907 or patriciaklos@aol.com

IML Mailing List: To be added to the IML mailing list contact Jeanne Kiser at 882-7685 or jkiser7@aol.com
May 3 & 10: “Reading a Modern Victorian: the Fiction of A. S. Byatt”. Dick Turner will join us again for a study of this author. In the first session we will use the Viking paperback “The Matisse Stories” and in the second session, the 1990 prize winning novel “Possession” with clips from the movie. Dr. Turner is emeritus professor, department of English at SMSU. Olin Room, Olin Library.

May 17 & 24: “The Myth of Objectivity in Documentary Film” with Dr. Mark Biggs, associate professor for the media, journalism and film department at SMSU. The sessions will deal with the making of documentary films. It is Dr. Biggs’ contention that storytelling underlies all successful films whether it is in a non-fiction or fiction format. Dr. Biggs has received recognition for several documentary films about Vietnam.

Olin Room, Olin Library.

June 7, 14 & 21: “Mexican Borderlands: Making of the Great Southwest.” This will be a return visit from Dr. David Adams, emeritus professor, department of history at SMSU. The June 7 & 21 sessions will be in the Olin Room, Olin Library and the June 14 session in the Olin Classroom, Olin Library. Please note the room change on the 14th of June.

June 28: “The Battle of Springfield” will be presented by Dr. Hal Funk, professor emeritus, department of history at SMSU. Dr. Funk will be discussing this Civil War battle. Olin Room, Olin Library.

July 5: NO MEETING! Happy Fourth of July!

July 12: “Stay together and we will saber the hell out of them!” Jeff Patrick, librarian for Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield, will discuss the career of Union General Thomas Sweeney. Olin Room, Olin Library.

July 19: “Personal Experiences of the Aftermath of the Tsunami: South India One Month Afterwards.” Presented by Edward Proctor, electronic resources librarian for the Meyer Library at SMSU. While on a Fulbright grant to lecture to librarians in South India, Mr. Proctor had occasion to visit several areas affected by the tsunami (including Nagapattinam, the area hardest hit in India) and to meet with relief workers and survivors. Olin Room, Olin Library.

July 26: “Fore the Planet.” A field trip to the Discovery Center located at 438 East St. Louis Street. This program features human interaction with the biosphere. We will be provided with a short orientation and then everyone is free to explore the Discovery Center. The center offers many areas to see in addition, to the nine holes of miniature golf devoted to natural history. The admission charge will be $4.00 per person.
Feb. 1 & 8 Non Visual Art of Africa

Presented by Margaret Buckner, professor of sociology and anthropology, SMS. African art might be thought of as material things like painting and sculptures. But the music, singing, poetry, and language arts are every bit as exciting and enjoyable. Olin Room, Olin Library

Feb. 15 & 22 Origins of the Alphabet

Presented by Juris Zarins, professor of sociology and anthropology, SMS. Our alphabet came from ancient Egypt and was invented in the Sinai peninsula about 1600 B.C.

Olin Room, Olin Library

Mar. 1 & 15 Africa in the World Today

Presented by Dr. Leah Blakey. Africa in turmoil as seen in countries like Sudan and Chad. We’ll look at the hot spots in this vast continent. Olin Room, Olin Library

Mar. 8 Cultural Components of International Business

Presented by Yohannan Abraham, professor of management, SMS. Certain nuances in distinct cultures play a vital role in trade. Unless those engaged in international trade are sensitive about other cultures, multinational business will suffer.

Olin Room, Olin Library

Mar. 22 The Philippines: Yesterday and Today

Presented by Sol Codillo, retired minister and chaplain. A personal critique of the social and political impact of the American democratic influence on the Philippines. Hearth Room, Bay Hall
Mar. 29 Handel's Messiah

Presented by Allin Sorenson, department chair and professor of music, Drury. Why “The Messiah” is the best known choral work in history and the myths that surround it. Some selections from the music will be played. Olin Room, Olin Library

Apr. 5 & 12 Generational Poverty

Presented by Sharon Price, professor of education, Drury. There are hidden rules in generational poverty that can be contrasted with those for people in middle class and wealth. What are the family structures and what insights may we get for a better understanding?

