

LLI Summer 2024 Catalog

Class: 24SU01 **The Great War & The Creation of the Middle East (1 Session)**

This course will discuss the creation of the modern Middle East by examining the period of 1890 to 1948. Topics will include the Sykes-Picot Agreement, Zionism and the Balfour Declaration, the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, the Paris Peace Conference, and the creation of the Mandate System. Arab Nationalism and the geopolitical circumstances that have created modern concerns in a post-global age will also be discussed.

Date/Time: Mon, Jun 3, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: NOVA CN Bldg, Room 103

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: Bonnie Becker

Instructor: **DR. MUHANNAD A. SALHI** is the Area Specialist for the Arab World at the Library of Congress. He is the author of *Syria and the Palestine Question*, as well as numerous articles on Modern Middle Eastern history. He has lectured for the State Department and the CIA, in addition to having given many lectures for LLI on topics pertaining to the Middle East.

Class: 24SU02 **The Panama Canal: The Back Story (1 Session)**

Learn about the centuries-old version of a canal in Panama, the building of the Panama Railroad, and the tragic French attempt to build the canal.

Date/Time: Tue, Jun 4, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: Greenspring Village, Village Square Theater

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: Doug Johnson

Instructor: **CHARLES MCCLELLAND** grew up in the Panama Canal Zone and has traveled extensively throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. He studied in Mexico, was a Peace Corps volunteer in Colombia, and is a professional instructor and adjunct professor at Georgetown University. In his spare time Charles is a guest lecturer on several cruise lines.

Class: 24SU03 **Decision Making in Life - A Calculus (Zoom) (2 Sessions)**

This class provides an overview of the observations and research into life's decision opportunities. It is summarized in a framework: models, roles, purpose, domains (spiritual, physical, cognitive, financial), risk, risk mitigation, decisions, outcomes, and tools (data, journaling).

Date/Time: Thu, Jun 6, 13, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: ONLINE

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 97

Coordinator: Mary Alexander, Patti Volz

Instructor: **MICHAEL STEWART** has led interactive classes on decision making models and practical real life examples in several venues. He has broad facilitation experience with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the

University of Arizona (Tucson AZ), at George Mason University (GMU) OLLI in Northern Virginia, and ENCORE Learning at GMU, as well as the Kingsport Alliance for Continuous Learning (KACL).

Class: 24SU04 Life Blood: Your Most Important Body Fluid (1 Session)

You cut yourself yesterday, prompting a little bleeding, you washed it and slapped a Band-Aid on. You didn't think much about it, just that your blood is supposed to be inside your body, not outside. What is this remarkable fluid? What is in it? Why is it so important in life? Where does it come from? How do we make more of it, or can we? We have no synthetic substitute for our blood. Let's journey inside our vessels to visit the cells and dissolved components of blood. We will learn about compatible types and blood donation, white blood cells, antibodies, immunity, and how your blood clots.

Date/Time: Mon, Jun 10, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: NOVA CN Bldg, Room 103

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: Carol Quade

Instructor: **GILLIAN BACKUS** earned her B.A. magna cum laude from Mount Holyoke College and a Ph.D. in toxicology from the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill). As professor of biology at NOVA-Loudoun, Dr. Backus teaches introductory biology and the anatomy and physiology sequence required of all pre-nursing students. She is passionate about increasing civic engagement of scientific issues and integrating art into STEM fields. She has been teaching at NOVA since 2009. Prior to that Dr. Backus taught high school biology and then worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a toxicologist.

Class: 24SU05 Around the World in Five Months (1 Session)

Reva Savkar and Bob Loser, NOVA retirees, experienced a transformational five month around the world cruise with Viking. They visited six continents, 28 countries, 57 ports, and went on 75 excursions. They will share their most meaningful experiences, as well as what it was like to live on a cruise ship for five months.

