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Curriculum Guide Spring 2021



“God’s Spirit Brooded”

I think the creation story of Genesis 1:1-3 in *The Message* translation is especially moving:

First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don’t see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God’s Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

God spoke: “Light!”
And light appeared.



The cover image is a digital painting which tries to express the majesty and magnificence of this passage. And it reminds me of the connections to New Testament stories of God’s Spirit hovering over Jesus’ baptism and at the creation of the church at Pentecost. At the beginning of 2021, a time for fresh starts, it’s good to be reminded of God’s creative acts in the universe and in each of us.

Paul Stoub
Curriculum Guide design and layout

\$30 PER COURSE • MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED
REGISTRATION OPENS SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 12:01 A.M.
FOR THOSE MEMBERS NOT RENEWED,
½ YEAR MEMBERSHIP IS ALSO \$30

Preface

The members of the CALL Curriculum Committee are pleased to present the Spring 2021 list of courses. We recently completed a successful fall online learning semester, resulting from the restrictions posed by COVID-19. We averaged 60 students per class and the recordings of each class were a popular advantage to learning online. Participants never missed a class due to a doctor's appointment, computer challenges, or other schedule conflicts.

Our spring courses will follow the same format as our fall semester. All courses are available live online only via Zoom with opportunity for Q&A. Recordings will also be available for those registered in the course. We look forward to rejoining you in person when circumstances allow. It has been our pleasure to serve all of you in the CALL organization.

Wally Bratt

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Susan Scherphorn

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Ray VanderWeele

Gwen Wallin

I want to thank our staff members, Sonja DeJong and Marjo Jordan, for their support and encouragement in helping to make this a successful program. I especially want to thank Sonja for her masterful hosting of the Zoom classes this past Fall term. And I want to thank Paul Stoub for his creativity in designing the catalog for printing.

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RECENT CALL MEMBER FEEDBACK TO ONLINE LEARNING

My first ever session on Zoom is now complete... what a great solution to the current issue. My congratulations for an excellent job managing the technology. I would have been most distressed to not have the benefit of the experience.

Lots of upsides to your solution. The professor was a pro and very clear in his presentation. I had the chance to sit in my office chair, have a cup of coffee, and just listen. I was able to avoid driving a cumulative 160 miles and four hours of drive time. Nice! You have my warmest thanks. –F.G.

I want to express my gratitude on this series of online CALL Classes. I know it must be difficult for the presenters to speak into a camera without the presence of a live room full of responsive persons. Those whose classes I am attending virtually are each doing a superb job of it. My husband and I, each taking separate classes, are immensely grateful that we have been able to continue our learning in various subject areas in this time of COVID-19 limitations. –F.P.

I want to thank CALL and the participating professors for providing an outstanding program for CALL participants. It is different from in-person lectures, but discussion between the lecturer and participants was still possible and the format is very satisfactory.

There are some unintended benefits. One does not have to look for a parking space or deal with poor weather. In addition, people who can no longer drive can still participate. A missed lecture can be retrieved later.

Many thanks for presenting stimulating programs, helping us keep the brain cells ticking. –M.K.

HELPFUL INSTRUCTIONS

There are three ways to register: online, by phone, and through the mail with a check payment. Checks should be made out to CALL, 3201 Burton St SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49546. Credits can also be applied to a spring course by phone or mail. The course fee remains the same at \$30 and registration for classes opens on Saturday, January 2, at 12:01 a.m.

CALL has a video and frequently asked questions online to orient you to the user-friendly Zoom system. We invite you to take the plunge! You can Zoom with your computer, laptop, tablet, or smart phone. CALL's course content is as exciting as ever and our Spring classes are sure to entertain, inspire, and pique your curiosity.

Join us as we continue learning and stretch the brain to learn a new way of instruction... as we await the end to COVID-19. We remain hopeful that recent advancements in science will allow us to meet in person again very soon!

How do I get the Zoom link to access the class?

All registered students of a course will be emailed a private link to join the online Zoom lecture one week before the course start date. Also, we are sending a courtesy reminder emails the morning of each class period. Please do **NOT** share the link with anyone. We will only admit those registered into the online lecture.

Can I practice a Zoom link before my class starts?

Yes, CALL has a free lecture in late January to practice Zoom. Look for the details in the back of this catalog (p. 20) and online under the "Online Learning" tab.

Will classes be recorded?

