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**Tulips**

Glorious tulips, what a welcome sight in the spring! Whether we see them in gardens or in the grocery store, they always give us a boost. They remind us that life continues, even underground, even in the dark and cold, to burst forth at the right moment.

— *Purple Tulips*, digital sketch

Paul Stoub

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**\$10 PER SESSION, MAX \$40 PER COURSE, MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED**  
**FREE TRIAL MEMBERSHIPS FOR NEW MEMBERS**  
**REGISTRATION OPENS THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 6:00 A.M.**

## **Preface**

The members of the CALL Curriculum Committee are pleased to present the spring 2025 list of courses.

Please note the following:

1. Most courses are held in the Calvin Seminary.
2. The quality of online courses has improved significantly using livestream instead of Zoom.
3. Course fees are \$10 per session, not to exceed \$40 per course.

We are continuing our fundraising for the CALL Classroom Fund, which will provide classroom space and technology to benefit lifelong learners. This remodeling includes updated technology for hybrid learning, state-of-the-art audio systems, and tailored tables and chairs. You will see a donation option online, or you can complete the lower section of the CALL Membership Application in the center of this catalog with your gift. All gifts are tax-deductible, and a donation receipt will be sent by the University. Thank you in advance for your consideration. To date we have raised \$22,000.

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# HELPFUL INFORMATION

**FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR NEW CALL STUDENTS:** **Anyone new to CALL who has never had an account with us may receive a complimentary trial membership through July 2025.** To join, either go online to [calvin.edu/call](http://calvin.edu/call), create an account, and then choose the “free trial membership” option, or complete a copy of the registration form (p. 26) and mail it to the office. Course fees apply to everyone. Please invite your friends and family to join CALL.

The course fee is \$10 per session (max \$40 per course). Registration opens Thurs., Jan. 2, 6:00 a.m.

There are three ways to register for courses:

1. Online at [www.calvin.edu/call](http://www.calvin.edu/call)
2. Phone at 616-526-8777
3. Mail your registration form with a check payment (preferred). Checks should be made out to Calvin University and mailed to CALL, 3201 Burton St SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49546.

Taking courses online:

1. Most online courses are now livestreamed on YouTube for higher quality, instead of Zoom.
2. Links for online courses will be emailed one week prior to the class start date.
3. Recordings for online courses will be available for 60 days.
4. Please do not share the link with anyone not registered for the class. We rely on the revenue for classes to meet our costs. People can register after a class has begun for recorded classes. **Distributing recordings without the consent of the CALL program is prohibited.**

Note: All CALL learners (both in-person and online) receive the recording link, so you never miss a class.

For hybrid courses, you must register as in-person **or** online. (You may participate both in-person and online based on your schedule, but you should register for the option you will use most often).

**JOIN US FOR AN OPEN RECEPTION DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2:00-3:00 P.M.**

Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and a plethora of bakery items this spring, scheduled between two classes in the Seminary building. The Seminary Student Center is down the north hallway, on the right of the main doors from the east parking lot (door A).

## **SEMINARY FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS:**

CALL is thankful for the use of Calvin Seminary rooms for our classes. To express our thanks, we are asking you to join us for a second semester in supporting Seminary students and families with much-needed food and household items. Items include Cliff bars, dry beans (pinto, black, or kidney), Maruchan beef or chicken ramen, Rose or Jasmine rice, coffee, soap (bar, dish, or hand), paper towels, napkins, diapers, coloring books, crayons, and laundry detergent. Items can be brought to any CALL classes in the Calvin Seminary building this spring.

### **Session I: February 4 – March 12**

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21. Holy Saturday: Insights from a Neglected Day in Holy Week
22. Tuesdays at the Movies
23. *Getting Lost to Find Ourselves: How Travel Changes Us*
24. Jesus in the Public Arena: John 4-7
25. Sauces 101
26. Creating Memoir
27. Cultural, Historical, Geographical Background of the Bible
28. America's Public Lands
29. Chicago 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Power on the Prairie
30. The Music of Joni Mitchell

# COURSE OFFERINGS AND DESCRIPTIONS

## Session I: February 4 – March 12

### 01-S2025 The Art of Myth

10:00-11:15 a.m., 4 Tuesdays, February 11-March 4

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$40

Many great works of art have been inspired by ancient stories of gods and heroes. Ken Bratt and Henry Luttikhuizen will explore some powerful examples together, focusing on stories from Ovid's *Metamorphoses* and the works of famous artists from the Renaissance and Baroque periods. We will study the myth of Narcissus (the origin of art?), stories of gods with mortals (Jupiter and his lovers, Venus and hers, Athena and Heracles), and some legends rooted in places like Crete, Troy, and Athens. Renowned artists who explore the myths include Botticelli, Titian, Michelangelo, Bernini, Rubens, and many more. We will assess the enduring power of these stories to inspire great literature, painting, and sculpture in many different times and places, right up to our own.

Subject: art, history, literature

*Ken Bratt is a professor of classics emeritus at Calvin University and former director of the Honors Program. He currently serves as CALL's Curriculum Director.*

*Henry Luttikhuizen is a professor of art history emeritus at Calvin University. A distinguished scholar, he has served as president of the Midwest Art History Society and as president of the American Association of Netherlandic Studies. He currently serves as a scholar-in-residence at Grand Valley State University.*

### 02-S2025 A Crash Course in Estate Planning

12:00-1:15 p.m., 4 Tuesdays, February 4-25

In-person

Room: DeVos Communications 140, \$40

This course will explore the world of "estate planning" and why it is important for everyone. You will learn why estate planning is far more than just "documents" and how an effective plan can protect your current and future way of life. Through active class discussions, you will learn about planning with purpose, and how to engage with your attorney to create a plan that is best for you and your family. You will learn why it is not all about probate avoidance, how retirement changes planning, tax implications to be aware of, and so much more.

Subject: finance

*Tim Alles is an attorney and serves on a variety of non-profit boards and committees. He established GenTrust Law to help people simplify the path to a meaningful estate plan, hoping to help as many people as possible be prepared for whatever comes their way. He has taught several courses for our program.*

**03-S2025 Exploring the Wonders Within: A Journey Through the Body, Pt 2**

12:30 – 1:45 p.m., 4 Tuesdays, February 11-March 4

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$40

If you have ever wondered how your body functions, this course is your owner’s manual. The course will take you on a journey from head to toe and everything in between. We will use real-life examples as we go over a different body system each week. This course will cover the nervous system, bones, joints, and the skin. Arthritis, osteoporosis, Alzheimer's Disease, and more will be covered in those sessions. We will discuss what medicine can and cannot do about these and other conditions. By the end of this course, you will have a greater understanding of the marvelous complexity of the human body. Questions are encouraged. Note: Repeat enrollees are welcome to attend, as this class contains all new material.

Subject: health

*Dr. Bruce Gardner graduated from Stanford University and received his medical degree from the University of Washington. He practiced primary care medicine for over 40 years in Seattle, both in private practice and in hospital. He worked as medical director of a large multispecialty group. In addition, he has worked in Nepal, Haiti, and as a ship's physician in Antarctica.*

**04-S2025 Gaudy Night by Dorothy L Sayers: Mystery, Romance, and Social Commentary**

2:15-3:30 p.m., 4 Tuesdays, February 4-25

In-person

Room: DeVos Communications 160, \$40

“What are you to do with the people who are cursed with both hearts and brains?”