Date/Time: Mon, Jun 17, 1:30-3:00 PM

Location: NOVA CN Bldg, Room TBD

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 45

Coordinator: Bonnie Becker

Instructor: **REVA A. SAVKAR**, NOVA professor emerita, taught chemistry and computer science at NOVA for 40 years and chaired the NOVA Science Seminars for 21 years. She planned and organized over 100 college wide and community special presentations by guest speakers. In 2013 Reva received the Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence, and in 2015 was invited to be the speaker at the White House National Teacher Day Celebration.

ROBERT C. LOSER, NOVA professor emeritus, was an instructional designer for NOVA online for 30 years. He pioneered many aspects of online learning and designed hundreds of online courses across all NOVA disciplines. Robert is a former Peace Corps volunteer, having taught high school science and math for four years in Nepal.

Class: 24SU06 The Art of Being an Instructor (1 Session)

This class will focus on various types of presentation skills used to make interesting, informative, and educational presentations. We will discuss the various types of presentations, the use of humor and storytelling, and how to read and keep an audience excited.

Date/Time: Wed, Jun 12, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Room 304

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 30

Coordinator: Bonnie Hopler

Instructor: **CALVIN KRAFT** attended *L'Academie de Cuisine* and The Culinary Institute of America and has taught culinary classes. He worked in the corporate world of the travel and hospitality industry for 30 years. After retiring, he was the owner and executive chef of Dinner Is Served LLC, a personal chef/catering operation. Cal has authored two memoir books; "The Ramblings of an Old Man" and "The Ramblings of an Old Man – Book 2." He has co-authored two others memoir books and is the author of the cookbook, "Recipes from the Chef's Corner."

Class: 24SU07 The Incredible World of Insects (1 Session)

Insects are some of the most incredible animals on our planet and without them ecosystems around the world would not survive. They may be tiny and seem insignificant, but they are vital to human life. Although they account for 80 percent of all animal species today, experts are warning of an "insect apocalypse." This class will discuss the importance of insects, their diversity, and provide fascinating facts about their lives.

Dates/Time: Thu, Jun 13, 1:30-3:00 PM

Location: NOVA CN Bldg, Room 114

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 45

Coordinator: Bonnie Hopler

Instructor: **MARY ALEXANDER** has given a number of talks and walks about plants, trees, spring flowers, and butterflies. She is a roving interpreter for the Fairfax County Park Authority and has worked at a number of nature centers and parks in Northern Virginia. Mary has a Natural History Field Studies certificate from the USDA Graduate School and is a Virginia Master Naturalist. She has had a long-time special interest in butterflies, teaching classes on *Lepidoptera* and guiding field trips to find butterflies. Mary currently serves on the LLI Board of Directors.

Class: 24SU08 The Physics Behind the James Webb Space Telescope (1 Session)

One of the most challenging features of the James Webb Space telescope is the need to keep it extremely cold. This necessitated the design of a large shield to keep out sunlight and an "active cooler" to keep the cameras at a temperature close to absolute zero. We will discuss the physics behind these features and the need to place the telescope about a million miles from the earth.

Date/Time: Tue, Jun 18, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: NOVA CN Bldg, Room 117

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 120

Coordinator: Richard Sigman

Instructor: **PAUL MASSELL** spent his career working on a variety of mathematical science projects involving physics and engineering. He currently serves on the LLI Board of Directors.

Class: 24SU09 Sorting Fact from Fiction Online (1 Session)

Do you believe everything you see online? There are plenty of sensationalized headlines, misleading stories, and falsehoods on the internet, making it difficult for even the most discerning reader to sort fact from fiction. This class will equip you with valuable tools and resources to help you stay safe online.

