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## GREETINGS LIFE MEMBERS!

Hello from Heintz Center!

Your LIFE Program is turning 30 this year! We have come a long way in the last three decades. We have invited back many popular instructors from the past years including Dr. Lee Frelich, Dr. Katherine Jellison, Jessica Michna in-person with her women in history presentations, Tim Johnson PhD, Bob Beery PhD, Chad Israelson, and many more! We have invited a plethora of new presenters that we are sure you will enjoy getting to know. We hope you can join us at the Harvest Dinner on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> to hear from Dr. John Anfinson on stories of the Mississippi River.

The majority of the LIFE classes are offered online using Zoom. If you prefer using RCTC technology, we are offering a community Zoom viewing room – please contact Jamie at least three days prior to class to schedule. Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to seeing you.

*Chrisanne & Jamie*

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# LETTER FROM THE LIFE BOARD CHAIR

LIFE is 30! The LIFE program has provided quality adult education for over 30 years. Now, as we approach fall, it's time to think about going back to school. You'll find that the classes being offered in September and October cover a wide range of topics and presenters. I'm sure that many of you will find it easy to select several classes that will meet your interests. Most classes are delivered via ZOOM. So you can attend without needing to travel to a classroom location and you can attend from any location. In addition, you never need to take a test! I would like to call special attention to the **Harvest Dinner** that will be held in October. We are privileged to have John Anfinson presenting "The Long Adventure of the Great Mississippi River." Prior to his retirement from the National Park Service, John was the Superintendent of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. His expertise will provide an excellent picture of the Mississippi River's history. As a reminder, all classes and the Harvest Dinner are available at a discount to members of LIFE.



The cost of an annual membership is easily recovered over the course of the year of enrollments. I hope to 'see' many of you at several classes.

~ **Chuck Stupca, LIFE Board Chair, 2021-22**

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# FALL 2022 TRIP REGISTRATION

**\*\*Trips are only available to LIFE Members.\*\***

Place checkmark in box of trip you (#1) and spouse/friend (#2) will attend.

**FULL trip descriptions are online at [www.learningisforever.net](http://www.learningisforever.net).**

#1 #2

- \$25 Annual LIFE Membership (valid 7/1/22 – 6/30/23)**
- \$96 "Disco Fever"
- \$76 Destination St. Paul
- \$96 "Joe Sir Presents: The Elvis Show"
- \$96 "Lunch and Lock"
- \$96 "The Buddy Holly Story" (*indicate lunch choice*)  
     \_\_\_cheeseburger \_\_\_turkey \_\_\_veggie
- \$96 "Dancing Lessons"
- \$86 The Bell Museum of Natural History (*indicate lunch choice*)  
     \_\_\_chicken \_\_\_meatloaf \_\_\_veggie
- \$35 Special Event: Harvest Dinner 2022 (*indicate dinner choice*)  
     \_\_\_pot roast \_\_\_veggie
- \$45 (*LIFE Non-Member rate*) Special Event: Harvest Dinner 2022 (*indicate dinner choice*)  
     \_\_\_pot roast \_\_\_veggie
- \$102 "SIX"
- \$96 "Once Upon a Mattress" (*indicate lunch choice*)  
     \_\_\_rib \_\_\_chicken \_\_\_veggie
- \$106 "A Three Tenors Christmas"
- \$96 "A Servant's Christmas"
- \$126 Jingle All the Way 2022!
- \$96 "Rockin Around the Christmas Tree"
- \$92 Christmas in the City (*indicate dinner choice*)  
     \_\_\_beef \_\_\_chicken \_\_\_veggie
- \$106 "Les Miserables"
- \$96 "The O'Neill Brother's Holiday Piano Show"
- \$106 "Celtic Holiday Hooley"
- \$96 "The Root Beer Lady" (*indicate lunch choice*)  
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*Marita Heller MAs is retired from careers in education and Human Resources. She has an MA in history from the University of Iowa and in Business Administration from Stanford University. Betty L. Spitzmiller PhD is a retired college teacher of courses in writing, literature, classical mythology, and humanities.*

## **Great Books with Marita Heller, Betty Spitzmiller PhD, Facilitators**

The Great Books group meets the first Thursday of each month, September through June. At our initial meeting in September we will discuss two short classic novels which we will read over the summer: Hemingway's "Old Man and the Sea" and Stephen Crane's "Red Badge of Courage." The rest of the year we will read and discuss short stories and novellas from "The Art of the Short Story," edited by Dana Gioia and R.S. Gwynn, published in 2005 by Pearson. If you are new to the class, be sure to order the 1st edition of this anthology, which is available through Barnes and Noble and Amazon as well as a few other places. We have read many of the stories this past year and will continue with the rest in the 2022/23 year. This collection of stories by 52 writers as diverse as Hemingway and Faulkner and Kafka and Flaubert includes masterpieces from many different countries. Such stories, as Emily Dickinson says, "take us lands away . . . Without oppress of toll," especially since the fee paid in September covers our travels for the whole year. Welcome to the journey.

**Date(s): Thu, Sep. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 Dec. 1 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 4**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$40/year; \$15/catalog Non-Member Fee: \$50/year; \$20/catalog**



## **Shanghai: Safe Haven During the Holocaust with Docent, Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center**

The docent will shed light on a lesser-known moment in Holocaust history: European Jews trying to escape Nazi persecution found a beacon of hope in an unlikely place: Shanghai. In 1946, American photojournalist Arthur Rothstein began a project documenting the lives of Jewish refugees who now called Shanghai's Hongkew District "home." The exhibition is a tribute to human endurance, capturing both the enormous hardship and fierce perseverance of refugees and their families as they managed to not only survive but thrive.

**Date(s): Thursday, September 1 Time(s): 1-2 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$10 Non-Member Fee: \$15**



*Todd Lefko is the President of the International Business Development Council, an import-export firm. He has worked in Russia for more than 25 years. His weekly articles appear in "Rossiske Vesti," a Russian political newspaper, and he is a contributor to "Rusya-Al Youm," the Russian Arabic Television channel for the Middle East. He has lectured at universities in Russia, China, Belarus, Germany, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan. He is one of the founders of Global Volunteers, and has worked in villages in Jamaica, Mexico, and Guatemala.*

## **The Current World and Where We are Headed with Todd Lefko**

The world faces pandemics, climate change, war, the American elections and a divided nation and world. What common elements appear in all of these challenges? What choices do individuals, nations, and the world have to face these difficult issues? We will discuss the most basic issues and attempt to determine the direction which can and should be taken.

**Date(s): Tuesday, September 6 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



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*Katherine Jellison PhD is Professor of History at Ohio University, where she teaches courses on U.S. women's and gender history. Her publications include *Entitled to Power: Farm Women and Technology, 1913-1963* (University of North Carolina Press, 1993) and *It's Our Day: America's Love Affair with the White Wedding, 1945-2005* (University Press of Kansas, 2008), both of which include "guest appearances" by a few first ladies. She also wrote the biography of Jacqueline Kennedy in *Katherine A.S. Sibley, ed., Blackwell Companion to First Ladies* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2016). She frequently appears in print and on television and radio as a commentator on first ladies and their role in U.S. politics and history.*

## **The Triumphs and Tragedies of Lyndon Baines Johnson with Katherine Jellison PhD, Ohio University, College of Arts and Sciences**

Professor Jellison will examine the complex personality and complicated legacy of the 36th president of the United States. Moving forward from a difficult childhood, Johnson became a U.S. congressman before age 30, the nation's youngest-ever senate majority leader, and the winner of one of the greatest landslides in the history of presidential elections. He was the architect of the Great Society and the nation's greatest civil rights president. His expansion of the U.S. role in the Vietnam War, however, brought an end to a presidency once destined for greatness.

**Date(s): Tuesday, September 6 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



*Dr. Richard Leitch earned his BA in East Asian Studies from Colby College in 1985, and went on to earn an MA in Asian Studies from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign after a two year career on Wall Street. He earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from Illinois in 1995, where he was the recipient of the Harriet and Charles Luckman Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching, and the College of Liberal Arts Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Graduate Assistant. He has been a member of the Political Science Department at Gustavus since 1996, where he teaches courses in International Relations, Comparative Politics, Asian Politics, Environmental Politics, and the Politics of Poverty. In 2000 he received the Swenson-Bunn Award for Teaching Excellence at Gustavus, and in 2008 the Edgar M. Carlson Award for Distinguished Teaching. In 2012 he was included in *The Princeton Review's The Best 300 Professors*. His research interests include Japanese domestic politics and foreign policy, and he is the co-author of *Japan's Role in the Post-Cold War World*.*

## **U.S.-North Korea Relations: Diplomacy or Denial? with Richard Leitch PhD, Associate Professor in Political Science, Environmental Studies, Japanese Studies, and Peace Studies, Gustavus Adolphus College**

Following the acceptance of an armistice in 1953 ending formal hostilities between the U.S. and North Korea, for more than six decades no U.S. President had met his North Korean counterpart. What was once an unthinkable meeting, however, was followed by two more, pushed by a bombastic U.S. President who fashioned himself a dealmaker. What was the takeaway from those meetings, and under the Biden administration, what might be the future of U.S.-North Korea relations?

