

The Institute for Learning in Retirement

Fall 2019
Discussion Group
Schedule



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- Potpourri
- The World's Oceans
- Byways of Language & Literature
- Winston Churchill
- Brown Bag Lunch Talks
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- TED Talks

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ATTENDANCE AND REGISTRATION

As a member, you are allowed to attend any or all courses in which you are interested. However, Great Books has a limited enrollment so we do need an official registration for that course. We do not call roll but we do count attendance so that we may get an idea of how well attendance is sustained throughout the semester. Of course, we do not have any tests, grades or outside homework (except for the Great Books course). Our members like this freedom and ability to come and go as they please!

PARKING

UNA Center For Learning & Professional Development & the Institute for Learning in Retirement are located in the UNA East Campus Building. This building is located at 1640 Tune Ave., Florence, AL 35630. Parking and classroom access is located behind the building. Please arrive early to get a good space. As a member, you will be issued a Temporary Parking Permit if registered for classes on the main campus. This is to be placed in your dashboard when parking on campus. It is good for only one semester.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

UNA Center For Learning & Professional Development will furnish each member a directory of all ILR members. These copies will be placed with the other literature available for pick-up.

EMAIL

If you would like to be added to the ILR email distribution list, please let the program coordinator know your email address. Periodically, we will send out notices to members via email, including weather announcements.



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REFRESHMENTS

Members volunteer to provide refreshments for each class meeting. The Social Committee Chairperson organizes this and there will be a sign-up sheet that is circulated. UNA will provide coffee, but if you prefer to have soft drinks, you may volunteer to bring these instead of refreshments. PLEASE bring a serving utensil and remember to take it home with you when the day is over. **Also, volunteers are needed to help with setup and cleanup. If you would be able to volunteer, please see Meghan Fike, Chris Johnson or John Messamore.**

ILR ORGANIZATION

The UNA ILR is member led and governed with administrative assistance from the UNA Center For Learning & Professional Development. There is a twelve member Council that meets to discuss ILR events and business. Each member serves a term of three years. The Annual Meeting is held every April/May to elect new council members and to amend the by-laws if necessary. ILR officers are elected by the council. The President appoints the Committee Chairpersons such as Travel, Social, and others.

ILR CURRICULUM

The ILR Council meets before each semester to decide on what courses to offer. If you are interested in volunteering to be a course leader or have some great ideas, please contact the President or any member of the council. We are ALWAYS in need of fresh ideas and fresh energy to put together a dynamic and fulfilling semester! Please volunteer and take an active role in the ILR!

ROAD SCHOLAR INSTITUTE NETWORK AFFILIATION (FORMERLY ELDERHOSTEL) —

The UNA ILR is affiliated with the internationally recognized Road Scholar Institute Network (formerly Elderhostel Institute). We receive publications that list Lifelong Learning Institutes all over the world and provide information on other ILRs and what they are doing.

PAST COURSE DVD SESSIONS

Past course DVD sessions are available for checkout. These can be checked out from the UNA office.



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Program Notes



To make your and everyone's experience at ILR pleasant and fulfilling, may we offer the following:

1. Please pass on ideas for classes, trips and individual programs to the President, Course Leader, Trip Coordinator or UNA Program Coordinator.
2. Sign up for refreshments once or twice a semester. Please leave them for the next class (we have refrigeration). Wednesdays and Fridays sometime run short. If you have leftovers from a personal event, bring them anytime!
3. Always be courteous to the speaker. Don't converse during his/her presentation.
4. Turn cell phones off or on vibrate.
5. If you have hearing problems, please sit near the front.
6. Use trash cans for empty drink cups/bottles, etc. There are one or more in every room. We want to protect our facilities and leave them as clean as we find them.
7. If you have a problem or suggestion regarding a course, please contact the UNA Program Coordinator, ILR President, Course Leader or a Council Member.

Everyone's participation in the UNA Institute for Learning in Retirement is encouraged and contributes to its success! Thank you!

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Day Trippin'

The Scottsboro Boys Walking Tour & Cooks Museum

Friday, October 11

Course Leader: Robin Armstrong

Local expert, Ms. Peggy Towns will lead a 45 minute walking tour of Decatur's landmark sites involving the Scottsboro Boys. In the event of inclement weather, she will narrate the tour on the bus. After lunch, we will tour Cook's Natural History Museum. We have much to explore in this newly renovated, state-of-the-art natural science museum.

