



*Society for
Lifelong Learning*

SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Society for Lifelong Learning at WKU (SLL)

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Spring Term Dates: March 13 – May 5

REGISTRATION FOR FALL TERM BEGINS

FEBRUARY 27TH

(ONLINE, BY PHONE & IN PERSON)

MISSION STATEMENT

The Society for Lifelong Learning at WKU (SLL) is a university-supported membership organization whose mission is to provide opportunities for adults 50 and better to further their knowledge in both academic and recreational pursuits and to share their experiences and interests with other members.

FEES

Annual Membership **\$200 (Spring 2023 & Fall 2023 Terms)**

Single Term membership **\$125 (Spring 2023 Term)**

Annual and Single Term members may attend unlimited SLL classes, activities, and events. Additional fees may apply for travel programs and some course materials.

Flex Membership **\$25 (Spring 2023 Term, plus a per-class charge)**

Flex members pay a per-class fee (varies by course). Flex members may also attend SLL activities and events. Additional fees may apply for travel programs and some course materials.

WKU Safety Guidelines

Masks are optional on WKU's campus. Members of the WKU Community are encouraged to continue to engage in safety measures they feel best protect themselves, including wearing masks if they so choose.

Additional information and updates are at <https://www.wku.edu/healthyonthehill>

Locations

Most SLL class are offered at the Knicely Conference Center, 2355 Nashville Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101. The conference center is easily accessible and has an abundance of free parking available to SLL. Some classes may take place off-site at various locations within the community.

Spring 2023 Term Course Guide

Registration for Classes Opens February 27th

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An Afternoon at the Movies: (Pre) Coding Games, Successes and Challenges

Pre-code movies, those made before the enforcement of censorship guidelines, were often synonymous with progressive ideals and bold subject matter. But fast forward about 90 years and the picture is likely to be quite different. Starting with two US classics of the 1930s, it will be the group's mission to travel through time and explore, or explode, codes and norms, whether related to format, topic, politics, or even social and moral sets of values. Let's see how far we have come! Have we reached the final (code) frontier?

- Karin Egloff
- Thursday, 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. (**extended time**)
- March 16 – April 13 (five sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Karin Egloff is Professor Emerita of French at WKU where she taught courses in literature, culture, film, translation, phonetics, and conversation. She is excited to offer another film class for her “An Afternoon at the Movies” series she has brought to SLL since 2015.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$ 45

Alaska Road Trip Adventures

Your instructors traveled from Kentucky to Alaska and back in their RV, beginning May 2022 and returning October 2022. They will share some of what they saw and experienced along with lessons learned and ‘characters’ encountered. The three-session course will be presented with visuals of the routes taken together with photos of scenery, animals and nature. Teachable moments are anticipated for all of us as we travel together to Alaska and back without leaving our seats.

- Lisa Dalporto, John Forman
- Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- April 19 – May 3 (three sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Lisa Dalporto is a retired nurse midwife and an experienced overland traveler of North America. John Forman is a retired engineer who finds joy in travel and all the planning that must come together for traveling with a truck, trailer, boats, and bicycles. Their curiosity leads them not only to the mainstream or popular activities of an area but often takes them on paths less traveled.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$ 27

Backyard Composting Basics

This course will take place at the instructor's home and farm in Rockfield where there are two active compost piles. Here he will discuss the basic science of composting, carbon to nitrogen ratio and the effects of composting on our environment and community. We will start a compost pile and examine others in different states of progress.

- Charlie O'Connell
- Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- March 17 (one session)
- Location: 533 Cox Thomas Road, Rockfield, KY

Instructor Bio:

Charlie O'Connell operates Compost Bowling Green, an organics recycling company. He has been a backyard composter for many years.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Birding in the Field

Participants will practice spotting and identifying birds at local birding 'hot spots'. The class will meet briefly in the lobby of Knicely Conference Center for the first session (April 11) then depart with the instructor. Remaining sessions will begin earlier and at various locations as determined by the instructor. Students are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and clothing and bring binoculars plus a camera if desired.