Olin Room, Olin Library

Apr. 19 & 26 Domestic Violence

Presented by Joan McClennen, professor in the school of social work, SMS. The prevalence and dynamics of abusive behavior in families. Identifying domestic violence, prevention, and the effect on children. Hearth Room, Bay Hall

Course Schedule for Fall 2004 - Drury IML

Sept. 7: Invitation to High Tea served by Drury Alumni Office. You are invited to enjoy the hospitality of the Alumni Office in their new building. It is located at 1207 N. Benton St. (across from the main Drury campus). You may park on Benton St. or on Webster St. on in the lot behind the building on Webster.

Sept. 14: Lewis and Clark Journey: Ch. 4 on “Geopolitical Context of the Expedition” and Ch. 5 on “A Journey's Beginning-Diplomacy of Indian Affairs”, by Hal Funk, retired SMS professor of teacher education. Olin Room, Olin Library

Sept. 21: Lewis and Clark Journey: Ch. 1 on “Thomas Jefferson’s Scientific Project” and Ch. 7 on “Americans and Their Environments,” by Burl Self, SMS department of geography, geology and planning. Olin Room, Olin Library

Sept. 28: Tour of Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield. Meet at main building at Wilson's Creek at 2 p.m. Jeffrey Patrick, librarian, will show us the new library and conduct a tour of the grounds.

October 5: “FDR and Lucy: Lovers and Friends,” by Resa Willis, Drury department of English. This is the true story of President Franklin Roosevelt and the great love of his life, Lucy Mercer Rutherford. After
Eleanor discovered their affair in 1918, she agreed to divorce Franklin so he could marry Lucy. When his mother threatened to disinherit him, FDR and Lucy promised it was over. They lied. Olin Room, Olin Library

October 12: Lewis and Clark Journey: Ch. 6 “The Western Fur Trade” and Ch. 3 “The Professional Culture of the U. S Army,” by Leah Blakely, faculty coordinator Drury College of Graduate and Continuing Education. Olin Room, Olin Library


October 26: Lewis and Clark Journey: Ch. 9 “Public Perception of the Expedition” and Ch. 10 “The Native Oral Tradition” by Leah Blakey, faculty coordinator Drury College of Graduate and Continuing Education. Olin Room, Olin Library

November 2: “York: African American Explorer” by James Dixon, naturalist at Springfield Conservation Nature Center. This is a portrayal of the Black man accompanying Lewis and Clark who so impressed the Indians. Hearth Room, Bay Hall

November 9: “Americans Abroad: Experience of Drury Summer Study in St. Petersburg, Russia”, by Maxim Matusevich, Drury department of history and political science. Dr. Matusevich is a native of St. Petersburg and once served in the Red Army and this summer was back in his home city with a student group. Olin Room, Olin Library


November 23 and 30: “You Are What You Eat!” by Wesley Rowley, Drury department of biology. Throughout life we eat to survive. What we eat is broken down into building blocks that are used to help us grow when we are young and maintain us as we get older. These lectures will enlighten students on the complexity and simplicity of the process involved in the metabolism of the human body. Reed Auditorium, Trustee Science Center

December 7: “First to the Pacific” by Todd Wilkinson, service desk manager OTC library, president of Celtic Society. The voyages of Sir Alexander Mackenzie, Canada’s forgotten explorer, who went from Montreal to the Pacific ten years before the exploration of Lewis and Clark. Hearth Room, Bay Hall

December 14: Christmas Party at Cooper Estates clubhouse. Come at 11:30 with your holiday potluck dish. Entertainment to follow.

