

21st Century Issues and Challenges – A17401

Monday, 10:15 – 11:40 pm

Auburn Church of Christ, Education Annex #1

John Frandsen, Instructor

Enrollment limited to forty students.

Class discussions will focus on issues and challenges in public policy facing societies in the current century. Some examples include emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases; populism and democracies; climate change and managed retreats; the Arctic as a stage for international conflicts; society and “unwanted people”; and societal impact of artificial intelligence. Class discussion is a vital part of each class session.

John Frandsen is a retired research biologist, professor, and Army officer who has taught past OLLI courses on infectious diseases, “Great Decisions” (a series sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association), and “Great Issues” (a course similar to this). His interest in public policy was born many years ago in a seminar sponsored by the National Defense University.

The 30 Greatest Orchestral Works, Part 1 – A17402

Monday, 10:15 – 11:40 am

Auburn Church of Christ, Education Annex Classroom

Jane Brown, Instructor

Enrollment limited to seventy-five students.

This is a Great Courses DVD course.

Each week Professor Robert Greenberg will tell us about two of the symphonic compositions he feels are among the greatest ever written. The course covers the major periods and styles of Western music from the early 18th century to the mid-20th century. Newcomers to the orchestral repertoire will find the lectures very accessible while seasoned music lovers will find the lectures a worthwhile journey over familiar terrain. Fall term will begin with Vivaldi’s Four Seasons and continue to Tchaikovsky’s Fourth Symphony.

Jane Brown retired from teaching in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Auburn University. She took piano lessons growing up, played with her high school band, studied early music after taking up the recorder, and currently plays violin with the Auburn University/Community Orchestra.

Advanced Spanish – A17403

Tuesday, 10:15 – 11:40 am

Sunny Slope

Judy Dekich, Instructor

Enrollment limited to twelve students.

Book: Dueñas, M., & Caldés, N.G. (2014). *El Temps Entre Costures*. Barcelona: Columna. ISBN: 978-1451649857.

Each class we will watch an episode of the Spanish television series, *El Tiempo Entre Costuras*. A period drama based on the novel by María Dueñas, it follows a naïve but gutsy seamstress who is swept away from her Madrid home by romance, civil war, Franco’s regime, and some British spies! Spanish subtitles. Book recommended but not required.

Judy Dekich majored in Spanish at Emory University. After getting a second degree in pharmacy and practicing as a registered pharmacist, Judy is teaching Spanish to help others learn this beautiful language.

Aging in Place – A17404

Monday, 2:30 – 3:55 pm

Pebble Hill

Leisa Askew, Instructor

Enrollment limited to seventy-five students.

October 30, November 6, 13 (three class sessions only)

What everyone needs to know to stay at home independently and safely (what services are available: home health, hospice, Area Agency on Aging services and private pay agency). Senior housing options in your area, what are they, what is included in care, when it's time to consider alternative housing options. Normal memory issues as you age and when to be concerned.

Leisa Askew graduated with a social work degree from Auburn University. With over eighteen years in the field of aging, she works at the Lee-Russell Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging.

Alabama Environmental History – A17405

Wednesday, 12:45 – 2:10 pm

Jule Collins Smith Museum, Auditorium

Carolyn Carr, Instructor

Enrollment limited to 125 students.

Alabama is one of the most ecologically diverse states but is considered one of the continent's "extinction hotspots." Alabama is also a state with a spotty record of government protection of the environment. We will discuss positive points such as establishing hunting regulations, bringing back wildlife species, creating state park systems, preserving wilderness, and the development of Forever Wild. We will also discuss problem areas such as Brown's Ferry, Tenn-Tom and other water projects, Triana and Emelle, coastal development, state park and national forest management, state water management (or the lack thereof), and the "water war" between Florida, Alabama, and Georgia.

Carolyn Carr has been an outdoor enthusiast and environmental activist for most of her life. A retired resource economist, she has worked with various environmental programs.

Asian Politics and U.S. Policy – A17406

Monday, 12:45 – 2:10 pm

Auburn Church of Christ, Education Annex Classroom

Lawrence Grinter, Instructor

Enrollment limited to seventy-five students.

With the Trump administration now eight months in office, this course examines how the major countries of East Asia are becoming even more important to the United States. Learn about the U.S. "pivot" to Asia, China's rise, Japan's new assertiveness, North Korea's nuclear weapons, the emerging South Korean powerhouse, and other issues. Open discussion is always encouraged.

Lawrence E. Grinter is professor emeritus, Air War College, and a previous faculty member of the National War College, Auburn University, and AUM. His PhD is from UNC/Chapel Hill. He was stationed in South Korea and South Vietnam with the US government.

Beginner Spanish – A17407

Monday, 8:30 – 9:55 am

Auburn Church of Christ, Classroom #8

Carmen Hunn, Instructor

Enrollment limited to twelve students.

