

No registration fee this term.

Spring, 2008.

Most courses have openings.

The Georgetown University Learning Community

Free, non-credit, short courses on the GU campus for persons 55 or better.*

(Class sizes are limited. Pre-registration is necessary.)

Controversial Issues in the European Union.

Four recent issues: the EU constitution (now the reform treaty), the Lisbon agenda, enlargement (especially Turkey), a common foreign and security policy. *Karl H. Cerny*, Professor of Government, Emeritus. Maguire* 103. Fridays: February 22 & 29 and March 14 & 28. 10:10AM-11:40AM.

Economics of the 2008 Presidential Election.

Major economic problems facing the electorate — and the economic programs proposed by major candidates. The role of the state of the economy in predicting a winner. (No economics background is assumed.) *Bradley Billings*, Associate Professor of Economics, Emeritus. 3307 M Street, NW, Wash, DC. Tuesdays: April 1, 8, 15 & 22. 10:15AM-11:45AM.

Evolution of the Medieval Gothic Cathedral.

The takeover of Roman basilicas by the Catholic Church: Romanesque and Gothic architectures. Field trip with an extended tour of the Washington National Cathedral. *John Esswein*, Retired Director of Student Health. ICC* 214. Thursdays: April 3, 10, & 17. 1:15-2:45 PM.

Fabulous Fakes.

Notorious and interesting literary forgeries and fakes: forged books and documents from Dr. Betz's personal collection, and from the Special Collections of the GU Library. *Paul Betz*, Professor of English, Emeritus and *Joseph Jeffs*, Retired University Librarian. Lauinger Library,* Special Collections, 5th Fl.. Tuesdays: March 4, 11 & 18. 1:30-3:00 PM.

Important Issues for All Americans — A Facilitated Dialogue.

Freedom of speech...is it too costly? Capital punishment ... right or wrong? Explore these issues with an experienced facilitator/moderator in a non-threatening yet dynamic environment. *Cynthia Walsh*, Instructor Emerita, English as a Foreign Language. White-Gravenor* G-01. Weds: Feb. 27, March 5, 12 & 19. 2:15 PM-3:45 PM.

Population Aging: the U.S. in Global Perspective.

Causes and extent of Population Aging (PA). How can nations deal with the costs of retirement and health care resulting from PA? *Murray Gendell*, Professor of Sociology, Emeritus. 3307 M Street, NW, Washington, DC. Wednesdays: February 27, March 5 & 12. 11:00 AM-12:30 PM.

Social Services in Austria.

Pros and cons of the system by which a small country manages universal health insurance for everybody — and also provides child care, pensions, and welfare. *Alfred Obernberger*, Associate Professor of German, Emeritus. Maguire* 101. Fridays: March 14, 28 & April 4 & 11. 1:15-2:45 PM.

Some New Views on Darwinism and Religion.

Considers three short books published in 2007 that present contrasting interpretations of the relationship between evolutionary science and traditional religion. The books are: *Darwin's Gift*, Francisco Ayala; *Living with Darwin*, Philip Kitcher; *Evolution for Everyone*, David Sloan Wilson. (Participants do not need to read these books.) *Joseph E. Earley*, Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus. ICC* 214. Thursdays: February 28, March 6 & 13. 1:15-2:45 PM.

The United States and Iran in Historical Perspective.

Economic, strategic, and political factors that have influenced the critical relationship between Iran and America from the mid-twentieth century to the present. *John D. Ruedy*, Professor of History, Emeritus. New North* 412. Wednesdays: February 13 & 20. 11:10 AM-12:40 PM.

Three Pivotal Monuments in the History of Western Art.

Decorative programs of three art masterpieces: 1) the Parthenon in Athens, (447-432 BC); 2) the Mausoleum of Emperor Constantine I in Spain (350 AD) — combines classical and Judeo-Christian imagery; 3) The *Palazzo della Cancelleria* in Rome (1520 AD) — presents the Renaissance belief that antiquity and Christianity contain complimentary ideas. *Thomas W. Hardy* (Georgetown AB, 1964), Professor of English and Art, Northern Virginia Community College (Annandale). ICC* 108. Fridays: February 22 & 29 and March 7: 1:15-2:45 PM.

For more information, or to pre-register, go to: <http://www12.georgetown.edu/scs/gulc/index.html> or contact *Angela Sanders* at sandersa@georgetown.edu or 202-687-8128.

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All are welcome. Pre-registration is necessary. Please post and/or distribute.

January 23, 2008