Date/Time: Tue, Jun 18, 1:30-3:00 PM

Location: Greenspring Village, Village Square Theater

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 45

Coordinator: Arline Sachs

Instructor: **LARRY LIPMAN** is a volunteer with AARP Virginia. He is a former executive editor for state news with the AARP Bulletin, contributing editor with AARP The Magazine, Washington correspondent with Cox Newspapers, adjunct professor of journalism at The George Washington University, president of the Regional Reporters Association, and president of The National Press Club. He was also president of the Washington chapters of the Society of American Magicians and the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Class: 24SU10 A Virtual Visit to the Museum of Fine Arts (Zoom) (1 Session)

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond houses over 50,000 works of art from almost every major world culture. This class will concentrate on key works of art at the VMFA in its collections of European and American late 19th – early 20th Century painting, Art Nouveau and Art Deco Decorative Art, and Fabergé.

Date/Time: Wed, Jun 19, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: ONLINE

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 97

Coordinator: Anna Dixon

Instructor: **ROZ HOAGLAND** is a retired art historian with a B.A. from Marietta College and an M.A. from Penn State. She taught at NOVA for 40 years and also at the Corcoran College of Art + Design and gave lectures at the US State Department Training Center. In retirement she continues to take groups to Europe for study tours focusing on art, architecture, historic, and unusual sites. Since 1999 she has led 55 trips to over 20 countries.

Class: 24SU11 Southern Africa Sampler (1 Session)

Africa—there's history, geology, paleoanthropology, but many go to see the wild animals! Bonnie Becker shares highlights and insights from two trips—one to Kenya and Tanzania, and the other to South Africa. The Big Five (lion, elephant, leopard, rhino, cape buffalo) head the list along with some surprises—penguins in Africa? We will view fossils and footprints millions of years old up close, the Serengeti migration from a hot air balloon, and Victoria Falls from a helicopter.

Dates/Time: Mon, Jul 8, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: NOVA CN Bldg, Room 103

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: Mary Alexander

Instructor: **BONNIE BECKER**, a former high school history and geography teacher, was with the Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Human Relations for 27 years and has been an adjunct instructor for the University of Virginia. She currently teaches adult ESL with the Washington English Center.

Class: 24SU12 Hummingbirds: Little Marvels (1 Session)

Did you know that the ruby-throated hummingbird is the only hummingbird species in Northern Virginia? This class will cover the unique features of hummingbirds, as well as specific information on ruby-throated hummingbirds that includes migration, mating, nesting, and fledging. Learn about their preferred habitat and the most effective ways to attract them to your home.

Date/Time: Tue, Jul 9, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: NOVA CN Bldg, Room 103

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: Steve Cohen

Instructor: **JO DOUMBIA** is a Fairfax Master Naturalist, an Audubon at Home Ambassador, and an active volunteer at Hidden Oaks Nature Center and Plant NOVA Trees. She is a board member of the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia, Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions, and Nature Forward.

Class: 24SU13 Guns in America (1 Session)

In this class, Dr. Lechelt will present an overview of guns and gun violence in America.

Date/Time: Thu, Jul 11, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: NOVA CN Bldg, Room 103

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: Ellen Wallace

Instructor: **DR. JACK LEHELDT** is professor of political science and history at NOVA-Alexandria. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina.

Class: 24SU14 The Importance of Self-Advocacy, Asking Others, and Finding Advocates When You Do Not Know Where to Go (Zoom) (1 Session)

Self-advocacy is key to getting what you want and need as you age, have health issues, or become a person with a disability. You want to be heard, taken seriously, and have your rights respected. It is normal to need help to be an effective self-advocate. Having a trusted advisor is important. Joanne Cohen and Gayann Brandenburg from the Brain Injury Hope Foundation, Littleton, CO will share ideas on how to be a more effective self-advocate, how to find a trusted advisor (not everyone has the natural talent or skills), and options for peer and professional advocates. Jeffrey Therrien and Jena Taylor will join us as additional panelists.

Dates/Time: Mon, Jul 15, 1:30-3:00 PM

Location: ONLINE

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 97

Coordinator: Debbie Cohen

Instructor: **GAYANN BRANDENBURG, M.S.**, is a Managing Partner for CTAT, LLC (Coaching, Training and Transformation) and the executive director and president of The Brain Injury Hope Foundation (BIHF). She has worked in training and management in human services for over 40 years. Gayann has an eclectic background in management, strategic planning, and working with people who experience disabilities

including brain injury, mental health and intellectual and developmental disabilities. She facilitates training and administration of grants. Gayann is a champion of employment for people with disabilities.

