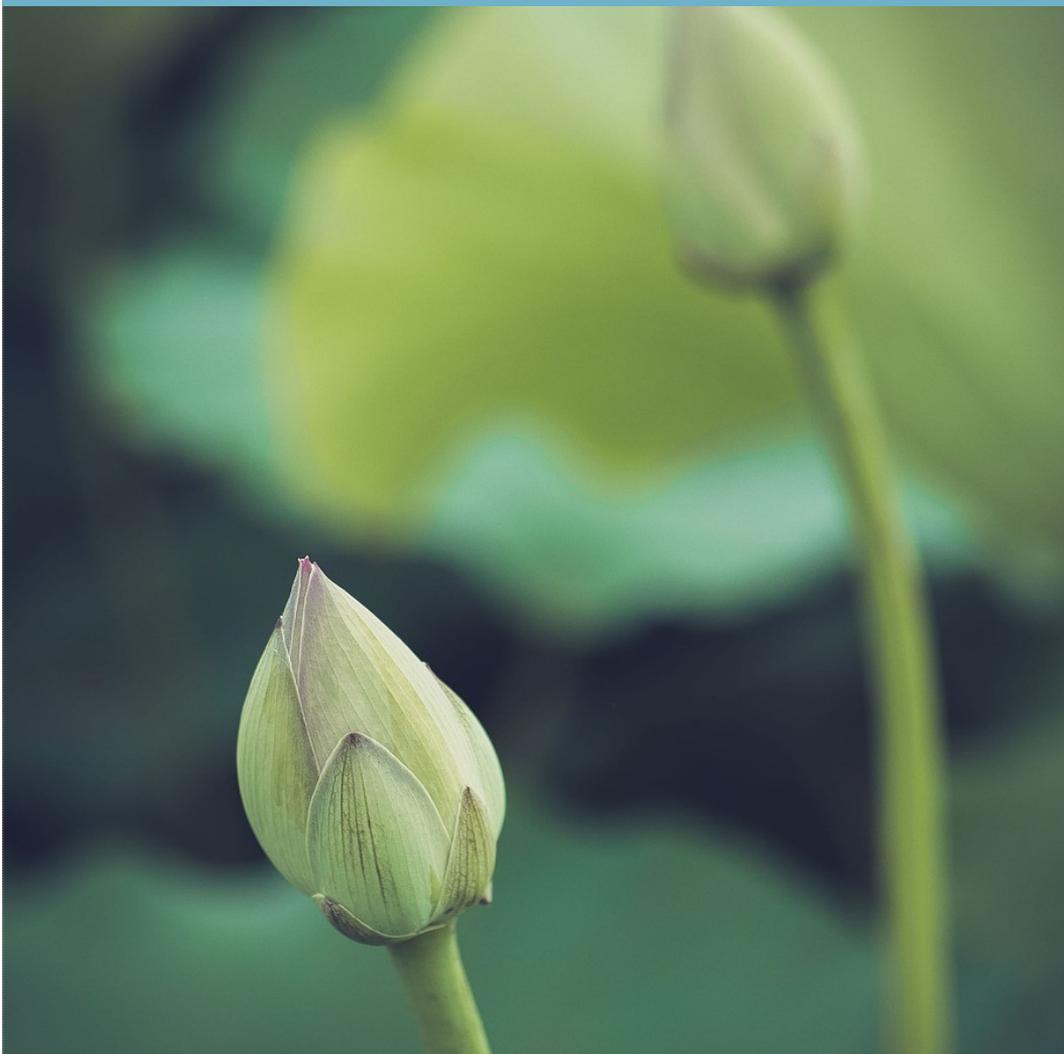




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Curriculum Guide May Term 2024





CALL CLASS SCHEDULE - MAY 2024

#	DAY	COURSES	ROOM	CLASS TYPE	TIME	APR/MAY DATES				COST
1	TU	Dutch Immigration	SemAud*	In-person or online	10:30-12:00 PM	30				\$10
2	TU	Pundits, Polls, & Politics	Zoom	Online Only	10:30-12:00 PM		7			\$10
3	TU	Brookby and the Blodgett	SemAud*	In-person or online	10:30-11:45 AM			14		\$10
4	TU	Religion in America	SemAud*	In-person or online	12:30-1:45 PM	30	7	14	21	\$40
5	TU	A Tour of Mathematics	Sem241	In-person	2:15-3:30 PM	30	7	14	21	\$40
6	TU	Rosie the Riveter	SemAud*	In-person or online	2:15-3:30 PM		7			\$10