Sign up is required. Bus will leave from the UNA East Campus back parking lot. There will be an additional charge for this event.

ILR Christmas Party Save The Date!

Tuesday, December 3

12:00—3:00 pm

**Location: UNA East Campus,
Culinary Area**

Chair: Kay Durrett

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The Institute for Learning in Retirement Potpourri

Monday • 9:00 am—10:10 am
Course Leader: John Sworm

September 23 Dance
Sample of dances witnessed or experienced from around the world

September 30 Lost Sea Expedition Parts 1 & 2
One man (Bernie) & a mule (Polly) drawn wagon journey across middle America from the Canadian border to the Rio Grande taking 14 months. The Lost Sea existed 7 million years ago and remnants of sea creatures, dinosaurs, crustaceans, abound.

October 7 Lost Sea Expedition Parts 3 & 4
Continued from parts 1 & 2, the journey includes discussion of evolutionary science, interesting people, Native American beliefs, Creationist beliefs, Global Warming, Ogallala Aquifer, animal bonding, farming/ranching, loneliness, trials and tribulations of off road travel.

October 14 Anita Cobb Biography Video
She is a quiet lady full of many interesting and wonderful stories. Born and raised in west Lauderdale county, schooled in Florence, and then off to Detroit with an Education Degree. Lived in Detroit with her husband and taught school for 35 years. She obtained her Masters Degree part of which was earned in Edinburgh, Scotland. Jacqueline Broder was the moderator for this video and the 2 ladies were an excellent pair.

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The World's Oceans

Monday • 9:00 am—10:10 am

Course Leader: Dr. William Cale

October 21 Formation of the Earth and the Oceans

The Early Oceans – Origins of Life

Professor Harold J. Tobin, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The first two (of eight presentations in this series) by Professor Tobin explain how the solar system was formed and how the earth and its oceans came to be. A prolonged series of physical processes on the early planet ultimately created an environment in which life began in the primordial seas.

October 28 How the Physics of Water Controls the Oceans

Waves – Motion in the Ocean

The unique (and truly remarkable) properties of water are shown to exert tremendous influence on both life in the seas and the physical properties of the oceans, which in turn influence life on the entire planet. Oceans move in several ways, including tides, currents, and waves. Waves are motion at or near the surface and are created by wind; how they are formed, their various types, and their propagation are examined in this lecture.

November 4 Estuaries and Deltas

Tidal Life, Sea Forests, and Coral Reefs

Much of life in the ocean depends on the shallow depths to complete a life cycle. Various ecosystems exist in the shallow seas and each supports a variety of marine organisms. Human development along the world's coasts is having a deleterious impact on these environments.

November 11 The Oceans and Global Climate

The Warming, Rising Sea

The climate of every location on earth is affected by the ocean. How this happens and the impact of a warming planet on the oceans and climate are examined in detail.

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Byways of Language & Literature

Monday • 10:35 am—11:45 am
Course Leader: Dr. Dennis Balch

September 23 **Remembering Lost Words, Lost Worlds**

This program presents two delightful pieces of children's literature that adults will appreciate. The "spells" and gorgeous art of Robert McFarlane's *Lost Words* seeks to restore words retired from the Oxford Junior Dictionary. Donald Hall's *Oxcart Man* (both story and poem) recounts a year in the life of a New England farmer.

September 30 **Yoknapatawpha Scams**

Looking to trade horses or get rich with buried Confederate treasure in Yoknapatawpha County? Better bring your best trading game and know how the real grifters work. This program will entertain you with the lighter side of William Faulkner.

October 7 **The Poison Squad: Origins of Our Pure Food and Drug Laws**

The Food and Drug Act of 1906 was known at the time as Dr. Wiley's law. Deborah Blum's book *The Poison Squad* lays out the 30-year struggle of Dr. Harvey Washington Wiley to establish standards of safety for food in the United States. The "poison squad" was Dr. Wiley's team of volunteers who agreed to ingest varying doses of food additives in their meals in a human experiment to determine effects on human health.