Lunch at 12:30 in Student Union on these Tuesdays:
Sept. 14, Oct. 5, Nov. 9, Dec. 7

Course Schedule for MAY - JULY 2004

May 4 Exhibition of Graphics and Visual Art Projects by Senior Art students with Tom Parker, Senior Professor of Art at Drury University and Director of the Pool Art Center, Pool Art Center, 940 North
Clay
(parking lots 7 on Summit or 8 on Clay)

May 11 The Carillon: European and American Traditions with Jeremy Chesman, University Carillonist and Instructor of Music at Southwest Missouri State University, Olin Room, Olin Library

May 18..... The Meaning of Life and other such nonsense with Dr. Bradley Fisher, Director and Professor of Gerontology at Southwest Missouri State University, Olin Room, Olin Library

May 25..... Generations together: What is to be gained from interactions between young and old? With Dr. Bradley Fisher, Director and Professor of Gerontology at Southwest Missouri State University, Olin Room, Olin Library

June 8..... 50 years of U.S. Space Exploration: Part 1, The Moon Race with Dr. Greg Ojakangas, Assistant Professor of Physics at Drury University Reed Auditorium, Trustee Science Center

June 15..... 50 years of U.S. Space Exploration: Part 2, Mission to the Planets with Dr. Greg Ojakangas, Assistant Professor of Physics at Drury University Reed Auditorium, Trustee Science Center

June 22..... Mars Attacks! Exploration of the Red Planet with Dr. Greg Ojakangas, Assistant Professor of Physics at Drury University, Reed Auditorium, Trustee Science Center

June 29..... From Saturn to the South Pacific: Volcanoes of Ice and Fire with Dr. Greg Ojakangas, Assistant Professor of Physics at Drury University Reed Auditorium, Trustee Science Center

July 6..... Debunking the Da Vinci Code: A Historical approach to the New Testament Canon with Dr. Mark Given, Associate Professor of Religious studies at Southwest Missouri State University, Olin Room, Olin Library

July 13..... Passion of Gibson versus the Passion of the Gospels with Dr. Mark Given, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Southwest Missouri State University, Olin Room, Olin Library

July 20 & 27..... Lewis & Clark: Journey to Another America Discussions based on a book by the OASIS Institute and the Missouri Historical Society Press (we will be sent copies of the book to read in preparation for the discussions), Olin Room, Olin Library

Course Schedule for FEBRUARY - APRIL 2004

Drury Institute for Mature Learning- 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. For more information please call: 417 873-6924

Feb. 3....."Are You Prepared? A Fraud Awareness Seminar Presentation by S.I.F.E."
The students of the Drury Students in Free Enterprise will tell about their 2003 world award winning programs along with a new project: educating senior citizens on telemarketing fraud. Olin Room, Olin Library.

Feb. 10, 17, 24....."Thinking About the Brain"
This class is designed to enlighten students with the wondrous structure of the human brain. Information on its anatomy and physiology as well as clinical correlatives will be presented.
Wesley Rowley, professor of biology, Drury University.  
Reed Auditorium, Trustee Science Center.

Mar. 2....."Over the Irish Sea: the Scottish-Irish Relationship in History"
A brief look at the common history, culture and heritage of the Scottish-Irish peoples. This launches our month of March on things Irish.  
Todd Wilkinson, SMS graduate, librarian, president of Celtic Society  
Hearth Room, Bay Hall

Mar. 9, 16....."A Day in Dublin with James Joyce"
We shall see how Joyce recalls and yet radically transforms the Adventure of Ulysses. We shall hear how Joyce's Ulysses replays Homer's Odyssey in modern music, and experience one again the modernity of the ancient epic. Pauline Nugent, SMS department of modern and classical languages.  
Hearth Room, Bay Hall

Mar. 23....."Digging for Roots in Ireland"
The adventure of looking for ancestors in Ireland, based on extensive research. Our speaker claims that we can't know Ireland unless we understand Irish history.  
John Purtell, President, Civil War Roundtable, Vice-President, Ozarks Genealogical Society  
Hearth Room, Bay Hall