Yes, we will record the class at a private link so that you can view or review the class at your convenience. Only those registered for the course will receive this link within one day after each course session ends. Please do not share the link with others. The recordings will expire after 90 days.

As our thanks for your continued participation in CALL, the first 200 members who register for more than one class will be mailed a Calvin mask.



SESSION I: FEBRUARY 1 – MARCH 12 (*= special times)

All times are Eastern Standard Time.

1. *Tenant of the Wildfell Hall* by Anne Bronte: Jennifer Holberg – Mondays. *10:30-11:45 am
2. The Dutch and their Impact on Michigan: Dick Harms – Mondays. 1:30-2:45 pm
3. Great Decisions Global Discussion Series: World Affairs – Mondays. *6:00-7:15 pm
4. Communicating with Grace and Virtue in an Era of Conflict and Criticism: Quentin Schultze – Tuesdays. 1:30-2:45 pm
5. *Without Oars: Casting Off into a Life of Pilgrimage*: Wes Granberg-Michaelson – Tuesdays. 3:15-4:30 pm
6. Diet and Chronic Disease Connections: Larry Louters – Wednesdays. *10:30-11:45 am
7. Creating Memoir: Carol Rottman – Wednesdays. *1:00-3:00 pm
8. History of the English Language: Luke Reinsma – Wednesdays. 3:15-4:30 pm
9. Drugs and Drug Policy: A Way Forward: Kurt Ver Beek – Thursdays. *10:30-11:45 am
10. The Dutch Golden Age: The Rise and Fall of the Dutch Maritime Empire: Karin Maag – Thursdays. 1:30-2:45 pm
11. Sex and the CRC: Len Vander Zee – Thursdays. 3:15-4:30 pm

SESSION II MARCH 15 – APRIL 23 (*= special times)

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COURSE OFFERINGS AND DESCRIPTIONS

Session I: February 1-March 12

01-S2021 *Tenant of Wildfell Hall* by Anne Bronte

10:30-11:45 a.m. EST, 4 Mondays, February 1 – February 22

You may know Charlotte and Emily Bronte, but have you read their little sister, Anne? A powerful novelist in her own right, Anne Bronte is well-worth reading, too. In fact, were she not a Bronte, she would probably be more famous. Join Jennifer Holberg for an exploration of Anne Bronte's second novel, *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*. Lecture and discussion, as usual. *Tenant of Wildfell Hall*, ISBN 978-1551115085, is available in the Calvin University Campus Store.

Subject: literature

Jennifer Holberg, leader, is professor of English at Calvin University and has taught many CALL classes. She is also co-director of the Calvin Center for Faith & Writing.

02-S2021 The Dutch and their Impact on Michigan

1:30-2:45 p.m. EST, 4 Mondays, February 1 – February 22

In West Michigan, surnames, place names, and general knowledge all point to the contributions of Dutch immigrants. But these immigrants and their descendants did not all remain in the western region. Learn where these Dutch immigrant communities and institutions landed and what "pull factors" attracted those from other states to migrate to Michigan. Using multimedia presentations, the class will also cover Dutch immigrants' roles in business, industry, agriculture, education, and politics ("that dirty business" as Gerrit Diekema would say, an immigrant who served in elected offices at the county, state, and federal level).

Subject: history

Dick Harms, leader, is a historian and former Curator of Archives at Calvin University.

03-S2021 Great Decisions Global Discussion Series

6:00-7:15 p.m. EST, 8 Mondays, February 8 – March 29 (please note time)

This course, sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Western Michigan (WACWM), tackles some of the most important global issues facing our nation in its annual Great Decisions Series. Lecture topics include the role of

international organizations in a Global Pandemic, global supply chains and national security, China and Africa, Brexit and the European Union, the fight over the melting Arctic, and others. The series features diplomats, policy makers and practitioners, think tank specialists and journalists, using their diverse expertise to lead nonpartisan conversations on the following topics:

Suzanne DiMaggio, Carnegie Institute of International Peace, on North Korean diplomacy

Tomas Baert, European Union diplomat to the U.S., on the future of the European Union

Thomas W. Lippman, author and public intellectual, on Saudi Arabia

Andrew Natsios, Bush School of Government and Public Services, Texas A & Am, on global response to pandemics

Elizabeth Asiedu, University of Kansas, on China in Africa

Julia Luscombe, Feeding America, on sustainable globalization

More information on the full series and speakers is available on WACWM's website: <https://www.worldmichigan.org/greatdecisions2021>.