October 14 **Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert**

Gertrude Bell led an extraordinary life as traveler, archaeologist, diplomat and spy. She cultivated close relationships with Arab sheiks and exerted strong influence over the formation of the modern state of Iraq. This program surveys her career and samples some of her travel writings.

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Winston Churchill

Monday • 10:35 am—11:45 am
Course Leader: Ron Helgemo

**October 21 Lecture 1 – Churchill: Heritage and
Destiny**

An introduction to Winston Churchill, this lecture covers his family background and the development of Churchill's sense of history... and his place in it.

October 28 Lecture 2 – Young Churchill

This lecture covers Churchill's early life and relationships with his parents. Even by early Victorian standards, Churchill had it tough.

**November 4 Lecture 3 – Churchill: On the Empire's
Frontier**

Churchill's career in the military is considered. We will analyze his time in the Army as he serves his Queen in maintaining the British Empire.

November 11 Lecture 4 – Churchill: Political Beginnings

We'll examine Churchill's early political career, the establishing of his reputation as a maverick, his rapid rise in the political hierarchy and his dramatic fall from grace.

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Brown Bag Lunch Talks

Monday • 12:30 pm—1:40 pm
Course Leader: Robin Armstrong

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September 23 **Am I Crazy? Really?**

Carol Shaw, MA, LPC

An overview of mental health diagnosis, using the DSM manual, & treatment. Carol will share her counseling approaches.

September 30 **Life at Kilby School...Full Steam Ahead**

*Dr. Eric Kirkman, Assistant Professor & Director of
Kilby Laboratory School, Professional Musician*

Dr. Kirkman's vision for sustaining & improving the laboratory school...And his music.

October 7 **Fascinating Falcons-The Sport of Kings**

Russell Carver, Falconer & his partner Rogue

Prepare to be amazed by these amazing hunters.

October 14 **The Space Race to the Moon: US vs USSR**

Rob Martin

1957-1969 The Americans beat the Russians to the moon... but how close were the Russian space programs really?

October 21 **28 Years of ILR- From the Beginning**

A Distinguished Member/Alumni/UNA Staff Panel

Reflections on our origins, memories & special people from inception to present

October 28 **Super Bugs Threaten Us All**

Tom Gillis, Ph.D., LSU School of Medicine

Every year in the US, two million people get infections that do not respond to antibiotics. 23,000 will die. What has given rise to these infections & how can we stop the spread?

November 4 **Looking Down From Mt. Everest**

Scott Graham, Rock Climber

Experience the exhilaration of a rock climber who summited Mt. Everest & other peaks of the world

November 11 **Looking for Life Beyond Earth?**

*Richard B. Hoover, Astrobiologist & Visiting Professor
University of Buckingham, UK; Docent, US Space &
Rocket Center*

50 Years after the Moon Landing: evidence of life in space rocks.

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Food: A Cultural Culinary History

Monday • 1:50 pm—3:00 pm

Course Leader: Nora Dailey

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September 23 **1492-Globalization and Fusion Cuisines**

This topic provides a description of how plants, animals & diseases were transported across continents, from the Americas to Europe, as well as from Asia, Africa & Europe to everywhere. As a result, entirely new methods of using these foods developed. This evolution is shown in the way most of the world eats today.

September 30 **16th Century-Papal Rome & the Spanish Golden Age**

European cuisine blossomed as practices which were once exclusively noble could now be afforded by others. This resulted in innovation and the development of regional cuisines. The strength of the Catholic Church in Spain & its abuses prompted a fixation on non-kosher foods. Spanish cookbooks were printed, featuring a variety of meatless dishes especially important on fast days.

October 7 **The Birth of French Haute Cuisine**

France took the culinary lead in the mid-17th century, creating new recipes and techniques & producing many cookbooks. Modern French classical, or haute, cuisine was born. The essence of this cuisine lies in the fact that foods are cooked in a way that accentuates & intensifies the flavor of the main ingredient. Such food becomes something totally different & uniquely French.

