



## Spring 2015 Course Descriptions

### 1. **Legendary Locals of Denton** - *Georgia Caraway* (1 session)

Wednesday, February 4; 10:00-11:30 AM

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Denton was founded in 1857 because residents needed a location near the geographic center of Denton County to house a county seat. Denton, the peak of the DFW triangle, has numerous past and present residents that would be considered superstars. Superstars such as Bob Rogers, the beloved "Piano Man," Mary Evelyn Blagg Huey, a quintessential leader, and Hal Jackson, an ace war hero and lawyer. Their accomplishments and those of more than 150 others are reflected in Georgia Caraway's Denton history book, *Legendary Locals of Denton*. Dr. Caraway will have the *Legendary Locals of Denton* available for purchase the day of class, cost is \$24.00.

Dr. Georgia Caraway is the co-author of three other Denton history titles published by Arcadia Publishing. She retired after 14 years as the executive director of the Denton County Museums. Now she is spending her time promoting these history books as well as her book, *Tips, Tools, & Techniques*.

### 2. **An Introduction to the US Constitution** - *Tom Tweeddale* (2 sessions)

Thursday, February 5; 10:00-11:30 AM, 1:00-2:30 PM

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The course is a presentation of the seven articles of the Constitution, their subsections and clauses, as well as the 27 amendments with dates and backgrounds. Students will leave with a better understanding of our governing document and respect for its authors. They will also learn why and when the Constitution was amended and what the hoped-for outcomes were for the amendments.

Tom Tweeddale is a former dance instructor and private pilot ground school instructor with UNT. He was a pilot for 36 years. He presented American and Texas history lectures to college, library and retirement center audiences.

### 3. **A Brief Essay in the History of Ideas** - *Don Vann* (1 session)

Thursday, February 5; 2:45-4:15 PM

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By looking at the ways they were presented in the literature of the Western Hemisphere, this ambitious presentation surveys the most influential ideas that seem to have shaped our civilization. The survey includes a brief retrospect of classical literature, but focuses mainly on works from the medieval period to the modern era. We will examine the concepts that were, or tried to be, the controlling forces in each historical period as delineated by literary historians. My hope is that through seeing where our civilization has been and how we got to this point, we may have a better chance of understanding ourselves.

Dr. J. Don Vann is a UNT Professor Emeritus and Regent's Professor. With a primary interest in Victorian literature, he is the author or editor of eight books and dozens of articles. He admits to loving all literature.

**4. Understanding Terrorism and Homeland Security - David McEntire (1 session)**

Monday, February 9; 10:00-11:30 AM

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This course provides an introductory examination of terrorism including its causes, who is engaging in violent acts, and how such individuals and groups operate. The class will also identify what is being done to deal with terrorism including intelligence and counter-terrorism operations, border control, critical infrastructure protection, emergency management, etc.

Dr. McEntire teaches emergency management and homeland security in the Department of Public Administration. He has expertise in community preparedness, vulnerability reduction, international disasters, and response coordination.

**5. New Technology for Forensic Drug and Explosive Chemistry Detection - Guido Verbeck (1 session)**

Monday, February 9; 1:00-2:30 PM

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This class is an introduction to the new and ongoing chemistries of the illegal drug and explosive manufacturing communities. The lecture will also cover the new tools used to catch the manufacturing of these illicit chemistries in the lab and in the field.

Dr. Guido F. Verbeck, Associate Professor of Chemistry and a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry, is an expert in mass spectrometry, specifically instrument design and development. Dr. Verbeck received his PhD as a Proctor & Gamble fellow in chemistry at Texas A&M University. Among this design portfolio, Dr. Verbeck has developed a miniature ion trap mass spectrometer at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, 3 preparative mass spectrometers for combing new materials and catalysts, and a number of novel analytical applications for characterizing oils, gunshot residue, and illicit drugs.

**6. The American Musical – Theatre, Film, and Television, 1866 to the Present - Max Morley (4 sessions)**

Tuesday, February 10 & 17, Thursday, February 12 & 19; 10:00-11:30 AM

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This class is a lecture and audio visual presentation of the American Musical from 1866 to the present. It will feature discussions of more than 90 musicals, their composers, lyricists, actors, actresses, and especially the music. Expect to hear interesting information and the best songs from the past 100 years from the American Musical.

Dr. Max Morley retired from the School of Music at Stephen F. Austin State University in 2009. He held three positions at SFA: 20 years as trumpet specialist; 15 years in Arts Programming and Development; and five years teaching music history and literature. He holds the degrees BM, MM, and DMA from the University of North Texas.

**7. Creating and Using a Timeline to Tell Your Story - Tom Pryor (1 session)**

Tuesday, February 10; 1:00-2:30 PM

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A timeline is a one-page graphical representation of your life's most important events. It's the dash on your gravestone. A timeline can be created for a person, a couple or family. Timelines have many uses including sharing your life's lessons and experiences with children, grandchildren and friends. In this class you'll learn how create a timeline, what to include, uses of the timeline and tools available to document your timeline.

Tom Pryor is a semi-retired business consultant, UNT adjunct professor of Social Entrepreneurship and author of five books. Being on the cover of *BUSINESS WEEK* magazine in June 1988 was his 15-minutes of fame and one of the points on Tom's Timeline.

**8. US Taxes for the Faint of Heart - Gary Koenig (1 session)**

Tuesday, February 10; 2:45-4:15 PM

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US Taxes will be explained for those who haven't taken primary responsibility for filing their household taxes in the past. This will help the newly single or those who want to better understand what needs to be filed, what records need to be saved, and for how long, what deductions have not been thought about previously, along with tax traps for the newly single.

Gary Koenig has a BS in Computer Science from University of Missouri-Rolla and an MBA from Eastern Illinois University. He has over 40 years of experience in corporate leadership roles of data processing, project management, and finance. He also has over 45 years of experience in income tax preparation with emphasis the last 10 years of volunteering with AARP in filing of tax returns for senior citizens, as well as low and middle income taxpayers. He also taught tax preparation to other tax preparers.

**9. Global Climate Change: Fact or Fiction? - Fred Busche (1 session)**

Wednesday, February 11; 1:00-2:30 PM

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The Earth has been around for a very long time. Climate change has been more the rule than the exception. Earlier changes were over thousands of years. We are now in a period where evidence is surfacing that point to another change. In this case, we are not talking about thousands or tens of thousands of years, but what may be a period of 200 to 250 years for the change to occur.

Dr. Fred Busche has a PhD in geochemistry from the University of New Mexico that concentrated upon the study of meteorites, lunar samples, and the potential presence of life on celestial bodies other than our own. His work history includes work supported by a grant from NASA, exploration geologist with Shell and Westinghouse, research manager for the US Environmental Protection Agency, and 10 years with IBM concentrated on the use of discovery-based mathematical algorithms to understand why people do what they do. He is currently the CEO of WinTechGeo, a small business that concentrates on consulting associated with microbiological enhanced oil recovery.

**10. Latin America's Political Culture - John Booth and Patricia Richard (1 session)**

Thursday, February 12; 1:00-2:30 PM

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This class will draw from our new book, exploring Latin American citizens' political attitudes. For example, how strongly do Latin Americans support democracy, and how well do they evaluate their governments' institutions and performance? Are there lingering cultural effects from the region's lengthy dictatorial tradition? This class also compares Latin Americans' attitudes to those of U.S. and Canadian citizens. Based on public opinion surveys from 18 Latin American countries, the U.S. and Canada, we will share some surprising findings about our neighbors to the south, and about ourselves.

Drs. John A. Booth and Patricia Bayer Richard are co-authors of a new book, *Latin American Political Culture: Public Opinion and Democracy*, (Congressional Quarterly, Press-Sage Publications, 2015 - forthcoming in November 2014), and of multiple scholarly journal articles on Latin American public opinion and political behavior. Dr. John Booth is retired from the UNT political science department, and Dr. Patricia Richard is retired from political science at Ohio University.