Mar. 30....."At Home with Mark Twain"
The various places Mark Twain lived with slides to illustrate by author of "Mark and Livy: the Love Story of Mark Twain and the Woman Who Almost Tamed Him" and a soon to be published book on FDR and Lucy. Resa Willis, professor of English, Drury University  
Olin Room, Olin Library

Apr. 6....."Complementary Alternative Medicine"
On bridging the gap between alternative and conventional medicine by one who has studied not only in medical schools but also among Native Americans.  
Martee Robinson, PhD, coordinator of Complementary Alternative Medicine, Cox Health Center.  
Hearth Room, Bay Hall

Apr. 13....."Water, Water Everywhere...Or Not?"
How much water on the earth is easily accessible for human use? How many people in the world do not have access to clean water? Are there real water shortages or is it all political? What is the status of clean water throughout the world? These and other questions will be answered as the United Nations International Year of Freshwater is discussed.  
Janice Greene, professor of biology, SMS, also director of Bull Shoals Field Station.  
Olin Room, Olin Library

Apr. 20....."Luella Agnes Owen: Missouri's First Woman Geologist"
A presentation about an early woman pioneer in the field of geology. Jerry Vineyard, retired deputy geologist for State of Missouri, now river negotiator for the State.  
Olin Room, Olin Library

Apr. 27....."The Life of the Common Soldier in the War Between the States"
A presentation in uniform and with equipment of the soldier’s life. Howard Hufford, retired engineer for City Utilities, former teacher.
Hearth Room, Bay Hall

Lunch in Student Union each first Tuesday: Feb. 3, Mar. 2, Apr. 6

Courses for SEPT - DEC 2003

Sept. 10 & 17 “Getting to Know Those Guys and Dolls” and “From Page to Stage: Getting Guys and Dolls into Production” with Robin Schraft, chair of the theatre department at Drury. An introduction to the Frank Loesser musical produced at Drury and directed by Dr. Schraft. The group will also go together to see Guys and Dolls. Olin Room, Olin Library.

Sept. 23 & 30 “Cinderella Goes to the Opera” with Jane Munson Berg, professor of voice and opera at Evangel. The opera “Cinderella” is being performed

Oct. 3 & 4. This course is an introduction to the opera. IML members are invited to a performance. Olin Room, Olin Library.

Oct. 7 & 14 “Transmitting Our Heritage” with Michael Palmer, professor of philosophy & Biblical studies at Evangel. What does it mean to have a heritage and what challenges do we face in the 21st century communicating it to our children and grandchildren. Hearth Room, Bay Hall.


Nov. 11 “Families, Feasting and Football: a History of Thanksgiving” with Martha Finch, professor of religious studies at SMSU, who has previously told us about the Salem witch trials. Hearth Room, Bay Hall. Nov. 18 “On the Road to Peace in Palestine” with Jeff VanDenBerg, chair of the history & political science department at Drury. Will the bloody conflict between Israelis and Arabs be resolved? Hearth Room, Bay Hall.

Dec. 2 “Forthrightness or Fabrication: Lessons from The West Wing” with Russell Keeling, professor of communication at SMSU. A recurring theme in this popular TV series about life in the White House is how much to communicate to the public and how accurately. Olin Room, Olin Library. Dec. 9 Christmas party at Cooper Estates.

Course Schedule for May - July 2003

2 p.m. each Tuesday with locations as indicated. For more information please call: 417 873-6924

May 6
“The Latest Discoveries at Riverbluff Cave” with Matt Forir. Something amazing has come to light in the Riverbluff Cave: evidence of animals dating back to the Ice Age. Matt Forir is a paleontologist exploring not only extinct mastodon remains but also unique life forms existing in this newly discovered cave. Reed Auditorium, Trustee Science Center.
May 13
"How to Heal the Planet: Environmental Ethics for the 21st Century” with Peter Browning. Dr. Browning, associate professor of philosophy and religion at Drury, is teaching a class to students about world trends. We will examine various ethical views about saving the planet. Olin Room, Olin Library.

