Summer Courses
June 1-1, 2021
Five online courses, Four in-person courses

Summary of Online Courses:
02-SU2021 The Rooted Word: Wendell Berry's Poetic Vision
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01-SU2021 The Honeybee and Maple Syrup
9:30-10:45 EDT
Tuesday/Thursday- June 1,3,8,10
In-Person
Location: Calvin Chapel

This course spends three classes on the amazing life of the honeybee and one class on the sweet secrets of maple syrup. You will learn about the three types of honeybees in a hive and their respective roles, the life cycle of a bee from egg to adult, and the process of pollination and its importance to our food supply. Students will marvel at how honeybees find nectar, communicate its source, and process it into honey. The single class on maple syrup covers the history of maple syrup production from the old ways of the native American Indians through our current day techniques. Learn what sap is, why it has sugar in it and what makes it flow inside a tree as well as how it is harvested.

Subject: environment, nature

Don Snoeyink, leader, operates a small family company that promotes honeybees, honey, and maple syrup making. He began beekeeping in 2006 and has taught honeybee presentations and beekeeping classes since 2008. Don has 19 years of experience in maple syrup making. His love for and appreciation of nature comes through in his presentation style and content.

02-SU2021 The Rooted Word: Wendell Berry's Poetic Vision
11:00-12:15pm EDT
Tuesday/Thursday- June 1,3,8,10
Online

This course will follow nearly 60 years of poetic expression of the Kentucky farmer Wendell Berry. We'll begin with his early poetry influenced by the Zen thoughts of his friend Gary Snyder, then follow Berry through the political and protest poems to his consummate rural defiance in the Mad Farmer poems of the 1970’s. Our most extended meditations will be on the rebirth of Christian sensibility in his long-standing series of Sabbath Poems, which create a beautiful tapestry of human struggle and celebration within God's created order. Required Text: Wendell Berry New
Collected Poems, publisher Counterpoint (ISBN 978-1619021525), will be available in the Calvin University Campus Store by May 17, or online at Amazon, AbeBooks, and Thriftbooks.

Subject: literature, environment

Michael R. Stevens, leader, is a professor of American literature at Cornerstone University since 1997. Dr. Stevens has written extensively, often with his friend and colleague Dr. Matt Bonzo, on the work of the Kentucky poet-novelist-essayist-farmer Wendell Berry, especially Berry’s notions of sustainable communities and active peace-making. He is currently writing a year-long devotional on how to become rooted in faith, aimed at young adults.

03-SU2021 How to Read Genesis to Jesus in Context
11:15-12:30pm EDT
Tuesday/Thursday- June 1,3,8,10
In-Person
Location: Calvin Chapel

Learn and understand the historical, cultural, and literary context of Scripture like it was understood by Jewish followers in the Old Testament. To read the Bible in context, we need to read it in its historical context – beginning with the author and the original audience. This four-part course teaches the thread of God’s presence that ties Genesis to Jesus and the Spirit. We begin with God’s Garden as sacred space and human exile that leads to death. We will discuss the recreation of sacred space in Exodus, followed by Israel’s struggle to be holy and the foreshadowing of the coming King. The course concludes with the Jesus and the beginning of a new creation.

Jake Porter, leader, is a graduate of Western Theological Seminary. He is currently the pastor of Immanuel Christian Reformed Church in Hudsonville. Jake has a broad faith background, having grown up in a revivalist tradition and having served in a charismatic church for several years before entering a reformed seminary.

Subject: biblical studies

04-SU2021 The American Short Story and the American Dream
1:00-2:15pm EDT
Tuesday/Thursday- June 1,3,8,10
In-Person
Location: Calvin Chapel

This course will look at some of the best American short stories in chronological order by decade, beginning with the 1920s. The focus will be on discussing the short stories, but also on looking at how they reflect the values and dreams of Americans during that decade of America’s history. How has the American Dream changed over time? And what qualifies these stories and authors as some of the best in the collection of American literature? Required text: 100 years of the Best American Short Stories, editor: Lorrie Moore (ISBN 978-0547485850), will be available in the Calvin University Campus Store by May 17, or online at Amazon, Thriftbooks, and Alibris (including used copies).

Be sure that you have read the following 3 short stories in preparation for our first time together: Ernest Hemingway’s My Old Man p.36
F. Scott Fitzgerald’s Babylon Revisited p.62
Jon Cheever’s The Enormous Radio p.160
Subject: literature

Nancy Knol, leader, is the co-author of Deeper Waters, a resource for teaching middle school in a Christian context. She also spent a 29-year career in the classroom, teaching high school English, Bible, and theology, as well as middle school English and Bible. She taught primarily in the Grand Rapids Christian Schools. At both levels, she created extensive curricula. Currently, Nancy devotes a good deal of her time leading a book club at the Handlon State Prison. This is her fourth course in the CALL program.

05-SU2021 The Relationship between Christians and Muslims, Yesterday and Today
1:00-2:15pm EDT
Tuesday/Thursday- June 1,3,8,10
Online

Christians and Muslims have had differences in matters of faith, practice, and morality since the founding of Islam. Attitudes of both Muslims and Christians today are often unnecessarily colored by the legacy of past encounters, and attitudes often preserve centuries-old negative views. This course has three presenters, one for each class period, with the fourth class a time for questions and discussion. The course will look at the pre-Islamic context of Islam, basic Islamic beliefs, and the historical relationship between Islam and Christianity.