Subject: political science, global studies

CALL members can register for the online course for \$30 (normal fee is \$60). Faculty and students of Calvin University can join at no charge but must contact the CALL office at 526-8777 to register. WACWM is the local sponsor of Great Decisions, America's largest discussion program on world affairs, produced by the New York City-based Foreign Policy Association (FPA). The Council has sponsored the series for more than 60 years.

04-S2021 Communicating with Grace and Virtue in an Era of Conflict and Criticism

1:30-2:45 p.m. EST, 4 Tuesdays, February 2 – February 23

We will explore the amazing ways that everyday interaction and media consumption can build up and break down our relationships in family, church, community, and society. Topics include listening, encouraging, disagreeing, deception, storytelling, gender differences, cultural conflicts, nonverbal communication, and virtue signaling. This course is based on Dr. Schultze's latest book, *Communicating with Grace and Virtue*, ISBN 978-1540961273, available in the Calvin University Campus Store.

Subject: communication

Quentin Schultze, leader, professor of Communications, emeritus, at Calvin University.

05-S2021 *Without Oars: Casting Off into a Life of Pilgrimage*

3:15-4:30 p.m. EST, 4 Tuesdays, February 2 – March 2 (no class Feb. 23)

The way of the pilgrim begins with what we leave behind—not so much a journey to a holy place, but rather, a holy practice of leaving the comforts of the familiar for a radical vulnerability, letting the very breath of God direct us on the unknown, stripped-down path of trust. In *Without Oars*, author Wesley Granberg-Michaelson blends history, storytelling, biblical insights, personal reflections, and spiritual formation in an inviting call to discover pilgrimage as a way of life. This book offers a unique perspective on the faith journey as an embodied practice of heading into the unknown and unknowable—with all the excitement, risk, and rewards that come with letting go. Join us on an inspiring journey of rethinking Christian discipleship. The book, ISBN 978-1506464343, is available in the Calvin University Campus Store.

Subject: spirituality, literature

Wes Granberg-Michaelson, leader, is the author of nine other books including From Times Square to Timbuktu: The Post-Christian West Meets the Non-Western Church (Eerdmans) and Future Faith: Ten Challenges for Reshaping Christianity in the 21st Century (Fortress Press). For 17 years, he served as General Secretary of the Reformed Church in America and has long been active in ecumenical initiatives such as the Global Christian Forum and Christian Churches Together. He has been associated with Sojourners ministry for 40 years. For more information, view www.wesgm.com.

06-S2021 Diet and Chronic Disease Connections

10:30-11:45 a.m. EST, 4 Wednesdays: February 3 – February 24

We are what we eat. What are the major chemical components of food and why are they important?

Diet has a powerful influence on chronic disease such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and obesity. This course will explore some of the biochemical underpinnings of both food utilization and chronic disease and the role diet plays in the disease process. No previous chemical or biochemical experience is expected.

Session 1: Fundamental chemical principles of nutrition and metabolism

Session 2: Principle biochemical components of diets and relationship to obesity

Session 3: Role of diet in diabetes and chronic heart disease

Session 4: Role of diet in cancer

Subject: health

Larry Louters, leader, is a professor of biochemistry, emeritus, at Calvin University.

07-S2021 Creating Memoir

1:00–3:00 p.m. EST, 6 Wednesdays, February 3 – March 10 (please note time)

You have experienced a lot. Have you been thinking about writing the stories of your life? Have your siblings, children, or grandchildren urged you to fill in the details of family legends? If so, please consider joining a small group of like-minded people, learning by writing weekly assignments or by continuing an ongoing writing project.

Each two-hour session is run like a workshop that contains instruction, gentle critique of your work, and encouragement from other writers. Both beginning and continuing writers are welcome to join this lively group, limited to 12 people.

The class text is *Writers in the Spirit: Inspiration for Christian Writers* (FaithWalk, ISBN 978-1932902433), which was written by the instructor and is available in the Calvin University Campus Store.

Subject: writing

Carol Rottman, leader, is an experienced writer and educator.

