**PREVIOUS NIU LLI STUDY GROUPS**

**Fall 2016**
- Something Wicked this Way Comes: Decoding the Demonic in Everyday Life – Joe Gastiger
- John Adams: The Often-Overlooked Founding Father – Lise Schlosser
- All or Nothing at All – Patricia McKinley
- America: The Land – The People – Linda Fulton
- The *Up Series* Continued – Marilyn Loy
- The 1960s: Part Two – Elaine and George Spencer
- Drugs, Society, and Human Behavior – Donna Benson and Judie Wright
- The Reconstruction Era – Dick Dowen

**Summer 2016**
- Presidents: From Politics to Power – Brian Fulton
- Personhood – David Wagner
- This Land Is Our Land: America’s National Parks III – Windswept and Water-worn – Linda Fulton
- Coming of Age – Brad Pietens

**Spring 2016**
- Ten Commandments for the Twenty-First Century – Joe Gastiger
- Profiles in Patriotism – Dick Dowen
- Geography Potpourri – Dan Dillman
- The Story of Human Language – Jitka Hurych’s
- Chautauqua: Taking the Long View of America’s Last 100 Years – Guy Todnem
- *Seven Up!* Onward – Marilyn Loy and Nancy Quick
- Poverty, Hunger, and Charity in America: Past, Present, and Future – Dan Kenney
- The 1960s: Part One – Elaine and George Spencer
- Opera – Clark Neher
- The Greatest Altarpieces Ever Painted – Judith Testa
- The Manhattan Project: Making of a Super Weapon
- Should We Learn (and Care About) the Constitution? – Gary Glenn
- Moving into the Light – Marilyn Cleland

**Winter 2016**
- News & Views – Elizabeth Bass
- Problem-Solving Courts – Jack King
- An Archaeological Search for Jesus – Blake Richter
- Brothers – Paul Pawlowski
- Ten Days that Unexpectedly Changed America – Pat Vary
- Four More Films of the 1950s – George Spencer
Water, Rocks, and People – Colin Booth
This Land is Our Land: America’s National Parks, Part II, Carved by Ice – Linda Fulton
From Sea to Shining Sea and Beyond: America’s National Monuments, Part II – Brian Fulton
Shakespeare’s Magic and Magic Makers – Lise Schlosser

**Fall 2015**
Star Wars in Europe – Dick Dowen
The Journey of Discovery – Sharon Tourville
Music…Music…Musicals! – Pat Vary and Jerry Smith
History and Invention: James Burke’s *Connections* – Lynn Neeley
Why are Some Nations Rich and Some Poor? – Clark Neher
The 1950s: Part II – George and Elaine Spencer
Conversations with VIPs (Very Interesting People) – Barry Schrader
The World at War: 1914-1918 – Bill Cummings and Carol Zar
Flags and Maps – Dan Dillman
Contemporary Criticisms of College Education – Gary Glenn

**Summer 2015**
This Land is Our Land: America’s National Parks, Part 1 – Born of Fire – Linda Fulton
From Sea to Shining Sea and Beyond: America’s National Monuments, Part 1 – Brian Fulton
Staying Healthy for Seniors – Dave Dick, Kara Gallagher, Lesley Webster, Susan Vesquez and James Vliet
Seventh Annual LLI Summer Film Festival – Brad Pietens

**Spring 2015**
Meditative Traditions in World Religions – Tim Griffin
Great Thinkers in Psychology – Joe Grush
Ballet: France, Russia, Britain and America – Al Resis
An Introductory History of the Bible – Joe Gastiger
How Do We Know That? Thinking about Earth Differently – Wilson Wiedenheft
Rome: The Second Time Around – Judith Testa
The 1950s: Part I – George and Elaine Spencer
Contemporary Southeast Asia – Clark Neher
The Reconstruction Era – Richard Dowen
Explorations in Creativity – Marilyn Cleland
**Winter 2015**
Scandals of All Sorts – Carol Zar
The Changing Media Scene – Barry Schrader
The Game Inside the Game – Dan Dillman
Not Just a Cowboy – Pat McKinley
Asian Religions – Tim Griffin
The One-Room Country School – Guy Todnem
Greeneland – George Spencer
News & Views – Elizabeth Bass
Dancing With The Stars (1920-40 version), Big Bands and More – Paul Pawlowski
Shakespeare’s Bastards and Bad Guys – Lise Schlosser

**Fall 2014**
Star Wars in the Pacific – Dick Dowen
Better Living, Perhaps – Lynn Neeley
World Cities and a Sense of Place – Dan Dillman
Four Spanish Daughters: Four Spanish Queens – Lise Schlosser
How Do We Know That? Thinking About Earth Differently, Part II – Wilson Wiedenheft
Age of Empire, 1870-1900 – Elaine & George Spencer
Climate Change: Facts and Strategies – Patricia Vary
Pillars of the Normal School, 1899 – Guy Todnem
Orphans of Light: Lost Christianities of the Near East – Rev. Joe Gastiger
Taking Charge of the Rest of Your Life – Joyce Barker & Mary Wiegele
War Stories: World War II – Sharon Dowen
Digital Photography – Jim Womack