October 14 **Elizabethan England, Puritans, Country Food**

England has had a very rich & varied culinary past. There was a constant battle between country & courtly cooking. This was also influenced by the switches between Catholic and Protestant during the 16th century. The result was a sort of schizophrenic gastronomy. As monarchs changed, so did dining traditions. Many cookbooks were published, some addressing a middle-class audience while others were completely courtly.

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Monday • 1:50 pm—3:00 pm
Course Leader: Susan Daniel

October 21 Choices

It's always good to have choices. Or is it?

October 28 Self-Driving Cars

What could possibly be a problem with it? How will they change our living spaces? Ethics and social implications

November 4 Shame, Vulnerability and Empathy

Here are some new ways to look at these emotions

November 11 Sleep

Why do we sleep? And why do we dream? And how does it affect our minds and bodies when we don't get enough?

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Enjoying The Arts

Wednesday · 9:00 am—10:10 am
Course Leader: Elizabeth Renault

September 25 **John Singer Sargent**

A documentary on the life and works of John Singer Sargent. He was more than a portrait artist.

October 2 **Nazi Art Theft**

A documentary about events surrounding the art stolen during WWII

October 9 **Andrew Wyeth**

Documentary: Michael Palin in Wyeth's World

October 16 **Cowboy Art—Colorado Experience: Western American Art**

Elizabeth Renault

October 23 **Outsider Art: Part 1**

Elizabeth Renault

A discussion of what constitutes outsider art & a film on various outsider artists.

October 30 **Outsider Art: Part 2**

Elizabeth Renault

Continue exploring outsider art and complete viewing part 2 of the video.

November 6 **The Art of New Zealand**

Elizabeth Renault

A PowerPoint & discussion of art forms & exhibits found on a recent visit to New Zealand.

November 13 **Inspirational Experiences of an Artist Wife**

Marie Thompson

A PowerPoint & discussion about the art of Tommy Thompson & the experiences Marie had as an artist's wife

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Community Conversations Familiar Places—New Faces

Wednesday • 10:35 am—11:45 am

Course Leader: Nancy C. Gonce

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- September 25 **Florence-Lauderdale Public Library**
Derek Wilson, Executive Director, Florence-Lauderdale Public Library
- October 2 **University of North Alabama Entertainment Industry Program**
Dr. Bob Garfrerick, Department Chair, Professor
- October 9 **International Fertilizer Development Center**
Albin Hubscher, President & CEO, IFDC
- October 16 **University of North Alabama Collier Library Archives**
Derek Malone and Volodymyr Chumachenko, Librarians
- October 23 **Tennessee Valley Museum of Art**
Nancy Sanford, Organizational Consultant
- October 30 **Arts in Northwest Alabama**
Mary White, Community Arts Volunteer
- November 6 **Alabama Music Hall of Fame**
Sandra Burroughs, Executive Director
- November 13 **A Greater Shoals**
Macke Mauldin, Advisory Committee and Kevin Jackson, SEDA



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Great Books: Readings & Discussion Short Story Omnibus

Wednesday • 10:30 am—11:45 am
Course Leader: Nancy Belue • Room 104

- September 25 **“The Pugilist at Rest” by Thom Jones**
Discussion Leader: Marilyn Dean
- October 2 **“Greasy Lake” by T. Coraghessan Boyle**
Discussion Leader: Dennis Balch
- October 9 **“The Baby” by Mary Gordon**
Discussion Leader: Anne Davis
- October 16 **“The Collectors” by Rohinton Mistry**
Discussion Leader: Nora Dailey
- October 23 **“You’re Ugly, Too” by Lorrie Moore**
Discussion Leader: Betty Balch
- October 30 **“The Country Where Nobody Ever Grew Up and Died” by William Maxwell**
Discussion Leader: Jim Berry
- November 6 **“Wants” by Grace Paley**
Discussion Leader: Donna Albright
- November 13 **Novella: *Benito Cereno* by Herman Melville**
Discussion Leader: Jacquie Osborne

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Outstanding People & Events In American History

Wednesday • 12:30 pm—1:40 pm
Course Leader: John Messamore

September 25 Hardened to Hickory

Tony Turnbow

Tony's illuminating book details Andrew Jackson's formative mission as a Federalized 1812-1813 military commander deploying Tennessee Volunteers to Natchez, Mississippi only to be ordered to disband & abandon his troops! He didn't...but he did become Old Hickory in the process!