- Blaine Ferrell
- Tuesday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- April 11 – May 2 (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center/Offsite

Instructor Bio:

Blaine Ferrell is Dean Emeritus of the Science and Engineering College of WKU. He is a past President of the Kentucky Academy of Science and the Kentucky Ornithological Society. He holds a Ph.D. in Zoology from Louisiana State University.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$ 36

Chair Yoga for Home or Office

Use your chair as a tool to help with breath, body, and attitude as you work toward increased energy and flexibility.

- Frances Strickler
- Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- March 22 – April 12 (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Frances Strickler is a yoga instructor with E-RYT 500 and YACEP certifications. She is also a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor.

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or by calling the SLL office at 270-745-1912**

Climate Change – Past, Present, and Future: So What?

This course will explore causes of climate change, its impacts, strategies for mitigation and how we might adapt.

- Blaine Ferrell
- Thursday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- March 16 – April 6 (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Blaine Ferrell is Dean Emeritus of the Science and Engineering College of WKU. He is a past President of the Kentucky Academy of Science and the Kentucky Ornithological Society. He holds a Ph.D. in Zoology from Louisiana State University.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

A Concerted Effort: Examining Films of World War II

A survey of movies made in Hollywood between 1941 and 1945, focusing on methods used by film studios to rally Americans in support of the war. We will watch several films, including examples of war pictures, romantic dramas, and perhaps a musical. Discussion will revolve around the films and the context in which they were made.

- Tommy Hines
- Wednesday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (**extended time**)
- March 15 – April 19 (six sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Tommy Hines graduated from WKU with an undergraduate degree in Music Theory and Folk Studies, and a master's degree in Historic Preservation. He has spent his career as Executive Director of South Union Shaker Village. Hines has presented and published on topics related to Southern decorative arts at venues that include Frist Center, Colonial Williamsburg, and the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts. A lifelong interest in 20th century history and culture has led Hines to a passionate study of American films made from the 1920s to the 1950s.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$54

Did Overturning Roe v Wade Change the Right to Privacy?

In this course, we will review the historical basis for the right to privacy, cover theories of judicial interpretation and how they affect court decisions, review Roe v Wade and its progeny, analyze the Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v Jackson that overturned Roe v Wade, and explore the right to privacy in a post-Roe world. Be prepared to have your brain stretched a bit! The subject matter is contentious; the class will not be.

- Ernie VanHooser
- Thursday, 1:30 -3:00 p.m.
- March 16 – April 20 (six sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Ernie is a retired lawyer and mediator. During his 40-year career, he tried lawsuits in federal and state courts and administrative tribunals and appeared before numerous Congressional committees. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri – Kansas City and he is a retired Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. Ernie has taken and taught multiple SLL classes.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$54

Discovering Bowling Green's Global Marketplace

This session explores the growing diversity of international marketplaces and restaurants along the Old Morgantown Road corridor in Bowling Green. Participants will be given a guided tour from the city's International Communities Liaison, meet some rising entrepreneurs, shop for unique food items and discover ways to incorporate new foods into their everyday menus.

- Leyda Becker
- Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- April 14 (one session)
- Old Morgantown Road (transportation will be provided from Knicely)

Instructor Bio:

Leyda Becker is the International Communities Liaison for Bowling Green. She coordinates the city's role in communicating and working effectively with diverse international communities and is as an advocate for LEP (Limited English Proficient) persons who may seek city services. She holds a bachelor's degree in Corporate and Organizational Communications from WKU. Leyda is a native of Venezuela and has made Bowling Green her home for the past 29 years.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Do This Now - Avoid Probate Later

This session will cover the important things that must be done before you pass on in order for your family to avoid the probate process in the settling of your estate.

- Jill Steffey
- Thursday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- May 4 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Jill Steffey is a retired teacher with 26 years in special education and alternative high school. She has been a Parkinsons coach for five years and a personal trainer for four years. Jill was caregiver, advocate, and executor of both her parents' estates and has kept up with the ever-changing process involving paperwork for those in our care. Jill is not a lawyer. She is pleased to share her experiences with SLL members for general, informational purposes so they can better prepare for life's challenges.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

The Energy Systems of the Body

The instructor will explain and demonstrate chakras, auras, meridians, reflexology, reiki, and pendulum work. This class will meet at the instructor's studio in Bowling Green where space is limited. Participants will choose one of the two dates to attend the single session class.