**11. The Alamo in Battle & Memory - Andrew Torget (2 sessions)**

Monday, February 16 and 23; 10:00-11:30 AM

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The course will follow the history of the Alamo, from its earliest days as a mission, to the 1836 battle, to its depiction in movies and TV during the 20th century. The first class will focus on the Alamo's history through 1836, and the second on its rise to icon status in American culture during the 20th century.

Andrew Torget is an assistant professor with the history department. Torget has been a featured speaker on Texas history at Harvard, Stanford, Duke, and Rice University. He has published extensively on the Texas past.

**12. New Technology for Document Forgery Analysis - Guido Verbeck (1 session)**

Monday, March 30; 1:00-2:30 PM

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This class will review of issues pertaining to fraudulent documents and forensic examination with current instrumentation and methods. It will also include an introduction to new devices developed at UNT which exact the chemistry for analysis to identify a changed document, even by the same pen.

Dr. Guido F. Verbeck, Associate Professor of Chemistry and a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry, is an expert in mass spectrometry, specifically instrument design and development. Dr. Verbeck received his PhD as a Proctor & Gamble fellow in chemistry at Texas A&M University. Among this design portfolio, Dr. Verbeck has developed a miniature ion trap mass spectrometer at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, 3 preparative mass spectrometers for combing new materials and catalysts, and a number of novel analytical applications for characterizing oils, gunshot residue, and illicit drugs.

**13. Religion and Politics in the Bible - David Shields (2 sessions)**

Tuesday, February 17 & Thursday, February 19; 1:00-2:30 PM

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Tensions between religious and political structures and leaders are not new. This course will explore such dynamics in both the Old and New Testaments, identifying some of the basic forces at work in these tensions and drawing some learnings and implications for our contemporary situation using some modern Biblical scholarship to help us understand them.

David S. Shields is a retired Presbyterian Minister. He began his career as a pastor in Skiatook, OK and Oklahoma City, OK. He then served in staff positions in New Jersey, New York City, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota. Following retirement he served as an Interim Pastor in St. Paul, MN. Since moving to Argyle, he has taught classes in Science and Theology and the Reformation at his home church, Trinity Presbyterian, and a course on Religion in the Public Square for the Emeritus College and First United Methodist Church.

**14. Survivor: No More Fear - Candy Wade (1 session)**

Tuesday, February 17; 2:45-4:15 PM

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If you like the TV show, you'll love this program on fall prevention. It's fun and engaging. Don't just survive... thrive.

Candy Wade is a master trainer & certified coach for "A Matter of Balance" fall prevention program. She is a retired teacher and owner of Home Helpers. She holds a Masters in education.

**15. Treasures from the UNT Music Library - Mark McKnight (1 session)**

Wednesday, February 18; 1:00-2:30 PM

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Dr. McKnight and his colleagues will give an overview of the various types of special materials available in the UNT Music Library, from vintage sheet music, sound recordings, artifacts related to our various collections, including Leon Breeden, Willis Conover, Maynard Ferguson, among others.

Dr. Mark McKnight is head of the UNT Music Library and Adjunct Instructor in the UNT College of Music; Ph.D., Musicology, Louisiana State University; M.S. in Library and Information Science, University of Illinois.

**16. Islam in America - Spencer Keralis (3 sessions)**

Thursday, February 19 and Tuesday, March 3; 2:45-4:15 PM and Tuesday, March 24; 1:00-2:30 PM

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This course examines the role Islam has played in American culture from the colonial period, through the nineteenth century, and into the present. Perspectives are derived from historical research, primary source documents, and personal memoirs. Participants will have the opportunity to learn the historical contexts of Islam in America through short lectures, and to engage in lively discussion of the selected texts, to develop a more thorough understanding of how Islam has always been present in American society.

Spencer Keralis is a literary historian whose work explores antebellum American literature and material culture; and the implications of social media, digital curation, and data management for the future of the humanities. He is currently Research Associate Professor with the UNT Libraries.

**17. CyberThreats and CyberSecurity 2014.5 - Branon Dunn (1 session)**

Wednesday, March 11; 10:00-11:30 AM

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CyberThreats and CyberSecurity will overview computer and Internet security threats from a global, community, and personal level. This class is a repeat of the fall class. Most of the material is the same, but some updates will be offered based on any new information since fall. The class will offer insight into this complex and rapidly changing subject by briefly discussing key historical security events, reviewing current hacking by state agencies worldwide, by patriotic hacking groups, and by criminals looking for financial gain. The class will also look at what individuals can do to help protect their critical information. Current trends that will shape security concerns in the near future will be discussed. Although not specifically a "how to" class, general best practices for personal cybersecurity will be reviewed.

Branon Dunn is a retired Semiconductor engineer with 35 years of design and computer aids experience. He holds recent computer certifications in Microsoft Enterprise and Desktop Administration, Cisco Network Administration, and Comptia Security and Network administration. He received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Texas A&M University, masters level courses in Computer Science from University of Texas at Arlington, and an MBA from University of Dallas.

**18. How Does the Economy Work, Anyway? - David Higgins (1 session)**

Tuesday, March 31; 1:00-2:30 PM

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The factors that affect the level of macroeconomic activity are investigated. A simple model is built using graphs and charts that explain the mechanisms through which fiscal and monetary actions are supposed to exert influence on employment, interest rates, inflation, and gross domestic product. The goals and difficulties of particular policy actions are examined, and competing views about the government's role in "managing" the economy are discussed. Data is provided that shows the impact of the 2007-2008 real estate "bust" on macroeconomic variables. Subsequent movement toward recovery in the values of these variables is charted. The extraordinary increase in national debt is charted and the possible longer-term implications of the debt are addressed. The class is not mathematical and no prior knowledge of economics is necessary.

David P. Higgins earned his doctorate in financial management and investments from the University of Texas at Austin. He taught at Arizona State University, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Dallas. His specialty areas are the keys to financial performance, the creation and maintenance of business value, treasury management, business economics, and investments. David is the author of *Essentials of Treasury Management*, 2nd Ed., a desk reference for treasurers and the body of knowledge tested on the Certified Treasury Professional credentialing examination. He and his wife Peggy are retired and reside in Denton.

**19. The Hospice Option: Making Informed End-of-Life Decisions - Kirsten Kaae (1 session)**

Tuesday, March 24; 10:00-11:30 AM

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Hospice is a well known, but often misunderstood option for people nearing the end of life. This lecture will present a brief history of the modern day hospice, detailed information about the scope and limitations of services provided, and address common misconceptions of what hospice truly is.

Kirsten Kaae is a Registered Nurse and Licensed Professional Counselor with more than 20 years experience in end-of-life care and grief support. She is currently providing in-home consultations, education, and therapy, publishing monthly articles, and present workshops on a variety of topics related to aging.

**20. Richard III: A Study in Shakespearean Character - Jacqueline Vanhoutte (1 session)**

Wednesday, March 25; 10:00-11:30 AM

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The hunch-backed king Richard III is among Shakespeare's most popular creations with audiences and with actors alike. In this class we will look closely at the ways in which Shakespeare introduces his "elvis-mark'd, abortive, rooting hog" in order to gain a better understanding of the playwright's strategies for characterization. Students should read the first two scenes of the play prior to attending class.

Dr. Jacqueline Vanhoutte is an Associate Professor of English specializing in Renaissance literature at UNT. She was the recipient of the J.H. Shelton Excellence in Teaching Award (2014), the English GSEA "professor of the year" for 2013, the English department's 2011 Preston Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching, and the 2003-2004 Pursuit of Excellence in Teaching Award, awarded by UNT's University Forum on Teaching and Learning Assessment. Her first book, *Strange Communion: Motherland and Masculinity in Tudor Plays, Pamphlets, and Politics*, appeared with the University of Delaware Press. Her second book, *A Companion to Chaucer and his Contemporaries*, written in collaboration with Laurel Amtower, was published by Broadview. Vanhoutte is currently at work on another book, about Shakespeare and Elizabeth I, entitled *Age in Love*.