JOANNE E. COHEN, M.A., CBIS (Certified Brain Injury Specialist) has over 43 years combined experience in coaching, consulting, organization development, facilitation, and training, with twelve years directing and managing her teams to focus on successfully supporting strategic and tactical corporate initiatives. She has consulted, trained, and coached executives and their teams in the planning and implementation of new strategic directions that are in alignment with the business goals and objectives of their companies. Joanne is currently a managing partner for CTAT, LLC as well as vice president of the Brain Injury Hope Foundation, a non-profit organization that serves people with traumatic brain injuries (TBI). She was in a car accident in the Bahamas in 1992 that left her unable to walk. A year later she discovered many of her personal challenges were due to a traumatic brain injury (TBI) from that accident and two TBI's from previous rear-end accidents four and ten years prior to the "BIG" one in '92. In 2014, Joanne was rear-ended again in May, June, AND August by distracted drivers. These caused two additional TBI's. Joanne has overcome many obstacles and has exceeded the medical diagnosis, leading to a remarkable and inspirational story and recovery as a 31 year + brain injury "Thrivers!" Joanne speaks at conferences as a Keynote Speaker as well as for breakout sessions, consults with organizations to support critical business issues, and participates in various other grants/initiatives. Joanne proudly published her first book, Getting Hit, Getting Up, and Moving Beyond: My Journey Through Brain Injury in June 2019.

Class: 24SU15 Why Does Your Mercedes Bend? (Zoom) (1 Session)

This class will take a somewhat irreverent look at the history of automotive design and explain why our cars take the form that they do.

Date/Time: Wed, Jul 17, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: ONLINE

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 97

Coordinator: Steve Cohen

Instructor: **DENNIS VAN DERLASKE** is a member of University of Mary Washington ElderStudy in Fredericksburg. He frequently lectures on topics of "vernacular history." Dennis is a past member of the Prince William County Historical Commission, currently serves on the board of the Prince William County Historical Society and is on the curriculum committee for ElderStudy.

Class: 24SU16 Disrupt Aging: Let's Change the Conversation About Aging (1 Session)

We will explore a new era of aging that is challenging outdated beliefs and sparking new ideas on how we live as we age. This program will dispel myths about aging and draw attention to negative stereotypes and the impact of unconscious age bias. Our interactive workshop will:

- Take a fresh look at common beliefs about aging.
- Inspire people to change the way they think and talk about aging.
- Provide practical steps to help disrupt outdated responses to aging.

Dates/Time: Fri, Jul 19, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: NOVA CN Bldg, Room 227

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: Ellen Wallace

Instructor: **KATHERINE PONDS** has had leadership roles in for-profit, non-profit, and public sector organizations for over 20 years. She currently serves as executive vice president for Meridian Resources Inc., a career and talent management consulting firm. In addition to her professional career, Katherine volunteers as a Community Ambassador and Speaker's Bureau representative for AARP and frequently speaks at various community events on a variety of topics for individuals 50 years of age and older.

Class: 24SU17 The Serial Killer: A Hollywood Myth or Just the Man Next Door? (Zoom) (1 Session)

Retired FBI Agent and FBI Profiler Mary Ellen O'Toole spent nearly half of her 28-year career working on some of the most violent crime cases in the United States – crimes committed by serial sexual killers. These are some of the most intriguing, frightening, and challenging personalities, who too often just look like the man next door, or the person in the office next to yours. Mary Ellen will take you into the mind of these offenders, most of whom have psychopathic personalities and feel little if any remorse for their crimes or empathy for their victims. They are cold and callous, but charming and extroverted. You would like them if you just met them. What is it like to sit in a room with one of these people and get into their heads?

