

# Open University

## Fall Session 2018 September 17 - November 8

The Lifelong Learning
Program of The
Shepherd's Center of
Richmond

## Mondays

St. Luke Lutheran Church

7757 Chippenham Parkway

#### Ooh-la-la! Intermediate French

9:45 - 10:45

The class will read *Suivez la Piste*, a detective thriller in 25 short episodes. (Order used book from Amazon.) Gentle grammar review. Newcomers who have had a little French are welcome.

Suzanne Wiltshire 9/17, 24; 10/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 11/5

## **Intermediate German Conversation**

9:45 - 10:45

Includes readings of class-tailored short stories by Andre Klein, with focus on high frequency word combinations (building blocks), current topics and grammar.

Sabine Horn

9/17, 24; 10/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 11/5

# **Genealogy for Beginners: Ancestry.com**

9:45 - 10:45

Research your family history through different sources including Ancestry.com.

Terry Redding

9/17, 24; 10/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 11/5

# **Travelogue and History:** A Special Topics Lecture Series 9:45 - 10:45

- Cuba Dulce Lawrence 9/17
- Overview of VMFA's World Class South Asian Art Collection Shan Talegaonkar 9/24

- On Footsteps of Buddha Shan Talegaonkar 10/1
- Ancient Mediterranean Art at VMFA: Egypt Peter Schertz 10/8
- Ancient Mediterranean Art at VMFA: Greece, Etruria and Rome Peter Shertz
  - Peter Shertz 10/15
- South Central Africa: On Safari in Zimbabwe and Zambia Barbara Goehle 10/22
- South Central Africa: On Safari in Botswana Barbara Goehle 10/29
- Iceland: A Short Visit Hal Costley 11/5

# **History, Politics and Current Events:** A Special Topics Lecture Series

9:45 - 10:45

- The Value of Open Access Community Colleges Aris Bearse 9/17
- Local Politics Matters Richard Meagher 9/24
- Atheism in American Politics Richard Meagher 10/1
- Developments in Relations between North Korea and the U.S.

Monti Datta

• Global Politics Update Stephen Long 10/15

- The Problem of Faction in Ancient Greek Cities Kevin Cherry 10/22
- Historical Interpretations of Mary Magdalene Hal Costley 10/29
- Religious Rights v. Gay Rights: Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission Ellis West 11/5

# Ancient Inscriptions and the Evolution of the Alphabet

11:00 - 12:00

Explore some of the most important inscriptions ever discovered in the Ancient Near East. Focuses on the invention of the alphabet and its impact on the development of the Hebrew Bible.

#### Jon Waybright

9/17, 24; 10/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 11/5

#### **Opera**

11:00 - 12:00

Watch DVD live productions of Puccini's *Madame Butterfly* and John Corigliano's *The Ghosts of Versailles*. Discussion follows. Synopsis and information provided.

**Bob Jones** 

9/17, 24; 10/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 11/5

#### Spanish 101

 $1\bar{1}:00 - 12:00$ 

A light-hearted introduction. Learn through speaking, writing, reading and listening. Previous exposure useful, but not required.

Nancy Newins

9/17, 24; 10/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 11/5

# **History, Current Events and Religion:** A Special Topics Lecture Series

11:00 - 12:00

- Palestine 2018 Elizabeth Yates 9/17
- Private Investigators: What they really do, how they do it, and why it's so important Meriah Crawford 9/24
- Scottish Nationalism: An Historical Overview John Gordon 10/1
- Scottish Nationalism: Contemporary John Gordon 10/8
- Buddhism: Siddhartha Gautama and his world Richard Mercer 10/15
- Buddhism: the Pali sutras: a sampler Richard Mercer 10/22
- Buddhism: the Mahayana sutras: a sampler Richard Mercer 10/29
- Guy Fawkes Day: The failed attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament and kill King James and the country's leaders

Tony Pelling 11/5



#### Lunch

Bring a sandwich. Coffee and dessert are available from 12:00 - 12:30.

Lunch Speakers follow from 12:30 - 1: 15 and are included with tuition or free with Shepherd's Center membership. General public admission by donation.

