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at Northern Illinois University

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Members of the NIU
LLI thank
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its support.
LLI Notables Brown Bag Lecture Series
Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Holmes Student Center
(Lecture topics subject to change)

January 15
Fraud: How did It Happen?
David Sinason
NIU Department of Accountancy, retired

January 22
GMOs: Frankenfood or the Panacea for a Hungry World?
Joel Stafstrom
NIU Department of Biological Sciences

January 29
Using Creative & Expressive Arts When Treating Trauma
Adam Carter
NIU Department of Counseling, Adult & Higher Education

February 5
Elections 2018: Recap & Analysis
Matt Streb
NIU Department of Political Science

Bring a lunch, purchase one at the Holmes Student Center, or just come and listen. Guests welcome!
The class will start by examining some historical American home data and looking at houses through the decades until the present. Then we will discuss design and construction; materials such as concrete, lumber, and trim; electrical, HVAC, and plumbing; and flooring and finishing. We’ll then touch on green energy-efficient homes and deal with some common problems, repairs, and upgrades.

Convener: Alan Kleinstiver was in the construction industry for 18 years and has hands-on experience with all phases of construction, residential, commercial, and industrial. Alan has singlehandedly built two houses, doing all phases of the construction, and is currently engaged in remodeling his own house. He has worked on more than 100 homes as a contractor.

Lively discussion and civilized conversation about what has informed, intrigued, and/or amused us in the past week’s news. With an upcoming Chicago mayoral primary and Congress in session, there is sure to be some political discussion, but we will also be talking about social trends, technology, education, science, and more.

Convener: Elizabeth Bass is an avid consumer of news, who enjoys conversations with fellow LLI members. She has led this study group before and looks forward to another term of interesting discussions.
The Medal of Honor
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Tuesdays – January 15, 22, 29, February 5

Over 3,500 men and woman have been awarded the Medal of Honor for “conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his or her life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States.” Come and hear some of the stories of these brave men and women going back to the Civil War. On the last day of class, we will view a movie about Sgt. York. He was a humble man from Tennessee who became one of the most acclaimed heroes of WWI.

Convener: Pat McKinley is an experienced LLI convener with wide-ranging interests.
This class will answer important questions about the Federalist Papers. Who wrote them and what impact did they have? Why did the writers think the Founding Fathers should abandon the Articles of Confederation and create a new form of constitutional government? What did the writers say about guns, slavery, tariffs, and taxation? Why did the writers argue for terms of two years (House), four years (President), six years (Senate), and life (Supreme Court)? What type of men did writers think would be elected to these offices? Lastly, is our government working today how the Federalists thought it would?

Convener: Joe Grush is a retired NIU professor and administrator. He has offered LLI courses on Great Thinkers in Psychology and American Indians.

Save the date to join
NIU Continuing and Professional Education for
Travel with the NIU Expert: Shakespeare’s The Winter’s Tale

May 30, 2019

More information coming soon!
This class will feature five films dealing with various aspects of the Nazi era. The films include *The Lifeboat*, *The Boys from Brazil*, *Marathon Man*, *Bombing Hitler's Supergun*, and *Nazi Attack on America*.

**Convener:** Retired NIU history professor George Spencer has convened many film study groups.

Enjoy listening to the “Big Five” orchestras: The New York Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Cleveland Orchestra, and our own Chicago Symphony Orchestra. How are the orchestras constructed? What has made them great? Who are, and have been, their great conductors? Hear a variety of music played by the best.

**Convener:** Pat Vary has convened several LLI courses including musicals, microbes, and climate change. She is a retired NIU biology professor and has been a violinist in orchestras from elementary school through graduate school, and a member of the Kishwaukee Symphony since 1991.
During this study group we will primarily, but not exclusively, focus on the United States national monuments. A national monument is a protected area that is similar to a national park but can be created from any land owned or controlled by the federal government by proclamation of the President of the United States or legislation by the U.S. Congress. Beginning with the Antiquities Act of 1906, President Teddy Roosevelt created the nation's first designation (Devils Tower in Wyoming) to preserve, for all Americans, significant pieces of the country's ecology and geology and to memorialize historic sites.

The National Park Service celebrated its first 100 years in 2016. In its first century, presidents and members of Congress and thousands of ordinary Americans have promoted the idea that the nation's natural wonders and wildlife, its scenery and its shorelines, its history and its battlefields, should be preserved and protected forever. Join us during this session as we highlight over 20 of our national monuments.

Convener: Linda Fulton is a retired DeKalb middle-school teacher who has convened study groups on the geology of the national parks and America: The Land – The People.

U.S. presidents in the late 20th century and the early 21st century faced unique challenges as both domestic and global leaders. We’ll see how each was molded by his biography and how each faced the challenges and opportunities afforded him.

Convener: Carol Zar has an interest in history and biography. She has convened many LLI classes ranging from politics to opera.
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Lifelong Learning Institute?
The Lifelong Learning Institute at Northern Illinois University (LLI) is a member-directed group of retirement-age people who seek new learning experiences. Members, regardless of their education, enjoy continuing to learn in an informal, flexible, and non-competitive environment with individual participation. They rekindle old interests and pursue new ones at a reasonable cost without being concerned about credits, grades, exams, or prerequisites. Members determine the topics offered in study groups, workshops, and lectures and also act as LLI conveners, instructors, and discussion leaders. A self-supporting organization, the LLI relies on members’ dues for its financial needs and on member volunteers for committees and program administration.

The Northern Illinois University LLI is affiliated with the Elderhostel Institute Network and more than 300 LLIs across the United States.