Dates/Time: Fri, Jul 19, 1:30-3:00 PM

Location: ONLINE

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 97

Coordinator: Debbie Cohen

Instructor: **Mary Ellen O'Toole, Ph.D.**, retired FBI agent, currently directs and serves as a full-time professor in the Forensic Science Program at George Mason University where she provides training in critical thinking and the assessment of violent crime scene behavior. She is the author of Dangerous Instincts: How Gut Feelings Betray Us, has appeared on a variety of major television networks and has been quoted in an assortment of major newspapers (both national and international) and radio affiliates. Mary Ellen is a fellow with the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the International Criminal Investigative Analysis Fellowship (ICIAF), the Society for the Scientific Study of Psychopathy (SSSP), the American Psychological Association (APA), and is also a member of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals.

Class: 24SU18 Underwater Wonders: By Request (1 Session)

Dr. Steve Cohen returns with more high-definition underwater videos- with a twist. He asks that class participants request what they want to hear about in advance. Suggestions might include coral reefs, sharks, octopuses, sea lions, tropical fish, whales, humorous videos, and more.

Note: Please email your preferences to admin@lino.org NLT Wed, July 10 – Thank you!

Date/Time: Tue, Jul 23, 1:30-3:00 PM

Location: CN Bldg, Room 103

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: Steve Cohen

Instructor: **STEVE COHEN** is a retired veterinarian who has been scuba diving all over the world since 1988. He has produced underwater videos since 1996 that have been seen internationally and several have been featured at prestigious underwater film festivals. He works with the Coral Reef Alliance to help preserve and protect coral reefs and is currently on the LLI board of directors.

Class: 24SU19 American Prometheus: The Career of J. Robert Oppenheimer (Zoom) (1 Session)

A brilliant and charismatic physicist, J. Robert Oppenheimer became one of America's best-known scientists for his work leading to the creation of the atomic bomb at Los Alamos. Oppenheimer soon became a highly controversial figure, caught up in the politics of nuclear weapons policy in the 1940s and 50s. This talk will discuss the career and personality of this fascinating but flawed individual, the changes in his reputation over time, and the depiction of the scientist on the screen, including in the recent film "Oppenheimer."

Date/Time: Wed, Jul 24, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: ONLINE

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 97

Coordinator: Debbie Cohen

Instructor: **DAN SHERMAN** has presented talks on many subjects to many lifelong learning groups around Washington, DC, including talks on history, mathematics, science, musical theatre, and film. He is a retired economist (Ph.D., Cornell University) who has long been interested in science and scientists; he has given this talk on Oppenheimer to a number of groups, including some affiliated with AARP.

Class: 24SU20 Park Ranger Grab Bag - Part 1 (1 Session)

Join Park Rangers from the National Mall and Memorial Parks as they present topics of their choice.

Date/Time: Wed, Jul 24, 1:30-3:00 PM

Location: Mason District Governmental Center

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: Debi Hunsberger

Instructor: **JENNIFER EPSTEIN** graduated from Gettysburg College and is an education specialist for the National Mall and Memorial Parks in Washington, DC. She demonstrated her historical and educational background through work in education and at several National Park Service sites such as Gettysburg National Military Park, Adams National Historical Park, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, and Jamestown National Historic Site.

Class: 24SU21 Park Ranger Grab Bag - Part 2 (1 Session)

Join Park Rangers from the National Mall and Memorial Parks as they present topics of their choice.

Date/Time: Thu, Jul 25, 1:30-3:00 PM

Location: Mason District Governmental Center

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: Debi Hunsberger

Instructor: **JENNIFER EPSTEIN** graduated from Gettysburg College and is an education specialist for the National Mall and Memorial Parks in Washington, DC. She demonstrated her historical and educational background through work in education and at several National Park Service sites such as Gettysburg National Military Park, Adams National Historical Park, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, and Jamestown National Historic Site.

