

CALL MAY TERM COURSES

April 26-28 through May 17-19, 2022



The purpose of CALL is twofold: first, to enrich the lifelong spiritual, intellectual, cultural, and social lives of its members, and second, to create an abiding partnership between Calvin University and all persons who wish to share knowledge, talents, and experience.



NO MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

This term of courses is unique in that only the course fee of \$30 per class applies. We welcome learners of any age from any location.

This is the most economical semester to try our lifelong learning program for the first time! Please share this with friends and family.

80% of the courses are recorded. Have you considered buying an additional course to watch in the summer months?

Options for online only, in-person only, and hybrid courses.

Registration Options:

1. Check payment (preferred) made out to: CALL, 3201 Burton St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Note course choices with payment.
2. Online:
<https://reg121.imperisoft.com/calvin/Search/Registration.aspx>
3. Phone: 616-526-8777

Persons with credits on their account must phone us to apply the credit.

Classroom Fund: We continue our fundraising for classroom modifications to benefit lifelong student learners.

See the form on page 9.

To monitor our in-person classroom seat capacity, you will need to pick whether you are participating in a hybrid course as in-person or online.

If possible, please try to attend in-person as much as your schedule allows for the support of the instructor. The recordings for hybrid and online classes, which are available for 90 days, are advantageous when there are conflicts due to appointments or vacations.

We ask that you do not share the recording links with persons outside our program who have not registered for the classes.

Summary of Courses

The letter after the number for the course indicates **Online Only (O)**, **Hybrid- which is both In-Person and Online (H)**, or **In-Person Only (I)**.

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10-H-M2022 The U.S. (Mis)Adventure in Afghanistan

Courses are offered in three time slots (Eastern time). See the detailed course descriptions for each class time.

- A. 10:30-11:45 am
- B. 12:30-1:45 pm
- C. 2:30-3:45 pm



Course Descriptions

TUESDAY

01-M2022 Creating a Global Order: The Embattled History of Globalization from Great War to Cold War

10:30-11:45 a.m. Eastern, 4 Tuesdays, April 26-May 17

Room: Online Only

In opposition to the war on Ukraine, nations around the world have severed ties with Russia, cutting it off from international airline, communications, and financial connections that are usually taken for granted. Over the last seventy years in a process often called globalization, the world has become knit together by a web of international organizations and treaties that make up what is often called the “global order.” How important is this global order? Can it survive war? At a level that previous generations would find astonishing, international organizations and treaties allow us to buy goods from other countries, move money, travel, and connect with people around the globe. At the same time, this global order faces intense criticism and immense new challenges. Its benefits have not been equally shared. It can easily be misused by dictators and criminals. As continued civil wars and the war in Ukraine show, peace has always been fragile. The current global order arose in just a few short years after the Second World War. This course will show how crises set off by the First World War and Great Depression drove leaders to try to create international stability through such organizations as the United Nations, NATO, the World Health Organization, and the International Monetary Fund. What will be the fate of this global order? What can we learn about the challenges that we face today from its origins?

Subject: global studies, politics, history

Carl Strikwerda, leader, has degrees in history from Calvin, the University of Chicago, and University of Michigan. He taught at the University of California, Riverside and University of Kansas, served as dean of arts and sciences at the College of William and Mary and retired after eight years as president of Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania in 2019. He has served as a historical consultant to the National World War One Museum and currently serves on the executive committee of the Council for European Studies. Besides three books and thirty articles on European and global history, his essays have appeared in the Chronicle of Higher Education, Huffington Post, and Inside Higher Ed. This course draws on his forthcoming book, Creating a Global Order: The Embattled History of Globalization from Great War to Cold War.

02-M2022 Fossils and Christianity

12:30-1:45 p.m. Eastern, 4 Tuesdays, April 26-May 17

Room: DeVos 170, hybrid- available online or in-person

What are fossils, and what are they telling us? This course will focus on the nature of fossils and particularly the role that Christians have played for several centuries in elucidating their nature and the history of life that they reveal. The "Scientific Revolution" occurred within a Christianized culture, and Christians were significant in the investigation of Earth and fossils, particularly prior to the 20th Century, when a phony narrative about some sort of "war" between science and faith became acceptable.