- Margalena Walker
- Monday, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. (**note adjusted time**)
- March 20 **OR** March 27 (one session, two date options)
- Location: 1643 Scottsville Road, Suite 200

Instructor Bio:

Margalena Walker is a Licensed Massage Therapist and a Certified Medical Massage Practitioner. She is Certified in Cupping Massage, Swedish Massage, Sports Massage, Myofascial Release, Neuromuscular Therapy, Prenatal, Infant, Geriatric, and Reflexology. Margalena is a Usui Tibetan Reiki Master and a Karuna Reiki Master.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Fiction Writing I: Getting Started

This course is a study of the seven essential parts of a short story, beginning with Theme and ending with Resolution. We will discuss character arc, various methods of charting a plot, and the six common types of conflict and how they can be resolved. It is time to let loose that inner story that has been begging to be set free since childhood.

- Krystol Stinson
- Tuesday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- March 14 – April 4 (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Krystol Stinson retired from the United States Navy in 2005. She enrolled in WKU using her Post-911 GI Bill and graduated in 2013 with a double major in Creative Writing and History. She enjoys most creative endeavors including writing, painting, and drawing.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$ 36

Fiction Writing II: Next Level

In this class, we will study some advanced techniques that can elevate your writing to the next level. We will discuss timelines and how they can help in plotting your novel, reveal the mystery behind the snowflake method of story design, and the two levels of scene construction. We will have short lectures and leave ample time to share and constructively critique your work with others in the class.

- Krystol Stinson
- Tuesday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- April 11 – May 2 (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

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From the Garden to Your Table

The course will begin with the basics of flower arranging and some “tricks of the trade.” You will learn which flowers are commonly used in arrangements, how to trim their stems so your blooms last longer, the best containers to display your work, and how to use greenery to create a base. Best of all, you will leave with a beautiful arrangement you created yourself.

- John Hall
- Tuesday, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- March 14 – 21 (two sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center
- Supply Fee: \$5.00 (paid to instructor at session one)

Instructor Bio:

John Hall is a graduate of Morehead State University. He is a retired teacher in the field of music and was a partner in the florist Gilliland and Hall Flowers in Stanford, Kentucky. John freelances today and specializes in wedding flowers and bouquets for that special day.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$18

The Geology of Kentucky

Basic principles of geology will be made relatable through examples drawn from our beautiful state. We will take a virtual field trip to each of Kentucky's six major regions and discuss the landscape, underlying geology, and natural resources. At the end of the class, you will have a list of well-known Kentucky locations that you will want to visit and explore on your own.

- Ken Kuehn
- Tuesday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- March 14 – May 2 (eight sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Ken Kuehn is a registered professional geologist in Kentucky with nearly 40 years' experience traversing the state and studying its most interesting places. He retired from WKU as Distinguished Professor Emeritus in 2011.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$72

Great Decisions 2023

Two well-traveled and highly knowledgeable instructors will cover six of the eight Great Decisions 2023 topics. There will be discussions on how these topics from around the world have and will continue to effect each of us. In sessions one and two, Michael McClellan will lead the class on the topics of Famine and War Crimes, respectively. For sessions three to six, David Keeling will lead on the topics of Politics in Latin America, Iran at a Crossroads, Energy Geopolitics, and Climate Migration. A limited number of briefing books on the Great Decisions topics are available for purchase in the SLL office.

Two Sessions (lead by Michael McClellan)

- Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00, April 5
- Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., April 27
- Knicely Conference Center

Four Sessions (lead by David Keeling)

- Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00
- April 12 – May 3
- Knicely Conference Center
- Great Decisions Briefing Book: \$35 (available in the SLL office)

Instructor Bios:

Michael McClellan served in Yemen, Egypt, Russia, Serbia, Germany, Kosovo, Ireland, Iraq (twice), Ethiopia, and South Sudan during his thirty-year career in the Foreign Service. He is now Counselor to the President of the American University of Iraq - Baghdad.