May 20
"Absinthe: a Chemical and Artistic History” with Jim O’Brien, retired professor of chemistry at Southwest Missouri State University (SMSU). O’Brien will talk about this potent drink popular with writers and artists in the 19th century and later banned. Reed Auditorium, Trustee Science Center.

May 27
No meeting due to Memorial Day holiday.

June 3, 10 & 17
"The Pursuit of Happiness: a Psychological Perspective” with Jim Davis, Ph.D. Davis, now a professor of psychology at Drury, was also on the faculty at SMSU for 25 years. He researches positive emotions and their effect on health, and will bring insights about how attitudes, sleep patterns, and forgiveness have an important role in our well being. Hearth Room, Bay Hall.

June 24 & July 1
"Protestant Holy Men and Women” with Stanley Burgess, professor of religious studies at SMSU. Burgess has been with us on several occasions, most recently talking about indigenous churches. In June he will just be back from the Vatican, and will report. Hearth Room, Bay Hall.

July 8
"Histories of the United States Flag and the Star Spangled Banner” with Howard Hufford. Appropriate for the observance of Independence Day is this program by Howard Hufford, one of our IML members who has been an engineer for City Utilities and the State, has also taught a little math at SMS, Drury and Lincoln University. Hearth Room, Bay Hall.

July 15
"Transitions to Democracy in Russia” with Maxim Matusevich, assistant professor of history at Drury. Matusevich was born in St. Petersburg and has a special interest in the history and cultural encounters between African nations and Russia. Reed Auditorium, Trustee Science Center.

July 22
"From the Trenches: Stories from a Fraud Investigator” with Angela Morelock. Morelock is a fraud examiner responsible for a wide range of allegations of fraud and white-collar crime. She joined the staff at BKD after graduating summa cum laude from SMSU. You will hear a report from the trenches, an inside story of her investigations. Reed Auditorium, Trustee Science Center.

July 29
"Benjamin Franklin, Printer” with Lynne Freeman. The printing innovations of Ben Franklin and their impact on Colonial America will be discussed by Lynne Freeman, retired from the SMSU library curriculum chair of the Institute for Mature Learning. Reed Auditorium, Trustee Science Center.

Course Schedule for FEBRUARY - APRIL 2003
2 p.m. each Tuesday with locations as indicated. For more information please call: 417 873-6924

February 4 & 11
“The Devil’s Handmaidens: Witches in Early New England” with Martha Finch, assistant professor of religious studies at SMSU. Hearth Room, Bay Hall

February 18 & 25
“Wonders of the World Through the Eyes of the Hubble Space Telescope” with Greg Ojakangas, Ph.D., assistant professor of physics at Drury and solar system researcher. Trustee Science Center, corner of Drury Lane and Chestnut Expressway on the Drury campus (more detailed directions to follow later).

March 4 & 11
“Indigenous Religions: Discovering New Faiths Around the World” with Stanley Burgess, professor of religious studies at SMSU. Hearth Room, Bay Hall.

March 18
“Something Out of Nothing” with BareStage, a theatre troupe from SMSU using improvisation *be ready for some surprises! Led by Jodi Kanter, assistant professor of theatre and dance. Hearth Room, Bay Hall.

March 25 & April 1

April 8
“Celebrate the Earth: a Celebration of Nature Through Poetry and Guitar” Guitarist John Waldo is known for his skill on guitar and has a CD. Hearth Room, Bay Hall.

April 15
Trip to Nathanael Greene Park. This will include tours of the Grey Campbell House and the Close Garden and Lake Drummond. We will have a sign-up with transportation arranged.