**October 9 Scottsboro Unmasked-Decatur's Story,
Tennessee River & Northwest Alabama**

*Peggy Towns, Dr. Carrie Barske Crawford &
Brian Murphy*

Popular authors of recent compelling Shoals area histories introduce challenging issues of economics, trade, racial injustice & more.

**October 23 The Muscle Shoals-First Frontier of
These United States & thoughts on
Alabama Lynching history**

Alvin Rosenbaum and Lee Freeman

A combined presentation introducing Alvin's authoritative book on Shoals history in its regional & national context. Lee then focuses on lynching as an uncomfortable historical feature yet one within our distinctly American, Alabaman & Shoals area context-past & present.

**November 6 Post Civil War Reconstruction & the
emergence of Alabama racial politics**

Dr. Tom Osborne

An encore session to his recent and popular eight week Library course on the development & impacts of race as a societal construct. This session focuses on the period from emancipation, brief African-American political leadership, Bourbon Democrat resurgence, & finally disenfranchisement & the imposition of Jim Crow in Alabama by 1901.

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‘Round Town—Field Trips

Wednesday • 11:50 am—3:30 pm ish

Course Leader: Robin Armstrong

Bus and/or lunch costs are not included with ILR registration.

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October 2

Life Data Labs, Inc

Since 2017, Life Data Labs has used Solar Power to manufacture Farrier's Formula for horses. They are a research and manufacturing company dedicated to high quality Equine & Canine Food & Health products.

October 16, 17

TVA Power Service Shop

TVA's Power Service Shop provides services to power plants & large industries including transformer testing & maintenance, electric motor repair, shop machining capabilities, on-site maintenance support & more. You will see the tooling & meet the team who helps keep TVA at 99.999% reliability.

October 30

TVA Archaeology Site

TVA archaeologist Erin Pritchard discusses how TVA manages & protects over 11,500 archaeological sites across seven southern states. Learn about local sites & how you can help protect them. Tour a previously damaged cultural site.

November 13

ILR Artists Gallery Show & Reception

ILR artists display their works! We will meet our many artists. While viewing their art, we will learn about their various mediums & techniques while indulging in delightful refreshments.



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Climate Change Effect On & Adapting To A Changing World

Friday • 9:00 am—10:10 am
Course Leader: Larry Gautney

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September 27 **Implications of Climate Change**

This session will focus on how climate change is affecting individuals & communities. Individuals are affected not only by changes to the environment in which they live but also in their relationships with others, while communities are forced to decide how best to make immediate, short, & long-term plans for their protection & preservation.

October 4 **A Tale of One City**

The River Thames & the city of London have long been synonymous. The combination of population growth, a rising sea & more frequent extreme rain & wind are forcing London to reconsider efforts to protect the city, including rebuilding and/or removing infrastructure, and the increased cost of maintaining equipment that is being pushed beyond its design.

October 18 **Looking to the Future**

The final session will include a brief review of basic climate science and data. It will also describe events related to efforts to mitigate global warming that are upcoming within the next few years.



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Interfaith Discussions

Friday • 9:00 am—10:10 am
Course Leader: Dr. Jacquie Osborne

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October 25 **History of the Interfaith Movement**

Interfaith: What is it? Why be involved? This week we will be looking at the history of the interfaith movement from the first meeting of the World Parliament of Religions in the last century to the present day activities of the interfaith movement.

November 1 **Religion Through Gardens**

We will be examining religions through the lens of gardens throughout history. Our first class will look at the gardens of pre-Renaissance Catholic Italy, before the Protestant Reformation. What were the cultural assumptions on which they were designed? What elements are important in the conception?

November 8 **Islamic Garden Designs**

This week we will be looking at the Islamic garden designs of a similar period of history, circa 1500, and how those designs have been carried forward into our era. How do the elements of an Islamic garden resemble those of the Catholic gardens we looked at last week? How are they different? What can those differences tell us about the world view of Islam?

November 15 **Japanese Gardens**

Japanese gardens are our focus this week. How are the same elements of a garden that we have looked at in the previous weeks get transformed in Japanese culture? How does the Buddhist philosophy influence the decisions of the design of a garden? What can gardens tell us about cultures, world views, and religions?