**Date(s): Wednesday, September 7 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**

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*Paul Koeller is a retired IBMer and active Mayo Volunteer who loves researching and presenting music and local history topics. He has given numerous history presentations in Rochester and presented about twenty different rock music classes for Rochester Community Education. Paul also loves traveling and gardening.*

## **History Songs with Paul Koeller**

Enjoy an afternoon of learning stories about artists and songs they wrote based on actual historical events. You'll learn some history while you enjoy listening to songs both familiar and new.

**Date(s): Wednesday, September 7 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$13 Non-Member Fee: \$21**



*Henry Berman is a retired businessman, working for 34 years at Ecolab, a global company, based in St Paul. He has been a prominent member of the Great Decisions Speaker's Bureau for 7 years with a strong interest in the Middle East, Africa and the emerging nations of Asia. He has given presentations on such varied topics as Saudi Arabia, Future of the Kurds, Red Sea Security, South Africa- the Legacy of Apartheid and China in Africa. He has also been a teacher at OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Minnesota) for 3 years. Courses he has created and led include Middle East Conflict, the Horn of Africa and the Philippines-US Relationship.*

## **The Philippines–United States Relationship with Henry Berman, MBA**

The Philippines play a unique role in U.S. history as the first overseas colonial experience in 1898, following a war with Spain. We will examine these unique circumstances and how a hot and cold relationship has evolved to this day. Its importance has increased dramatically, due the heightened tensions in the South China Sea.

**Date(s): Thursday, September 8 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



*Dr. Matt Hafar has been teaching music at RCTC since 2006. After some recent graduate study at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Matt has also team-taught a course in English, helping students from other countries improve their English skills. He has a B.A. from St. Olaf College in music theory and Russian studies. His graduate work was at the University of Iowa, where he earned a master's degree in trombone performance; and a Ph.D. in music theory. Dr. Hafar taught English and music at a high school in Slovakia for 3 semesters. He had the opportunity to learn several Slovak folk instruments and perform at festivals in Slovakia.*

## **Living and Teaching in Hong Kong: Two Years of Upheaval, Challenge, and Joy with Matt Hafar PhD, RCTC Music Program Faculty**

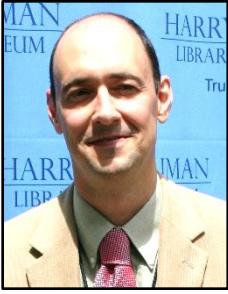
Matt has traveled, taught, and performed all around the world. He returned to campus fall 2021 after a two-year leave where he taught English in Hong Kong, which was in the throes of political unrest, cultural changes, and a global pandemic. Come hear about his experiences!

**Date(s): Thursday, September 8 Time(s): 1-2:30 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$10 Non-Member Fee: \$15**



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*Sam Rushay PhD has worked at the National Archives and Records Administration for 28 years. He is the supervisory archivist at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum in Independence, MO, where he worked as an archivist from 1993-1997. From 1997-2007, he was an archivist and subject matter expert at the Nixon Presidential Materials Staff at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland. Rushay has published articles about Richard Nixon and Harry Truman. A Columbus, Ohio, native, he earned a B.A. in U.S. History from Ohio State University and obtained a M.A. and Ph.D. in U.S. history from Ohio University. Rushay lives in Liberty, Missouri.*

## **Harry S. Truman and His Presidential Library with Samuel Rushay PhD, Supervisory Archivist, Harry S. Truman Library and Museum**

Sam will cover some of Mr. Truman's biographical details and highlights about his presidency, and then provide a visual overview of the Truman Library's recent renovation.

**Date(s): Monday, September 12 Time(s): 10-11 am # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$5 Non-Member Fee: \$10**



*Lee E. Frelich PhD is Director of the University of Minnesota Center for Forest Ecology. He received a Ph.D. in Forest Ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1986. Frelich has authored more than 150 publications with 160 coauthors from 19 countries, including major works for Cambridge University Press and Oxford University Press. His research has been featured in the news media hundreds of times, including such venues as The New York Times, National Geographic, Newsweek, and CBS Radio Osgood Files.*

## **Tree Mortality from Fire and Wind with Lee Frelich PhD, Director of the University of Minnesota Center for Forest Ecology, Fellow at the Institute on the Environment**

We will learn about different types of fires and windstorms, why and where they occur in the Midwest, and how they kill trees. The duration and intensity of forest fires, as well as wind speeds during windstorms, interact in unique ways with trees of different sizes and species to determine which trees are unscathed, injured or killed. We will examine interesting patterns of mortality and survival that determine the future condition of the forest after large disturbances.

**Date(s): Monday, September 12 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



*Anette Isaacs MAs, Emory University, University of Vienna, Free University, Berlin, is a German historian and public educator who has taught for OLLIs and other lifelong learning programs for more than a decade.*

## **Taking Inventory of Germany's New Traffic Light with Anette Isaacs MAs**

The new coalition government under Chancellor Olaf Scholz has only been in power for a few months but there is no time to waste. From a Covid Crisis management to the modernization of its infrastructure, Europe's most populous nation needs to meet its many challenges swiftly and effectively. Join Germany expert Anette Isaacs for an informative look at the first 100+ days of the post-Merkel era.

**Date(s): Tuesday, September 13 Time(s): 10-11:30 am # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$12 Non-Member Fee: \$19**

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*Training and experience as a librarian, educator, grant writer, and instructor of children’s literature gives **Ellen Ruffin** the background for on the Reys. Ellen is currently serving as the Curator of the de Grummond Children’s Literature Collection with the University of Southern Mississippi Libraries.*

## **Margret and H.A. Rey: A Partnership that Created an Icon with Ellen H. Ruffin**

For 75 years, children have been captivated by “Curious George.” Much is known about “George,” but little is known about his creators. The lives of Margret and H.A.

Rey are as interesting as the little monkey they created-if not more so. This presentation will examine their lived-telling of their lives in Hamburg, Germany, as well as the journeys that brought them to the United States. The de Grummond Children’s Literature Collection at The University of Southern Mississippi holds the Rey’s literary archive, containing diaries, correspondence, autobiographical sketches, original illustrations, audio and video tapes, and their creative process.

**Date(s): Tuesday, September 13 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**

*Ranger **Lisa Meade** leads the Interpretation, Education, and Visitor Services Division at First Ladies National Historic Site. With a background in sociology, Lisa believes through learning the stories of First Ladies, we can not only better understand the history and culture of the United States, but also better understand ourselves.*



## **Saxton House Tour & The Women Behind the Women with Lisa Meade, Ranger, First Ladies National Historic Site, OH**

### Virtual Saxton House Tour

The historic Saxton House in Downtown Canton, Ohio was home to Ida Saxton McKinley and her husband, President William McKinley. We’ll not only look through the home they shared together, but also explore how the events in Ida’s life impacted

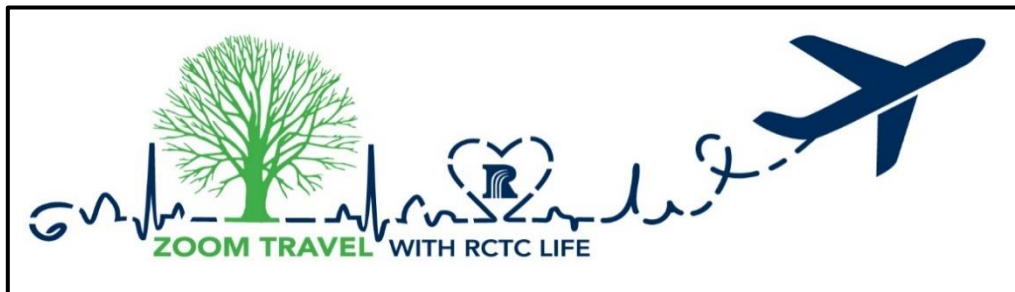
her time as first lady.

### The Women Behind the Women

Many of the legacies of first ladies would be significantly different without the help of people behind the scenes. With a focus on African American women, we’ll explore the stories of those that contributed to the legacies of first ladies.

**Date(s): Wednesday, September 14 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**





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*Harold Holzer, winner of The 2015 Gilder-Lehrman Lincoln Prize, is one of the country's leading authorities on Abraham Lincoln and the political culture of the Civil War era. A prolific writer and lecturer, and frequent guest on television, Holzer served for six years (2010–2016) as Chairman of The Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation. For the previous 10 years he co-chaired the U. S. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (ALBC), appointed by President Clinton. President Bush awarded Holzer the National Humanities Medal in 2008. And in 2013, Holzer wrote an essay on Lincoln for the official program at the re-inauguration of President Obama. He is now chairman of The Lincoln Forum. In 2021, Holzer was principal consultant and on-air commentator for the six-part CNN documentary series, Lincoln: Divided We Stand, which attracted an average of 1.3 million visitors per episode. He will also appear in the forthcoming History Channel documentary, Abraham Lincoln. He served from 2015 through 2021 as a Trustee of The Metropolitan Museum. Holzer lectures throughout the nation. Holzer appears often on C-SPAN, and has been an on-air commentator for CBS, PBS, NBC, MSNBC, CNN, Fox, and the BBC. Before joining the Metropolitan in 1992, Holzer spent his early career as a journalist; a campaign and Congressional press secretary for Rep. Bella S. Abzug; an aide to New York Governor Mario Cuomo (with whom he co-authored two Lincoln books); and as spokesman for New York's PBS station, WNET.*

## **Presidents and the Press with Harold Holzer, Jonathan F. Fanton Director, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College**

Who was the first president to complain about fake news? The answer—the first president, George Washington. In this discussion, we will explore the often difficult 250-year-old relationship between presidents and the press—with a focus on the Founding Fathers, Jackson, Lincoln, both Roosevelts, Wilson, and on to the modern White House occupants from Kennedy to Biden.