**21. Creationism – The Arguments for and Against a Literal Reading of Genesis - Greg Hawk (2 sessions)**

Thursday, March 26; 10:00-11:30 AM, 1:00-2:30 PM

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In the educational culture wars, Texans are constantly confronted by opposing views on what should and shouldn't be presented as scientific truths to our students. These lectures will lay out the strongest arguments for a literal reading of Genesis and discuss why most scientists disagree with their reasoning.

Greg Hawk is a frequent Emeritus College presenter of lectures on the intersection of science and religion. His lifelong interests have included the origin and evolution of ideas due to the discovery of new knowledge. He holds a BA in psychology from Moorhead State College and a BS in chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin. He is currently the Director of Environmental Services of Scientific Consulting Laboratories in Farmers Branch, Texas.

**22. Criminal Minds: The Story Behind the Story - Don Jacobs (1 session)**

Thursday, April 9; 2:45-4:15 PM

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Criminal Minds and the Psychopath is based upon criminal minds from neuroscience, particularly neuropsychology. It will combine elements from six senior level courses that Professor Jacobs currently teaches at Tarleton State University.

Professor Don Jacobs has written over 30 textbooks and two national publications: *Analyzing Criminal Minds* (2011) and *Sexual Forensics* (2014) both with Prager (ABC-CLIO). Jacobs and his colleagues created forensic science and forensic psychology at Weatherford College in 2004 and it is still successful.

**23. The Brain: Part II - David Plaut (1 session)**

Monday, March 2; 10:00-11:30 AM

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This is a continuation of last semesters class, which covered depression, Alzheimer's Disease and memory. Part II will discuss vision, emotions (from the brain's point of view) and sleep (Why? What are dreams?).

David has a background in liberal arts (major in literature) and biochemistry (clinical). He has taught several courses for this program. In his spare time he tutors math and science and makes audio recordings for the sight impaired. He also writes two blogs a month in addition to articles and book reviews for various journals.

**24. Music of Mexico: Mariachi Tradition II - Jose Torres-Ramos (1 session)**

Monday, March 2; 1:00-2:30 PM

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Mariachi is a folk music tradition that began as a rural folk style transforming to a global icon for Mexican national and cultural identity. This course will trace the development of mariachi from its rural origins through its modern development within the medium of radio, television, and film. Topics include, cultural identity formation, nationalism, transnational migration and mariachi's positioning within US public school music programs. Included will be a live performance demonstration. This course will expound on ideas presented in the Fall 2014 semester.

José R. Torres-Ramos is a PhD student in Music Education and Ethnomusicology. His research focuses on cultural diversity, culturally responsive teaching, and vernacular music styles. He is the 2014 Perry R. Bass Fellowship in Music Education award recipient.

**25. Orchestral Incidental Music at the Movies – How 19th Century Orchestral Style was Alive & Well in Movies of the 20th Century - Max Morley (2 sessions)**

Tuesday, March 3 & 10; 10:00-11:30 AM

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This class will show how 19th century classical orchestral style was alive & well in movies of the 20th century. Dr. Morley will give a lecture and audio visual presentation of orchestral incidental music in the movies from 1927 to the present. It will feature brief discussions of 30 composers and 90 orchestral excerpts from 72 films. Expect to hear high quality orchestral music that sounds familiar, but the title may



elude you. See if you can name the movie's title by viewing screen-shots and movie stars while identifying the music. Movie-buffs may expect to do well.

Dr. Max Morley retired from the School of Music at Stephen F. Austin State University in 2009. He held three positions at SFA: 20 years as trumpet specialist; 15 years in Arts Programming and Development; and five years teaching music history and literature. He holds the degrees, BM, MM, and DMA from the University of North Texas.

**26. Anxiety and Depression: Don't Let Them Steal Your Joy - Kirsten Kaae (1 session)**

Tuesday, March 10; 2:45-4:15 PM

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Anxiety and depression are two serious barriers to quality of life in the later years. This informative presentation will provide an overview of anxiety and depressive symptoms, discuss contributing factors and provide specific guidelines and suggestions to help prevent or minimize their effect on your life.

Kirsten Kaae is a Registered Nurse and Licensed Professional Counselor with more than 20 years experience in end-of-life care and grief support. She is currently providing in-home consultations, education, and therapy, publishing monthly articles, and present workshops on a variety of topics related to aging.

**27. The Ins and Outs for Hydraulic Fracking - Fred Busche (1 session)**

Wednesday, March 4; 10:00-11:30 AM

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Hydraulic fracking for oil and gas has been very controversial. Some say it must be done at all costs to make the US self-sufficient with respect to energy and transportation. Others say that it should be avoided at all costs. This presentation will take a look at the technology, the risks and benefits of the process, the legality associated with local banning of the process and the assessment of the process as a potential source of pollution of fresh water aquifers in the basins that it has been used in to date. The data so far gathered and studies completed by the EPA will be the basis for info presented.

Dr. Fred Busche has a PhD in geochemistry from the University of New Mexico that concentrated upon the study of meteorites, lunar samples, and the potential presence of life on celestial bodies other than our own. His work history includes work supported by a grant from NASA, exploration geologist with Shell and Westinghouse, research manager for the US Environmental Protection Agency, and 10 years with IBM concentrated on the use of discovery-based mathematical algorithms to understand why people do what they do. He is currently the CEO of WinTechGeo, a small business that concentrates on consulting associated with microbiological enhanced oil recovery.

**28. Sensible Guide to Working Out; Exercise, Equipment Usage, Hands on Training! - Jean Ann Seward (2 sessions)**

Wednesday, March 4 & 25; 1:00-2:30 PM

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This class will include an assessment, development of an individual workout plan and a hands-on training session. Students will receive instruction on workout guidelines, how to monitor progress and equipment safety.

Jean Seward is a Physical Therapist specializing in fitness and preventative care. She has been in practice in the Denton area for the past 30 years, owner and operator of a fitness facility for 11 years.

**29. An Evening with the Presidents - Tom Tweeddale (2 sessions)**

Thursday, March 5; 10:00-11:30 AM, 1:00-2:30 PM

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This class will cover American history for the trivia buff based on the succession of the presidency.

Tom Tweeddale is a former dance instructor and private pilot ground school instructor with UNT. He was a pilot for 36 years. He presented American and Texas history lectures to college, library and retirement center audiences.

**30. Japanese Words and Phrases in World Languages - Yayoi Takeuchi (1 session)**

Thursday, March 5; 2:45-4:15 PM

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This class will explore the unique identity of Japanese words used and adopted in the languages in the world. To name a few from old and new times: samurai, geisha, sushi, karaoke, and pokemon... these words reflect time and history. We will seek how Japanese culture is viewed through them and find what they can offer in the future. As a part of hands-on element of the class, students will learn basic Japanese characters in brush and ink, including ones expressing symbolic meanings.

Yayoi Takeuchi is originally from Japan. She has been developing interests in the cross point of fine art and language. As a part of her teaching at UNT, she has lead UNT students to Japan the past six years for intermediate Japanese and experiential learning program. Her discipline in fine art and language are synthesized in the program through travelling. She is intrigued to see how American youths are immersed in Japanese culture through study abroad discoveries and she is amused by the English influenced words in Japan.

**31. Presidential Libraries!**

Friday, March 6; 10:00-11:00 AM or 2:00-3:00 PM

George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

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Director of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, Alan C. Lowe, will discuss how presidential libraries began and how they are operated and managed today. While he will discuss all presidential libraries, he will focus primarily on the George W. Bush Presidential Library. Entrance to museum is not included in the class but tickets can be purchased on site. Transportation to the library will be on your own.