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Surely You're Joking Professor Feynman

Friday • 10:35 am—11:45 am
Course Leader: Dr. David Curott

- September 27 **Richard Feynman, the man**
A get-acquainted-biography of the guy
David Curott Ph.D., Emeritus Professor, UNA
- October 4 **Exploits at Los Alamos during WWII**
Feynman's humorous exploits at the secret Los Alamos Laboratory
David Curott Ph.D., Emeritus Professor, UNA
- October 18 **The Quest for Tannu Tuva & safe-cracking**
Feynman's trip to "nowhere" & his safe cracking exploits
David Curott Ph.D., Emeritus Professor, UNA

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The Great Debate— The American Constitution 1787-1788

Friday · 10:35 am—11:45 am
Course Leader: Jean Mammen

October 25 Lecture 1 - Significance & Historical Context

We become acquainted with some of the major figures who we will hear each side and the drama of the ratification contest in which they were engaged. New York State(anti-federalists) and the “The Federalists” by John Jay, Hamilton, and James Madison

November 1 Lecture 2 - Classical Republicanism

We familiarize ourselves with the specific meaning of the classical republican ideal for Americas in the 18th century, and the Anti-Federalist philosopher of the age, Montesquieu. A vision starts to form of a much less communal, & much more individualistic & commercial, then classical ideal

November 8 Lecture 3 – The Anti-Federalists’ Republican Vision

The vision leans toward a system in which state and local governments remain more powerful thus decentralized government than in the more Federalists centralized government

November 15 Lecture 4 – The Argument over National Security

The debate ensues on the value of centralized unlimited military power applied to the individual citizens directly and not merely through their state government. The anti-federalists respond by contending that such unlimited powers are not in the central government are unnecessary for national security and dangerous to liberty. These powers should be limited and shared with the states. Leaning away from professional army, but rather on state-based citizen militias, in accord with the classical republican tradition. The issue of falling prey to the enchantment of national glory and empire feeds the question of security.

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Unscripted Discussions

Friday • 12:30 pm—1:40 pm
Course Leader: John Messamore

Current Events Topics (TBD)

September 27

October 4

October 11—UNA Closed/ILR Day Trippin' Field Trip

October 18

Ever feel like we don't have enough class time to discuss issues of importance? This class is a forum that will do just that. This class provides the opportunity for all ILR members to address topics of interest like: current events, philosophical issues or, stories you'd like to tell or yarns you'd like to spin. If possible, topics will be identified before class so students can choose to attend discussions of interest. So if you are one of those folks who believes "everyone has a right to hear my opinion", then this class is for you!

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Byways of Business & Economics

Friday • 12:30 pm—1:40 pm
Course Leader: Dr. Dennis Balch

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October 25 **Hans Rosling Points Us to Data**

Hans Rosling made a career of improving access to public data, creating a data visualization tool called Gapminder which animates complex time series data. His book *Factfulness* explains why he finds reasons for optimism when he looks at data. The session also provides information about useful data sets that are accessible to ordinary people like us.

November 1 **Industry Concentration: Why Size Matters**

This session explains the economic phenomenon of industry concentration, why it happens and its implications. We will look at trends in industry concentration (including agriculture).

November 8 **Income Distribution & Wealth Concentration**

Income inequality is sure to be a major topic of national debate over the next 18 months. This session sets the stage for informed discussion of this issue. We will review elements of national income and factors abetting wealth concentration. We will answer questions like these: What is income inequality and how is it measured? How wealthy are the one-percenters in your state? We can also discuss whether it matters.

November 15 **Kai-Fu Lee: AI Superpowers**

AI expert Kai-Fu Lee can't predict with certainty how artificial intelligence will shape our future, but one thing is clear—it will be highly disruptive to patterns of employment. This session reviews his book *AI Superpowers* and some of its unsettling predictions.