08-S2021 History of the English Language

3:15-4:30 p.m. EST, 4 Wednesdays, February 3 – February 24

In this course, we will stand up to our kneecaps in the turbulent river of the English language, scarcely able to keep our balance, studying the tributaries that have added to its strength, watching the language change, like the lively thing it is. Surveying the growth of the English language from the Old English period into the early modern English of Shakespeare's day, we will come to understand the development of modern English. Consecutive translations of "The Parable of the Sower" (Mark 4) will give the course its narrative backbone, and current dictionary wars will provide its punchline. Handouts will be mailed in advance to each class participant.

Subject: language, history

Luke Reinsma, leader, is a professor of English literature, emeritus, at Seattle Pacific University and a graduate of Calvin University. He is eager to teach his all-time favorite course, history of the English language.

09-S2021 Drugs and Drug Policy: A Way Forward

10:30-11:45 a.m. EST, 4 Thursdays, February 4 – February 25

50 years ago, the US government declared a “War on Drugs.” Many experts consider this policy to have been disastrous as the US faces an unparalleled opioid drug crisis and the impact of increasingly violent drug-trafficking abroad—a tragedy that we have seen play out in our long-time home of Honduras, a major hub for the trafficking of cocaine to the US. In this class, we will hear from experts—both academics and practitioners--as we delve into the history of US drug use and drug policy, analyze alternatives to that policy and discuss how US drug policy can be made both more effective and transformative in its approach.

Subject: sociology, political science

Kurt Ver Beek, leader, taught as a professor of Sociology for Calvin University, where he directed the Honduras Justice Studies semester with his wife Jo Ann for 20 years. He received a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Calvin, a Master's in Human Resources, and a Doctorate in Development Sociology from Cornell University. He founded, with his wife Jo Ann, Association for a More Just Society (AJS) in 1998 and currently serves as the President of AJS-Honduras, overseeing AJS's violence prevention programs and anti-corruption initiatives. Kurt collaborates with experts in Honduras to develop innovative solutions to strengthen systems. Despite the challenges that Honduras has faced, he believes that justice is possible for Honduras.

10-S2021 The Dutch Golden Age: The Rise and Fall of the Dutch Maritime Empire

1:30-2:45 p.m. EST, 4 Thursdays, February 18 – March 11

Today, the Netherlands is an important part of the European Union, but hardly a major player on the world scene. Yet during the hundred-year period beginning in 1575, the Dutch Republic was one of the world's foremost economic and trading powers. Indeed, this period has become known as the Dutch Golden Age. Join Dr. Karin Maag as we explore the fascinating history of this era, including the Dutch voyages of discovery and trade, the set-up of colonies, and the impact of this period on Dutch society, culture, and religion. This online course will include presentations, short video clips, and the opportunity for questions and discussion.

Subject: history

Karin Maag, leader, is the director of the Meeter Center for Calvin Studies at Calvin University. She has taught for CALL since 2000. Her area of specialty is the reformation.

11-S2021 Sex and the CRC

3:15-4:30 p.m. EST, 4 Thursdays, February 4- February 25

Culminating a five-year project, the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church will consider a major study committee Report on Human Sexuality this year. At 176 dense pages, the report is not an easy read, but it is important for CRC folks to understand the direction it takes and why. This class will offer a close and sometimes critical reading of the report that is designed to help participants work out their own stance on important issues like same-sex relationships and marriage, pornography, polyamory, and other issues. The report is available in a PDF download from the CRCNA web site. https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/human_sexuality_report_2020.pdf

Subject: church history, religion

Leonard VanderZee, leader, was most recently interim minister of preaching at the Church of the Servant in Grand Rapids and former interim editor of The Banner. He also served as a pastor for over forty years. He is the author of In Life and In Death: A Pastoral Guide for Funerals (CRC Publications, 1992) and More Than Words: Prayer as a Way of Life, a Leader's Guide (CRC Publications, 1995). His articles have appeared in The Banner, Reformed Worship, Perspectives, and Christianity Today.

Session II: March 15-April 23

12-S2021 Creation of Place and Dynamic Space: An Exploration of Gardening Ideals and Techniques

10:30-11:45 a.m. EST, 4 Mondays, March 15 – April 5

The final class period of April 5 intends to meet in person and off site, COVID-19 restrictions permitting.