During the course of study, the students will receive an introduction to the Spanish language and culture. Utilizing their senses, the students will learn through conversations, visuals, games, songs, and a little taste of food from some Latin American countries. Students will make “passports” to “travel” to Spanish-speaking countries. Class participation will earn play money, which may be spent on Dia de Mercado (Market Day) during the last day of class.

Carmen Hunn taught Spanish in elementary school and for an adult education program after moving to the U.S.

Chess for Beginners – A17408

Monday, 10:15 – 11:40 am

Auburn Church of Christ, Education Annex #2

Stephen Nowlin, Instructor

Enrollment limited to twenty students.

Book: Shipman, J. (2006). *Portable Chess Coach*. New York: Cardoza Pub. ISBN: 1-5842-185-7.

Learn how to play the most mentally stimulating board game in the world! This course is aimed at novices who know how each chess piece moves, but want to learn more. Topics include names of the pieces, their moves, basic opening principles, elementary endgames, checkmate and basic strategy and tactics. Students will play practice games against each other, analyze games with computers, learn Internet websites for playing live games, and watch videos for improving their chess.

Stephen Nowlin is a retired school superintendent and former associate professor at Troy and Jacksonville State. He has played tournament chess and chess with friends sporadically for about forty years.

Chinese Brush Painting – A17409

Monday, 12:00 – 1:55 pm

Sunny Slope

Dong Shang, Instructor

Enrollment limited to twelve students.

\$70 fee, payable to Dong, for the purchase of a Chinese painting kit that includes rice paper, three brushes, ink, and Chinese water colors.

This hands-on course is an introduction to Chinese brush painting and calligraphy. Chinese painting attempts to capture the essence of nature. It is the art of using suggestion and simplicity to imply reality. The sense of harmony that pervades Chinese culture is expressed in the traditional subjects of flowers, animals, and landscapes. Learn the basic brush strokes, composition, and spontaneous-style painting techniques.

Dong Shang is a native of China and has a degree in art. An art designer, she immigrated to the United States, where she has worked as a freelance artist and an art teacher.

Chinese Culture and Travel – A17410

Monday, 10:15 – 11:40 am

Sunny Slope

Dong Shang, Instructor

Enrollment limited to twelve students.

September 25, October 2, 9, 16 (four class sessions only)

Learn about Chinese culture, including history, geography, ethnic minorities, religions, festivals, arts, food, and practical travel tips regarding shopping, transportation, eating, and other things. Discover China's top attractions: the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Yangtze River, Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses, and the cities of Beijing, Shanghai, Guilin, and Xi'an as well as Sichuan Province, Silk Road, and Tibet.

Dong Shang is a native of China and has a degree in art. An art designer, she immigrated to the United States, where she has worked as a freelance artist and an art teacher.

The Classical World and the Birth of the West – A17411

Tuesday, 2:30 – 3:55 pm

Jule Collins Smith Museum, Auditorium

Joseph Kicklighter, Instructor

Enrollment limited to 125 students.

Book: Ralph W. Mathisen (2012) *Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations from Prehistory to 640 CE Oxford University Press, 1st edition*. ASIN: B011DAM21A.

(Note: there is a second edition of this text book but I am recommending the first edition [purchasing from Amazon or other such venues] because of the much lower cost.)

This year-long class is an examination of the importance of the Greeks and Romans (i.e., classical civilization) for the future of the Western world. As we do, we shall consider the role of archeology as well as history in learning about the Greek pre-classical past. We'll have the opportunity to consider the ancillary roles of such other peoples as Egyptians, Babylonians, Persians, Hebrews, and others who interacted and influenced the course of history of both Greeks and Romans. During the first term, we shall cover pre-classical and classical Greece through the Persian Wars. In the second, we shall consider the classical Greek period including the Peloponnesian War and the Hellenistic period. The third term will be devoted exclusively to the Romans from the Republic to the late Empire in the fourth century common era. This will permit us to establish the growth of a separate Western world through an integration of Roman, Christian and Germanic strands. While we'll concern ourselves with famous figures such as Pericles, Alexander, and Julius Caesar, we also will consider the intellectual contributions of the Greek and Hellenistic world and the Roman role in spreading them to the West.

Joseph Kicklighter earned a PhD in medieval Anglo-French History at Emory University and taught English History at Auburn University. He was an instructor in the Alabama at Oxford Program, where he had the opportunity to instruct students in England and to participate in tours of significant historical sites.

Craft Beer Essentials IV: Styles and Tasting – A17412

Tuesday, 2:30 – 3:55 pm

Sunny Slope

Mike Reinke, Instructor

Enrollment limited to fifteen students.

This is the final course in the sequence. Topics include style characteristics, style guidelines, and beer qualities related to tasting. The format is slide-based lectures, with opportunities for questions and discussion. Tasting will occur during several of the later sessions. An additional fee will be charged if an enrollee wishes to participate in the tasting, with the amount of the fee to be determined collaboratively during the first class session. Handouts, including “The Ultimate Beer Style Guide” and version two of “The Ultimate Beer Glossary,” will be available for downloading. Class size is limited to fifteen, with preference given to individuals who completed any of the preceding three courses.

