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The Shepherd's Center of Richmond

Winter Session
Jan 18 - Mar 11, 2021

COVID-19 UPDATE

Open University remains online-only via Zoom for the winter 2021 session. No in-person activities are scheduled. Offerings are on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

- **What is Zoom?** It's a cloud platform for video, voice, content sharing, and chat that works on mobile devices, desktops, and telephones.
- **How does Zoom work?** It's easy! Register for class and we'll email you the Zoom class link. Open the email, click on the Zoom class link and you're in the virtual classroom. Don't have an internet connection? No problem - you can listen to Zoom classes with your phone (see page 3).
- **Free Zoom tutorials** are held the week before the session begins. See page 7 for info.
- **See complete registration information on page 7.**

We express our sincerest gratitude to the volunteer teachers and speakers assisting us in transitioning Open University to an online program during this unprecedented and challenging time.

Mondays

Nazi War Economy

A four-part discussion of the German strategic aspirations, organizations, fiscal manipulation, personalities, and failures involved in planning for aggressive war. A four-week class. *Teacher: Fred Beck, former Department of Defense historian; chief editor, U.S. Air Force History Program*

M • Jan 18, 25; Feb 1, 8

9:30 - 10:30

England's Great Houses and Their Families

An historical and visual examination of four of England's Great Houses and the families who built and have owned them: Burghley House, Blenheim Palace, Houghton Hall, and Bowood House. A four-week class. *Teacher: John Gordon, professor emeritus, history and international studies, UR*

M • Feb 15, 22; Mar 1, 8

9:30 - 10:30

Great American Short Stories

Read and discuss short stories by famous American writers of the 19th and 20th centuries. Stories provided online prior to class. *Teacher: Ray Hilliard, professor emeritus, English, UR*

M • Jan 18 - Mar 8

9:30 - 10:30

Mondays, continued

Winter Grab Bag: A Lecture Series

M • Jan 18 - Mar 8

11:00 - 12:00

- **Peter the Great and Saint Petersburg**
Joe Troncale, professor emeritus, Russian studies, UR
M • Jan 18
- **Catherine the Great and Saint Petersburg**
Joe Troncale, professor emeritus, Russian studies, UR
M • Jan 25
- **Shining Light: Rembrandt and Dutch Baroque**
Betsy Solomon, MA; executive director, The Shepherd's Center of St. Louis, MO
M • Feb 1
- **Defining Impressionism: Claude Monet**
Betsy Solomon, MA; executive director, The Shepherd's Center of St. Louis, MO
M • Feb 8
- **Etymology and Mnemonic Devices**
Lewis Lawson, MA, Humanities, UR; retired English teacher
M • Feb 15, 22
- **A Founding Documents Primer**
Karen Chase, independent author
M • Mar 1, 8

Monday Lunch Speakers

The "Peculiar" Status of Indigenous Peoples in the US

David Wilkins, E. Claiborne Robins Distinguished Professor in Leadership Studies, UR

M • Jan 18

12:30 - 1:30

Virginia and Presidential Politics

William Rasmussen, senior museum collections curator, Virginia Museum of History & Culture

M • Jan 25

12:30 - 1:30

Finding Light in the Darkness: The Role of Humor

Edward F. Ansello, director, VA Center on Aging

M • Feb 1

12:30 - 1:30

Riding the Rails to War

Jack Mountcastle, brigadier general, US Army (ret.); lecturer; historical tour guide

M • Feb 8

12:30 - 1:30

Your Music, Your Life

Michael "Big Mike" Mazursky, station owner, on-air host, WBTL radio

M • Feb 15

12:30 - 1:30

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Monday Lunch Speakers

Finding Credible Resources on the Internet

Lucretia McCulley, head, scholarly communications (ret.), UR

M • Feb 22

12:30 - 1:30

What's the Difference Between Liberalism, Conservatism, and Socialism?