7	W	An Axe for the Frozen Sea Inside Us	Sem142	In-Person	10:30-11:45 AM	1	8	15	22	\$40
8	W	Christian Nationalism	BU103*	In-person or online	10:30-11:45 AM				22	\$10
9	W	The Roberts' Court and the Question of Judicial	SemAud*	In-person or online	12:30-1:45 PM	1	8			\$20
10	W	A New Israel in a New Middle East	BU103*	In-person or online	12:30-1:45 PM	1	8	15	22	\$40
11	W	The Doomed Days of Hitler's Third Reich	SemAud*	In-person or online	2:15-3:30 PM	1	8	15	22	\$40

12	TH	Bee Amazed: The Life of the Honey Bee	DC160	In-Person	10:30-11:45 AM	2	9			\$20
13	TH	Cleared for Takeoff: History of the Gerald R Ford Airport	SemAud*	In-person or online	10:30-11:45 AM	2	9			\$20
14	TH	A.C. Van Raalte	SemChp*	In-person or online	10:30-11:45 AM			16	23	\$20
15	TH	Terrarium Workshop	Bunker	In-Person	12:30-1:45 PM	2				\$15
16	TH	How to Hear What is Not Being Said	DC150	In-Person	12:30-1:45 PM		9	16	23	\$30
17	TH	Hidden Gems of Calvin University	Various	In-Person	2:15-3:30 PM	2	9	16		\$30

	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	MEAL	COST
23-Apr	TU	Annual Meeting & Mingle	Prince Conf Center Lunch	Regular or plant-based	\$15
19-Jun	W	Civil War and Valley City	Grand Rapids Walking Tour	N/A	\$15
17-Jul	W	Steeple Chase East Side	Grand Rapids Walking Tour	N/A	\$15
21-Aug	W	Young President Ford	Grand Rapids Walking Tour	N/A	\$15
11-Jul	TH	Explore Muskegon	Bus Trip Muskegon	Regular or plant-based	\$106
16-Sep	M	Indigenous People of Michigan	Bus Trip Mt Pleasant	Regular or plant-based	\$106

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

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If including a second person, list his/her name and course #

CLASSES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | TU | Dutch Immigration | <input type="checkbox"/> In person | <input type="checkbox"/> On-line | \$10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | TU | Pundits, Polls, and Politics | | | \$10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 | TU | Brookby and the Blodgetts | <input type="checkbox"/> In person | <input type="checkbox"/> On-line | \$10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | TU | Religion in America, Part II | <input type="checkbox"/> In person | <input type="checkbox"/> On-line | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 | TU | A Tour of Mathematics | | | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 | TU | Rosie the Riveter | <input type="checkbox"/> In person | <input type="checkbox"/> On-line | \$10 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 | W | The Roberts' Court | <input type="checkbox"/> In person | <input type="checkbox"/> On-line | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 | W | New Israel-New Middle East | <input type="checkbox"/> In person | <input type="checkbox"/> On-line | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 | W | Doomed Days-The Third Reich | <input type="checkbox"/> In person | <input type="checkbox"/> On-line | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 | TH | Bee Amazed: The Life of the Honey Bee | | | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 13 | TH | Cleared for Takeoff | <input type="checkbox"/> In person | <input type="checkbox"/> On-line | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 14 | TH | A.C. Van Raalte | <input type="checkbox"/> In person | <input type="checkbox"/> On-line | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 15 | TH | Terrarium Workshop | | | \$10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 16 | TH | How to Hear What is Not Being Said | | | \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 17 | TH | Hidden Gems of Calvin University | | | \$30 |

EVENTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4/23 | Annual Meeting & Mingle | Meal: <input type="checkbox"/> regular <input type="checkbox"/> plant based | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6/19 | Civil War and Valley City | | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 7/17 | Steeple Chase East Side | | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 8/21 | Young President Ford | | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 7/11 | Explore Muskegon | Meal: <input type="checkbox"/> regular <input type="checkbox"/> plant based | \$106 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9/16 | Indigenous People of MI | Meal: <input type="checkbox"/> regular <input type="checkbox"/> plant based | \$106 |

CALL MAY TERM 2024

We want to extend our sincere thanks to the Calvin Theological Seminary for their gracious invitation to use spaces in their facility this year.

We invite you to join us for a coffee and light refreshments reception provided by the Seminary on their patio from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14.

DETAILS

- Registration for May courses opens Tuesday, March 26.
- No membership required.
- Prices vary- see the course description.
- Courses with an asterisk require you to choose online or in-person participation.
- All hybrid and online courses are recorded and available for 60 days to all registered students of the course. Links for online participation are emailed one week before class starts.

