

THE ONCE AND FUTURE KING

BY: ANN MCWILLIAMS

In *The Once and Future King*, Arthur's older step-brother and constant companion is quickly becoming an adult. Arthur is feeling left behind, lonely and unimportant. He is a bit sad (sulky, actually) and consults his tutor, Merlin. Merlin's advice is remarkably modern:

The best thing for being sad is to learn something. That's the only thing that never fails. You may grow old and trembling in your anatomies, you may lie awake at night listening to the disorder of your veins, you may miss your only love, you may see the world about you devastated by evil lunatics, or know your honour trampled in the sewers of baser minds. There is only one thing for it then – to learn. Learn why the world wags and what wags it. That is the only thing which the mind can never fear or distrust, never alienate, never be tortured by, never fear or distrust, and never dream of regretting. Learning is the only thing for you. Look what a lot of things there are to learn.

T. H. White, The Once and Future King, 1938

Merlin isn't really telling Arthur that learning will make him happy. He's teaching him that curiosity gives him somewhere to go when life becomes difficult. Learning keeps the mind active and engaged with the world. Learning is the foundation of resilience. Lest you think learning is only for the sad, dear knaves, Arthur comes to realize learning will serve him well whether happy, sad, or in between; that learning isn't merely a remedy for life's difficulties. It is one of its pleasures.

Fall 2026 - Key Dates to Remember

Fall Catalog Emailed - September 2

Fall Registration Opens - September 9 at 9 a.m.

Fall Classes Begin - October 5

Fall Classes End - November 13

THE ONCE AND FUTURE KING, CONT.

That is a nice long intro to saying our Fall Course Catalog hits newsstands and email boxes September 2. It is chock full of art, history, movies, philosophy, darts, tennis, just for starters. We have beheadings, magic, Bond (yes, James Bond), voting . . . Merlin would approve. Look what a lot of things there are to learn.

A remembrance

Much later in the story, Arthur asked Merlin about death. “Death is not the end or your story, Arthur – only the place where others must carry it forward. A king dies; the kingdom remembers what he taught it to become.”

Sandra Cherry and Herb Zimmerman carried forward that kind of legacy through their teaching, participation, generosity, and lives they shaped among us. Though we are saddened by their loss, we honor them by continuing the care, wisdom, and community they helped create. Carry it forward – learn.

See you in class.



Herbert M. Zimmerman
February 14, 1938 - March 30, 2026
Past member of the Veritas Board of
Directors, Veritas Presenter



Sandra Osburn Cherry
November 7, 1942 - July 26, 2026
Past President of the Veritas Board of
Directors, Veritas Presenter

CURIOSITY. CONNECTION. COMMUNITY.

Another season of learning is here, offering members another opportunity to follow their curiosity, explore new ideas, deepen their knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie that makes lifelong learning so rewarding. From thought-provoking discussions to engaging presentations and hands-on experiences, this Fall schedule offers a variety of topics and learning formats designed to inspire every kind of learner.

As you look ahead to Fall, we also encourage you to invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to discover what Veritas has to offer. Whether they are new to lifelong learning or simply looking for a new community to explore, there is always room for another curious mind in the Veritas classroom. We are inviting all prospective members to our “Curiosity Hour: A Look Inside the Veritas Classroom” in the days before registration.

Our Fall schedule continues to reflect the standard we strive for in every term: **engaging instructors, thought-provoking topics, and flexible learning formats**. The best learning experiences not only introduce us to something new, but also give us an opportunity to ask questions, share perspectives, and connect with others.

Classes will continue to be held in person at the Lifelong Learning and Healthcare Innovation Center in Suite 101 of the Watterson Medical Center and The Central Bank Community Room in the Flashcube Building, along with a few



classes on Bellarmine’s campus. New this fall, we will have two classes at Treyton Oak Towers open to all Veritas members, as well as residents of Treyton Oak who will register as new members. We will also continue to have virtual options via Zoom.

The Fall catalog is scheduled to be emailed on Wednesday, September 2. Online Registration will open at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9. Fall classes will be held from October 5 through November 13. The membership fee remains at \$50 for the fall term, with 6-week courses costing \$30 each and 3-week courses costing \$15 each.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the classroom this fall—and to welcoming new faces into the Veritas community.

Lifelong learning keeps curiosity young, connections strong, and possibilities wide open.

SNEAK PEEK AT FALL CLASSES



LITERATURE

Explore the intersection of literature and the human experience this fall. Discover the poetry of 17th-century Anglican clerics John Donne, George Herbert, and Robert Herrick and the fascinating ways their work blended the sacred and the worldly. Then consider some of life's biggest questions with two book discussions on "The Meaning of Your Life," by Arthur Brooks or "Ethics in the Real World" by Peter Singer. These book discussions will be led by Jim Bahr and Marilyn Schorin, respectively.

