





FALL 2023 ICL STUDY GROUPS SEPTEMBER 19 – NOVEMBER 16







And much more!

ICL 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.

Register by Aug 25

(Registrations will be accepted after 8/25 for space available)

Please register online if possible. This saves clerical work!

NOTE: Please mark your calendars with the classes you have selected.

Institute for Continued Learning at Roosevelt University ICLRU Center, Room 705

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EXPERIENCING ART
Coordinators: Basilio King, Christopher Melby
and Alfredo Rodriguez
Sep 19 – Nov 14 (9 Sessions)
ON CAMPUS

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.

Fun and Games Coordinator: Nancy Mieszala Sep 19 – Oct 24 (6 Sessions) ON CAMPUS



Let's compete with ICL friends in this class to satisfy the player in you. Games will include Rummikub, Ticket to Ride and more. Join us for Fun and Games. I would like you to suggest your favorite game for playing.

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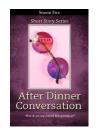
After Dinner Conversation: Philosophy/Ethics Short

Stories

Coordinators: Ruth Sellers and Lynn Shevelenko

Sep 19 - Oct 3 (3 Sessions)

ON CAMPUS



"After Dinner Conversation" is a monthly eMagazine that publishes compelling "what if" scenarios of original philosophy and ethics short stories across genres. Accompanying discussion questions are provided to encourage intentional reflection and respectful debate. Copies of each week's short stories will be sent to participants via e-mail. NOTE: eCopies may be available from your local library. For more information about this eMagazine see https://www.afterdinnerconversation.com/magazine

Somalian Pirates
Coordinator: John Kness
Sep 19 (1 Session)
ON CAMPUS and ZOOM

How much do we really want to get rid of Somali piracy? Different interwoven stories from the world of piracy give a new and unique perspective on this issue.

Recycling Coordinator: John Kness Sep 26 (1 Session)

ON CAMPUS and ZOOM



Recycling more is of course one great way to reduce waste going to the landfill. However, if you try to recycle something that is in fact not recyclable, you're only contaminating a valuable stream of commodities that get turned into new things. Learn the facts of recycling.



A Flower in You Coordinator: Judy Krakowiak Oct 3 – Nov 14 (7 Sessions) ON CAMPUS

TUESDAYS 1:00-3:00

Carbon Farming To Combat Climate Change Coordinator: Grace Limoncelli Oct 3 (1 Session)

ON CAMPUS

Film: Carbon Farming To Combat Climate Change. This film gives us hope for the future of our planet. Learn what carbon farming is and how we can use nature to reverse and reduce the disastrous effects of climate change.



Democracy Here & Around the World Coordinator: Marlene Brusko Oct 17 – Oct 31 (3 Sessions) ON CAMPUS and ZOOM

What are the pillars of democracy and what are the threats? Our version has always been a work in progress, but historical illustrations of regression encourage vigilance as well as hope. "Our great experiment" was teetering on a precipice as early as the 1780s, and it got worse in the 1860s and 1890s. Another unconstitutional time many of us may have missed in history class was the period between 1917 and 1921.

Individualism and Collectivism Coordinator: Andrea Zietlow Nov 7 – Nov 14 (2 Sessions) ON CAMPUS and ZOOM



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FARMING?

Individualism and collectivism are opposing worldviews which help us understand how societies function. These philosophical differences affect not only larger societies and governments, but also interactions within families, businesses, community organizations, villages, and more. Understanding these different philosophies will enable us to better understand the differences amongst countries (i.e. the United States and China), cultures, and even the political divide between Democrats and Republicans within our own country.

WEDNESDAYS 9:30-11:30

Mosaics: The "Forgiving" Art!" Coordinator: Marcy Canel

Sep 20 - Oct 18 (5 Sessions)

ON CAMPUS

This class is designed to teach you the art of mosaics.

For all newcomers, you will mosaic a 5x7 frame. If you have some experience with mosaics, or took the first workshop you will be designing and creating a project of your own. The fee for newcomers is \$15.00 per person. This will include the frame, glass, table covers, containers and glue sharing.

