Summer Courses- Any Age, Membership Not Required

CALL is pleased to announce the 2019 Summer Course schedule! **Any friends of any age** are invited to attend without membership fees. Only the course fee of $30 per course applies. Consider bringing a lunch between the two course times and sitting in the large public lounge of the DeVos Building where all the classes are held. We look forward to seeing you in June!

1. **Contemporary Music: Defying Definition**  
   Mondays and Wednesdays- June 3,5,10,12  
   10:30-11:45 am, DC140

From Igor Stravinsky’s groundbreaking *The Rite of Spring* at the turn of the 20th century to today’s technology-driven compositions, audiences have been both mystified and awed by contemporary classical music. Through active listening, we will explore the composers and styles that have taken instrumental music in new directions over the past 125 years.

**Subject:** music

*Saxophonist J. Adam Briggs has given residencies at institutions such as Ohio State University, Illinois State University, and Arizona State University. As an advocate for new music, he has commissioned a dozen new works for saxophone, in addition to transcribing and arranging over three dozen pieces for various instrumentations. He currently serves as the Instructor of Saxophone at Albion College, and holds degrees from the University of Arizona, the Peabody Conservatory at The Johns Hopkins University, and Michigan State University, where he received his doctorate in 2014. This course was last taught at Hope College’s lifelong learning program.*

2. **Journey to the Land of the Text**  
   M-F-Wk 1, and M-W-Wk 2- June 3,7,10,12  
   10:30-11:45 am, Bytwerk Theatre

This course will present the basic topography and major geographic regions of the land of Israel, give an overview of important sites mentioned in the Bible, from the time of the Patriarchs until the time of the Gospels, and teach principles of identifying the location of key Biblical sites.

Many biblical stories are related to distinctive geographical surroundings. For example, the daily life of Israelites in the fertile Galilee region was quite different from those settled in the arid Negev desert, or up in the mountains of Jerusalem. If we are to understand the mindset of the people of the Bible, we must become conversant with their geography.

**Subject:** religion, biblical studies, history

*Daniel Kroeze is professor of biblical studies at Kuyper College. His twelve courses with CALL have drawn high participation. He is ordained in the RCA and currently serving as the Teaching Pastor at Newhall Community Church in Wyoming.*
3. The Courts and the Law  
Mondays and Wednesdays- June 3,5,10,12  
10:30-11:45 am, DC150

This course will study the Michigan and Federal Court systems in detail. We will focus on the roles of each specific type of court and how the courts work and interact within our federal system of government. This course has three components:

1. The Structure of the Michigan Courts System: focusing on the different courts and their jurisdiction.
2. The Structure of the Federal Courts System: focusing on the several different courts and their jurisdiction.
3. Concurrent Cases: when jurisdictional lines cross.

Our understanding of the courts will be enhanced by an abundance of case studies that will help illustrate jurisdiction and procedure. This will also allow us to cover some of the basic legal principles and processes as related to Criminal, Civil, and Constitutional Law.

Subject: political science, history

Paul Diekema, a teacher at Grand Rapids Christian High School, who has been teaching in the Social Studies program for thirty years with a focus on American Government and Introduction to Law. Paul is a graduate of Calvin College (class of 1988) with a Masters in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University. He is married to Melissa Dykstra Diekema and has three children, Creaghan, Myah and Matea.

4. The Apple Ecosystem- Understanding Your Devices  
Mondays and Wednesdays- June 3,5,10,12  
1:00-2:15 pm, DC140

Are you at a crossroad with your technology? Join Grant Austin, Grand Rapids’ go-to tech guy, as he dives into the advantages of the Apple EcoSystem and better explains how to declutter your digital lives.

This course covers the world of Apple products including IPads, IPhones, Apple Watch and Apple TV. We will also explore how technology products can keep you active, informed, and entertained, and help keep in touch with family and friends. Students will need to own and bring their own iPhone or iPad devices. Content for this course is specific to Apple devices, but if you are considering joining the Apple family, this would be a great first step in understanding basic functionality.