April 22
“The Edinburgh Festival: the Largest Cultural Feast in the World” with Ed Proctor, electronics resource librarian at SMSU. Hearth Room, Bay Hall.

April 29

Course Schedule for 2002

February
Holocaust II...Harvey Saalberg 1 session
Lincoln-Douglas Debates...John Sisco, SMS ret 1
Elderhostels & Other OTC Programs...Mike Toler, OTC 1

March
Classical Mythology...Joseph Hughes, SMS 2
Ozarks Language...Jay Bynum, Drury ret 1
Hymnody of Foreign Missions...Gary McGhee, Evangel 1
April
Musical Theatre...Robert Bradley, SMS 2
Global Warming...Carla Klein, Sierra Club 1
Why Not Cars?... Robert Jones, SMS 1
Kent State Experience...Harvey Saalberg 1

May
Origins of Frankincense...Juri Zarins, SMS 1
Egypt: Cradle of Religions...Sam Smith, Drury ret 2
Illustrated Manuscripts...Lynne Freeman, SMS ret 2

June
Contemporary China...Kathleen Goff 2
Eudora Welty...Katherine Lederer, SMS 1

July
Benefits of Aspirin...Mark Richter, SMS 1
Wonders of Wildlife Museum tour
Civil War Diaries...Nick Knight, SMS-Rolla 1
Global Media, Global Ethics, Charles Ess, Drury 1

September
Seven Martyrs of the Press...Harvey Saalberg 1
How About Homer: Singer of Songs & Seductive Sirens...Pauline Nugent, SMS 3

October
Our Music Heritage: Traditional Fiddling in the Ozarks...Gordon McCann 1
Communitarian Impulse: Oneida & Shaker Communities...Etta Madden, SMS 2
Annual meeting, Chautauqua...Bill & Lee Longman 1

November
Medieval Philosophy & Gothic Architecture...Lisa Esposito, Drury 2
2002 Elections...Ruth Bamberger, Drury ret 2

December
Presidency of Lyndon Johnson...James Giglio, SMS 2

Course Schedule for 2001

February
Women in China...Hue-ping Chin, Drury 2 sessions
Neil Simon: Conflict in Comedy...Michael & Lynn Borich, Drury & SMS 2

March
Internet in Our Lives...Charles Ess, Drury 1
Women in Medicine...Anita Isaac 1
White Collar Crime...A. L. Marsteller, Drury 4
Genome Project...Roger Young, Drury 1
April
Terrorism in the World...Thomas Den-Oden, Drury 1
Tour of Public TV station
Policy Prospects for the New President...Ruth Bamberger, Drury 1
Islam and Women...Hooshang Pazaki, Drury 2

May
Book Collection Hobby...Rolland Comstock 1
Great Debates in American History...John Sisco, SMS ret 1
"Joseph Andrews" by Henry Fielding...Nathan Nelson, Evangel 3

June
Holocaust...Harvey Saalberg 1
Quest for Meaning...Charles Ess, Drury 1
Because God Loves Stories...Sandy Asher, Drury 1

July
Exploring Crucifixion Narratives...Mark Boyer, SMS 1
Retrospective of the Soviet Union...Gary Rader, Drury 1
Learning to Live: Wellness...Jerry Holbert 1
Around the 48 States in One Week with Jerry...Jerry Jacob of KY3 1

September
Stan Musial and His Times...James Giglio, SMS 1
Conflict Resolution...John Sisco, SMS ret 1
Politics in the Middle East...Hooshang Pazaki, Drury 1

October
Francincense Trade...Juris Zarins, SMS 1
Cervantes and the Writing of Don Quihote...Angeles Placer, Drury 2
Annual meeting...President John Moore guest
Genetically Modified Food...Roger Young, Drury 1

November
Robinson Crusoe & Cast Away...Nathan Nelson, Evangel 2
The Arts: What's the Point?...Alan Bryce, Springfield Little Theatre 1