For those who have already taken the class, the charge will be \$10.00. You will need to bring a project of your choice, Wellbond glue, vinegar in a spray bottle and sanded grout. This workshop will teach you how to plan, create, cut glass, and design a project of your choice.



The American Civil War & Reconstruction Coordinator: Tom Gavigan Sep 20 – Nov 15 (9 Sessions) ON CAMPUS and ZOOM

This is the second nine weeks of a study group that is planned to continue through successive Fall and Spring sessions. We will be looking in depth at the Civil War and Reconstruction from a military, political, societal, and economic perspective. These continuing sessions will include many standalone topics covering people; political and moral viewpoints; foreign affairs; life on the home front; military life; tactics and many more aspects of this period in American history. The military events of the conflict will be covered in considerable detail. We will be using lecture, discussion and audio/visual throughout this study group. Participants are encouraged to suggest topics for discussion and make short presentations if so inclined.

Current Events
Coordinator: Joan Brody
Sep 27 – Oct 4 (2 Sessions)
ZOOM



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!

WEDNESDAYS 9:30-11:30

Royal Coconut Beach Lunch Club: Glamour, Style, High Society, and the Delicious Seductive Powers of the Ultra-Rich

Coordinator: Andrea Zietlow

Guest Speaker: Diane Bergner

Sep 20 (1 Session)

ZOOM



Julia Wild traded her legal briefcase for stiletto heels and a glam wardrobe when she accepted the position as a high society fundraiser at the prestigious Addison Center Performing Arts Center. This high-profile center is supported by megadonations from the ultra-rich in Royal Coconut Beach, but the gala lifestyle is a minefield. When a suspicion caused by an untimely death blows up the carefully constructed glittering mask of the moneyed set, Julia realizes she must decide whose side to take—and how willing she is to risk everything.



The Pacific Theater – Pearl to Nagasaki Coordinator: Douglas Zeman Oct 4 – Nov 15 (7 Sessions) ON CAMPUS

WWII in the Pacific theatre was marked by vast distances between engagements and an extra level of violence that marked battles. The Pacific war began with skirmishing between Marines and Imperial Japanese Navy officers with several fatalities on both sides. Casualties zoomed with the attack on the Pearl Harbor Naval base. We will look at Japanese strategic plans after Pearl Harbor. We will discuss how both the US and Japan learned from each battle and changed their tactics to reflect those lessons learned. The conflict lasted almost four years and ended with the US dropping atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki --- two cities that had been spared until then from targeting.

NOTE: A list of suggested readings and available AV material will be provided.

WEDNESDAYS 1:00-3:00

Icons of the Art Institute of Chicago Coordinator: Richard Westgard Sep 20 (1 Session)



Chicago's Art Institute is home to some of the world's most famous works of art. It also has perhaps the finest school of art in the nation. This study group will look at some of the Institute's most famous works. And a brief look at my experience as a student at the School of the Art Institute in the late 1950s, walking the halls and galleries every day.

WEDNESDAYS 1:00-3:00

Movin' On

Coordinator: Joan Reisen

Sep 20 - Nov 15 - No Class Oct 4, 11

(7 Sessions)
ON CAMPUS



This study group will follow human migration out of Africa, eastward toward the nations in Oceania, Polynesia, and Melanesia. We'll go "island hopping," exploring the foundational people who settled there by examining the findings from archaeology, genetics, linguistics and cultures discovered among the thousands of islands in the Pacific Ocean. We'll also take a look at how the lives of those early people has impacted the current occupants, and possibly the earliest settlers in North America as well. Modern genetics has illuminated much about these populations that is quite new and interesting. Eventually, our global journey will return to the Americas, focusing then on South America and the islands of the Caribbean Sea.