During the past fifty years, this "warfare metaphor" has been debunked by historians but considerable damage has been done. Today, fossils have become caught up in a manufactured culture war between strong secularists and fundamentalist Christians. In this, their testimony to a God who is always active as a beautiful Creator is being neglected, and we all lose in the process.

Subject: geology

Ralph Stearley, leader, is professor emeritus of geology at Calvin University. He is a paleontologist with broad interests in the history of life and in biogeography. Prior to Calvin, he worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the Illinois State Museum from 1991–1992. He taught for Wheaton College's field station in the Black Hills of South Dakota from 1994 to 1996. Over the years, he has taught courses in ichthyology, geology, and land resources for the Au Sable Institute for Environmental studies. In 1999, he directed the excavation of the Ada Bible Church Mastodon in Cascade, Michigan. In 2008, he collaborated with former geology colleague Davis Young to author the book, The Bible, Rocks and Time (Intervarsity Press).

03-M2022 Renewing Your Life Through Spiritual Disciplines

2:30-3:45 p.m. Eastern, 4 Tuesdays, April 26-May 17

Room: DeVos 170, hybrid: available online or in-person

We live busy and distracted lives, yet often we yearn for a greater awareness of God. Spiritual disciplines, while not always automatic, can increase our ability to recognize God's presence and refresh us for being faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. This class will introduce four popular spiritual disciplines we will practice so that we might cultivate a closer relationship with our Triune God.

Session 1: The nature and dynamics of spiritual disciplines and introducing the practice of Noticing God in our daily lives.

Session 2: The Psalms have been the prayer book for both Jews and Christians. How can "Praying the Psalms" teach us how to pray more freely and fully?

Session 3: One of the great needs that many people express today is how to slow down and pause amid ever-increasing demands that exhaust us. Keeping the Sabbath not only provides a means for catching our breath but also for loving God.

Session 4: The spiritual life can often be focused on paying attention to the inner life of a person. While that is important, the Christian life must also be concerned for others. Developing the practice of intercessory prayer is one specific way for loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Subject: spirituality, theology

Tom Schwanda, leader, recently retired from teaching Christian spirituality and ministry at Wheaton College and returned to Grand Rapids. Previously he served as a pastor and professor at Kuyper College and taught CALL courses. He is ordained in the RCA, has trained as a spiritual director, and has published widely in various areas of Christian spirituality. He earned a PhD from Durham University (UK) and a Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Seminary.

WEDNESDAY

04-M2022 A Grunt's View of World War II

10:30-11:45 a.m. Eastern, 4 Wednesdays, April 27-May 18

Room: DeVos 170, hybrid- available online or in-person

Even though West Michigan resident Sergeant Joe Olexa passed away in 2000, memories of his extensive years in WWII combat are far from forgotten. CALL instructor Dr. James Smither follows Joe's story, shares his memoirs, and provides historical context to his experiences. Sgt. Joe Olexa served in the U.S. Army between 1940 and 1945. Assigned to the 1st Infantry Division after enlistment, he trained for 18 months before participating in the invasion of North Africa in November 1942. He served as a combat infantryman in many campaigns including Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Belgium, and Germany. He fought in the Invasion of Normandy, the liberation of Belgium, the Battle of Hürtgen Forest, and the Battle of the Bulge. He finished the war training soldiers for combat after psychiatric treatment in England from a concussion during the Battle of the Bulge and debilitating trauma from years of combat and witnessing loss of life. In addition to offering a ground-level view of both combat and daily life in an infantry company, this memoir also presents discussions of medical treatment and rehabilitation of wounded soldiers, life in a military psychiatric hospital, and efforts to better prepare soldiers for the reality of ground combat.

Subject: history, war

James Smither, leader, is a professor of history and serves as the director of the GVSU Veterans History Project. In partnership with the Library of Congress, the GVSU project records oral history interviews with veterans of and civilian witnesses to the wars and conflicts that Americans have participated in over the last century with the purpose of creating as complete a record as possible of the American experience in wartime. Dr. Smither is in the process of editing these memoirs of Sgt Olexa for publication. He has taught several courses for our program in the last five years.