**Date(s): Wednesday, September 14 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



*As Director of Engagement & Strategic Initiatives, Virginia Mooty Rutter leads Clean Energy Economy MN's reports and programs. This includes working with CEEM's member businesses, partners, policymakers, and community leaders to advance innovative clean energy policies and solutions. Virginia brings with her nearly 15 years of industry experience. Most recently she served as the Director of Market Development at Twin Cities-based Nokomis Energy, where she conducted market analysis on utility-scale solar. Prior to that, Virginia was the Program Director at Solar United Neighbors of Minnesota, where she launched the program and developed deep relationships across the state. She received her Master of Public Policy from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, and her B.A. in Public Policy Analysis & Biology from Pomona College. She is the founder and leader of the Feminist Fight Club – Minnesota Women in Energy.*

## **Minnesota's Clean Energy Transition with Virginia Mooty Rutter, Clean Energy Economy, MN Director**

Minnesota's energy industry is undergoing dramatic and rapid change as homeowners, cities, businesses and utilities adopt new technologies. Virginia Mooty Rutter from Clean Energy Economy MN will present on Minnesota's clean energy leadership in the Midwest. You'll learn about how Minnesota's electricity generation has shifted over the past decade, the fast pace of clean energy job growth in the state, as well as policy and market trends shaping clean energy projects across the state and region.

**Date(s): Thursday, September 15 Time(s): 1-2:30 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$10 Non-Member Fee: \$15**

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*Stephen Troutman is a Futurist, perpetual student, and frequent speaker on diverse and sometimes esoteric topics. At IBM for 33 years, Steve retired as an Executive Consultant in 2010. In the US Navy Reserve for 23 years, he was Surface Warfare Officer, Commanding Officer of four units, and attained the rank of Captain. He has been a Futurist since 1999. He serves on the LIFE Advisory and was awarded, in 2021, one of the Rochester Mayor's Medals of Honor for his support of the LIFE program and his other volunteer activities.*

## **LIFE Book Group with Steve Troutman, Facilitator**

The September read is “The Overstory: A Novel,” by Richard Powers, winner of the Pulitzer Prize. The October book is “Freezing Order: A True Story of Russian Money Laundering, State-Sponsored Murder, and Surviving Vladimir Putin's Wrath” by Bill Browder. November's read will be “Critical Race Theory (Third Edition): An Introduction, 3rd Edition” by Richard Delgado, Jean Stefancic, et al. “The Bee Keeper of Aleppo: A Novel” by Christy Lefteri will be the final read of the fall semester. **Please note:** Sep/Oct/Nov/Apr/May/Jun classes will be held **hybrid (in person and on Zoom)** at Heintz Center in room H1415 and Dec/Jan/Feb/Mar classes will be on **Zoom only**.

**Date(s): Fridays, Sep. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 4**  
**LIFE Member Fee: \$40/year; \$15/catalog Non-Member Fee: \$50/year; \$20/catalog**



*As a Civil Rights historian, Dr. Robby Luckett's expertise is on the modern Civil Rights Movement and the African-American experience. As director of the Margaret Walker Center at Jackson State University, Dr. Luckett has become an expert on Walker's life and her experiences, especially as they related to the Black Arts Movement of the 20th century.*

## **The Mississippi Plan and the Rise of Jim Crow with Robby Luckett PhD, Jackson State University**

After the Civil War, African Americans in the South, newly freed, expressed a tangible optimism that led to the reuniting of families, the development of social institutions like the black church, the rise of cultural expressions like the Blues and jazz, the establishment of black-owned businesses and other economic endeavors, and the wielding of significant political power. On the other hand, as Dr. Luckett explains in this talk, most white southerners, especially in Mississippi, saw this rise of black social, economic and political power as a direct threat to their hegemony, which had been so well established during the era of slavery, and whites sought to “redeem” their place in the southern hierarchy through violent extra-legal measures like lynching and through the realm of law. The invention of Jim Crow and what became known as the “Mississippi Plan” became the models for the rest of the South. The Mississippi Plan and Jim Crow stood on the shoulders of black disfranchisement, segregation and sharecropping to guarantee white power as well as second-class citizenship for African Americans throughout the South, a status black southerners have fought ever since.

**Date(s): Monday, September 19 Time(s): 10-11:30 am # of Sessions: 1**  
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*Jay Grammond is a Minnesota professional photographer and amateur historian. He loves all things Americana. Jay was an award winning Community Educator for nearly 20 years.*

## **Barn Storming: A Tour of Minnesota Barns & Barn Quilts with Jay Grammond**

Minnesota is filled with countless numbers of barns, most from a bygone era. Jay has travelled the state capturing images of barns of all shapes, sizes, and conditions. There is just something about a barn! There are some areas of the state where the barns are adorned with something called a Barn Quilt. Barn Quilts are pieces of art on the side of a barn, shed, or house that usually tell some sort of story. All are visible from the road so you can check them out!

**Date(s): Monday, September 19 Time(s): 1-2:15 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$10 Non-Member Fee: \$15**



*Scott Hill MS is currently an interpretive park ranger in the south district of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Scott holds a bachelor's degree in History from Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado with a minor in criminal justice, and a master's degree in American History from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. Scott has worked for the National Park Service for more than 26 years at nine different park units.*

## **American Mythology and the History of Arlington House with Scott Hill MS, Park Ranger,**

### **George Washington Memorial Parkway**

What do the stories we tell say about who we are, and who we want to be? Learn about the history, stories, and myths of George Washington, Robert E. Lee and the Civil War, and the nation's ongoing journey to unity. Explore how these stories weave into the history of Arlington House and into the tapestry of America.

**Date(s): Tuesday, September 20 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



*Maddalena Marinari PhD is associate professor of history at Gustavus Adolphus College. She has written extensively on immigration restriction, U.S. immigration policy, and immigrant mobilization. She is one of the scholars who created the #ImmigrationSyllabus, an online tool for anyone interested in understanding the history behind current debates on immigration, and of "Immigrants in COVID America," a curated collection of resources that chronicles the impact of the pandemic on migrant and refugee communities in the U.S. Her research for this project received funding from the Social Science Research Council.*

## **Immigrants in COVID America with Maddalena Marinari PhD, Associate Professor in History; Peace Studies; and Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies, Gustavus Adolphus College**

The COVID-19 pandemic has profoundly affected Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and immigrant and refugee communities in the U.S. Because of the historical lack of access to good healthcare, affordable housing, and financial resources, members of these communities were significantly more vulnerable to serious COVID-19 infection and mortality rates than white Americans, particularly for those who were deemed "essential" workers, were incarcerated, or had underlying chronic health conditions. A long history of scapegoating these communities further exacerbated the experiences of these groups.

**Date(s): Tuesday, September 20 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**

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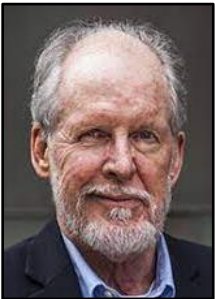
**Timothy R. Johnson PhD** is the Morse Alumni Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Law at the University of Minnesota. He is a nationally recognized expert on U.S. Supreme Court oral arguments and decision making. During his career Johnson has co-authored three books about Supreme Court oral arguments and his work appears in a wide variety of academic journals. In addition, his research and commentary have been covered by *The Economist*, *The Guardian*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *NPR*, *C-SPAN*, *USA Today*, *ABC*, *CNN*, and *The National Journal*. Beyond research, Johnson has won multiple college level and university wide awards for teaching and was named the 2018 American Political Science Association's Distinguished Teacher.

## **Gun Rights with Timothy R. Johnson PhD, University of MN Department of Political Science and Law**

The second amendment continues to be a polarizing and salient issue in the U.S. But how has the Supreme Court interpreted this amendment since the founding and during the previous Court term? This talk will wind its way through this legal history and discuss where the law may go from here.

**Date(s): Wednesday, September 21 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



**Rob Scarlett** currently serves as Senior Adviser to Clearwater Biologic, LLC, a bio-remediation business located in Babbitt, Minnesota, and has served as a senior executive in a number of smaller manufacturing companies over the years. Since 1999, he has also led Hunter Scarlett Consulting, and serves as a director for start-ups in the US, Europe, and Latin America. He graduated from Carleton College in the mid-1960s and spent much of the past 60 years working and living in various countries Latin America. In the community, he is a former Chair of Global Minnesota and currently serves as Board Chair for the Venn Foundation and Trustee of the Sundance Family Foundation.

