Clark Neher (5th from left) convened a fall study group on “Why Are Some Nations Rich and Some Poor,” and LLI members such as Nancy Gray (2nd), Pat Vary (4th), and Lou Pierce (6th) got to meet Diana Swanson (1st), Teresa Wasonga (3rd), and Andrew Otieno (not pictured), founders of the Jane Adeny Memorial School (JAMS) in Kenya.

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LLI Notables Brown Bag Lecture Series
Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Holmes Student Center
(Lecture topics subject to change.)

January 19
A Comparison of Health Care Systems
Ivan Shils, M.D., DeKalb Clinic physician (retired)

January 26
The DeKalb Public Library Expansion
Dee Coover, Director, DeKalb Public Library

February 2
Friendship
Suzanne Degges-White
NIU Department of Counseling, Adult and Higher Education

February 9
The Everyday Lives of Children in the Middle Ages
Valerie Garver, NIU Department of History

Bring a lunch, purchase one at the Holmes Student Center,
or just come and listen. Guests welcome!

WINTER 2016 TUESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

Lively discussion of what has informed, intrigued, and/or amused us in the past week’s news. With Congress in session and the presidential primaries underway, there is sure to be some political discussion, but we will also be talking about social trends, technology, education, and more.

Convener: Elizabeth Bass is an avid consumer of news who enjoys conversations with fellow LLI members. She has led this study group several times before and looks forward to another term of interesting discussions.
This LLI study group focuses on problem-solving courts and other evidence-based court reforms, including pre-trial services, that are now in place in DeKalb County. Problem-solving courts or treatment courts have been evolving since the first felony drug court was created in Dade County, Florida, in 1989. DeKalb County created its adult felony drug court in 2006 and has now been funded by Adult Redeploy Illinois to begin a mental health treatment court. The study group will cover the history and research behind treatment courts and evidence-based practices, changes to drug court legislation, the DeKalb County Drug and DUI experience, and updates on the DeKalb Drug/DUI sober living house.

The study group will also feature Professor Carol Walther, members of the DeKalb County Drug/DUI team, and NIU student interns and researchers.

**Convener: Jack King** is the Director of Student Professional Development for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at NIU. Jack has been a consultant to drug courts in DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside counties since 2004. He and Professor Carol Walther, both from the NIU Department of Sociology, are currently directing several drug court and pre-trial services research projects.

Jesus of Nazareth remains one of the influential figures in human history. To better understand him and his teachings, it is helpful to know the world in which he lived and taught. Using videos produced by Hershel Shanks, editor of the *Biblical Archaeology Review*, this study group will look at the historical circumstances of Jesus’ life and how they influenced his teaching.

**Convener: Blake Richter** is a student of Biblical history and archeology, a producer of documentaries on theological subjects, and pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in DeKalb for the past 14 years.

Biographers often refer to the effect one or both parents have on the life of a famous person. Unlike parental influence, this study group focuses on sibling influence as illustrated in the lives of three pairs of brothers in three different fields: Vincent and Theo van Gogh in art, George and Ira Gershwin in music, and Wilbur and Orville Wright in aviation. What, if anything, do *The Starry Night*, *Rhapsody in Blue*, and United Airlines have in common? Let’s discuss.

**Convener: Paul Pawlowski** is a retired attorney who has convened LLI study groups in music, history and law.
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**WINTER 2016 WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON STUDY GROUPS**

**Four More Films of the 1950s**
1 – 3 p.m.
Wednesdays – Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10

The first three films will be Alfred Hitchcock’s classic *North By Northwest*, Billy Wilder’s outrageous comedy *Some Like it Hot*, and *Born Yesterday*, which earned Judy Holliday a Best Actress Oscar. Those enrolled in the study group will decide, by written ballot, which movie will be viewed last, from five choices as diverse as *Sunset Boulevard* and *Brigadoon*.

Convener: George Spencer, NIU professor emeritus of history, has convened many previous film study groups.

The natural circulation of water through the global and local environment is called the Hydrologic Cycle, a key concept in water science and a useful framework in which to view water-resources issues. We will look at the water cycle concept and its history from classical to modern times and explore selected water and environmental issues. These will include water resources and aquifers of northern Illinois, the history and causes of the Dust Bowl and its connection to the current depletion of the High Plains Aquifer, and some controversial impacts of coal and mineral mining on water resources, with examples from around the world. No background in science is needed – just an interest in the physical environment.

Convener: Colin Booth is an emeritus professor from the NIU Department of Geology and Environmental Geosciences, with a research specialty in hydrogeology. He has studied aquifers, groundwater systems, and mine hydrology in areas ranging from England to Appalachia to Illinois to Australia. He is looking forward to sharing his interests with his first LLI study group.
Erosion, the great equalizer, perpetually wears down the land with the forces of wind and water, but the greatest erosive force on the planet is ice, specifically glacial ice. When more snow falls in the winter than melts in the summer, that snow accumulates and compresses, forming glacial ice, ice that moves over the land reshaping it often with variations beyond our imaginations.

In this study group, we continue our examination, exploration, and discussion of national parks, concentrating on those parks that were carved and created by ice. We will focus on Yosemite; its spectacular valley inspired John Muir to theorize against commonly held beliefs that glaciers were responsible for its creation. We’ll traverse the continent from Acadia, the first national park east of the Mississippi, to our northern border with Canada where Isle Royale, Voyageurs, Glacier, and North Cascades await. A seeming anomaly awaits us in Great Basin in Nevada, home of the oldest living tree on Earth, the Bristlecone Pine. And then north to Alaska to visit Glacier Bay, Kenai Fjords, and Wrangell-St. Elias.