Three ways to register for classes and events:

1. ONLINE: www.calvin.edu/academic/CALL
2. MAIL: Complete form on page 1 (make checks payable to Calvin University) and send to:
CALL, 3201 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.
3. PHONE: (616) 526-8777

If you do not have a preference, we prefer you send payment by check to avoid high credit card fees.



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COURSES

***01-M2024 Paterson, New Jersey: Dutch Immigration's Largest Afterthought, 1846-1950**

10:30-12:00 p.m., 1 Tuesday, April 30

In-person or online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$10

The Paterson, New Jersey area hosted the fourth largest Dutch immigrant community during the high tide of European immigration to America. By 1910, 11% of the city's population had direct ties to the Netherlands. The city's construction industry was Dutch dominated. Dutch dairymen and truck farmers fed the silk workers who produced the cloth that made Paterson renowned, rich, and riotous. Dutch politicians regularly won elections to municipal, county, state, and federal offices. It all began when a few marooned stragglers wintered near New York, because ice closed the Erie Canal in December 1846.

Subject: history

Robert Schoone-Jongen is an associate professor of history emeritus at Calvin University who continues to research and teach about the topics of immigration and the American presidency. He has published articles on the history of American immigration, especially Dutch immigration to New Jersey and Minnesota. His most recent courses for CALL included Dutch Immigration; Big Business, Big Money, Big Power; and the 1619 Project.

02-M2024 Pundits, Polls, and Politics

10:30-12:00 p.m., 1 Tuesday, May 7

Online

Room: Online Zoom, \$10

How can we sort out all the hype, hyperbole and hysteria that accompanies the current process of electing our president? In 2024, the impacts of social media and artificial intelligence will loom large in swaying opinions! First, we will review voting history from 1945-2020.

Then we will take a good look how better voter polls are done, the major election issues according to polls, party positions stated, and early outcome prediction polls. We will do some in-class polls AND apply a typical corporate assessment model (CAM) to the choice for POTUS. Just 1 in 20 voters actually decide an election! Let us be a better prepared voter and be part of the “1”?

Subject: politics

Doug Stowell is a consumer and political polling veteran in both U.S. and EU Markets. His career includes Market Research Director for the Xerox Corp., U.S. Clients Director for the U.K. polling firm NOP, Ltd in London and Senior Polling Executive for Wirthlin Worldwide in Washington, D.C. He launched Market Resource Associates in 2008 and conducts opinion polls on U.S. and global issues today. He conducts ZOOM programs for over 80 groups nationally. This is his fourth quadrennial election program.

***03-M2024 Brookby and the Blodgetts**

10:30-11:45 a.m., 1 Tuesday, May 14

In-person or online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$10

The 1920's saw a boom of home construction in East Grand Rapids with craftsmanship and hand-detailed work rarely done today without a computerized machine. Among these homes, one estate was built that was more aristocratic, more stately, and was better known than all the rest. This was the estate of Brookby, a 41-room mansion which sat on eight acres and included three other cottages and an 8-stall heated garage. Its owners, John W. and Minnie C. Blodgett, were lumber barons who owned and controlled millions of acres of land across the country. Today, the Blodgetts survive only in memory, in yellowed newspapers, in black and white photos, and as names on buildings. This class looks at the Blodgett family, their philanthropic legacy, and the palatial home that stands as a testament from the last days of the Roaring 20's.

Subject: history

Jeffrey Sytsma is a former high school history teacher who, after teaching for 10 years, changed careers into landscape construction. As one who is passionate about historical gardens, Jeff was drawn to the original gardens at Brookby and has helped with their partial restoration over the years. What started as a research paper on the Blodgett family and their estate in 2005 slowly blossomed into a pet project that now contains almost two decades of research. Jeff has worked closely with Aquinas College in the past on preserving Brookby. He is currently a Trustee of the Grand Rapids Historical Society.

Reception on the Seminary Patio-11:45 – 12:30, Tuesday, May 14

Please join us for coffee and light refreshments between the classes *Brookby and the Blodgetts* and *Religion in America*. Open to all, no registration is required. We would like to thank the Calvin Theological Seminary for their generosity in hosting this event.

***04-S2024 Religion in America, Part II (no pre-requisite for Part 1)**

12:30-1:45 p.m., 4 Tuesdays: April 30-May 21

In-person or online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$40

Building off our consideration of religion in early America, this course will review the main developments of religion in the young republic, from the Revolution up to the Civil War. We will examine the role—alleged and real—that Christianity played in the founding of the new nation; the tremendous growth and influence of evangelical Protestantism thereafter; the radical alternatives that arose in turn; and the role that religion played in African American life and the growing controversy over slavery. We will profile notable personalities; new religious movements, and the arrival en masse of immigrants from very old faiths—Judaism and Roman Catholicism. Bottom line: the United States was not founded as a Christian nation but 75 years later had become one culturally and socially. Alas, that did not solve but underscored its most vexing problem, the enslavement of four million people.

