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# Circles and Curves

## Zuni Art

Circles and curves are common to Zuni art as opposed to the quadrangular lines of much of the art of the Navajo. For the computer graphic on the cover of this guide I have borrowed from some Zuni student art to paint a representation of a turkey. Can you identify the turkey parts?

Rounded shapes are thought to send a positive emotional message of harmony and protection. The circle is often used in a logo to represent unity, commitment, love, or community. Circles have no beginning or end, they represent life and the lifecycle.

A Zuni friend said that everything is in a circle, and that is because the power of the world always works in circles, and everything tries to be round . . . The sky is round and the earth is round like a ball, and so are all the stars. The wind in its greatest power whirls, birds make their nest in circles. The sun comes up and goes down again in a circle. The moon does the same and both are round. Even the seasons form a great circle in their changing, and always come back again to where they were.



My wife, Ruth, and I lived for a year at the center of what has been referred to as the Grand Circle of the Southwest: an area with a radius of about two hundred miles from the small, desert Utah community of Ticaboo and encompassing many square miles of Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico . Circles have a free sense of movement and we enjoyed the freedom to visit and explore much of this spectacular terrain.

CALL provides inviting circles of its own: circles of friendship, community, adventure, learning, and travel. Choose some of these from what follows in this guide.

*Gordon Kamps CALL*  
Curriculum Guide layout editor

# PREFACE

**\$30 per course,  
membership  
required**

The members of the CALL Curriculum Committee are pleased to present the spring 2019 list of courses. We are confident you will find several topics of interest as you leisurely read the entire catalog. We are beginning a new initiative in offering two courses that will also be available online and thus will expand our potential audience across North America. If you have friends who might be interested in such courses, encourage them to register for them. The Calvin Alumni Office will help to notify Calvin alumni of these online courses. We again are offering some courses at Raybrook and at Beacon Hill. It is our pleasure to serve all of you in the CALL organization.

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23. Deepen Your Contacts through Compassionate Communication: Ute Meier
24. The Poem as Serious Play: Lew Klatt

### **Session II: March 26 – May 8**

### **Group 7**

#### **Courses Meeting on Tuesdays, March, April and May, at 1:30 p.m.**

25. The Music of the Beatles: Glenn Bulthuis
26. What Shall I Eat?: Pat Latus-Kennedy
27. Dying Well- Reflections of Our Journey between Baptism and Burial: Arie Leder
28. Creating Memoir: Carol Rottman (1:00-3:00 p.m.)

### **Group 8**

#### **Courses Meeting on Tuesdays, March, April and May, at 3:15 p.m.**

29. Fighting to Win: America and the War in Vietnam, 1965 – 1970: Mark Youngren
30. Federal Deficits and Debt- Are They a Problem? What, if Anything, Should We Do?: George Monsma
31. History of Refugee Resettlement in West Michigan: Nita VanderBerg
32. English Monarchs- The Angevin Kings: Gary Burbridge
33. Traditional Chinese Medicine: Zhiquan Zhou

### **Group 9**

#### **Courses Meeting on Wednesdays, March, April and May, at 1:30 p.m.**

34. Justice- What It Is and Why It Matters: Nicholas Wolterstorff
35. Tracing the Paths of Buddhism- The Rise of Buddhism in East Asia: Kimberly Harui

36. Evangelical Protestantism and American Culture: George Marsden
37. Catholics- Their Saints and Statues, Myths, and Holy Truths: Mary Kay Oosdyke

### **Group 10**

#### **Courses Meeting on Wednesdays, March, April and May, at 3:15 p.m.**

38. *An Extra Mile*: Sharon Brown
39. *Purple Hibiscus*, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: Lisa Bouma Garvelink
40. Pope Francis- His Spirituality, His Vision: Diane Zerfas
41. The New Urbanism: Lee Hardy
42. Looking Up When Life Is Pushing You Down: David Kampfschulte

### **Group 11**

#### **Courses Meeting on Thursdays, March, April and May, at 1:30 p.m.**

43. Turning Country Yards into Living Prairies: Rebecca Marquart, Esther Durnwald, Brian Majka, David Warners
44. Violence in the Bible: Harvey Stob
45. Another Look at Early America: James Bratt
46. Some Assembly Required- How Hebrews Connect the Riches of Old Testament Worship through Christ to Today: David Fleming
47. Submarine Warfare in WWII: James Smither

### **Group 12**

#### **Courses Meeting on Thursdays, March, April and May, at 3:15 p.m.**

48. Rise of Fascism in Europe before World War II: Dale VanKley and David Diephouse
49. Dutch Stories I Have Heard: David Broene
50. The Deadliest Race, 1945-1990: Fred Johnson
51. Into and Out of the Land- The History Books of the Old Testament: Dan Kroeze

### **Group 13**

#### **Courses with Special Time and Place Arrangements**

52. The Dutch Reformation: Karin Maag
53. Living with the German Past: Stories of My Family: Barbara Carvill
54. Rubens to Rembrandt: Henry Luttikhuizen
55. Great Decisions Global Discussion Series: World Affairs Council speakers
56. Fridays at the Movies: The Best of the New: Roy Anker, coordinator

# Course Offerings and Descriptions

## Group #1

**Courses Meeting on Tuesdays, February and March, at 1:30 p.m.**

### **1-S2019 Medical Ethics: What to do After the Doctor Comes?**

1:30-2:45 p.m. 5 Tuesdays, February 19 – March 19

Room: Hiemenga Hall 331

It is a common experience for us, a family member, or a friend to deal with a medical crisis that has a significant ethical dimension. In this course we will explore end-of-life issues in the nursing home and the nursery. Our discussion will begin with cases, some real, others fictitious. We will use the insights of religion, philosophy, and law to help us understand and respond to the possibilities and issues that modern medicine presents. Finally, we will discuss the financial structure of American medicine, sometimes called health care reform, and the ethical implications involved.

Subject: health, science, ethics

*Kevin McDonnell, leader; taught medical ethics at Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame), served on hospital ethics committees, and taught medical students and residents.*

### **2-S2019 What Happens When We Die?**

1:30-2:45 p.m. 4 Tuesdays, February 26 – March 19

Room: Hiemenga Hall 336

Traditional Christians believe that we are present with the Lord between death and the final resurrection. But this belief has been challenged from religious experience, philosophy, and science, as well as theology and biblical scholarship. A key objection is “body-soul dualism”—that human persons (souls, spirits) can exist without their bodies. This course focuses on what Scripture teaches about death and the life to come and responds to the objections and alternative doctrines.

Session 1: The Traditional Christian View and Its Critics

Session 2: The Old Testament and Intertestamental Judaism

Session 3: The New Testament

Session 4: The Traditional View Responds to Its Critics



Subject: religion

*John Cooper, leader, is professor of philosophical theology, emeritus, Calvin Seminary.*

### **3-S2019 Sense and Non-Sense: The Wisdom Books of the Old Testament – Part One**

1:30-2:45 p.m. 6 Tuesdays, February 12 – March 19

Room: Hiemenga Hall 333

Why does the book of Proverbs sometimes advise us not to answer fools and then other times advise us to answer them (Prov. 26:4-5)? Why does God ask Job if anyone can catch a hippopotamus (Job 40:24)? And does the speaker in Ecclesiastes really think that everything is meaningless (Eccl 1:2), since that would mean that the statement that everything is meaningless is also meaningless? These are some of the curious puzzles which come to mind when reading the Wisdom Books of the Old Testament – Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes – books which are ultimately trying to answer two fundamental questions about life: how does the world work and how should one live given how the world works? We'll look at how the Israelites and each of these three books approach these two fundamental questions, the varying answers they give, and their unvarying conviction that God is God and human beings are not.

Subject: biblical studies

Richard Whitekettle, leader, is professor of religion at Calvin College.

### **4-S2019 What It's Like to Be a Bird**

1:30-2:45 p.m. 4 Tuesdays, February 26 – March 19

Room: Hiemenga Hall 317

The class will entail a discussion format using the book *Bird Sense-What It's Like to Be a Bird*, by Tim Birkhead. Topics discussed will deal with how birds smell, see, hear, touch, and taste. Discussions will include a few other items—Are birds sentient? How do birds migrate? What about bird-watching ethics, banding, and bird feeding etiquette? What are some unique features of birds? The focus will be primarily on Michigan birds—from the tiniest Ruby Throated Hummingbird weighing a little more than a penny to our largest water bird, the Trumpeter Swan. The discussion nature of the class will allow people to share information they've learned about these impressive creatures. Short photo presentations will be included in the class to enhance discussion.



Used books, now out of print, will be provided at the first class and require a supply fee of \$8.00 to be paid at registration. This course is limited to 15 students.