December
International Movement to Ban Landmines...Kenneth Rutherford, SMS 1

Course Schedule for 2000

February
Trickery in the Genesis Story...Victor Matthews, SMS 1 session
Hopi Kachinas...Ned Meyer 1
Issues in Aging Families...Christine Price, SMS 2
March
Celtic Heritage...Pauline Nugent, SMS 2
Judaism and the Bible...Marc Cooper, SMS 1
The Millenium...Stanley Burgess, SMS 2

April
American Foreign Policy...Gary Rader, Drury 2
A View of France...Patricia McEachern, Drury 1
Salsa Music...Angeles Placer, Drury 1

May
My Career as a Writer...Wayne Holmes 1
Grizzly and Black Bear Research...Don White, Drury 2
The Lascaux Paintings of France...Thomas Parker, Drury 1

June
Life on Other Worlds, Space Debris...Gregory Ojakangas, Drury 2
A Visit to Wonders of Wildlife...Gary Ellison 1

July
Use of Film in Teaching the New Testament...Mark Boyer, SMS 2
The Crusades...Stanley Burgess, SMS 2

September
“The Hamlet” by William Faulkner...Dick Turner, SMS ret 2
Cajun History...Tessa Sharp, Drury 1

October
Presidential Rhetoric...Theodore Windt, Drury & Univ. Pittsburgh 3
Update on Drury...Karen Sweeney, Drury 1 along with annual meeting
A Glimpse of China: Women in Science...Tamera Jahnke, SMS 1

November
Architecture of Springfield...Robert Flanders, SMS ret 2
Cultural History of Quebec...David Lee, SMS 2

Course Schedule for 1999

February
Short History of Canada...Elizabeth Paddock, Drury 3 sessions
Impeachment of Andrew Johnson...James Giglio, SMS 1

March
History of the Roman Empire...Gary Rader, Drury 4

April
Russian Music...David Goza, Drury 3
Russian Literature...Meredith Adams, SMS 3
May
History of the Ozarks...Julie March at History Museum 1
Ozarks Culture...Robert Flanders, SMS ret 3

June
History of Psychology...Tom Kane, Drury 3
Native Americans of the Ozarks...Rita Tagami 1
Famous Ozarks Outlaws, Criminals...Frank Farmer 2

July
Novelist Thomas Hardy...Dick Turner, SMS ret 2

September
Lawn and Shrub Care...Gaylord Moore, Missouri Extension 1
The Balkans...Meredith Adams, SMS 2

October
Declaration of Independence, Constitution...Gary Rader, Drury 2
Future of Education...Stephen Good, Drury 1 along with annual meeting

November
French and American Revolutions...David Adams, SMS 2
Author E. M. Forster...Dick Turner, SMS 2

December
Shannon County video...Bob Flanders, SMS 1

Course Schedule for 1998

February
German Composers: Bach, Beethoven, Brahms...Jim Crowley, Drury 2 sessions
German Philosophers...Allen Eikner, Drury ret 2

March
Murder, Mystery and Mayhem: murder mysteries...Resa Willis, Drury 3

April
Enjoying Poetry...Peter Meidlinger, Drury 3
Walt Whitman...Fred Pfister, College of Ozarks ret 1
Eastern Religions...Sam Smith, Drury ret 2

May
Holocaust...Harvey Asher, Drury 3

June
Macroeconomic Policymaker...William Rohlf, Drury 3
Georgian Architecture...Christi Lewis, Drury 2
July
Developments in Psychology...Victor Agruso, Drury 1
Architecture and Culture...Mark Hall, SMS 2

September
Founding of America...Calvin Holzinger, Evangel ret 2
The Atomic Bomb...Ned Meyer 1

October
The Romanoffs...Meredith Adams, SMS 2
The Astronauts...David Hickman
Alternative and Herbal Medicine...Norman Shealy 2