C. M. (Mike) Reinke, Pharm.D., taught in Auburn University’s Harrison School of Pharmacy for 22 years, retiring in 2007. His interest in craft beer began to develop shortly before his retirement, in part because of his academic training in chemistry and microbiology. He now has sampled over 600 craft beers.

Culinary Creations: Cooking with Ursula

Wednesday and Thursday, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

503 Sanders St. Auburn

Ursula Higgins, Instructor

Enrollment limited to seven students.

\$15 fee per class, non-refundable, payable to Ursula

Respected culinary expert Ursula Higgins presents a series of cooking classes. Each week features two hands-on classes with the same menu. Students will eat their culinary creations. If you have dietary restrictions, please contact Ursula. If a student registers for a culinary course and then is unable to attend, he or she is responsible for finding an OLLI academic member to fill the opening.

Register for each individual class by using the day’s course number.

Fall Entrée Salads (includes shrimp)

A17413 Wednesday, September 27

A17414 Thursday, September 28

Knife Skills

A17415 Friday, September 29

A Variety of Quiches

A17416 Wednesday, October 11

A17417 Thursday, October 12

An Autumn Dinner (pork)

A17418 Wednesday, October 18

A17419 Thursday, October 19

Vegetable Entrees and Side Dishes

A17420 Wednesday, October 25

A17421 Thursday, October 26

Muffins and Quick Breads

A17422 Wednesday, November 1

A17423 Thursday, November 2

International Foods

A17424 Wednesday, November 8

A17425 Thursday, November 9

Dialogues on the Experience of War – A17426

Monday, 12:45 – 2:10 pm

Auburn Church of Christ, Education Annex #1

Mark Wilson, Instructor

Enrollment limited to twenty students.

Funded in part through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, this course provides a reading-discussion program for military veterans, military families, and interested members of the public. Participants will discuss memoir, fiction, and film related to World War One and the Vietnamese War. Titles include *Scarlet Fields: The Combat Memoir of a World War 1 Medal of Honor Hero*; *World War 1 in American Fiction*; *The Big Parade*; *The Things They Carried*; *Dispatches*, and *Platoon*. The discussion will prompt serious exploration of important questions about the nature of duty, heroism, suffering, loyalty, and patriotism. All materials are provided free of charge to participants.

Dr. Mark Wilson is Director of Civic Learning Initiatives and the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts. He has worked with communities to organize reading-discussion groups as part of this grant, and he has taught two courses in Alabama prisons using these materials.

The Early History of the Church: From the Apostles to Gregory the Great – A17427

Tuesday, 12:45 – 2:10 pm

Sunny Slope

Ben Jefferies, Instructor

Enrollment limited to fifteen students.

Book: Stevenson, J., and Frend, W. H. (2002). *A New Eusebius: Documents Illustrating the History of the Church to AD337*. London: SPCK. ISBN: 0-281-04268-3.

How did a movement that began with twelve people in Palestine develop and spread across the Mediterranean and the wider world, becoming the Church as we know it today, with its two billion adherents? How did the early church organize itself? What theology was developed early on and why? How did the Bible come about? What did it mean to be a member of the Church in those first tumultuous centuries? These and similar questions will be examined through a study of primary source documents in this historical survey. Ben Jefferies received an MDiv in 2014, with a heavy emphasis on historical theology. He serves now as an Anglican priest in Opelika. Having grown up in the Baptist Church, it was an introduction to church history that led him to embrace the riches of tradition in his present vocation.

Elder Law – A17428

Monday, 2:30 – 3:55 pm

Pebble Hill

Jan Neal, Instructor

Enrollment limited to 75 students.

October 16 and 23 (two class sessions only)

These class sessions will provide an overview of what senior and caregivers need to know to enhance the autonomy, dignity, and quality of life for seniors. Rooted in the Older Americans Act of 1965, elder law services are a permanent service in the aging network for persons over 60, providing advice, representation, and education. Services will be defined and specific topics covered.

Jan Neal has practiced elder law for 28 years. Her firm provides older Americans with legal assistance in five regions and State Health Insurance Services to Medicare beneficiaries in one region of Alabama.

Euripides and Truth – A17429

Wednesday, 10:15 – 11:40 am

Sunny Slope

Effie Piliouni Albrecht, Instructor

Enrollment limited to twenty students.

Books: E., and Greene, D. (2013). *Euripides III: Heracles, The Trojan Women, Iphigenia among the Taurians, Ion*. Chicago: Univ. of Chicago Press. ISBN: 978-0226308821.

E., and Griffith, M. (2013). *Euripides II: Andromache, Hecuba, The Suppliant Women, Electra*. Univ. of Chicago Press.

ISBN: 978-0226308784 .

Euripides, one of the three great Greek tragedians of the 5th century, BCE, was the person who criticized the Athenian society for their excessive pride, which led to the Peloponnesian war. Athens lost that war and was destroyed as a major power and a beacon of culture. Euripides was the playwright who told them truths about war and human nature. He got fewer prizes for his plays than Aeschylus and Sophocles.