David Keeling retired from WKU Department of Geography in 2021 and is now traveling the world as an expedition lecturer on cruises and private jet expeditions. He continues to publish research on global geopolitics related to landscapes, music, and transportation.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$54

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Hands-On Introduction to Genealogy Research

This introduction to genealogy research will emphasize building a family history using both free and fee-based (Ancestry) methods. Hands-on research techniques will include sessions in the classroom, the Kentucky Historical Society via Zoom, and local offsite resources such as the Warren County Courthouse, WKU Special Collections, Latter Day Saints Church Library, and St. Joseph Church Archives. Each participant is encouraged to bring items that work best for them - laptop, tablet device, or pen and paper. If you have them, bring birth certificates that will help get you started in your family research. If you have already begun your search, bring what you have and we will add to it. Let's have fun and find out who led up to you!

- Janet Cobb
- Tuesday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- March 14 – May 2 (eight sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center/Offsite Research

Instructor Bios:

Janet Cobb is the Vice Regent of Samuel Davies Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) and serves on the State Volunteer Genealogist Committee.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$72

The Hitchhiker's Guide to Natural Living: Senior Strong

It's never too late to increase your health and vibrancy! This term, we will dive deep into the specific needs of silver citizens, learning about the changes happening during this stage of life and how we can work with our bodies to feel our best. We will touch on digestive changes, cognitive changes, and much more! As always, we will look first at the simplest answers (eating healthy food, drinking clean water, moving, and sleeping) and then dive into supplements and more specialized options. I'm looking forward to a healthy spring with you!

- Jerilyn Bristow
- Tuesday, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- March 28 – May 2 (six sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Jerilyn Bristow has lived, worked, and studied the natural health industry for over 25 years. Her formal training in herbal studies, body work, and energy work sparked further study of specialty diets, super foods, and supplements. Jerilyn's passions are whole-clean-local food, fermented foods, deeply healing foods, and a balanced use of supplements. She brings a unique and inclusive approach to getting and staying healthy. Most of all, Jerilyn enjoys helping others navigate the overwhelming number of choices available to the natural health consumer.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$54

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How to Improve Your Daily Driving Experience

Various daily driving scenarios will be diagrammed and discussed as to the proper and legal way to execute them. Suggestions will be shared to improve techniques to save time and improve your driving experience.

- Bruce Hazelton
- Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- April 13 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Bruce Hazelton is an active member and instructor for SLL. He earned a minor in Safety Education and was certified to teach behind the wheel driver education for several years in Wisconsin before moving to Bowling Green.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Introduction to Writing Poetry

Kentucky poet Maurice Manning says writing poetry is "the most illogical thing you can do. You're making something out of nothing." In this class we are up to the challenge! We will examine tools and techniques that can help us find poetic inspiration and voice. We will discuss examples that illustrate where poems may be found, deft imagery, effective use of language, and more. We'll write our own poems to make something!

- Larry Pike
- Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- April 11 – May 2 (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Larry Pike's poetry has appeared in literary journals and anthologies. He was a 2021 Best of the Net nominee, and Finishing Line Press published his debut full-length collection, *Even the Slums of Providence*, in October 2021.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

Kentucky History

This class will look at the political, economic, social, and cultural development of our state from pioneer days.

- Krystol Stinson
- Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- March 14 – April 4 (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

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Kentucky vs. the Flying Saucer

In early 1948 Captain Thomas Mantell's F-51 fighter plane crashed near Franklin, Kentucky, while he was in pursuit of an unidentified flying object. He was the first human being known to have been killed in a UFO encounter. This presentation explores that episode and the ensuing 75-year debate over what happened in Simpson County that day.

- Nicky Hughes
- Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- March 15 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Nicky Hughes is a 1972 graduate of WKU who returned to Franklin after a 40-year career in Kentucky State and City government, including work with the Kentucky Historical Society and the City of Frankfort.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Kindness: Pass It On

Learn to be more kind to yourself and others through readings, discussions, and activities. Paint a birdhouse to have fun and be kind to nature. A variety of healthy fruit will be served - to be kind to our bodies. Every participant will receive a bath ball for a relaxing, calm bath - to be kind to yourself. Bring your smile!

