

NIU LLI STUDY GROUPS

Fall 2011

American Political Philosophy from Jefferson to the Tea Party – Dick Downen and Robert Suchner
Opera – Clark Neher
The 1920s – Elaine and George Spencer
My Kind of Musical Town – Chicago Is – Cliff Eaton and Jerry Smith
Environmental Geology – Clarence Cassella
Intimate Strangers: Unseen Life on Earth – Pat Vary
Women and Children and the Courts – Sharon Tourville
Statistics in Our Lives – Jerry Zar
China Today: An Introduction – Albert Resis
History of American Railroads and the Railroad Industry – Bill Cummings
Spanish for Travelers – Jan Modloff
News and Views – Elizabeth Bass
Women of Interest – Sharon Downen

Summer 2011

Beer Me Liberty or Beer Me Death: The History of Beer in America – Clint Cargile
Say “Cheese!” – Sharon Downen
Photography – Larry Gregory
Film Festival: The Other Side of Genius – Brad Pietens

Spring 2011

Local Government: Form, Function, Finance – Carol Zar and Irene Rubin
“The Father of Waters Flows Unvexed to the Sea” – Richard Downen
Unlikely Stories: Breaking Open Parables and Fables – Rev. Joe Gastiger
Topics in the Constitution of the United States – Gary D. Glenn
Burma/Myanmar – Arlene Neher, Catherine Raymond, Richard Cooler, Kenton Clymer, Clark Neher, and George Spencer
The Symphony Orchestra: Instruments, Players, and Composers – Albert Resis
Lighthouses, Shipwrecks, Ghost Stories, and Folklore of the Great Lakes – Dan and Joanne Dillman
Countries Without Borders...and Other Islands! – Steven Johnson
Local Faith Communities – Sue Stelling

Winter 2011

Rootin', Tootin', and Freebootin' – Clint Cargile
The Girl of the Golden West: Opera and Operetta Compared – Clark Neher and Paul Pawlowski
News and Views – Elizabeth Bass
Preserving Local History - Sue Stelling
Swashbucklers: Afternoons at the Movies – George W. Spencer
The Social Construction of Reconstruction – Jack King
Lies, Damn Lies, and Economics – Richard Downen
Learning to Hear the Music in Rock – Glenda Consenza

Our Game: The Story of Baseball – Dan Dillman and Walt Owens

Fall 2010

Words We Love More than the Things Themselves – Joe Gastiger

A Geologist's View of the Modern Solar System – Clarence Casella

World War I – Elaine and George Spencer

Hoffmann's Stories: *The Nutcracker* and More – Paul Pawlowski

The Politics of Mid-Term Elections – Elizabeth Bass and Carol Zar

Roadside Attractions – Dan Dillman

"I just couldn't put it down" Book Group – Sharon Downen

The Symphony Orchestra: Instruments, Players, and Composers – Albert Resis

Topics of the American Civil War – Richard Downen

Stem Cells – Laszlo Hanzely

"My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun": Shakespeare's Women – Lise Mae Schlosser

Elvis Lives...and Appears at LLI – Jerry Smith

Summer 2010

Photography – Jim Womack

Investigating the Short Story – Christine Brovelli O'Brien

Making the Most of Technology and Social Networking – Clint Cargile

Four Culinary Delights – Jo Anne Fox, Arlene Neher, Sharon Tourville, Mary Wiegele, and Carol Zar

Film Festival – Brad Pietens

Spring 2010

County Government and Its Role in Dealing with Health and Human Services – Eileen Dubin

Twilight of the Old Order: The World 1900 – 1914 – Elaine and George Spencer

The Human Immune System – Lazlo Hanzely

Tour de France: Four Operas – Clark Neher

Awaiting the Revenge of Heaven: Tracing the Roots of Christian Militancy and Islamic Jihad – Joe Gastiger

Baseball past and present – Dan Dillman

Building a House Divided – Richard Downen

Giving Back: The Charitable Side of Life – Jerry Smith

U.S. Supreme Court: Personalities and Process – Lou Pierce and Paul Pawlowski

Know More about Your Computer than a 12-year-old – Jack Reich

Winter 2010

So You Always Wanted to Act, A Performance Class: Spoon River Anthology – Jo Anne Fox