Centuries of tradition and brilliant minds have worked to develop gardens that heal and inspire the human psyche. This course will survey Japanese Gardens in particular—the tradition, styles, and evolutions. We will discuss the value of incorporating native plants to create a sense of place and look at the ways healthy garden ecosystems fit within human cultural contributions to horticulture and our surrounding nature. We will cover skills and practices such as aesthetic pruning and planting to learn how to evoke the essence of natural spaces that strike awe and provide healing. This course will seek to inspire participants to garden with heart and mind in a holistic way that can tap into the human psyche well beyond enjoying transient moments of beauty.

Subject: nature

David Rettig, leader, has degrees in Horticulture and Landscape Design, Construction, and Management as well as in Sustainable and Organic Horticulture from Michigan State University. After a decade of working in landscaping, nurseries, and aesthetic pruning, Rettig became the Lead Horticulturist of the Richard and Helen DeVos Japanese Garden for six years. He has studied in Japan and across the country under masters in the field. His specialty is "Garden Fostering and Stewardship."

13-S2021 Evangelicals and the Dead Sea Scrolls

3:15-4:30 p.m. EST, 4 Mondays, March 15 – April 5

Discovered in 1947 by a young Bedouin shepherd exploring a cave along the Dead Sea, the Dead Sea Scrolls have revolutionized our understanding of ancient Judaism and the origins of Christianity. The findings of these mysterious documents have greatly informed our understanding of the origins of Christianity and its Jewish background. In particular, the Dead Sea Scrolls shed new light upon Jesus, John the Baptist, and the Christian Church. Did you know that some of the practices of the Quran community are reflected in the early church, and that John the Baptist himself may have been a member of that community before following Jesus?

Subject: biblical studies

Daniel Kroeze, leader, is professor of biblical studies at Kuyper College. His courses with CALL have drawn high participation. The Dead Sea Scrolls were part of his doctoral research at the University of Wisconsin. Ordained in the RCA, he currently serves as the Teaching Pastor at Newhall Community Church in Wyoming.

14-S2021 More Planetary Pursuits

1:30-2:45 p.m. EST, 4 Tuesdays, March 23 – April 13

A flurry of discovery using telescopes and spacecraft continues unabated since we were children. Curiosity about planets, comets, and asteroids of our solar system continues to push humans to ever more amazing technological achievements to explore our solar neighborhood. The growing club of nations capable of launching space probes is accelerating the pace of discovery even more. This four-week course continues an exploration of our solar system begun in the Fall of 2019. If you missed that one, do not worry, this one stands on its own. This time, more attention will be given to the dozens of spectacular moons of the giant planets where future missions will seek evidence of life. We will also consider recent findings about Pluto and other so-called dwarf planets that have surprised astronomers. New, robotic missions have even visited and sampled the surfaces of comets and asteroids. Finally, we will have a closer look at new planets found around distant stars. As of this writing, astronomers have

confirmed 4370 planets orbiting over three thousand other stars. How are such distant planets found, and what could be done to see signs of life over such vast distances? We will engage enlightened speculation on possible alien life forms. Come to get a deeper appreciation for the Creator.

Subject: astronomy

Steven Steenwyk, leader, is professor of physics and astronomy, emeritus, at Calvin University.

15-S2021 Masterpieces of Greek Art and Architecture

3:15-4:30 p.m. EST, 4 Tuesdays, March 16 – April 6

Foundational to the classical style in Western art and architecture are the magnificent works of ancient Greece between 1300 - 300 BC. In this course, we will study some of the most important achievements of that millennium, their cultural context, and their impact on the work of artists right up to the present day. Bonus for residents of Michigan: the images will feature warm and sunny scenes!

Session 1 – The Mycenaean Palace (1200 BC)

Session 2 – Greek temples and their sculpture from 600 BC to the Parthenon (430)

Session 3 – Greek painting from 600 BC to the Achilles Painter (425)

Session 4 – Masterpieces from the Age of Alexander the Great (350-320 BC)

Subject: art history

Ken Bratt, leader, is professor of classics, emeritus, and former director of the Honors Program at Calvin University.

16-S2021 Age-Related Disease: Moving Toward a Cure

1:30-2:45 p.m. EST, 4 Wednesdays: March 31 – April 21

For 30 years, Michael Fossel has been working on his dream of understanding, preventing, and curing age-related disease. What is aging? How does aging result in disease? We almost always think we understand how aging works, but we do not. We simply wave our hands and assume we understand aging. As it turns out, not only is aging far more complicated than “it just happens,” but once we truly understand how it works—at the genetic and cellular level—we can effectively intervene in the aging process and in age-related disease. This course will explore our misconceptions about aging and reexamine our flawed assumptions. How do cells really age? Can we reverse the process? Can we

extend the healthy lifespan? Can we cure age-related diseases like Alzheimer's? We will explore these and other questions, finding some surprising answers.