— Dorothy L. Sayers, *Gaudy Night*

Dorothy L Sayers was one of the queens of crime in the golden age of detective fiction. She also wrote plays and essays on Christian topics and translated Dante’s *Divine Comedy*. *Gaudy Night* (1935) is often considered her best novel, combining a mystery at an Oxford women’s college, a love story, and an examination of issues impacting British interwar society—

including the education of women and their proper role, the impact of class differences, and the lingering effects of World War I.

Required reading: *Gaudy Night*, ISBN 0062648772, is available at the Calvin University campus store or online at Amazon and numerous other sites.

Subject: literature

*Judith K Simonson is a retired attorney who read Golden Age detective fiction at her mother's knee and has enjoyed studying Dorothy L Sayers's life and work for many years.*

### **05-S2025 Will All Be Saved? Exploring Christian Universalism**

2:15-3:30 p.m., 4 Tuesdays, February 11-March 4

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$40

There has been a spate of books and articles in the last few years advocating universal salvation, and against the common idea of hell as the eternal retributive torment of the wicked. The idea of universal salvation is not a new claim cooked up by modernist liberals. It was taught by some of the most celebrated orthodox theologians of the early church and has been an influential minority view throughout its history. Beginning with the Bible and tracing the idea through history, this class will help you weigh this teaching for yourself.

Suggested (but not required) resources:

1. *Grace Saves All*, David Artman (most accessible)
2. *The Evangelical Universalist*, Gregory MacDonald
3. *That All Shall Be Saved*, David Bentley Hart (more philosophical, brilliant, but can be dense)
4. *The Inescapable Love of God*, Thomas Talbot (more philosophical)

Subject: religion

*Leonard J. Vander Zee is a retired CRC pastor now serving as interim pastor at Church of the Servant. He is the author of Christ, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper: Recovering the Sacraments for Evangelical Worship. IntersVarsity Press, 2004.*

### **06-S2025 Pivotal Moments in the Battle of Gettysburg**

10:00-11:15 a.m., 4 Wednesdays, February 12-March 5

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$40

Join us for an unforgettable journey into the heart of history at Gettysburg, America's most visited National Military Park! With over 1.5 million visitors each year, this iconic battlefield is filled with gripping stories waiting to be



uncovered. In this dynamic class, you will dive deep into the thrilling moments of the legendary three-day battle, where courage and sacrifice changed the course of our nation. Experience the drama involving the Peach Orchard, the fierce defense of Little Round Top, and more! Get ready to be transported back in time, as we bring these pivotal events to life and explore their profound significance.

Subject: history

*Jim Vos is an American history teacher at Grand Rapids Christian Middle School, where he has inspired students for 35 years. With a deep passion for the American Civil War, he has dedicated himself to bringing this pivotal era to life. Over the years, he has led more than 20 tours of the Gettysburg battlefield for both students and adults, sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm for the history that shaped our nation.*

### **07-S2025 Game On: College Football from Calvin's Campus to the National Stage**

1:00-2:15 p.m., 3 Wednesdays, February 12-26

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, **No charge, but registration is required**

In this course we will take a deep dive into college football on a national scale and on our own campus here at Calvin. Calvin University Head Football Coach Trent Figg will take us through a three-session course to unpack the ever-changing landscape of college football. Coach Figg, who has coached at every level of college football, will discuss the impact of the transfer portal, Name Image and Likeness, and what football looks like right here at Calvin University. This course will also cover the impact that football can have on a college campus along with what we have already seen happening on our own campus in the past 24 months since football was approved.

Session 1: What is Calvin University football and what does it look like

Session 2: College football on a national scale from Division 1 to Division 3

Session 3: The impact of college football on a college campus

*"From the start, I've made it clear that being a champion isn't just about football. The time a young man spends playing college football is some of the most formative in a young man's life, and I refuse to let that time be wasted focusing solely on the game. I'm committed to shaping their character and preparing them to win on the field and in their future roles as husbands, fathers, leaders, and men of faith."*

~ Trent Figg in an op-ed for [The Christian Post](#)

Subject: sports

*Trent Figg was hired as head football coach for Calvin University in 2023. A native of Chillicothe, Missouri, Figg is a 2008 graduate of William Jewell College (Mo.). He was a four-year member of the William Jewell football team as a defensive back. He has held several coaching positions previously, including the Division I roles as University of Oregon's senior offensive analyst, associate head coach of the dense and defensive backs at the University of Hawaii, and special teams coordinator and running backs coach at Missouri State.*

### **08-S2025 The Five Fulton Street Pioneers – Neighbors of Martin Sweet**

1:00-2:15 p.m., 1 Wednesday, March 5

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$10

Our early Grand Rapids pioneers built their houses near the bank of the Grand River, but as businesses and fortunes grew, they wanted fine homes for their families. Fulton Street East, between Jefferson and College, was THE prime location chosen by several city leaders. At the top of the hill were the homes of John Ball and Louis Campau, and coming down the hill were the homes of Aaron Dikeman, Martin Sweet, Abram Pike, Truman Lyon, and others. The adventures and legacies of these six enterprising and remarkable Fulton Street pioneers who contributed significantly to the development of our city will be shared and illustrated by family members, portrayed by Carol Dodge. The tales of the hardships endured, the risks taken, and their dedication to the growth of the city will link us to the past and enhance appreciation of our heritage.

Subject: history

*Carol Dodge worked in the insurance industry for over 35 years, is one of the founding members of the Sweet House Foundation, served as Women's City Club president from 2005-2007, and continues in her role as the historian for the Women's City Club and the Sweet House Foundation. She enjoys conducting tours of the Sweet House, speaking to organizations, and writing articles. She has taught two previous Grand Rapids history courses for the CALL program.*

### **09-S2025 America's Enduring Conundrum: Vietnam**

2:45-4:00 p.m., 5 Wednesdays, February 12-March 12

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$40

Ho Chi Minh's defeat of France in 1954 moved leaders in Washington, D.C. to act to ensure that global communism did not claim another victim. The resulting conflict, lasting until 1975, pitted America's spectacular military might against the iron resolve of the Vietnamese in a bitter contest that strangely paved the way to peace.

Session 1: This Domino Must Not Fall: American leaders were determined that the long shadow of communist aggression in Korea would not find success in Indochina.

Session 2: War Powers and War's Power: A seemingly minor incident in the Gulf of Tonkin grew into a troop buildup that descended into the nightmare of war.

Session 3: January 1968: Americans believed that victory was more near than far until the Tet Offensive when people began asking: WHY?

Session 4: An Honorable Peace: Victory was not complete. Peace was not peaceful. People rejoiced but in sorrow as 58,000 names joined the roster of heroes.

Session 5: Legacy, Lessons, and the Unpaid Bill: America's establishing diplomatic relations with Vietnam in 1995 proved a good first step in healing old wounds while the debt to a generation gathered interest.

Subject: history

*Fred L. Johnson III is a professor of history at Hope College, where he has been on the faculty since 2000. He has a BA from Bowie State University and an MA and a PhD from Kent State University. Prior to his career in higher education, Johnson served in the United States Marine Corps. His primary field of study is nineteenth-century US history, specifically the Civil War. His other areas of expertise are twentieth-century US history, US military history, and African history.*

### **10-S2025 The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel: A Documentary Film**

10:00-11:15 a.m., 2 Thursdays, February 13-20

In-person and online (available online live, but not recorded)

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$20

This multiple award-winning film is a first-person documentary about former German platoon leader, Peter Ertel, 95 at the time of filming, who tells how he survived both the Eastern Front and the Battle of Normandy, was recruited by the State Department to assist in the postwar democratization of Germany, and, after immigrating to America, forged a 25-year career with a small company owned by Orthodox Jews. This is an extraordinary true story about how an honorable man retained his humanity amid a universe of hatred, destruction, and death. Featuring rare archival film and photographs from German, Russian, and British sources—much of which has never been shown before—this documentary illuminates with unprecedented insight and candor the under-told perspective of a former foot soldier forced to serve in history's most infamous army.