#### **Lunch Speakers**

#### Wave or Whimper: The 2018 Congressional Elections in Virginia and the Nation

Dan Palazzolo, professor of political science, University of Richmond 9/17

# What's Good About Aging in Virginia

Edward F. Ansello, director, Virginia Center on Aging; director, Geriatric Education Center, VCU 9/24

#### Paradise in Peril: Puerto Rico Before and After Hurricane Maria

Rex Springston, former reporter, Richmond Times-Dispatch; Kathy Springston, former reporter, Newport News Daily Press, Rosita Cruz, economist; former Spanish instructor, VCU 10/1

#### Richmond's Top Ten Best-inthe-Nation Art Things

John Bryan, former head of fundraising, VCU; former head, Culture Works 10/8

#### Smart and Safe Seniors: Avoiding Cons, Scams, and Identity Theft

Susan Campbell, outreach coordinator, Dignity Memorials 10/15

### **Longevity and Happiness**

Jane Berry, professor of psychology, University of Richmond 10/22

#### **Hallowed Haunts of Poe**

Alyson Taylor-White, former editor, Virginia Review; award-winning journalist; educator; historian 10/29

#### Reflecting the Burning Issues of Our Day: The Jewish Foundation for Social Justice

Rabbi Gary Creditor, retired rabbi, Temple Beth-El 11/5

## **Thursdays**

**First Presbyterian Church** 4602 Cary Street Road

#### Was ist los? Intermediate German

9:45 - 10:45

Free conversation über Gott und die Welt. Reading skill. Next collection of short stories by Andre Klein, *Digital in Dresden*. Some grammar. German Scrabble and/or a movie.

Sabine Horn 09/20, 27; 10/4, 11, 18, 25; 11/1, 8

#### World War I

9:45 - 10:45

Making sense of the causes, conduct and consequences of World War I. Covers the time span from 1914 to 1918.

Alan Briceland 09/20, 27; 10/4, 11, 18, 25; 11/1, 8

#### **Intermediate Spanish**

9:45 - 10:45

A continuing class for students who took the introductory course last year or have some knowledge of basic Spanish grammar and vocabulary.

Tim Martin 09/20, 27; 10/4, 11, 18, 25; 11/1, 8

#### **Introduction to Latin**

9:45 - 10:45

An introductory course for students who are either new to Latin or wish to refresh their skills with a reading approach. Materials provided.

Lee Perkins 09/20, 27; 10/4, 11, 18, 25; 11/1, 8

# **The U.S. Constitution, History and Politics:** A Special Topics Lecture Series 9:45 - 10:45

- Amending the U.S.
   Constitution: Past and Future
   Tom Morris
   9/20
- The President as Leader:
   Attributes and Skills of Great and Near-Great U.S. Presidents
   Tom Morris
   9/27

• U.S. Presidential Policy Making and its Pitfalls Phil True

10/4

10/25

- Can the Problem of Gerrymandering Be Solved? Ellis West 10/11
- Why Did Early Americans Change Their Opinion of Catholics from Negative to Positive? Ellis West 10/18
- Slavery and Virginia History Textbooks Once Used in Virginia Schools **Rex Springston**
- The Tory Island Story: A fabled island off the northwestern coast of Ireland with a fascinating history and equally fascinating people. John Countryman 11/1
- Ma Rainey, Mother of the Blues: A contemporary of Bessie Smith whose story offers a brief history of African-American drama and theater John Countryman 11/8

#### A Musical Potpourri

11:00 - 12:00

Popular composers and performers of the 20th century are featured and discussed.

Vaughan Gary 09/20, 27; 10/4, 11, 18, 25; 11/1, 8

### The Joys of Reading Latin

11:00 - 12:00

Note: Enrollment for this course is limited to students who completed units 1 and 2 of the first eleven stages of The Cambridge Latin Course and are ready to continue unit 3.

Lee Perkins 09/20, 27; 10/4, 11, 18, 25; 11/1, 8

#### **Great and Unusual Christian Churches**

11:00 - 12:00

Centered on videos of the world's greatest churches plus the cave churches of Cappadocia and four churches in the United States.

**Barry Westin** 09/20, 27; 10/4, 11, 18, 25; 11/1, 8 **Literature:** A Special Topics Lecture Series 11:00 - 12:00

- Sentimentality in Literature: The Way People Think and Feel About Themselves Lewis Lawson 9/20
- Letters of Great Victorian Writers: A retired bank clerk inherits a box of letters, including ones from Thackeray, Dickens, Hardy, Eliot, Butler, Trollope, Gaskell and Collins. Discussion of the authors' lives and their letters and the clerk's efforts to negotiate a "tidy sum" with Christie's of London. Barbara Felton

9/27

- · Change and Oblivion, Survival and Memories: A Fictional Account of a Walking Tour through England from the Incredible Writer, W. G. Sebald, The Ring of Saturn. Barbara Felton 10/4
- The Allure of Table Mountain and the Cape of Good Hope: 500 Years of Imagination and Fact at the Southern Tip of Africa

Reingard Nethersole 10/11

- The World in One Country: Peoples, Places, and Cultures That Contribute to the Riches of South Africa Reingard Nethersole 10/18
- South African Literary Greats: The Nobel Prize Winners Nadine Gordimer and J.M. Coetzee Reingard Nethersole 10/25
- 8 Steps to Writing Your Memoir by David Cariens. The author discusses his new book. **David Cariens** 11/1
- 20th Century Literary Voices from South Africa: Personalities, Themes, Concerns, Readership Reingard Nethersole 11/8