Subject: nature

*Marilyn Keigley, leader, is a retired professor from Ferris State University with degrees from Ferris, Michigan State, and Arizona State. She is a bird photographer and nature enthusiast.*

## **Group #2**

**Courses Meeting on Tuesdays, February and March, at 3:15 p.m.**

### **5-S2019 A Nation of Immigrants**

3:15-4:30 p.m., 5 Tuesdays: February 19 – March 19

Room: Hiemenga Hall 331

The late President Kennedy described America as “A Nation of Immigrants.” However, immigration has become a very divisive issue in the U.S. and in European countries (e.g., Germany and Hungary) and currently intensely debated in the EU and Congress. We will critically examine the confusion about immigration, migration, and refugees and provide constitutional criteria to distinguish among them. The clarification of concepts could lead to a more civil discourse, encourage Congressional compromise and increased immigration.

Session 1: Distinctions in the U.N. Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Session 2: 21st Century UN declarations and Vatican position papers on (im-)migration

Session 3: EU policy and national legislation in countries, such as Germany, Hungary, Holland

Session 4: 21st century U.S. Government policies (e.g., Obama and Trump Administrations)

Session 5: North American approach and comparison between Canada and the U.S.

Subject: political science

*Philip C. Bom, leader, is a graduate of Calvin College and the Free University of Amsterdam. He taught political science courses at the University of Dubuque, Gordon College, and international relations courses at Regent University.*

## **6-S2019 1 Corinthians**

3:15-4:30 p.m., 5 Tuesdays: February 12 – March 12

Room: Hiemenga Hall 333

In his early letter to the church in Corinth, Paul addresses divisions and immorality in the church and a host of other issues in response to the letter he had received from the Corinthian congregation, including the topics of marriage and sexuality, eating food offered to idols, conduct at worship, spiritual gifts, and belief in the resurrection. In so doing, Paul gives us our most comprehensive view of the life of an early Christian church as they sought to live out their newly gained faith in Christ amid divisions in the church and the pagan context outside it. This course will study 1 Corinthians in some detail with a focus on its original context and meaning.

Subject: biblical studies

*Kenneth Pomykala, leader, is professor of religion at Calvin College (Ph.D., Claremont Graduate School). His areas of specialization are ancient Judaism and the New Testament, in particular, the development of Christian thought and practice during the 1st century CE.*

## **7-S2019 Into the Quagmire: The United States and Vietnam, 1945 – 1965**

3:15-4:30 p.m., 4 Tuesdays: February 26 – March 19

Room: Hiemenga Hall 337

The United States had a long and troublesome history with Vietnam before the introduction of U.S. troops in 1965. This class will examine the course of the conflict in Southeast Asia from 1944 to 1965: the French conflict in Vietnam, the partitioning of the country into North and South, and the introduction of U.S. advisors and equipment during the years before open conflict began. This is the first of three courses on the Vietnam War, but each course may be taken as a stand-alone.

Subject: history

*Mark Youngren, leader, has been an Adjunct Professor for over 30 years, most recently at Grand Valley State University and Aquinas College. He is also a retired Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army with a long-standing professional interest in the Vietnam War.*

## **8-S2019 Looking Forward to Festival of Faith and Writing 2020**

3:15-4:30 p.m., 4 Tuesdays: February 19 – March 12

Room: Hiemenga Hall 316

As the 30th anniversary of the Festival of Faith and Writing approaches, come celebrate with Calvin Center for Faith and Writing Co-Director Jennifer Holberg. We'll read works by four of the authors coming to FFW2020—and have some sneak peeks at other authors, too.

Session 1: Katherine Paterson, *My Brigadista Year*  
(ISBN 9780763695088)

Session 2: Christian Wiman, *He Held Radical Light*  
(ISBN 9780374168469)

Session 3: Silas House, *Southernmost* (ISBN 978161620625)

Session 4: Min Jin Lee, *Pachinko* (ISBN 9781455563920)

Reading and discussion, as per usual. Books will be available in the Calvin College Campus Store.

Subject: literature

*Jennifer Holberg, leader, is a professor of English at Calvin College.*

## **9-S2019 Yoga Stretch and Flex**

3:15-4:05 p.m., 6 Tuesdays: February 12 – March 19 (note special times)

Room: Chapel Undercroft 214

A calming, stress-relieving yoga class to stretch and strengthen the body gradually. Emphasis is on building awareness of the breath and the body. Yoga stretch and flex is practiced at a slower pace with attention to alignment and detail. Recommended for all levels looking for a soothing, relaxing, and restorative experience, especially for those newer to yoga or working with special concerns or injuries. She gives priority to safety and proper alignment, but also includes elements of creativity and playfulness that enlighten the beginner and lighten the spirit of all in attendance.

Style: physical fitness

*Holly Visser, leader, received her training through Holy Yoga International and is certified as an H-RYT at the 200 level. She has an ACE group fitness certification and yogalates specialty certification.*

## Group 3

**Courses Meeting on Wednesdays, February and March, at 1:30 p.m.**

### **10-S2019 Human Exploration of the Unknown Worlds**

1:30-2:45 p.m. 6 Wednesdays, February 13 – March 20

Room: Bytwerk Theater (lower level of the DeVos Communications Center)

From their earliest myths, humans have been intrigued with the unknown. In six sessions using multi-media the class will consider the processes people used to venture into the unknown ranging from Phoenicians in the Mediterranean Sea to Deep Space. Other topics will include the contributions of the early Chinese, the Greeks and Romans, and the Vikings. The course will culminate with the age of discovery that began in the 15th century and continues to the present. Along the way we will meet familiar names like Christopher Columbus, Vasco de Gama, and James Cook and less familiar names like Zheng He, St. Brendan, and Vitus Bering, to mention just a few.

Subject: history

*Richard Harms, leader, is the Archivist Emeritus of Calvin College, Calvin Theological Seminary, and the Christian Reformed Church in North America. He has taught more than twenty-five CALL courses.*

### **11-S2019 Tracing the Paths of Buddhism: Origins of Buddhism in India**

1:30-2:45 p.m., 4 Wednesdays: February 27 – March 20

Room: DeVos Communications 140

This course will cover the beginnings of Buddhism in Northern India, including the historical Buddha, the early schools of Buddhism, the Buddhist canons, and the social and political climate in which Buddhism grew as a religious movement in India. We will discuss early practices of ascetism, meditation, and chanting, as well as the role of the Sangha community of monks and nuns, the historical oral traditions of Buddhism, and the development of a textual tradition. See also course #35.

Subject: history, religion

*Kimberly Harui, leader, is Post-Doctoral Visiting Professor of Asian Studies at Calvin College and teaches courses in the religion and history departments.*

## **12-S2019 God's Love in Our Lives**

1:30-2:45 p.m., 4 Wednesdays: February 13 – March 6

Room: Hiemenga Hall 331

This class will explore who God is and how He makes himself present in our lives. We will look at how He calls to us in different events and times in our lives. We will explore how He reaches out to us in love through the Mass and through the sacraments. We will see that God is always very near us, even though we may not always see Him!

Subject: religion, spirituality

*Fr. Brian Johnson, co-leader, professed vows with the Redemptorist Order in 1980 and was ordained in 1986. He has worked in parishes in the Midwest and on the West Coast his whole career.*

*Fr. Pat Grile, co-leader, has been a priest for 47 years and he has served parishes in St. Louis, Minneapolis, and Grand Rapids. St. Alphonsus is his native parish where he attended grade school and lived across the street from the school and church.*

## **13-S2019 Mary Oliver and the Poetry of Lent**

1:30-2:45 p.m. 4 Wednesdays, February 20 – March 13

Room: Hiemenga Hall 333

Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it. "Sometimes" by Mary Oliver.

Using Scripture and Mary Oliver's poetry as guides, we will travel through the shadows of Lent to the joy of Easter morning. Come, see how her poetry can help us pay careful attention to what matters most on this journey.

Book: *Devotions: The Selected Poems of Mary Oliver* (ISBN 9780399563249) will be available in the Calvin College Campus Store.

Subject: poetry

*Esther Yff-Prins, leader, is a spiritual director and a lover of poetry.*

## Group 4

**Courses Meeting on Wednesdays, February and March, at 3:15 p.m.**

### **14-S2019 Cancer: Understanding the Enemy Within**

3:15-4:30 p.m., 4 Wednesdays: February 27 – March 20

Room: Devos Communications 160

The disease we call cancer is one of the most common afflictions faced by humans. In reality, cancer is a collection of diseases that are each unique in their own right, but it shares a number of common features. This course will discuss these shared “hallmarks of cancer” from a variety of perspectives including:

Session 1: terminology & basic developmental biology

Session 2: genetics, oncogenes & tumor suppressors

Session 3: epidemiology, metabolism & inflammation

Session 4: diagnostics & therapies

These lectures will include a modest amount of background information, but will especially focus on the most current advances in cancer research and therapy. These advances include new developments in targeted chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and “personalized medicine” that are revolutionizing our understanding of how to treat cancer.