Life in the 1930s – David Kyvig

Creating a Family Heirloom: From Foggy Ideas to Actual Keepsake – Mary Wiegele

News and Views – Elizabeth Bass
Gettysburg – Richard Downen
Pygmalion/My Fair Lady – Paul Pawlowski
The Small World of Nanotechnology: Theory and Application – Promod Vohra
Seven Continents of Travel – Steven Johnson
Cities in Cinema – Kathleen Turner

Fall 2009

The Last Half Billion Years of Planet Earth – Clarence Casella
Theatre Artists in Production: Exploring How the Written Page Becomes Living Theatre – Jo Anne Fox
Arrgh! The Real Pirates – George W. Spencer
The Big Read: The Stories and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe – Christine Brovelli O'Brien
The Application of Ethics to Real Situations – Richard Downen
Herbal Medicine – Lazlo Hanzely
Dancing in the Dark: A Beginner's Guide to Mystical Traditions of the West – Joe Gastiger
Stormy Weather – Dan Dillman
Theory to Practice: Crime, Deviance, and Social Justice – Jack King
Cambodia Reborn – Judy Ledgerwood and Clark Neher
The Mysteries Women Write – Sharon Downen

Summer 2009

Opera Galas – Clark Neher
Film Festival – Brad Pietens
The Philosophy of Ayn Rand – Richard Downen
Back to the Future: The Financial Manias of 1720 – Rob Bresticker
Exploring NIU

Spring 2009

World War II: Other Perspectives - George Spencer, Arlene Neher, and Elaine Spencer
World Religions - Joe Gastiger
Victory at Sea - Gilby Mehagan
Life after Work - Darrell Wiley
Savvy Consumer - Richard Downen
They Also Ran...Presidential Aspirants - Carol Zar
Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution - Clark Neher
Renewable Energy and Our Future - Pat Vary
Three Kings and a Duke - Paul and Marlene Pawlowski
Victorian Poetry: Art and Anxiety - Christine Brovelli
Human Nutrition - Lazlo Hanzely
Build Strength, Balance, and Flexibility - Pamela MacFarlane
Immigrant Stories: Melting Pot or Tossed Salad? - Arlene Neher
From Short Story to Film - Kathleen Turner

Winter 2009

Hate Speech and Freedom of Speech - Richard Johannesen
Federal Law Enforcement - Jack King
U.S. Foreign - Tom Diedrich
The Juvenile Court through the Eyes of a CASA Advocate - Joanne Dillman
Views and News - Elizabeth Bass
Psychedelic Medicine - Tom Roberts
Digital Photography Workshop 2 - Jim Womack
Current Research in the Sciences - Jerry Zar
Religion and Art in the Ancient Near East - Avra Liakos
Guide to Gandhi's Seven Blunders of the World - Darrell Wiley
Jigsaw Geography - Dan Dillman
The Mexican War - Richard Downen

Fall 2008

An Introductory History of the *Bible* – Joe Gastiger
The BIG READ: *To Kill a Mockingbird* - Kathy Dust
The Lyric Opera – Clark Neher
Courageous Conversations About Race - LaMetra Curry
Exploring India: The Highlights – George Spencer
The Immune System – Laszlo Hanzley
Digital Photography Workshop 1 - Jim and Jan Womack
Digital Photography Workshop 2 - Jim and Jan Womack
Cole and Noel: You're the Tops! - Paul Pawlowski
Route 66: The Mother Road – Dan Dillman
Colonial America – Ross Legg
Stem Cell Fundamentals and Research – Darrell Wiley
Making the Most of Your Computer – Norma Wiley
Economics for Poets – Richard Down

Summer 2008

Contemporary Issues Forum- Carol Zar
Digital Photography Workshop- Jim Womack
The Life and Death in the Republic of Ancient Rome- Dave Thomas
Art Cinema in the Summer- Robert Self
Getting to Know NIU