American Architecture Primer – What Style is That? Coordinator: Bob Hartnett Oct 4 – Nov 8 (6 Sessions) ON CAMPUS and ZOOM

This study group will review the various styles of architecture found in the United States from early Colonial time to the present. By the end of the class participants should be able to recognize differences between architectural styles and be able to identify the style to which a particular building belongs.

Let's Explore the UK and Croatia Coordinator: Gene Flynn Oct 18, 25 (2 Sessions)





This study group will explore the United Kingdom in the first session and Croatia in the second. Two areas rich in history, food, and culture. In addition to exploring each region, attendees have the opportunity to bring and share some regional food and beverages.

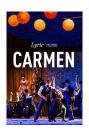
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Bizet's Carmen: A Summary and Analysis

Coordinator: Andrea Basalay

Oct 4 (1 Session)

ON CAMPUS



As early as 1875, Tchaikovsky predicted that "Carmen will be the most famous opera in the world". Today, it is one of the most-performed operas with an average of almost two performances a day! This class will explore Bizet's depiction of the political unrest of nineteenth century France and the power struggles of race, social class, and gender in his most "scandalous" opera covering betrayal and murder. Historical background will complement the plot of this romantic era opera set in Spain and we'll meet Bizet's exotic characters ranging from the ultimate femme fatale, Carmen, to Don José, who sought to control her and her gypsy life style. Whether you have never attended the opera, are a season ticket holder, or just interested in learning more about the opera, join us for an intro to the work. Short videos and sound bites will be used along with slides.

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Come Play Bridge Coordinator: Andrea Zietlow Sep 21 – Nov 16 (9 Sessions) ON CAMPUS



This study group is for people who already know how to play bridge. Join us if you would like to meet other ICL 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 an ongoing study group, but new participants are always welcome.

THURSDAYS 1:00-3:00

The Puzzling Case of Intersex, Gender Identity &

Transgender

Coordinator: Marlene Brusko

Sep 21 (1 Session)

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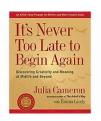
This is a revised and expanded version of the class I did 3 years ago. This health issue has ignited politics, divided medical providers, and confused most of us. Some believe the process is deviant or abnormal and should be prevented, while others are open to acceptance, but still find it a bit unsettling. Wherever you stand on the issue, join me as we examine the biological and psychological components that propel many of these decisions.



Mah-Jongg for All: Come to Learn; Come to Play Coordinator: Grace Limoncelli Sep 21 – Oct 5 (3 Sessions) ON CAMPUS

Bring your 2023 card if you have one.

It's Never Too Late to Begin Again Coordinator: Alice Kurtyka Sep 28 – Nov 16 (8 Sessions) ON CAMPUS



It's Never Too Late to Begin Again, by Julia Cameron. An Artist Way program for Retirees and other creative souls (which is all of us!). A twelve-week course, (which we will complete in 8 weeks) aimed at defining—and creating—the life you want to have as you redefine—and re-create—yourself, this book (class) includes simple tools that will guide and inspire you to make the most of this time in your life.

THURSDAYS 1:00-3:00

Antarctica: Earth's Southern Polar Region

Coordinator: Anita Brandes

Contributing Presenters: Caryn Amster,

Jeff Gray, Bob Kopp

Sep 28 - Oct 26 (5 Sessions)

ON CAMPUS and ZOOM



Antarctica is Earth's least known, least explored and least visited continent. Its location and the surrounding seas have left it isolated. This study group will be an introduction to a place most of us will never visit. The geologic history and current scientific research tell the physical story of Antarctica. At the human level we will find out what it is like to live and work in a harsh, unforgiving environment where individuals and nations must cooperate to survive.



Rising Economic Inequality
Coordinator: Andrea Zietlow
Guest Speaker: Ed Spire
Nov 16 (1 Session)
ON CAMPUS and ZOOM

Economic inequality has been rising in the US for decades, damaging our economy and society in the process. This presentation will discuss how high it has become, why it happens, how it damages our country, and what we can do about it.



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- 10. Carbon Farming OC Oct 3 (1 Session)
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