Students will watch the film over two class periods. The filmmaker will join us remotely on Zoom for the last 15 minutes of each class period to answer any questions.

Subject: film, history

*Joseph Cahn has been producing, writing, and editing broadcast and non-broadcast film and video productions for nearly 30 years. Before starting Victory Films in 2004, he was a producer-editor for several Cleveland-area multimedia firms. Prior to that, he was a producer with NFL Films where he wrote and edited highlight films and segments for HBO, ESPN, and home videos.*

### **11-S2025 Silent Service: Life on U.S. Submarines in the Pacific in WWII**

10:00–11:15 a.m., 1 Thursday, February 27

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$10

Opening the hatch to the little-known activities of the least visible of our WWII fighting forces, “Silent Service” details the experiences of one Midwestern young man on submarines in the Pacific. We will hear stories from specific missions as well as everyday details of life on a sub. Part of the mystery surrounding submarine service is that they are designed to operate stealthily. One understanding of the term “Silent Service” is that the sailors on a submarine had difficulty communicating with family back home because the success of their missions required concealing all details of their activities. Another reason for the nickname is that the men had to be very conscious of any noise they made while in enemy waters, which is why they “ran silent and deep.”

Subject: history

*Nancy Bensfield is the daughter of a WWII submariner. George Swanson, Nancy's father, was a teacher and administrator after the war. The two of them went to different Chicago area schools to share his story. Now she continues his legacy by giving new audiences a glimpse of those experiences. She received her undergraduate degree from Vassar College and her master's from Northern Illinois University. She is a retired teacher and enjoys volunteering with CALL.*

### **12-S2025 Cracking the Code**

10:00–11:15 a.m., 1 Thursday, March 6

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$10

How do you keep the enemy from decoding your messages when your cipher machines do not work well in the jungles of the Pacific Islands? You enlist the help of Native Americans who speak the complex, unwritten Navajo language unintelligible to those with whom you wage war. This group of 29 boys turned men participated in every major Marine operation in the Pacific theater, transmitting thousands of messages that spelled out valuable information.

Their efforts proved critical in several important campaigns and helped the United States and its allies win the war. Come find out more about this amazing group of soldiers and see how you crack their code!

Subject: history

*Kim Murphy has served as a life enrichment coordinator for older adults for more than 30 years. She enjoys encouraging lifelong learning and finding joy in the little moments of every day. She is a writer, speaker, teacher, and event coordinator and also the 2022 winner of a Brilliance Award from West Michigan Woman magazine.*

### **13-S2025 Our Food System and Its Impact on Us**

12:30-1:45 p.m., 4 Thursdays, February 13-March 6

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$40

This course aims to explore the intricate connections between our food system and various aspects of health and sustainability. We will delve into the effects of our current food practices and propose alternative approaches for a healthier and more sustainable future.

Session 1: Show how our current food system impacts human health.

Session 2: Explain how our current food system affects environmental health.

Session 3: Introduce agroecology (ecological principles applied to the management of food systems and agriculture) as a better alternative to our present agriculture.

Session 4: Discuss the costs and ethics to highlight that changing our food system is possible and already happening.

Suggested reading: *Your Steak in the World*, ISBN 13: 978-1607978909, is available at the Calvin University campus store or online at [linusbooks.com](https://linusbooks.com).

Subject: nutrition, biology, ecology

*Dave Dornbos has been a faculty member of the Calvin biology department since 2004. Before that, he worked in crop genetics and agronomy in the agriculture industry, holding such roles as global head of seed production research, product development, and field agronomist. He is a member of the Iowa State University graduate faculty, where he teaches courses and mentors graduate students in seed technology and business, the science of agricultural seed production.*

## **14-S2025 Antarctica: Earth's Frozen Gem**

2:15-3:30 p.m., 3 Thursdays, February 13-27

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$30

Embark on an extraordinary journey to the southernmost reaches of our planet with this comprehensive course on Antarctica. This class offers a unique opportunity to delve into the continent's remarkable physical characteristics, its historical exploration, and the international cooperation that safeguards its future.

Session 1: Why Antarctica is the coldest, highest, driest, windiest, and most remote continent: exploring its physical features, ice dynamics, and limited flora and fauna.

Session 2: Why it took until 1820 to reach Antarctica: early sealers and whalers, the heroic age (Amundsen, Shackleton), the modern age (Byrd, planes, tractor), and current exploration (satellite, scientific stations)

Session 3: The development of scientific knowledge from the heroic to modern age, the 1959 Antarctic Treaty, current issues such as ozone depletion and ice drilling, and SCAR's role in international collaboration (Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research)

Subject: geography, history

*Robert Byrd Breyer is the oldest grandson of polar explorer Admiral Richard E. Byrd. Breyer logged three trips to the geographic South Pole in Antarctica to build a new science station for the National Science Foundation. He produces websites, PowerPoints, and videos about Antarctica, has presented at Harvard and Ohio State, and serves on the board of governors of the American Polar Society.*

## Session II: March 17 – April 28

### **15-S2025 Lewis and Clark: The Pacific, the Homeward Journey, and the Aftermath**

10:00-11:15 a.m., 4 Mondays, March 17-April 7

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$40

In this course we will follow the Corps of Discovery down the westward flowing rivers to the sea (which makes it sound much easier than it was!), through their winter encampment near the Oregon coast, and back east through perils both familiar and new on their way back to a longed-for but unexpected reappearance in St. Louis two and a half years after departing. We will then follow the principal players in this historical saga during their lives and adventures (and misadventures) in the years immediately following the triumphant return, concentrating particularly on Clark's successes and Lewis's failures, and on the implications of the ways in which the western lands opened to Americans.

Subject: history

*Michael Stevens has a Ph.D. in literature from the University of Dallas and has taught American literature and various writing courses in Grand Rapids for more than 25 years. A native of upstate New York, he traces his interest in baseball history to a boyhood visit to Cooperstown, and his interest in the Civil War to the presence of his great-great-grandfather's veteran's monument (15th NY Cavalry) in the family burial plot in Caroline, NY.*

### **16-S2025 Religion in America, Part IV: 1945-2025 (no pre-requisite for prior classes)**

12:00-1:15 p.m., 4 Mondays, March 24-April 14

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$40

Finishing our series on American religious history, this course will cover the momentous changes on the American religious scene since the end of World War II. We will consider religion's role in:

Session 1: The great postwar "religious boom" that brought the rate of formal religious affiliation to its historic high in 1960.

Session 2: The dramatic decline in "mainline" Protestantism and the reemergence of Evangelicalism beginning in the 1970s.

Session 3: The ways that renewed immigration after 1965 changed the face of American religion, particularly in the Roman Catholic Church and in the proliferation of non-Christian faiths.

