Spring 2020 Program
March 16-April 23, 2020

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Mondays 9:45-11:00

CURRENT EVENTS
with Joel Ivers

Read the papers, watch the news, check the blogs, and be ready to discuss the week’s issues. And there is always plenty to talk about! Facilitator Joel Ivers will summarize the week’s lead stories, discuss in depth any significant new legislation, and lead you in an informative and vibrant discussion.

Joel Ivers

Mondays 11:15-12:30

SPOTLIGHT: Arts and Literature

3/16 The Great American Musical – Rabbi Richard Polirer, Rabbi and Cantor, M.A. in History, B.A. in English Lecturer on history, literature, Judaica, Americana and music

3/23 Palm Beach Opera presents OPERA INSIDE OUT – Abbey Ward, Education and Community Engagement Associate, Member of Opera America’s Teaching Artist Training Task Force, Featured speaker at the Opera America Conference in San Francisco, CA
Join us as we take a look at the history of opera and explore the inner workings of a professional opera company. The presentation will include live snippets of opera favorites through the ages performed by a Palm Beach Opera Benenson Young Artist.

3/30 Art Deco in Argentina – Sharon Koskoff, Artist, Founder of the Art Deco Society of Palm Beach County
Join Sharon and take a tour of Buenos Aires and Mar de Plata through photographs taken at the International Coalition of Art Deco Societies 15th Annual Art Deco World Congress held in November 2019.

4/6 To Be Announced

4/13 Abstract Expressionism II – Fran Mann Goodman, Fine Artist, Art Instructor
Developed in the 1940s and 1950s, abstract expressionism is characterized by emotion and feelings elicited, splashes of colors and sweeping brush strokes. Fran will talk about well-known American painters Jackson Pollock, Jaspar Johns and Mark Rothko, and introduce you to not-so-well-known painters. Come experience this art form for yourself.
4/20  What Art Tells Us About The Human Brain (and Vice Versa) – Dr. Russell D. Hamer, PhD, Florida Atlantic University
René François Ghislain Magritte (1898-1967), the great Belgian Surrealist said: “I decided that all of my paintings would be visual poems... the function of art is to render thought visible.” We will safari through some of his amazing works, focusing on some brain tricks that underlie the magic, the illusions in Magritte’s visual poetry.

SPOTLIGHT: Issues
3/16  Title VII - Sexual Orientation Cases – Claudia Humphrey, Esq., Coordinator, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice/Legal Studies, Florida Atlantic University
Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is a federal law that prohibits employers from discriminating against employees on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin and religion. Join Claudia in a discussion of sexual orientation cases.

3/23  Understanding the Election Process, Convention, Super Delegates... – Speaker to be Announced
How does the presidential nominating process work? What happens at the conventions? Who are these super delegates?

3/30  Should All Recreational Drugs Be Decriminalized? – Mark Schneider and Lenny Gross, ACLU
What are the advantages and disadvantages of decriminalization or legalization? Engage with two Palm Beach County ACLU board members as they debate the merits of the ACLU position. The ACLU supports the decriminalization of all recreational drugs.

4/6  Supreme Court Cases with Retired Judge David Simon
Join Judge Simon as he discusses current Supreme Court cases that challenge previous rulings including Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue (Separation of Church and State), June Medical Services v. Gee (Roe v. Wade) and New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. City of New York.

4/13  Supreme Court Justices with Retired Judge David Simon
The Supreme Court opened for business in 1790. The original six Justices were appointed by President George Washington and confirmed by the Senate. The Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr., is the 17th Chief Justice of the United States, and there have been 102 Associate Justices in the Court’s history. Join Judge Simon as he discusses some of our Supreme Court Justices.

4/20  To Be Announced

THE JOY OF POETRY with Nan Ganyard & John Gabrielson
Join Nan and John each Monday to read and discuss poems — upbeat, downbeat, and no beat, but always with thoughtful discussions, arguments, and lots of laughs. We will cover traditional to modern poetry in a variety of styles and genres. We guarantee you will experience a new approach to this art and, best of all, discover the Joy of Poetry.

SPOTLIGHT: Science & Environment
Hosted by Charles E. Schmidt College of Science, Florida Atlantic University
This series features six FAU professors speaking on their areas of interest. Always fascinating.