Ellis West, professor emeritus, political science, UR

M • Mar 1

12:30 - 1:30

Wilton Uncovered: Archaeology Illuminates an Enslaved Community

Katie Watkins, director of education, Wilton House Museum

M • Mar 8

12:30 - 1:30



Tuesdays

Intermediate German

Free conversation *über Gott und die Welt*. Reading skill with Andre Klein's *Baumgartner & Momsen* crime and mystery series. Some grammar. *Teacher: Sabine Horn, German native; MA, Japanese and Russian, University of Marburg, Germany*

T • Jan 19 - Mar 9

10:00 - 11:00

Low Intermediate Japanese

Free conversation; review of *Pimsleur* chapters 1 - 8; some grammar, kana and kanji; work and text sheets available per email. *Teacher: Sabine Horn, German native; MA, Japanese and Russian, University of Marburg, Germany*

T • Jan 19 - Mar 9

12:00 - 1:00

Intermediate Latin

An intermediate course for students who have knowledge of basic Latin grammar and vocabulary. *Teacher: Lee Perkins, PhD, Harvard University; classical languages teacher*

T • Jan 19 - Mar 9

2:00 - 3:00

The Joy of Reading Latin

Note: Enrollment for this course is limited to students who have completed units 1, 2, and 3 of the first eleven stages of *The Cambridge Latin Course* and are ready to continue with unit 4. *Teacher: Lee Perkins, PhD, Harvard University; classical languages teacher*

T • Jan 19 - Mar 9

3:30 - 4:30

Wednesdays

Lunch & Life

This lecture series - always free, open to the public and normally presented in partnership with St. Mary Catholic Church - is now online. And it's still free! Registration is required to receive the Zoom links. (TSCOR members and registered OU students do not need to register separately for Lunch & Life - these Zoom links are sent to you automatically.)

Recognizing Healthcare Fraud and How to Avoid Being a Victim

Shawn Smith, state director, Virginia Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program, Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging

W • Jan 27

12:30 - 1:30

The Art and Architecture of the Virginia State Capitol

Craig Reynolds, curator, Capitol Square Preservation Council, Virginia State Capitol

W • Feb 3

12:30 - 1:30

S.A.F.E.: Scam and Fraud Education

Rachel Foutz, manager of education and events, Better Business Bureau of Central Virginia

W • Feb 10

12:30 - 1:30

Exploring 300 Years of Burial Grounds in Richmond

Ryan Smith, professor of history, VCU

W • Feb 17

12:30 - 1:30

Thursdays

Final Farewells for Some Obscure Presidents

The series focuses on deaths and funerals of some 19th century Presidents who are not so well-known, with specific attention to John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Martin Van Buren, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, and Andrew Johnson. *Teacher: Bernie Henderson, president emeritus of Woody and Nelsen Funeral Homes; board president, The Shepherd's Center of Richmond*

Th • Jan 21 - Mar 11

9:30 - 10:30

The US Supreme Court: Reflection on the Past Half-Century

This course will review some significant Supreme Court decisions from 1970 to the present, focusing on the role the Court has played in "culture war" and economic issues, and in cases involving elections and voting rights. A three-week course. *Teacher: Thomas Cox, professor emeritus, Emory University Law School*

Th • Jan 21, 28; Feb 4

9:30 - 10:30

The History of Watercolor

Though creating art using a mixture of water and pigment can be traced to antiquity, between the years of 1750 and 1900 watercolor transcended from being considered an amateur's pastime to high art form. The course will chronicle the transformation of this medium's fortunes between these years. A five-week course. *Teacher: Colleen Yarger, assistant curator, European Art and the Mellon Collection, VMFA*

Th • Feb 11, 18, 25; Mar 4, 11

9:30 - 10:30

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Thursdays, continued

Investigation of Ford Motor's Use of Slave Labor During WWII

The course will examine how this investigation happened, the goals of the investigation, the difficulties in pursuing the information and maintaining a permanent record, and last but not least all the unusual findings. This course will also show that historians are not just history professors. A four-week course. *Teacher: Cary Blankenship, professor of history (ret.), University of Kentucky and Centre College*

Th • Jan 21, 28; Feb 4, 11

11:00 - 12:00

Modern American Diplomacy After Trump

This course will examine the opportunities and obstacles facing the United States after the Trump Administration. It will look at each geographic area of the world and consider the economic, political and humanitarian considerations that need to be addressed after a norm shattering administration. A four-week course. *Teacher: Cary Blankenship, professor of history (ret.), University of Kentucky and Centre College*

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11:00 - 12:00

The Lives of Libraries: Power, Places and People

An illustrated series of four fun stories past and present about the power of books and the places and people that make libraries wonderful: Great libraries of the ancient world; Fulcrum of knowledge; Representations of power; Digital take-over. A four-week course. *Teacher: Reingard Nethersole, professor of comparative literature (ret.), University of Witwatersrand, South Africa*