Subject: science, health

*Brendan Looyenga, leader, is a professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Calvin College. His graduate training and scholarly research are in the field of oncology, with a specialty in cell signaling and metabolism in kidney cancer.*

### **15-S2019 My First White Friend: Confessions on Race, Love and Forgiveness, by Patricia Raybon**

3:15-4:30 p.m., 4 Wednesdays: February 27 – March 20

Room: Devos Communications 140

Patricia Raybon, an award-winning African-American journalist, has frequently participated in Calvin’s Festival of Faith and Writing. She speaks and writes powerfully about prayer and relationships. Weekend Edition, National Public Radio, calls *My First White Friend*, “A powerful tale of hard-won racial healing.” Raybon begins the story of her journey with these galvanizing words:



“God help me. I stopped hating white people on purpose about a year ago.” Raybon’s journey through hatred to forgiveness comes through learning to love and forgive herself first, before being able to forgive those who hurt her. She looks at the rage and powerlessness she grew up with in the fifties and marvels at the way Jesus Christ brought her and others healing. A young, naive white girl plays a key role in Raybon’s journey.

Copies of *My First White Friend: Confessions on Race, Love, and Forgiveness* (ISBN 9780140244366) will be available at the Calvin College Campus Store.

Subject: literature; spirituality; race relations

*Lisa Bouma Garvelink, leader, is a retired, tenured professor of literature. She has taught at Creston High School, Calvin College, Western Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, and her final twelve years at Kuyper College. She has loved reading and teaching literature since age 6 when she taught her five-year-old friend to read.*

## **16-S2019 Brexit 2019- Deal or No Deal**

3:15-4:30 p.m., 4 Wednesdays: February 27 – March 20

Room: Devos Communications 150

The United Kingdom is due to leave the European Union on March 29, 2019. Will the beleaguered British Prime Minister Theresa May manage to negotiate a “deal” that satisfies the EU, Parliament, and the warring factions of her own party? Or will Britain “crash out” of the EU with “no deal,” causing what some predict to be huge economic and social turmoil? Could there even be a second referendum that prompts an “exit from Brexit?” This class will meet in the immediate run up to the Brexit deadline. It will outline the events that have unfolded since the 2016 referendum and provide updates on the current state of play and possible future consequences of Brexit.

Session 1: Brexit Background and Context

Session 2: Who’s Who in the Brexit Debate

Session 3: The Key Issues at Stake

Session 4: What Next?

Subject: political science, history



*Martin Spence, leader, is a professor of history at Cornerstone University. He is originally from Suffolk, England. Before coming to Cornerstone, Spence spent three years in Glasgow, Scotland, teaching history at International Christian College, a multi-denominational evangelical college. He teaches World Civilization and European History classes.*

## **17-2019 Beginner Strength**

3:15-4:05 p.m. 5 Wednesdays, February 13 – March 20 (not on March 13; note special times)

Room: Chapel Undercroft 214

This class is perfect for someone who wants to learn how to begin a strength-training program, progress safely and effectively, and achieve a long-term healthy habit. Participants will learn how to modify and progress in an easy-to-follow strength-training program, using dumbbells, exercise tubes, and their own body to see great results. They will also be able to do the same routines at home with minimal equipment and see even better results in just six short weeks! Plus, they will learn how strength training is key to long-term mobility and flexibility as we age. The best improvements happen at any age, so it is NEVER too late to get started! Participants will have fun as they get strong, lean, and healthy together! Bring light weights only if you already own them.

Subject: physical fitness

*Emma Szczepanek, leader, is a certified group fitness instructor and NASM certified personal trainer. She strongly believes in mind/body connection and coaches her classes with mindful movement at the forefront, allowing participants to gain whole body awareness and confidence in their movement.*

## **Group #5**

**Courses Meeting on Thursdays, February and March, at 1:30 p.m.**

### **18-S2019 The First Century: Jews and Christians in the Roman Empire**

1:30-2:45 p.m., 4 Thursdays: Feb 21– March 14

Room: Bytwerk Theater (lower level of the DeVos Communications Center)

What was life like for Jews and Christians in the Roman Empire of the first century? Drawing on archeological and literary evidence, this class will explore

the urban development, cultural complexity, and historical context of the New Testament world from the reign of Augustus (31 b.c. to 14 a.d.) to Domitian (81-96 a.d.). The four sessions will focus on these topics:

Session 1: Augustus & Tiberius: the world of Jesus

Session 2: Claudius & Nero: the world of Paul

Session 3: Vespasian & Titus: the Jewish revolt

Session 4: Domitian: the Apocalypse of John

Subject: history

*Ken Bratt is a professor of classics, emeritus, and former director of the honors program at Calvin College.*

### **19-S2019 Science and Christian Belief**

1:30-2:45 p.m., 6 Thursdays: Feb 14– March 21

Room: Hiemenga Hall 333

Over the past several years, Francis Collins has sought to communicate a perspective on science and Christian belief that sees each of them as having divine origin and each making a unique contribution to our understanding of God. In this class, we will discuss a series of half-hour videos on faith and science. The videos present Dr. Collins discussing his own journey from atheism to faith and several other leading scholars discussing key questions on the relationship between science and Christian belief. These include: How do faith and science approach the nature of truth differently? Does science contradict the early chapters of Genesis? Can nature be seen as purposeful? Are creation and evolution necessarily at odds with each other? What (if anything) makes human beings unique?

Subject: science, religion

*James Bradley, leader, is professor of mathematics, emeritus, at Calvin College. He has written extensively on the relationship between mathematics and Christian belief, most recently on the challenge to divine providence posed by the existence of randomness in nature.*

### **20-S2019 Flannery O'Connor: Coming to Christ through the Back Door**

1:30-2:45 p.m., 4 Thursdays: February 28 – March 21

Room: Hiemenga Hall 331

Walker Percy once asked, “When the holy has disappeared, how in blazes can the novelist expect to make use of it?” He answered his own question by citing Flannery O’Connor’s remark that the religious novelist must learn “how to shout in silence.” O’Connor died at the young age of 39. Even so, her short stories, letters, essays, and novels have made a significant contribution to the literary world in general, and to the Christian faith in particular. We will discuss several of her short stories, with a few letters and essays written either by her or about her thrown in. In an age of doubt and cynicism about the message of the gospel, O’Connor’s stories, perhaps more now than ever, offer honest, sometimes disturbing insights into what O’Connor so aptly called “the sap and savor of Christianity.”

Book: *Flannery O’Connor: The Complete Stories* (ISBN 9780374515362) will be available in the Calvin College Campus Store.

Subject: literature, religion

*Nancy Knol, leader, taught English and Bible at Creston Christian Middle School and Grand Rapids Christian High School before retiring last year. She has also published two books--Deeper Waters, a book about teaching middle school, and a children’s book, Will, which was illustrated by one of her former students.*

## Group #6

**Courses Meeting on Thursdays, February and March, at 3:15 p.m.**

### **21-S2019 The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

3:15-4:30 p.m., 4 Thursdays: February 14 – March 14 (note: not on March 7)

Room: DeVos Communications 150

This course will begin by examining the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict up to the present day. Although both peoples have long histories that complicate matters, many of the reasons for the current conflict began in the late 19th century. We will then examine the internal divisions within the Israeli and Palestinian communities that make a resolution more difficult today and how these divisions play into the politics of the region. We will conclude with a look at where the peace process has stalled and where it may eventually lead.

Subject: political science, history

*Keith St. Clair, leader, is a professor of political science at Grand Rapids Community College who specializes in the Israeli-Palestine situation. He has taught national and international political science at GRCC since 2002 and is frequently asked to discuss Middle East issues. He has travelled extensively throughout the Middle East, including a recent trip to Qatar sponsored by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations.*

## **22-S2019 Stamp Collecting and the Humanities**

3:15-4:30 p.m., 5 Thursdays: February 21 – March 21

Room: DeVos Communications 160

Stamp collecting is great hobby for people who have a variety of different interests. It is a good way to learn about different cultures and countries. Each weekly session will be devoted to one of the five continents and will be divided into three parts. First, we will look at stamps from a specific region.

Those images will be projected onto a screen. Second, we will look at and discuss themes and topics on stamps. For example, with U.S. stamps, space exploration is a common theme. Students will be encouraged to bring stamps that they own and that they would like show to us. If they collect something else they would like to share, they are encouraged to bring it. I believe people will be more interested in something if they are invited to lead. We will conclude with a short story. Students will have the opportunity to design their own stamp. By the end of the course the students will be experts on all things philatelic. This course is also recommended for people who like to travel.

Subject: history

*Dave Baker, leader and stamp collector, works at Baker Book House where he is responsible for school accounts and diversity initiatives.*

## **23-S2019 Deepen Your Contacts through Compassionate Communication**

3:15-4:30 p.m., 4 Thursdays: February 14 – March 7

Room: Hiemenga Hall 337

Words are powerful. Our words, and how we hear others' words, affect the level of contact we experience in each of our relationships. By learning to communicate compassionately, we bring empathy, power, and love to every interaction. We

connect in conversations and resolve conflicts peacefully rather than sharing arguments. This course introduces participants to the basics of compassionate communication. They will get the essential theory, information, and skills to practice in their daily life, at work, with family, or in society. The interactive sessions include learning through practice.