Alan C. Lowe obtained his B.A. and M.A. in history at the University of Kentucky. In 1989, Lowe joined the staff of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California as an archivist. In 1992, he moved to the Office of Presidential Libraries at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., where he helped to oversee the Presidential libraries located throughout the nation. During part of that time, he served as interim Director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library in Hyde Park, New York. From 2003 to 2009, Lowe served as the founding Executive Director of the Howard Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy at the University of Tennessee. In April 2009, Lowe began serving as Director of the George W. Bush Presidential Library.

### **32. Seeking Justice at Nuremberg - Graham Cox (1 session)**

Monday, March 9; 10:00-11:30 AM

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This class will examine the battle among the Allies over the creation of a legal protocol to prosecute Nazi officials following the close of World War II, paying particular attention to the struggle between the U.S. State Department and the unheralded Herbert C. Pell, President Roosevelt's appointee as American representative on the United Nations War Crimes Commission. Pell sought justice for the Holocaust, fighting to extend the little understood legal category of "crimes against humanity" to include atrocities based upon racial, religious and political persecution committed by a nation against anyone at any location, including its own citizens. Pell challenged the long-held view that any nation could treat its own nationals as it wished without fear of intervention from the international community. American policymakers held otherwise and, for a time, it appeared that no one would be prosecuted for the Holocaust. In the end, policymakers fashioned a legal protocol that linked "crimes against humanity" with "aggressive war" and "conspiracy" to protect American sovereignty against accusations about its own unequal social order (Jim Crow segregation) and simultaneously proclaimed – hypocritically – the United States as the moral leader of the postwar new world order.

Graham Cox is a lecturer in the History Department at the University of North Texas. His research focuses on the intersection of law, war, and society in the modern world. He is the author of "Herbert C. Pell, U.S. Representative on the United Nations War Crimes Commission," in *Diplomats at War: The American Experience* and co-author of a two-volume U.S. History textbook, *Liberty and Power in America*. Most recently, he has written an article in a special edition on the United Nations War Crimes Commission in the *Criminal Law Forum*. He has participated in national and international conferences on war crimes and crimes against humanity. He is currently completing a manuscript on the development of international law covering crimes against humanity, tentatively titled, *Under Some Circumstances: Seeking Justice at Nuremberg and the Dilemma of American Racial Segregation*. He has previously taught at the University of Houston and the University of Texas-Pan American.

### **33. Cherokee Nation History and Cultural Preservation - Roy Hamilton (1 session)**

Monday, March 9; 1:00-2:30 PM

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This class will provide a descriptive interpretation of the Great Cherokee Nation spanning from pre-European contact to the present day. It is currently the largest tribal nation within the U.S. today. Topics included within the lecture are spirituality/religion, lifeways, community, linguistic background, migration and forced removal, citizenship, identity, and more.

Roy Hamilton was awarded a fellowship to the University of Oklahoma after high school graduation. After two years, he returned to his childhood home in Stilwell, OK, and attended Northeastern State University. He joined an oil marketing firm and wrote articles for area newspapers and national magazines. He retired in 1999, worked as a full time volunteer for the Cherokee National Historical Society (Cherokee Heritage Center), in Park Hill, OK. He returned to work for the Cherokee nation, and has been a part of their team for 15 years. He was awarded the Governor of Oklahoma Community Service Award in 2009. He served as Cherokee Heritage Center interim executive director and president of the governing body. He founded

the Cherokee Arts & Humanities council in 2006 and served as president and executive director for 6 years.

**34. How Not to Outlive your Money in Today's Economy** - *Kyle Deatherage* (1 session)

Tuesday, March 10; 1:00-2:30 PM

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With interest rates near zero and the economy stuck in neutral, many folks are left wondering if their money will last as long as they will. In this lecture, some learn what risks you might not have realized you face and some strategies to try to conquer them. We will have time to answer your questions and concerns.

Kyle Deatherage is an independent financial planner with NFP Advisor Services and President of Deatherage Financial Consulting. He has held the Certified Financial Planner designation since 1997 and is the former director of the financial planning certificate program at UNT/PDI.

**35. A Folktale Window on Japanese Traditional Culture** - *Fran Stallings* (1 session)

Thursday, March 12; 10:00-11:30 AM

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Once, in a certain place, there lived an old man and an old woman. The adventures of Ojisan and Obaasan reveal much about Japanese country life in the old days, and reflect values that still echo in high tech Tokyo. Come hear an assortment of stories that are fun and enlightening for all ages. Take some home to your grandkids! Fran Stallings will have her latest book for sale after the class.

Fran Stallings is a professional storyteller. Since 1995 she has worked with Hiroko Fujita, a traditional folk teller based in Kashiwa, Japan. She has edited/adapted two books of her stories with two more due to be published in spring 2015. Their work together has won awards.

**36. Why do Wars Occur and What Can Be Done to Stop Them?** - *James Meernik* (1 session)

Thursday, March 12; 1:00-2:30 PM

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The class will explain what reasons make wars more likely and what things can be done to reduce the occurrence of war. It will highlight what we know from work done at the Castleberry Peace Institutes that James Meernick directs.

James Meernik has been publishing on international relations for over twenty years and has books and over 60 articles that he has authored or co-authored. He is also the director of the Castleberry Peace Institute at UNT.

**37. Change Your Body, Change Your Mind** - *Lin Weinberg and Nancy Little* (2 sessions)

Thursday, March 12 and 26; 2:45-4:15 PM

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Does what we think habitually impact our health and quality of life? If so, how? And does research show that changing our thoughts and our feelings can significantly impact our wellness, prosperity, and relationships? If so, how can we systematically begin to choose more life-enhancing thoughts and

feelings? In this class, we will look at what research is showing us about the mind-body connection. We will also look at strategies for taking control of our thinking.

Lin Weinberg has Master's degrees in Communication and English Literature / Rhetoric. She is a licensed spiritual educator through the Unity Worldwide Movement for Positive Living. Nancy Little has her doctorate in Counseling. During her career at UNT, Nancy taught masters level counseling classes, directed an academic support program, and offered workshops for employees. Like Lin, Nancy is a licensed spiritual educator through the offices of Unity.

**38. Covering the Assassination of JFK - Keith Shelton (1 session)**

Monday, March 23; 10:00-11:30 AM

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This will be a thorough report on Keith Shelton's coverage of the assassination of President Kennedy as a political writer for the *Dallas Times Herald* in 1967.

Keith Shelton worked on newspapers for 23 years. He worked for the *Dallas Times Herald* at the time of the Kennedy Assassination. He still contributes to the *Denton Record Chronicle* with his writing talents. He taught Journalism at UNT for 23 years.

**39. European Democracies under Stress - Milan Reban (2 sessions)**

Monday, March 23 and April 6; 1:00-2:30 PM

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Powerful forces are buffeting even the most established democracies. Unfavorable demographics and related immigration challenges, the ongoing economic crisis and the splits within the European Union, the growth of undemocratic forces and parties and domestically-rooted terrorism, are but some of the challenges for democracies in 2015. These are manifested in the United Kingdom, France, Norway and elsewhere, and in the troubling developments in Hungary and other fragile new democracies of East-Central Europe. This course will examine these challenges in a Europe searching through crises for the new world order.

Dr. Reban experienced first-hand some of these momentous events and later lived in a political refugee camp in Germany, ultimately immigrating to United States. He has studied various aspects of the widespread displacement of European peoples.

**40. Lawns and Landscapes - Don Smith (2 sessions)**

Wednesday, February 18; 10:00-11:30 AM and Tuesday, March 3; 1:00-2:30 PM

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What do you have to do to have a good lawn? Three things: Mow properly, water properly, fertilize properly. There's much more to it than just listing the three major management practices. What do you want in a lawn? How much do you want to spend/work on it? What are the pest problems? If you understand the botany of lawns, you can decide to live with what you can do easily or you can make it into a project for being the pride of the neighborhood. We will cover how to do several levels of complexity and lushness in your lawn. We will cover what to do in the spring, the summer, and fall. Keeping it healthy over the winter is also an important thing to know.