- JoAnn Ryan
- Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- March 23 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

JoAnn Ryan is an artist who has been enjoying arts and crafts her whole life. She believes we all need a lot more kindness in our lives and wants to share her philosophy with others.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Literary Visions of Life After Death

This course will survey some of the classic literature about what happens to us after we die. What did the ancient Greeks and Romans think about life after death? What fate awaited them in the afterlife, punishment, or reward? Would they be reunited with lost loved ones? We will study relevant selections from the Bible, Homer's *Odyssey*, Virgil's *Aeneid*, Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, Dante's *Inferno*, Verne's *Journey to the Center of the Earth*, and Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*.

- Lloyd Davies
- Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- March 15 – April 5 (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Lloyd Davies recently retired from the WKU Department of English where he taught literature for many years. In the past he has taught classes on poetry and Shakespeare for SLL.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

On the Trail of “Wild Bill” Hickok

"Wild Bill" Hickok is a favorite character of the American Old West. He was a scout, a teamster, a gambler, and a showman. He was a lawman and a gunfighter, a larger-than-life icon, and a tragic figure. He never looked for trouble; trouble found him. But one thing for sure, any man who drew a gun on "Wild Bill" was a dead man! Your instructor has trailed "Wild Bill" for years, through five states and from cradle to grave and found that he left many fascinating stories in his path.

- Michael Trapasso
- Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- March 30 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Michael Trapasso is a WKU Professor Emeritus of Geography and Curator of the College Heights Weather Instrument Museum. Having walked all seven continents, he has photographed significant physical and historical locations worldwide. While crisscrossing the United States, he studies American History by exploring actual historic sites.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

On-line Privacy and Security Tune-Up

In this three-session course we will explore how recent advances in password management can help you protect yourself online and simplify your experience. We will also cover the recommended settings and practices for social media, email, and web browsing. Join us for these hands-on sessions to simplify your online life and to protect yourself and your information from 'bad actors'.

- Ryan Thomas
- Wednesday, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- April 19 – May 3 (three sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Ryan Thomas is a Data Analytics Solutions Specialist who holds an MSc degree in Technology- based instruction. He works remotely from his home here in Bowling Green.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$27

Optimizing Social Security and Medicare Benefits

Learn planning tips that could maximize your Social Security income and Medicare benefits, which can significantly enhance your financial security in retirement.

- Allen Costellow
- Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- April 19 – May 3 (three sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Allen Costellow has worked with retirees and their families for more than 40 years helping them plan for retirement. Allen is a certified senior advisor and investment advisor.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$27

Personality Types: Myers-Briggs Type Indicator

Understanding personality types can help you to understand your preferences and those of other people and how or why they might be different. Personality types are useful for recognizing how we lead, influence, communicate, collaborate, negotiate, and manage stress. When you know what personality type you are, you can understand yourself and what communication styles are most effective for you. And when we understand others personality preferences, we can live and work better together through an improved, cohesive environment.

- Tonya Matthews
- Thursday, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- April 20 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Tonya Matthews graduated from WKU and worked for the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce for two decades before starting her own business in 2018. Qualified as a trainer by Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Personality Assessment, she works with individuals and groups to achieve better teamwork and leadership skills.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Politics of Russia and Eastern Europe

We will explore current issues in global politics emphasizing Russia and eastern Europe and how the U.S. sees them.

- Kevin Modlin
- Wednesday, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- March 22 – April 12 (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Kevin Modlin is a WKU alumnus who focused on Economics and History before earning a doctorate in International Relations from Florida International University. He enjoys reading, chess, music, time with loved ones, and is learning to cook.