Session 4: The controversies over Evangelical political activism in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the simultaneous rise of religious “none’s,” bringing us back to the national religious profile of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Subject: history, religion

*James Bratt is professor of history emeritus at Calvin University where he taught for 30 years, specializing in American cultural and religious history. He previously taught the same subjects in the department of religious studies at the University of Pittsburgh. He is the recipient of three Fulbright grants, including one to teach at Xiamen University in China, and has taught world religions for two voyages on the Semester at Sea.*

### **17-S2025 Gardening Close to Home**

1:00-2:15 p.m., 4 Mondays, April 7-28

In-person

Room: Bunker Interpretive Center, Ecosystem Preserve, \$10

This class, held at Calvin’s Ecosystem Preserve and Native Gardens, will focus on native gardening at your home. We will learn about plants that naturally grow nearby and discover how to plan, install, and maintain a garden of these plants around our homes. We will go from the ground up by covering healthy soil, healthy plants, healthy pollinators, and healthy gardening habits.

Subject: nature

Tom Hartzell serves as the Program Coordinator at the Calvin Nature Preserve. He has worked in environmental education for over 12 years, including emphasis on native plants and gardening. He enjoys gardening at home—both for food and for the beauty of native plants!

### **18-S2025 The American Revolution: Bunker Hill, “All Men Are Created Equal,” George Washington in a Boat, and Beyond**

10:00-11:15 a.m., 4 Tuesdays, March 18-April 8

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$40

After almost 250 years the American colonial revolt against King George III continues to “stir the hearts of men.” This class will look at the circumstances that led colonists to renounce their allegiance to the British crown and attempt to create what the revolutionaries called a “new order of the ages.” We will look at the political, social, diplomatic, and economic changes the Revolution



caused; the fierce divisions it created; and the lasting impact the revolt had on everything from drinking habits and church hymnals to the national political structure and definitions of what being “American” meant then and today.

Subject: history

*Robert Schoone-Jongen is a 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 White House Wives; Dutch Immigration; Big Business, Big Money, Big Power; and the 1619 Project.*

### **19-S2025 What Went Wrong? Russia’s Lost Opportunity and the Path to Ukraine**

10:00-11:15 a.m., 2 Tuesdays, March 18-25

In-person

Room: Seminary 106, \$20

This two-session, small-group seminar will focus on a new book by John Bernbaum and Philip Yancey about the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 and the struggle of its leaders to choose between building a democracy or an authoritarian regime. Christian leaders from the United States (including the authors) were invited to meet with top Soviet leaders, including Mikhail Gorbachev, to explore how Christianity might influence the future of their country. In the early 1990s there was great hope for a democratic future in Russia with active Christian influence. But that hope collapsed, and current events in Ukraine show some of the deadly consequences. This book discussion group is limited to 12 participants.

Required reading: Philip Yancey and John A. Bernbaum, *What Went Wrong? Russia’s Lost Opportunity and the Path to Ukraine* (Cascade Books, 2024 - \$10) ISBN: 978-1666747973 is available at the Calvin University Campus Store.

Subject: history

*John Bernbaum is a Christian educator with experience working with educational institutions in Russia and Ukraine from 1990 to the present time. He previously served as president of the Russian American Christian University in Moscow (1995–2014) and as director of the American Studies Program and executive vice-president of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (1976–1995). After completing his Ph.D. in European and Russian history at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland, he spent four years at the U.S. Department of State (1972-1976). He currently writes commentaries on the Russian Ukrainian war on Substack and has recently co-authored the book featured in this seminar.*

## 20-S2025 Isaac Cappon: A Holland Rags to Riches Story

12:30 –1:45 p.m., 1 Tuesday, March 18

In-person (not available online)

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$10

Discover the fascinating story of Dutch immigrant Isaac Cappon, who arrived in Holland, MI, in 1848, just a year after Rev. Albertus Van Raalte and his followers established a colony by the banks of Black Lake (later known as Lake Macatawa). After learning the tanning trade in Grand Rapids and Grand Haven, Cappon partnered with John Bertsch to open a successful tannery in Holland by 1857. Their venture flourished, particularly with contracts from the Union Army during the Civil War, making Cappon wealthy. In 1867, when Holland was officially incorporated, he proudly became the city's first mayor. Tragically, in 1871, a devastating fire swept through Holland, destroying many homes and businesses, including Isaac Cappon's. Undeterred, he and his family rebuilt, moving in 1874 into their elegant new home. This class will share the captivating stories of Isaac Cappon, his family, and their beautifully restored residence, one of two historic homes owned by the Holland Historic Trust (the Holland Museum). Experience a slice of history and learn about the legacy of one of Holland's founding figures!

Subject: history

*Deb Wake is the education and volunteer coordinator at the Holland Museum. Her interest is family history, and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Holland's historic Cappon House in 2024 led to her research the Cappon family. She leads tours of the Cappon House and Pilgrim Home Cemetery, where Isaac Cappon and many of his family members are buried.*

*Maddalena Frissora began her position as the exhibits curator at the Holland Museum in August 2023. She completed her undergraduate studies in 2020 at Hope College, double majoring in art history and Japanese language. In Spring 2023, she graduated from the Academy of Art University with an MA in art history. In 2024 she researched and developed the two exhibitions: "Authentically Victorian: Reflecting on the Cappon House Restoration" and "A Stitch in Time: Lavina Cappon's Tulip Time Legacy." These exhibitions were part of the museum's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Cappon House.*

## **21-S2025 Holy Saturday: Insights from a Neglected Day in Holy Week**

12:30-1:45 p.m., 2 Tuesdays, April 1-8

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$20

In our journey through Holy Week, we often mark Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, but what about Holy Saturday? With the help of some works of art, we will explore various approaches to this day, first in relation to Jesus (including the mysterious line from the *Apostles' Creed* that "He descended into hell") and then by reflecting on what it must have been like for his first disciples. In the process, we will discover how thinking about the many facets of Holy Saturday can help deepen our faith and discipleship.

Subject: theology

*Suzanne McDonald is professor of systematic and historical theology at Western Theological Seminary. She was born and brought up in Australia and then lived and studied in the UK for many years, which explains her peculiar accent! In her spare time, you are likely to find her out birdwatching or curled up with a book—probably about 17<sup>th</sup> century British history, literature, or theology.*

## **22-S2025 Tuesdays at the Movies**

3:30-5:30 p.m., 4 Tuesdays, March 25-April 22 (No movie on April 8)

In-person

Off-site: Celebration! Cinema North, 2121 Celebration Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.

(On the East Beltline, north of Knapp), \$40

In a continuation of this off-campus venture, the course will feature four of the finest new international and North American independent releases. Drawn from Celebration! Cinema's exceptional "Indie Film Series," the course includes the best of the new films playing in New York or Los Angeles. Following each film, we will have 30 minutes of discussion and insights led by Roy Anker and others like Jim Bratt, Jennifer Holberg, Eric Kuiper, and Carl Plantinga. Course registrants' names will be checked off a roster at the theater on the day of each film.

Subject: film

*Roy Anker, coordinator of this film series, is a professor of English emeritus at Calvin University, where he specialized in film. His most popular books, *Catching Light: Looking for God in the Movies* and *Of Pilgrims and Fire: When God Shows Up at the Movies*, are widely known.*

## **23-S2025 Getting Lost to Find Ourselves: How Travel Changes Us**

10:45-12:00 p.m., 3 Wednesdays, March 19-April 2

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$30

Travel is in many ways the story of human origin. The earliest stories found in the Bible are about people on the move—sometimes leaving home, other times returning home. Travel in history, tragically, has been both voluntary and involuntary. Human beings, it seems, have always been on the move: setting out, moving around, and going places. In this course, participants will be asked to reflect on the meaning of travel—their own stories as well as the travel stories of others—and how travel (sometimes) changes those who do it. From mission trips to pilgrimages, from quick vacation getaways to living abroad, this course will explore human motivations for travel, which are often surprisingly spiritual.