Session 1: Awareness of the communication process & communication that blocks compassion

Session 2: Observing without evaluating & identifying and expressing feelings and needs

Session 3: Taking responsibility & requesting honesty

Session 4: The Power of empathy & connecting compassionately with ourselves and others

Recommended Book: *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life*, 3rd Edition: *Life-Changing Tools for Healthy Relationships*, Edition 3, PuddleDancer Press (ISBN 9781892005281) is not available in the Calvin College Campus Store but can be special ordered.

Subject: communication

*Ute Meier, leader, is an occupational therapist with experience as a long-term social worker in Germany. She has studied nonviolent communication in Germany and the U.S. and practiced compassionate communication in her daily life, in self-organized groups, and with the 12-month online compassion workshop from the Nonviolent Communication Center in New York.*

## **24-S2019 The Poem as Serious Play**

3:15-4:30 p.m., 4 Thursdays: February 21 – March 14

Room: Hiemenga Hall 333

What is poetry? What distinguishes it from other genres of literature? Why do poets like Emily Dickinson “tell it slant” when they could speak the truth more plainly in prose? In this short course, we will move back and forth between contemporary poetry and the traditions that have nurtured it in order to discover (or re-discover) for ourselves the freshness and vitality of verse. We will look specifically at how poets recreate: the ways they make music, figure their phrases, pique the imagination, and intensify language. Class periods will be devoted to reading poems out loud and discussing them.

Subject: poetry

*Lew Klatt, leader, is professor of English at Calvin College and Grand Rapids Poet Laureate, 2014-2017.*

## Session II March 26 – May 7

### Group #7

**Courses Meeting on Tuesdays, March, April and May, at 1:30 p.m.**

#### **25-S2019 The Music of the Beatles**

1:30 – 2:45 p.m., 6 Tuesdays, March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, May 7 (please note dates, no class April 30)

Room: Chapel Undercroft, 214

The ultimate pop phenomenon, the Beatles appeared everywhere in the '60s: on TV, movie screens, magazine covers, lunch boxes, dolls, dishes, and more. Beatlemania influenced hairstyles and clothing, but most of all, the Beatles revolutionized music. This six-week course will examine the music of the Beatles and their impact on Western culture. We will look at how they got started, their meteoric rise to fame, their songwriting style, their triumphs, and eventual breakup. In addition to lectures and videos, we will look at their musical development and hear live performances of their songs by well-known local musician Glenn Bulthuis. Bulthuis first watched the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan Show, on February 9, 1964, an event that would have a profound impact on the music direction his life would take in the decades to follow.

Subject: music

*Glenn Bulthuis, leader, grew up in Los Angeles and attended Calvin College in the 1970s. For 35 years he performed annual concerts at Calvin's Fine Arts Center. He plays guitar, banjo, and piano and has recorded seven albums of original songs. He has performed several Music of the Beatles concerts with his band, The Tonedeads, and performed throughout the United States, Europe, and Canada.*

#### **26-S2019 What Shall I Eat?**

1:30 – 2:45 p.m., 6 Tuesdays, March 26 – April 30

Room: Hiemenga Hall 331

Making decisions about healthy eating is an overwhelming challenge today, due to the over-abundance of information available on the internet and through television ads. In this course, participants will gain information about healthy eating and meal plans, nutrition, food groups, and recommended daily



amounts for aging adults. Attendees will also gain insights into additives and preservatives and ways to limit exposure to “hidden” ingredients that may be harmful to their overall health.

Subject: health

*Pat Latus-Kennedy, leader, is a veteran educator and trained school counselor. She uses her training and education in psychology, health, sociology, and Hakomi psychotherapy to develop a stress class that focuses on the social, emotional, physical, cognitive, and neurological components of stress awareness and management.*

## **27-S2019 Dying Well: Reflections of Our Journey between Baptism and Burial**

1:30-2:45 p.m., 4 Tuesdays: March 26–April 16

Room: Hiemenga Hall 336

What is the right time to talk about death and dying? Is death as natural for human beings as it is for animals? Is it the result of disobedience? Should we abandon funerals in favor of celebrations of life? How can a loving and just God allow death? These and other questions will be considered from a biblical-theological point of view, in four sessions.

Session 1: Inescapable death: Why you can't not talk about it.

Session 2: When do you start thinking about death? Baptism.

Session 3: Dying daily: How long O Lord?

Session 4: Facing the end of the journey: The binding cords of death (Jonah 2)

Recommended book: Richard John Neuhaus, *As I Lay Dying. Meditations upon Returning. On Facing Death and Living Again*. New York: Basic Books, 2002 (ISBN 9780465049318). This book is not available in the Calvin College Campus Store but can be special ordered.

Subject: religion

*Arie C. Leder, leader, is Johanna K. and Martin J. Wyngaarden Senior Professor of Old Testament Studies, emeritus, Calvin Theological Seminary.*



## **28-S2019 Creating Memoir**

1:00 – 3:00 p.m., 6 Tuesdays, March 26 – April 30 (Please note time.)

Room: Hiemenga Hall 314

Have you been thinking about writing the stories of your life? Have your siblings, children, or grandchildren urged you to fill in the details of family legends? If so, please consider joining a small group of like-minded people, learning by writing weekly assignments or by continuing an ongoing writing project. Each two-hour session is run like a workshop that contains instruction, gentle critique of your work, and encouragement from other writers. Both beginning and continuing writers are welcome to join this lively group, limited to 12 people.

The class text is *Writers in the Spirit: Inspiration for Christian Writers* (FaithWalk, ISBN 9781932902433), written by the instructor, is available at the Calvin College Campus Store.

Subject: writing

*Carol Rottman, leader, is an experienced writer and educator.*

## **Group #8**

**Courses Meeting on Tuesdays, March, April and May, at 3:15 p.m.**

## **29-S2019 Fighting to Win: America and the War in Vietnam, 1965 – 1970**

3:15-4:30 p.m., 4 Tuesdays: March 26 – April 16

Room: Hiemenga Hall 316

The United States introduced combat troops in 1965, and fought hard to win the war before attempting to negotiate a peace agreement to end the war. This course will look at the active combat phase of the war, how it was fought, and why the war was ultimately lost. It will also examine the controversy regarding whether or not the war could have been won under different circumstances. This is the second of three courses on the Vietnam War, but each may be taken as a stand-alone course.

Subject: history

*Mark Youngren, leader, has been an adjunct professor for over 30 years, most recently at Grand Valley State University and Aquinas College. He is also a retired Lt. Colonel in the US Army with a long-standing professional interest in the Vietnam War.*

## CALL CLASS SCHEDULE - SPRING 2019 - 1st SESSION

		Class	Presenter	Rm	Time	Feb			Mar			Period
TU	1	Medical Ethics	K. McDonnell	H331	1:30-2:45		19	26	5	12	19	2/19 to 3/19
TU	2	What Happens When We Die?	J. Cooper	H336	1:30-2:45			26	5	12	19	2/26 to 3/19
TU	3	Sense and Non-Sense	R. Whitekettle	H 333	1:30-2:45	12	19	26	5	12	19	2/12 to 3/19
TU	4	What It's Like to Be a Bird	M. Keigley	H317	1:30-2:45			26	5	12	19	2/26 to 3/19
TU	5	A Nation of Immigrants	P. Bom	H331	3:15-4:30		19	26	5	12	19	2/19 to 3/19
TU	6	1 Corinthians	K. Pomykala	H333	3:15-4:30	12	19	26	5	12		2/12 to 3/12
TU	7	Into the Quagmire: Vietnam	M. Youngren	H337	3:15-4:30			26	5	12	19	2/26 to 3/19
TU	8	Festival of Faith and Writing	J. Holberg	H316	3:15-4:30		19	26	5	12		2/19 to 3/12
TU	9	Yoga Stretch and Flex	H. Visser	CP214	3:15-4:05	12	19	26	5	12	19	2/12 to 3/19
						Feb			Mar			
WE	10	Human Exploration	R. Harms	Bytwerk	1:30-2:45	13	20	27	6	13	20	2/13 to 3/20
WE	11	Tracing the Paths of Buddhism	K. Harui	DC140	1:30-2:45			27	6	13	20	2/27 to 3/20
WE	12	God's Love in Our Lives	Johnson & Gril	H331	1:30-2:45	13	20	27	6			2/13 to 3/6
WE	13	Mary Oliver and Poetry of Lent	E. Yff-Prins	H333	1:30-2:45		20	27	6	13		2/20 to 3/13
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WE	14	Cancer: The Enemy Within	B. Looyenga	DC160	3:15-4:30			27	6	13	20	2/27 to 3/20
WE	15	<i>My First White Friend</i>	L. Garvelink	DC140	3:15-4:30			27	6	13	20	2/27 to 3/20
WE	16	Brexit 2019- Deal or No Deal	M. Spence	DC150	3:15-4:30			27	6	13	20	2/27 to 3/20
WE	17	Beginner Strength	E.Szczepanek	CP214	3:15-4:05	13	20	27	6		20	2/13 to 3/20
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TH	18	The First Century	K. Bratt	Bytwerk	1:30-2:45		21	28	7	14		2/21 to 3/14
TH	19	Science and Christian Belief	J. Bradley	H333	1:30-2:45	14	21	28	7	14	21	2/14 to 3/21
TH	20	Flannery O'Connor	N. Knol	H331	1:30-2:45			28	7	14	21	2/28 to 3/21
						Feb			Mar			
TH	21	The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	K. St Clair	DC150	3:15-4:30	14	21	28		14		2/14 to 3/14
TH	22	Stamp Collecting	D. Baker	DC160	3:15-4:30		21	28	7	14	21	2/21 to 3/21
TH	23	Deepen Your Contacts	U. Meier	H337	3:15-4:30	14	21	28	7			2/14 to 3/7
TH	24	The Poem as Serious Play	L. Klatt	H333	3:15-4:30		21	28	7	14		2/21 to 3/14