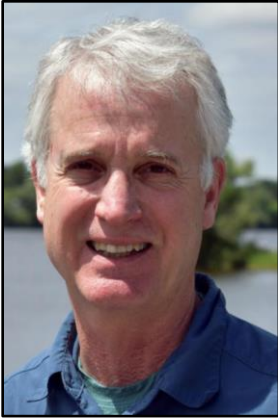
## **Drug Policy in Latin America with Robert Scarlett**

For a century or more, the U.S. government has completely ignored the lessons of "The Prohibition" (1920 - 1933) and continued to wage a series of "wars on drugs" in the U.S. and throughout Latin America. As of 2014, the U.S. had spent more than a trillion dollars on this apparently futile effort to stop the production and transportation of a variety of drugs originating in Latin America. In addition to the budgetary costs incurred in the U.S. and Latin America, these "wars" have produced enormous loss of human life and immense social costs. This presenter will seek to challenge the assumptions upon which these aggressive, punitive, prohibition-style, wars are founded and offer examples of innovative approaches that address the underlying demand for drugs and seek to reduce the human cost that are being presently incurred.

**Date(s): Wednesday, September 21 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

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*Dr. John O. Anfinson has been researching, writing and speaking about the upper Mississippi River for over 30 years. He spent the first half of his federal career with the St. Paul District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as a historian and cultural resources program manager. He joined the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park Service, in 2000, where he served as Superintendent from 2014-2020. John is the author of “The River We Have Wrought: A History of the Upper Mississippi” (2003) and “River of History” (2003). He sits on several boards, including Friends of the Mississippi River, Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, Minnesota and National Mississippi River Parkway Commissions (Great River Road), and the National Parks Conservation Association’s Midwest Council. John holds a Ph.D. in U.S. History from the University of Minnesota.*

## **Fountains of Life and Death with John Anfinson PhD, Author, River District Historian, Retired Mississippi National River and Recreation Area Superintendent**

John will tell about the origins of the Minneapolis and St. Paul water supply systems and their relationship to typhoid fever epidemics of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

**Date(s): Thursday, September 22 Time(s): 10-11:30 am # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$10 Non-Member Fee: \$15**



*Dr. Richard Bell PhD received a BA from the University of Cambridge and a PhD from Harvard University. He joined the Department of History and the University of Maryland in 2006, earned tenure in 2012 and promotion to the rank of full professor in 2020. He has published more than a dozen articles and chapters as well as three books. He is presently an Andrew Carnegie Fellow (2021-2023) and has held research fellowships at more than two dozen libraries and institutes including residencies at the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Abolition, and Resistance at Yale University and the John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress. His work has also been supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. He is proud to serve as a fellow of the Royal Historical Society, a trustee of the Maryland Center for History and Culture, an elected member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and as a board member of the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System Foundation.*

## **The Long Goodbye: The American Revolution in Britain with Richard Bell PhD, University of Maryland**

Seen through American eyes, the Revolution marks a triumphant moment. Through British eyes, it looked quite different. To the King, the war for independence was an affront, a temper tantrum by an ungrateful colonial rabble. But, as historian Richard Bell explains, beyond the palace and Parliament, British responses to the war were anything but monolithic. The country was bitterly divided as to what the war was about, how to win it, and whether it was worth it.

**Date(s): Thursday, September 22 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$19 Non-Member Fee: \$29**



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*Marty Gitlin is a freelance writer and the author of more than 40 books. He has won many awards for his writing, including first place for General Excellence in Journalism from the Associated Press. Gitlin lives with his wife and three children in Cleveland, Ohio.*

## **A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters of All-Time with Martin Gitlin, Author**

Award-winning author and pop culture historian Marty Gitlin hosts this fun and enlightening presentation based on his book, "A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History." He is the only author to actually rank the greatest cartoon characters ever, such as Popeye, Bugs Bunny, Mickey Mouse, Woody Woodpecker, Scooby Doo, Snoopy and SpongeBob SquarePants. He will show funny cartoon snippets of characters from the past century, play trivia with the guests, discuss the criteria he used to rank the best of the best and speak about their impact on American pop culture. This program is a lot of fun!

**Date(s): Monday, September 26 Time(s): 10-11:15 am # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$9 Non-Member Fee: \$12**



*Richard Kowles is Distinguished Professor Emeritus in Biology at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona, MN. His undergraduate degree was obtained from Winona State University and after completing two masters degrees, one in biology and one in education, he earned a Ph.D. in genetics at the University of Minnesota. He has taught for 58 years at various levels, the last 40 years as a geneticist and cell biologist at Saint Mary's University.*

*Kowles is the author of two college textbooks, Genetics, Society, and Decisions and Problem Solving in Genetics, and more recently a trade book, "The Wonder of Genetics." His latest book was "A Passion to Teach. Fifty-eight Years of Humorous, Weird, and Engaging Tales."*

## **Radiation: Benefits and Dangers with Richard Kowles PhD, Saint Marys University Emeritus**

This presentation will be a power point discussion of the benefits and the dangers of radiation. Some basics of the nature of radiation will be briefly explained followed by the applications of its use in the medical practices of diagnosis and therapy. In addition, other uses besides the medical field will be elucidated. Everyone is constantly exposed to background radiation and these sources will be thoroughly outlined. Exposure to radiation and the possibility of causing genetic problems, along with other issues, will be a large part of the presentation. These dangers will be analyzed from the standpoint of resultant risks, the extent of their occurrence, and depicted with pertinent examples.

**Date(s): Monday, September 26 Time(s): 1-2:30 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$10 Non-Member Fee: \$15**



*Dr. Jay Barth is the Director of the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum; he also serves as the M.E. and Ima Graves Distinguished Professor of Politics, Emeritus, at Hendrix College where much of his academic work focused on the politics of the South and of Arkansas.*

## **Bill Clinton and Arkansas Politics with Jay Barth PhD, Clinton Presidential Library**

Dr. Barth will share the Arkansas political tradition in which Bill Clinton came of age and the ways that he was shaped by—and challenged—those norms across his political career in the Natural State leading up to his October 1991 announcement that he planned to run for President.

**Date(s): Tuesday, September 27 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**

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*Bennett Smith MA is an instructor in history and political science at North Iowa Area Community College. He is also an instructor in various lifelong learning programs including the NIACC lifelong Learning Institute; the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Iowa State and the LIFE program at RCTC. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in speech communication and a Master of Arts degree in history from Iowa State University. He has also done graduate work at the University of Iowa in Social Foundations of Education. He is from Clear Lake, IA.*

## **The Constitutional Convention with Bennett Smith MA, North Iowa Area Community College**

We will analyze the causes that led to the formation of the Constitutional Convention, the central debates of the Convention itself and the ratification debate that followed. A recommended reading list and handout will be provided, and there will be a question and answer session after the lecture.

**Date(s): Tuesday, September 27 Time(s): 2:30-4:30 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



*After retirement from IBM, Bill Bakken attended Minnesota State University Mankato and received an MA in History in 1996. His focus of study was Anglo-Saxon and Anglo-Norman England. He taught a wide selection of history courses at RCTC as a part-time instructor from 1996 until retirement in 2008. His interests include reading science fiction, adventure, and Biblical History, research and collection of North Dakota Pottery.*

## **The Norwegian Invasion of England: 1066 with Bill Bakken MA**

Most people know 1066 as the year that William of Normandy conquered England. This class will describe the lesser-known invasion in the same year led by the Norwegian King Harald Hardrada. This class will cover the invasion itself as well as the effects of that invasion on England and Scandinavia.

**Date(s): Wednesday, September 28 Time(s): 10-11:30 am # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$10 Non-Member Fee: \$15**



*Dr. William C. Meadows holds Ph.D. degrees in cultural anthropology from the University of Oklahoma. He has conducted research with many Native American Nations. He is the author of six books, five of which focus on Native American veterans including "Through Indian Sign Language: The First Sill Ledgers of Lt. Hugh L. Scott and Iseeo," and "The First Code Talkers: Native American Communicators in World War I." In 2004, he testified before a Congressional Senate Hearing on The Role of Native American Code Talkers in the United States Armed Forces. His testimony and research were seminal in the passage of the 2008 Code Talkers Recognition*

*Act, which brought federal recognition and Congressional Gold and Silver Medals for all Native American Code Talkers.*

## **Navajo Code Talker, Japanese, and Minority Misidentification in the Pacific Theater of World War II:**

### **A Reflection of Race and Intercultural Experience in 1940s America with Dr. William Meadows,**

### **Missouri State University, Native American Studies**

Dr. Meadows will show how race was perceived in America during WW II and how many Native Americans, Asians, and Hispanics were frequently mistaken for the enemy, both in America and in the Pacific Theater of the war. While centering on the experiences of the Navajo Code Talkers, the impacts for other populations and the causes behind these developments are explored, many of which continue today.