Dr. Don Smith was a UNT Botany professor for 44 years. He taught 17,000 students in 149 freshman botany courses. He operated a tree pruning and removal business for 35 years, was a consultant for tree problems, and was a consultant for the evaluation of trees. He invented a treatment for low growth trees, especially post oak that go into decline when encroached.

**41. Benefit of Clergy in Colonial Virginia and Massachusetts - Peter Johnstone (1 session)**

Tuesday, March 24; 3:00-4:00 PM

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This will be a one hour reading of Peter Johnstone's new book, *Benefit of Clergy in Colonial Virginia and Massachusetts*. This book explores the development of the clergy plea and its journey from London to colonial Virginia and Massachusetts. In Virginia the uptake of 'clergy' was immediate and of practical use to a colony founded on the basis of entrepreneurship and business. In Massachusetts it was absorbed into the fabric of the legal system for very different reasons than Virginia and was utilized with much disdain until forced upon the colonials towards the end of the seventeenth century only to rise up again, ironically as a defense for English soldiers during the Boston Massacre trial.

Dr. Peter Johnstone has a Master's Degree in International Criminal Law, Master of Philosophy in History, and Ph.D. in Comparative Law. He is a member of the Inns of Court of England. He has written several books (four of which are currently used in UNT classes). Dr. Johnstone also has experienced teaching in England, France, Lithuania, Holland and the US. Currently, he is working on his second Ph.D. in Medieval Ecclesiastical Privilege at the Institute of History, University of Leiden, Holland. Dr. Johnstone is Professor of Criminal Justice at UNT and Scholar-in-Residence at the Caruth Police Institute, Dallas.

**42. Landscaping to Attract Birds to Your Backyard - Cecil Carter (1 session)**

Monday, March 30; 10:00-11:30 AM

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This class explores the climate conditions in Denton County and native plants that attract birds. It will demonstrate the four elements all birds need to be attracted. It will also cover trees, shrubs, vines, flowering plants and how native plants conserve resources and prevent mono-cultures.

Cecil has been a consultant, engaged in a variety of capacities by non-profit clients for the past 15 years. He works in South Central Oklahoma and across the nation for a firm in Chicago. Prior to that, he worked for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce [ODOC]. He is also a grant writer and has won over \$10 million in grants for various non-profit organizations over the past 13 years. For over 30 years, he also served on the adjunct faculty of several colleges, including: Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City University and Southeastern University in Washington, D.C. He primarily taught economics and other business related subjects. He attended three colleges (Southern Methodist University, the University of Houston and the University of Oklahoma). He is a Certified Community Developer and is certified as an Economic Development Finance Professional. His avocation is Native Plants. He has served as President of his local chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas and also as a Vice President of the State Board. He has delivered numerous workshops on landscaping and other native plant related topics.

**43. The Fracking Controversy in Denton and Beyond - Adam Briggie (1 session)**

Tuesday, March 31; 10:00-11:30 AM

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This lecture will survey the history of unconventional gas drilling in the U.S., highlighting the important role played by the north Texas region in the development of hydraulic fracturing or fracking. Dr. Briggie will then tell his own story of how he came to lead a citizens' initiative to ban hydraulic fracturing in the city limits of Denton. Along the way, he will highlight the key ethical, legal, political, environmental, economic, and public health questions at stake. Thirty minutes will be reserved at the end for discussion. There are a diversity of legitimate perspectives on this issue, and Dr. Briggie welcomes all to express their views in a civil and open-minded conversation.

Dr. Adam Briggie is an Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion Studies at UNT. He has a PhD in Environmental Studies and his teaching and research focus on the ethical and political dimensions of science and technology. Prof. Briggie chaired the Denton Drilling Awareness Group and he helped to lead the Frack Free Denton campaign to ban hydraulic fracturing in the city limits.

**44. A) Two Plays by Sarah Ruhl - Alex Pettit and Paul Meltzer (Volunteer Workshopping – 2 sessions)**

Volunteer Workshops: Wednesday, April 1, 10:00-11:30 AM and Wednesday, April 8, 1:00-2:30 PM

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Developing a workshop performance of a scene is one way to learn even more deeply about the plays. Students who would like to participate in a scene from a Ruhl play to be shared with the full class must register for the two 90-minute sessions with Paul Meltzer, on Wednesday, April 1 and 8. In the first session we'll assign parts, do table reads, develop a point of view on the basic dynamics of the scenes, and work out blocking. In the second, session participants will come in with lines memorized so we can explore playing different objectives, actions, and subtext while really communicating with each other. Participants **MUST** have read the full plays prior to coming to the first session. The workshop requires of minimum of 2 females, 1 male and has a maximum of 4 males, 6 females.

Alex Pettit, Professor of English and University Distinguished Teaching Professor, joined UNT's faculty in 1991. Originally a scholar of 18th-century British literature, he now devotes himself to the study and teaching of modern drama. Paul Meltzer is a film and TV actor trained at HB Studio in New York. He currently appears in programs for Travel Channel and Investigation Discovery and in national commercials.

**44. B) Two Plays by Sarah Ruhl - Alex Pettit and Paul Meltzer (Lecture and member performance – 2 sessions)**

Class: Monday, April 13 & 20; 12:30-2:30 PM

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Relaxed discussions of two plays by Pulitzer finalist Sarah Ruhl (b. 1974), a playwright known for innovative theatrical experimentation in support of great emotional sensitivity and openness. Alex Pettit will lead the discussions, stepping aside for 15 minutes or so to accommodate performances of scenes directed by actor Paul Meltzer. Students interested in trying their hand at performance (no experience necessary; not required; lots of fun) will need to attend Paul's acting workshops. The plays under consideration will be *The Melancholy Play* and *The Clean House*, which students are asked to read before the first and second

classes, respectively. Both plays are available in *The Clean House and Other Plays*, published by Theatre Communications Group (2006).

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**45. Just Passing Through: Spring Avian Migration in North Texas - Scott Kiester (1 session)**

Wednesday, April 1; 1:00-2:30 PM

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This lecture will include a short discussion of migration in general: why, when and to or from where birds migrate; the biological mechanisms and environmental cues birds use to migrate; the atmosphere and how weather affects migration; and differing migration strategies. Then, there will be a discussion of identification, habitats and lifestyles of several of the bird species that are either leaving North Texas after overwintering here or migrate through the area on the way to breeding and summer territories farther north. There will also be a short discussion on binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides and bird identification software.

A “birding lifer,” Scott Kiester has been an avid birder since childhood. He is a geologist, retired from the energy industry, and has been a Texas Master Naturalist for 11 years. He is finally nearing completion of a second MS degree in environmental science.

**46. Texas History - Tom Tweeddale (1 session)**

Thursday, April 2; 10:00-11:30 AM

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This class will cover Texas history from 1820 to the reconstruction period after the Civil War.

Tom Tweeddale is a former dance instructor and private pilot ground school instructor with UNT. He was a pilot for 36 years. He presented American and Texas history lectures to college, library and retirement center audiences.

**47. Navigating the Healthcare and Benefits Maze: A Legal Perspective - Richard Barron (3 sessions)**

Thursday, April 2, 23 and 30; 1:00-2:30 PM

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This class is designed to educate adults and/or families on some of the common legal mistakes, myths and concerns related to aging. Information covered includes: wills, powers of attorney (financial and medical), advance healthcare directives, trusts, legal asset protection, government benefits (Veteran’s Benefits and Medicaid) and probate issues. In general, this class gives an overview on how to navigate the healthcare and benefits maze of aging.

**Day One** – “Legal Documents, Probate, Traps for the Unwary” and introduction of the Doe Family

**Day Two** – “The Doe Family Estate & Disability Plan” and “RIP John Doe, Jane is Now Single!” What steps should she take?