Subject: history

James Bratt is professor of history emeritus at Calvin University where he taught for 30 years, specializing in American religious and cultural history. He earned his BA from Calvin (1971) and his PhD from Yale University (1978). Besides his work at Calvin, he taught for a decade at the University of Pittsburgh, for a year as a Fulbright Lecturer at Xiamen University in China, and for two terms on the Semester at Sea.

05-S2024 A Tour of Mathematics

2:15-3:30 p.m., 4 Tuesdays: April 30-May 21

In-person

Room: Seminary 241, \$40

This course will visit some of the main attractions of Mathematics including numbers, the infinite, calculus, geometry, sequences, voting and music. We will cross over borders into philosophy, politics, music, biology, art, theology, and cosmology. Professor Pennings has three goals for this course: 1) to acquaint the student with some of the life-changing discoveries and creations of mathematics 2) to help students appreciate the creativity and tenacity of great mathematicians 3) to help students build relationships across disciplines as they discover the utility and ubiquity of mathematics in our daily lives. This course is designed for a curious audience with no math background beyond high school. This class is similar to a previous course, but with new material.

Subject: mathematics

Tim Pennings has taught for 35 years as a Mathematics professor and/or chaired at Hope College, Kalamazoo College, Davenport University and Calvin University. He has directed the research of over sixty undergraduates, and does research in mathematical modeling, the infinite, and chaos theory. He is best known for his paper "Do Dogs Know Calculus?" coauthored with his Welsh corgi, Elvis. He mentors two prisoners with Prison Mathematics Project, and has a monthly column in the Holland Sentinel.

*06-S2024 Rosie the Riveter

2:15-3:30 p.m., 1 Tuesday: May 7

In-person or online-**NOT AVAILABLE RECORDED**

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$10

This presentation highlights the boldness, determination, creativity and bravery of American men AND women as they prepared for, and then valiantly fought in World War II. Spurred on by the message of Franklin Roosevelt's "Arsenal of Democracy" speech, our speaker will share the incredible history of the Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant and the teamwork of the powerful Detroit automotive industry. We will all cheer for the dramatic and vital roles played by women as they showed the nation that they were willing and able to fill the work force gaps caused by men going into military service. "We Can Do It" became the rallying cry for millions of women who had, until this time period, never envisioned working on an industrial assembly line building the weapons of war. As a Tribute Rosie, our presenter will honor the women who are called "Original Rosies" because they worked "the line" during WWII. Under the auspices of the Veteran's History Project, their memories are being preserved because they are, indeed, veterans of the Home Front and their personal stories add depth and detail to our national narrative. You will be amazed, energized, and inspired by this chapter of American History.

Subject: history

Claire Kitchin Dahl has been teaching American History since 1971. Armed with a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in Women's History, she has always championed powerful women in our national narrative. She retired from Ann Arbor (MI) Pioneer High School in 2009 where she had taught Advanced Placement US History for 19 years. Dressed in the iconic blue overalls and blending her love of history with the inspiring stories of Rosie the Riveter and the historic Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant, she is a natural for the Yankee Air Museum's Public Relations Committee. She and her husband, John, live in Ann Arbor, MI.

07-S2024 An Axe for the Frozen Sea Inside Us

10:30-11:45 a.m., 4 Wednesdays: May 1-22

In-person

Room: Seminary 142, \$40

One of the most important things a really good piece of writing can do for a person is to unsettle them. Shirley Jackson's short stories are unsettling, even though at times they are also humorous. The writer Joyce Carol Oates wrote about Jackson: "Characterized by the caprice and fatalism of fairy tales, the fiction of Shirley Jackson exerts a mordant, hypnotic spell." In recent years there has been a significant resurgence of interest by literary scholars in the work of Shirley Jackson. In this class we will read several of her stories and discuss why she still has a lot to say about who we are and what we are capable of.

The book: *Shirley Jackson Novels and Stories*, ISBN: 978-1598530728, is available online or in the Calvin University campus store.

Subject: literature

Nancy Knol, leader, is a former middle and high school English teacher who continues to teach in part-time settings and devotes time to a book club in the Handlon State Prison. She has written extensive curriculum and is the author of three books: Deeper Waters, a study of middle school, A Boy Named Will, a children's book, and Inspired Words, a literature-based devotional book. She has taught literature in our May term for five years.