Subject: health

Michael Fossel, leader, has a PhD and MD from Stanford University and taught at Stanford and Michigan State Medical School. He has lectured at the National Institutes for Health and the Smithsonian Institute, and continues to lecture at universities, institutes, and conferences throughout the world. He has appeared on Good Morning America, ABC 20/20, NBC Extra, Fox Network, CNN, BBC, Discovery Channel, and regularly on NPR. He is currently president of a biotechnology company with planned FDA human trials for Alzheimer's disease.

17-S2021 Political Discipleship

3:15-4:30 p.m. EST, 4 Wednesdays, March 17 – April 7

For Christians, our primary identity is as citizens of the global Kingdom of Christ. But we are also citizens of the specific nations where God has placed us. How do we honor the authority of human government in ways that are faithful to the Kingship of Christ? What is the essential role of the state in human affairs? How do we make our way as Christians in the increasingly pluralistic societies in which we find ourselves? How do we engage fellow Christians with whom we disagree on some of these matters? We will explore key challenges—and opportunities—we face in bringing our faith to bear on our political lives.

Session 1: The Nature of Political Authority

Session 2: Patriotism, Nationalism and Civil Religion

Session 3: Justice for All

Session 4: Political Witness, Individual and Collective

Subject: political science, theology

Richard Mouw, leader, is President Emeritus at Fuller Theological Seminary where he also taught philosophy and ethics for over three decades. He is now Senior Research Fellow in Faith and Politics at Calvin's Henry Institute.

18-S2021 China Smart: A Past & Present Guide to History, Culture, Society, Language

1:30-2:45 p.m. EST, 4 Thursdays, March 18 – April 8

How is China organized politically? What are the issues young people face in today's China? What is China doing about its problem with pollution? Is the Chinese internet like our internet? What is China's role in the world today? And

how much do you know about China's great woman emperor or the Chinese explorer whose voyages may have inspired the legend of Sinbad the Sailor? What are the major Chinese holidays, their superstitions regarding numbers, and the true nature of the Chinese written language?

These are the questions and topics to be dealt with in this course:

Session 1: China's past

Session 2: Chinese culture

Session 3: Contemporary China

Session 4: Contemporary China and review of the complementary documentary Larry and his wife, Qin, produced in 2012 called *The China Threat: Perception versus Reality*. This film is even more topical today than when it was first released.

Text: *China Smart: What You Don't Know, What You Need to Know—A Past & Present Guide to History, Culture, Society, Language* (ISBN 978-1611720501), is available in the Calvin University Campus Store.

Subject: history, global studies

Larry Herzberg, leader, is professor of Chinese and Director of Asian Studies at Calvin University.

19-S2021 History of the Black Church: *I Don't Feel No Ways Tired*

3:15-4:30 p.m. EST, 5 Thursdays, March 18 – April 15

From the moment it was established, the black church offered African Americans an essential spiritual and material refuge from a brand of Christianity that had been modified to justify their enslavement rather than embracing them as brothers and sisters who were equally loved, valued, and cherished by God. Their desire to worship their Creator proved stronger than efforts to curtail their intentions, yielding an institution that became the foundation for shaping African American spirituality, providing socio-economic uplift, and bolstering their resolve to worship the Lord their God.

Session 1: Driven from the Garden . . . Again

When the flawed paradise that could have been was sacrificed on the altars of greed, hate, and expediency, there was no choice but to establish the black church.

Session 2: Land of the Two Gospels

Truth was the tragic casualty of life in America during the Antebellum Period [1787 - 1860] when the Bible was used as a hammer of oppression.

Session 3: Exodus

For black people, the Civil War proved that God's patience with slavery had finally ended, so they joined Him in accomplishing the miracle of their liberation.

Session 4: Resurrecting Pharaoh

As the United States transitioned from the 19th into the 20th century, the necessity to maintain the black church was underscored by the malignancy of a monster named Jim Crow.

Session 5: Been Running for a Long Time

While civil rights and full citizenship evaded black Americans through the 20th century, the black church served as a beacon for spiritual and civic victory.

