The Association of Main-Campus Retired Faculty of Georgetown University

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Georgetown Learning Community

For Colleagues and Neighbors over 55

An invitation to share in the extraordinary experience and knowledge of the Georgetown community.

“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.”

HENRY FORD
American industrialist, pioneer automobile manufacturer.
1863-1947

One of Georgetown University’s legendary teacher-scholars, Joseph Durkin, S.J. reflected at the end of a tutorial session with a young undergraduate, “It was an intellectual feast.” He was only in his mid-80's! Always when he taught, Father Durkin knew he would also learn – in exchanging ideas and insights with his students – no matter what their age differences.

In the spirit of this learning and teaching, Georgetown offers again the Georgetown Learning Community for colleagues and neighbors over 55 (according to one retired history professor, “55 and better”). The Main Campus Retired Faculty, the Lauinger Library Associates, Georgetown alumni/ae in the metropolitan area, and our community neighbors are invited to be teachers-learners – as we seek to create an ongoing “intellectual feast.” This is an invitation to share in the extraordinary experience and knowledge of these Georgetown communities.

The Georgetown Learning Community is sponsored by:

- The Association of Main-Campus Retired Faculty,
- The Georgetown University Main Campus Libraries and the Library Associates
- The School of Continuing Studies
Some Courses Planned for Spring, 2007 . . . More Are Coming

.NATO in the Post Cold War Era – Karl H. Cerny, Professor of Government, Emeritus
.Other Evolutionary Transitions – and More Poems –Joseph E. Earley, Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus
.Is Early Retirement Ending? –Murray Gendell, Research Professor of Sociology and Anthropology
.Legal and Constitutional Aspects of U.S. Foreign Policy – Stephen P. Gibert, Prof. of Government Emeritus
.Comfort Women – Bonnie B. C. Oh, Professor of Korean Studies, Emerita
.From the Wright Brothers to the Moon and Beyond – John Sheehan

Courses Offered for Fall 2006

BACK TO THE FIFTIES
Fridays, October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3
10:00 am-noon
Steven Spielberg’s Back to the Future, returned his time-travelers to an American town square in the 1950s. The “fabulous fifties” still evoke some of the nostalgia that gripped America in the 1970s with Happy Days and Laverne and Shirley. Yet anthropologist Margaret Mead asserted: “The gulf separating 1965 from 1943 is as deep as the gulf that separated the men who became builders of cities from Stone Age men.” Amidst the prosperity, there was obviously also change and challenge and renewed questioning of values that would erupt in the 1960s and beyond. These will be the focus our historical journey and analysis of this “crucial decade and after.”
Dorothy M. Brown is Professor History Emerita and former Provost of Georgetown University.

BOOK LOVERS AND BOOK COLLECTORS
Fridays, October 6, 13 and 20
1:30-3:30pm
How does a book lover become a book collector? This three-session course will explore the basics of book collecting: setting parameters for collecting, sources of acquisitions, vocabulary of the book trade, bibliographic tools for buyers and sellers, how to use the Internet, understanding first editions, price guides, determining the value of rare books, disposing of book collections. Hands-on examination of rare books. Participants may bring in personal books for the discussion of rarity and value.

THE NEUTRINO – THE PARTICLE THAT MAKES AND BREAKS THEORIES
Saturdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28
1:00-3:00pm
This course will develop the story of probably the most elusive and important particles in the history of physics. It is also the strangest. All nuclear particles are characterized by charge and mass – but the neutrino has neither. This particle has saved and destroyed two of the most important theories in physics. The neutrino was predicted in 1930 but it was not experimentally detected until 16 years later, in 1956. In the
mean time, two Nobel Prizes were given, one for the proposal of the particle and one for theoretical work on it. A third Nobel Prize was given in 1995 for its detection. The course will examine the amazing story of this extraordinary particle.

James M. Lambert, Professor of Physics, Emeritus

GERMAN MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE AGES
Fridays, November 3, 10, 17 and December 1
10:00am–noon
An overview of German music, from Hildegard von Bingen all the way to Richard Strauss. We will look at a variety of genres: Lied, symphony, opera and others. I will introduce the composers and then we will hear some of their perhaps less well known works. There will be opportunity to discuss your experience.

Barbara E. Harding, Assistant Professor of German, Emeritus

GERMAN IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA
Fridays, November 3, 10, 17 and December 1
1:00-3:00pm
This course intends to given an overview of immigration from German-speaking countries to America through the centuries. We will talk about some of the problems these people faced and their contributions to the shaping of the United States.

Alfred Obernberger, Associate Professor of German, Emeritus

THE EVOLUTION OF MATTER IN NATURE: THE CELLULAR APPROACH
Fridays, November 3 and 10
2:00-4:00pm
This is the only systematic approach to the Evolution of Matter that is consistent with all the constraints that have governed the articulation of science since antiquity, and that includes all forms of matter, from its first appearance in Nature, to its living forms, including human (intelligent) matter, social matter and their consequences. This is a non-mathematical i.e. metaphorical presentation of the dynamics of Nature, in the English of ordinary life.

George L. Farre, Professor of Philosophy, Emeritus

THE FUTURE OF CAPITALISM
Fridays, December 1, 8, and 15
2:30-4:00pm
A comparison of Marx and the analysis of Joseph Schumpeter, a less well-known Austrian economist. Both forecast an end to the free market economy – who will be right in the 21st Century? A brief comparison of U.S., European and Asian models will be presented.

George J. Viksnins, Professor of Economics, Emeritus
Registration Form
Georgetown Learning Community, Fall, 2006

Name: _____________________________________ SS#: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________
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Phone: __________________________________ Date of Birth: ________________________
E-Mail: ___________________________ Retired Faculty: _____ Alum: ______ Library Associate: _____ Community: _____

Please check the course[s] you wish to register for:
____ Back to the Fifties – XGLC-14-01
[October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3]
____ Book Lovers and Book Collectors – XGLC-003-01
[October 6, 13, 20]
____ The Neutrino – The Particle that Makes and Breaks Theories – XGLC-016-01
[October 7, 14, 21, 28]
____ German Music Throughout the Ages – XGLC-017-01
[November 3, 10, 17, December 1]
____ German Immigration to America – XGLC-018-01
[November 3, 10, 17, December 1]
[November 3 and 10]
____ The Future of Capitalism – XGLC-015-01
[December 1, 8, 15]

The cost for Fall, 2006 and Spring, 2007 for retired Georgetown University faculty members is $100. There is no charge for spouses of retired faculty members. Participants will be billed by Student Accounts after registering. The deadline to register for the first course is one week prior to the start date of that course.

Send registration form only to:
The School of Continuing Studies/Special Programs
Georgetown University
Washington, DC 20057-1010

[Registrations can also be sent by fax – 202-687-8954 or by e-mail ssespecialprograms@georgetown.edu.]

A billing statement will be mailed to you after receipt of your registration. Payment can be made by check [made payable to Georgetown University] or credit card [VISA, MasterCard, American Express].

Payment is mailed to: Student Accounts
Georgetown University
37th & O Streets, NW
Washington, DC 20057

If you have questions or concerns please contact us: telephone: 202-687-5719 or by e-mail: harringe@georgetown.edu.

Information about course locations and transportation options will be mailed prior to the start of the program.