**Date(s): Wednesday, September 28 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

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*Taylor Hagood PhD teaches American literature, with specialization in the writing of William Faulkner, African American literature, and the literature and culture of the United States South. His scholarship examines literary and cultural production in an approach informed by postcolonial theory, theorizing of social interaction via secrecy as a cultural item, and disability studies. Hagood's books include "Faulkner's Imperialism: Space, Place, and the Materiality of Myth;" "Secrecy, Magic, and the One-Act Plays of Harlem Renaissance Women Writers;" and "Faulkner: Writer of Disability," winner of the C. Hugh Holman Award for Best Book in Southern Literary Studies. Additionally, he has published articles and reviews in numerous journals, including African American Review, Anthurium, College Literature, European Journal of American Culture, Faulkner Journal, Literature Compass, Mississippi Quarterly, Southern Literary Journal, Studies in Popular Culture, and Walt Whitman Quarterly Review. In the way of current work, Hagood is pursuing a number of projects.*



**Sinclair Lewis with Taylor Hagood PhD, Professor of American Literature, English Department, Florida Atlantic University**

Minnesotan Sinclair Lewis was the first American to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. His novels, *Main Street*, *Babbitt*, and *Elmer Gantry* are some of the most important in American literary history. After decades of neglect by literary critics and readers, interest in Lewis's writing has sprung anew, especially with his 1935 novel, "It Can't Happen Here." In this lecture,

Taylor will present Lewis's life and discuss his works.

**Date(s): Thursday, September 29 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



*Brendan Shea PhD, is an Instructor of Philosophy at RCTC. He also serves as a Resident Fellow at the Minnesota Center for Philosophy at UM-Twin Cities, and as a Public Member on the Institutional Biosafety Committee at Mayo Clinic. Brendan has published numerous articles and book chapters concerning ethics, the philosophy of science, the history of philosophy, and other issues. He currently lives in Rochester with his wife Anne and son Harry.*

**Tanks, Terrorism, and Thomas Aquinas: The Ethics in War with Brendan Shea PhD,**

**Professor of Philosophy, Rochester Community and Technical College**

We'll be going over some of the basic ideas of "just war theory," a way of thinking about the ethics and legality of war that goes back more than 1,000 years. We'll discuss the ways in which war has—and hasn't—changed over the years, and how just war theory can be applied to some contemporary issues.

**Date(s): Thursday, September 29 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**

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[www.learningisforever.net](http://www.learningisforever.net)**



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*Timothy J. Johnson MS is Curator of Special Collections & Rare Books and the E. W. McDiarmid Curator of the Sherlock Holmes Collections for the University of Minnesota Libraries. In these capacities he oversees the University Libraries main rare book collection and over 150 special collections, including the world's largest gathering of material related to that most famous consulting detective, Sherlock Holmes. Tim has an undergraduate degree in history and graduate degrees in Library Science and Theological Studies. When he's not reading, he likes to tinker with model trains, listen to music, or spend time outdoors.*

## **Sherlock Holmes in Minnesota with Timothy Johnson MS, Curator of Special Collections, University of MN**

Sherlock Holmes may be one of the best known literary characters (or living consulting detectives) ever to appear. How did Holmes come to be so popular, what did Sir Arthur Conan Doyle think of him, and how did perhaps the largest collection related to Mr. Holmes end up at the University of Minnesota? These questions and others will be explored as we look at the life and world of Mr. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John H. Watson. This class will touch on historical and literary aspects of Holmes which fuel his enduring appeal.

**Date(s): Monday, October 3 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



*Kristin Anderson PhD is a Professor of Art at Augsburg University in Minneapolis. Her courses include art history and architectural history surveys as well as more specialized offerings such as American Art, Scandinavian Art, and Women and Art. A graduate of Oberlin College, Kristin has master's degrees in art history (University of Minnesota) and church history (Luther Seminary) as well as a PhD in American Art, Architecture, and Popular Culture from the University of Minnesota.*

## **Building for Beer in the Twin Cities: The Landscape and Architecture of Brewing with Kristin Anderson PhD, Professor of Art, Augsburg University**

St. Paul and Minneapolis were once dotted with breweries, biergartens, brewers' mansions, and saloons, all connected to the early brewing industry, and we have seen a renaissance of local beer spaces in recent years. In this presentation, we will explore the landscapes and architecture of beer from the mid-19th century to the present.

**Date(s): Monday, October 3 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**

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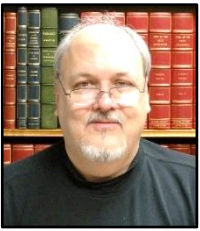


## **Ghost Army: The Combat Con Artists of WWII with Docent, Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center**

The docent will reveal how the top-secret 23rd Headquarters Special Troops (the "Ghost Army") managed to fool German forces in the final years of World War II with their toolbox of visual, sonic, and radio deception - despite being armed with nothing heavier than .50 caliber machine guns. After the war, the unit's soldiers were sworn to secrecy, records were classified, and equipment was locked away for 50+ years.

**Date(s): Tuesday, October 4 Time(s): 10-11 am # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$10 Non-Member Fee: \$15**



*Before starting work at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library in 2004, **Craig Wright** worked for the Minnesota Historical Society. Craig has degrees in Russian and East European Studies, and Library Science from the University of Michigan. He spends most of his time at the library managing digitization projects. Files have been shared with people all over the world, including projects for researchers in Japan, England, Czechoslovakia, and Australia.*

## **Presidential Campaigns (1920, 1928, 1932) followed by Hoover and the Great Depression with Craig G. Wright, Supervisory Archivist, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library WHO BUT HOOVER?**

This presentation looks at the Herbert Hoover presidential campaigns of 1920, 1928, and 1932. It incorporates his different goals, changes in technology, and how the campaign process was very different than it is today.

### **HERBERT HOOVER AND THE GREAT DEPRESSION**

Economists and historians continue to debate the causes of the stock market crash and the Great Depression. This presentation looks at how President Hoover's response would change the role of the federal government in times of economic crisis.

**Date(s): Tuesday, October 4 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



***Phillip S. Greenwalt** is currently the Chief of Interpretation and Education at Catoctin Mountain Park. He is a 14-year veteran of the National Park Service, having worked at such parks along the way as Everglades National Park, George Washington Birthplace National Monument, and Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. He holds two degrees in history and is an avid Baltimore Orioles and Ravens fan. He currently lives in Frederick, Maryland.*

## **Oh So Secret: the History of Catoctin Mountain Park through the Years with Phillip S. Greenwalt Chief of Interpretation and Education, Catoctin Mountain Park, MD**

Initially set aside as recreational designated area, Catoctin Mountain Park has had a unique history since the 1930s. If one ventures farther back into history, the mountain has been a place for trade, transportation, economic gain, and a testament to the power of nature and rejuvenation. During this program learn about the history of the mountain from the era of Native Americans prior to European colonization through its use in Prohibition, during the Second World War, and into the Job Corps era.

**Date(s): Wednesday, October 5 Time(s): 10-11 am # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$5 Non-Member Fee: \$10**

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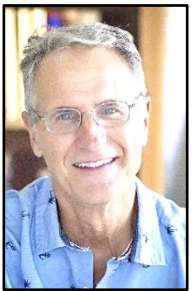
***Ric Mixter** is one of the busiest maritime speakers, rumored to be the most requested historian on the Great Lakes. Visiting museums, libraries, and NASA, thousands of audience members get a new appreciation for our unique inland-sea history through his spellbinding lectures. Millions of television viewers recognize Ric as a shipwreck researcher, diving over 100 shipwrecks in the Great Lakes, including the Edmund Fitzgerald. He has produced over 30 programs for PBS and the Outdoor Channel, and appeared as a shipwreck expert on the History and Discovery Channels. He leads the pack when it comes to sharing our unique underwater resources with the general public, and thousands of dive show patrons and countless school kids know him as the energetic story teller who uses video like no other presenter can.*

## **Edmund Fitzgerald Investigations with Ric Mixter, Diver and PBS Producer**

Based on Ric's new book due out August 2022. This conversation with recorded interviews from the men who built, sailed and investigated the loss of the Great Lake's largest and most famous shipwreck.

**Date(s): Wednesday, October 5 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



*New York Times Bestselling author **Michael Tougias** has earned critical acclaim and literary awards for his 30 bestselling non-fiction narratives for adults. Tougias, known for his fast paced writing style and character-driven stories, has written several true survival thrillers, including "The Finest Hours," which is now a Disney movie. His latest book is "Above & Beyond: JFK and America's Most Dangerous Spy Mission." He has written for over a hundred magazines and newspapers including The NY Times, USA Today, Boston Globe, and many more. He is a sought after speaker who has given keynote lectures in almost all fifty states.*

## **The Untold Story of the Cuban Missile Crisis based on the bestseller "Above & Beyond: JFK and America's Most Dangerous Spy Mission" with Michael J. Tougias, NY Times Bestselling Author**

In this multimedia presentation based on his newly published co-authored book, New York Times bestselling author Michael J. Tougias first chronicles the thirteen harrowing days of the Cuban Missile Crisis and then outlines the steps President Kennedy made to reach a decision on a course of action. Special emphasis is given to the heroes of the crisis: the U-2 pilots who flew unarmed over Cuba to secure the photographic proof that the Soviets were installing nuclear missiles on the island. These pilots helped President Kennedy achieve a difficult objective: have the nuclear missiles removed from Cuba without triggering Armageddon. JFK secretly audio recorded every meeting conducted during the Cuban Missile Crisis. These transcripts, as well as recently declassified CIA documents, form the basis of this fascinating analysis into JFK's successful decision making. Tougias, co-author of The Finest Hours (now a Disney movie), will also focus on three lesser-known events that put us on the brink of nuclear war: The shoot-down of Major Rudolph Anderson who was killed in his U-2 by a Soviet Surface to Air Missile over Cuba; The accidental incursion of a U-2 from Alaska into Soviet air space, and the chase that ensued, including fighter jets with nuclear tipped missiles; and The Russian submarine commander who wanted to launch his nuclear torpedo when the Americans tried to force him to the surface. This unique presentation entertains with the dramatic chronicling of the Cuban Missile Crisis (with slides) while providing useful analysis of JFK's process of tackling major decisions in practical ways that others can learn from and adopt. It's an especially timely topic today.