Spring 2008

Nuts and Bolts of Personal Investing- Richard Downen
Choosing a President- Carol Zar
Jewish Answers to Life's Questions- Avi Bass
Three All-American Composers- Paul Pawlowski
Strength and Flexibility- Pamela Macfarlane
Surfing the Net- Norma Wiley
You Can Take Charge of your Health- Buzz and Carl Hays

Vietnam- Clark Neher
Overcoming your Barriers to Total Wellness and Balance- Rebecca Cohen
Islam for Beginners- Allan Wantroba
Enter the Palace of Healing Possibilities- Joe Puelo and Rebecca Cohen
An Introduction to Psychedelic Studies- Tom Roberts
Let's Talk Baseball- Dan Dillman
Traveling in Spanish- Speaking Countries: Language, Customs, Cultures- Jan Modloff
Mobility and Balance- Pamela Macfarlane
What's New on the Farm- Pat and Gilby Mehagan
Seven Wonders of the World- Arlene and Steven Johnson
Transformations of Religious Images and Spiritual Visions in 20th Century Art: Picasso to Kiki Smith- Jerry Meyer

Winter 2008

Issues and Challenges of Living in a Technological Society- Promod Vohra
Freedom of Speech and the Marketplace of Ideas- Richard Johannesen
A Beginner's Guide to Protestant Reformation- Joe Gastiger
Indian Immigrants in American Literature-George W. Spencer
Understanding Personal Investing- Richard Dowen
Opera Ovarions- Clark Neher
Growth and Development in DeKalb and Kane County- Carol Zar
Ancient Greece: Tyranny and Democracy- David Thomas

Fall 2007

Entheogens--Sacramentals or Sacrilege - Thomas Roberts
Safe Food and Common Sense - Norman Schmitt
Crime Scene Processing - James Rossi (1 session)
Wine Appreciation - Louis Schoenburg (2 sessions)
Tools to Help You Be Part of Your Own Healing - Rebecca Cohen & *Joe Puleo (5 sessions)
How to Build a Habitable Planet: The Early History of Planet Earth - Clarence Cassella
Race in American Musicals - Paul Pawlowski
American Foreign Policy Problems - Lyle Sykora
Human Genetics - Lazlo Hanzely (6 sessions)
Scandals, Seductions, Seditious, and Spying: Rebellious Women of the Renaissance - Lise Mae Schlosser
Lincoln: The War Years - Rossell Legg

Summer 2007

Independence Keeps You Living Happy, Wild, and Free – Carl Hays
Best American Short Stories: 2006 – Sol Feldman
News & Views – Elizabeth Bass
Love Poetry of the Renaissance – Karley Adney
Issues and Challenges of Living in a Technological Society – Dept of Engineering

The Civil War – Ross Legg

Spring 2007

Guns, Germs, and Steel – Walker Bowman

Forensic Crime Scene Investigation – James Rossi

Achieving Whole Life Wellness – Rebecca Cohen

Surfing the Web – Norma Wiley

Balance, Strength and Mobility: Enhancing Your Quality of Life – Pommy Macfarlane

New Frontiers in the Life Sciences – Laszlo Hanzely

Race in American Musicals – Paul Pawlowski

Gold, Diamonds, and the Adamantine: Buddhism and its Visual Expressions – Richard Cooler

Baseball Past and Present – Dan Dillman

What's So Special About Harry Potter? – Karley Adney

J. Robert Oppenheimer and the Atomic Bomb Project – Axel Meyer

Sacred Places: Mountains – Arlene Neher & Steven Johnson

Winter 2007

Profiles in Audacity: A Selective Study of Great Decisions and How They Were Made – Allan Wantroba

Beware the Green-Eyed Monster: Shakespeare's *Othello* – Karley Adney

Younger and Healthier Next Year: How to Turn Back Your Biological Clock – Carl Hays

Four International Music Events – Paul Pawlowski

Franz Kafka: An Apocalyptic Prophet – Heinz Osterle

Great Lakes: Freshwater Highways – Joanne & Dan Dillman