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LLI Winter Term January 15 – February 7
LLI Spring Term March 19 – May 9
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LLI Notables Brown Bag Lectures

September 18

Bullying and Victimization in Schools
Michelle Demaray
NIU Dept. of Psychology

September 25

Reflections on Service in the Illinois General Assembly
Robert (Bob) Pritchard
Illinois State Representative – 70th district, retired

October 2

The Sharing Economy & The Autonomous Automobile: Revolutionary Technological Advancement Meets Cautious Market Acceptance
Ursula Sullivan
NIU Dept. of Marketing

October 9

Using Creative and Expressive Arts when Treating Trauma
Adam Carter
NIU Dept. of Counseling, Adult & Higher Education

October 16

Representing Disability & Art: Finding the Voices of the Penguin Project Documentary
Randy Caspersen
NIU Dept. of Communication & The Penguin Project

October 23

Fraud: How Did It Happen?
David Sinason
NIU Dept. of Accountancy, retired

October 30

Sports in Diplomacy
Paul Wright
NIU Dept. of Kinesiology & Physical Education

November 6

Burma, a Buddha Image & NIU: A Tale of Intrigue, National Treasures & Repatriation
Richard Cooler
NIU School of Art & founding director, Center for Burma Studies; emeritus
Most of us can recall a time when trusted newscasters (Cronkite, Huntley and Brinkley) reviewed the major events of the day without too much outcry. We trusted our newspapers as well. There were right-leaning papers, left-leaning papers — many have not survived — but, by and large, one reporter didn’t dismiss another one’s facts, though each one might interpret them differently. Generally, we assumed a journalist’s job was to tell the truth, rather than package whatever s/he thought we expected to hear. Whether or not this was so in the old days, few of us believe it is anymore. The truth that my tribe espouses may not even resemble yours.

Convener: The Rev. Dr. Joe Gastiger has convened many LLI study groups on a wide variety of topics.

We will begin with the early lives of Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee from West Point to the Mexican War to the outset of the Civil War. We will then follow the war through these two towering figures. We will discuss key battles, such as Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Antietam, Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, and others and also discuss Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The study group will conclude with Lincoln’s bringing Grant to the eastern theater in 1864 and the epic battles between Grant and Lee that would lead to Lee's eventual surrender. We will also discuss several other key personalities of the Civil War.

Convener: Richard Wiseman was a teacher for 34 years. He is a self-described student of the Civil War, having toured virtually all of the major battlefields and attended numerous seminars and Civil War roundtables.
Have you wondered what it is like to work on a show or what goes on before the curtain goes up? Have you been tempted to try acting, but been scared off by doubts regarding talent or time commitments? Are you amazed that your neighbors somehow manage to put on a show that makes you laugh and cry? This study group will answer your questions. The study group meetings will present the purpose and procedures of our local community theater, Stage Coach Players. We will discuss the many different ways people can get involved and the process of moving from play selection to opening night.

This study group will be very interactive with mock auditions (in a fun non-threatening atmosphere), blocking, stage movement, costumes, and script analysis. We will take a tour of the Stage Coach Players theater during one session and have the opportunity to watch up to two rehearsals outside of class. You’ll enjoy this study group even if your favorite role is member of the audience.

Convener: Chris Porterfield has been a member of Stage Coach since 1980 and has been involved in at least one show every year since then. He is usually on stage, but he has also been a stage manager, worked stage crew and lights, and been a Stage Coach president and board member.
Fall 2018 Wednesday Study Groups

Election-Year Politics – 2018 Edition
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7 (Note: This study group begins in week 2)

We’ll look at some of the underlying issues in this year’s elections. We will focus on some of the more interesting and competitive congressional and gubernatorial races around the country. Why are fewer incumbents and more women running this year? What are the issues and who are the personalities getting attention? Who and what should be getting attention? Is there a big issue – jobs, immigration, national security, character, or something entirely different? Those who have participated in previous election study groups know that they turned out to be much more interesting and much more fun than even the conveners expected.

Conveners: Elizabeth Bass and Carol Zar are self-described political junkies and are experienced LLI conveners. They have led an elections study group every election year since 2010.

Student Engagement, Research and Artistry: The Sequel
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7

This next season of the series continues to focus on the interesting faculty- and staff- mentored student engagement, research, and internship projects completed by students in the NIU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Planned presentations include the Department of Anthropology Summer Field School taking place in Northern Wisconsin, presentations from the Department of English student interns with NIU STEM Read, updates on student research with the DeKalb County Treatment Courts, and presentations by World Languages and Cultures majors summer Study Abroad programs in San Pancho, Mexico, with more interesting presentations still in production.

Convener: Jack King, Director of Student Professional Development in the NIU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has convened many informative sessions for LLI.
Fall 2018 Wednesday Study Groups

Eight Memorable Black-and-White Movies
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesdays Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7

The following films will be shown:

Harvey is a 1950 American comedy-drama film starring James Stewart and Josephine Hull. The story is about a man whose best friend is a pooka named Harvey – in the form of a six-foot, three-and-a-half-inch tall invisible rabbit.