INNER LIFE

Take a journey inward this fall with classes that explore faith, philosophy, purpose, and the questions that have shaped human thought for centuries. Begin with "The Pentateuch Part 1: Genesis Explored," taught by Mike Rouse, and examine the foundational stories and themes of Genesis. Or explore the ideas of some of history's most influential thinkers in "Early Modern Philosophy: Descartes, Hume, Kant," with Tom Kennedy. Whether you are considering ancient questions or wrestling with what gives life meaning today, these courses invite thoughtful reflection and lively discussion.

THE WORLD

Travel across centuries and continents without leaving the classroom. Discover the dramatic—and sometimes shocking—lives of Henry VIII's six wives in "Divorced, Beheaded, Died, Divorced, Beheaded, Survived" presented by Dennis Wiseman. Explore the traditions and stories behind popular cultural celebrations around the world with Rocky Yates, and step into the mysterious world of alchemy, magic, and mysticism with Carol MacKay. This collection offers a fascinating look at the people, traditions, beliefs, and mysteries that have shaped our world.

SNEAK PEEK AT FALL CLASSES, CONTINUED

AMERICANA

Take a closer look at the people, places, ideas, and institutions that have shaped America. Examine the challenges facing the American Republic with Part II of an Eric Schmall course, discover the early history of Kentucky in “Pathways to ‘Kentucke’” with Ken Golliher and learn from Don Whitfield on how James Madison envisioned checks and balances in a democratic republic. Test your knowledge of American history with Mike Williams, explore the Olmsted parks of the 20th century with Denise Davis, consider the changing landscape of voting and elections with Gail Henson, and allow Jeff Conner to introduce the essential figures who helped establish the American nation.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoy a little glamour, a little laughter, and plenty of great entertainment. Mike Marple will help you get to know James Bond and the world created by Ian Fleming in “The Name is Bond, Jimmy Bond.” Explore the often-overlooked contributions of women artists from 1500–1950 from new instructor Cayla Pearman, and trace the evolution of American popular music. Laugh along with some of America’s greatest comedy duos, from 1920–1974 with Eric Schmall, and wrap up the week with Friday at the Movies: Sidney Poiter . There’s something here for every entertainment enthusiast.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Move, learn, and discover new ways to support your health and well-being. Explore the gentle, purposeful movements of Qigong Therapeutic Postures with Nancy Carrington. If you’ve always wanted to pick up a racket, Susan Mateja and other tennis instructors will be offering Tennis for Beginners, an opportunity to learn the fundamentals in a welcoming environment. Or try something a little different with Robert Sprawls in Darts for Competition & Self-Improvement, where focus, precision, and practice come together for a fun and challenging experience.

APPLIED KNOWLEDGE

Put knowledge into action with courses that explore science, technology, and the world of ideas. Discover how AI is transforming technology and our daily lives over 3-weeks with Bob Tiell, then turn your eyes to the sky with “Kentucky Skies: The Science of Weather and Tornadoes.” Finally, experience the return of Chautauqua Lectures, continuing Sandra Cherry’s legacy of selecting engaging presentations. These courses offer opportunities to learn something new—and perhaps see the world around you a little differently.

FALL 2026 LUNCH AND LEARN SPEAKERS

Lunch and Learn strives to keep Veritas members current on issues, activities and opportunities in our area. This fall, all six lectures will be held in Pasteur Hall, Room 105, allowing us to return to a classroom setting, but seat 65 attendees. Talks will start at 11:00 AM on Friday mornings, and, as always, lunch will follow right across the quad in the University Dining Hall. When you check in with the Lunch & Learn Coordinator, you will receive a ticket that is valid for lunch—that day only.

Lunch and Learns are paid for individually (\$12 each) during registration and include the speaker's presentation and lunch in the University Dining Hall. The University Dining Hall (UDH) offers all-you-care-to-eat restaurant-quality food from the steam table, grill, salad bar, sandwich station, dessert station, and more!

The lineup of speakers includes:

October 9: "What's New at Kentucky Opera?" - Ben Robinson

Ben Robinson, new General Director and CEO of Kentucky Opera, speaks on opening day of the company's new season with a return visit to the Brown Theatre.



October 16: "What's with the Canopy?" - Cindi Sullivan

Cindi Sullivan, Executive Director of Louisville Trees Inc. joins us to celebrate Tree Week in Kentucky.

October 23: "Why We Need a Property Tax Increase for a Dedicated Parks Fund" - Brooke Pardue

Frequent Lunch and Learn speaker Brooke Pardue, President and CEO of the Parks Alliance of Louisville, makes the case for supporting a tax increase to fund park maintenance.