November
Religion and the Enlightenment...Stan Burgess, SMS 2
Simon Bolivar...David Adams, SMS 1

December
Enlightenment: the Making of Modern Thought...John Northrip, SMS 2

Course Schedule for 1997

February
Wellness...Ann Nelms, Drury 1 session
Theater Analysis of “The Irish Play”...Ruth Monroe, Drury 1
Bismark & the Unification of Germany...Meredith Adams, SMS 2
Science and the Coming Millenium...John Northrip, SMS 2
Musical Influence on Youth through the Decades...James Crowley, Drury 1

March
Greek Influence on Christianity-Plato & Aristotle...Allen Eikner, Drury ret 2
Impressionist Art: Monet...Tom Parker, Drury 1

April
History of Ozarks Flora...Paul Redfearn, SMS ret 1
Wild Flowers...Pam Borden, SMS 1
Children’s Literature for Grandparents...Wanda Gray 1
Inspiration in Writing...Edith McCall 1

May
NAG Hamadi Documents...Charles Hedrick, SMS 1
Science in the Future...John Northrip, SMS 2
“Silas Marner”...Tom Lawson, Drury 2

June
Global Economy...Duane Bedell, Drury 2
Mexican Literature: Fuentes...David Adams, SMS 1
World War I...Meredith Adams, SMS 2
July
World War II Experiences...Ralph Manley 1
Apocalyptic Literature...John Strong SMS 2

September
Utopian Literature...Stephen Good, Drury 4
Dear Friends & Heroes (Humor)...Bill Cantrell 1
Habitat for Humanity...Donna Jones 1

October
Sumerian Civilization...Juris Zarins, SMS 4
Communications in the 21st Century...Jim Hedges 1

November
Springfield Origins & Growth, John Hardin of city planning dept 1
The English Reformation & Henry VIII...Stanley Burgess, SMS 3
Volcanoes & Earthquakes...Stan Fagerlin, SMS 2

Course Schedule for 1995/96

October 1995
Impact of Einstein...John Northrip, SMS 4 sessions
Civil War in Missouri...William Piston 1
Mark Twain...Resa Willis, Drury 4

November
Does Punishment Deter Crime?... A. L. Marsteller, Drury 1
Issues in Colleges Today...John Moore, Drury

February 1996
History of Mexico: Pre-Columbian & Colonial...David Adams, SMS 4 sessions
Harry Truman...Jim Giglio, SMS 2

March
History of Missouri...Duane Meyer, SMS 3

April
Health Care Reform...Peter Browning, Drury 2
Opera Preview...Rosemary Jackson, Drury 1
Willa Cather...Tom Lawson, Drury 4

May
Politics 1996...Ruth Bamberger, Drury 2
Feminists Movement: Katy Stanton...Heartland 1
Nature Center excursion 1

June
Severe Weather in the Ozarks...Ted Keller 1
Architecture of Wright & Jones...Jay Garrott, Drury 2
Black Experience: DuBois...Chautauqua week 1
Stock Market Analysis...Curtis Strube et al 1

July
Organ Concert...Earline Moulder 1
History of Railroad in Springfield...Alan Schmidt 1

September
Plato’s “Republic”...Alan Eikner, Drury ret. 3
World Religions: Islam...Sam Smith, Drury ret
Computer Networks...Vagle 1
Genetics...Barbara Wing, Drury 1

October
Western Architecture...Thomas Russo, Drury 4
Chapel tour-Eureka Springs...Jay Garrott, Drury 1
Supply Side Economics...Curtis Strube, Drury 1
Creative Writing...Jo VanArkle, Drury 2

November
Musical Themes...James Crowley, Drury 1
Jane Austin’s “Persuasion”... Tom Lawson, Drury 2
History of Mexico: 1910 Revolution to Now...David Adams, SMS 4
John F. Kennedy...Jim Giglio, SMS 2

December
North American Indian Art...Thomas Parker, Drury 1