Effie studied the classics and English literature at the University of Athens, linguistics at Cambridge University and received her master's and PhD degrees from Auburn in comparative and British literature respectively.

She taught British and world literature, writing, and women's studies at Auburn for more than 25 years.

Euripides interests her because of his realistic take on human nature and human flaws.

Experience Latin America – A17430

Tuesday, 8:30 – 9:55 am

Jule Collins Smith Museum, Auditorium

Sonny Dawsey, Instructor

Enrollment limited to 125 students.

Despite our recent focus on areas such as China and the Middle East, Latin America will remain vital to future U.S. interests. This course offers a wide-ranging exposure to the region's geography, history, and current conditions. The course will be richly illustrated with PowerPoint presentations featuring images, maps, and videos. Get ready for an exciting voyage south of the border.

Sonny Dawsey grew up in Brazil and has traveled widely. For three decades he was professor of geography and Director of the Institute for Latin American Studies at Auburn.

Getting Your Affairs in Order – A17431

Monday, 2:30 – 3:55 pm

Pebble Hill

Alesia Davenport, Instructor

Enrollment limited to seventy-five students.

September 25, October 2, 9 (three class sessions only)

We will help you prepare for the loss or incapacity of a spouse, from understanding financial terms and paying bills to navigating the estate planning process. In the second part of this series, we will develop an individualized action plan that will help you organize your affairs in preparation for incapacity or loss of a spouse. What will your legacy be? The method to accomplish your philanthropic legacy is broad and full of creative options that minimize income, gift, and estate taxes. We will explore how these options can benefit the donor as well as the charity.

Alesia Davenport, Certified Financial Planner, specializes in estate and philanthropic planning. Currently with Auburn University, she has worked for Vanderbilt and Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland. She volunteers as president of the F. Allen and Louise Turner Charitable Foundation.

Ghana: An Overview of History, Education, Culture and Economy – A17432

Monday, 10:15 – 11:40 am

Pebble Hill

Elizabeth I. Essamuah-Quansah, Instructor

Enrollment limited to seventy-five students.

This course is a general overview of the country of Ghana in West Africa. The class will focus on the country's history, religion, culture, education, politics, and economics. It will especially delve into current opportunities for tourism and investment.

Elizabeth Ivy Essmauh- Quansah is a Ghanaian-American who currently serves as the Coordinator for AU Outreach Global. She earned her PhD from AU College of Education, MBA from Indiana University, and BBA in Human Resources from Ghana. She has several years of work experiences in Ghana and the U.S. in industry, academia, and NGOs, including serving as West Africa Coordinator for Africa Global Ministries.

Great Ideas in Architecture – A17433

Tuesday, 10:15 – 11:40 am

Jule Collins Smith Museum, Auditorium

Philip Fretwell, Instructor

Enrollment limited to 125 students.

Ideas that shaped the 20th Century: Vitruvius, Ruskin, Loos, Sullivan, Wright, Corbusier, Bauhaus, Mumford, Jacobs, Carson, Green Building, and Modern Architecture. Starting with William Le Baron Jenney's Chicago Home Insurance Building in 1885, the viewer is treated to an exhilarating year-by-year pictorial of the evolution of modern architecture, covering the essentials of 20th century design

Philip Fretwell is a local architect who formerly taught at Auburn University. He was also State Building Commissioner of Alabama.

The Great Plains – A17434

Monday, 2:30 – 3:55 pm

Auburn Church of Christ, Classroom #8

Ed Hornig, Instructor

Enrollment limited to seventeen students.

Books: Haruf, K. (2006). *Plainsong*. New York: Vintage. ISBN: 0-375-40618-2.

Haruf, K. (2005). *Eventide: A Novel*. New York: Vintage. ISBN: 0-375-72576-8.

In these two novels by Kent Haruf about people who make their homes on the great American prairie there are no murderers, mysteries, or vampires, just people living ordinary lives with uneven relationships, hard work, imperfect community, and hope.

Ed Hornig came to Auburn in 1990 as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. He pastored the church until 2008, when he retired. He and his wife Sandra now reside in Auburn.

Hearing Better Makes More Sense Than Ever – A17435

Tuesday, 12:45 – 2:10 pm

Sunny Slope

Marsha Kluesing, Instructor

Enrollment limited to twenty students.

September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (six class sessions only)

Our connections to our world and to each other are enhanced by the function of all sensory inputs. This course provides information about the importance of maintaining our health and how this can affect our hearing sensitivity, balance function, and tinnitus, which can occur gradually over time. Understanding these changes and learning to cope with them can enhance our quality of life.

Marsha Kluesing is an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Communication Disorders at Auburn University. She holds the doctorate of audiology degree from the University of Florida and Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology from the American Speech Language and Hearing Association.