Convener: Linda Fulton is a retired DeKalb middle-school teacher with a lifelong interest in the natural wonders and beauty of our world.

We continue our exploration and review of many of the lesser known and publicized national monuments sites in the National Park System. Unlike our 59 famous national parks, which are established by Congress, the national monument designation is assigned by executive order. At last count there were at least 80 areas with this singular designation, each one dedicated to preserving American history and culture, as well as noteworthy geological and ecological attractions. The diverse selection includes beautiful Muir Woods in California, Indian ruins at Bandelier in New Mexico, and historic forts on the East Coast. Join in sharing with us the knowledge of and experiences in these great American attractions.

Convener: Brian Fulton has convened LLI study groups on the history of Chicago and is an active participant in the LLI programs.
Shakespeare’s Magic and Magic Makers
1 – 3 p.m.
Thursdays – Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11

Many of Shakespeare’s plays include magic and witchcraft. During a period in history when magic was suspect and witches were hunted, what do Shakespeare’s magic and his magic makers tell us about his culture, his characters, and our own curiosity? We will examine the obvious plays, like Macbeth and The Tempest, as well as some of the less well-known occurrences of magic. We will question the motivations behind the magic and investigate the implications. Many would agree that Shakespeare’s words themselves are magical, but what happens when those words are meant to make magic?

Convener: Lise Schlosser is working on her doctoral dissertation in Renaissance literature in NIU’s Department of English. She has convened several study groups in literature and history including In Their Own Words, Shakespeare in America, and most recently, Four Spanish Queens: Four Spanish Daughters.

TRAVEL WITH A PROFESSOR:
STRATFORD FESTIVAL
JUNE 20-24, 2016

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The 2016 Stratford Festival explores the theme: “After the Victory.” Travelers will see Macbeth and As You Like It, and can choose to see two, three, or four of the following: A Chorus Line and the opening performances of A Little Night Music, and Breath of Kings, Rebellion and Redemption, distillations of the history tetralogy that includes Richard II, Henry IV (parts I and II), and Henry V.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Lifelong Learning Institute?

The Lifelong Learning Institute at Northern Illinois University (LLI) is a member-directed group of people aged 50+ who seek new learning experiences. Members, regardless of their education, enjoy continuing to learn in an informal, flexible, and non-competitive environment with individual participation. They rekindle old interests and pursue new ones at a reasonable cost without being concerned about credits, grades, exams, or prerequisites.

Members determine the topics offered in study groups, workshops, and lectures and also act as LLI conveners, instructors, and discussion leaders.

A self-supporting organization, the LLI relies on members’ dues for its financial needs and on member volunteers for committees and program administration.

The Northern Illinois University LLI is affiliated with the Road Scholar Institute Network and more than 300 LLIs across the United States.

Who may join the LLI?

The LLI is open to anyone who is at least 50 years of age, with a sense of curiosity and a love of learning. The LLI welcomes all members, from those whose education ended early to those who have earned advanced degrees. Members include retired business people, teachers, Fulbright scholars, homemakers, union members, professionals, and farmers.

Where does the LLI meet?

Unless otherwise noted, sessions meet in the Holmes Student Center (HSC) on the Northern Illinois University campus in DeKalb. LLI members may park in the nearby visitors parking lot at a reduced rate. Various eating places in the center provide locations for members to talk and socialize over lunch.

What does the LLI offer?

Various study groups and workshops are offered each term, with the current term’s offerings described in this catalogue. A curriculum committee of LLI members chooses subjects, primarily from members’ suggestions, based on perceived levels of interest and the availability of conveners.

Study groups, which may meet for as many as eight sessions, have considerable member participation. Much discussion occurs; a straight lecture format is rarely used.

Workshops are hands-on programs that usually involve learning a skill or gaining practical information and generally have fewer sessions.

The LLI Notables Brown Bag Lectures are given by speakers whose expertise and interests often coincide with study group themes. Question-and-answer sessions follow the lectures. Some LLI members join just to attend the LLI Notables Series.

Members may enroll in study groups and workshops, take advantage of just the lecture series, or participate in all LLI activities. Regular attendance is encouraged, but we know LLI members have busy schedules. Early registration is recommended since class size is limited. LLI study groups are open only to LLI members. The LLI Notables Brown Bag Lecture Series is open to the public.

Who are the LLI instructors?

Every study group or workshop has a convener who may also lead some classes. Some groups have an instructor; other groups divide tasks among their members. Some leaders are retired educators; others have had little or no teaching experience but are willing to share their vocational expertise, hobbies, experiences, talent, or knowledge.

When does the LLI meet?

Study groups and workshops are offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings and afternoons. The LLI Notables Brown Bag Lecture Series is on Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. There are four terms per year: winter, spring, summer, and fall. Traditionally, winter and summer terms last four weeks, and spring and fall terms span eight weeks. Special programs may take place at other times.

How do I become an LLI member?

You become an LLI member by completing an application form and paying a fee. This fee entitles you to enroll in unlimited study groups and workshops and attend the lecture series on a term by term basis. You are also eligible for discounts on other special events that may carry additional fees.

If you have already joined LLI at NIU, mark the registration form as a “renewing member” if you wish to participate in the current term's activities.

LLI study groups are open to all members who wish to participate; scholarships may be available for those needing financial assistance. For information, contact Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming. All requests are confidential. Please inquire about special registration fees available for persons in the LIHEAP program.

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