*08-S2024 Christian Nationalism: Navigating the Debate

10:30-11:45 a.m., 1 Wednesday, May 22

In-person

Room: School of Business 103, \$10

Much scholarly and journalistic attention and discussion has recently been given to what has been labeled "Christian nationalism" and sometimes more narrowly as "white Christian nationalism." This class will explore (1) the concept of Christian nationalism—what it is, and what it

isn't, (2) different definitions scholars have used for Christian nationalism and the implications associated with each definition, (3) the measurement of Christian nationalism and whether the questions typically employed by survey researchers actually capture the concept they seek to analyze, (4) the resulting social, psychological, and political characteristics of those Americans who might be labeled Christian nationalists, (5) whether only Christians can be labeled "Christian nationalists," (6) the range of outcomes that scholars have found associated with Christian nationalism, (7) to extent to which Christian nationalism may have grown over time, and, (8) whether Christian nationalism is actually "Christian."

Subject: religion, politics

Corwin Smidt is Professor of Political Science emeritus and the former Director of the Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics at Calvin University. He has published extensively in the field of religion and politics, and recently has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Religion and Politics section of the American Political Science Association.

***09-S2024 The Roberts' Court and the Question of Judicial Legitimacy**

12:30-1:45 p.m., 2 Wednesdays: May 1-8

In-person or online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$20

The 2020 swapping out of Amy Coney Barrett for the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg has given us the most conservative Supreme Court in perhaps 90 years. High profile decisions overturning long standing precedent on abortion rights, affirmative action and gun rights have led liberal legal academics and many in the media to contest the very legitimacy of the Court itself. In this course, we will take a deeper dive into the Court's work in the past five years or so, with an eye toward a better understanding of the competing notions of judicial legitimacy within the broader parameters of a democratic system of governance.

Subject: politics

David Ryden joined the Hope College political science faculty in 1994 and is currently director of Hope's Washington D.C. honors semester. He has published numerous books and articles on such topics as the Supreme Court and the electoral process, the faith-based initiative, as well as other issues at the intersection of religion and politics. He has participated previously with CALL on three courses related to the Supreme Court.

***10-S2024 A New Israel in a New Middle East**

12:30-1:45 p.m., 4 Wednesdays: May 1-22

In-person or online

Room: School of Business 103, \$40

We witness the unfolding of a New Israel in a New Middle East. Its new relations with neighboring Arab nations hold diplomatic promise and peril. Politically, Israel is deeply and dangerously divided as never before, while facing threats from fundamentalist Iran and its proxies. We will review Israel's past, present, and alternative futures.

Session 1: Founding of and Fighting over Israel; Hot & Cold Wars, and Paths to Peace.

Session 2: Flourishing and Fear; Judicial Reforms and Future of Democracy.

Session 3: Fearsome Gaza; Israel's War and Global – Regional Context.

Session 4: Futurist Diplomacy; Abraham Accords and Multi-State Solution.

Subject: history, international

Philip C. Bom is a professor emeritus of political science and international affairs. He taught political science courses at the University of Dubuque, Gordon College, and international affairs courses at Regent University. In 2018, he offered a CALL course entitled Israel@70.

*11-S2024 The Doomed Days of Hitler's Third Reich

2:15-3:30 p.m., 4 Wednesdays: May 1-22

In-person or online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$40

In September 1939, Nazi Germany plunged Europe into a Second World War, conquering nations with swift, brutal efficiency. By late 1943, Allied advances had forced the once mighty Nazi war machine onto the defensive. Faced with the growing possibility of defeat, Hitler took desperate measures further galvanizing Allied resolve to spare no effort in annihilating the murderous Third Reich.

Session 1: The Skeletal Hand of Justice Unleashed. Victory at Stalingrad combined with a growing air campaign and an industrial miracle spelled one word for Nazi Germany: DOOM.

Session 2: For the Dishonored Dead. In the months after Overlord, the Allies grew more confident about their eventual victory over Nazi barbarism until horrific discoveries shook their faith in fundamental humanity.

Session 3: Last Gasp and A Reckoning. In the fifty-ninth minute of Nazi Germany's eleventh hour the world's noose tightened around its neck, but Hitler had more misery to inflict.

Session 4: The Ghost of 1919. Nazi defeat was total but as the dust settled and smoke cleared from the 20th Century's second conflagration, leaders scrambled to not squander the peace.

Subject: history

Fred L. Johnson III is a professor of history at Hope College. His primary field of study is the American Civil War. Along with teaching the history of U.S. foreign policy, his other specialty areas include Africa, the U.S. military, and 20th Century U.S.

