



WINTER QUARTER 2019 PRESENTATIONS

Quarterly Presentations: \$5 per presentation - \$30 maximum (6 or more presentations) | Non-members \$10

Annual Membership: \$25 – Single | \$45 – Couple | \$130 – Single + 4 Qtrs. Presentations | \$250 – Couple + 4 Qtrs. Presentations

Member On-line Registration: www.mnsu.edu/lifelonglearners Choose “Class Schedule,” click on “Register Online Now”

#1. Mondays, 2-4 p.m. — A New History of the American South

The course spans this region from the time before the English settlements until the early 20th century, including peoples, historical events, geography, and agriculture/industry.

1a: Jan 7—The Geography of the American South; The World of Slavery; Slavery Becomes American

1b: Jan 14—The Southern Colonies Take Root; Southern States in the New Nation; War, Uprising, and Southern Solidarity

1c: Jan 21—The Birth of the Cotton South; Evangelical Faith in the South; Rebellion, Renewal: Tightening of Slavery

1d: Jan 28—Arguments for and against Slavery; A restless South: Expansion and Conflict; Life in the Slave South

1e: Feb 4—Sovereignty and Slavery in the American West; The Complex Road to Secession; Elemental Loyalties and Descent into War

1f: Feb 11—End of War and of Slavery; Reconstruction and the Freedmen’s Bureau; The Landscape of the New South

1g: Feb 18—Farmers and the Rise of Populism; The Invention of Segregation; Lynching and Disfranchisement

1h: Feb 25—Religious Faith in the New South; Literature and Music of the New South; The Legacies of the Southern Saga

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DVD instructor: **Professor Edward L. Ayers, University of Richmond**

Sponsors: Jim & Marcia Nagel

Location: Oak Terrace, 1570 Tower Blvd., North Mankato

#2. Tuesday, January 15, 2-4 p.m. — Growing Herbs and Vegetables in Pots

If you do not have room for a big garden, you can grow vegetables and herb in pots. Some of us have downsized to a home with limited outdoor growing space. Pots can ‘follow the sun’ in your home, and be placed on windowsills, small balconies and patios. It is convenient to have fresh herbs on hand in your home. Find out which herbs and vegetables are best for growing in pots.

Presenter: **Johanna George, Horticulturist**

Sponsor: Sue Howard

Location: Children’s Museum, 224 Lamm Street

#3. Tuesday, January 22, 2-4 p.m. — Improving How We Sentence Criminals

Hear how Minnesota attempts to reduce racial/ethnic discrimination in how we sentence people convicted of crime. Yet the result is that we have some of the longest sentences in the country. The presenter will offer suggestions about how we could do better in protecting our communities and provide due process to justice-involved individuals

Presenter: **Barbara A. Carlson, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Sociology & Corrections, MSU-Mankato**

Sponsor: Sue Howard

Location: Children’s Museum, 224 Lamm Street

#4. Tuesday, February 5, 2-4 p.m. — Everyone Has a Story. What’s Yours?

Rachael Hanel has published her memoir, *We’ll Be the Last to Let You Down: Memoir of a Gravedigger’s Daughter*. She has many years of experience in freelance writing, reporting, and editing. Her presentation will help you identify some characteristics of an effective memoir. Bring a pen and paper and be ready to write!

Presenter: **Rachael Hanel, Assistant Professor, Mass Media, MSU, Mankato**

Sponsor: Sue Howard

Location: Children’s Museum, 224 Lamm Street

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#5. Thursday, February 14, 1-4 p.m. — Philosophy at the Movies: Quiz Show

We will watch *Quiz Show*, a story about cheating that occurred in association with a popular TV quiz show, Twenty-One, during the 1950s. Subject: cheating and television. Discussion will follow. A Study Guide raising issues about morality and justice in the movie will be available at the time of showing the movie or on the following website:

<http://sites.google.com/site/rythinkingtours1/philosophyatthemovies>.

Presenter: **Ron Yezzi, retired Philosophy Professor, MSU**

Sponsor: Ron Yezzi

Location: Oak Terrace, 1570 Tower Blvd., North Mankato

#6. Thursday, February 21, 2-4 p.m. — Talking Trash with Scott and Larry

We will learn of the waste and recycling opportunities available today and in the future. We will meet at a designated location, then take a bus together to Minnesota Waste Processing, then to Blue Earth County landfill, and then to the LJP Waste and Recycling facility in North Mankato, finally returning to initial bus site. At each site that we visit, there will be a presentation about what happens at each facility.

Presenters: **Larry Biederman, CEO, LJP Enterprises, Inc. and**

Scott Fichtner, Blue Earth County Environmental Services Director

Sponsor: Joe Carlson

Location: Bus site pick-up to be announced.

Limited to 25 participants.

#7. Mondays, 2-4 p.m. & Tuesday 2:30-4:30 p.m. — The World's Greatest Geologic Wonders

7a: Mar 4-Cave of Crystals-Exquisite Caves; Great Blue Hole-Coastal Symmetry in Sinkholes; Ha Long Bay-Dramatic Karst Landscapes.

7b: Mar 11-Bryce Canyon-Creative Carvings of Erosion; Uluru/Ayers Rock-Sacred Nature of Rocks; Devils Tower-Igneous Enigma.

7c: Mar 18-Antarctica-A World of Ice; Columbia Glacier-Unusual Glacier Cycles; Fiordland National Park-Majestic Fiords.

7d: Mar 26-Rock of Gibraltar-Catastrophic Floods; Bay of Fundy-Inexorable Cycle of Tides; Hawaii-Volcanic Island Beauty.

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DVD instructor: **Dr. Michael Wyession, Washington University**

Sponsors: Joe Carlson & Al Berner

Location: Mondays – Willow Brook Cooperative, 700 Agency Trail, First Floor Great Room

Location: Tuesday, Oak Terrace, 1570 Tower Blvd., North Mankato

#8. Friday, March 8, 2-4 p.m. — The Means War: Caustic Political Copy in the Frontier Press of Mankato, 1857-1861

The years 1850 through 1861 were a period of regional racial conflict, looming national civil war, economic expansion, and political upheaval. This presentation will show there is nothing new about nasty politics being displayed in the news media. You will learn good historical information about Mankato and its newspapers in those early days.

Presenter: **Dr. Charles Lewis, Professor/Acting Chair, Dept. of Mass Media, MSU, Mankato**

Sponsor: Sue Howard

Location: Children's Museum, 224 Lamm Street

#9. Thursday, March 14, 1-3 p.m. — Philosophy at the Movies: Wall Street

We will watch *Wall Street*, a story about the stock market and insider trading during the 1980s. Subject: financial markets and the Wall Street work environment. Discussion will follow. A Study Guide raising issues about morality and justice in the movie will be available at the time of showing the movie or on the following website:

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#10. Monday, March 25, 2-4 p.m. — Houseplants: The Basics and Beyond

The presenter will cover the basics of common houseplant varieties (flowering, foliage, palms, cacti, and succulents) and basic plant care, sunlight needs, soil types, control of pests and mold. Everything from Amaryllis to the ZZ plant.

Presenter: **Bryan Kelling, Master Gardener**

Sponsor: Sue Howard

Location: Children's Museum, 224 Lamm Street

#11. Thursday, March 28, 3-5 p.m. — Governing Your Community: City Council Experiences

What is it like to take part in governing your community? St. Peter Council member Susie Carlin and former Mankato and North Mankato Council member Bob Freyberg will discuss their experiences. We will learn the commonalities and the differences in their service to their communities.

Presenters: **Susie Carlin and Bob Freyberg, City Council members**

Sponsor: Carlienne Frisch

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