The Sea Hawk is a 1940 American black-and-white swashbuckling adventure film from Warner Bros. that stars Errol Flynn as an English privateer who defends his nation’s interests on the eve of the Spanish Armada.

Rebecca is a 1940 American romantic psychological thriller film directed by Alfred Hitchcock. The film stars Laurence Olivier as the brooding, aristocratic widower Maxim de Winter and Joan Fontaine as the young woman who becomes his second wife.

Random Harvest is a 1942 film based on the 1941 James Hilton novel of the same name, directed by Mervyn LeRoy. It starred Ronald Colman as a shell-shocked, amnesiac World War I soldier and Greer Garson as his love interest.

Double Indemnity is a 1944 film noir that stars Fred MacMurray as an insurance salesman, Barbara Stanwyck as a provocative housewife who wishes her husband were dead and Edward G. Robinson as a claims adjuster whose job is to find phony claims.

Breakheart Pass is a 1975 American western adventure film that stars Charles Bronson, Ben Johnson, Richard Crenna, and Jill Ireland. The movie was based on the 1974 novel by Scottish author Alistair MacLean (1922-1987), of the same title, and was filmed in north central Idaho.

The Maltese Falcon is a 1941 film noir written and directed by John Huston in his directorial debut. The film stars Humphrey Bogart as private investigator Sam Spade and Mary Astor as his femme fatale client. The story follows a San Francisco private detective and his dealings with three unscrupulous adventurers, all of whom are competing to obtain a jewel-encrusted falcon statuette.

Ed Wood is a 1994 American biographical comedy-drama film directed and produced by Tim Burton and starring Johnny Depp as the eponymous cult filmmaker.

Convener: Retired NIU history professor George Spencer, a self-described movie buff, has convened many LLI study groups.
This study group will examine war as a driver of technological change, focusing on twentieth-century developments in aviation. At the start of World War I, aerial observation was the only role envisioned for aircraft. By the end of the war, aviation was recognized by all as an important tool of war. Thirty years later airplanes reached speeds, altitudes, and endurance never previously thought possible. In 1947, the speed of sound was exceeded for the first time by an airplane in level flight. In 1957, the Russians would launch the first artificial satellite. Today we are all dependent on weather forecasts, navigation (GPS), communication, and computer systems developed originally for military purposes. How did all of this happen in such a short time?

**Convener:** Dick Dowen is professor emeritus and former chair of the NIU Department of Finance. He regularly contributes to the LLI program by convening study groups and serving on the curriculum committee.
We all want to keep healthy. During this study group, we will explore topics that can help us in this endeavor. Topics to be covered include exercise/well-being, blood health, macronutrients, micronutrients, probiotics, antioxidants, immunity, the metabolic syndrome, dietary supplements, and stem-cell research.

**Convener:** Lazlo Hanzely, an NIU Distinguished Teaching Professor emeritus, is retired from NIU’s Department of Biological Sciences. He has convened a number of LLI study groups.

Trying to sort through all the information, misconceptions, and myths about our food can be confusing. This study group will offer both factual information about our diets and practical information for enhancing our health. Topics to be covered include Food Myths & Misconceptions, Cooking with Ancient Grains, Paleo Eating: What's the Buzz?, and Menu Planning for Diabetics & Others.

**Convener:** Jeannette Vaupel is an NIU nursing graduate and teaches for RISE Learning in Surprise, AZ in the winters.
The Mexican border has become an issue of much discussion in contemporary politics. This study group will examine the borderlands (or la frontera) by studying these issues: a third culture, twin city symbiosis, maquiladoras, walls along the border, and source areas of migration.

Convener: Dan Dillman is a Distinguished Teaching Professor emeritus of geography, at NIU. The borderlands were his principal area of study and research for many years as he visited twin cities from Brownsville-Matamoros to San Ysidro-Tijuana.

This study group will discuss baseball from the 19th century to the present with emphasis on views from the dugout, the National League and the legendary Baltimore Orioles in the 1890s, the Negro Leagues, and how the game has changed in the 21st century.

Convener: Dan Dillman was visiting-teams batboy for the Detroit Tigers in 1948, 1949, 1950.
1. PHONE 1-800-345-9472 or (815) 753-0277 to register with a credit card.
2. ONLINE registration at http://www.lli.niu.edu (click on the appropriate program term) with a credit card.
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Fall term only membership fee:
I am a [ ] new (never attended LLI) [ ] renewing member. Please check one.

____ $85 Early-Bird Registration ($95 after September 10, 2018), Unlimited Study Groups

____ If you qualify for the LIHEAP program, call Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming at (815) 753-5200 for authorization to register at a reduced fee.

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All memberships are individual. Membership includes unlimited study groups, lectures, and workshops for the Fall 2018 term. Registration for study groups is on a first-come, first-served basis. Mail-in registrations are accepted any time prior to the first study group meeting date, space permitting. All study groups, lectures, and special events are subject to availability and change.

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Fall 2018 (September 18 – November 8) Event #16229

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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 retirement-age people 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 Elderhostel Institute Network and more than 300 LLIs across the United States.

Who may join the LLI?
The LLI is open to anyone who is retired or 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.

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.

Where can I get more information and/or register?
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Check the LLI website at http://www.LLI.niu.edu