## CALL CLASS SCHEDULE - SPRING 2019 - 2nd SESSION

	Class	Presenter	Rm	Time	Mar	Apr						May	Period	
TU	25	The Music of the Beatles	G. Bulthuis	CP214	1:30-2:45	26	2	9	16	23		7	3/26 to 5/7	
TU	26	What Shall I Eat?	P. Latus-Kenne	H331	1:30-2:45	26	2	9	16	23	30		3/26 to 4/30	
TU	27	Dying Well	A. Leder	H336	1:30-2:45	26	2	9	16				3/26 to 4/16	
TU	28	Creating Memoir	C. Rottman	H314	1:00-3:00	26	2	9	16	23	30		3/26 to 4/30	
					Mar	Apr								
TU	29	Fighting to Win: Vietnam	M. Youngren	H316	3:15-4:30	26	2	9	16				3/26 to 4/16	
TU	30	Federal Deficits and Debt	G. Monsma	DC160	3:15-4:30	26	2	9	16	23			3/26 to 4/23	
TU	31	Refugee Resettlement	N. VanderBerg	H331	3:15-4:30	26	2	9	16	23	30		3/26 to 4/30	
TU	32	English Monarchs: Angevin King	G. Burbridge	DC170	3:15-4:30	26	2	9	16				3/26 to 4/16	
TU	33	Traditional Chinese Medicine	Z. Zhou	H337	3:15-4:30		2	9	16	23			4/2 to 4/23	
					Mar	Apr								
WE	34	Justice: What It Is	N. Wolterstorff	Chapel	1:30-2:45	27	3	10	17	24			3/27 to 4/24	
WE	35	The Rise of Buddhism	K. Harui	DC140	1:30-2:45	27	3	10	17				3/27 to 4/17	
WE	36	Evangelical Protestantism	G. Marsden	H331	1:30-2:45		3	10	17	24			4/3 to 4/24	
WE	37	Catholic, Saints and Statues	M. K. Oosdyke	H333	1:30-2:45	27	3	10	17				3/27 to 4/17	
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WE	38	<i>An Extra Mile</i>	S. Brown	Bytwerk	3:15-4:30		3	10	17	24			4/3 to 4/24	
WE	39	<i>Purple Hibiscus</i>	L. Garvelink	DC140	3:15-4:30	27	3	10	17				3/27 to 4/17	
WE	40	Pope Francis	D. Zerfas	DC160	3:15-4:30	27	3	10	17				3/27 to 4/17	
WE	41	The New Urbanism	L. Hardy	H333	3:15-4:30	27	3	10	17				3/27 to 4/17	
WE	42	Looking Up	D. Kampfschul	H337	3:15-4:30			10	17	24	1		4/10 to 5/1	
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TH	43	Turning Yards into Prairies	D. Warners, et	H337	1:30-2:45	28	4	11	18				3/28 to 4/18	
TH	44	Violence in the Bible	H. Stob	H333	1:30-2:45	28	4	11	18	25			3/28 to 4/25	
TH	45	Another Look at Early America	J. Bratt	Bytwerk	1:30-2:45	28	4	11		25	2		3/28 to 5/2	
TH	46	Some Assembly Required	D. Fleming	H336	1:30-2:45	28	4	11	18	25	2		3/28 to 5/2	
TH	47	Submarine Warfare in WWII	J. Smither	H331	1:30-2:45	28	4	11	18				3/28 to 4/18	
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TH	48	Rise of Fascism in Europe	VanKley&Diep	H316	3:15-4:30	28	4	11	18	25			3/28 to 4/25	
TH	49	Dutch Stories I Have Heard	D. Broene	H331	3:15-4:30		4	11	18	25			4/4 to 4/25	
TH	50	The Deadliest Race, 1945-1990	F. Johnson	DC160	3:15-4:30	28	4	11	18	25	2		3/28 to 5/2	
TH	51	Into and Out of the Land	D. Kroeze	Bytwerk	3:15-4:30	28	4	11	18				3/28 to 4/18	
<b>Courses with Special Time Arrangements</b>														
TH	52	The Dutch Reformation	K. Maag	kaybroo	2:00-3:15	Jan 3	10	17					1/3 to 1/17	
MO	53	Living with the German Past	B. Carvill	kaybroo	2:30-3:30	Apr 1	8	15	22	29			4/1 to 4/29	
MO	54	Rubens to Rembrandt	H. Luttikhuiser	SC150	3:15-4:30	Mar 25	Apr 1	8	15				3/25 to 4/15	
TU	55	Great Decisions	World Affairs	Recital	12:00-1:30	Feb 5	12	19	26	Ma 5	12	19	26	2/5 to 3/26
FR	56	Fridays at the Movies	Roy Anker	Teleb Cir	3:30-6:00	Feb 22	Mar 8	22	Apr 12				2/23 to 4/12	

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### **30-S2098 Federal Deficits and Debt: Are they a problem? What, if anything, should we do?**

3:15 – 4:30 p.m., 5 Tuesdays, March 26 – April 23

Room: DeVos Communications 160

Most economists, as well as much of the general public, believe that the projected levels of the federal deficits and debt that would occur over the next 10 to 20 years under current policy could, would cause serious problems for the United States. But the President and some in Congress want to cut taxes even more, which would raise the deficits and debt even more. And among those who want to reduce deficits there is much disagreement regarding how to do so and how rapidly this should be done. The course will examine these questions in light of economic theories about the effects of deficits and debt (e.g., are they always bad? do they always create a burden for our grandchildren?) and Christian views on the role of the government. We will begin with a history of federal deficits and debt to illumine the causes of the present situation, look at the current situation and projections for the future to see why the problems are likely to increase if changes in policy are not made, and examine some of the major alternative recommendations for reducing the deficit and debt.

Subject: economics

*George Monsma, leader, is professor of economics, emeritus, at Calvin College*

### **31-S2019 History of Refugee Resettlement in West Michigan**

3:15-4:30 p.m., 6 Tuesdays: March 26 – April 30

Room: Hiemenga Hall 331

This course will examine the history of refugee resettlement with a particular focus on West Michigan and the local organizations spearheading the refugee resettlement.

Session 1: Early history of refugee resettlement (1948-1980); Freedom Flight Refugee Task Force

Session 2: The Refugee Act (1980) and overview of refugee resettlement in Grand Rapids; Catholic Human Development Outreach; Kent County Health department

Session 3: Refugee resettlement under Clinton administration; Lutheran Social Services of Michigan (LSSM); Programs Assisting Refugee Acculturation (PARA).



Session 4: Refugee resettlement under Bush administration; Bethany Christian Services; Senior Neighbors.

Session 5: Refugee resettlement under Obama administration; Refugee Education Center.

Session 6: Refugee resettlement under Trump administration; African Resource Center; Thrive; Treetops; West Michigan Friendship Center

Subject: sociology

*Nita VanderBerg, leader, has been involved with refugee resettlement at Church of the Servant since 1993 and currently volunteers with refugees from Congo and Sri Lanka. She was a refugee case manager with PARA and Bethany Christian Services from 1997-2009.*

### **32-S2019 English Monarchs: The Angevin Kings**

3:15 – 4:30 p.m., 4 Tuesdays, March 26 – April 16

Room: DeVos Communications 170

England was ruled by the Angevin kings (men of French origin who succeeded the Norman kings) from 1154 through 1259. This period of English history is filled with stories we have all heard at one time or another—the famous marriage of King Henry II to Eleanor of Aquitaine, the murder of Archbishop Becket, the heroic warrior and crusader King Richard “the Lion Hearted,” and “good” King John and Robin Hood. These stories and many others will be explored. We will also look at the lives of the not so famous; the people these kings ruled, the lives they led and the (seemingly endless) wars they fought.