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Researching and Recounting the Floyd Collins Saga

This course will dive into the archives of the National Cave Museum in Park City, Kentucky, to help separate fact from the sensationalized news media in this renowned tragedy at Sand Cave. We will learn about the cultural context surrounding this incident and create a story map of the events. Participants will visit the entrance to Crystal Cave, and the historic home of Floyd Collins. We will revive a colorful history of this explorer through personal photos, newspapers, and firsthand accounts of his discoveries and attempted rescue.

- Laine Roberts, Pat Kambesis, Chris Groves

Onsite Sessions

- Wednesday 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- April 5 & 12 (two sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Offsite Sessions

- Friday, 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.
- April 7 & 21 (two sessions)
- National Cave Museum & Mammoth Cave National Park

Instructor Bios:

Laine Roberts is a Curator for the National Cave Museum where she archives, catalogs, and digitizes a collection of cave souvenirs, books, and photos of caves around the world including an immense section of history on the Kentucky cave country.

Pat Kambesis and Chris Groves both teach geology at WKU and have been exploring and studying the caves, landscapes, people, and stories of the Mammoth Cave area for most of their adult lives.

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Rock and Roll in the 1960s

This course is a survey, through listening and class discussion, of Rock and Roll in the 1960's from Teen Idols to Woodstock. Musical topics will include the Beach Boys, the British Invasion (focusing on the Beatles and the Rolling Stones), Folk Music/Bob Dylan, and psychedelic rock/San Francisco. Discussions will focus on musical trends and innovations as well as cultural and social impacts.

- Scott Harris
- Thursday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- April 13 – May 4 (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Scott Harris is Professor of Music and former department head at Western Kentucky University. He is an active percussionist and educator working directly with the Big Red Marching Band and WKU Music Education/Performance students. He is an avid listener of Rock and Roll and teaches a very popular Rock History course at WKU.

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Secrets of Octagon Hall in Franklin, Kentucky

Octagon Hall is an Antebellum home just north of Franklin, Kentucky, steeped in Civil War history, which is little known in Warren and Simpson counties. It is also rumored to be haunted. We will learn of Octagon Hall's tragic beginnings, its Civil War history, and the supernatural aspect of this unique building.

- Mike Case
- Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- March 15 – 22 (two sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Mike Case has lived in Bowling Green for about 39 years. He holds a bachelor's degree from ECU. He is retired from the Bowling Green Police Department and now works for the Bowling Green schools as a substitute teacher. He also conducts tours at Octagon Hall.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$18

Three Visions of Education for Black Advancement 1880-1920

This class will present the contrasting views and practices of William Sanders Scarborough, W. E. B. DuBois, and Booker T. Washington. Will the classics, the professions, or the manual trades have the best result as educational priorities?

- Olin Joynton
- Wednesday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- April 26 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Olin Joynton taught philosophy at community colleges in Texas and Wyoming before becoming president of Alpena Community College in Michigan. After 12 years there he retired in 2015. Since then, he and his wife have moved around to be near family, landing in Bowling Green two years ago.

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Travel Journals

Each week in this course you will hear from different presenters about their personal travels – near and far – as they share photos, stories, and more. Where will you go after hearing about their adventures? Here is the travel agenda for this term:

Session One: (David Keeling) Wildlife Photography Around the World

Visual analysis of wildlife photography around the world, with hints about improving images using light, composition, and framing. Examples from Africa, the Arctic, Latin America, and Australia.

Session Two: (David Keeling) Muscat, Oman: Jewel of the Arabian Peninsula

A visual tour and analysis of Oman on the Arabian Peninsula, highlighting Muscat, the capital city, and the Musandam Peninsula near the Strait of Hormuz.

Session Three: (Tamela Smith) Newfoundland – Get Screeched In!

This visual tour of Canada's easternmost province will include the best times and places for viewing icebergs, whales, and puffins, along with where to find the best fish and chips in one of the oldest towns in North America! We will travel west through Gander to the mountains and fjords of Gros Morne, then north to visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of L'Anse aux Meadows - a former Viking village from hundreds of years ago.

- Thursday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- April 20 – May 4 (three sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bios:

David Keeling retired from WKU Department of Geography in 2021 and is now traveling the world as an expedition lecturer on cruises and private jet expeditions. He continues to publish research on global geopolitics related to landscapes, music, and transportation.