Subject: technology

Grant Austin, leader, is a former Apple technician and current owner of RGA Tech Support, a local company devoted to serving those in technical distress.

5. Art: Visions in Color  
Mondays and Wednesdays- June 3,5,10,12  
1:00-2:15 pm, DC150

Hand coloring, around for nearly as long as photography itself, first gained its popularity as the only way to make a color photograph. Now with color photography so firmly entrenched, many people find it very odd that anyone still hand colors photographs. You may ask, "Why go to all that trouble when you could just shoot color film?" Well, there really are quite a few reasons to hand color, and quite a few differences between a hand-colored photograph and a color photograph. Black and white images on fine art papers allow us an immense amount of control over the image. Learn to alter a black and white photo using colored pencils, chalk, and pastels to tint and color. Use your vision to create a finished product, both nostalgic and beautiful.

Students will take photos with their camera, iPad, or smartphone in the beginning of the course on a short nature walk, and the instructor will also provide a second photo for you to tint as well. If you were ever intimidated about being an artist, this course will bring out the creative side in everyone!
Student supply list: bring masking tape, apron, basic art supplies like chalk, pastels, colored pencils, Q-tips, cotton balls, and $2 to pay for the print provided. We are happy to assist with questions on items to purchase.

Subject: art

Dianne Carroll Burdick is well known in the Grand Rapids community for her free-lance photography work. In addition to instructing at Kendall’s Continuing Studies program and Frederick Meijer Garden workshops, she has participated in over 50 art exhibitions including ArtPrize, and her work includes six books. Her passion includes photographing the land and connecting with nature.

6. White House Wives
   Mondays and Wednesdays- June 3,5,10,12
   1:00-2:15 pm, DC130

The wives of the presidents, from Martha Washington to Melania Trump, influenced both the presidency and the history of the United States. All served as hostesses, some as political advisers, personal secretaries, co-presidents or campaigners. Some were hardly seen, or even known; others were public people in their own right. Students will look at the various roles the wives of the presidents have played throughout American history and see what being First Lady has meant over the years.

Subject: political science, history

Robert Schoone-Jongen, Ph.D., associate professor of history-emeritus at Calvin College, continues to research and teach about the topics of immigration and the American presidency. He has published numerous articles on the history of American immigration, especially Dutch immigration to New Jersey and Minnesota.

7. Paul’s Letters to the Thessalonians
   Mondays and Wednesdays- June 3,5,10,12
   1:00-2:15 pm, Bytwerk Theatre

Written ca. 50-51 AD—the earliest of his 13 letters—Paul’s epistles to the Thessalonians give 21st-century readers a fine angle to look into a congregation of Jesus-followers situated in a crossroads capital city strategically located on the Aegean coast. Through these letters we are able to:

1. Learn the challenges of living the Gospel’s promises and commands in a thoroughly pagan setting;
2. Hear these newly-converted believers’ questions for Paul, their congregation’s beloved founder, and his answers to them;
3. Feel the affection and concern throbbing within the heart of a missionary-pastor par excellence.

In this course, we shall also aim to uncover some of the enduring truths embedded in these two epistles for readers today who live in an age and culture so obviously different—and yet so remarkably similar—to those of the Christian believers in first-century Thessalonica.

Subject: religion, biblical studies

Dale Cooper (Calvin graduate 1964) is husband to Marcia; father to four (married) children; grandfather to fourteen; and chaplain emeritus of Calvin College. He continues to work (part-time) at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and to teach Old Testament history and theology at Calvin’s Handlon Prison campus. His favorite recreation: To ride his 1941 John Deere “B.” His two remaining life goals: To model Jesus for the sake of next generation; and to prepare to die well, full of gratitude and hope.
8. Birding Ottawa County Parks
Tuesdays and Thursdays- June 4, 6, 11, 13
9:00-10:30 am, sometimes longer
Off-site

This course features four days of outdoor, guided birding walks at Ottawa County’s best hotspots, instruction by a leading Michigan wildlife expert, and the opportunity to enjoy the company of your fellow birders.