05-M2022 George Orwell: 1984, Still Relevant Today

12:30-1:45 p.m. Eastern, 4 Wednesdays, April 27- May 18

Room: DeVos 170, hybrid- available online or in-person

Some books make a splash in the moment but quickly fade away. Other books leave their mark and resonate with generation after generation. One such book came along 73 years ago in George Orwell's *1984*. This classic novel describes life in a surveillance state where independent thinking is referred to as "thoughtcrime." *1984* coined terms like Big Brother and Newspeak that are still in use today, and its powerful exploration of totalitarianism is a key reference point in political discussion and analysis. The increasing totalitarianism shown by many governments today, along with the intrusion into our lives by modern technology, suggests that Orwell is more relevant than ever. A book that rewards rereading, this course will discuss the three sections of the novel in the first three classes. The final class period will study Orwell's brilliant appendix, and some rarely read additional material about the book from Aldous Huxley and C.S. Lewis.

The required reading, *1984*, ISBN# 978-0451524935, is currently in stock in the Calvin University Campus Store or many sources online.

Subject: literature

Micah Watson, leader, has an undergraduate degree from U.C. Davis. He earned his M.A. degree in Church-State Studies at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and holds M.A. and doctorate degrees in Politics from Princeton University. Professor Watson joined the faculty at Calvin College in the fall of 2015. He directs the Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics and is currently the Paul B. Henry Chair in Christianity and Politics. He loves 1984, but not Big Brother.

06-M2022 What Happens When We Die? The Traditional Christian View and Its Recent Critics

2:30-3:45 p.m. Eastern, 4 Wednesdays, April 27- May 18

Room: DeVos 170, hybrid- available online or in-person

Historically, almost all Christians have affirmed that when believers die, we are with the Lord until the final resurrection at Christ's return. This destiny implies that we (our souls) exist temporarily separated from our bodies. But recently some Christians, appealing to science, philosophy, theology, and even to the Bible, deny that humans have separable souls. They reject body-soul "dualism" and affirm alternative views of the afterlife: either an immediate resurrection or non-existence between death and resurrection. This course defends the traditional Christian doctrine by examining the relevant biblical texts and evaluating the anti-dualist appeals to Scripture, theology, philosophy, science, and near-death experiences. Sessions include lectures, discussion, and optional readings.

Subject: theology

John Cooper, leader, is professor of Philosophical Theology, Emeritus, at Calvin Theological Seminary and a Christian Reformed minister. He taught philosophy at Calvin University from 1978 to 1985 and at the Seminary from 1985 until he retired in 2017. One of his books, Body, Soul, and Life Everlasting: Biblical Anthropology and the Monism-Dualism Debate (Eerdmans 1989, 2001), addresses the topic of this course. The book is not required reading for the class.

THURSDAY

07-M2022 Flannery O'Connor: Coming to Christ through the Back Door

10:30-11:45 a.m. Eastern, 4 Thursdays, April 28 – May 19

Room- DeVos 170, in-person only

One of this country's great Southern writers, Flannery O'Connor has mystified and inspired readers with her dark, and often shocking short stories. These stories, in the words of writer Paul Elie, "speak to the reader sideways," offering compelling, sometimes heartbreaking threads of the grace of Christ in a world that has increasingly turned away from him. Her use of disturbing plots and grotesque characters point us painfully to a recognition of the mystery of God's presence in a fallen world. She justifies her unique approach by declaring: "For the hard of hearing you shout, and for the almost-blind, you draw large and startling figures." No sweet Sunday school lessons here -- O'Connor invites us in through the back door of both shame and grace.

The Complete Stories, Flannery O'Connor, ISBN 978-0374515362, is currently in stock in the Calvin University Campus Store or many sources online. For the first class period, students are asked to read "Revelation."

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.

08-M2022 The Music of the "Mighty Five" of Russia and "Les Six" of France

12:30-1:45 p.m. Eastern, 4 Thursdays, April 28- May 19

Room: Recital Hall (Covenant Fine Arts Center) hybrid- available online or in-person through livestream, not Zoom.