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#### **Lunch Speakers**

#### **Richmond's Legal Giants:** Oliver Hill, Spottswood Robinson, and the Assault on Jim Crow

Margaret Edds, author; former editorial writer and weekly columnist, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot 9/20

#### **Maymont: A Gilded Age Estate**

Kathy Alcaine, senior manager of programs and interpretation, Maymont 9/27

#### William Styron: His Works and Why They Elevate Him As One of the **Great 20th Century** Writers

Lewis Lawson, retired educator, Collegiate School 10/4

#### The Nature Conservancy: Land, Water, Life

Nikki Rovner, assoc. state director, The Nature Conservancy VA 10/11

#### In Search of America: From Hamilton to the **National Parks**

Patricia Herrera, assoc. professor of theatre and dance, University of Richmond 10/18

#### **Bats: Be Afraid**

(This is national bat week!) Bonnie Miles, certified VA master naturalist; bat rehabilitator 10/25

**Coptic Iconography** 

Vienna Cobb-Anderson, retired Episcopal priest; actress, artist, designer, creator; author; collector of Coptic icons and manuscripts 11/1

#### The Richmond Restaurant Scene: Where We Are Today, Where We Started, and Where We Go Next.

Karri Peifer, deputy editor, *Richmond Times-Dispatch* 11/8

#### Konnichiwa Low Intermediate Japanese 12:15 - 1:15

Speaking, reading and listening skills. Grammar, kana and kanji, and more fun with Pimsleur. Textbook *Japanese for Busy People I*, romanized version. New students should have completed basic introductory course.

Sabine Horn 09/20, 27; 10/4, 11, 18, 25; 11/1, 8

#### Kak dyela? Beginning Russian II

1:30 - 2:30

Working on mini dialogues for everyday situations and culture. Reading and writing Cyrillic. Audio drills for pronunciation. Systematic grammar. Fun with Pimsleur. Textbook: *Russian in 10 Minutes a Day*, new edition, by Kristine Kershul.

Sabine Horn 09/20, 27; 10/4, 11, 18, 25; 11/1, 8

#### **Feldenkrais**

1:30 - 2:30

The Feldenkrais method is designed to improve a person's movement repertoire, aiming to expand and refine the use of the body through awareness, in order to reduce pain or limitations in movement, and promote general well-being.

Nancy Dawe, Jane McAllister, Cas Overton, and Mary Frances Hobbs 09/20, 27; 10/4, 11, 18, 25; 11/1, 8



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### **Winter Session:**

January 14 - March 7



**Spring Session:** March 25 - May 23

## Lunch and Life

A lecture series presented in partnership with St. Mary Catholic Church. Free and open to the public.

9505 Gayton Rd.

#### Lunch

12:00 - 12:30
Bring a sandwich. The church provides beverages and desserts.

**Lecture** 12:30 - 1:15

#### Flights of Fancy: Stories, Conversations and Life Travels

Randy Fitzgerald, columnist, Boomer Magazine; former columnist, Richmond Times-Dispatch; former public relations director, University of Richmond; and Barbara Fitzgerald, editor, co-writer 9/19

# Values of Athletic Participation

Robert (Bobby) Ross, former coach, San Diego Chargers; Super Bowl XXIX; former coach, Georgia Tech; national championship game, 1990 9/26

#### The Lee Monument and Its Sculptor, Antonin Mercié

Joseph Knox, retired educator; art historian 10/3

#### The Extremes of Virginia: Two Commonwealths, Separated and Unequal

August Wallmeyer, former radio and TV news reporter; government speech writer; energy lobbyist 10/10

### **Instructors**

Listed below are the instructors for this session. All Open University instructors and lunch speakers are volunteers recruited from Richmond's university and professional communities. We thank them for their contributions of time and talents.

**Bearse, Aris:** Director of Institutional Research, Virginia Community College System

**Briceland, Alan:** Emeritus professor of history, VCU

Cariens, David: Retired CIA analyst, author, lecturer

Cherry, Kevin: Associate professor of political science, University of Richmond

Costley, Hal: Retired engineer; board president of TSCOR; longtime student of church history

**Countryman, John:** Professor emeritus, director of theatre, Berry College

**Crawford, Meriah:** Writer, editor, private investigator, and associate professor of research and writing at VCU

**Datta, Monti:** Associate professor of political science, University of Richmond

**Dawe, Nancy:** Guild certified trainer, Feldenkrais Method

**Felton, Barbara:** Professor emeritus of English literature, VCU

Gary, Vaughan: Retired RSVP director at United Way; H.S. drama, English and speech teacher

**Goehle, Barbara:** Retired H.S. science teacher, Chesterfield County

**Gordon, John:** Professor of history and international studies, emeritus, University of Richmond

Hobbs, Mary Frances: Guild certified trainer, Feldenkrais Method

**Horn, Sabine:** MA in Japanese and Russian, University of Marburg, Germany

Jones, Bob: BFA in Fine Arts, Theatre, Texas Christian University. Retired, 30 yrs. at The Community Idea Stations; avid opera lover with acting and directing experience.