12-S2024 Bee Amazed: The Life of the Honey Bee

10:30-11:45 a.m., 2 Thursdays: May 2-9

In-person

Room: DeVos Communications Center 160, \$20

Learn about the three types of honey bees in a hive and their respective roles. Understand the life cycle of a bee from egg to adult. Appreciate the process of pollination and its importance to our food supply. Marvel at how honey bees find nectar, communicate its source, and process it into honey. Understand how honey is harvested and learn of its benefits to us. Learn all this and much more through Don's entertaining and educational presentations.

Subject: nature

Don Snoeyink has been keeping honey bees since 2006 and has enjoyed providing honey bee presentations and teaching beekeeping classes since 2008. Don absolutely loves speaking about honey bees, honey and all things honey bee related. This is his second course in the CALL program.

***13-S2024 Cleared for Takeoff: History of the Gerald R Ford International Airport**

10:30-11:45 a.m., 2 Thursdays: May 2-9

In-person or online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$20

On September 10, 1911, a skeptical crowd watched a Wright biplane take off from the West Michigan Fairground at Comstock Park. In 1919, groundbreaking for Kent County's first airport took place. By 2023, 3,794,915 travelers passed through the terminal at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport. This course will consider those who had the vision to bring aviation to West Michigan, the many names the airport has had over the years, major historic milestones, air service, and planning efforts –including the FAA's Airport Master Planning Process used in the 2019 Master Plan Update for the Gerald R Ford International Airport. Discussion will also include elements for airfield development, including

several types of aircraft, their changes over the years along with their impacts on airport design from turf strips to thick flexible pavements, and then to the thick rigid pavements we have today. We will review the airport's previous location and what prompted the "new" location within Cascade Township.

Subject: history

Roy D. Hawkins is the retired Airport Planning Engineer for the Gerald R. Ford International Airport. He was responsible for the planning, design, and construction of many projects at Gerald R. Ford International Airport. He is a Registered Landscape Architect with the State of Michigan and a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects. He held certifications as the Michigan Industrial and Construction Stormwater Class A and Class B UST System Operator for the Airport. Other areas of expertise include Airport Master Planning and airfield development. Roy is a graduate of Michigan State University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture.

***14-S2024 A.C. Van Raalte: Pastor by Vocation, Entrepreneur by Necessity**

10:30-11:45 a.m., 2 Thursdays: May 16-23

In-person or online

Room: Seminary Chapel, \$20

Albertus C. Van Raalte accomplished more in his life than most men of his time, as preacher, immigrant leader, community builder and social entrepreneur. He was the undisputed leader of all Reformed Hollanders in the Midwest. Parishioners were captivated by his sermons and counseling; his colony became the engine for making West Michigan the Dutch center of North America, and his real estate dealings would have made him a millionaire in today's dollars. Most remarkably, he would have eschewed all accolades. In his mind, he faced more failures than successes. He experienced bitter church schisms in the Netherlands and in North America. His path to the ministry in the church of his birth was blocked unjustly by church authorities, but he refused to concede even

minor points of church rules and regulations. Join us as we delve into Swierenga's recently published and more comprehensive biography of Van Raalte.

The book is recommended but not required for the course. *A. C. Van Raalte: Pastor by Vocation, Entrepreneur by Necessity*, ISBN# 978-1956060010, is available in the Calvin University campus store.

Subject: history

Robert Swierenga has conducted research and written on Dutch immigration and related topics since the 1960s. In addition to writing or editing more than three dozen books, he has written more than 250 journal articles and lectured widely on issues related to the Dutch in America. His book "Holland, Michigan: From Dutch Colony to Dynamic City," for which he spent more than 10 years conducting research and writing, received a State History Award from the Historical Society of Michigan in 2014. He has been with the Van Raalte Institute at Hope College since 1996, when he retired from the faculty of Kent State University. He previously taught at Calvin University (1961-62, 1965-68) and Pella (Iowa) Christian High School (1958-61).

15-S2024 Terrarium Workshop

12:30-1:45 p.m., 1 Thursday: May 2

In-person, limit 24 participants

Room: Bunker Interpretive Center lab room, \$15 (includes \$5 for supplies)

Learn how to make a terrarium with easy-to-follow instructions and make a masterpiece in less than an hour. A terrarium is a very unusual, low effort decoration. Sometimes referred to as a "garden under glass," terrariums add a touch of greenery to your indoor living space, even for people who consider themselves plant challenged. It is planted to look like a miniature garden or forest enclosed in its own little world. Regardless of a terrarium's size, it will have four levels including gravel,

moss, soil, and plants. Join us and create your own miniature eco-system. All supplies are provided.