**Day Three** – “You Do Not Have to go Broke Paying for Long Term Care!” Veterans Benefits, Medicaid, Private Pay, Long Term Care Insurance and the Alternatives + Health Care Alternatives or “You Don’t Know, What You Don’t Know!”

Richard M. Barron, JD has been a member of the State Bar of Texas since 1981 and is an Accredited Attorney with the Department of Veterans Affairs. He is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. His law firm was established in 1991 and serves the North Central Texas area. He received his BBA from SMU and Law Degree from Texas Tech. Richard is a Veteran of the Vietnam War serving as a Cobra Helicopter Aircraft Commander, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Air Medal for Valor, 28 Air Medals for over 725 Combat Missions flown, Purple Heart, and the Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry.

**48. Personal Cyber Security - Branon Dunn (1 session)**

Thursday, April 2; 2:45-4:15 PM

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We have all become more aware of how our personal and financial information is increasingly under CyberThreat. This class will discuss techniques for improving personal CyberSecurity for PC's, networks, and smartphones. Leading security tools and setting will be highlighted, as well as setup options which can be used to enhance security.

Branon Dunn is a retired Semiconductor engineer with 35 years of design and computer aids experience. He holds recent computer certifications in Microsoft Enterprise and Desktop Administration, Cisco Network Administration, and Comptia Security and Network administration. He received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Texas A&M University, masters level courses in Computer Science from University of Texas at Arlington, and an MBA from University of Dallas.

**49. Journal of Research and Travels in the Georgian Caucasus 1993-2014 - Reid Ferring (3 sessions)**

April 6, 8, and 13; 10:00-11:30 AM

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This class is the second edition of the third lecture in Dr. Ferring’s “Archaeologist’s Journal 1993-2012” class, that was a personal account of his now 22 years of fieldwork in the Republic of Georgia. His research there is part of a larger program investigating the archaeological site named Dmanisi. This is the oldest site outside of Africa, created by early Homo erectus, about 1.8 million years ago. Our spectacular human fossils are unique in the entire paleontological record, and in the class, Dr. Ferring will explain why they are so important to the study of the earliest stages of human culture. Dr. Ferring will also share stories about his explorations as a traveller in Georgian Caucasus, “Land of the Golden Fleece.” This region is home to endemic traditions in music, art, literature and abounding hospitality. His travels there, and especially the friendships he’s been fortunate to have made, have enriched his life, and in this class, Ferring will explain why, as he gives you a time and space tour of Georgia.

Dr. Reid Ferring is a professor in the Geography Department and a member of the UNT team for 37 years. He has degrees in both archaeology and geology, and incorporates both in his research. He has done fieldwork in Texas, Oklahoma, Israel, Portugal, Crimea, and for the last 22 years in the Republic of Georgia, excavating at Dmanisi, a 1.8 million year old archaeological site.

**50. A Short History of the Universe and Evolution - David Plaut (2 sessions)**

Tuesday, April 7, 14; 10:00-11:30 AM

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Current thinking puts the Big Bang at about 9 billion years ago. The Earth was formed about 4.5 billion years ago. The first living things appeared about 3.5 billion years ago. Slowly, these living things changed until the early 'man' appeared and has continued to change over the past 2.5 - 7 million years.

David has a background in liberal arts (major in literature) and biochemistry (clinical). He has taught several courses for this program. In his spare time he tutors math and science and makes audio recordings for the sight impaired. He also writes two blogs a month in addition to articles and book reviews for various journals.

**51. Improving Plants for Fuel and Feed - Richard Dixon (1 session)**

Tuesday, April 7; 2:45-4:15 PM

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In this class, Dr. Dixon will discuss the necessity of improving the performance of plants if we are to feed and provide fuel for the 9 billion people predicted to be on the planet by 2050. The current policy of using corn as feedstock for production of ethanol is probably not sustainable, and alternative feedstocks are necessary. The class will evaluate the potentials of modern plant breeding technologies, including genetic engineering, for developing dedicated crops for the biorefinery, as well as more nutritious and sustainable crops for food and animal feed. These developments will be placed in the context of pressures from urbanization, climate change, and opposition to biotechnology.

Dr. Richard A. Dixon is Distinguished Research Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of North Texas. He received his Bachelor's and Doctoral degrees in Biochemistry and Botany from Oxford University (UK), and postdoctoral training in Plant Biochemistry at Cambridge University (UK). His research interests center on molecular biology and metabolic engineering of plant natural product pathways and cell walls in legumes and bioenergy crops. He has published over 440 papers on these and related topics in international journals, and has been named by the Institute for Scientific Information as one of the 10 most cited authors in the world in the plant and animal sciences. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and was elected to membership of the US National Academy of Sciences in 2007, in which capacity he serves on the National Research Council Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**52. From Idea to Reality: Choreographers at Work - Janice LaPointe-Crump (1 session)**

Thursday, April 9; 10:00-11:30 AM

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How does a dance maker find ideas, create new movement and choreography? How is dance constructed to intrigue, amuse or inspire our emotions and our thoughts? Unlike composing music or writing a book, dance is a communal art form. The choreographer relies on the dancers as unique instruments to realize her or his ideas. Coming together in the studio, the dancers play a big part in what is created even though they are directed by the choreographer. Together they create a moving and physical work of art – music made visual or a poem in motion. We can think of a dance as a sequence of images that create a certain flow of sensual ideas and emotions.

In this class, we will explore how recognized choreographers begin with inspired and imagined feelings or ideas; conduct personal research; develop movement motifs and images; dream, improvise and play, then dream and improvise some more. The whole process, collaborating with the dancers, musicians and designers is often a rocky, messy creative process. But gradually the dance takes shape. The images the dancer creates, writes Eric Franklin, speak to us about “transformation, both technical and artistic.” The dancer becomes the embodiment of the choreographer’s ideas and we are transformed when we travel with them into the new reality of their imagined story or world.

Excerpts of key 20th century works will reveal the creative challenges of seminal choreographers when they took on challenges caused by cultural and artistic shifts in our fast changing world.

Dr. Janice LaPoint-Crump is Professor Emerita, Texas Woman’s University School of the Arts – Dance. She trained in classical ballet, performing with the Allegro American Ballet and Lyric Opera Ballet in Chicago. There she performed roles in *Swan Lake*, *Giselle*, *Coppelia*, *Les Sylphides* and solo dances from *The Sleeping Beauty*. She is a cultural dance historian and has published three dance textbooks, one of which is *The Essentials of Ballet*. She is an officer of the Dance Council of North Texas and has the great pleasure of choreographing occasionally for the Denton Community Theatre and Music Theatre Denton, frequently collaborating with her set designer husband, Gail Crump. Her latest productions are *Spamalot* (2014) and *The King & I* (2103).

**53. Growing and Using Herbs in North Texas - Barbara Brown (1 session)**

Tuesday, April 14; 1:00-2:30 PM

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Herbs make wonderful landscape and garden plants. Use fresh herbs for dressings, vegetables, meats and fish to add color and flavor to your foods. Many herbs can be grown in landscapes, gardens and containers in North Texas, if provided the right conditions and care. The class will cover general planting, growing and preserving of herbs with a detailed description and recipes for 20 favorite herbs.

Barbara is a Denton County Master Gardener. She serves on the DCMGA Board for communications and will be president of the organization in 2015. She volunteers on the speaker's bureau, help desk and as a website content author. She has published over 100 articles on gardening for print and web-based organizations.

**54. What Started in Texas Has Changed the World - Diana Mason (4 sessions)**

Tuesday, April 14 & 21, Thursday, April 16 & 23; 2:45-4:15 PM

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Calling all native Texans and those who got here as fast as you could! A notable bull rider once said, "It ain't braggin', if it's true!" This class will explore the facts, fiction and folklore of Texas as they relate to the advances in science and technology that have changed the world. The stories relayed serve to make the presentation engaging, but as a bonus you'll leave with all the bragging rights that make Texas and Texans uniquely proud. We do get to have our cake and eat it, too!

