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August 2023 Schedule

- 2-"Stringbean: The Life and Murder of a Country Legend"
- 7-60 Years of the Beatles
- 9-The Rise and Fall of Roman Britain
- 14-Resistance and Redemption Part Two: Music in the Holocaust
- 15-The Murders of H.H. Holmes
- 16-The Amazing Adventure of Bertha Benz and the History of the German Automobile
- 17-The Fire of Frederick Douglass
- 22-Galileo's Triumphs and Tribulations
- 23-Contentious Moments in Much Discussed Stories about Law
- 24-Ten Spices (Was Aug 10)
- 29-The New Madrid Earthquakes of 1811-1812
- 30-American Colonization Society

Attend LIFE Classes Here, There or Anywhere!

Can you believe that it's August already? I hope your summer has been delightful thus far and you are enjoying a lovely and abundant time of year. I was glad to see so many of our LIFE-ers at the ice cream social and celebration of Chrisanne's retirement. It was a special day. The search advisory team charged to identify well qualified individuals to fill her position has been hard at work. Both the advisory team and the full board will be involved in the selection of the new director. Watch this space for an announcement soon. Meanwhile, Jamie has been doing an awesome job keeping things running smoothly and the Board is grateful for her skill and patience.

We've had feedback from some that they really miss the in-person classes and the opportunity to make personal connections. There are a handful of classes that are scheduled for on-site only so be sure to take advantage of those. The use of Zoom has allowed a broad expansion of instructors and topics so Zoom will continue to be an important source of curriculum for LIFE. We recognize that not everyone is comfortable with the use of technology, but you can still be an active LIFE participant. If you prefer and are able to travel to the RCTC campus you can enjoy Zoom classes with the use of a large display in a conference room near LIFE's reception desk. Call us at 507-280-3157 to let us know you're coming to take advantage of the best of both – in-person and Zoom. Remember that even though the class is on Zoom you will still be able to interact with the instructor and other participants. Consider giving it a try – at least once.



Janet Bartz
LIFE Board Member

Remember, there's no need to miss your favorite topic and/or instructor while you vacation or as you visit family. Two options exist: many classes are recorded, and you can sign up to receive a link and view it later OR when we are unable to record the class, as sometimes happens, consider taking LIFE with you. All you need is a bit of time, access to the internet and a device to connect to enjoy all LIFE has to offer. I plan to use both options when I'm vacationing in Idaho mid-August. I'm hoping you will join me and be an active LIFE participant today, next week and into the autumn. See you soon via LIFE!



Richard Bell
1 pm on August 17

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TEACHER FEATURE...Richard Bell

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.

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