Session 1: Henry II and Eleanor

Session 2: The “Young King” and the reign if Richard I

Session 3: King John, “Robin Hood,” and the Magna Carta

Session 4: The social history of the era—what was it like to live in this time?

Subject: history

*Gary Burbridge, leader, taught anthropology and history at Grand Rapids Community College. While at GRCC, he developed courses in Native American cultures, introductory archeology, and Irish archeology.*

### **33-S2019 Traditional Chinese Medicine**

3:15 – 4:30 p.m., 4 Tuesdays, April 2 – April 23

Room: Hiemenga Hall 337

This course will introduce and discuss the basic theories of traditional Chinese medicine, such as “Yin and Yang.” The course will cover respiratory diseases, neurological disorders, gynecological issues, and cancer support. Participants also will learn some acupressure points that they can use at home to help themselves, including the acupoints for face lifts, insomnia, headaches, toothaches, eye issues, abdominal pain, cramps, depression, and anxiety, etc.

Subject: health

*Zhiqun Zhou, leader, is a retired doctor of Chinese medicine/acupuncturist. She is a graduate of Shanghai Second Medical College and a recipient of “Madam Curie Bursary” in China. She has taught acupressure class for twenty years in West Michigan.*

## **Group #9**

**Courses Meeting on Wednesdays, March, April and May, at 1:30 p.m.**

### **34-S2019 Justice: What It Is and Why It Matters?**

1:30-2:45 p.m., 5 Wednesdays: March 27 – April 24

Room: Chapel Auditorium

Also available as  
an online course  
open to anyone

The course will begin by explaining that the lecturer’s reflections on justice began not from reading academic literature on the topic but from engagement with victims of injustice in South Africa, Palestine, and Honduras. In the following lectures we will consider the relation between love and justice in Christian scripture, we will ask what justice is, we will consider why justice matters, and we will consider the relation between justice and government.

**\*\*Note:** this course is also available online for participant registration throughout North America. Online participants can register through the CALL website for the \$30 fee, without membership. They will receive a passcode one week before the course start date to watch the lectures live online. These course participants will be able to text questions during each week’s Q&A time.

Subject: philosophy

*Nicholas Wolterstorff, leader, is Noah Porter Professor Emeritus of Philosophical Theology, Yale University. Previously he also taught at Calvin College. He is past President of the American Philosophical Association and is also honored to be a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.*

### **35-S2019 Tracing the Paths of Buddhism: The Rise of Buddhism in East Asia**

1:30-2:45 p.m., 4 Wednesdays: March 27 – April 17

Room: DeVos Communications 140

This course is a continuation from Session I (course #11) that will examine how Buddhism arrived in East Asia. We will look at Buddhism along the silk routes, the translation and creation of religious texts in China, and the prominent schools of Buddhism in East Asia. Particular attention will be paid to how Buddhism created a stronghold amidst local religious traditions by adapting to different social and philosophical values.

Subject: religion, history

*Kimberly Harui, leader, is post-doctoral visiting professor of Asian Studies at Calvin College and teaches courses in the religion and history departments.*

### **36-S2019 Evangelical Protestantism and American Culture**

1:30-2:45 p.m., 4 Wednesdays: April 3 – April 24

Room: Hiemenga Hall 331

This course will provide an historical overview considering some of the roles that evangelical Protestantism has played in shaping American culture and the roles of American culture has played in shaping evangelical religion. It will look at the early background by asking the question of whether the United States was founded as a Christian nation. Most of the course will focus on the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, including the rise of fundamentalism, the mid-century “new evangelicalism” associated with Billy Graham, and the rise of the religious right since the 1970s. Some attention will be given to the relationships between Reformed Protestantism and more populist evangelicalism. Classes will include some video presentations as well as discussions of the issues.

Suggested (not required) reading: *Religion and American Culture: A Brief History*, 3rd edition (Eerdmans, 2018, ISBN 9780802875396). Books are available in the Calvin College Campus Store.

Subject: history

*George Marsden, leader, taught history at Calvin College from 1965-1986 and later taught at Duke University and the University of Notre Dame. He has written a number of books on American religion and most recently a revised and updated edition of Religion and American Culture: A Brief History, which would be good preparation for this course.*

## **37-S2019 Catholics: Their Saints and Statues, Myths and Holy Truths**

1:30-2:45 p.m., 4 Wednesdays: March 27 – April 17

Room: Hiemenga Hall 333

This course will address the holiness and humor, the honor and frailty of human persons Catholics call “saints,” and how they fit in Christian discipleship and everyday life. Some saints are clearly heroic; some appear bizarre—not unlike the prophets. Some seem too ordinary to be singled out and some seem unreal in the face of historical and scientific studies. Why would Catholics pray to them anyway?

The sessions will include presentations, discussions, and examples of some saints both well known and unknown and some practices both inspirational and humorous.

Session 1: How the awareness of devotion to saints developed.

Examples of apostolic, New Testament saints and faithful disciples in early Christianity. Who is included and who is omitted?

Session 2: Medieval saints and mystics—union with God through Jesus Christ in a chaotic world.

Session 3: The Church and the saints. How the Catholic Church guides the faithful in their understanding of and devotion to saints.

Session 4: Who are some contemporary saints and what are the criteria for judging them so? There seems to be a saint for every need—why so many?

Subject: religion

*Mary Kay Oosdyke, leader, is a Dominican Sister who has served laity and clergy in theological education and ministerial and spiritual formation in colleges and seminaries. After serving as director of Dominican Associate Life from 2008 to 2017 for her congregation, she is focusing on education in faith and spirituality for small communities and rural churches. She has a Ph.D. in theology and education from Boston College and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Mercy Center in California.*

## Group #10

**Courses Meeting on Wednesdays, March, April and May, at 3:15 p.m.**

### **38-S2019 *An Extra Mile***

3:15 – 4:30 p.m., 4 Wednesdays, April 3 – April 24

Room: Bytwerk Theater (lower level of the DeVos Communications Center)

Sharon Garlough Brown will lead an in-depth study of the spiritual formation themes in her book *An Extra Mile*, the fourth and final installment in her bestselling *Sensible Shoes* series. Using the characters as mirrors for exploring longings and struggles, Brown will offer spiritual practices that help participants pay attention to the presence of God in the midst of life's challenges.

The book, ISBN 9780830843329, will be available at the Calvin College Campus Store.

Subject: literature, spirituality

*Sharon Garlough Brown, leader, is an author, retreat speaker, and spiritual director. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, she has served on the pastoral staff of congregations in Scotland, Oklahoma, England, and most recently in West Michigan, where she co-pastored Redeemer Covenant Church with her husband, Jack. Her spiritual formation novels in the bestselling Sensible Shoes series follow the journey of characters who are learning to rest in the love of God. Her next novel, Shades of Light, explores mental illness and spiritual formation and will release from InterVarsity Press in the fall of 2019. For more information about her ministry, visit [www.sharongarloughbrown.com](http://www.sharongarloughbrown.com)*

### **39-S2019 *Purple Hibiscus*, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

3:15 – 4:30 p.m., 4 Wednesdays, March 27 – April 17

Room: DeVos Communications 140

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's engaging first novel, *Purple Hibiscus*, brought her world acclaim. It also gave her the opportunity to be a keynote speaker at Calvin's Festival of Faith and Writing in 2012, speaking on the intersection between her faith and writing. This novel is set in Nigeria as was Chinua Achebe's famous *Things Fall Apart*. Adichie writes in the twenty-first century about the same Nigerian cultural milieu, generations later. Just as Achebe's novel rewrote the history of Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*, Adichie forces readers to re-examine Achebe's assumptions. Especially compelling in this lively novel,

however, is the young novelist's depiction of the difficult intersection of a very real Christianity with a very real native religion. Adichie depicts multiple generations of family members struggling poignantly with their faith.

*Purple Hibiscus* (ISBN 9781616202415) will be available at the Calvin College Campus Store.

Subject: literature

*Lisa Bouma Garvelink, leader, is a retired tenured professor of literature, has taught at Creston High School, Calvin College, Western Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, and her final twelve years at Kuyper College.*

### **40-S2019 Pope Francis: His Spirituality, His Vision**

3:15 – 4:30 p.m., 4 Wednesdays: March 27 – April 17

Room: DeVos Communications 160

The first Pope elected from the Americas, Pope Francis has strong Jesuit roots formed among the poor in Buenos Aires. Faced with a Church in crisis at the beginning of the new millennium, Francis is focusing on mercy, the earth, evangelization, and walking with Jesus. Rather than just observing Francis let us experience his gentle spirit and passionate commitment through his words, his actions, and his prayer.

Subject: religion, spirituality

Diane Zervas O.P., leader, is a Grand Rapids Dominican Sister with a long history of teaching, preaching, and forming spiritual directors at Dominican Center. She enjoys sharing her joy in the Word.