History's Great Military Blunders and the Lessons They Teach – A17436

Monday, 8:30 – 9:55 am

Auburn Church of Christ, Education Annex Classroom

Jim Barber, Instructor

Enrollment limited to seventy-five students.

This is a Great Courses DVD course.

These 24 lectures reveal how the trajectory of history hangs in the balance of individual battles; even a single person's actions in a particular moment have made drastic and irreversible impacts. From ancient Greece through global war during the first half of the 20th century, you'll delve into infamous conflicts such as the Charge of the Light Brigade and the Battle of Little Bighorn as well as lesser-known battles.

Jim Barber holds a BCE degree from Auburn University with additional studies at Villanova University, University of Houston, and Sacramento State. He has 51 years of experience in construction, engineering design, project management and international shipping. Science and history are at both ends of his happiness rainbow.

Intermediate Spanish – A17437

Tuesday, 8:30 – 9:55 am

Sunny Slope

Judy Dekich, Instructor

Enrollment limited to twelve students.

Books: Yates, J. (2011). *Spanish Conversation*. New York: McGraw-Hill.

ISBN: 978-0-07-174110-1.

Spanish-English Dictionary

Join us this fall as we begin a yearlong drama audiobook, *<El diario de Ernesto Madero.>* The audio is in slow, clear Spanish with an interactive transcript. Topics coordinating with the audio will provide our conversation prompts. We will practice speaking in pairs. In the grammar lessons, students will learn the command form.

Judy Dekich majored in Spanish at Emory University. After getting a second degree in pharmacy and practicing as a registered pharmacist, Judy is teaching Spanish to help others learn this beautiful language.

Introduction to Social Media, Session 1 – A17438

Monday, 12:45 - 2:10 pm

Auburn Church of Christ, Education Annex #2

Xi Lin, Instructor

Enrollment limited to twenty students.

Note: Two social media class sessions are offered this term. Students may register for one session only.

Too old for social media? Don't let anyone tell you that because it's not possible! Survey after survey reflects more seniors participate in social media. They are jumping on board Facebook, Twitter, and more as they realize it is fun and provides real benefits. Therefore, this course will take you to explore different social media and how to use them.

As a scholar, Xi Lin's research focuses on adult learner's motivations for using educational technology. Xi is a digital native and she will take you to explore the world of social media.

Introduction to Social Media, Session 2 – A17439

Tuesday, 10:15 - 11:40 am

Sunny Slope

Xi Lin, Instructor

Enrollment limited to fifteen students.

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King Cotton and the History of Alabama Agriculture – A17440

Wednesday, 10:15 – 11:40 am

Jule Collins Smith Museum, Auditorium

Rod Rodriguez-Kabana and Charles Mitchell, Instructors

Enrollment limited to 125 students.

Book: Yafa, S. (2006). *Cotton: The Biography of a Revolutionary Fiber*. New York, NY: Penguin. ISBN: 978-0143037224.

Alabama became a state just as the Industrial Revolution in Europe was underway. There was a tremendous demand for this new crop called "cotton," and Alabama was primed to meet that demand. It had accessible and fertile river bottoms and vast land resources ripe for agriculture. What it lacked in manpower was filled with a uniquely American form of slavery. The resulting cotton empire shaped Alabama history and continues to influence its politics and social policies. This course will trace imperial cotton from its origins to its development in Alabama and how this simple fiber shaped our state and its people.

This course will be taught by two former Auburn University professors in the College of Agriculture. Rod Rodriguez-Kabana, a native of Cuba, is a distinguished emeritus professor of plant pathology who has spent most of his career studying plant parasitic nematodes of cotton and other crops. He is particularly interested in the empire crops such as cotton, sugarcane, and rice that have shaped our global geography and economy. Charles C. Mitchell, is a native Alabamian and retired extension agronomist and soils specialist at Auburn University. He has an intensive interest in Alabama history and how agriculture has shaped our lives. He was responsible for getting Auburn University's "Old Rotation" (circa 1896) and "Cullars Rotation" (circa 1911) sites on the National Register of Historical Places.

Landscape Photography – A17441

Tuesday, 8:30 – 9:55 am

Sunny Slope

David Peterson, Instructor

Enrollment limited to twelve students.

This is a Great Courses DVD course.

Whether you travel the world or just spend time in your backyard there are probably landscapes in your life that add beauty to your life and connect you to nature. This course aims to bring you to the next level of your landscape photography.

Michael Melford is an internationally recognized photographer who has worked with National Geographic magazine for more than 30 years. His work also has been featured on the covers of *Newsweek*, *Time*, *Life*, *Fortune*, and other publications.

David Peterson has been taking pictures and had an interest in photography for over sixty years.

Learning Spanish: How to Understand and Speak a New Language, Part I – A17442

Monday, 2:30 – 3:55 pm

Auburn Church of Christ, Education Annex Classroom

Sylvia Cooke, Instructor

Enrollment limited to seventy-five students.

Book: *Learning Spanish* workbook available during the first class session for \$13, cash only.

This is a Great Courses DVD course.