Field trips include Grand Ravines (meeting first in the lodge for a one-hour Birding 101 seminar before going outside), Hager Park, Grand River Park, and culminating with the Nature Center at Hemlock Crossing in West Olive on day four, which offers 239 acres of woods and wetlands along the Pigeon River. (The 1st and 4th class periods will be longer in length).

Students can hone their birding skills as they identify various species by sight and sound. For anyone new to birding, we will have binoculars and bird books for those who don’t have equipment. An optional book *Birds of Ottawa County, Michigan – An Annotated Checklist* by Chip Francke, Carl Manning and Judi Manning will be available for purchase from your leader for $15, cash or check only. Course is limited to 15 students. Students will have the opportunity to carpool from the Prince Conference Center or drive on their own.

Day One Directions: Grand Ravines North Lodge, 9920 - 42nd Ave South, Jenison, MI 49428. (https://www.miottawa.org/Parks/fillmore.htm)
Ottawa Parks Map: https://www.miottawa.org/Parks/parks.htm.

Subject: nature

Curtis Dykstra, Ottawa County Parks Naturalist, graduated from Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa with a degree in Environmental Studies. Since then, he has gained over 20 years of experience as an educator and naturalist. He strives to connect people to the outdoors in practical and enjoyable ways. Curtis is an avid birder and delights to share this passion with others.

9. Acts of Love in Times of War: Ten Reasons to Hope Series with Dr. Fred Johnson
Tuesday and Thursday, June 4 & 6 Only
**10:00 am-12:00 pm (note times), DC170

Tuesday, June 4: He Shattered the Darkness - Amidst the routine torture and horror of Auschwitz, a servant of God used love and grace to triumph over savagery. Along the way, he exposed Hitler’s killers for being the weak, perverse cowards they’d always been.

Thursday, June 6: Hope Left No Room for Despair - December 16, 1944. Seeking to save his murderous regime, Hitler launched the Ardennes Offensive. While combatants fought for their lives, an act of kindness gave them hope for the peace soon to come.

Subject: history, international

Fred Johnson, Ph.D., is associate professor of history at Hope College. His primary field of study is 19th Century U.S. History, specifically, the Civil War. He has taught numerous courses with the CALL program.

10. TED Talks: Challenge Your Perceptions
Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 4, 6, 11, 13
10:30-11:45 am, DC160

TED started in 1984 as a conference where technology, entertainment and design converged. TED today shares ideas from a broad spectrum — from science to business to global issues — in more than 100 languages and 1,400 talks. Once a select forum of the great and good, the Technology Entertainment and Design (TED) conference now has millions of avid online fans.
This course, offered for the fifth time, will view one or two videos each course period, followed by discussion questions prepared in advance by the course leader. Offered by many lifelong learning institutions around the country, TED talks are highly popular courses where students love to share their reactions and explore new ideas with one another on some of the most fascinating and profound subjects.

Subject: ethics, communication

*Henry Baron, leader, is emeritus professor of English at Calvin College. A recipient of CALL’s Distinguished Service Award, Henry has led over 30 courses for our program.*

**11. Stir Your Creative Juices: Creative Formation and Writing**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 4, 6, 11, 13**
**10:30-11:45 am, DC140**

“This is dumb!” Do you hear attacks like this when you write? Our inner critic can smother our attempts. But we can master ways to quiet this negative voice and move forward. Learn helpful creative formation practices, so you can be free to follow your writing nudge.

Together in week 1, we’ll explore how to strengthen our writing approach—how to let ourselves write. Then in week 2, we’ll explore and practice story craft structures that can improve the quality of our fiction or nonfiction. For beginners and intermediate writers.

Our text will be *Creative Juices: A Splash of Story Craft, Process and Creative Soul Care* (Soul Seasons, ISBN 978-0-692-03980-9), which is available as an optional purchase at the first class for $16.

