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The Georgetown University Learning Community Spring, 2010

Short courses on the Georgetown University campus for persons "55 or better." Canal Rd. Garage Parking, $3/hr.

1. Health Insurance for Everybody: The Case of Austria
   Alfred Obemmerger, Associate Professor of German, Emeritus
   Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 10:30 - 11:45 a.m., The Philodemic Room, Second Floor, Healy Hall.
   This course will describe various services available to the general public in Austria --- including health insurance, child care, pensions, and welfare --- and also examine how these services are financed. We will then consider the advantages and disadvantages of the Austrian system.

2. Is the American Economic System Headed for Bankruptcy?
   Gerald Sullivan, Former Dean of the Georgetown University Summer School
   Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 12:30-1:45 p.m., The Murray Room, Fifth Floor, Lauinger Library
   How likely is it that the recent financial meltdown and the Government's response to it will lead to the bankruptcy of the American economic system? Can the Government promote “rational behavior” by codified regulation without involving Adam Smith’s “invisible hand”?

3. The Dumbarton Oaks Museum and Gardens
   Christine Blazina and docents of Dumbarton Oaks Museum and Gardens
   Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon., 1703 32nd Street, NW (between S and R Streets), Washington, DC.
   Three guided tours of The Dumbarton Oaks Museum and Gardens. (See http://www.doaks.org/) One tour will provide an introduction to Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and its Gardens; one tour will emphasize the Dumbarton Oaks Museum’s Byzantine Collection; and another tour will concentrate on the Museum’s Pre-Columbian Collection.

4. From the Wright Brothers to the Moon and Beyond
   John P. Sheahan, Former NASA Official
   Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, 10:15-11:45 a.m., The Dubin Room, First Floor (Room 156), Lauinger Library.
   This course will focus on the momentous changes that have taken place in the aerospace sector in just over one hundred years, their impact on society, the stories behind early aviation milestones and the “Space Race”, as well as the challenges and rewards of exploring space in the future.

5. The Contemporary American Short Story
   Paul R. Lilly, Professor of English, Emeritus (SUNY College at Oneonta)
   Tuesdays, March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 10:15-11:45 a.m., The Philodemic Room, Second Floor, Healy Hall.
   The art of the short story as revealed by selected writers in the required text The Vintage Book of Contemporary Short Stories, edited by Tobias Wolff (cost: <$15.) We will examine three or four stories for each class. First class assignment: Carver's "Cathedral" and Oates's "Where Are You Going ...?" Participants need to buy the required text in advance and bring the book to the first class.

6. Climate Change: Global Crisis or a Lot of Hot Air?
   Edward Finn, Professor of Physics, Emeritus
   Tuesdays, 1:15 to 2:30 pm: March 23 ICC 462, March 30, April 6 & 13: Center for Arabic Studies Conference Room, 241 ICC.
   A study of statements made by proponents for drastic measures to reverse an impending anthropogenic [human-caused] disaster as well as arguments presented by scientists who are concerned that politics ignores well-researched information.

7. Georgetown as Image and Community
   Ronald Johnson, Professor of History, Emeritus & LuLen Walker, Special Collections, Lauinger Library
   Thursdays, March 25, April 8, April 15, 10:15-11:45 a.m., Murray Room, 5th Floor, and Special Collections, Lauinger Library.
   The history of the first decades of the town of Georgetown and more-recent developments of the Georgetown community and of the University: the April 8th session will feature a curator-led gallery tour through the exhibition "Images of Georgetown" including original works from the University Art Collection on view in the Library's fifth-floor Fairchild Gallery.

8. American Foreign Policy: An Agonizing Re-appraisal
   Claire Carey, Retired Associate Dean of Georgetown College
   Thursdays, March 25, April 8, April 15, 1:15–2:30 p.m., White-Gravenor, G-01 (use lower west entrance, off Red Square).
   An analytical discussion of America's foreign policy and its role in the world today: What are the effects of America's global responsibilities on its domestic challenges and needs? Is being a superpower a curse or a blessing?

Fees: $30 for one course, $50 for two or more courses. (Library Associates, DC Alumni Club, AMCRF, Learning Comm. Faculty exempt.)

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