Subject: nature

CALL staff members, Sonja DeJong and Gail Riddering, will support Calvin student Jordan Fridsma on this DIY project. Two previous projects were held on campus earlier this spring for undergraduate students.

16-S2024 How to Hear What is Not Being Said

12:30-1:45 p.m., 3 Thursdays: May 9-23

In-person

Room: DeVos Communications Center 150, \$30

Through group interaction and role-play, participants learn the subtle, lifelong skills needed to be an empathetic listener. Skills discussed include reading nonverbal clues, picking out feelings from conversations, characteristics of a good listener, clarifying what is said, dealing with silent moments in the conversation, how to better express feelings, giving and receiving feedback, and seeking to understand versus arguing.

Subject: sociology

Dave Kampfschulte, leader, is director of Amazing Circles Workshops, a nationally known speaker, and author of "I'm Dying to Talk with You: Twenty-Five Years of Conversations on End-of-Life Decisions". Using his empathy, humor, energy, and over 28 years as an educator and a hospice volunteer, he facilitates his interactive, enlightening workshops and presentations to a wide spectrum of professionals and general audiences. Dave has a master's degree in education and is a preceptor at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

17-S2024 Hidden Gems of Calvin University: The Permanent Collection

2:15-3:30 p.m., 3 Thursdays, May 2-16

In-person, limit 30 participants

Various locations, see descriptions below, \$30

Ever wonder why institutions of all sorts have permanent art collections? Come, find out, and experience Calvin University's and Calvin Seminary's extensive permanent art collection.

Session 1: May 2- Calvin Theological Seminary. Entrance "A", the Sturuss Welcome Center

The newly renovated interior of the Seminary has a wonderful collection of art from the Permanent Collection. We will tour the building and view art from The Art of Forgiveness Collection, John August Swanson, Edgar Boeve, and many others. Tours will be led by Larry Gerbens and John Rottman.

Session 2: May 9- Calvin University School of Business

View the art of two prominent local Grand Rapids artists represented in the Permanent Collection; Armand Merizon and Roger Bruinekool. Tours will be led by Brent Williams, Larry Gerbens, and Chantal Merizon Van Heest (Armand's daughter).

Session 3: May 16- Center Art Gallery in the Covenant Fine Arts Center
Brent Williams will instruct us on the history of Calvin's Permanent Art Collection and about its uses, loans to other institutions, exhibits, and other topics of interest. A panel of donors to the Permanent Collection, including Donna Spaan and Larry Gerbens, will also be present and answer your questions about why they elected to expand the Permanent Collection.

Subject: art

Numerous local art experts and passionate collectors have collaborated to share the stories behind Calvin's permanent art collection. Come appreciate the works of art that grace the walls of our campus buildings as these beautiful pieces are skillfully described in depth.

EVENTS

Annual Meeting and Mingle, \$15

Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 11:00a.m.-1:15p.m.

Prince Conference Center Great Hall (lunch begins 11:30a.m.)

All CALL members are invited to join us for our 2024 Annual Spring Meeting and Mingle. We will enjoy a time of mingling, lunch, speakers, and updates to the program at this annual event.

Lunch is a buffet of grilled sliced Italian chicken breast, pasta with alfredo & marinara sauce. Served with roasted vegetables, garlic bread, & Caesar salad with Caesar dressing & Chef's choice of vinaigrette. A butter torte with a peach fruit spread is provided for dessert.

(We have a vegan option of Cavatappi Arrabbiata; plant-based ragu of smoked tempeh, Beyond Meat sausage & lentils with spinach & fresh basil over cavatappi pasta).

We look forward to lecturer and Grand Rapids history-expert Caroline Cook providing a lecture on *Ford Focus: The Life of Young Gerald R Ford*. The event also includes special music and a short update on our program.

CALL underwrites a portion of the costs. Join us for a time of mingling in the Fireside Room at 11:00a.m. Doors to the Great Hall open at 11:15a.m.

Three Grand Rapids Walking Tours, \$15 each

The common theme of Grand Rapids Walking Tours? A love for everything Grand Rapids ... its history, culture, entertainment, vibe, tastes, and exciting growth. It is the trifecta of exercise, education, and entertainment. We walk for about 60 – 90 minutes. We walk a little, gather at a site and talk, etc. Each walking tour is led by Caroline Cook. She has taught “Everything Grand Rapids, past, present and future” for ten years.