EXPLORING PERSONAL ESSAYS with Judith Yellen
Come join us to read and discuss exceptional personal essays from around the world and across the centuries, from Seneca to Joan Didion and Richard Rodriguez. We’ll sample a variety of genres and styles, something new and different every week.
LITERARY AND CULTURAL MEANDERINGS
Hosted by the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters Comparative Studies PhD Program,
Florida Atlantic University
The College of Arts and Letters Comparative Studies PhD Program includes interdisciplinary curricula in Anthropology, Communications and Multimedia Studies, English, History, Music, Political Science, Sociology, Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature. In this series, doctoral students will share their research and interests.

THE IMPACT OF PLAY THROUGH OUR LIVES with E. Jane Robinson
Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor, and founder of the Center for Child Counseling
Play changes the brain. Learn about the neuroscience of play; it makes you smarter, healthier and less stressed at any age. Play is important for adults throughout the life span.

DID YOU KNOW?
3/19 Stop Scam with Derick Rill, Combat Fraud Expert, Federal Trade Commission
Learn about recent scams and how to recognize the warning signs. Identity theft, imposter scams, sweepstakes and lottery scams, phony text messages and emails.
3/26 Public TV with Heather Shirm, Public Affairs, Manager, Digital Marketing and Communication, Palm Beach County
Learn why is public television important. Channel 20 provides County government information and educational programming to all cable subscribers in Palm Beach County.
4/2 Pearl City: Boca Raton’s Pioneering African-American Community with Marjorie O’Sullivan, DISC, Developing Interracial Social Change
Ever been to Pearl City? Located between Dixie and Federal highways just south of Glades, Pearl City was established in 1915.
4/9 Guardian Ad Litem: A Powerful Voice for Florida’s Abused and Neglected Children with Christie Geltz, GAL Community Relations Manager
4/16 Palm Beach County: Rich in Wildlife, Parks and Opportunities to Explore – Matt Mitchell, Environmental Manager, Environmental Resources Management, Palm Beach County
Join Matt and learn about the ERM and its role in preserving wild lands; protecting the manatees, gopher tortoises, and American kestrels; and hosting hikes, kayak tours and evenings under the stars.
We know that aging affects one’s ability to drive safely. Dr. Cassidy will discuss a variety of tools and resources including skill assessment tools and free community-based programs.

WHAT LIES AHEAD: RELATIONSHIPS IN OUR SENIOR YEARS
Susan LaDuca, PhD, Retired Contextual Family Therapist with 35 years of experience in private practice & Monica Kramer, MA, LPC, Practicing Psychotherapist
Participants will have the opportunity to raise everchanging relational issues. We will attempt through class discussion to identify possible modes of resolution. Topics will include: love, friendship, sex, loneliness, parent/child conflicts, health, loss.
ARISTOTLE’S BISTRO with Tony LaDuca, PhD
The ancient Greek philosophers were the great questioners. Aristotle’s Bistro continues the tradition by inviting questioning of our ethical views and those of others in an atmosphere of respectful inquiry. Tony LaDuca has led these ILIR classes for several years. He will formulate guiding questions and facilitate dynamic discussions.

YOU CAN UKULELE with Fritz Aufdencamp
Come and open a new chapter in your life by learning to play the “happiest” musical instrument. Sing the songs you thought you would never have an opportunity to sing again.

FILM CLUB with Tony & Susan LaDuca, PhDs
Film Club welcomes serious film lovers for interactive discussions about challenging films. Class is led by Susan and Tony LaDuca, lifelong film lovers and critics. Emphasis will be on aspects of film writing, acting, directing and editing. Participants are expected to see recommended films that are showing at local theaters.

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MEET THE INSTRUCTORS
On March 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
presentations begin at 1:30
at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd
just north of Palmetto Park Rd
Meet the Instructors – Register for Class
Refreshments served

WHO WE ARE
Institute for Learning in Retirement, Inc. (ILIR) is a 501 (C) 3 organization of retired, semi-retired and newly retired individuals interested in learning and cultural enrichment. Our mission is to enhance participants’ lives through active participation in study groups that encourage peer learning and social interaction. Groups are led by volunteer facilitators, including retired teachers and professors, professionals, and community activists, all of whom share a passion for teaching and a love for their subject matter. ILIR is affiliated with Road Scholar® and is a co-sponsor of the Florida Atlantic University Frontiers in Science Program.