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Dear Lifelong Learners,

A year ago this September, Chesapeake Forum made its debut as a community-based Academy for Lifelong Learning. Our 2019 Fall semester, and our 2020 Winter/Spring semester courses were successful and enjoyed a wonderful response from our audience, with some courses sold out.

We appreciate the partnerships we developed throughout Talbot County this past year.

- Chesapeake Forum held classes in Easton at Brookletts Place Senior Center, the Easton Airport, Pickering Creek Audubon Center, Prager Family Auditorium, Temple B'Nai Israel, Trinity Cathedral and the Waterfowl Building;
- In Oxford at the Oxford Community Center;
- In St. Michaels at the Bay Hundred Senior Center; and
- We enjoyed the support of community-based businesses Jason's Computers, Piazza and Snifters.

We've changed gears in response to the COVID pandemic. Rather than in-person learning, our 2020 Fall curriculum offers not only Live Zoom Classes, but recordings of the Zoom Classes, as well as pre-recorded Webinars.

One thing has not changed, and that is our dedication to bringing you courses, discussions, presentations, field trips and events that encompass diverse topics. The programs are led by volunteer faculty who are passionate about sharing their expertise and experience.

I'm happy to say that we already have many interesting course proposals to choose from for the Winter/Spring semester and registrations for both



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Now is the time to tell your friends and family, near and far, about Chesapeake Forum. Invite them to join our virtual learning experience this fall. We hope to extend our reach beyond Talbot County to lifelong learners wherever they may be. Ask them to check out our website, www.chesapeakeforum.org, to view our courses, our instructors and to register for classes. Now is the perfect time to be a part of our community of lifelong learners.

We very much appreciate your support and hope to see you soon in a Chesapeake Forum online course.

Glory Aiken
President, Chesapeake Forum



Course Registration is now OPEN!!!

Sign up soon. Enrollment in Live Zoom Classes is very limited. Some Live Zoom Classes are already full, but not to worry, you can also register for the Recorded Class.

- When registering, you will have a choice between the Live Zoom Class or a Recording of the Zoom Class.
- If you prefer the idea of being able to watch the class at your convenience, simply register for the Recorded Zoom Class and get a link to watch later.
- For those of you who might be hesitant to Zoom, sign up for the FREE Zoom Classes with Glory and Bob DeGour titled "If Bob Can Do It, You Can Too!"

[Register](#)

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Chesapeake Forum Goes Online

We are excited to bring you a fall semester curriculum with 15 engaging, enlightening courses. All courses will be presented in the virtual classroom, using Zoom video conferencing and Webinar.

Zoom courses are live with interactive dialogue in real time. Webinar classes are recorded and accessed via a link so that you may watch at your convenience.

Chesapeake Forum will offer Zoom training sessions for registrants who are unfamiliar with the technology. You will learn how to sign in, and be comfortable joining classroom discussions. Our goal is to prepare you to participate fully in our virtual classrooms.

Check our website, chesapeakeforum.org, for tutorial times and dates. We look forward to meeting you in our virtual fall semester classrooms.

Chesapeake Forum – Fall Semester 2020

Registration begins Monday, August 24

Online registration is encouraged at chesapeakeforum.org. If you wish to mail in a check, this form can be used for registration. Checks should be made out to Chesapeake Forum/MSCF and mailed to P.O. Box 544, Easton, MD 21601.

For a complete description of courses, to learn more about our instructors, and register for classes, please go to our website, chesapeakeforum.org.

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Single Session Courses:

230 Years of Presidential Elections: Washington to Trump, 1788-2018 with Steve Goldman
A virtual magic carpet ride through the past 230 years to see the facts, foibles, and fallacies of U.S. Presidential Elections.
Beginning Sept 16 / Recorded webinar, watch at your convenience, @ \$5 - \$ _____

Five Hundred Years of Fake News: From False Facts and Fictitious Fallacies to Forgotten Foibles and Fabulous Frauds, 1502-2019 with Steve Goldman
Participants will tour the past 500 years to see for themselves if "fake news" is a new phenomenon or just "business as usual."
Beginning Sept 23 / Recorded webinar, watch at your convenience, @ \$5 - \$ _____

Conversation: What's Good and Bad About Talbot County with Bruce Jones
Compare Talbot County with other Maryland counties to see the differences in education, rates of crime, housing availability, etc.
Friday / Sept 25 / 10:30-Noon / ZOOM Teleconference, @ \$5 - \$ _____

Happy Hour Forum: Tapping Into Chesapeake History with Bob Random with Phil Hesser
You may be wondering about this fellow and why he had it in for the Eastern Shore. You will receive clues to consider one week before the great reveal. Sharpen your wits, grab a beverage, and join us for a most entertaining happy hour class.
Thursday / Oct 8 / 4:00 pm / ZOOM Teleconference, @ \$5 - \$ _____

Why is Life? with Rich Wagner
Join us as we conclude our spring semester course, Why is Life? We'll continue our discussion of the latest findings and theories about the nature of life, its origins on earth, and the universe.
Thursday / Oct 27 / 10:30-Noon / ZOOM Teleconference, @ \$5 - \$ _____

Multiple Session Courses:

Birds and Birding in our Eastern Shore Backyard (enrollment limited to 17) with Dr. Wayne Bell
In collaboration with Pickering Creek Audubon Center, three (virtual) classes interspersed with several field trips will focus on Eastern Shore songbirds that grace the Eastern Shore landscape. No birding experience needed.
Thursdays / Sept 10, Oct 15, Nov 12 / 2:30-4:00 pm / ZOOM Teleconference, @ \$15 - \$ _____

Airship 103 with Luther I. I. Iorris
Climb aboard the Airship as we depart the harbor to view the US and Canada from the blimp's vantage point. Learn about the technical and operational aspects unique to blimps.
Mondays / Sept 21, Oct 12, Nov 9 / 1:30-3:00 pm / ZOOM Teleconference, @ \$15 - \$ _____

What is The Mind? with Forest Hanson
We will explore answers to these questions: What is the mind? What is wrong with typical answers to this question? Is there a better answer? Why is this important? Join us for a discussion as we explore the mind.
Mondays / Sept 14, 21, 28 / 10:30-Noon / ZOOM Teleconferences, @ \$15 - \$ _____

Great Decisions 2020 Discussion Program with Rich Harrison & Bob Degour
We'll discuss the three most important global topics in the 2020 Great Decisions Briefing Book augmented by STRATfor, a geopolitical intelligence briefing. Share knowledge and experiences with current topics that you won't hear anywhere else!
No charge for 2020 Briefing Book.
Tuesdays / Sept 15, 22, 29 / 10:00-11:30 / ZOOM Teleconference, @ \$15 - \$ _____

Recent Sequels in Literary Fiction with Margot Miller, Ph.D.
This course will explore Margaret Atwood's "The Testaments" and Elizabeth Strout's "Olive, Again." Discuss and learn what a sequel offers to, and demands of, the reader.
Tuesdays / Sept 15, 22 / 10:00-11:30 pm / ZOOM Teleconference, @ \$10 - \$ _____

Taste and Taboo: Food Stories with Nancy Hesser, Ph.D.
Those who relish good food and good fiction will enjoy reading and discussing imaginative short stories about the many ways we relate to food and cooking.
Thursdays / Sept 17, 24 / 1:30-2:30 pm / ZOOM Teleconference, @ \$10 - \$ _____

The Many Faces of Fascism with Raymond Vergne
This course will identify the many faces of fascism in different countries while exploring the roots and origins of fascism and its relationship to religion and economics.
Beginning Oct 5 / Recorded webinars, watch at your convenience, @ \$15 - \$ _____

How Can You Confront the Future? with I. Ians Kuschnicus
Change is relentless, accelerating and often frustrating. We will discuss how to ride the technology waves and how to become a smart, joyful consumer.
Tuesdays / Oct 6, 13, 20 / 9:30-10:00 am / ZOOM Teleconference, @ \$15 - \$ _____

Macbeth: The Scottish Play with John Miller and Susanne Sanders
Are the Macbeths really Shakespeare's happiest couple? If you first read the play in high school, come back for a deeper look at one of Shakespeare's darkest works.
Tuesdays / Oct 27, Nov 3, 10 / 10:30-Noon / ZOOM Teleconference, @ \$15 - \$ _____

A Traveler's Guide to Black Holes with Ron Leher
If black holes emit no light and swallow all that surrounds them, how can we know anything about them? Come and explore what we know about black holes and how we know this.
Mondays / Nov 2, 9, 16 / 9:30-10:00 am / ZOOM Teleconferences, @ \$15 - \$ _____

What to Expect this Semester

1. If you register for a LIVE ZOOM Class, you will receive a Zoom link for the class by email a WEEK ahead of time with a reminder the MORNING of the class. This year emails are required when registering for this reason.

NOTE: In order to start on time, participants should plan on joining the Zoom session a few minutes early. If you have difficulty joining a Live Zoom Class session, contact your instructor later to have a link to the recording sent once it is uploaded.

2. If you register for a Recorded Zoom Class, you will receive a link to each recorded session, by email, within a week after the Live Class session.

Another NOTE: *Whether registering for the Live Zoom Class or the Recorded Zoom Class, if the instructor has materials for course participants they will be sent to both sets of participants ahead of time. If you register for a Recorded Zoom Course AFTER the Live Zoom is completed, these materials will be sent at the same time as the YouTube Link.*

3. If you purchase one of the pre-recorded webinars you will receive a link, by email, after the date noted in the ticket description.

Thank you for supporting Chesapeake Forum! We hope you enjoy your class!

How to ZOOM!!!

To enrich your experience and make you as comfortable as possible with the Zoom platform, we have added a few curated "how to" links here to get you started for your ZOOM learning experiences:



Click on the links below!

- [A nice easy video that takes you from invitation to participation](#) *(this video has an advertisement that comes up first. Just click "skip ad" to get out of it)*
- [A quick refresher video of how to get into your ZOOM 'classroom'](#)
- [And what to do when you get there - configuring ZOOM](#)
- [A downloadable PDF of helpful hints](#)
- If you are a first-timer to ZOOM, not to worry! Take our FREE ZOOM tutorial, "If Bob can do it, anyone can!" Two sessions are being offered, both PRIOR to the start of any classes... just register like you would any course.

If this is your first time with ZOOM, we highly recommend downloading the ZOOM app onto your desktop computer or other device and checking your video and mic AHEAD OF TIME.

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