Class: 24SU22 Let's Share Poetry (4 Sessions)

This semester's poetry class reflects those initiated by Richard Risk, a long-time LLI member. At each session, members can share poem(s) they choose, their favorites or ones they wrote in any style or type: haiku, free verse, sonnet, contemporary, historical, humorous, etc. We will share our impressions, views, and feelings about poetry. If anyone chooses not to bring a poem but just listen, that's fine.

Date/Time: Fri, Jul 26; Aug 2, 9, 16, 1:30-3:00 PM

Location: Braddock District Supervisor's Meeting Room

Class Size: Min. 5, Max. 15

Coordinator: Arlene Gribben

Instructor: **ARLENE GRIBBEN**, the leader of this class, is a longtime lover of poetry and member of LLI.

Class: 24SU23 The Construction of the Panama Canal (1 Session)

Gain appreciation for the remarkably innovative and heroic efforts that lead to the successful building of the Panama Canal. This class continues the history of the canal that we begin on June 4.

Date/Time: Tue, Jul 30, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: Greenspring Village, Village Square Theater

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: Doug Johnson

Instructor: **CHARLES MCCLELLAND** grew up in the Panama Canal Zone and has traveled extensively throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. He studied in Mexico, was a Peace Corps volunteer in Colombia, and is a professional instructor and adjunct professor at Georgetown University. In his spare time Charles is a guest lecturer on several cruise lines.

Class: 24SU24 William H. Johnson: Examining His Art and Life (1 Session)

Let's take a deep dive into the extraordinary works and career of one of America's foremost African American artists, William H. Johnson (1901-1970). The Smithsonian American Art Museum collection includes over 1,000 Johnson artworks that are eclectic and span several decades and several continents. We will discuss early paintings, work done while living in Europe, changes in styles, and subjects that resulted when he returned to the U.S. and conclude with examples from his last series currently on view in the Fighters for Freedom exhibition.

Dates/Time: Tue, Jul 30, 1:30-3:30 PM

Location: NOVA CN Bldg, Room 103

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: Anna Dixon

Instructor: **SARA SHOOB** is a graduate of Boston University. She has a background in teaching and educational administration with an emphasis in history, social studies, and the arts. Sara currently works as a docent at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and Renwick Gallery. She has presented a number of classes for LLI and loves sharing her passion for art.

Class: 24SU25 Border Search Authority (1 Session)

What can US authorities search at the border? How intrusive can the searches be? What about cell phones and laptops? We will discuss what is (and maybe what isn't) permitted. We will also explore some recent developments on border security.

Date/Time: Wed, Jul 31, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: NOVA CN Bldg, Room TBD

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: TBD

Instructor: **WES CLARK** is a former federal government attorney whose positions included Army JAG, Justice Department organized crime prosecutor, and the DEA Office of Chief Counsel for the last twenty years.

Class: 24SU26 The Indianapolis 500: The World's Greatest Race and Racetrack (Zoom) (1 Session)

The Indianapolis 500 is a famous Memorial Day tradition with history, tragedies, triumphs, personalities, and traditions that have made it an American cultural icon for more than 100 years. Learn the back story of what is called The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.

Date/Time: Tue, Aug 6, 1:30-3:00 PM

Location: ONLINE

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 97

Coordinator: June Chalou

Instructor: **BLANE AMPTHOR** is a retired federal employee with more than 36 years of service. He has had a lifelong interest in history and has read extensively on World War II, the American Revolution, and ocean liners. He has taught several Lifelong Learning Institutes and has instructed with various organizations such as the Loudoun County Public Library system in Virginia, AARP, and senior communities.

Class: 24SU27 Park Ranger Grab Bag - Part 3 (1 Session)

Join Park Rangers from the National Mall and Memorial Parks as they present topics of their choice.

Date/Time: Wed, Aug 7, 1:30-3:00 PM

Location: Mason District Governmental Center

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: Debi Hunsberger

Instructor: **JENNIFER EPSTEIN** graduated from Gettysburg College and is an education specialist for the National Mall and Memorial Parks in Washington, DC. She demonstrated her historical and educational background through work in education and at several National Park Service sites such as Gettysburg National Military Park, Adams National Historical Park, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, and Jamestown National Historic Site.

