SPRING 2019 ICLRU
STUDY GROUPS
MARCH 18-MAY 16

ICLRU MEMBERS:

Please register for a study group only if you plan to attend regularly. If you register and find you cannot attend, please notify the coordinator as soon as possible.

Registration online and in the ICLRU Center will close on Friday, February 22.

Please register online if possible. This saves clerical work!

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And much more!
THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN COLONIES BEFORE 1776 (PART 3)
Coordinators: Tom and Sue Gavigan

This Study Group is the third part of a multi-session course on the history of the thirteen original American Colonies. In these eight weeks, we intend to cover the period from the 1732 founding of Georgia (the last of the original thirteen colonies) through the events leading up to the American Revolution in 1776. We will explore the struggle for continental dominance between Great Britain and France that culminated with a British victory in the French and Indian War. Some of the other topics we will be discussing include: “The Great Awakening”; The Albany Conference of 1754; the lives and exploits of various people of the era; Pontiac’s revolt; British imperial policy and colonial grievances that led to the Revolution; and the conflict between frontiersmen and Native Americans that resulted from colonial trans-Appalachian expansion. The coordinators will use PowerPoint/lecture, audio visual materials, group discussion and the Teaching Company Course: “Before 1776: Life in the American Colonies” for the journey through this interesting period of our history. We hope you will join us for a discussion of the many events that transpired, and the societal evolution that occurred in that lengthy period of our national experience.

NOTE: THIS CLASS WILL MEET THE FIRST 8 WEEKS.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION
Coordinator: Eugene Flynn

While this is the final part of the journey to understand the development of European civilization, newcomers are very welcome. This session will begin with the run-up to the Great War and carry us to the eve of WW2. Topics include: WW1, the Treaty of Versailles, the Bolshevik Revolution, Fascism in Italy, The Nazi regime and the new Europe. NOTE: THIS IS A 5-WEEK STUDY GROUP BEGINNING APRIL 15TH.
TUESDAY  9:30-11:30

EXPERIENCING ART
Coordinators: Basilio King and Christopher Melby

This workshop offers an opportunity to explore different techniques and forms of art, such as brush painting, pen and ink, watercolor, and drawing. All levels of experience and expertise are welcome. Participants will bring their own supplies and materials and will work independently. While class facilitators and participants can offer encouragement, ideas and suggestions to each other, this will NOT be an instructional class.

WHY YOU ARE WHO YOU ARE
Coordinator: Marlene Brusko

THIS IS THE SAME CLASS OFFERED LAST FALL. By this time in our lives we know ourselves pretty well, but how and why did we turn out this way? How do beliefs about the world and even about ourselves impact daily behavior? Why do some people lie---a lot or hardly at all? We all have fears; how many of them make sense? Why is negative news way more powerful in shaping our lives than good news? It might also help us figure out why that neighbor down the street or that individual on T.V. is driving us to distraction with behavior that makes no sense. I will use lectures from the Teaching Company along with PowerPoint presentations to examine these and a host of other areas that determine why we are who we are. THERE WILL BE SEVEN (7) SESSIONS.
TUESDAY  1:00-3:00

GOD, I HATE SHAKESPEARE!
Coordinators:  Kathryn Dublinski and Henrietta Leary

If this is your attitude toward Shakespeare’s plays, come to our class and Henrietta and Kathryn will change your mind. We will read aloud and discuss two famous plays:  *King Henry VI, Part 2*, which is the continuing of the famous War of the Roses. This war lasted 100 years and dealt with the bloodiest rivalry of the two Houses, Lancaster and York, for the throne of England. Our second play is a revenge tragedy, *Titus Andronicus*. This play was considered to be Will’s first tragedy and his most violent, though it was very popular at the time. Find out if it is a loss of humanity for one general or just a gory spectacle. After reading each play, we will watch a DVD version. Please supply your own copy of each play. You need to bring your copy of *King Henry VI, Part 2* to our first session. You can check your local library or buy either the Folgers Shakespeare Series or the Book Caps Study Guides for our plays.

TUESDAY  1:00-3:30

UNUSUAL FILMS
Coordinators:  David Sullivan and Joan Reisen

This five-week study group will examine five eclectic films from different countries. Some films challenge the way things are. Some films challenge the way things "ought" to be. This study group will show films that do just that. They entertain as well as provoke. These art house films examine the status quo of the periods during which they were made. They may cause you to ponder more deeply. They will stimulate your thoughts on a variety of topics which we will discuss after seeing them. We will begin with *Brooklyn Lobster*, a Martin Scorsese production, based on a true story.  **NOTE THE LONGER TIME. THIS STUDY GROUP WILL MEET FOR 5 WEEKS BEGINNING APRIL 16.**
**WEDNESDAY  9:30-11:30**

**CURRENT EVENTS**  
Coordinators:  Joan Brody and Fred Lickerman

Participate in interactive, stimulating, informative and controversial discussions of domestic and international current events. We’ll discuss State and Federal politics, important Supreme Court decisions and events that touch on all of us. Your participation will make for exciting and fascinating sessions. All Democrats, Republicans and Independents are welcome!