Recommended reading: Douglas Brouwer's book by the same title is scheduled for release in early 2025. Registered students will be provided information when it is published.

Session 1 – Introduction to travel

Session 2 – The case against travel

Session 3 – How travel can (sometimes) change us.

Subject: travel, sociology

*Douglas Brouwer has led mission trips, study tours, and pilgrimages. He has traveled with large groups and alone. He has served three international congregations—two in Switzerland and one in the Netherlands. This most recent book, his eighth, is about travel that is transformative. He received his BA in philosophy from Calvin University and his MDiv and DMin from Princeton Theological Seminary.*

## **24-S2025 Jesus in the Public Arena: John 4-7**

12:45-2:00 p.m., 4 Wednesdays, March 19-April 9

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$40

John's Gospel begins by setting the stage for what discipleship in the world looks like. Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman are studies in discipleship. John then presents Jesus within the setting of Jewish symbols that are entirely dependent on the cultural codes of this ancient Jewish world. In this class we will look at the Samaritan woman and compare her with Nicodemus (John 4). We will then watch what happens when Jesus appears at three important Jewish festivals: Sabbath (John 5), Passover (John 6), and Tabernacles (John 7).

In each case, surprising clues reveal how a first-century Jewish audience would quickly understand these stories.

Subject: biblical studies

*Gary M. Burge, Ph.D., is a recently retired professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary, preceded by 25 years at Wheaton College. He has written extensively on both the New Testament and the intersection of theology and history in modern Israel. His specialty is exploring the cultural context of the gospels, particularly in John's gospel, about which he has written four books.*

**Join us for refreshments and bakery items in the Seminary Student Center March 19, from 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

### **25-S2025 Sauces 101**

1:00-2:15 p.m., 4 Wednesdays, April 2-23

In-person

Room: Brookside Christian Reformed Church, \$50 (incl. food costs)

Address: 3600 Kalamazoo Ave SE, limit 20 students

Elevate your culinary experience with an assortment of exquisite sauces. Award-winning Chef Oliver Hale, aka Chef O, presents a range of palate-pleasing sauces ideal for fish, pork, beef, poultry, and desserts, designed to amplify flavor and visual presentation. Please notify us of any allergies for tastings. Come and enjoy! Limited to 20 students.

Subject: nutrition

*Oliver Hale, aka Chef O, is a retired (2010) international healthy-lifestyle award-winning chef, spending 52 years in the restaurant business. He was voted "Best Chef in GR," for 2004 and 2005. Winning many awards over the years, he received the "2024 Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Services." He is a 2x kidney transplant recipient, 40 years. Thousands of dialysis patients across the U.S. have benefitted from his many healthy cooking demonstrations.*

### **26-S2025 Creating Memoir**

1:00-3:00 p.m., 6 Wednesdays, March 19-April 23

In-person

Room: Seminary 106 Conference Room, \$40

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 capacity of 12 students.

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

Subject: writing

*Carol Rottman has taught creating memoir to CALL students for over 20 years. She is the author of three books of memoir, including the class text referenced above, All Nature Sings: A Spiritual Journey of Place, and A Memoir of Parting. Her own writing life is continually enriched by the life stories of others.*

## **27-S2025 Cultural, Historical, Geographical Background of the Bible**

2:45-4:00 p.m., 4 Wednesdays, March 19 – April 9

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$40

In this course we will journey to the land of the text to better understand God's redemptive story in its original context. Making use of maps and photographs, we will see the land that formed the stage on which so many biblical events took place. Only when we understand what it meant for the people back then can we truly understand and apply what it means for us today. Engaging the text in context will bring the Bible alive in a new way, giving its stories new dimensions and deeper meaning as we examine the places where biblical events took place—from the archaeological remains of Old Testament kingdoms to the locations of Jesus' ministry. The aim of the course is that, as we experience the original context, it will impact our relationship with Jesus, compelling us to live the way of Jesus more intentionally. This course will cover all new material not previously taught.

Subject: biblical studies

*Daniel Kroeze is a professor of biblical studies at Kuyper College. 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 Westend Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. Professor Kroeze leads a trip to Israel every year. He is fascinated with the literary artistry and design of the Bible and is committed to helping people understand how the whole story works together and leads us to Jesus.*

## **28-S2025 America's Public Lands**

2:45-4:00 p.m., 4 Wednesdays, March 19-April 9

In-person

Room: Bunker Interpretive Center, Ecosystem Preserve, \$40

The federal government owns 28% of all land in the United States, from popular national parks to scarcely visited deserts and petroleum reserves. These federal public lands preserve the nation's natural and cultural history and provide vital natural resources for the economy. It is no wonder that public land politics are so fractious. In this course, we will explore the history of federal public lands to understand their present configuration, we will trace changing ideas of appropriate use, and we will highlight some of the most significant challenges for these lands today. And if you ask, Jamie is happy to help you plan your next trip to national forests, national parks, national wildlife refuges, and public lands management by the Bureau of Land Management.

Subject: ecology, history

*James R. (Jamie) Skillen is Professor of Environmental Studies and director of the Calvin Ecosystem Preserve and Native Gardens and the Flat Iron Lake Preserve. He has written several books on federal public lands and teaches regular field courses on federal land management in Alaska, Arizona, California, Nevada, and Oregon. In addition to working on federal public lands, he is an avid backpacker who has covered thousands of miles in the West.*

## **29-S2025 Chicago 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Power on the Prairie**

10:00-11:15 a.m., 3 Thursdays, March 27-April 10

In-person and online

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$30

As a follow up to "Chicago, City of the Century," this class will focus on Chicago's continued growth into and through the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Progressivism, urban reform, WWI, the Roaring 20s, the Great Depression, WWII, the Century of Progress, and, of course, "King Richard," will be some of the topics covered. We will also look at the history of those "tourist attractions" that many of you have visited. Interested persons may also register separately for the June 2 day trip to the "Windy City." Look for more information under the member events section of this catalog.

Subject: history

*Jim Kwasteniet is a native Chicagoan and has taught courses on the history of Chicago at both the high school and college levels. He has conducted numerous bus, walking, and bike tours of Chicago. Kwasteniet is a graduate of Calvin University.*

### **30-S2025 The Music of Joni Mitchell**

12:30-1:45 p.m., 4 Thursdays, March 13-April 3

In-person (not available online)

Room: Seminary Auditorium, \$40

In 1965, 22-year-old Joni Mitchell first appeared on Canadian Television. Her simple, soothing folk style soon captured not only Canada but eventually the United States. She quickly developed as a song writer and guitarist and set herself apart from the folk singers of the time with her vulnerable lyrics and musical insights. She (along with Bob Dylan) paved the way for the singer/song writers to follow: Carole King; James Taylor; Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young; and others. Her album *Blue* (1971) is considered one of the best albums of all time.

We will spend four weeks examining this artist through lectures, videos, and live music performances.