Th • Jan 21, 28; Feb 4, 11

11:00 - 12:00

Music and Culture of the 1950's

In this audiovisual class, participants will enjoy and discuss the cultural trends of the 1950's and observe how they were reflected in the various styles of music that younger people (maybe us) and their parents listened to way back then. A four-week course. *Teacher: Murray Ellison, Osher lecturer, professor of English*

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11:00 - 12:00

Feldenkrais

The Feldenkrais Method can improve a person's movement repertoire by expanding and refining body awareness to reduce pain or limitations in movement and promote general well-being. *Teachers: Marianne Kaufman, Mary Frances Hobbs, Jane McAllister and Vicki White, guild certified Feldenkrais practitioners*

Th • Jan 21 - Mar 11

1:45 - 2:45



Don't have easy access to the internet or a computer? You can listen to all of the classes and lunch speakers on your phone!

All you need is the Zoom phone number, meeting ID and password.

Call Julie Adams-Buchanan, interim coordinator, for details on how to connect.
804-405-3997

Thursday Lunch Speakers

Where the Economy Has Been and Where It May Be Going

Tom Arnold, Joseph Jennings Chair in Business, UR

Th • Jan 21

12:30 - 1:30

COVID-19: A Point of Awakening For Humanity

Joanne Kong, PhD, director of accompaniment, dept. of Music, UR

Th • Jan 28

12:30 - 1:30

Faith Goes to College in 2020

Craig Kocher, university chaplain, Jessie Ball duPont chair of the chaplaincy, UR

Th • Feb 4

12:30 - 1:30

All Things COVID

Danny Avula, MD, director of the Richmond City and Henrico County Health Departments

Th • Feb 11

12:30 - 1:30

1918 Flu and Maggie Walker

Ben Anderson, park guide, Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site

Th • Feb 18

12:30 - 1:30

Are Medical Students Sensitive to Aging Issues?

Bert Waters, PhD, associate director, Virginia Center on Aging and the Virginia Geriatric Education Center's Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP)

Th • Feb 25

12:30 - 1:30

Roots of a Nation

Donald Moore, professional genealogist

Th • Mar 4

12:30 - 1:30

My Brain...My Aging, Yet Magnificent Motherboard

Anne McDonnell, executive director, Brain Injury Association of Virginia

Th • Mar 11

12:30 - 1:30



Can't take courses this time?

Remember that lunch speakers are free to all members of TSCOR.

A link will be sent to members for the 20 lunch speakers, even if you do not pay winter tuition. Don't miss out on some intriguing topics. Take advantage of this membership benefit!

Open University Registration Winter 2021

☐ Dr. ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. _____
first name middle initial last name

street address: _____

city, state, zip: _____

home phone: _____ cell phone: _____

Email (required): _____

☐ \$45 member tuition ☐ Optional donation to TSCOR* \$ _____

☐ \$75 non-member tuition

☐ \$25 membership (7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021)* **TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$** _____

☐ Lunch & Life (FREE - registration required) * tax-deductible

make check payable to: ***The Shepherd's Center***
mail to: 3111 Northside Ave., #400, Richmond, VA 23228

Register

2 WAYS TO REGISTER

- 1 ONLINE:** TSCOR.org
- 2 MAIL:** Complete the registration slip, Make check payable to *The Shepherd's Center* and Mail to: 3111 Northside Ave., #400, Richmond, VA 23228

Get the Zoom Links

- Payment needs to be received by Wednesday the week before classes and speakers are scheduled.
- Emails are sent every Sunday evening with Zoom links for classes and speakers scheduled in the coming week.
- **Register early** so you'll be sure to get the links on time!

Need to Learn Zoom?

Want to take an online class, but never used Zoom before? Don't let that stop you. **Take a free Zoom tutorial.**

Learn everything you need to know about Zoom to enjoy OU online this fall.

To register for a tutorial:
email Erin Reibel at ereibel@tscor.org

Choose from one of two sessions:

Monday, Jan 11
10:00 - 10:30 am

Thursday, Jan 14
10:00 - 10:30 am

Questions During the Session?

Contact:
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Interim Coordinator
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ONLINE COURSES

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Thursdays. Details inside.

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service and education organization.
Its mission is to encourage older
adults to remain active and
independent through enrichment
programs and volunteer service
to their peers.



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THE DOOR TO LEARNING IS ALWAYS OPEN.
EVEN WHEN THE BUILDING IS CLOSED.