Session 1: Texas Enters the World Stage

Session 2: Pre-WW II Contributions

Session 3: Post-WW II Contributions

Session 4: Texas on the World Stage Today

This class is an expanded version of Dr. Mason's previous presentation. The pre/post WW II sessions cover the scientific discoveries that started here (this is the main expansion of the previous class). The last session is completely new and focuses on today's economic status of Texas.

Professor Emeritus Diana Mason retired from her position as Director of the Chemistry Education Program at the University of North Texas (UNT) in August 2012 after over 30 years of teaching chemistry. During her tenure at UNT, she directed to completion seven PhD students and fifteen M.S. students in chemistry education. She has authored/co-authored 17 peer referred research articles and two books. In 2005 Dr. Mason was awarded the UNT Community Service Award. She is also active in many American Chemical Society (ACS) events earning her the distinction as a member of the 2011 Class of ACS Fellows.

**55. Science, Skepticism, & Weird Behavior: How to Think about Weird Things - Bryan Lovelace (2 sessions)**

Wednesday, April 15 & 22; 10:00-11:30 AM  
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In this class, we will utilize scientific critical thinking to examine the causes of various strange phenomena, including alleged paranormal events, magic, superstition, mystery illness, bogus therapies, and pseudoscience. The main goal is to teach you how to think about weird things so your beliefs about them are more likely to be correct.

Bryan Lovelace received Bachelor's of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis from UNT in 2004 and his Masters of Science in Behavior Analysis from UNT in 2008. He is the clinical director of Texas Behavior Services LLC and a behavior analyst at the Connections Center in Rockwall, TX. He is an adjunct professor at UNT since 2008 and is a member of the Skeptic's Society.

**56. To Meat – Or Not To Meat! - Jo Ann Cassell (1 session)**

Wednesday, April 15; 1:00-2:30 PM  
UNT RTFP Theater 110

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Americans have historically been regular meat eaters. Many Americans prefer some form of meat with each meal, prepared in a wide variety of ways. Unfortunately, our knowledge of meat selection at the butcher or grocery store is often limited with the result that we pay more than necessary for a product that is less flavorful or healthy. Our cooking skills often limit our ability to obtain the most nutrients from a serving of meat or digest it properly. A large number of Americans continue to be non-meat eaters in a variety of dietary programs: vegetarian (in a number of forms), vegan, or raw. We'll look at each of these dietary choices to help us decide which plan is most healthy for us.

Dr. Cassell is a nationally known writer and speaker on the subjects of food history, food habits, and nutrition. She is recently retired from TWU. Over the years, she has been a consultant to both government, non – profit organizations, and industry. She has written three books, published scientific papers and nutrition – related articles, as well as web pages and instructional materials. She was the editor of a professional nutrition journal for six years. Dr. Cassell has been a speaker for national, state, and local groups, and a frequent guest on both local and national radio and TV.

**57. Secession in Texas, 1860-1861 - Richard McCaslin (1 session)**

Thursday, April 16; 10:00-11:30 AM

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Modern Texans speak rather freely about secession without really understanding how or why that was accomplished more than 150 years ago. This class will focus on why so many Texans supported leaving the Union just sixteen years after their state was annexed, and how this was done.

Dr. Richard McCaslin has been Chair of the Department of History at UNT since 2008, and is the author or editor of fifteen books, twelve journal articles, and a dozen book chapters. He has won eight awards for his research, and was nominated for a Pulitzer. A Fellow of the Texas State Historical Association, he currently serves on the board of that organization. Last but not least, he is an Admiral in the Texas Navy!

**58. Maintaining Our Thinking Skills as We Age - Stacy Nunnelee (1 session)**

Thursday, April 16; 1:00-2:30 PM

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Attendees will be presented with information on normal aging and the changes that occur in our language and cognition as we age. We will review and discuss how to maintain your language and cognitive skills, as well as discuss decreasing risk factors for stroke and other causes of decreased cognition as we age.

Stacy Nunnelee is a certified/licensed speech language pathologist with over 20 years of experience, specializing in adult neurological disorders.

**59. Dream Work: The Next Step - Troy Dale (2 sessions)**

Tuesday, April 21 and Thursday, April 23; 10:00-11:30 AM

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This lecture is designed to encourage people to understand the importance of the messages contained in dreams. Methods for recalling dreams and interpreting their meaning will be discussed. Persons attending are required to bring a written version of a recent dream for discussion. Attendees must be willing to discuss their dream with others in the group. Attendees will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement.

Troy Dale has a Bachelors of Music and Masters of Education from Texas Tech University. He was trained in Dream Work by Joseph Dispenza, co-founder of Life Path Retreats in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and did 3-day intensives in 2003. He has been teaching Dream Work through the Adult Education Program at Lewisville ISD ever since and has facilitated several dream groups.

**60. A Brief History of Traditional Jazz - Ron Fink (1 session)**

Tuesday, April 21; 1:00-2:30 PM

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This lecture and discussion will feature highlights of early jazz music and musicians, starting with Ragtime, and tracing the various "melting pot" elements in New Orleans in the early 1900s. The musical tour will introduce these musicians (via CD) and their important contribution to the evolution of America's birth of a unique art form. The musicians on display will include Scott Joplin, Buddy Bolden, Original Dixieland Jazz

Band, Bix Beiderbecke, New Orleans Rhythm Kings, Jelly Roll Morton, Sidney Bechet, Kid Ory, King Oliver, Louis Armstrong, W C Handy, Paul Whiteman, Duke Ellington, and others.

Dr. Ron Fink has been a drummer since he was eight years old, and was playing a full drum kit by the time he was ten. He appeared on TV and Radio in the Illinois area, and is a graduate of the University of Illinois. At the University of Northern Illinois, he earned a college teaching degree, and has been teaching at the University of North Texas for 35 years. He is a professor emeritus of percussion, and is a professional musician.

**61. New Food Labels: Major Changes are in Store!** - *Jo Ann Cassell* (1 session)

Wednesday, April 22; 1:00-2:30 PM

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If you always (or nearly) refer to the food label information, prepare for major changes in the near future. If you rarely (or never) refer to the food labels when grocery shopping, now would be a good time to begin. The Nutrition Facts Panel on processed food was mandated by the US Congress in 1990. The purpose was to help Americans improve their food choices. In the past 25 years, several helpful changes have been made in order to improve readability or provide additional information. The new label will do the same but with greater changes. Come learn more about the new labeling and how it can be more useful to each of us.

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**62. Economics: Understanding the Elements Driving our Economy** - *Cecil Carter* (1 session)

Monday, April 27; 10:00-11:30 AM

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This class will explore the complexity of the major elements affecting our national economy, such as: Interest, Inflation, the money supply and the Federal Reserve Bank, Unemployment, Taxation and Federal Spending, the concept of supply and demand and a few other minor elements. The lecture will explain the interrelatedness of these major forces. The class will be conducted in plain English removing subtle nuances that often confuse people. This class is intended to be interactive with time for questions.

Cecil has been a consultant, engaged in a variety of capacities by non-profit clients for the past 15 years. He works in South Central Oklahoma and across the nation for a firm in Chicago. Prior to that, he worked for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce [ODOC]. He is also a grant writer and has won over \$10 million in grants for various non-profit organizations over the past 13 years. For over 30 years, he also served on the adjunct faculty of several colleges, including: Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City University and Southeastern University in Washington, D.C. He primarily taught economics and other business related subjects. He attended three colleges (Southern Methodist University, the University of Houston and the University of Oklahoma). He is a Certified Community Developer and is certified as an Economic Development Finance Professional. His avocation is Native Plants. He has served

as President of his local chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas and also as a Vice President of the State Board. He has delivered numerous workshops on landscaping and other native plant related topics.

**63. Finding Your Ancestor in Naturalization Records - Susan Schwartz (1 session)**

Tuesday, April 28; 1:00-2:30 PM

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This genealogy class will cover U.S. Naturalization records: a history of the process; the information contained in various time frames; where to locate records online and off; and how they can help you in your genealogy research.