**Subject: writing, communication**

*Cynthia Beach is a long-time writing professor at Cornerstone University and writer, whose contributions appear in Hope in the Mourning Bible (Zondervan) and The Horse of My Heart (Revell). She co-founded the two-day Breathe Christian Writers Conference. Visit cynthiabeach.com.*

12. The Road to the White House

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 4, 6, 11, 13**
**10:30-11:45 am, DC150**

This course will examine some of the major factors shaping the outcomes of the Democratic and Republican presidential nomination process, their respective national conventions, and the 2020 presidential election. The course will focus, among other topics, on the growing political polarization of the American electorate, why the 2020 election is perceived to be an important opportunity for the Democratic Party, how the calendar of contests and party rules shape the Democratic and Republican nomination contests, what party conventions do and what may happen in 2020, and the factors that will shape the outcome of the general election in November 2020.

**Session 1: The Divided American Electorate and the 2016 Presidential Election in Retrospect**

**Session 2: The 2020 Candidates, Caucuses, and Presidential Primaries: Party Nomination Rules and How the Democrats May Have a Problem**

**Session 3: The 2020 National Party Conventions; What Typically Happens and What May Happen**

**Session 4: The General Election: The Changing Political Attitudes and Composition of the American Electorate and the Electoral College**

**Subject: political science**

*Corwin Smidt is a professor emeritus of Political Science and a Research Fellow of the Henry Institute at Calvin College. He is the author, editor, or co-author/co-editor of over fifteen books and has published extensively in a variety of scholarly journals. He is the past President of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and a founding member of the Religion and Politics section of the American Political Science Association, serving several terms on the section’s executive council and once as its Executive Director.*
13. Hinduism 101: From the Ganges to the Grand
Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 4, 6, 11, 13
1:00-2:15 pm, DC170

Of all the great religions of the world, it is agreed by scholars that Hinduism is the oldest. It’s so ancient that unlike the Abrahamic faiths, Hinduism has no origin story or founder. Yet, it has been a source of inspiration for millions over the centuries. Currently, it is the 3rd largest religion in the world, though only three countries have a Hindu majority population. In this class, students will learn about Hinduism’s deep theology and varied practices; and why adherents oppose the idea that their faith is polytheistic, even though they appear to have many gods and goddesses.

Subject: religion

Fred Stella began his exploration into Hinduism at the age of 15. Since then he has studied in temples and ashrams, here in the U.S., and in India. He has lectured locally, nationally, and internationally and has authored articles for various publications. In 2009, he was ordained a Pracharak (Outreach Minister) of the West Michigan Hindu Temple. He sits on the National Leadership Council of The Hindu American Foundation in Washington, D.C. Fred has hosted the program, Common Threads, which explores the world of spirituality, on local NPR affiliate WGVU-FM for over 20 years. He is also a contributing writer to the Grand Rapids Press column, Ethics & Religion Talk, where matters of faith are discussed from multiple religious traditions.

14. Stress Less with Mindfulness
Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 4, 6, 11, 13
1:00-2:15pm, DC160

This course is authored by West Virginia University Extension. It provides participants with an introduction to the experience and practice of mindfulness to reduce stress. Mindfulness can be defined as paying attention in a particular way: on purpose, in the present moment, and nonjudgmentally. Research has shown that mindfulness is effective in reducing stress related symptoms such as worry and physical tension, and can be helpful in managing other chronic diseases.

Four lessons include:

Session 1: Introduction to Mindfulness
Session 2: Mindful Eating
Session 3: Mindful Walking and Thought Surfing, and Be Kind to Your Mind
Session 4: Laughter is Good Medicine

Subject: health

Holly Tiret has over 35 years experience working with children and families. She has been a Family and Consumer Sciences Educator with Michigan State University Extension for the past 18 years. Her focus is on helping families and children become socially and emotionally healthy so they can lead satisfying and productive lives. Holly was trained in mindfulness by Jane Riffe and Becky Smith from West Virginia Extension. She has also taken Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction through the Grand Rapids Center for Mindfulness.
Registration Information- $30 per course

Sign up is available online at our website using your “My Account.” In the left box titled “Select Semester,” use the drop-down box to select Summer 2019. For paper registration, mail the bottom form below with check payment to the address on p.16. We hope you use this opportunity to bring friends, neighbors, or family, to sample this great array of courses.

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