All tours begin in the lobby of the JW Marriott downtown. ***Note: If you are signing up online for any events after June 30, you will find them under the semester tab for Events 2024-2025.**

Civil War and Valley City

Wednesday, June 19, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Grand Rapids, the Valley City, was eager to support the Union in the war between the states. Kent County sent more than 4,000 men to war — 5% of the state’s “boys in blue.” Off to the battlefields, these soldiers bravely and enthusiastically answered the call to arms. Likewise, on the home front, there were resilient loved ones who endured the hardships of a nation at war. We will wander through the streets of Grand Rapids in search of reminders of this monumental historical milestone, the war between the states. Ready to muster in?

Steeple Chase East Side

Wednesday, July 17, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Learn why Grand Rapids has been called “the City of Churches” on this fascinating tour of religious landmarks. We will walk by churches that date back to 1848 and see multiple architectural styles, soaring spires, expertly crafted stone and brickwork, Tiffany windows and more. Along the way, you will discover the historical importance and contemporary relevance of faith in Grand Rapids.

Young President Ford

Wednesday, August 21, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Grand Rapids’ favorite son, Gerald R. Ford, the 38th President of the United States, is buried in our city beside his wife Betty, but he was not born here. In fact, he was not named Gerald R. Ford at birth. This tour will tell the tale of our humble civil servant as you visit actual places touched by “Junior” during his All-American youth – 1913 through 1931 – in old Grand Rapids. Experience an inspirational story of a young man who was raised in this great midwestern city to become a world leader. You will learn where he lived, played, worshipped, studied, and competed athletically. As a final stop, you will visit Gerald Ford’s tomb, and then salute his statue in front of his Presidential Museum and his last working office.

Explore Muskegon! Cost \$106

Thursday, July 11, 2024, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Registration for this event is open. The deadline to register is Thursday, June 13.

Join us as we tour a treasure of World War II history right in our own backyard! We will travel by bus from Calvin University to Muskegon, where we will visit the Silversides Submarine Museum; if you wish, you may walk through the actual submarine from WWII. There is also a retired Coast Guard cutter for us to explore. After a picnic lunch, including a plant-based option, you can choose to tour two historic homes from Muskegon's golden age of lumber barons or continue immersing yourself in WWII history by exploring the six levels of displays in the USS LST 393 Veterans Museum. The LST, which stands for Landing Ship Tank, is one of two surviving ships used to transport troops and military equipment (especially tanks) from America to the war zones. When you come on board, you do not just hear or read about the war, you experience it — right down to the smells. We return to Grand Rapids in time for dinner at home. This tour includes walking, ship stairs, and ladders.

Indigenous Peoples of Michigan – Ziibiwing Trip to Mt. Pleasant, Cost \$106

Monday, September 16, 2024, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Registration for this event is open. The deadline to register is Monday, August 19.

Join us as we travel by bus to the Ziibiwing Center in Mt. Pleasant, MI. The Ziibiwing Center is a comprehensive museum operated by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. This trip will include cultural presentations about the effect of colonization and the American Indian boarding school era. We will also take a guided tour of the facility, learn more about Indigenous culture from docents at the Center, and explore their outdoor garden. Finally, there will be time to browse in the gift shop, which includes handmade items made by people of the Chippewa Tribe. A boxed lunch, including a plant-based option, will be provided by Calvin Catering.

EXTENDED TRIPS

Trips open for registration. (The number after each represents the openings available):

Stratford Festival: June 25-28, 2024. Debra Freeberg & Gary Schmidt (8)

Iceland: Country of Fire and Ice: Sept. 12-24, 2024. Rick Treur (7)

Stratford Festival: Sept. 16-19, 2024, Debra Freeberg & Gary Schmidt (9)

Autumn in Appalachia: Oct. 9-16, 2024. Debra Freeberg (see below)

Trips for which you can join the interest list:

Heritage of Germany: From Luther and Bach to Dresden and Berlin:
May 2025. Jim Bratt and Suzanne Bratt

**Scotland: In the Footsteps of John Knox and the Scottish
Reformation:** May 1-10, 2025. Karin Maag

See <https://calvin.edu/call> and use the travel tab for more details. Email call@calvin.edu to join the interest list for Scotland or Germany.

Featured Tour (for women): Autumn in Appalachia: Oct 9-16, 2024.

Tour highlights

Join Debra Freeberg for an exploration of communities, faith, art, and culture in the greater Appalachian region. This tour has been designed for female passengers only, structured so there is one equal fee for all participants. Whether you travel as a single or invite friends or family to join you, we hope you come ready to make new friends and share autumn in Appalachia with other women. Request a mailed brochure.

The itinerary includes: Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden, New River Gorge, Abington Virginia historic Barter Theatre and two performances, Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Old Friends retired thoroughbred horse farm, and Newfields Museum of Art in Indianapolis.



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