In the latter part of the 19th century, a group of "amateur" Russian composers set out to craft a distinctly "Russian" type of classical music. They were César Cui, Aleksandr Borodin, Mily Balakirev, Modest Mussorgsky, and Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov. A generation later a group of French composers upended the prevailing classical music tradition in France. Those composers were Darius Milhaud, Francis Poulenc, Arthur Honegger, Georges Auric, Louis Durey, and Germaine Tailleferre. Both sets rebelled against the norms established in the German tradition and as a result greatly expanded the world of "classical" music.

Subject: music

John Varineau, leader, was appointed in 2013 to the music faculty at Calvin University, where he conducted the Calvin Orchestra and the Calvin Community Symphony. Mr. Varineau was also associate conductor of the Grand Rapids Symphony, and conductor of the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony and Classical Orchestra, retiring in May 2021 after 36 years. Mr. Varineau conducted nearly all of the Grand Rapids Symphony concert series, including the Richard and Helen DeVos Classical Series, Fox Motors Pops Series, the Symphonic Boom Series, Crowe Horwath Rising Stars Series, DTE Energy Foundation Family Series, PNC Lollipop Series, and the D&W Fresh Market Picnic Pops. He also conducts a variety of educational and outreach concerts throughout the area. Mr. Varineau is committed to nurturing the next generation of classical music lovers.

09-M2022 Mary Oliver, Modern Mystic

12:30-1:45 p.m. Eastern, 4 Thursdays, April 28 – May 19

Room- DeVos 170, in-person only

“In this life, we are given two gifts: the ability to love and the ability to ask questions. Which are, at the same time, the fires that warm us and the fires that scorch us,” Mary Oliver says. She was a deeply spiritual person, though her faith did not fit neatly into any one organized religion. She embraced the idea of God in many of her poems and is wonderfully comfortable with not having all the answers. We will look at her poetry from this perspective.

Devotions by Mary Oliver; ISBN# 978-0399563249, is currently in stock in the Calvin University Campus Store or many sources online.

Subject: spirituality, poetry

Esther Yff-Prins, leader, listens to sacred stories in spiritual direction and mentors aspiring spiritual directors. She writes poetry and lives an intentional, contemplative life. She has taught numerous courses for the CALL program. This course will cover some familiar and some unfamiliar poems.

10-M2022 The U.S. (Mis)Adventure in Afghanistan

2:30-3:45 p.m. Eastern, 4 Thursdays, April 28- May 19

Room: Recital Hall (Covenant Fine Arts Center) hybrid- available online or in-person through livestream, not Zoom.

After the Taliban government refused to hand over terrorist leader Osama bin Laden in the wake of al-Qaeda's September 11, 2001, attacks, the United States invaded Afghanistan. After 20 years of war and failed nation-building, the U.S. withdrew its military forces and the Taliban returned to power. This course will address the history of U.S. involvement in Afghanistan, critical policy decisions made during four U.S. administrations, and what lessons can be learned from the longest war in U.S. history. What went wrong and where do we go from here?

Subject: politics, history, war

Joel Toppen, leader, is a professor of political science at Hope College since 1997. He received MA and PhD degrees in political science from Purdue University. His courses include U.S. foreign policy and global political economy. Dr. Toppen was honored as an "outstanding educator" by graduating seniors at Hope College. He has lectured at numerous programs in recent months on Afghanistan.

To Mail Registrations, see next page. If you don't have a printer, you may reference your choices on a note.



For mailed registrations, print this page (pg 9), check the course box(es), and circle the choice for in-person or online participation if you chose a hybrid course(s). Payment is \$30 per course.

Name _____

Phone _____

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

Classroom Fund Donation _____

X	In-Person	Online	Course #	Course Title	Day	Start
		Online	01--M2022	Creating a Global Order: The Embattled History of Globalization from Great War to Cold War	T	10:30am
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	In-Person	Online	10-M2022	The U.S. (Mis)Adventure in Afghanistan	TH	2:30pm

OUR EVENTS

Have you considered participating in one of our upcoming member events?

1. CALL 25th Anniversary Celebration – Tuesday, April 19
2. The Road to Namibia – Thursday, May 5
3. The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force – Fri-Sat, May 13-14 (Deadline to register April 15).

Details: <https://calvin.edu/academics/call/events/>

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