Tamela W. Smith is a retired Staff Emeritus from WKU. She and her husband enjoy traveling and have taken road trips across the U.S. and much of Canada, including all of the maritime provinces.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$27

The Viking Mission

Not the NASA Mission, but the real Vikings - those Norsemen who made their way to the "New World" 500 years before Columbus. We will explore who these daring and dangerous people really were and trace their voyages to North America. We begin in Norway, one of their home countries, then journey to Iceland. After a stop in Greenland, we will travel to their final destination - Newfoundland, Canada. Leif Erikson, his father Erik the Red, and Viking raiders forged a different type of path to North America.

- Michael Trapasso
- Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- April 20 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Michael Trapasso is WKU Professor Emeritus of Geography and Curator of the College Heights Weather Instrument Museum. Having walked all seven continents, he has photographed significant physical and historical locations worldwide. While crisscrossing the United States, he studies American History, by exploring actual historic sites.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

VIP Backstage Pass: Tour of Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKyPAC)

Peek behind the curtains of the region's leading performing arts center, which is home to Orchestra Kentucky, BG OnStage, and the new Ramsey Theatre Company. We will explore this state-of-the-art facility and learn the meanings behind many of the aesthetic choices within the building. We will stand on the stage where stars such as Willie Nelson, Jerry Seinfeld, Kenny Rogers, and many others have performed. Ask questions as you visit the backstage dressing rooms, the green room and the multiple visual art galleries. Whether it's your first time in the facility or you are a frequent patron, you are sure to learn more about the "hidden Jewel" of downtown Bowling Green.

- Rob Hankins
- Monday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- April 17 (one session)
- SKyPAC, 601 College Street

Instructor Bio:

Rob Hankins is a south-central Kentucky native who has been with SKyPAC since 2019 in his role as Development Officer for Arts of Southern Kentucky. Previously, he spent nearly a decade in Washington, D.C., working for U.S. Representative, Ed Whitfield as Communications Director and Press Secretary. Rob is active in the Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green and serves on committees for a number of civic causes. He was part of the 2022 Class of Leadership Bowling Green and was among the inaugural list of '40 Under 40' by *VIP Bowling Green* magazine in 2020.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Why Not Open Borders?

The question is meant as both real and rhetorical. How do immigrants affect growth and productivity in the US economy? What is their fiscal impact (taxes paid vs. value of services used)? Does it make sense to continue border enforcement, and what does it cost? What about the racial, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, social, criminal, medical, ethical, and religious angles? The recent US Supreme Court decision to leave Title 42 in place ensures the continuing relevance of this topic.

- Olin Joynton
- Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- April 6 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Olin Joynton taught philosophy at community colleges in Texas and Wyoming before coming as president of Alpena Community College in Michigan. After 12 years there he retired in 2015. Since then he and his wife have moved around to be near family, landing in Bowling Green two years ago.

Annual/Single Term Member: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

QUESTIONS?

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SLL ADVISORY BOARD & COMMITTEES

Advisory Board

The governing body of the SLL is the Advisory Board composed of six members elected by the general membership with two being elected per year in rotation and serving a three-year term; board-appointed chair/co-chairs of the four standing committees; and the Program Director who serves without vote as ex-officio and is the liaison between SLL and the University.

John Fitts, Chair
Cathy Fox
Miliska Knauft
Carrie Morgan
Ernie VanHooser
Gene Wilson

Libby Davies
Vicki Gregory
Ken Kuehn
Sharon Spall
Chrys Wilson

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee makes course and faculty selections. They coordinate with the SLL staff to set course times and locations, edit course publication materials, and make recommendations for course costs. Any SLL member may serve on this committee.

Libby Davies, Co-Chair
Howard Bailey
Larry Gildersleeve
Barbara Johnston

Ken Kuehn, Co-Chair
Debbie Breen
Terri Hinton

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee monitors expenses, recommends appropriate membership fees, and oversees the SLL Operating Plan – annual and long-term. Any SLL member may serve on the committee.