Who may join the LLI?
The LLI is open to anyone who is retired or at least 50 years of age, with a sense of curiosity and a love of learning. The LLI welcomes all members, from those whose education ended early to those who have earned advanced degrees. Members include retired business people, teachers, Fulbright scholars, homemakers, union members, professionals, and farmers.

Where does the LLI meet?
Unless otherwise noted, sessions meet in the Holmes Student Center (HSC) on the Northern Illinois University campus in DeKalb. LLI members may park in the nearby visitors parking lot at a reduced rate. Various eating places in the center provide locations for members to talk and socialize over lunch.

What does the LLI offer?
Various study groups and workshops are offered each term, with the current term’s offerings described in this catalogue. A curriculum committee of LLI members chooses subjects, primarily from members’ suggestions, based on perceived levels of interest and the availability of conveners.

Study groups, which may meet for as many as eight sessions, have considerable member participation. Much discussion occurs; a straight lecture format is rarely used.

Workshops are hands-on programs that usually involve learning a skill or gaining practical information and generally have fewer sessions.

The LLI Notables Brown Bag Lectures are given by speakers whose expertise and interests often coincide with study group themes. Question-and-answer sessions follow the lectures. Some LLI members join just to attend the LLI Notables Series.

Members may enroll in study groups and workshops, take advantage of just the lecture series, or participate in all LLI activities. Regular attendance is encouraged, but we know LLI members have busy schedules. Early registration is recommended since class size is limited. LLI study groups are open only to LLI members. The LLI Notables Brown Bag Lecture Series is open to the public.

Who are the LLI instructors?
Every study group or workshop has a convener who may also lead some classes. Some groups have an instructor; other groups divide tasks among their members. Some leaders are retired educators; others have had little or no teaching experience but are willing to share their vocational expertise, hobbies, experiences, talent, or knowledge.

When does the LLI meet?
Study groups and workshops are offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings and afternoons. The LLI Notables Brown Bag Lecture Series is on Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. There are four terms per year: winter, spring, summer, and fall. Traditionally, winter and summer terms last four weeks, and spring and fall terms span eight weeks. Special programs may take place at other times.

How do I become an LLI member?
You become an LLI member by completing an application form and paying a fee. This fee entitles you to enroll in unlimited study groups and workshops and attend the lecture series on a term by term basis. You are also eligible for discounts on other special events that may carry additional fees.

If you have already joined LLI at NIU, mark the registration form as a “renewing member” if you wish to participate in the current term's activities.

LLI study groups are open to all members who wish to participate; scholarships may be available for those needing financial assistance. For information, contact Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming. All requests are confidential. Please inquire about special registration fees available for persons in the LIHEAP program.

Where can I get more information and/or register?
Call Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming at (815) 753-5200
E-mail the NIU LLI at NIULLI@niu.edu
Check the LLI website at http://www.LLI.niu.edu
TRAVEL with an NIU EXPERT to the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago!

Pink Boots and a Machete
January 24th, 2019

This evening features Mireya Mayor, a former NFL cheerleader and daughter of Cuban immigrants who followed her unlikely dreams to become a respected primatologist. This audacious explorer is the co-discoverer of the world’s smallest primate in Madagascar and an Emmy Award nominated wildlife correspondent for the National Geographic Channel. Mayor tells her tales of traveling to some of the wildest and most remote places on earth, armed with little more than a backpack, notebook, and hiking boots.

A Whole New World of Alan Menken
March 30th, 2019

A must-see evening for any Broadway lover! Alan Menken — the Oscar, Tony, and Grammy Award-winning composer and pianist behind beloved scores including The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, and Aladdin — brings his one-man retrospective show to the landmark stage. The “living legend” (Broadway World) performs some of his best-loved tunes and tells the story of his expansive career, which includes co-creating the musical Little Shop of Horrors, adapting his own music from classic Disney films for the stage, and writing scores for movies like Newsies and Tangled.

To register, visit go.niu.edu/cpe or call 815-753-0277.
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Winter 2019 (January 15 - February 8) Event #16568
Holmes Student Center, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois

1. PHONE 1-800-345-9472 or (815) 753-0277 to register with a credit card.
2. ONLINE registration at http://go.niu.edu/LLI-registration (click on the appropriate program term) with a credit card.
3. FAX your form to (815) 753-6900 to register with a credit card.
4. MAIL completed form with check or credit card information to: Northern Illinois University, NIU Outreach-Registration, DeKalb, IL 60115-2860

Spring term only membership fee:
I am a [ ] new (never attended LLI) [ ] renewing member. Please check one.

_____ $65 ($75 after January 7, 2019), Unlimited Study Groups
_____ If you qualify for the LIHEAP program, call Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming at (815) 753-5200 for authorization to register at a reduced fee.

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I heard about the LLI from: [ ] Friend [ ] Newspaper [ ] Flyer [ ] Library [ ] Radio [ ] TV
[ ] Internet [ ] Catalogue [ ] Other: _______________________________________________________

All memberships are individual. Membership includes unlimited study groups, lectures, and workshops for the winter 2019 term. Registration for study groups is on a first-come, first-served basis. Mail-in registrations are accepted any time prior to the first study group meeting date, space permitting. All study groups, lectures, and special events are subject to availability and change.

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_____ Check here to opt out of the forthcoming directory. The directory will only include your name, phone number, email and city.

DISCLAIMER: I do not hold the Lifelong Learning Institute or Northern Illinois University responsible for any injury that may occur during an LLI program in which I participate during Winter 2019.

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Signature                                      Date

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