**POLAND, SPAIN, AND PORTUGAL**  
Coordinator:  Bob Allen

We will explore many topics about these three European countries – their histories, well-known citizens, geography, contributions to the world and little known facts. There will be PowerPoint presentations, videos, handouts, and opportunities for attendee involvement.

**WEDNESDAY  11:45-12:45**

**PLATO’S PLACE**  
Coordinator:  LaRaye Rodriguez

Come to Plato’s Place to kick around ideas, thoughts, and opinions on a variety of interesting topics. You can toss your ideas into the mix or just sit back and listen. Find the list of weekly discussion topics at ICLRU.org under Programs, Lunchtime Programs. Topics are also posted on the bulletin board outside Bob’s office.  
**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**
**WEDNESDAY 1:00-3:00**

**BEING MORTAL: OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE**  
Coordinators: Andrea Zietlow and Evelyn Christensen

In this study group we will examine and discuss the various issues Atul Gawande raises in the book, *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*. Topics will include doctors’ approaches to caring for the elderly, both in the U.S. and in other cultures, an historical overview of various options for senior living as well as possibilities for the future, and what matters most to us in the end. Format will include PowerPoint presentations, short videos, and small group discussion. **Participants are strongly encouraged to read the book, *Being Mortal* either prior to the beginning of the study group or during the course of the study group.** (Books can be checked out in Bob’s office.) **NOTE: THIS STUDY GROUP WILL MEET FOR THE FIRST 5 WEEKS OF THE SPRING SESSION.**

**THURSDAY 9:30-11:30**

**COME PLAY BRIDGE**  
Coordinator: Andrea Zietlow

This study group is for people who already know how to play bridge. Join us if you would like to meet other ICLRU members who play and want to have more opportunities to play the game. We welcome those who have recently learned the game as well as intermediate and advanced players. We will be playing for FUN, not cutthroat! Hopefully we can all learn from one another. **NOTE: This is a continuation of the study group that began in Spring, 2015, but new participants are always welcome.**

**GAME CHANGERS: MOVERS AND SHAKERS BEHIND AMERICA’S GREATNESS**  
Coordinators: Mike and Marilyn Glass

“Game Changers” enters its 5th year at ICLRU, with a cast of characters painstakingly researched to expand your learning horizon, serve up a few surprises, and expose you to a deep reservoir of talent that you will be privileged to tap. We will present leaders in the fields of music, architecture, science, art, film, and sports, all of whom have made significant contributions to our culture. As always, first-class, concise handout material is emailed each week prior to class. **THIS 8-WEEK STUDY GROUP BEGINS ON MARCH 21.**
THURSDAY   1:00-3:00

HISTORY OF BRITAIN AND HER PEOPLE
Coordinator: Henrietta Leary
Britain, the 9th largest island on earth, has been inhabited on and off for over 800,000 years. Having plentiful resources made it appealing to invaders over its long and interesting history. We will be looking at Britain from the Stone Age through more modern times. Some theories discussed will be contrary to long accepted archeological/historical facts; some will be little known facts. Hopefully, we will all come away with a greater knowledge and appreciation of that island in the Atlantic which has been the center of so much history over time.

IS THERE A FLOWER IN YOU?
Coordinators: Jewell Krakowiak and Mariann Fitzgerald
If you have no painting experience, this is for you. We will paint flowers on note cards and small gift bags. All materials will be provided. Examples will be shown on YouTube and participants will have the opportunity to paint their own flowers.

THURSDAY   1:00-3:30

CINEMA ACROSS THE GLOBE
Coordinators: Judith Ross and Cathy Jensen
Travel the world with Judith and Cathy as your movie tour guides. Observe lifestyles and situations that are different from and yet similar to our own as we watch films from around the world. Each week a foreign film will be viewed, analyzed and discussed. Don’t delay: book your World Cinema adventure today. NOTE THE LONGER TIME. THIS CLASS WILL RUN FOR THE FIRST 8 WEEKS.
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F = Fee/cost involved

L = Limited # of registrants

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1. The History of the American Colonies

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2. The Development of European Civilization

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3. Experiencing Art (L)
4. Why You Are Who You Are

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5. God, I Hate Shakespeare

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6. Unusual Films

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7. Current Events
8. Poland, Spain, and Portugal

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9. Being Mortal: Options for the Future

THURSDAY 9:30-11:30
10. Come Play Bridge
11. Game Changers: Movers and Shakers

THURSDAY 1:00-3:00
12. History of Britain and Her People
13. Is There a Flower in You? (L)

THURSDAY 1:00-3:30
14. Cinema Across the Globe

PLEASE NOTE:
For mail or walk-in registration, circle the number(s) of your choice(s), print your name below and submit this page only to the ICLRU Center

(PLEASE PRINT NAME)