**Date(s): Monday, October 10 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

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*Emilie Snell-Rood is an Associate Professor and Associate Head of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior in the College of Biological Sciences at the University of Minnesota. Emilie did her graduate work at the University of Arizona and a postdoc at Indiana University before starting at the University of Minnesota in 2011. Research in her lab asks why organisms vary in developmental and behavioral plasticity, and what this means for predicting responses to novel environments. She primarily uses butterflies as a study system, but also has experience working with beetles, bees, birds, and mammals. Emilie teaches Animal Behavior and a course on bio-inspired approaches to problem-solving. Her interests in bio-inspired design have led to a series of interdisciplinary collaborations developing educational modules for engineers and designers interested in looking to biodiversity for ideas in their own applications.*

## **The Evolution of Sexual Traits with Emilie Snell-Rood, Researcher, University of Minnesota**

The evolution of exaggerated sexual traits in animals

Why do some animals have large antlers or bright ornaments? This short course reviews the theory of sexual selection as an driver of diverse traits across animals. I also discuss some of our own research on mate choice and sexual conflict in butterflies.

**Date(s): Monday, October 10 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



*Referred to as the “Balzac of Boston History” by the Boston Globe, Anthony Mitchell Sammarco is a noted historian and author of over seventy books on the history and development of Boston, and he lectures widely on the history and development of his native city. He commenced writing in 1995, and his books "Lost Boston," "The History of Howard Johnson's: How A Massachusetts Soda Fountain Became a Roadside Icon," "Jordan Marsh: New England's Largest Store" and "The Baker Chocolate Company: A Sweet History" have made the bestsellers list. Mr. Sammarco teaches the popular course Boston History at the Boston University Metropolitan College. He has also taught at The Urban College of Boston since 1997, where his courses led to him being named Educator of the Year. He wrote the book "Boston's Immigrants" for the widely diverse ethnic base of students to use in his course on Boston immigration; he serves on the Leadership Council. He has received the Bulfinch Award from the Doric Dames of the Massachusetts State House, the Washington Medal from Freedom Foundation, a lifetime achievement from both the Victorian Society and the Gibson House Museum and was named Dorchester town historian by Raymond L. Flynn, mayor of Boston, for his work in local history. He was elected a Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society, is a member of the Boston Author's Club, a proprietor of the Boston Athenæum and the St. Botolph Club in Boston. He is past president of the Bay State Historical League and served as a incorporator of the New England Baptist Hospital for a decade. He lives in Boston and in Osterville on Cape Cod.*

## **Halloween Traditions in Boston with Anthony M. Sammarco, Author**

Anthony will discuss the history of the Salem Witchcraft Trials which caused such tremendous anxiety and fear and the deaths of many innocent people in Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1692 to the decorating of Beacon Hill as a veritable neighborhood of whimsy, decorated with macabre skulls, bones and cobwebs to pumpkins and lighted Jack O'Lanterns, as well as costumes, parties and treats.

**Date(s): Tuesday, October 11 Time(s): 10-11:15 am # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$9 Non-Member Fee: \$12**

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Originally from Pennsylvania, **Jessica Michna** developed a love of history at an early age. She and her family visited the many historic sites throughout America. Her love of theater and history would eventually bring Jessica to found her company, "First Impressions." Since its founding in the year 2000, Jessica has expanded her repertoire to include seventeen historic figures. In 2016 she was awarded the Presidential Service Center's Distinguished Service award for her riveting portrayals of First Ladies. While she has appeared before a wide range of audiences, including appearances at the National Churchill Museum, the

Lincoln Boyhood Home National Site, and Valley Forge, Jessica is particularly fond of performing for senior groups and communities.

## **Katharine Wright: Those Flyboys from Dayton with Jessica Michna, First Impressions**

Behind the genius of the Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville, was their beloved and devoted sister, Katharine. She may be often overlooked by history but make no mistake, SHE was the integral variable in the equation that solved the mystery of controlled flight. Up, Up, and Away! ***This event is in-person!***

**Date(s): Tue, Oct 11 Time(s): 1-2:15 pm Location: Heintz Center Rm. H1100 # of Sessions: 1**  
**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**

## **Mrs. Mary S. Logan: "Out of the Shadow" with Jessica Michna, First Impressions**

A devoted soldier's wife, Mary Logan would be an eye witness to one of the greatest conflagrations of American history, the Civil War. Mrs. Logan was understandably proud of her husband's accomplishments, but she emerged from his shadow to become a prominent power in Washington. Meet Mrs. Mary S. Logan, wife of General and Senator John A. Logan, as she reminisces how she met and married the Illinois native. She would be the sometimes not so silent partner as he ascended the political ladder. After his death, she would emerge as a force not to be taken lightly in Washington. This program was commissioned by the General John A. Logan Museum of Murphysboro, IL. ***This event is in-person!***

**Date(s): Tue, Oct 11 Time(s): 6:30-7:45 pm Location: Heintz Center Rm. H1100 # of Sessions: 1**  
**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



**Carol Veldman Rudie** is the lead docent and the coordinator of outreach education at The Museum of Russian Art in Minneapolis. She regularly leads classes and speaks on topics of Russian art. A former college teacher, she has done PhD work at the University of Minnesota in English literature and art history.

## **Red on Black: African Experience in Russian Culture with Carol Veldman Rudie, Docent, Museum of Russian Art**

While Russia is rarely associated with African culture, people and experiences, records show that some interesting migrations have happened. Not only are Africans coming to Russia for varying reasons, but African Americans have made their way to the streets of Moscow and St. Petersburg. Trace the stories of this immigration through this ppt presentation to see why, for example, the USSR could represent freedom to those escaping Jim Crow laws in America.

**Date(s): Wednesday, October 12 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**  
**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**

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*Dr. Dale Taylor is President of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Emeriti Faculty Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care, member of the UW-Eau Claire Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Implementation Team, former UW-Eau Claire Liaison to the University of Wisconsin System Design for Diversity and past Chair of the UW-Eau Claire Department of Allied Health Professions. He is a Board Certified Music Therapist, originator of the Biomedical Theory of Music Therapy and author of the book Biomedical Foundations of Music as Therapy as well as numerous chapters in books edited by colleagues. He has been an invited speaker on all five of the world's nonpolar continents and a frequent guest on*

*Wisconsin Public Radio, NPR, Mobilized News and the Free Speech TV network.*

## **Critical Race Theory: What is It...Really? with Dale Taylor PhD, Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire**

Dr. Taylor will describe the source and content of Critical Race Theory as a concept and as an area of investigation. Examples will be used to illuminate where and how it actually appears as a necessary area of study in the academic preparation of a limited group of advanced learners whose educational pursuits extend well beyond the public school level. Clarifying comparisons will be drawn with current popular interpretations of this topic and participants will have opportunities to reflect on the justifications used in attempts to ban its coverage at all levels of public discourse.

**Date(s): Wednesday, October 12 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**

*Dr. Richard Bell received a BA from the University of Cambridge and a PhD from Harvard University. He joined the Department of History and the University of Maryland in 2006, earned tenure in 2012 and promotion to the rank of full professor in 2020. He has published more than a dozen articles and chapters as well as three books. He is presently an Andrew Carnegie Fellow (2021-2023) and has held research fellowships at more than two dozen libraries and institutes including residencies at the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Abolition, and Resistance at Yale University and the John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress. His work has also been supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. He is proud to serve as a fellow of the Royal Historical Society, a trustee of the Maryland Center for History and Culture, an elected member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and as a board member of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System Foundation.*



## **The Fighting Irish: Ireland & The American Revolution with Richard Bell PhD, University of Maryland**

Men of Irish heritage played crucial roles in fighting the American Revolution, siding with the patriots against the British Army in overwhelming numbers. In this evening program, the English-born but American-trained historian Richard Bell explores the Revolution from the perspective of the Irish and their descendants in America. Drawing on the latest scholarship,

Bell reconstructs the history of English and Irish antagonism, the role of Roman Catholic religious faith in decisions about loyalty and affiliation, and the political and economic impact of the American Revolution on Ireland itself.

**Date(s): Thursday, October 13 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$19 Non-Member Fee: \$29**



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*Emily Levine has been the Supervisory Park Ranger for Interpretation and Education at Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site since March 2020. She previously worked at Lowell National Historical Park (MA), and as the Interpretive Supervisor on Alcatraz Island and at Muir Woods National Monument (CA). Emily holds a master's degree in museum education from Tufts University. She is a proponent of museums and historic sites as locations for critical thinking, community dialogue, and engagement.*

## **Past and Present Here Unite: Uncovering Stories of the Vassall-Craigie-Longfellow House with Emily Levine, Park Ranger, Longfellow House-Washington's HQs National Historic Site, Cambridge, MA**

What does a home reveal about its occupants, and about our shared historical narratives? Join a live virtual conversation about the remarkable history of Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site in Cambridge, MA. This site bears witness to the history of slavery and emancipation in New England and the early free Black community of Cambridge. It saw George Washington's development as a leader, was a 19th century hub of literary life and abolitionism, and reveals what some LGBTQ folks experienced over 100 years ago. What stories will resonate with you? We'll examine the process of piecing together stories of some of the lesser-known occupants of this house, their significance, and their relationship to the more famous names affiliated with the site.