Subject: music

*Glenn Bulthuis, leader, was born in Los Angeles and grew up with the music of the Beatles, the Beach Boys, James Taylor, and Motown. For thirty-five years he has performed concerts of popular music at Calvin University's Covenant Fine Arts Center and has written songs reflecting on life in America and his deep Christian faith. Bulthuis has produced seven albums and collaborated with musicians who have worked with Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson, James Taylor, Burt Bachrach, and the Temptations. In 1984 he performed with John Williams at the Los Angeles Olympics opening ceremonies. He believes that faith in God and the power of Jesus Christ is the only hope for our broken nation.*



# **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Mingle and Luncheon**

**Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (lunch begins at 11:30)**

**Cost: \$15 (CALL underwrites a portion of the costs).  
Attendance is limited to 150 guests.**

**Location: Prince Conference Center Great Hall**

**Please join us as we celebrate another year for our program at our 2025 Annual Spring Mingle and Luncheon. We will enjoy a time of fellowship, lunch, speakers, musical entertainment, and updates to the program at this annual celebration.**

**Repeating last year's great meal, our lunch is a buffet of grilled sliced Italian chicken breast, pasta with alfredo & marinara sauce. The meal is served with roasted vegetables, garlic bread, & Caesar salad with Caesar dressing & Chef's choice of vinaigrette. A lemon ricotta cake is provided for dessert.**

**Vegan options available and should be noted at registration.**

**You may register on the paper registration form, online, or by phoning the office at (616) 526-8777.**

## To Apply for Membership

CALL Membership is open to all ages. Use the application form on the adjacent page or follow the instructions below online at [www.calvin.edu/call](http://www.calvin.edu/call).

## Online Instructions for Membership and Course Registrations

For new members:

- Step 1: Click "Apply for Membership", and then "Start Here" in the upper right corner.
- Step 2: Follow the prompts to add more persons to the account or continue
- Step 3: Before viewing courses/events, "Select Membership" and choose trial membership, complete the form, click the agree box, and submit
- Step 4: Continue registration to choose courses or events and follow the prompts to complete.

For renewing members:

- Step 1: Click "Register for Courses" and click the red "login" box to begin.
- Step 2: Prior to viewing courses/events, if you need to renew membership, click on the red "membership" button first and follow the prompts.
- Upon completing the membership, click "continue registration" to be returned to the search options page for courses and events.

We are happy to assist by phone at 616-526-8777 with memberships and class registrations.

Check payment is preferred if you don't have a preference. Mail to "CALL", 3201 Burton St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.



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## CALL Membership Application

[call@calvin.edu](mailto:call@calvin.edu) | 616-526-8777 | [www.calvin.edu/call](http://www.calvin.edu/call)

All fields are required:

- New member    Renewal    Former member

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ \*CALL Membership is open to any age.

(Optional) Church/ Org: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check length of membership desired:

- ½-year (\$30 per person, effective through July 31, 2025)  
 3-year (\$105 per person, effective through July 31, 2027)  
 Free trial membership (no charge), effective through July 31, 2025  
for anyone new to CALL. Course fees apply.

CALL continues to raise funds toward needed classroom modifications to benefit lifelong learning student learners. This remodeling includes updated technology, state-of-the-art audio systems, and tailored furnishings. These changes will enhance the quality of learning and deepen the community connection of CALL students. All gifts are tax-deductible and a donation receipt will be sent by the University.

Yes, I would like to donate to the CALL Classroom Fund.

Here is my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Address and mail checks to:  
CALL  
3201 Burton St. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Office use:	date: _____
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# REGISTRATION FORM: \$10 PER SESSION, MAX \$40 PER COURSE



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Please be sure to check a box for in-person or online course participation where required.**

## CLASSES

1	TU	The Art of Myth	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$40
2	TU	A Crash Course in Estate Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person			\$40
3	TU	Exploring the Wonders Within	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$40
4	TU	Gaudy Night by Dorothy L Sayers	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person			\$40
5	TU	Will All Be Saved? Christian Universalism	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$40
6	WE	Pivotal Moments: Battle of Gettysburg	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$40
7	WE	Game On: College Football	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$0
8	WE	The Five Fulton Street Settlers	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$10
9	WE	America's Enduring Conundrum: Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$40
10	TH	The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$20
11	TH	Silent Service: Life on U.S. Submarines	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$10
12	TH	Cracking the Code	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$10
13	TH	Our Food System and Its Impact on Us	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$40
14	TH	Antarctica: Earth's Frozen Gem	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$30
15	MO	Lewis and Clark: Homeward Bound	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$40
16	MO	Religion in America 1945-2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$40
17	MO	Gardening Close to Home	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person			\$10
18	TU	The American Revolution	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$40
19	TU	What Went Wrong? Russia	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person			\$20
20	TU	Isaac Cappon: Holland Rags to Riches	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person			\$10
21	TU	Holy Saturday: Neglected Day in Holy Week	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$20
22	TU	Tuesdays at the Movies	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person			\$40
23	WE	Getting Lost to Find Ourselves	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$30
24	WE	Jesus in the Public Arena: John 4-7	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$40
25	WE	Sauces 101	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person			\$50
26	WE	Creating Memoir	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person			\$40
27	WE	Cultural, Historical, Background of the Bible	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$40
28	WE	America's Public Lands	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person			\$40
29	TH	Chicago 20th Century: Power on the Prairie	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	\$30
30	TH	The Music of Joni Mitchell	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person			\$40

## EVENTS

1	SA	Long Road Distillers Tour	<input type="checkbox"/>	Feb 8	\$5
2	TU	27th Annual Spring Mingle and Luncheon	<input type="checkbox"/>	April 22	\$15
3	WE	B is for Blandford	<input type="checkbox"/>	June 11	\$20

# COURSE OFFERINGS

## CALL CLASS SCHEDULE - SPRING 2025 - 1st SESSION

Day	#	Class	Presenter	Room	Time	Feb	Mar	
TU	1	The Art of Myth	K Bratt/H Luttikhuizen	*Sem Aud	10:00-11:15	11 18 25 4		2/11-3/4
TU	2	A Crash Course in Estate Planning	T Alles	DC 140	12:00-1:15	4 11 18 25		2/4-2/25
TU	3	Exploring the Wonders Within: A Journey Through the Body, Pt 2	B Gardner	*Sem Aud	12:30-1:45	11 18 25 4		2/11-3/4
TU	4	Gaudy Night by Dorothy L Sayers	J Simonson	DC 160	2:15-3:30	4 11 18 25		2/4-2/25
TU	5	Will All Be Saved? Exploring Christian Universalism	L Vander Zee	*Sem Aud	2:15-3:30	11 18 25 4		2/11-3/4
WE	6	Pivotal Moments in the Battle of Gettysburg	J Vos	*Sem Aud	10:00 -11:15	12 19 26 5		2/12-3/5
WE	7	Game On: College Football from Calvin's Campus to the National Stage	T Figg	*Sem Aud	1:00-2:15	12 19 26		2/12-2/26
WE	8	The Five Fulton Street Pioneers- Neighbors of Martin Sweet	C Dodge	*Sem Aud	1:00-2:15		5	3/5
WE	9	America's Enduring Conundrum: Vietnam	F Johnson	*Sem Aud	2:45-4:00	12 19 26 5 12		2/12-3/12
TH	10	The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel	J Cahn	*Sem Aud	10:00-11:15	13 20		2/13-2/20
TH	11	Silent Service: Life on U.S. Submarines in the Pacific in WWII	N Bensfield	*Sem Aud	10:00-11:15		27	2/27
TH	12	Cracking the Code	K Murphy	*Sem Aud	10:00-11:15		6	3/6
TH	13	Our Food System and Its Impact on Us	D Dornbos	*Sem Aud	12:30-1:45	13 20 27 6		2/13-3/6
TH	14	Antarctica: Earth's Frozen Gem	R Breyer	*Sem Aud	2:15-3:30	13 20 27		2/13-2/27