### **41-S2019 The New Urbanism**

3:15 – 4:30 p.m., 4 Wednesdays, March 27 – April 17

Room: Hiemenga Hall 333

Ever wonder why we have to drive everywhere we want to go? In this class we'll investigate why development in America after the Second World War went in the direction of low-density auto-oriented suburbs; and we'll consider the consequences—social, financial, civic, environmental, and health—of this historically unprecedented form of human settlement; finally, we consider the recent interest in walkable urban neighborhoods and the New Urbanist movement.



Session 1: Homes, Cars, and Highways

Session 2: Functional Zoning and Walkable Neighborhoods

Session 3: Public Health, Public Finances, and the Environment

Session 4: Race, Gentrification, and the Church

Suggested Reading: Lee Hardy, *The Embrace of Buildings: A Second Look at Walkable City Neighborhoods* (ISBN 9781937555252). Copies will be available at the Calvin College Campus Store.

Subject: sociology

*Lee Hardy, leader, is a professor of philosophy at Calvin College.*

## **42-S2019 Looking Up when Life Is Pushing You Down**

3:15 – 4:30 p.m., 4 Wednesdays, April 10 – May 1

Room: Hiemenga Hall 337

We all face similar challenges, traumas, and tragedies in our lives. Have you ever wondered why some people bounce back from tough times with a positive outlook while for others, life continues to be a challenge? Are optimism and resiliency something we are born with or are they traits that can be developed? Join us as we explore these questions and share your wisdom as we prepare for what tomorrow will bring.

Subject: psychology

*Dave Kampfschulte, leader, is director of Amazing Circles Workshops, a nationally known speaker, and author of I'm Dying to Talk with You: Twenty-Five Years of Conversations on End of Life Decisions. Using his empathy, humor, energy, and over 28 years as an educator and a hospice volunteer, he facilitates his interactive, enlightening workshops and presentations to a wide spectrum of professionals and general audiences. Dave has a master's degree in education and is a preceptor with Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.*



## Group #11

**Courses Meeting on Thursdays, March, April and May at 1:30 p.m.**

### **43-S2019 Turning Country Yards into Living Prairies**

1:30-2:45 p.m., 4 Thursdays, March 28 – April 18

Room: Hiemenga Hall 337

Why restoring prairie habitat is so important to today's urban/rural areas across West Michigan. A presentation of how a land owner might create natural habitat using sustainability methods by simply reducing the amount of time and expense of not mowing large yards excepting the perimeters around a dwelling; to suspend sowing turf grasses in favor of native grass mixes; to stop utilizing yard fertilizers contributing to phosphorous build-up in groundwater, lakes, ponds, and streams; by removing non-native invasive plantings which crowd out natural prairies, savannahs, waterways, and woodlands; and how to add functional color for show and beauty while providing for insects, bees, and butterflies which attract birds and other wildlife. We stand with Aldo Leopold in teaching a new Land Ethic to urban and rural environs in an era of natural reclamation, restoration, and improved positive footprints.

- Session 1: Rebecca Marquardt: landscape architect and owner of Revery, a landscape architecture studio that specializes in regenerative design solutions that honor regional character and foster habitat for wildlife using primarily native plants.
- Session 2: Esther Durnwald: Owner of Michigan Wildflower Farm, a supplier of Great Lakes Region native seeds and specializing in native planting services including consulting, site preparation, installation and management
- Session 3: Brian Majka: GEI Consultants, a consulting engineering and environmental firm. Brian's 17 years' experience as a professional restoration ecologist includes extensive experience in design and implantation of wetland construction and prairie planting.
- Session 4: Dave Warners: Calvin biology professor; he leads the Plaster Creek Stewards and started a native landscaping and habitat establishment initiative, Native Landscapes, which focuses on promoting native biodiversity within urban areas.

Subject: environment

## 44-S2019 Violence in the Bible

1:30-2:45 p.m., 5 Thursdays, March 28 - April 25

Room: Hiemenga Hall 333

*Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war...* When was the last time you sang that in church? Would you feel comfortable singing it today? How might our Muslim neighbors react if they heard us sing it? Because of the 9/11 attack and subsequent events, the issue of the relation between religion and violence has received considerable attention. Muslim Jihad, Jewish Psalms calling for the killing of enemy children, the Christian crusades and inquisition, Hindu and Muslim bloodshed are all pointed to as examples of violence called for and justified on religious grounds.

- Session 1: Introduction: Old and New Testament texts that call for violence; What do we do with those texts? A warrior God and a warrior people
- Session 2: God and the Nations: *Show them no mercy*: Holy War and *Herem*; How do evangelical scholars interpret those texts that call for the extermination (genocide) of various nations? (historical events that God ordered; historical events that God didn't order; events happened but not as narrated)
- Session 3: Violence and the Cross I: "Christianity is an abusive theology that glorifies suffering"; the physical, psychological and spiritual sufferings of Jesus; the cross and violence—from the Gospels through medieval piety to Mel Gibson
- Session 4: Violence and the Cross II: Christus Victor: the atonement as victory over the devil; Satisfaction i—the atonement as restoring honor and moral influence; the atonement as example; Satisfaction ii--the atonement as punishment for sin and divine violence and predestination
- Session 5: God and Horrendous Evils: What are horrendous evils? What is God doing about them?

Subject: religion

*Harvey Stob, leader, is retired and formerly pastor at Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church.*

## **45-S2019 Another Look at Early America**

1:30-2:45 p.m., 5 Thursdays, March 28, April 4, 11 (start at 1:45), 25, May 2 (please note dates)

Room: Bytwerk Theater (lower level of Devos Communications Center)

Most people who came to colonial America had no idea, nor even a wish, that it would become an independent nation. A major obstacle, which continued after independence, lay in the colonies'/states' sharp differences with each other. This course will examine these differences according to the five major regions that made up colonial America: the Chesapeake area of Virginia and Maryland; the Lower South of the Carolinas and Georgia; New England, north and east of New York; the Middle Colonies of Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey; and the Backcountry along the Appalachian Mountains. Each of these regions operated by its own distinctive combination of landscape, economy, ethnic mix, cultural values, and political arrangements. Our final session will explore how these differences played out in the American Revolution and young United States—and continue to manifest themselves today.

Subject: history

*James Bratt, leader, is professor of history, emeritus, at Calvin College*

## **46-S2019 Some Assembly Required: How Hebrews Connects the Riches of the Old Testament Worship Through Christ to Today**

1:30-2:45 p.m., 6 Thursdays, March 28 - May 2

Room: Hiemenga Hall 336

The author of Hebrews urges, “Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” In this class we’ll consider how the book of Hebrews connects the riches of Old Testament worship through Christ to today to encourage one another. Why do you and your neighbors need the Church? How has the book of Hebrews shaped so much of what you’ve come to say in church? How does Hebrews encourage us in this sometimes lonely and broken world? How do we serve as priests with Christ, our great High Priest? We’ll look at how the author of Hebrews weaves together the saving work of Christ delivered in Christian worship (what many call “The Divine Service”) and how this means everything to all Christians as we do not forsake assembling together, but encourage one another in Christ.

Subject: biblical studies, religion

*David Fleming, leader, serves as pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, on Burton Street in Grand Rapids, MI.*

## **47-S2019 Submarine Warfare in WWII**

1:30-2:45 p.m., 4 Thursdays, March 28 – April 18

Room: Hiemenga Hall 331

Using oral history interviews conducted by the GVSU Veterans History Project, along with other sources, Dr. Smither examines the war from the perspectives of those who served in submarines, as well as those who hunted or were hunted by them, while assessing the overall effectiveness of each country's submarine strategies. The course will be split between the German submarine offensive in the Atlantic and beyond, and the American and Japanese submarine warfare in the Pacific.

Subject: history

*James Smither, leader, is professor of history at GVSU, and directs the Veterans History Project there. He teaches courses in European history, military history and conducts oral history interviews with area veterans for the archives.*

## **Group #12**

**Courses Meeting on Thursdays, March, April and May, at 3:15 p.m.**

## **48-S2019 Rise of Fascism in Europe Before World War II**

3:15 – 4:30 p.m., 5 Thursdays, March 28 – April 25

Room: Hiemenga Hall 316

Among the chief characteristics of fascism are exclusive nationalist, anti-communist, and antisocialist movements that typically arise in national democracies under the stress of irresolvable disagreements in the face of intractable socio-economic problems. In this course, we will trace the development of nation-states, the nationalistic catastrophe of World War I, fascism in action in Italy and Germany, as well as happenings in the United States in recent years. We will discuss real cases and what shape fascism might assume in this country if, as in the title of Sinclair Lewis's novel, "it could happen here."

