Winter 2020 Program

January 13-March 5, 2020

No classes on January 20th - Martin Luther King Day
& February 17 - President’s Day

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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.

SPOTLIGHT: Arts and Literature

1/13 Dance! – Clarence Brooks, MFA, CMA, CET, RDE, RYT-200, Associate Professor, Director of Dance, Florida Atlantic University
2/3 Drum Beats, Heart Beats – Maria Nhambu, Author, Inspirational Speaker, Creator of Aerobics with Soul®
2/10 What is African about Jazz and Rock? – Mark Gridley, PhD, Jazz Historian, Author of Jazz Styles
2/24 The Blues – Mark Telesca, American Songwriter / Singer / Guitarist and Bassist
3/2 Shakespeare: Julius Caesar – Harry Horan

Mark Telesca
POINTS OF VIEW with Fritz Aufdencamp, Lutheran Minister & Carol Lazerick, ILIR Executive Director, MSSA
A chance to share your deepest thoughts about the divine. Join Fritz, Carol and guests for a dialogue about God, faith and spiritual energy.

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 the College of Science, Florida Atlantic University
HUMAN MISSION TO MARS
In this six-session class about Mars exploration, FAU professors will cover topics such as propulsion when lifting off from Earth and landing on Mars, the psychological and physiological impacts of the 100-million-mile journey, colonizing and surviving on the red planet, and much more.

THE NEWS: A JOURNALIST’S PERSPECTIVE with Jacobo Goldstein
Born in Honduras, this remarkable journalist covered the White House for CNN for over 20 years. At 84, Jacobo still reports on radio stations in the United States and overseas, and writes a column on sports.

SHORT STORIES with Bari Attis & Judith Yellen
Edgar Allan Poe defined a short story as one that could be read in “one sitting.” Stories will reflect different time periods, countries, and viewpoints. Copies of stories will be provided in class a week in advance. So, sit back, read and enjoy a short story and join Bari and Judith in a thoughtful discussion.

LITERARY AND CULTURAL MEANDERINGS
Hosted by the College of Arts and Letters, Florida Atlantic University
Doctoral Candidates will discuss a range of topics:
1/15 Sentimental Literature – Michelle Rovere
1/22 Federico García Lorca, Spanish poet, playwright, and theater director – Cora Bresciano
1/29 The Question of the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Michelle Rovere
2/5 South American Politics – Claudia Humphrey
2/12 The work of Gisèle Pineau, French novelist, writer and former psychiatric nurse – Viviana Pezzullo
2/19 Louisa May Alcott – Michelle Rovere
3/4 Southern Literature – Charlie Gleek

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.
--- Thursdays 9:45-11:00 ---

**MIND ODYSSEYS PRESENTS**

1/16 **Small** with Geoffrey Kashdan  
1/23 **Big** with Geoffrey Kashdan  
1/30 **The First Modern War: The American Civil War** with Geoffrey Kashdan  
2/6 **TBA** – Geoffrey Kashdan  
2/13 **The Native Americans of Florida** – Drew Martin  
2/20 **Nostalgia: See the USA in Your Chevrolet and Remembrance of Things Past** – Art Polacheck  
2/27 **From Ghetto to Ghetto: Demographics and migration patterns of Jews for the last 500 years** – Leah Polin  
3/5 **Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean** – Saundra Rothenberg Lurie  

--- Thursdays 11:15-12:30 ---

**GOVERNMENT IN ACTION**

1/16 Sandra Goodman, U.S. Census Representative  
1/23 Dave Aronberg, State Attorney of Palm Beach County & Cookie  
1/30 Major Christopher Keane, Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office  
2/6 Andy Thomson, Boca Raton City Council  
2/13 Carey Haughwout, Palm Beach County Office of the Public Defender  
2/20 Karen Brill, Palm Beach County School Board District 3  
2/27 Sharon Bock, Chief Financial Officer, Palm Beach County  
3/5 Officer Bart Galletta, Boca Raton Police Department  

--- Thursdays 1:15-2:30 ---

**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.

--- Thursdays 2:45-4:00 ---

**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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