Susan Schwartz is a retired educator and avid genealogist since 1999, she has been enjoying researching numerous family lines. She has taken many genealogy courses, both in person and online, and has attended a number of local, state and national genealogy conferences. She is the founder and past president of the Robson Ranch Genealogy Club and a member of the Denton County Genealogy Society. She is the Lineage Research Chairperson and Treasurer of the Benjamin Lyon Chapter of DAR. She enjoys teaching classes and mentoring other researchers.

**64. E-Mail Technique and Etiquette - Harry Woloschin (2 sessions)**

April 28 & 30; 2:45-4:15 PM

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What is E-Mail etiquette and why is it important to us? This seminar will go over good and bad examples of e-mail etiquette including: emoticons, acronyms and abbreviations, sarcasm, spelling and grammar, and attachments. It will also go over the difference in business and personal e-mail etiquette.

Harry Woloschin spent 15 years teaching Computers and Business classes in the college environment. He has 20+ years supporting similar products at IBM. He was also an identity theft victim.

**65. Want to Find a Diamond in the Rough? - Fred Busche (1 session)**

Wednesday, April 29; 10:00-11:30 AM

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This will be a discussion of how continental positions over the last 600 million years help with the location of still undiscovered Oil, Gas, and Mineral resources. The continents have drifted apart and collided numerous times over the last 600 million years and, as a result, mineral wealth that formed on one continent could be found on another continent far removed presently by understanding the relationship of their boundaries at the time of formation of the currently mined deposit. There will also be a presentation of a picture of where the continents will be 250 million years in the future.

Dr. Fred Busche has a PhD in geochemistry from the University of New Mexico that concentrated upon the study of meteorites, lunar samples, and the potential presence of life on celestial bodies other than our own. His work history includes work supported by a grant from NASA, exploration geologist with Shell and Westinghouse, research manager for the US Environmental Protection Agency, and 10 years with IBM concentrated on the use of discovery-based mathematical algorithms to understand why people do what they do. He is currently the CEO of WinTechGeo, a small business that concentrates on consulting associated with microbiological enhanced oil recovery.



**1. The Power of Stories: Understanding Narratives - Gretchen Busl (1 session)**

Monday, April 20; 2:30-4:00 PM

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Storytelling, many argue, is a universal human instinct. This session will consider how, and why we tell stories. Discussion will focus on what makes narrative such a powerful communication tool used by public policy makers, business leaders, and educators to motivate and effect change. How different academic disciplines such as science, history, medicine, and anthropology use narrative to translate their research to the public will also be addressed. Different approaches to narratology, or the study of narratives, including cognitive methods for understanding what makes stories so effective, will be considered.

Dr. Gretchen Busl earned a Bachelor's degree magna cum laude in Romance Languages from Mount Holyoke College. She broadened her literary horizons at the University of Notre Dame, where she earned a Ph.D. in Literature with a focus on adaptation and translation in world literature, combining studies in semiotics, narratology, and language theory. She is currently an Assistant Professor at Texas Woman's University, and will teach a graduate level course in Narrative Theory in Spring 2015.

**2. Women and Writing in the Poetry of Anne Finch - Ashley Bender (1 session)**

Wednesday, April 22; 2:30-4:00 PM

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Perhaps one of the best poets of the early-eighteenth century, Anne Finch, Countess of Winchilsea, published only one collection of poems during her lifetime, often choosing instead to circulate her poems more privately among her friends. Why would a clearly talented poet who rivaled the best of her peers be so cautious when it came to sharing her poetry with a public audience? Finch's poems provide some provocative answers. They reveal an author always aware of her role as a woman practicing what was generally considered a masculine craft. This session will include discussion of Finch's representation of female authorship and her critique of the dominant view of women poets in early eighteenth-century England. Focusing especially on "The Introduction," a poem that remained unpublished during Finch's lifetime, we'll also examine how Finch uses these texts to explore and create her own poetic identity.

Dr. Ashley Bender is a Visiting Assistant Professor at Texas Woman's University. She earned her Master's and Doctoral degrees from the University of North Texas. Although she specializes in Restoration and eighteenth-century British literature, spending most of her time on drama of the period, her other scholarly interests include the eighteenth-century novel, textual studies, and, more recently, service learning in the college classroom.



**3. Michelangelo: Sculptor, Architect, Painter - John Calabrese (2 sessions)**

Thursday, April 23 and April 30; 1:00-2:30 PM

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This class is an introduction to the monumental achievements of Michelangelo in the areas of sculpture, architecture, and painting by a distinguished artist and art historian.

John Calabrese has taught the following Emeritus lectures over the years: Classic Romantic; Intro. To Film Noir.; Jackson Pollock and Abstract Expressionism; Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Gauguin; English Medieval Architecture.

**4. Brain and Mind: How our Mind Interprets Information from the Brain - June Levitt (1 session)**

Thursday, April 23; 2:45-4:00 PM

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What is the brain? What is the mind? It is easier to answer the first question than the latter. The mind interprets the external world based on sensory information from the brain. Then, the mind creates responses through the brain and parts of the body. This session will include discussion of the mystery of our mind and discovery of the fantastic interplay between the brain and mind.

Dr. Levitt earned her master's degree in Applied Cognition and Neuroscience and doctoral degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from the University of Texas at Dallas. She is a licensed speech and language pathologist (CCC-SLP).

**5. Reform Islam, Radical Islam - Mahmoud Sadri (1 session)**

Friday, April 24 and May 1; 1:00-2:30 PM

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This class will focus on Reform Islam versus Radical Islam with discussion of topics such as I.S.I.L.

Dr. Mahmoud Sadri is an Iranian-American full professor of sociology at TWU. He has extensive experience on media and academic presentations, seminars, and study trips to the Islamic world including Jordan, Egypt, and Turkey.

**6. Fitness for the "Experienced" Crowd - Tara Niemann (1 session)**

Tuesday, April 28; 4:30-5:50 PM

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While your health can be affected by the environment in which you live, hereditary factors, and your access to quality health care, much of your health status also involves lifestyle choices. To reach and maintain an optimal level of health, it is important for you to make appropriate decisions related to your lifestyle behavior, and to establish personal wellness plans to guide you toward your health and fitness goals. In this class, we will explore concepts and approaches to managing your personal health and wellness. Brief overviews of in-home exercises and simple lifestyle changes that can make a difference will be included!

Tara Niemann has been teaching Health and Wellness for 2 years and teaching physical activity/personal training for 5 years. She is a certified Personal Trainer and Collegiate Instructor.

7. **Who Were the WASP: The Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II** - *Kimberly L. Johnson* (1 session)

Wednesday, April 29; 2:30-4:00 PM

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Between 1942 and 1944, at the height of World War II, more than 1,000 women left their homes and their jobs for the opportunity of a lifetime -- to become the first in history to fly for the U.S. military. They volunteered as civilian pilots in an experimental Army Air Corp program to see if women could serve as pilots and relieve men for overseas duty. These women became the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II, better known as the WASP. Under the determined leadership of Jackie Cochran, Nancy Harkness Love, and General Henry "Hap" Arnold, the WASP exceeded beyond all expectations.

Dr. Kimberly L. Johnson is the Coordinator of the Woman's Collection and the WASP Archive at TWU Libraries. The Woman's Collection is premiere research destination for scholars, authors, historians, documentarians, and filmmakers specializing in women's history. They are the largest repository of materials about the WASP in the country. Researchers from around the world visit them to advance their projects. She holds a master's in Women's Studies and certificates in Biblical exegesis. Her areas of research include female suicide bombers, Sor Maria de Agreda, a seventeenth century Spanish mystic, the history of food, women in Texas history, and the militarization of women during the 20th century. Her job requires her to travel throughout the state educating and advocating for the preservation and documentation of women's history. The WASP story illustrates this importance since it was unknown to the public for decades.

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