Note: This committee is currently under reconstruction. Please let the SLL office know if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Membership Relations Committee

The Membership Relations Committee supports SLL by recruiting and retaining members through speaking engagements, social gatherings, day trips, events, and other activities. The committee provides opportunities for members and their guests to gather outside of the terms of classes. These include taking tours (wineries, historic sites, breweries, church renovations, distilleries, and more), attending events as a group (concerts, performances, sporting events, etc.), and other educational and social activities. Any SLL member may serve on this committee.

Sharon Spall, Chair

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Cathy Fox

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Volunteer Committee

The Volunteer Committee provides classroom assistance to instructors, helps with onsite events, and assists with activities and functions of the SLL. Assistance may be in the form of table decorations for events, taking photos during classes and events, coordinating activities with the Membership Relations Committee, and more. Any SLL member may serve on this committee.

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Spring 2023 Course Calendar

	9:00 – 10:30	11:00 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:00	3:30 – 5:00	5:30 – 7:00
MONDAY (OFFSITE OR ZOOM)	The Energy Systems of the Body 10:00 – 11:30 (note adjusted time) March 20 OR 27 (register for only one session)		VIP Backstage Pass: Tour of Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKyPAC) April 17 (1 session)		
TUESDAY	Hands On Introduction to Genealogy Research Mar. 14 – May 2 (8 sessions) Birding in the Field April 11 – May 2 (4 sessions)	Kentucky History March 14 – April 4 (4 sessions) Introduction to Writing Poetry April 11 – May 2 (4 sessions)	Fiction I: Getting Started March 14 – April 4 (4 sessions) Fiction II: Next Level April 11 – May 2 (4 sessions)	The Geology of Kentucky March 14 – May 2 (8 sessions)	From the Garden to Your Table March 14 & 21 (2 sessions) The Hitchhiker’s Guide to Natural Living: Senior Strong March 28 – May 2 (6 sessions)
WEDNESDAY	Kentucky vs. the Flying Saucers March 15 (1 session) Chair Yoga for Home or Office March 22 – April 12 (4 sessions) Optimizing Social Security and Medicare Benefits April 19-May 3 (3 sessions)	Literary Visions of Life After Death March 15 – April 5 (4 sessions) Alaska Road Trip Adventures April 19-May 3 (3 sessions)	A Concerted Effort: Examining the Films of WWII (Extended time 1:00-3:30) March 15 – April 19 (6 sessions) Three Visions of Education for Black Advancement April 26 (1 session)	Secrets of Octagon Hall March 15 & 22 (2 sessions) Great Decisions 2023 April 5 – May 3 (5 of 6 sessions) (one session date change to Thursday April 27)	Politics of Russia and Eastern Europe March 22 – April 12 (4 sessions) Researching and Recounting the Floyd Collins Saga April 5 & 12 (2 sessions) On-line Privacy and Security Tune-Up April 19 – May 3 (3 sessions)
THURSDAY	Climate Change March 16 – April 6 (4 sessions) Rock and Roll of the 1960s April 13 – May 4 (4 sessions)	Kindness: Pass It On March 23 (1 session) On the Trail of “Wild Bill” Hickok March 30 (1 session) Why Not Open Borders? April 6 (1 session) How to Improve Your Daily Driving Experience April 13 (1 session) The Viking Mission April 20 (1 session) Great Decisions 2023 April 27 (session 4 of 6)	Did Overturning Roe v Wade Change the Right to Privacy? March 16 – April 20 (6 sessions) Do This Now- Save Probate Later May 4 (1 session)	An Afternoon at the Movies: (Pre) Coding Games, Successes & Challenges (5 sessions) 3:30 – 6:00 March 16 – April 13 Travel Journals April 20 – May 4 (3 sessions)	Personality Types: Myers-Briggs Type Indicator April 20 (1 session)
FRIDAY (OFFSITE OR ZOOM)		Backyard Composting Basics 1 session March 17 Discovering Bowling Green’s Global Marketplace April 14 (1 session) 11:00	Researching and Recounting the Floyd Collins Saga (MCNP) April 7 & 21 (2 sessions)		