Subject: diversity, religion, sociology

Paul Kortenhoven, leader, is a retired CRC (Christian Reformed Church) missionary pastor who served in Nigeria and Sierra Leone for 30 years, 15 of which were in a Muslim village in Sierra Leone. He has presented several educational lectures on Islam and Christianity, authored an article for NPR (National Public Radio) on the subject and was interviewed by Michigan Public Radio on the "Stateside" program concerning Christian/Muslim relations in Western Michigan.

Lynn Smith is the Principal of the Islamic School of Grand Rapids. In the second class, she will explain basic Islam and talk about what it means to be a Muslim woman in Western Michigan. Lynn is an American who lived for many years in Egypt, where she converted to Islam.

Dr. Jim Payton is Professor Emeritus of History at Redeemer University in Ancaster, Ontario, where he taught Church history, Eastern European history, and a course on Islam in Europe. He has been involved in Muslim-Christian dialogue since 2002, when he participated in a post-conflict interfaith dialogue conference in Macedonia. He has been a member of the National Muslim-Christian Liaison Committee of Canada since 2006 and has served as chair of the CRCNA’s interfaith sub-committee since 2015. In July 2021, he will join McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Ontario, as Professor of Patristics and Historical Theology.

06-SU2021 Women of War, Women of Woe
3:00-4:15pm EDT
**Thursday/Friday- June 3,4,10,11 (note the days)
In-Person and Online (Vimeo Livestream).
Location for in-person: Calvin Chapel

Do some of the actions of Old Testament women trouble you? Join this class to learn about the narratives featuring women in Joshua and Judges. These two books contain empowering and troubling portraits of women (and men). We will study the biblical text as well as what women interpreters like Christina Rossetti and Harriet Beecher Stowe have thought of Jael, Deborah, Jephthah's daughter, Rahab, Delilah, Manoah's wife, and the Levite's concubine.
This course is offered both in-person and online. The online students will join through Calvin’s livestream. No downloading of software is required. This link will be sent to all registered students one week before the class start date. This course is also recorded.

Subject: biblical studies

Christiana DeGroot, leader, taught numerous courses at Calvin University, including Biblical Literature and Theology, Pentateuch, Prophets, and When Women Read the Old Testament. She co-edited Women of War, Women of Woe: Joshua and Judges through the Eyes of Nineteenth-Century Female Biblical Interpreters and co-authored Recovering Women’s Voices in the History of Biblical Interpretation.

07-SU2021 What You Eat Impacts Climate
1:00-2:15pm EDT
Wednesday/Friday- June 2,4,9,11
Online Zoom

The onslaught of fires, floods, droughts, and superstorms provide compelling evidence that we are in the beginning stages of a climate crisis. In this course we will first examine how our food systems contribute to that crisis, and what it will take to slow the rate of climate change. Fortunately, a clear picture is emerging of steps that can improve both human and environmental health. These begin with the daily choice of what we eat. Simultaneously, we need to revolutionize the way that food is grown. Achieving these necessary transformations will require concerted action to overcome social and political barriers. The course will end with a discussion of some helpful strategies and promising signs that real change can happen.

June 2 – Food and Climate: Connecting the Dots
June 4 – Dietary Solutions for a Warming Planet
June 9 – Revolutionizing Our Food Systems
June 11 – Overcoming Social and Political Barriers

Subject: biology, climate change

Dave Koetje, leader, is a biology professor with Calvin University. Since earning his PhD degree in Plant Molecular Biology at Purdue University in 1991, plant biotechnology and sustainability have been important focal points of Dave’s career. Since joining Calvin in 1998, he has proposed a place-based model in agriculture that seeks to promote sustainability by integrating agroeconomics and biotechnology.

08-SU2021 Legacy of the Black Wall Street Tragedy
3:00-4:15pm EDT
Wednesday/Friday- June 2,4,9,11
Online Zoom

The Civil War’s ending did not bring peace. African Americans’ hopes for finally achieving freedom, dignified first-class citizenship, and equal opportunity were steadily undermined and eventually slain by the terrorism, mayhem, and murder inflicted by white mobs. By 1900, the United States had fully embraced Jim Crow segregation. Protected by law and nurtured by hate, racist tyranny tightened its chokehold through repeated acts of white mob violence. White mobs terrorized black Americans and their communities from the end of the Civil War (April 9, 1865) well into the 20th century. But the criminal assault (May 31 – June 1, 1921) upon Tulsa, Oklahoma’s Black Wall Street, underscored the extent of the white supremacy infecting the United States that, once again, delayed fulfilling the promise of: We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men (and women) are created equal.
June 2: Mayhem Foreshadowed
June 4: Because They Could
June 9: Lynch Law Love
June 11: From Tulsa, to Marion, and Beyond

Subject: history, diversity

Dr Fred L. Johnson III, leader, has been a history professor at Hope College since 2000. He is a historian, award winning educator, author, environmental activist, ex-Marine, recognized public speaker and public servant. He has dedicated his life to making positive change in the country.

Membership is waived for our summer classes. Pay only the course fee of $30 per class. There are three ways to register: By mail, by phone (616-526-8777) or online in your account at www.calvin.edu/call.

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