Fall 2017 term is part 1 of 4. This Great Courses class features Bill Worden, PhD. He has over twenty years' experience as an award-winning professor of Spanish. Spoken by over 500 million people worldwide, Spanish is the official language of over twenty countries. This introductory course blends exercises to teach pronunciation, vocabulary building, and basic grammar to empower students to gain confidence with every lesson.

Sylvia Cooke is retired after 32 years as a Spanish teacher, twenty of which were at Auburn High School. She taught all levels of Spanish from beginning speakers through preparation for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate examinations.

Learning Spanish: How to Understand and Speak a New Language, Part IV – A17443

Wednesday, 8:30 – 9:55 am

Sunny Slope

Sylvia Cooke, Instructor

Enrollment limited to fifteen students.

This is a Great Courses DVD course.

Fall 2017 term is part 4 of 4. This Great Courses class features Bill Worden, PhD. He has over twenty years' experience as an award-winning professor of Spanish. Spoken by over 500 million people worldwide, Spanish is the official language of over twenty countries. This introductory course blends exercises to teach pronunciation, vocabulary building, and basic grammar to empower students to gain confidence with every lesson.

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Line Dancing – A17444

Monday, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Auburn Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall

Betsy Keown, Instructor

Enrollment limited to thirty students.

Line dancing class for beginners and experienced dancers, done to a variety of musics - everything from Glenn Miller, Willie Nelson, Charlie Daniels, Little Big Town and many more. Not only is it fun, but great exercise for the body as well as the mind. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing and bring a water bottle.

Betsy Keown has been line dancing twice a week for 9 years and teaching for the past 4. She loves the exercise and the joy of performing at nursing homes and other venues.

Medieval Music - Gregorian Chant – A17445

Tuesday, 2:30 – 3:55 pm

Sunny Slope

Arlene Oost-Zinner, Instructor

Enrollment limited to twenty students.

Most who've studied music at the university level have a good grasp of the historical significance of Bach and Beethoven in the Western world, but what came before that? What little they know of early music may come from Hollywood films or that long-ago sightseeing trip in a medieval European city. Arlene will reveal to you that Gregorian chant is far from primitive, mysterious, or inaccessible to our modern sensibilities. It is at once simple and complex, and the native liturgical music of traditional churches and new age communities. It is experiencing a resurgence in popularity. Learn to understand its beauty and even to read first-hand some of the ancient manuscripts!

Arlene Oost-Zinner is a nationally known Gregorian chant scholar, composer, and conductor. She holds a certification in Gregorian chant pedagogy and Ward Method Studies from the Catholic University of America and has studied under some of the great chant masters of our era. She has taught at workshops and conferences throughout the United States, is the composer and author of the *Parish Book of Psalms* (2011), and is the former Director of Programs for the Church Music Association of America.

Natural Light Portraiture – A17446

Wednesday, 10:15 – 11:40 am

Sunny Slope

William White, Instructor

Enrollment limited to nine students.

This course focuses on the basics needed to get away from the “you stand over there and I’ll take your stiff and unnatural portrait.” Using the soft, shady natural window and porch lighting at Sunny Slope, students will work toward an understanding of making portraits with their own digital device at a wide variety of locations where they might find themselves in the future. Students will need their own camera, smartphone, desktop computer or laptop, its owner’s manual and a willingness to photograph each other.

William White is a retired newspaper reporter and photojournalism instructor. His photographs have graced all of the OLLI at Auburn catalog covers (including this one!).

Painting for the Novice, Session 1 – A17447

Tuesday, 10:15 am – 12:05 pm

Sunny Slope

No class October 10

John Rhoden, Instructor

Enrollment limited to eight students.

Note: Two painting class sessions are offered this term. Students may register for one session only.

Materials required: palette knives (2), a fan brush and a liner brush, 16x20 canvas, acrylic paint set or titanium white, cadmium yellow (medium hue), ultramarine blue, burnt umber, and sap green acrylic paints.

Using acrylic paint, students will learn to mix basic colors, perspective techniques, and how to hold and use the palette knife. Students will then paint a 16x20 acrylic landscape following step-by-step demonstrations of techniques by the instructor. The finished painting should be one you will proudly display.

John Rhoden is a retired teacher who has lived in Europe and trained with local artists. He has painted many landscapes, winning numerous awards.

Painting for the Novice, Session 2 – A17448

Tuesday, 12:20 – 2:10 pm

Sunny Slope

No class October 10

John Rhoden, Instructor

Enrollment limited to eight students.

Note: Two painting class sessions are offered this term. Students may register for one session only.

Materials required: palette knives (2), a fan brush and a liner brush, 16x20 canvas, acrylic paint set or titanium white, cadmium yellow (medium hue), ultramarine blue, burnt umber, and sap green acrylic paints.

Using acrylic paint, students will learn to mix basic colors, perspective techniques, and how to hold and use the palette knife. Students will then paint a 16x20 acrylic landscape following step-by-step demonstrations of techniques by the instructor. The finished painting should be one you will proudly display.