**Summer 2014**
North Side, South Side, All Around Town: Part II – Brian Fulton
“For richer or poorer, in sickness and…” – Brad Pietens
Great American Cookery – Sharon Tourville
Taking Charge of Our Health – Jan Modloff & Gail Venteau

**Spring 2014**
The Poetry and Music of Love – Joe Gastiger & Jerry Smith
How Do We Know That? Thinking About the Earth Differently – Wilson Wiedenheft
Baseball Through the Ages – Dan Dillman
Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin: Architects of Victory – Al Resis
The British East India Company to Google: Theory and Practice of the Corporation – Dick Dowen
Writing to Remember, Reconstruct, and Give Meaning to the Stories of Our Lives – Marilyn Cleland
Snapshot or Photograph? – Tom Smith
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) at NIU – Omar Ghrayeb, Clifford Mirman, Promod Vohra, and Mansour Tahernezhadi

**Summer 2013**
The Meaning of Gettysburg – Richard Dowen
The Learning Mystique – Brad Pietens
Food for Thought: Three Vegetables and Chocolate – Gail Venteau
Medications & Medical Issues – Jan Modloff and Gail Venteau

**Spring 2013**
Renaissance Art of Tuscany: Politics, War, Religion, and Sex – Judith Testa
The Civil War Behind the Scenes – Al Ottens
Russia Through the Eyes of Foreigners: Three Films by Russian Filmmaker Nikita Mikhalkov – Jitka Hurych
Abraham Lincoln’s Spiritual Journey: Then and Now – Rev. Bill Moore
International Crises – Clark Neher
The Personality of Cities – Dan Dillman
Film Comedy: From Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton to Alec Guinness and Peter Sellers – Albert Resis
The 1930s: Part II – Elaine and George Spencer
Common Sense and How We Use It – Robert Suchner
Birds in Art and Life – Peter Olson
Finance for Poets – Dick Dowen
Just for the Thrill of It – Sharon Dowen
News & Views – Elizabeth Bass

**Winter 2013**
Naming the Land – Dan Dillman
Living with Wildlife in Illinois – Gail Venteau
News & Views – Elizabeth Bass
Smorgasbord of Talent – Three Swedish Americans – Paul Pawlowski
Asian Religions – Tim Griffin
Peril in the Skies: Germany WWII – George W. Spencer
Aluminum Overcast – Richard Dowen
How Does YOUR Garden Grow? – Sue Stelling with Misty Haji-Sheikh, Candice Miller, Tim Riley and Janet Giesen
Fall 2012
The American Civil Rights Movement: Some Personal Accounts – Cliff Eaton and Robert Suchner
The Imperative of Energy Efficiency and Renewables – Pat Vary
Violence – Clark Neher
Topics in the Constitution of the United States – Gary Glenn
Archaeology and Fiction – Winifred Creamer and Arlene Neher
The 1930s – Elaine and George Spencer
Why Can’t We Talk to Each Other – Richard Dowen
Trains in Film – Bill Cummings’
Shakespeare in America – Lise Schlosser

Summer 2012
Easy Travel – Sharon Dowen, Mary Lincoln, Sharon Tourville, and Carol Zar
Media in DeKalb County – Barry Schrader and Jerry Smith
Profiles in Patriotism – Richard Dowen
Back Against the Wall – 4th Annual Summer Film Festival – Brad Pietens

Spring 2012
World War II at Sea: Submarines, Codes, Convoys, and Tin Cans – Richard Dowen
Frontiers of Science – Jerrold and Carol Zar
Peril on the Sea – George Spencer
The Greater Journey – Paul Pawlowski and Sharon Tourville
Reconsidering Disability – Greg Long
Comparative Religions – Joe Gastiger
The Joy of Music from Vivaldi and Bach to Copland and Bernstein – Albert Resis
Literature and Film: Responses to Virginia Woolf’s Mrs. Dalloway – Lise Schlosser
Castles, Palaces, and Vineyards in Europe – Location, Location, Location! – Dan & Joanne Dillman
Blue, White, and Red – Jan Graefen, Sue Lehto, Marilyn Loy, and Jan Modloff
Digital Photography – James Womack

Winter 2012
DeKalb County’s Business Climate – Carol Zar
The Meaning and Joy of Food – Lise Schlosser
Bravo Bernstein – Paul Pawlowski
Money Wise – Sue Stelling
Social Media – Clint Cargile
News and Views – Elizabeth Bass
Aviation Highlights – Richard Dowen
Postwar America Through Film – George Spencer