Class: 24SU28 Park Ranger Grab Bag – Part 4 (1 Session)

Join Park Rangers from the National Mall and Memorial Parks as they present topics of their choice.

Date/Time: Fri, Aug 9, 1:30-3:00 PM

Location: Mason District Governmental Center

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: Debi Hunsberger

Instructor: **JENNIFER EPSTEIN** graduated from Gettysburg College and is an education specialist for the National Mall and Memorial Parks in Washington, DC. She demonstrated her historical and educational background through work in education and at several National Park Service sites such as Gettysburg National Military Park, Adams National Historical Park, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, and Jamestown National Historic Site.

Class: 24SU29 Genealogy (1 Session)

We will discuss how to research family histories with an emphasis on ancestors from western Europe traveling to New England. What books, magazines, and websites are best to use?

Dates/Time: Wed, Aug 14, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: NOVA CN Bldg, Room 103

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 46

Coordinator: Mary Alexander

Instructor: **WES CLARK** is a former federal government attorney whose positions included Army JAG, Justice Department organized crime prosecutor, and the DEA Office of Chief Counsel for the last twenty years.

Class: 24SU30 New Zealand (Zoom) (1 Session)

Rhonda Album is an expat who has lived in New Zealand for almost 25 years. She will share her favorite sites as well as some hidden gems often undiscovered by tourists.

Date/Time: Tue, Aug 20, 4:00-5:30 PM (**NOTE TIME**)

Location: **ONLINE**

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 97

Coordinator: Arline Sachs

Instructor: **RHONDA ALBUM** and her husband spend much of their time traveling. She writes a blog about their adventures. She is the niece of longtime LLI members Sid and Arline Sachs.

Class: 24SU31 Breaking Down Barriers (1 Session)

For years African American residents of Fairfax County fought for equal rights. Learn how Annie Harper, a retired housekeeper, fought against state poll taxes. Appreciate how Private Harry Hatcher served with the French

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Army in World War I because the US Army would not allow Black troops to fight alongside White troops. Learn about John Jackson, a guitarist and grave digger, who rose to national and international fame as a blues musician. Understand why Chief Justice Thurgood Marshall was called "Mr. Civil Rights."

Date/Time: Thu, Aug 22, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: Mason District Governmental Center

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 50

Coordinator: Arlene Gribben

Instructor: **MARY LIPSEY**, a retired American history teacher, loves learning and sharing local history. She grew up in Fairfax County, Virginia. Mary received a B.A. in history and sociology from Mary Washington College and a masters in middle school education from Virginia Tech. In June 2003, Mary retired after teaching seventh grade American History for almost thirty years at Lake Braddock Secondary. She enjoyed being a docent at the Smithsonian American History Museum and the National Archives for several years and served on the Fairfax County History Commission for 16 years and now remains as an advisor to the commission.

Class: 24SU32 Antarctica (1 Session)

This discussion of Antarctica will include recent experiences there, advice for potential travelers, and current ecological and political issues.

Date/Time: Wed, Aug 28, 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: NOVA CS Bldg, Room 138

Class Size: Min. 10, Max. 60

Coordinator: Richard Sigman

Instructor: **LUIS GRANADOS** is a retired attorney. He visited Antarctica in February and learned a great deal about it both before and during his trip.

Class: 24SU33 National Inventors Hall of Fame Tour - Alexandria, VA (Excursion)

Experience the past, present, and future of American ingenuity as you are introduced to more than 600 world-changing inductees and are immersed in stories of passion, perseverance, and progress. The guided tour is free and will last approximately 30 minutes.

Date/Time: Mon, Jul 15, 11:00 AM

Location: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Trip Manager: Ellen Wallace

For further information, please visit the Event Calendar on the website.