**Date(s): Thursday, October 13 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**

*Paul Koeller is a retired IBMer and active Mayo Volunteer who loves researching and presenting music and local history topics. He has given numerous history presentations in Rochester and presented about twenty different rock music classes for Rochester Community Education. Paul also loves traveling and gardening.*



## **Music Trivia, 1967-1973 with Paul Koeller**

Are you a child of the sixties and the Woodstock era who loves music? Come spend a fun filled morning of multimedia music trivia and test your knowledge of music and artists from the late 1960s and early 1970s.

**Date(s): Monday, October 17 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$13 Non-Member Fee: \$21**



*Ken Allsen is a freelance architectural historian, author and artist. He has taught LIFE classes for a number of years covering topics in architectural and local history. He also volunteers at the History Center of Olmsted County, Mayo Clinic Archives and Assisi Heights.*

## **Alan Villiers – Man of the Sea with Ken Allsen**

Australian native Alan Villiers first went to sea on a sailing ship at age 15. He spent long periods at sea on sailing ships for the rest of his life. A talented photographer and writer, he documented the end of that era when commercial sailing ships all but disappeared prior to World War II. After serving with distinction in the British Navy in that war, he remained one of the best-known maritime authors in the world, still having further adventures under sail. He produced an amazing total of 44 books on the subject, and many articles and TV documentaries as well. This class will cover his amazing life and his love affair with those great tall ships, all gone now except for a few still surviving as museum pieces or training ships.

**Date(s): Monday, October 17 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**

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*Jodi French-Burr has been sharing stories of natural and cultural history for over 35 years. An Interpretive Park Ranger with the National Park Service (NPS) since 1987, Jodi uses her skills as an educator, storyteller, naturalist, and historian to help others explore our nation's rich heritage. French-Burr has spent most of her career at New River Gorge National Park and Preserve in West Virginia but also worked at California's Redwood National Park and the Statue of Liberty National*

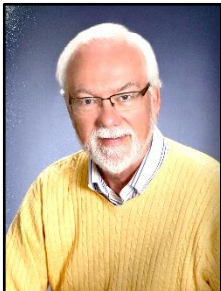
*Monument in New York City. Her work centers on sharing heritage, from events coordination and conducting public programs, creating exhibits and publications, to helping visitors explore parks. Jodi is also a Master Instructor of Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics and an instructor for the West Virginia Master Naturalist program. She lives with her family in Fayette County, West Virginia. Jodi strives to help people find connections to this nation's heritage resources in her life and work. "Everyone has a link to this land and its people," French-Burr says. "By finding connections to these resources, people can strengthen their stewardship to the land and their communities."*

## **Stories of Historic Thurmond and Beyond with Jodi French-Burr, Park Ranger, New River Gorge National Park and Preserve**

Every place has a story, including the New River Gorge town of Thurmond, West Virginia. Hear more about the history of this once-booming railroad town and other communities found in New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. See how you can explore this national park, plus preserve some of your own pieces of America's history - your stories.

**Date(s): Tuesday, October 18 Time(s): 10-11:30 am # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$10 Non-Member Fee: \$15**



*Ray Johnson, CFP® is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ practitioner with his independent financial planning firm, Adviser Financial Group, Inc. For more than 30 years Ray has worked with Rochester families planning and navigating their retirements. Ray's education includes a B.S. in Physics from the University of Illinois and an MBA from Western Illinois University. His early career included stints in state government as the Illinois Supervisor of Credit Unions and CEO of the Rochester based IBM Mid-America Employees Federal Credit Union now known as Think Bank.*

## **Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from Your IRA with Ray Johnson,**

### **Financial Advisor**

QCDs were originally enacted as a temporary provision in 2006 and made permanent in 2015. If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make gifts directly from your IRA to a qualified charity without including the distribution in your adjusted gross income on your federal or Minnesota income tax returns. If you are age 72 or older the QCD will count toward your IRA's annual required minimum distribution (RMD). This presentation includes an understanding of the rules, potential pitfalls, and ideas for lowering your income taxes that writing personal checks or gifting appreciated stock to your favorite charities may not accomplish. CFP Board owns the marks CFP® and CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ in the U.S.

**Date(s): Monday, October 24 Time(s): 10-11 am # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: No Charge! Non-Member Fee: \$5**

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**Richard Kowles PhD** is Distinguished Professor Emeritus in Biology at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona, MN. His undergraduate degree was obtained from Winona State University and after completing two masters degrees, one in biology and one in education, he earned a Ph.D. in genetics at the University of Minnesota. He has taught for 58 years at various levels, the last 40 years as a geneticist and cell biologist at Saint Mary's University. Kowles is the author of two college textbooks, *Genetics, Society, and Decisions* and *Problem Solving in Genetics*, and more recently a trade book, "The Wonder of Genetics." His latest book was "A Passion to Teach. Fifty-eight Years of Humorous, Weird, and Engaging Tales."



## **Why We are the Way We Are with Richard Kowles PhD, Saint Marys University Emeritus**

A power point presentation with descriptions of how genes directly relate to human traits (phenotypes). Examples will be shown regarding the occurrence of mistakes in the gene to phenotype process often leading to genetic disorders. Other topics will include the determination of hereditary versus environmental influences of some traits that run in the family; why so much diversity exists in human phenotypes; a consideration of sociobiology (personality traits); and the concept of genetic determinism.

**Date(s): Monday, October 24 Time(s): 1-2:30 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$10 Non-Member Fee: \$15**

**Scott Hill** was born in Texas and raised in Colorado. Scott is currently an interpretive park ranger in the south district of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Scott holds a bachelor's degree in History from Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado with a minor in criminal justice, and a master's degree in American History from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. Scott has worked for the National Park Service for more than 26 years at nine different park units and for the federal government for 29 years, including an almost three-year period working at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Scott's loves include his wife, Vickie, who is a Contract Specialist at the National Museum of the Marine Corps, his step-daughter, Ashleigh, his two granddaughters, Brooklyn and Isabella, and all Colorado sports teams, collegiate and professional.



## **The Secrets of Fort Hunt with Scott Hill, Park Ranger, George Washington Memorial Parkway**

From a prisoner-of-war interrogation camp, to a top-secret military intelligence installation which trained US pilots on escape and evasion techniques among other things, hear the fascinating story of the little known Fort Hunt.

**Date(s): Tuesday, October 25 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**

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*Rachel Christ-Doane is the Director of Education at the Salem Witch Museum. She holds a BA in Global History from Clark University and MA in History and Museum Studies from Tufts University. She began working at the Salem Witch Museum in 2015 and has been the Director of Education since 2017. Within this role she works with students and teachers, curates the museum's exhibits, directs staff training, and coordinates the museum's educational programming.*

## **The Salem Witch Trials and Public Memory followed by "The Crucible" Fact vs. Fiction with Rachel Christ-Doane, Director of Education Salem Witch Museum**

### The Salem Witch Trials and Public Memory

Though the Salem witch trials were relatively mild when compared with the devastating witch trials that ravaged Europe during the early modern era, Salem has become one of the most infamous witch-hunts in Western European history. Today, Salem, Massachusetts has become a complex and unique example of public memory. In this program, we will discuss the history of witch trials, placing Salem in context of three hundred years of European trials. We will consider how and why Salem has become a powerful social metaphor, one that is still used to this day to denote fanatical, superstitious or unjust behavior. We will also consider how the city of Salem has struggled with its witch-related history, and has gradually changed over time, reflecting the drastically different and ever evolving popular conception the witch.

### The Crucible Fact vs. Fiction

Arthur Miller's play "The Crucible" is perhaps the most famous literary portrayal of the Salem witch trials to date. Most contemporary audiences have heard of, read, or seen the film adaptation of this renowned play. While this is a beautifully composed and thought-provoking literary classic, this play is a work of fiction and is largely an inaccurate portrayal of what took place in Salem in the year 1692. In this program, we will dive into the historical inaccuracies presented by "The Crucible," separating fact from fiction. By comparing the real story of the Salem witch trials with Miller's account, students will be asked to consider how history can be reinterpreted and reimaged when it is translated into a creative medium. Additionally, by considering the sociopolitical environment of this period, this presentation will examine how and why Arthur Miller became inspired to write about these events. Participants will be asked to consider the formula for a witch-hunt "fear + a trigger = a scapegoat." This formula represents an integral part of our institutional mission to bring attention to the root cause of witch-hunts from 1692 to the present day. An interactive component of this exhibit is available through our website, and asks contemporary audiences from around the world to apply this formula to other examples, both from history and the modern-day.

