Next week marks the beginning of the Fall 2007 Georgetown University Learning Community series. We are happy to announce that GULC courses are now being offered at no cost. Following below, please find a roster detailing the fall course line-up.

To register for any of these courses, simply email to sandersa@georgetown.edu with your name, phone number and a list of courses you plan to attend, or call me at 202-687-8128. Please feel free to forward this invitation to your colleagues and friends in the 55+ community. We look forward to seeing you back on the hilltop this fall!

Life of the World to Come
Our exploration aims at developing a moral philosophy through fiction as Dante did in The Divine Comedy. The course's approach is neither philosophical nor theological. In the genre of philosophy fiction or Phi-Fi, students will examine in an exploratory manner the "life of the world to come" in terms of the same metaphysics that describe life on earth. The assumption is that the basic principles that govern the reality in which we now exist, although very incomplete, will still apply when we begin a new life.

September 17-October 8, 2007
Mondays: 10:15-11:45 a.m.
Faculty: Rocco Porreco, Associate Professor Emeritus, Philosophy Department
Location: The Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies, 3307 M Street, NW, Washington, DC  20057, Room 202 B

Goethe's Faust
"Goethe is generally recognized as the Greatest German of all times, and Faust as his most important single work." Thus begins the superb English translation by Walter Kaufmann. Students will read most of Part One of this play aloud in class and discuss.

September 18-October 9, 2007
Tuesdays: 10:45-12:15 p.m.
Faculty: Barbara Harding, Assistant Professor, School of Foreign Service
Location: The Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies, Clarendon Campus, 3101 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA  22201, Room 212

Democratic Consolidation and Growth with Equity in Latin America
This course will review the major socio-economic issues and events in the Latin America region (including the Caribbean countries) since the 1960s related to democratic consolidation, growth, and equity. The review will be based in part on contemporary and updated sources and also in part on personal experience in working for Latin America’s
development with the Interamerican Development Bank between 1971-2002. Discussion will mostly revolve around these crucial issues:

1. does Equity matter for Growth; 
2. does Growth with Equity matter for the quality of Democracy in Latin America; and 
3. what is happening in the Region in terms of Democratization and Growth with Equity?

September 19-October 10, 2007
Wednesdays: 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Faculty: Gloria Ospina, Georgetown Alumna, 1973 and 1981
Location: The Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies, Clarendon Campus, 3101 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201, Room 212

**Ghostwriting: Behind the Curtain with Politicians and Corporate Chief Executives**
Who are the speechwriters? Where do they come from? What do they do? Do they tell speakers what they should say and what they should think? Or is it the other way around? What is it like to work on a speech with a politician or chief executive? Using many examples from politics and business, the course will discuss how speakers find something to say and how to say it, how good speeches keep your interest and attention, and how you can write and deliver a speech using just a few time-tested principles.

September 21-October 5
Fridays: 10:15-11:45 a.m.
Faculty: Tim Lanigan, C'64
Location: The Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies, 3307 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20057, Room 202 B

**America's Rise as a World Power**
This course will cover historical, diplomatic, and intellectual developments in the 19th and 20th centuries that contributed to the defining of America's role in the world. We will also discuss other world developments during that period and relate them to the formation of U.S. foreign policy.

October 2-23, 2007
Tuesdays: 10:15-11:45
Faculty: Clare Carey, Former Associate Dean, College of Arts and Science
Location: Georgetown University, White-Gravenor Building, Room G-01 (Registrar's Conference Room)
Important Issues for All Americans--A Facilitated Dialogue
Freedom of Speech...is it too costly? Capital Punishment...right or wrong? This course will explore these issues with an experienced facilitator/moderator. Participants will learn from student's diverse perspectives in a non-threatening, yet dynamic environment.

October 11-November 1, 2007
Wednesdays: 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Faculty: Cynthia Walsh, Instructor Emerita, English as a Foreign Language Program and School of Continuing Studies
Location: The Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies, 3307 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20057, Room 202 B

The War at Home: American Society and Values During World War II
"The war years provided the last great collective social experience in the country's history, and when at the end of the war the United States bestrode the entire world like a colossus, it had proved itself to its own people...The war...legitimized modern American values and institutions."
-Geoffrey Perret, Days of Sadness, Years of Triumph (1985)

This course will discuss the mobilization of the American people in the military and civil defense and production, the societal pressures and change, and the government and media representations and coverage that led to the values shared by the "greatest generation" at V-J Day that would be tested by the atomic age, the Cold War, and beyond.

October 12-November 2, 2007
Fridays: 10:15-11:45
Faculty: Dorothy Brown, Professor Emeritus, Georgetown University
Location: The Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies, 3307 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20057, Room 202 A

Global Warming: An Unpopular Solution
An unpopular solution to the problem of global warming is proposed. Its unpopularity is reviewed with a view toward determining how it might be implemented.

November 6-20, 2007
Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Faculty: Herb Maisel, Professor Emeritus, Computer Science Department
Location: The Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies, 3307 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20057, Room 202 B