Subject: history

Fred L. Johnson III, leader, 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 U.S. military history, 20th Century U.S. and Africa.

To Apply for Membership

For online courses, CALL membership is open to any age. Use the application form on the adjacent page or use online link for membership found at www.calvin.edu/call.

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CALL embraces its diverse membership. In an effort to understand whom we represent, provide the name of your church home and/ or other organizations you are affiliated within the space provided:

(Optional) Church/ Org: _____

CALL offers reduced membership pricing each January.

Please check length of membership desired:

½-year, (\$30 per person effective through Aug 31, 2021)

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Yes, I would like to help CALL with its operating expenses this year.

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COURSE OFFERINGS

CALL CLASS SCHEDULE - SPRING 2021 - 1ST SESSION

Day	#	Title	Presenter	Time	Feb				Mar				Period
MO	1	"Tenant of Wildfell Hall": Anne Bronte	J. Holberg	10:30-11:45	1	8	15	22					2/1-2/22
	2	The Dutch and their Impact on Michigan	R. Harms	1:30-2:45	1	8	15	22					2/1-2/22
	3	Great Decisions Global Discussion 2021	World Affairs	6:00-7:15 pm	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	29	2/8-3/29
TU	4	Communicating with Grace and Virtue	Q. Schultze	1:30-2:45		2	9	16	23				2/2-2/23
	5	"Without Oars: Casting Off Into a Life of Pilgrimage"	W. Granberg-Michaelson	3:15-4:30		2	9	16		2			2/2-3/2
WE	6	Diet and Chronic Disease Connections	L. Louters	10:30-11:45		3	10	17	24				2/3-2/24
	7	Creating Memoir	C. Rottman	1:00-3:00		3	10	17	24	3	10		2/3-3/10
	8	History of the English Language	L. Reinsma	3:15-4:30		3	10	17	24				2/3-2/24
TH	9	Drugs and Drug Policy: A Way Forward	K. Ver Beek	10:30-11:45		4	11	18	25				2/4-2/25
	10	The Dutch Golden Age: Maritime Empire	K. Maag	1:30-2:45					18	25	4	11	2/18-3/11
	11	Sex and the CRC	L. Vander Zee	3:15-4:30		4	11	18	25				2/4-2/25

CALL CLASS SCHEDULE - SPRING 2021 - 2nd SESSION

Day	#	Title	Presenter	Time	Mar			Apr			Period	
MO	12	Japanese Gardens and Honoring Tradition	D. Rettig	10:30-11:45	15	22	29	5			3/15-4/5	
	13	Evangelicals and the Dead Sea Scrolls	D. Kroeze	3:15-4:30	15	22	29	5			3/15-4/5	
TU	14	More Planetary Pursuits	S. Steenwyk	1:30-2:45				23	30	6	13	3/23-4/13
	15	Greek Art & Architecture	K. Bratt	3:15-4:30		16	23	30	6			3/16-4/6
WE	16	Age-Related Disease: Moving Toward a Cure	M. Fossel	1:30-2:45				31	7	14	21	3/31-4/21
	17	Political Discipleship	R. Mouw	3:15-4:30		17	24	31	7			3/17-4/7
TH	18	China Smart	L. Herzberg	1:30-2:45		18	25	1	8			3/18-4/8
	19	History of the Black Church: "I Don't Feel No Ways Tired"	F. Johnson	3:15-4:30		18	25	1	8	15		3/18-4/15

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES

Free Lectures on Varying Days Online at Zoom

No charge, open to everyone. Available both live with Q&A and recorded. Visit our website or watch the E-news for direct links to join these informative lectures and classes.

Thursday, January 28, 3:00 pm EST

***God Can't: How to Believe in God and Love after Tragedy, Abuse, and Other Evils*, by Thomas J. Oord**

The primary reason an atheist does not believe in God is unnecessary suffering. Even believers struggle to understand why a loving and powerful God does not prevent pain. In his best-selling book, *God Can't: How to Believe in God and Love after Tragedy, Abuse, and Other Evils*, Thomas Jay Oord offers a new perspective. What if we were to understand God's power in light of God's love? Hear Oord weave together five ideas from his book on the problem of suffering. He plans to allow ample time for your questions.