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Daily Schedule

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September 23

9:00—10:10 am

10:35—11:45 am

12:30—1:40 pm

1:50—3:00 pm

Dance, *John Sworm*

Remembering Lost Words, Lost Worlds, *Dennis Balch*

Am I Crazy? Really?, *Carol Shaw, MA, LPC*

1492-Globalization and Fusion Cuisines, *Nora Dailey*

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John Singer Sargent Documentary, *Elizabeth Renault*

Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, *Derek Wilson, Executive Director, Florence-Lauderdale Public Library*

Great Books: "The Pugilist at Rest" by Thom Jones
Discussion Leader: Marilyn Dean

Hardened to Hickory, *Tony Turnbow*

September 27

9:00—10:10 am

10:35—11:45 am

12:30—1:40 pm

Implications of Climate Change, *Larry Gautney*

Richard Feynman, the man, *David Curott*

Unscripted Discussions, *John Messamore*

September 30

9:00—10:10 am

10:35—11:45 am

12:30—1:40 pm

1:50—3:00 pm

Lost Sea Expedition Parts 1 & 2, *John Sworm*

Yoknapatawpha Scams, *Dennis Balch*

Life at Kilby School...Full Steam Ahead

Dr. Eric Kirkman, Assistant Professor & Director of Kilby Laboratory School, Professional Musician

16th Century-Papal Rome & the Spanish Golden Age,
Nora Dailey



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October 2

9:00—10:10 am

Nazi Art Theft Documentary, *Elizabeth Renault*

10:35—11:45 am

University of North Alabama Entertainment Industry Program, *Dr. Bob Garfrerick, Department Chair, Professor*
Great Books: “Greasy Lake” by T. Coraghessan Boyle,
Discussion Leader: Dennis Balch

11:50 am—until

Life Data Labs, Inc Tour

October 4

9:00—10:10 am

A Tale of One City, *Larry Gautney*

10:35—11:45 am

Exploits at Los Alamos during WWII, *David Curott*

12:30—1:40 pm

Unscripted Discussions, *John Messamore*

October 7

9:00—10:10 am

Lost Sea Expedition Parts 3 & 4, *John Sworm*

10:35—11:45 am

The Poison Squad: Origins of Our Pure Food and Drug Laws,
Dennis Balch

12:30—1:40 pm

Fascinating Falcons-The Sport of Kings, *Russell Carver,*
Falconer & his partner Rogue

1:50—3:00 pm

The Birth of French Haute Cuisine, *Nora Dailey*

October 9

9:00—10:10 am

Andrew Wyeth Documentary, *Elizabeth Renault*

10:35—11:45 am

International Fertilizer Development Center, *Albin Hubscher,*
President & CEO, IFDC

Great Books: “The Baby” by Mary Gordon, *Discussion*
Leader: Anne Davis

12:30—1:40 pm

Scottsboro Unmasked-Decatur’s Story, Tennessee River
& Northwest Alabama, *Peggy Towns, Dr. Carrie*
Barske Crawford & Brian Murphy

October 11

UNA Closed / Day Trippin’



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October 14

9:00—10:10 am
10:35—11:45 am
12:30—1:40 pm
1:50—3:00 pm

Anita Cobb Biography Video

Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, *Dennis Balch*

The Space Race to the Moon: US vs USSR, *Rob Martin*

Elizabethan England, Puritans, Country Food, *Nora Dailey*

October 16

9:00—10:10 am

Cowboy Art—Colorado Experience: Western American Art, *Elizabeth Renault*

10:35—11:45 am

University of North Alabama Collier Library Archives, *Derek Malone and Volodymyr Chumachenko, Librarians*

Great Books: “The Collectors” by Rohinton Mistry
Discussion Leader: Nora Dailey

11:50 am—until

TVA Power Service Shop Tour (Also October 17**)**

October 18

9:00—10:10 am

Looking to the Future, *Larry Gautney*

10:35—11:45 am

The Quest for Tannu Tuva & safe-cracking, *David Curott*

12:30—1:40 pm

Unscripted Discussions, *John Messamore*

October 21

9:00—10:10 am

Formation of the Earth and the Oceans: The Early Oceans – Origins of Life, *William Cale*

10:35—11:45 am

Churchill: Heritage and Destiny, *Ron Helgemo*

12:30—1:40 pm

28 Years of ILR- From the Beginning, *A Distinguished Member/Alumni/UNA Staff Panel*

1:50—3:00 pm

Choices TED Talk, *Susan Daniel*

October 23

9:00—10:10 am

Outsider Art: Part 1, *Elizabeth Renault*

10:35—11:45 am

Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, *Nancy Sanford, Organizational Consultant*