Subject: history

Presenters:

*Dale Van Kley is professor emeritus of history, Ohio State University. Having received his BA from Calvin College and his PhD from Yale University, he taught at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Calvin College, and Ohio State University. He has written three books on the French Revolution.*

*David Diephouse, Calvin College professor emeritus of history, earned his BA from Calvin College, and MA and PhD from Princeton University. After teaching at Rutgers University, he taught European history at Calvin College for over 30 years and served as academic dean. His primary area of interest is nineteenth- and twentieth-century Germany. His book *Pastors and Pluralism in Württemberg 1918-1933* was published by Princeton University Press.*

## **49-S2019 Dutch Stories I Have Heard**

3:15 – 4:30 p.m., 4 Thursdays, April 4 – April 25

Room: Hiemenga Hall 331

As is the case with many areas in the United States, the unique character of West Michigan was shaped largely by successive waves of European settlers. Germans, Poles, Italians, English, Irish, and French immigrants all made substantial contributions to the city. But no European group is more associated with Grand Rapids than the Dutch. This course introduces lesser-known interesting historical pieces of Dutch history in West Michigan.

Session 1: Are Bentheimers really Dutch?

Session 2: A Bentheimer in Wellington's Army

Session 3: Albertus Van Raalte's influence during and after the Civil War

Session 4: The Great Holland Fire of 1871.

Subject: history

*David Broene, leader, is the program director of the Grand Rapids Civil War Roundtable.*

## **50-S2019 The Deadliest Race, 1945-1990**

3:15 – 4:30 p.m., 6 Thursdays, March 28 – May 2

Room: DeVos Communications 160

Amidst the tensions, violence, and looming nuclear annihilation of the Cold War [1945 - 1990], the United States and Soviet Union embarked upon a competition, focusing upon the Moon as the prize. By the time Astronaut Neal Armstrong declared “That’s one small step for man. One giant leap for mankind,” the two superpowers had stretched the boundaries of human achievement while inventing a new, more deadly kind of war.

Subject: history

*Fred L. Johnson III, leader, is a professor of history at Hope College. His primary field of study is the American Civil War. Along with teaching the history of U.S. foreign policy, his other specialty areas include U.S. Military History, 20th Century U.S., and Africa.*

## **51-S2019 Into and Out of the Land: The History Books of the Old Testament**

3:15-4:30 p.m., 4 Thursdays: March 28 – April 18

Room: Bytwerk Theater (lower level of the DeVos Communications Center)

In this course, we survey and analyze the historical books of the Old Testament: Joshua, Judges, Samuel, and Kings. Beginning with the Israelite’s entry into the land of Canaan under Joshua to the exile of God’s people to Babylon and the loss of the land, we will examine the history of God’s people. We will focus on the faithfulness of God working to prepare Israel for the coming of the Messiah as well as the meaning and message the Church receives from these books today.

Subject: biblical studies

*Daniel Kroeze, leader, is a professor of biblical studies at Kuyper College. The Dead Sea Scrolls were part of his doctoral research at the University of Wisconsin. He is ordained in the RCA and currently serving as the teaching pastor at Newhall Community Church in Wyoming.*



## Group #13

### Courses with Special Time Arrangements

#### **52-S2019 The Dutch Reformation**

2:00-3:15 p.m., 3 Thursdays: January 3, 10, 17

Room: Friendship Room, Raybrook Manor

Although John Calvin was not Dutch, the Reformed faith spread northward from Geneva to the Netherlands, taking root in the 1550s and 1560s. But the eventual dominance of Calvinism in the Dutch Republic was not self-evident, given that the religious and political situation of the Low Countries was complicated at the time. Come find out more about the course of the Reformation in the Netherlands, from its earliest impact to 1648. Topics covered include Lutheran and Anabaptist growth, the Wonderyear, the Council of Troubles, the Union of Arras, and the Union of Utrecht, the Synod of Dordt, and the appearance of the Statenbijbel. The course will feature lectures, short readings, discussions, video clips, and a chance to see (and handle) some of the rare Bibles from the Meeter Center's collection.

Subject: history

*Karin Maag, leader, is the director of the Meeter Center for Calvin Studies. She has taught for CALL since 2000. Although her area of specialty is the Reformation, she gladly shares with CALL participants her historical knowledge from a wide range of places and time periods.*

#### **53-S2019 Living with the German Past: Stories of My Family**

2:30-3:30 p.m., 5 Mondays, April 1 – 29

Room: Friendship Room, Raybrook Manor

There was my grandma, sly woman that she was, who came through it all by hook or by crook; my father, a man of his time who gave his life for a lost cause; my mother, capable and resolute, who somehow lived through and outlived two dictatorships; Onkel Max the incorrigible, who never wavered in his (questionable) convictions—and many more. There was my own birth in the village of Gehren; early childhood years and first years in school; life in the village; waiting for a father who never came home; zero hour and the end of World War II; our escape from East German Communism; rebuilding a life in the West, and on and on. In this course we will hear the stories of my family and



my people, chuckle or lament their prejudices and foibles, look at their pictures and images of their times, and contemplate how they survived it all. And we will compare it with your experiences and think about how you might have acted back then, had you been in their shoes.

Subject: history, sociology

*Barbara Carvill, leader, is professor of German, emerita, at Calvin College.*

### **54-S2019 Rubens to Rembrandt**

3:15-4:30 p.m., 4 Mondays: March 25 – April 15

Room: Spoelhof Center 150 (in the Art Department)

This course will focus on the paintings of two major seventeenth-century artists, Peter Paul Rubens and Rembrandt van Rijn. In the first two weeks of the course, we will examine the work of Rubens, paying special attention to the significance of his paintings for European courts. We will also study how this artist, who was born in a Calvinist household, helped promote the Catholic Reformation. During the second half of the course, we will consider the work of Rembrandt, highlighting his preoccupation with Rubens, his desire to be a major historical painter for the New Republic of the Netherlands, and his extraordinary interpretation of biblical narratives

Subject: art history

*Henry Luttikhuisen, leader, is a professor of art history at Calvin College.*

### **55-S2019 Great Decisions Global Discussion Series**

12:00-1:30 p.m., 8 Tuesdays: February 5 – March 26 (please note time)

Room: Recital Hall in the Covenant Fine Arts Center

Also available as  
an online course  
open to anyone

This course, sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Western Michigan, tackles some of the most important global issues facing our nation in its annual Great Decisions Series.

Lecture topics include migration, cybersecurity, China and trade, and the fate of the State Department. The series features diplomats, policy makers and practitioners, think tank specialists and journalists, using their diverse expertise to lead conversations on the following topics:

February 5: “State of the State Department,” Ambassador Barbara Stephenson, president of the American Foreign Service Association

- February 12: “Democracy on the Run: Dispatches from Eastern Europe,” Carol Schaeffer, freelance journalist
- February 19: “Immigration Policy beyond the Border,” Ambassador Jim Nealon, former U.S. Ambassador to Honduras
- February 26: “A New Nuclear Arms Race?” Kelsey Davenport, Arms Control Association
- March 5: “China-U.S. Trade War,” Amy Celico, Albright Stonebridge Group (ASG)
- March 12: “Life after the Arab Uprisings and the Islamic State,” Rania Abouzeid, author of *No Turning Back: Life, Loss, and Hope in Wartime Syria*
- March 19: “Global Cyber Threats,” Peter Jolliffe, FBI
- March 26: “Mexico and the U.S.: The Economic Ties that Bind,” Carlos Capistran, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Mexico City

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World Affairs Council of Western Michigan’s Corporate and Senator members attend free—as do the students, faculty and staff of WACWM member institutions: Aquinas, Calvin, Davenport, Ferris State, Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Valley State, Kendall, Montcalm Community College, and Western Michigan. The Council also broadcasts the series to remote educational partners Northern Michigan University (Marquette, MI) and Rhine-Waal University (Germany).

WACWM is the local sponsor of Great Decisions, America’s largest discussion program on world affairs, produced by the New York City-based Foreign Policy Association (FPA). The Council has sponsored the series for more than 60 years.

More information on the series and the speakers is available on WACWM’s website: <https://worldmichigan.org/greatdecisions2019>

Subject: political science, international

**56-S2019 Fridays at the Movies: The Best of the New** (please note dates and place)

3:30-6:00 p.m., 4 Fridays, February 22, March 8, 22, April 12

Woodland Mall Celebration Cinema

In a continuation of this off-campus venture, the course will feature four of the finest new international and North American independent releases at 3:30 p.m. on alternate Fridays in February, March and April at Celebration! Cinema Woodland (to avoid spring break parking nightmares, we have scheduled three weeks between the 3rd and 4th films). Drawn from Celebration! Cinema's exceptional "Indie Film Series," the course includes the best of the new playing in New York or Los Angeles with discussions led by, among others, Roy Anker, Jennifer Holberg, Eric Kuiper, and Carl Plantinga. Specific titles will be announced to CALL as soon as release dates become available. Course registrants' names will be checked off a roster at the cinema the day of each film to obtain the ticket for the film that day.

Style: film and discussion

*Roy Anker, coordinator, is a professor of English, emeritus, at Calvin College where he specialized in film. His most recent book is Beautiful Light: Religious Meaning in Film (2017).*

Subject: film





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