Lawrence, Dulce: Emeritus professor of Latin American and Iberian studies, University of Richmond

**Lawson, Lewis:** Retired educator, Collegiate School.

**Long, Stephen:** Associate professor of political science and international studies, University of Richmond

Martin, Tim: BA in Spanish, teaching certification; MS in secondary school counseling

McAllister, Jane: Guild certified trainer, Feldenkrais Method

**Meagher, Richard:** Associate professor of political science, Randolph-Macon College

**Mercer, Richard:** Ph.D.; former professor of English and humanities at VCU and UR

**Morris, Tom:** Former University of Richmond political science professor; former E & H College president; former Virginia Secretary of Education

**Nethersole, Reingard:** Assistant professor of English, University of Richmond

Newins, Nancy: B.A. in Spanish, College of William and Mary; M.A. in Spanish, UNC-Chapel Hill; MSLS in Library Science, UNC-Chapel Hill

**Overton, Cas:** Guild certified trainer, Feldenkrais Method

**Pelling, Tony:** Retired undersecretary, UK Dept. of the Environment

**Perkins, Lee:** Teacher of classical languages at St. Catherine's School; Ph.D., Harvard University

**Redding, Terry:** Frequent lecturer for TSCOR on research techniques

**Schertz, Peter:** Curator of Ancient Art, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

**Springston, Rex:** Former writer, *Richmond Times-Dispatch* 

**Talegaonkar, Shantaram:** M.D., retired ophthalmologist, Virginia Eye Institute; Board of Visitors, VCU; ex-trustee, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

**True, Phil:** Retired CIA analyst and manager, lecturer, University of Richmond

Waybright, Jonathan: Internship coordinator, School of World Studies; instructor, Religious Studies Program, VCU

West, Ellis: Emeritus professor of political science, University of Richmond

Westin, Barry: Emeritus professor of history, University of Richmond

Wiltshire, Suzanne: Retired French teacher and administrator

Yates, Elizabeth: Union Theological Seminary, Richmond; M. Div. (1991); retired Lutheran pastor

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What is Open University?

Open University (OU) is the lifelong learning program of The Shepherd's Center of Richmond (TSCOR). All OU teachers, lecturers and lunch speakers are volunteers recruited from Richmond's university and professional communities.

What is The Shepherd's Center of Richmond? The Shepherd's Center of Richmond (TSCOR) is a non-profit, non-denominational, service and education organization for persons 50 and older. Its mission is to encourage members to remain active and independent through enrichment programs and volunteer service to their peers.

Where does OU meet? OU meets Mondays at St. Luke Lutheran Church on the South Side and Thursdays at First Presbyterian Church in the West End.

What does OU cost? There are three sessions in one academic year. The cost is \$45 per session (not per class) for TSCOR members and \$75 per session for non-members.

Do I have to become a TSCOR member to attend OU? No, you do not have to become a member.

#### What are the costs and benefits of annual membership with TSCOR?

Tax-deductible membership is \$25 and runs from July through the following June.

Membership benefits include:

- FREE Lunch Speakers
- Reduced OU tuition from \$75 to \$45 per session
- Reduced TSCOR group travel
- Support of TSCOR and its mission

Can I attend just one course? We do not charge per individual course, but for the entire 8-week session. You may attend just one class or as many classes as you like at either of our locations for the full tuition cost.

#### How do I register?

You may register one of 3 ways:

- 1) mail your check and registration
- 2) register on site at either location
- 3) pay on line at www.TSCOR.org. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover. Please consider making an additional donation to help cover administrative fees.

## In the event of cancellations, are there make-ups or refunds?

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer make-up classes or refunds.

#### What if I'm unsure I'll like OU?

Anyone may attend one day for free. If you decide you would like to return, you can register on site.

What is Lunch & Life? Lunch and Life is a lecture series offered in partnership with St. Mary Catholic Church. It is free and open to the public. See back of schedule for details.

Do you have questions, want more information or wish to volunteer? Call us at 355-7282, Monday through Friday, 8:30 - 4:30 p.m., or

visit us on the web at www.TSCOR.org.

#### **Tuition Deal**

- Become a TSCOR member
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