John Rhoden is a retired teacher who has lived in Europe and trained with local artists. He has painted many landscapes, winning numerous awards.

Paul's Letter to the Romans – A17449

Wednesday, 12:45 – 2:10 pm

Sunny Slope

Delos McKown, Instructor

Enrollment limited to twenty students.

A close examination of Paul's theology as expressed in Paul's letter to the Romans.

Delos B. McKown holds a BA (Lexington Theological Seminary) and a Diploma in Theology (University of Geneva) and has completed studies in the philosophy of religion (Columbia). He also has a PhD (Florida State) with a focus on the Marxist critiques of religion. Delos has published numerous articles and four books on religious topics.

Planet Earth II – A17450

Monday, 12:45 – 2:10 pm

Pebble Hill

David Newton, Instructor

Enrollment limited to seventy-five students.

The BBC's *Planet Earth II*, narrated by David Attenborough, "takes you closer than ever before to present a breathtaking view of our extraordinary world. From eye-to-eye encounters with incredible creatures facing insurmountable odds in extreme environments, to epic journeys through astonishingly beautiful landscapes, the wonder of the natural world is on full display." Two episodes from *Years of Living Dangerously* will be added.

David Newton is a retired AU faculty member and long-time OLLI member with a lifelong interest in exploring, enjoying, and protecting Planet Earth. He has visited all seven continents.

Practicing Public Deliberation – A17451

Wednesday, 12:45 – 2:10 pm

Sunny Slope

Tom Penton, Instructor

Enrollment limited to fifteen students.

Are you interested in discussing difficult public issues? The practice of public deliberation is where democracy thrives, and the search for shared direction on divisive issues is the hard work of citizenship. We will talk through tough issues--how to get American politics back on track; immigration; Medicare and Medicaid; public schools; America's role in the world--facilitated by a neutral moderator and using non-partisan issue guides published by the National Issues Forum.

Tom Penton is retired military and a founder of the non-partisan Lee County Spirit of Democracy initiative. He participated in the first OLLI course on public deliberation. Dr. Mark Wilson will assist with the course.

Reagan Presidency in Perspective: How "Conservative" Was He? – A17452

Tuesday, 12:45 – 2:10 pm

Jule Collins Smith Museum, Auditorium

Larry Gerber, Instructor

Enrollment limited to 125 students.

Most conservatives today cite Ronald Reagan as a hero and exemplar of what it means to be a conservative. This course will examine the foreign and domestic policies of the Reagan presidency and consider how they compare to the current positions of Republican conservatives.

Larry Gerber received his PhD from the University of California and taught modern U.S. history at Auburn University.

Seated Tai Chi for Arthritis – A17453

Monday, 12:45 – 1:25 pm

Auburn Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall

Kitty Frey and Sandy Wu, Instructors

Enrollment limited to twelve students.

Seated Tai Chi, adapted from Dr. Paul Lam's Tai Chi for Arthritis, was designed to enhance flexibility, muscle tone, and fitness. It incorporates the essential principles of Tai Chi with an emphasis on breathing, posture, and space awareness, with the added benefit of stress reduction. Other exercises found to be beneficial for those with arthritis will be included.

Kitty Frey is an occupational therapist and teacher. An experienced teacher of Taiji and Qigong for many years, she understands that gentle yet powerful practices offer never-ending learning and show that healing is possible.

Taiji Qigong: Moving Meditation – A17454

Monday, 1:30 – 2:10 pm

Auburn Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall

Kitty Frey and Sandy Wu, Instructors

Enrollment limited to twenty students.

Taiji Qigong was designed as a deeply relaxing body-mind experience. Composed of several sets, each with unique purposes, it is easy to learn and with regular practice can replenish energy, improve health, and help prevent illness. Several variations of Taiji walking will also be introduced. Participants must be able to be up and moving for 45 minutes.

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Treasures of the Earth – A17455

Wednesday, 8:30 – 9:55 am

Sunny Slope

James A. Saunders, Instructor

Enrollment limited to twenty students.

The course will look at the geology, origin, occurrence, history, and extraction of “highly” valuable metals, minerals, and gem stones humans have come to prize over the millennia. Many mineral resources are valuable to some extent, but we seem to have elevated precious metals and gem stones above the rest because of their beauty, unique properties, and their rarity.

Jim Saunders is an emeritus professor of geology at AU having received his PhD from the Colorado School of Mines. In addition to teaching at three universities, he also worked in the industry and the U.S. Geological Survey.

A Visual Guide to the Universe – A17456

Monday, 8:30 – 9:55 am

Auburn Church of Christ, Education Annex #1

Charlotte Ward, Instructor

Enrollment limited to forty students.

This is a Great Courses DVD course.

For the first time in human history, we can see the full splendor and mystery of the universe, thanks to instruments on scores of planetary probes and observatories that have been launched into space since the 1990s. From Saturn’s rings to the heart of the Milky Way, and from colliding galaxies to cataclysmic gamma-ray bursts at the edges of visible space, some of the most spectacular sights in the cosmos are now as easy to see as the stars above. Many of these cosmic phenomena occur at wavelengths of light that are beyond the range of human vision and can only be detected by special instruments in space.