Great Books: “You’re Ugly, Too” by Lorrie Moore,
Discussion Leader: Betty Balch

12:30—1:40 pm

The Muscle Shoals-First Frontier of These United States & thoughts on Alabama Lynching history,
Alvin Rosenbaum and Lee Freeman



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October 25

9:00—10:10 am

History of the Interfaith Movement, *Jacquie Osborne*

10:35—11:45 am

The Great Debate: Significance & Historical Context, *Jean Mammen*

12:30—1:40 pm

Hans Rosling Points Us to Data, *Dennis Balch*

October 28

9:00—10:10 am

How the Physics of Water Controls the Oceans Waves – Motion in the Ocean, *William Cale*

10:35—11:45 am

Young Churchill, *Ron Helgemo*

12:30—1:40 pm

Super Bugs Threaten Us All, *Tom Gillis, Ph.D., LSU School of Medicine*

1:50—3:00 pm

Self-Driving Cars TED Talk, *Susan Daniel*

October 30

9:00—10:10 am

Outsider Art: Part 2, *Elizabeth Renault*

10:35—11:45 am

Arts in Northwest Alabama, *Mary White, Community Arts Volunteer*

Great Books: “The Country Where Nobody Ever Grew Up and Died” by William Maxwell, *Discussion Leader: Jim Berry*

11:50 am—until

TVA Archaeology Site Tour

November 1

9:00—10:10 am

Religion Through Gardens, *Jacquie Osborne*

10:35—11:45 am

The Great Debate: Classical Republicanism, *Jean Mammen*

12:30—1:40 pm

Industry Concentration: Why Size Matters, *Dennis Balch*

November 4

9:00—10:10 am

Estuaries and Deltas: Tidal Life, Sea Forests, and Coral Reefs, *William Cale*

10:35—11:45 am

Churchill: On the Empire’s Frontier, *Ron Helgemo*

12:30—1:40 pm

Looking Down From Mt. Everest, *Scott Graham, Rock Climber*

1:50—3:00 pm

Shame, Vulnerability and Empathy TED Talk, *Susan Daniel*



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November 6

9:00—10:10 am
10:35—11:45 am

The Art of New Zealand, *Elizabeth Renault*
Alabama Music Hall of Fame, *Sandra Burroughs, Executive Director*

Great Books: "Wants" by Grace Paley, *Discussion Leader: Donna Albright*

12:30—1:40 pm

Post Civil War Reconstruction & the emergence of Alabama racial politics, *Dr. Tom Osborne*

November 8

9:00—10:10 am
10:35—11:45 am

Islamic Garden Designs, *Jacquie Osborne*

The Great Debate: The Anti-Federalists' Republican Vision, *Jean Mammen*

12:30—1:40 pm

Income Distribution & Wealth Concentration, *Dennis Balch*

November 11

9:00—10:10 am
10:35—11:45 am
12:30—1:40 pm

The Oceans and Global Climate: The Warming, Rising Sea, *William Cale*

Churchill: Political Beginnings, *Ron Helgemo*

Looking for Life Beyond Earth?, *Richard B. Hoover, Astrobiologist & Visiting Professor, University of Buckingham, UK; Docent, US Space & Rocket Center*

1:50—3:00 pm

Sleep TED Talk, *Susan Daniel*

November 13

9:00—10:10 am
10:35—11:45 am

Inspirational Experiences of an Artist Wife, *Marie Thompson*

A Greater Shoals, *Macke Mauldin, Advisory Committee and Kevin Jackson, SEDA*

Great Books: Novella: Benito Cereno by Herman Melville, *Discussion Leader: Jacquie Osborne*

11:50 am—until

ILR Artists Gallery Show & Reception

November 15

9:00—10:10 am
10:35—11:45 am

Japanese Gardens, *Jacquie Osborne*

The Great Debate: The Argument over National Security, *Jean Mammen*

12:30—1:40 pm

Kai-Fu Lee: AI Superpowers, *Dennis Balch*