\* = Hybrid, can sign up for either in-person or online

# COURSE OFFERINGS

## CALL CLASS SCHEDULE - SPRING 2025 - 2nd SESSION

Day	#	Title	Presenter	Room	Time	Mar	Apr	
MO	15	Lewis and Clark: Homeward Bound	M Stevens	*Sem Aud	10:00-11:15	17 24 31	7	3/17-4/7
MO	16	Religion in America 1945-2025	J Bratt	*Sem Aud	12:00-1:15	24 31	7 14	3/24-4/14
MO	17	Gardening Close to Home	T Hartzell	Bunker	1:00 - 2:15		7 14 21 28	4/7-4/28
TU	18	The American Revolution: Bunker Hill and Beyond	R Schoone-Jongen	*Sem Aud	10:00-11:15	18 25 1	8	3/18-4/8
TU	19	What Went Wrong? Russia's Lost Opportunity	J Bernbaum	Sem 106	10:00-11:15	18 25		3/18-3/25
TU	20	Isaac Cappon: A Holland Rags to Riches Story	D Wake/M Frissora	Sem Aud	12:30-1:45	18		3/18
TU	21	Holy Saturday: Insights from A Neglected Day in Holy Week	S McDonald	*Sem Aud	12:30-1:45		1 8	4/1-4/8
TU	22	Tuesdays at the Movies	R Anker	Off-site	3:30-5:30	25 1	15 22	3/25-4/22
WE	23	Getting Lost to Find Ourselves: How Travel Changes Us	D Brouwer	*Sem Aud	10:45-12:00	19 26 2		3/19-4/2
WE	24	Jesus in the Public Arena: John 4-7	G Burge	*Sem Aud	12:45-2:00	19 26 2 9		3/19-4/9
WE	25	Sauces 101	O Hale	Off-Site	1:00-2:15		2 9 16 23	4/2-4/23
WE	26	Creating Memoir	C Rottman	Sem 106	1:00-3:00	19 26 2 9 16 23		3/19-4/23
WE	27	Cultural, Historical, Geographical Background of the Bible	D Kroeze	*Sem Aud	2:45-4:00	19 26 2 9		3/19-4/9
WE	28	America's Public Lands	J Skillen	Bunker	2:45-4:00	19 26 2 9		3/19-4/9
TH	29	Chicago 20th Century: Power on the Prairie	J Kwasteniet	*Sem Aud	10:00-11:15		27 3 10	3/27-4/10
TH	30	The Music of Joni Mitchell	G Bulthuis	Sem Aud	12:30-1:45	13 20 27 3		3/13-4/3

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## EXTENDED TRIPS



# AROUND THE WORLD

WITH CALVIN UNIVERSITY



CALL and the Calvin University Alumni office partner together to offer extended travel opportunities to all CALL members and guests. Currently, we are collaborating to celebrate the university's 150th anniversary from 2025–2026 by exploring 11 countries across six continents. Through conjunction with and the support of Witte Travel, we design unique trips that are often led by someone with expertise in the area as well as a local guide for support. Our trips are designed to enjoy the best sights of the region and the history and culture of each distinctive destination. We hope you will consider joining us on one of these exciting adventures.

- A. Pacific Northwest: Cascades to Coast, Sept 5-14, 2025—now open for registration
- B. Shaw Festival/Niagara-on-the-Lake, September 2025
- C. Journey to Egypt, October 2025
- D. South Korea and Japan, October 2025
- E. Peru, April 2026
- F. The American Southwest, Spring 2026
- G. The Holy Land, May 2026
- H. Italy and Austria, May 2026
- I. Netherlands, late May or June 2026
- J. Australia, January 2027

Preceding the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary trips, there is a May 2025 trip open for registration with 10 spots available:

**Heritage of Germany: From Luther and Bach to Dresden and Berlin**, May 5-17, with Jim Bratt and daughter Suzanne Bratt. This tour itinerary will have strong musical components—particularly with J.S. Bach—as well as strong historical features. Itinerary stops include Wartburg and Köthen Castles, Buchenwald concentration camp, the Berlin Wall Memorial, Sanssouci Palace, and a cruise on the Elbe River.

### Plan your adventure!

Visit [calvin.edu/call](http://calvin.edu/call) and select the “Extended Trips” tab at the bottom of the page to view itinerary highlights and to join the interest list for any tour. Registration opens about 10 months before departure, with all registrations accepted on a first-come basis. All tours are open to friends of CALL members, so be sure to invite a travel partner!

## MEMBER EVENTS 2025

**Long Road Distillers Tour, 537 Leonard St NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504, \$5 Lunch following the Tour: Paid by participants, \$15-\$20  
Saturday, February 8, 2025, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Get ready for an unforgettable experience that blends craftsmanship, flavor, and local history! Embark on a distillery tour that takes you behind the scenes of Long Road Distillers, the first distillery in the history of Grand Rapids. Founded by a passionate Calvin College graduate and friend, Long Road opened its doors with a clear mission: to create world-class spirits from Michigan-grown ingredients without cutting corners. Taking the “long road” means taking no shortcuts, and that philosophy has guided everything they do. This tour is not just about sipping and sampling; it is about diving into the heart of their process, where every step is meticulously crafted by a team of experts who genuinely care about quality.

After the tour, stay and enjoy a delicious lunch in the brewery’s incredible atmosphere. Whether you are savoring carefully paired dishes that complement their handcrafted spirits or relaxing in their one-of-a-kind space, you will be immersed in the vibrant spirit of Grand Rapids.

So, bring your curiosity and your appetite and join us for a tour full of discovery, flavor, and the perfect reminder that taking the long road often leads to something extraordinary. Registration is open.

**Wings and Wonders: A Day of Aviation and Architecture in Detroit,  
Cost TBD**

**Friday, April 11, 2025 (tentative) Registration will open at a later date.**

Join us for an exciting day in Detroit, where we will visit two iconic locations that highlight Michigan’s history and innovation. Our first stop is the Michigan Flight Museum, home to a remarkable collection of historic aircraft, aviation memorabilia, and artifacts. The museum highlights Michigan’s significant role in the development of flight, from early aviation pioneers to modern aerospace achievements. You will have the opportunity to explore exhibits featuring classic aircraft, engines, and flight instruments, and learn about Michigan’s contributions to the aviation industry.

While at the museum, we will be joined by Claire Dahl, who has taught several CALL classes as *Rosie the Riveter*. She will speak about the history and significance of women in aviation and manufacturing, sharing inspiring stories of the women who worked in Detroit during World War II and contributed to the war effort. Her engaging talk will bring history to life, offering a personal



and educational perspective on the impact of women in the workforce during a pivotal time in American history.

After our time at the Michigan Flight Museum, we will head to Cranbrook House, the historic home of the Cranbrook Educational Community, renowned for its stunning architecture and beautiful gardens. Built in the early 20th century, Cranbrook House, designed by architect Albert Kahn, is a prime example of the Arts and Crafts style. As we tour the house, you will learn about the history of this architectural masterpiece, which has been a center for arts, education, and design. The surrounding Cranbrook Gardens, with their carefully landscaped grounds and serene natural beauty, provide a perfect backdrop for a relaxing and educational visit.