**Date(s): Tuesday, October 25 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



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Drawn to music at a young age, **Travis Beck** started piano lessons at age 5 and began playing for his church's worship services at age 13. A native of Nashua, IA, he once filled in for his childhood piano teacher at the historic Little Brown Church and played for seven weddings over New Years' Eve and New Years' Day. His education includes degrees in music from Wartburg College and Luther Seminary. He currently serves full-time as Director of Worship, Music, & Arts at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Rochester, MN. When he's not busy with his day job, Travis reads non-fiction, drinks coffee, and makes soap. He lives in Rochester with his wife, Samantha, and their daughter, Nora.

## **Saints and Souls: A History of Allhallowtide with Travis Beck**

Many of us know October 31 as a time for trick-or-treating, dressing up in costumes, and watching scary movies. But in Western Christianity it's also the start of the three days of Halloween, All Saint's Day, and All Souls Day—a time to remember the dead. In this course we'll explore the history of this season, from early Christian martyrs to Jack-o-lanterns to horror films and more.

**Date(s): Wednesday, October 26 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



**Chad Lewis** is a paranormal researcher and author for *Unexplained Research L.L.C.* Lewis holds a master's of science degree in psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. He had trekked across the world in search of the paranormal. From tracking vampires in Transylvania and chasing the Chupacabras in Puerto Rico, to searching for the elusive monster in Loch Ness, and pursuing ghosts in Ireland's castles, Lewis brings more than 14 years of research experience to his presentations. Lewis has been featured on the Discovery Channel's "A Haunting," ABC's "World's Scariest Places" and hundreds of radio interviews, TV appearances and newspaper articles. Lewis is the author of the "Hidden Headlines" series and also the co-author of the "Road Guide to Haunted Locations" book

series. Lewis has presented at hundreds of libraries, universities, schools and private functions for crowds of seven to 700.

## **Bizarre History of Iowa—Strange Stories from the Past with Chad Lewis**

This presentation showcases over 100 bizarre newspaper stories from Iowa that have not been seen in over 100 years. These unbelievable stories were not lost, they were simply hidden. This program provides a time portal back to the early days of the state when it was filled with strange deaths, ghosts, sea serpents, peculiar people, medical anomalies, oddities, psychic phenomena, and UFOs This will change the way you view the good ol' days of Iowa.

**Date(s): Wednesday, October 26 Time(s): 1-2:30 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$10 Non-Member Fee: \$15**



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*Taylor Hagood PhD teaches American literature, with specialization in the writing of William Faulkner, African American literature, and the literature and culture of the United States South. His scholarship examines literary and cultural production in an approach informed by postcolonial theory, theorizing of social interaction via secrecy as a cultural item, and disability studies. Hagood's books include "Faulkner's Imperialism: Space, Place, and the Materiality of Myth;" "Secrecy, Magic, and the One-Act Plays of Harlem Renaissance Women Writers;" and "Faulkner: Writer of Disability," winner of the C. Hugh Holman Award for Best Book in Southern Literary Studies. Additionally, he has published articles and reviews in numerous journals, including African American Review, Anthurium, College Literature, European Journal of American Culture, Faulkner Journal, Literature Compass, Mississippi Quarterly, Southern Literary Journal, Studies in Popular Culture, and Walt Whitman Quarterly Review.*



## **Frankenstein with Taylor Hagood PhD, Professor of American Literature, English Department, Florida Atlantic University**

In keeping with the Halloween season, in this lecture Taylor Hagood will explore Frankenstein's monster from Mary Shelley's 1818 novel through the monster's many incarnations in film, most notably the 1931 Universal movie, starring Boris Karloff and directed by James Whale. Drawing on his research in Frankenstein masks and costumes, Hagood will also include a look at the ways the monster has been marketed since the middle of the twentieth century.

**Date(s): Thursday, October 27 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



*Dr. John O. Anfinson has been researching, writing and speaking about the upper Mississippi River for over 30 years. He spent the first half of his federal career with the St. Paul District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as a historian and cultural resources program manager. He joined the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park Service, in 2000, where he served as Superintendent from 2014-2020. John is the author of "The River We Have Wrought: A History of the Upper Mississippi" (2003) and "River of History" (2003). He sits on several boards, including Friends of the Mississippi River, Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, Minnesota and National Mississippi River Parkway Commissions (Great River Road), and the National Parks Conservation Association's Midwest Council. John holds a Ph.D. in U.S. History from the University of Minnesota.*



## **Harvest Dinner 2022: "The Long Adventure of the Great Mississippi River" with John Anfinson PhD, Author, River District Historian, Retired Mississippi National River and Recreation Area Superintendent**

John will present on why so many people have felt and still feel compelled to travel the Mississippi River and produce something about their trip, including painters, writers, photographers, and, now, people using every form of social media. While the individual trips give us snippets of how the river and the country have changed, looking at travel trips over the past 150 years tells us so much more. Dinner will be a House Salad, Mississippi Style Beef Pot Roast or a Veggie Option, Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans, Mississippi Mud Chocolate Cake, and a beverage. **Registration Deadline: Thu, October 20.**

**Date(s): Thursday, October 27 Time(s): 5:30-8 pm # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$35 Non-Member Fee: \$45**



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**Bob Beery PhD**, was Rochester Public School's Curriculum Director. He has enjoyed stints as adjunct faculty at the U of M, WSU, RCTC, and St. Mary's University, His professional publications deal with the teaching of history and social sciences.

## **WHAT U.S. HISTORY? WHOSE U.S. HISTORY? with Bob Beery PhD**

*"American history is longer, larger, more various, more beautiful, and more terrible than anything anyone ever said about it."* James Baldwin

Our history comes to us in a variety of ways:

— scholarly authors and media,

— works of historical fiction in print and media,

— official sources

— school curriculum, public museums and ceremonies.

Official history, especially school history, is now under intense scrutiny from the right and from the left. It is controversies regarding public history that will be the focus of this session. Ample time for discussion will welcome a variety of points of view on topics such as critical race theory, wokism, white privilege, etc.

**Date(s): Monday, October 31 Time(s): 10 am-Noon # of Sessions: 1**

**LIFE Member Fee: \$15 Non-Member Fee: \$25**



**Chad Israelson MA** received his BA from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and his MA from the University of Nebraska. Israelson has taught at RCTC since 1996. He has also taught at UW-La Crosse, Augsburg, and Winona State. Chad won "Teacher of the Year" in 2003, 2011, and 2012. Chad recently coauthored the book "The Political World of Bob Dylan: Freedom and Justice, Power and Sin." Chad is on the RCTC LIFE Board.

## **Pandemic, War, Social Unrest. with Chad Israelson MA**

Today? Yes, but also Europe's 14th Century. Come celebrate Halloween by getting a glimpse into one of the most catastrophic centuries in history. We will discuss The

Plague, 100 Years' War, and the Peasants' Revolt among other things.

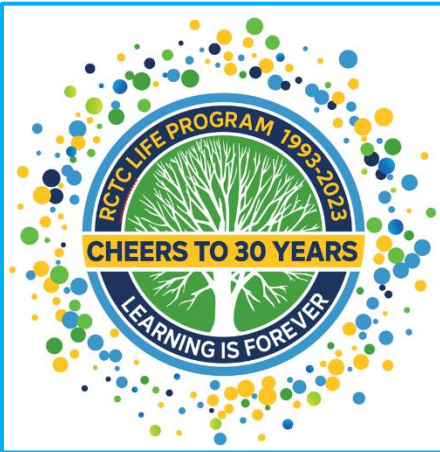
**Date(s): Monday, October 31 Time(s): 1-3 pm # of Sessions: 1**

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## Registration Information



**Cost / LIFE Membership:** All individuals participating in LIFE classes are required to either be LIFE members or pay an increased fee as a non-member. Membership for the academic year is \$25 per person and is **in effect 7/1 through 6/30 each academic year**. No Membership refunds. An additional fee is charged per course or event. The only prerequisite is an active interest in learning. There are no educational requirements, no term papers, no tests—everyone succeeds!

***All ages are welcome! You can attend from any location! Gift Certificates are available!***

**Location:** LIFE will offer classes online via Zoom for the foreseeable future. Some classes will be in-person at the Heintz Center which is located at 1926 Collegeview Road SE.

**Registration:** To register for any of the activities in this catalog

\* Return the registration form by mail to RCTC LIFE Program, 851 - 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.E.-Box 50 Rochester, MN 55904-4999 – **CHECK PAYMENT TO ‘RCTC LIFE’ is REQUIRED.**

\* **Online registration is now available for LIFE members only with credit card payment!!**

**Please contact Jamie at [jamie.schroeder@rctc.edu](mailto:jamie.schroeder@rctc.edu).**

**Tuition Assistance:** Scholarships are available.

\* Please contact Chrisanne at [chrisanne.pieper@rctc.edu](mailto:chrisanne.pieper@rctc.edu)

### **Cancellation and Refund Policy:**

**Class refunds if you cancel:** will only be given **5 business days prior** to the class start—a \$5 processing fee will be charged.

**If the LIFE Program cancels a class, NO processing fee will be charged.**

**If RCTC is closed due to weather, the LIFE classes will be canceled and rescheduled, if possible.**

**If Rochester Public Schools are closed and RCTC is open, we will hold our LIFE class.**

