Daytime Classes & Activities
Spring 2014
March 24 – May 14
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Alvernia Seniors College
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Membership is open to individuals age 55 and over with an interest in learning. Seniors College is a cooperative where members have an interest in being involved through participation on planning committees or by serving as course instructors. Members are also invited to attend Seniors College social events and activities.

Call 610-796-8357 for information on membership or activities.

Alvernia Seniors College members may take classes at any location. We reserve the right to cancel classes due to insufficient enrollment. Classes may also be cancelled due to inclement weather. Every attempt will be made to schedule a make-up class.

Active membership extends one year from the time of payment. To assist individuals in keeping their membership current, members receive membership expiration dates located above address lines. Dates do not allow the name of inactive members. Annual membership categories are:

- Basic Membership - $50 annually
- Basic Membership PLUS - $100 annually
- Friends - $150 annually
- Benefactor - $1,500 (lifetime)

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M O N D A Y

Theater Book: The War 1600 Years Overdue: ancient lost books, forgotten libraries, and the amazing people who discovered them...
- 5 Weeks
John Crossley
Use a 142 volume history of Rome, one of the lost. Sophocles wrote 1,235 plays, but only 73 survive. Perhaps 98% of books from classical times and literature have been lost, but the figure would be closer to 100% if not for dedicated, even radical, scholars from the past few centuries whose diligent quests into remote monasteries, dusty basements, catacombs, and even ancient field heaps, uncovered the thoughts and histories of ancient authors. From this treasure, we will tell their stories and learn what has been lost.

Dates: 3/31; 4/7, 14, 21, 28; 5/5 Place: Main Center, Seminar Rooms Time: 10:00 – 11:30 AM Cost: $45.00

T U E S D A Y

World of 1812...and 13, 14 and 15 - 3 Weeks
J. Stuart (Buck) Bremer
Not just 25 years, the United States had the temerity to declare war on the British Empire in an effort to claim as its own, demand an equal footing in world trade, secure and expand its western borders and lay claim to Canada. These huge endeavors would not have been possible without the gains of the American Revolution, the rage for the first half of the 19th Century, and the courage to defy the War of 1812. The program will examine the politics of the war as well as the blood and battles.

Dates: 4/6, 13, 20 Place: Alvernia University, Upland Center, Board Room Time: 10:00 – 11:30 AM Cost: $50.00

Journey of Life - 3 Weeks
Rabbi Alan Weitzman
In this course we will delves into the “story telling” of ancient writers, and discuss the importance of helping each person to see in his or her own life the “story” of how God has been at work in their lives. Viewing these stories through the lens of faith illuminates our own personal journeys.

Dates: 4/22, 29; 5/6, 13 Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM Cost: $40.00

Apparitions & Miracles - 4 Weeks
Sister Jean Jacobchik, OSF
The great mystery of God’s presence to and among human beings includes many things that are beyond ordinary understanding. Apparitions and miracles feature prominently within the faith of Christianity. This course examines the apparitions and miracles that have moved many to believe in the unseen and to trust in moments of confusion, difficulty and pain.

Dates: 4/7, 14, 21, 28 Place: Upland Center, Community Room 103 Cost: $55.00

The Art and Fun of Storytelling - 4 Weeks
Sam Foulscroft
In this course you will learn some of the traditions of storytelling, and hear classic examples, create your own stories, and finally, “tell” your story to the class. Each class is 90 minutes and will involve group discussions around a clipboard and discussed on You Tube. If you want to do this, you have to be present for the first class.

Dates: 4/6; 13; 20; 27 Place: Alvernia University, Upland Center, Board Room Time: 1:30 – 2:30 PM Cost: $45.00

Between Hitler and Stalin: Eastern Europe during WWII - 3 Weeks
Dr. Kevin Donnelly
This course will examine what Timothy Snyder has called “the Bloodlands”, the geographical area to Eastern Europe located between the Nazi and Soviet powers during the Second World War. Though it was the theater which saw the heaviest losses for soldiers and in battle, history has largely been silent for most of the past 70 years. Yet as seen by recent events, the legacy of this region, where some countries and cities to this day are divided in half, will continue to evolve.

Dates: 4/7, 14, 21 Place: Upland Center, Community Room 103 Cost: $55.00

Canales and Canal Life in the Susquehanna River Basin Region - 2 Weeks
Dr. Stephen Balch, Susquehanna River Basin Ganories
This presentation provides an overview of the region’s canals and their engineering and construction. We will trace in canal boat, canal battles, canal occupations, and recreation on the canals. Canal photographs and audio recordings from the archives from two premier canal organizations will be used.

Dates: 4/6, 13
Place: Upland Center, Community Room 103
Time: 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Cost: $60.00

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