This trip offers a blend of aviation history, architecture, and fascinating stories of Detroit's industrial past, with plenty of opportunities to learn, explore, and appreciate the rich cultural heritage of Michigan.

### **Exploring Chicago: A Journey Through History, Architecture, and Art, Cost TBD**

**Monday, June 2, 2025, 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Registration will open at a later date.**

Join us for an exciting and informative day in Chicago, where you will experience the city's rich history, stunning architecture, and cultural landmarks. We will depart from the Prince Conference Center at Calvin University at 6:30 a.m. and head straight to Chicago to kick off our adventure.

Our day will begin with a two-hour walking tour led by Jim Kwasteniet, an expert in Chicago's history and architecture. Kwasteniet, who is teaching CALL course #28 *Chicago 20th Century: Power on the Prairie*, has taught several classes on Chicago and will accompany us throughout the day, sharing his extensive knowledge of the city. He will also keep us entertained with fun trivia during the bus ride to Chicago. As we walk, we will take in iconic buildings and architectural wonders, learning about their history and significance.

The walking tour will conclude at the Art Institute of Chicago, where we will have lunch (on your own) and free time to explore the museum's vast collection. With thousands of artworks from renowned icons to lesser-known treasures from across the globe, the museum provides a rich experience that highlights diverse artistic traditions.

In the afternoon, we will board a bus for a guided tour of the city's top attractions, including Millennium Park, the Magnificent Mile, and Grant Park, all

while gaining deeper insight into Chicago's fascinating sights and history. \*This activity is subject to change but will be confirmed prior to registration opening.

After a full day of exploration, we will enjoy a delicious, boxed supper from Apple Spice before arriving back home.

Please note, this trip involves a fair amount of walking both on the morning walking tour and in the Art Institute of Chicago, but the itinerary will also include a number of breaks and stops.

### **Grand Rapids Walking Tours, \$15-\$20**

The common theme of a Grand Rapids Walking Tour? A love for everything Grand Rapids...its history, culture, entertainment, vibe, tastes, and exciting growth. It is the trifecta of exercise, education, and entertainment. Each walk lasts about 60-90 minutes: we walk a little, gather at a site, and talk, etc.

#### **B is for Blandford, \$20**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

**2:00-3:30 p.m.**

This magical place, where you are encouraged to get your hands and boots dirty, is a place where memories are both revealed and made. Blandford Nature Center believes that adults and children learn best through personal experience in nature and with wildlife. The tour takes you through the Bs—the friendly beasts, the historical buildings, the acres of bark along the trails, the barns of the farm, and the new beginnings at both the associated schools and the Highlands. Learn about Mary Jane Dockeray, the founder, and how she began a chapter in her life that she never imagined would grow into this incredible corner of the world. This tour meets outside of the Visitor Center at Blandford Nature Center.

#### **Women's Way Murals, \$15, Registration will open at a later date.**

**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**

**6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Meander through downtown while listening to the back stories of women from Grand Rapids who left an indelible mark in our history. You will view images depicted in larger-than-life painted murals on the side of buildings and in alleyways now named for these women. The Women's Way public art initiative blossomed in 2020 as a program led by Downtown Grand Rapids Inc, in partnership with the City of Grand Rapids and the Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council. This tour meets in the lobby of the JW Marriott Hotel.

**Oakgrove Cemetery–A Peaceful Place, \$15 Registration, will open at a later date.**

**Wednesday, August 6, 2025**

**6:00–7:30 p.m.**

Maybe you have never explored this cozy space in the south side of Grand Rapids or even noticed it when you cruise east or west on 28<sup>th</sup> Street amidst the steady traffic. This quaint cemetery–hidden from thousands of cars–was once located in the middle of nowhere, in a completely rural setting. Even today, its snug little setting paints a picture of what the area must have looked like back then–with its magnificent stand of mature oak trees–when it was called Paris Township Cemetery. Find out who is buried here. This tour meets in Oakgrove Cemetery, which is located within the MacKay-Jaycees City Park at 2531 Kalamazoo Ave. S.E.



The 2025 January Series lineup is here, and we invite you to join us this year from January 20-31. The CALL program delays spring programming to allow our members the opportunity to participate in this wonderful lecture series. Seating is plentiful in the Covenant Fine Arts Center, and we encourage you to come in-person. Shuttle bus transportation is available from and to the Prince Conference Center each day.

All lectures are scheduled from 12:30-1:30 p.m. We encourage you to register in advance if you plan to watch online at <https://calvin.edu/January-series>.

Olympians, comedians, explorers, Pulitzer Prize winners, and innovators—this year's diverse slate of January Series speakers will encourage us to create a better, more inspired, and more inclusive world:

**Jonathan Eig** (Monday, January 20): *King: A Life*

**Todd Komarnicki** (Tuesday, January 21): *Bravery: A Story of Elf, Sully, and Bonhoeffer*

**John Inazu** (Wednesday, January 22): *A Conversation on Learning to Disagree*

**Heather Templeton Dill** (Thursday, January 23): *A Philanthropic Approach to Inspiring Awe and Wonder*

**Kristjan Prikk** (Friday, January 24): *The Future of Europe – Should it Still Matter to America*

**Peter Sagal** (Monday, January 27): *Front Seat at the Sideshow: What I've Learned After 25 Years of Making Fun of Everything*

**Alastair Humphreys** (Tuesday, January 28): *Adventures Across the World and Around the Neighborhood*

**Reshma Saujani** (Wednesday, January 29): *A Conversation on Pay Up and Brave, Not Perfect*

**Michaela O'Donnell** (Thursday, January 30): *Life in Flux*

**Hunter Woodhall** (Friday, January 31): *They Told Me I Couldn't Walk, So I Decided to Run*



## World Affairs Council OF WESTERN MICHIGAN

### Great Decisions 2025

CALL has renewed its partnership with the World Affairs Council of West Michigan after a hiatus of several years. Since then, the Great Decisions lecture series has undergone two key changes: the lecture series is no charge, and the location is the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum (and online).

#### **Tuesday Evenings**

**6:00-7:15pm (EST)**

**February 4 through**

**March 25**

Receptions from 5-6pm  
before each program

#### **The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum**

303 Pearl St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Free Parking available. Free and open to the public.

Livestream option available by registering  
on their website.

Visit: <https://www.worldmichigan.org/>

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program provides background information and policy options for the most critical issues facing America each year and serves as the starting place for dialogue and discussion within the community. The eight topics are selected by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) each year. It is their longest running and largest community program on global issues.

#### **February 4, The U.S., Michigan, and the World Economy**

John Austin, senior fellow, Eisenhower Institute at Gettysburg College

#### **February 11, International Climate Cooperation**

Miriam Gay-Antaki, Geographer, University of New Mexico, Partner: GRCC

#### **February 18, NATO from a European Perspective**

Gert-Jan Segers, former member of the House of Representatives in the Netherlands (Leader of the Christian Union), Partner: Calvin University

#### **February 25, U.S. – China Relations**

Ali Wyne, senior research and advocacy advisor, China, International Crisis Group

**March 4, After Gaza: Reimagining the Middle East**

Ghaith al-Omari, senior fellow, Washington Institute for Near East Policy

**March 11, India: Between China, the West, and the Global South**

Rick Rossow, senior advisor, CSIS

**March 18, American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads**

Emma Ashford, senior fellow, Stimson Center

**March 25, AI, Cybersecurity, and National Security**

Dina Temple-Raston, journalist, *The Record*, Partner: GVSU

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