Charlotte Ward, associate professor emerita, physics, has sought for many years to make science accessible to interested people with little background in science.

Walk This Way: Couch to Walking 5K – A17457

Thursday, 8:30 – 9:30 am

Meet at Toomer's Corner

Bob Banks, Instructor

Join us for this eight-week program designed to assist you in developing a walking exercise program. Students will meet at Toomer's Corner by the oaks each Thursday to learn about the benefits of walking. This course is open to novice and veteran walkers.

Bob Banks is an avid runner. A retired insurance professional, Bob concluded his career with Alfa Insurance.

Winetasmic – A17458

Monday, 2:30 – 3:55 pm

Sunny Slope

Jim Sikes, Instructor

Enrollment limited to sixteen students.

\$50 fee, payable to Jim, due at the first class meeting. Cash or check.

Students should bring two wine glasses to each class.

Winetasmic provides a practical, hands-on approach to tasting, buying, and enjoying wines and pairing them with food. Wines from every day to special occasions, from domestic to imported, and at all price ranges will be explored. The myths and ceremony of wines will be considered.

Jim Sikes is an Auburn University graduate, chef, food and wine consultant, former restaurant owner, and columnist for the Opelika-Auburn News. He built a Wine Spectator award-winning wine list for his Opelika business.

World War I: The Great War – A17459

Wednesday, 8:30 – 9:55 am

Jule Collins Smith Museum, Auditorium

Sue Mason, Ned Dendy, and John Parr, Instructors

This is a Great Courses DVD course.

Enrollment limited to 125 students.

They thought it would be a quick and easy war - in and out, over and done, home by Christmas. Never in their wildest imaginations did they know it would shape world history in such a way. Never did they think that over ten million people from thirty countries would die in a war that would last over four years, or, that one million would be wounded - a generation of people. The idea that their governments would totally collapse was preposterous. Post-war genocide and Spanish flu would wreak further destruction.

Sue Mason holds degrees in education and geography. She has taught K-8 and DoD cartography, terrain analysis, GIS, and instructor training. She lived eight years in Europe and has traveled extensively.

Ned Dendy graduated from Auburn University in aerospace engineering. He worked with NASA, with commercial aviation manufacturing, and with the United States Army Missile Defense Systems.

John Parr served in the U.S. Navy for 22 years. After retiring from the Navy, John became a professor of electrical engineering at the University of Evansville. Education: BS Electrical Engineering, Auburn University, 1969; MS Electrical Engineering, Naval Postgraduate School, 1974; PhD Electrical Engineering, Auburn University, 1988.

Writing Our Lives – A17460

Monday, 8:30 – 9:55 am

Pebble Hill

Terry Ley and Cathy Buckhalt, Instructors

Enrollment limited to seventy-five students.

Book: Bragg, R. (2015). *My Southern Journey: True Stories from the Heart of the South*.

New York, NY: Oxmoor House. ISBN: 978-0-8487-4639-1.

“Our Lives are like a patchwork quilt, and it is only in the evening of life that we can see the pattern of what we have woven.” (Richard L. Morgan, *Saving Our Stories: A Legacy We Leave*) We all have life stories to tell! Here is an opportunity to reclaim your memories, write about them, and share them with a receptive audience of peers. We will write each Monday morning, responding to stimulus prompts provided by the instructor. Recommended homework: finishing and revising what you have begun in class and reading self-selected memoirs, biographies, and autobiographies.

Terry Ley taught high school English in Iowa before coming to Auburn University, where he was a professor of English education. He has taught Writing Our Lives each OLLI term for twelve years.

Cathy Buckhalt is a retired teacher from Opelika Middle School and Southern Union State Community College. She also was associate director of the Sun Belt Writing Project for many years.

Yoga for the Rest of Us – A17461

Monday, 9:00 – 10:00 am

Auburn Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall

Tammy Hollis, Instructor

Enrollment limited to twenty-five students.

This course is for anyone who has practiced yoga; all levels are welcome. The focus is on stretching, movement, and balance, all interwoven with breathing techniques. Bring your mat and towel to support your knees or back, and wear comfortable clothing, as we continue our yoga journey together.

Tammy earned a BS from Auburn University in Family and Child Services and a Certificate in Aging Studies. She retired from Auburn University in 2016 after 28 years of service as Coordinator for Healthy Tigers Wellness Program (employee wellness program). Tammy Hollis is certified by the American Council on Exercise Group Fitness. She also has certifications for YogaFit and Silver Sneakers. Currently, Tammy serves as an instructor for Yin Yoga for City of Auburn for 50+ program, for Yin Yoga for Opelika Sportsplex, for Silver Sneakers Circuit and Classic Classes, and for Silver Sneakers and Gentle Yoga for Opelika Sportsplex.