Thomas Jay Oord, a Thomas theologian, philosopher, and scholar of multi-disciplinary studies, directs a doctoral program at Northwind Theological Seminary and the Center for Open and Relational Theology. He is an award-winning author and has written or edited more than twenty-five books. He is known for contributions to research on love, science and religion, open and relational theology, the problem of suffering, and the implications of freedom for transformational relationships. Website: thomasjayoord.com.

Monday, March 8, 3:00 pm EST

***Vainglory: A Vice that Glitters*, by Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung**

Although “vainglory” is an unfamiliar term for many of us, the concept might feel uncomfortably familiar. Don't we all want approval, recognition, and applause? What could possibly go wrong with that desire—in politics, on social media, and in worship? Careful self-examination shows us how vainglorious desires can be fueled by both pride and fear. We will explore what the Christian tradition teaches us about our own disordered desires in this area and discover practices that can turn the church into a good, glory-giving community.

Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung, Ph.D., University of Notre Dame, has enjoyed teaching ethics and the history of ancient and medieval philosophy at Calvin University for over 20 years. Her research focuses on the seven deadly sins, virtue ethics, and Thomas Aquinas’s work on the virtues. Her books include *Glittering Vices* (Brazos, 2nd edition 2020), *Vainglory* (Eerdmans), and a co-authored volume entitled *Aquinas’s Ethics* (University of Notre Dame Press). Awards for her work include the Book and Essay Prize from the Character Project and the C.S. Lewis prize for *Glittering Vices*. She speaks widely, including opportunities to teach in prison.

Wednesday, April 21, 3:00 pm EST

***The Coming of the Roberts Court . . . At Least for Now,*
by David Ryden**

The 2019-2020 Supreme Court term marked the true arrival of the Roberts Court, as Chief Justice Roberts employed his newly acquired status as swing justice to steer the Court through a term full of historically important and politically perilous cases. This session will examine a term that included multiple religion cases, disputes over gun rights and abortion, challenges to President Trump’s executive authority and his power to roll back DACA, and workplace protections for LGBTQ, to name just a few. It also will consider the impact of the addition of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Court.

David Ryden, Ph.D., professor at Hope College, joined the political science faculty in 1994. In that time, he has published numerous books and articles on such topics as the Supreme Court and the electoral process, religious liberty, faith-based sector/governmental partnerships and other questions at the intersection of religion and politics. He is the author of *The U.S. Supreme Court and the Electoral Process* (Georgetown University Press) and, most recently, *Is the Good Book Good Enough? Evangelical Perspectives on Public Policy*. His expertise in the realm of the electoral politics garnered him significant media attention this presidential cycle with his insights appearing on CNN, in the *Christian Science Monitor*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and the *New York Times*. David Ryden has a J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School and a Ph.D. from The Catholic University of America. His areas of specialization are religion and politics, American constitutionalism, and parties and elections.

EXTENDED TRIPS

Many 2020 trips were rescheduled to 2021 and you have a second opportunity to travel with several excellent tour leaders. Due to the number of rescheduled trips, we have only added two



new trips for 2021—Croatia with Ken Bratt and Montreal/Quebec with Karin Maag. The best way to find out details for any of these trips is to join the interest list by emailing alumni@calvin.edu and specifying which trip(s) you have interest in. Persons on our interest lists receive the latest information and opening registration dates as soon as the information become available. The most updated trip details can be found at our website travel tab. Cancellation policies are different between trips after the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic this year and contracts with suppliers. We know that the Quebec and Netherland trips have no cancellation fee within 90 days of departure.

Date	Tour Leader	Destination	Registration Status
March 1-13, 2021	Bill and Lyn Vanden Bosch	<i>In the Light of Jesus: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land</i>	Open to register
May 14-27, 2021	Jennifer Holberg	<i>Florence Through the Eyes of Dante</i>	Registration deadline Feb 1, 2021
June 7-14, 2021	Karin Maag	<i>History and Beauty of Quebec and Montreal</i>	Registration deadline March 1, 2021
Aug 7-22, 2021	Ken Bratt	<i>Croatia</i> The decision to open registration will be made as late as possible at the end of January.	Registration deadline March 1, 2021
Sept 24-Oct 6, 2021	Henk Aay and Robert Hoeksema	<i>Netherlands – Off the Beaten Path</i>	Open to register
Nov 4-21, 2021	Jim Bratt	<i>Vietnam and Cambodia</i>	Full
Nov 9-21, 2021	Gerry Van Kooten	<i>Hawaii</i>	Open to register

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