October 30: "Fighting for Health at Waverly Hills Sanatorium" - Dr. Lynn Pohl

Lynn Pohl, Ph.D., medical historian, author, and Special Collections Archivist at the Filson Historical Society, explores the history of Waverly Hills Sanatorium, sharing the stories of patients, staff, and supporters and the medical advances and struggles that shaped the fight against tuberculosis.



November 6: "Your Genealogy Legacy" - Nancy Roberson

Nancy Roberson, past President of the Louisville Genealogy Society, has more than 40 years of experience in genealogical research. Nancy has cultivated a deep passion for preserving family histories.



November 13: "Understanding and Enjoying the Guitar" - Pat Lentz

Pat Lentz is known in Louisville as one of the primo guitar players, frequently gigging at Le Relais. He is a previous Lunch & Learn speaker that will return to entertain with his knowledge and his playing.



NEW LOCATION - NEW OPPORTUNITIES CLASSES AT TREYTON OAK TOWERS

New this fall term, we are adding a satellite location at Treyton Oak Towers for a few of our classes to be offered in their multipurpose space, The Oak Room! This facility boasts a large classroom, a gorgeous outdoor courtyard space, as well as ample parking right at their front door (one of old Louisville's largest parking lots)!

2 classes will be offered at Treyton Oak this term on Thursday afternoons: Golden Era of Comedy Duos in American 1920 - 1974 with Eric Schmall and Essential American Founders with Jeff Conner. These classes will be clearly marked in the catalog with their location. Just like we have previously done at Masonic Homes, these classes will welcome ALL Veritas members. We hope to gain new Veritas members from the Treyton Oak Towers Residents – as they have a vibrant community who seem very interested in our learning opportunities.

We can't wait to welcome new members from the Treyton Oak community to Veritas and appreciate them sharing their space with the Veritas community!

VERITAS COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS: SPREADING THE WORD, GROWING OUR COMMUNITY

We announced this spring the launch of our new Veritas Community Champions Referral Program, created to recognize members who help introduce friends, family members, and others in their community to the Veritas experience.

And what a first season it has been!

This spring, 35 Veritas Community Champions referred new members to Veritas — resulting in 77 new members joining our community! That is 77 new people discovering opportunities to learn, connect, explore new ideas, and build friendships through Veritas.

We are incredibly grateful to these 35 members who took the time to tell someone else about Veritas and invite them to be part of our community. As a special thank-you, each of our Spring Community Champions will receive a pin to wear on their Veritas nametag. So, when you're in class, at an event, or around campus, keep an eye out for those proudly wearing their pins!

But the real goal of the Community Champions program is bigger than a pin. It is about all of us helping Veritas grow. Our members are our best ambassadors because you know firsthand what makes Veritas special: the opportunity to keep learning, discover something new, hear from fascinating instructors, and enjoy the fellowship of people who are curious about the world.

So we are asking everyone to become a Veritas Community Champion.

Think about the people in your life who might enjoy Veritas: a friend who is always reading, a former colleague who loves history, someone in your retiree group, a neighbor, a member of your church community, a Bunco group, a book club, a bridge group, or simply someone who says, "I wish I had more opportunities to learn new things."

Tell them about Veritas. Invite them to join you for a class. Share a newsletter or catalog. Bring a friend to an event. Start a conversation.

You never know who might be looking for exactly what Veritas has to offer.

Thank you to our 38 Spring Community Champions — and here's to welcoming even more curious minds to Veritas!

SPRING 2026 COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS:

Tina Adams	Dan Arbough	Diana Ash	Jeanette Bard	Kris Bloos
Jan Brucato	Martha Calderwood	Richard Campbell	Nancy Carrington	Barry Chafin
Linda Evans	Mark Gaff	Chris Heagy	Linda Heisel	Pat Heitz
Debbie Hendricks	Yvonne Knight	Julia Lynch	Sarah Marlowe	Susan Mateja
Elizabeth McClellan	Ann McWilliams	Carol Noffsinger	Kimble Pendley	Tami Penner
Michael Rouse	Laura Ryan	Meg Scharre	Karen Smith	Melanie Smith
Jami Spears	Sharon Stefater	Deloris White	Donald Whitfield	Patty Zoeller

CURIOSITY HOUR: A LOOK INSIDE THE VERITAS CLASSROOM

FREE CLASS PREVIEWS FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Veritas is hosting a **FREE Curiosity Hour: A Look Inside the Veritas Classroom** for prospective members who want to experience a Veritas class firsthand. Three preview sessions will be offered—two in person at WMC, Suite 101 and one on Zoom—with topics including:

An Hour with Miss Jane Marple: Agatha Christie's Iconic Sleuth
Sept. 3, 10:00-11:30 am at WMC, Suite 101 | Mike Marple

An Intro to Louisville's Parks
Sept. 3, 2:00-3:30 pm on Zoom | Denise Davis

Steamboats on Kentucky's Ohio River
Sept. 8, 2:00–3:30 pm at WMC, Suite 101 | Ken Golliher

Each session includes a one-hour presentation followed by a brief overview of Veritas and registration information; coffee and cookies will be provided for in-person sessions. Prospective members will receive email invitations and may register for one session, and current members are invited to **bring a friend** (members may attend only with a prospective guest). This Curiosity Hour series offers a relaxed, informative way to experience Veritas firsthand and see what lifelong learning in our community is all about.

Prospective members can register at <https://tinyurl.com/4rhxrkwp>.

HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS TO IMPROVE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

Zoom

- Save Zoom links for each class—you will use the same one each week!
- Allow adequate time to join the meeting and ensure your equipment is working.
- Change your display name to your full first and last name for attendance.
- Keep yourself muted unless asking a question/participating in discussion.
- If you can see yourself on screen, everyone else can see you too! Keeping your camera on is encouraged, but be mindful of your activities and surroundings as they can distract others.

In-Person

- Be on time for class and wait in the designated area until it is time to enter the classroom.
- Check yourself in on the attendance sheet.
- Silence your cellphone.
- Keep conversations to a bare minimum. Chatter is distracting to others and in hybrid classes can make it hard for virtual attendees to hear.
- Be respectful of peers.
- Clean up after yourself! Be respectful of the classroom space.
- Exit the classroom when class is over—chances are someone else is using the space!

THE AGING BRAIN

BY MICHAEL ROUSE

Robert Frost once wrote, *“The afternoon knows what the morning never suspected.”*

A child is given time to learn. One-year-olds are not expected to speak fluently; they are afforded time to learn and given positive encouragement to develop skills. They are expected to make mistakes as they learn and are not dismissed because of their mistakes. If they cannot quickly recall a word or name, no one says they are cognitively slipping. Unfortunately, if older adults cannot remember or recall something, they are often regarded as slipping mentally. Adults are all too often told they are too old to learn or that they don’t have the ability to learn something new. Research is showing that this is a fallacy about the aging brain.

Rachel Wu, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Psychology at California, Riverside, who has studied learning in middle-aged and older adults. She is very interested in how to keep older adults from believing stereotypes about aging and the brain. For instance, children often are forgetful, stumble over words, and appear momentarily confused, but if adults do the same things, they are suspect of becoming senile, or worse. Often society sees older adults as feeble, unable to learn technology and set in their ways. Pigeon-holing adults this way is called ageism.

VERITAS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Since becoming a Veritas member, you may have wondered what your Veritas membership includes. Sure, you now have the ability to register for classes, but why else are you paying that fee? See below for a listing of the many great benefits of the Society!

- Register for classes of interest. No prerequisites, tests, or grades!
- Access to year-round activities: lectures, Distance Dialogues, field trips, & social events
- Free parking on campus
- Full use of Bellarmine Library & SuRF Center
- Free Admission to most Bellarmine Athletic Events
- Bellarmine Veritas Student ID card
- “Student” Discounts at local community partners with Student ID card

Check out our [Membership Handbook](#) for details about membership benefits.

THE AGING BRAIN, CONT.

It is why many older adults are not looked at as contributing members of society. Why do adults accept ageism? That is a focus of Dr. Wu's work.

Dr. Wu has found that while brain games such as sudoku, matching and crosswords help older adults complete similar tasks, they do not give adults the ability or confidence to obtain new skills such as using computers, learning a language or pursuing the arts. What she found does help a person learn new skills is a supportive learning environment and a positive outlook on learning. An environment that has instructors willing to dialogue with the learners, accept their mistakes and encourage their participation helps older adults learn new skills. Adults also need to accept that it will take time to master new skills and that mistakes are not failures to learn.

Adults should also attempt learning several things at once. Like a child in school who is taught several subjects a day, adults can also learn through expanding their knowledge base. By learning different skills, they can make connections between various subjects and thus exercise their minds. Dr. Wu's research has found that adults who spend time learning new subjects steadily increase their cognitive abilities until they are functioning as well as college undergraduates on cognitive tests. There is a correlation between learning and cognitive health.

Members of Veritas have an opportunity to enhance their brains through varied classes covering a multitude of skills. From games to arts and history to politics, a member of Veritas can engage in a learning environment that supports adult learning. If you want to keep your brain young, I recommend you explore the various topics offered each semester and engage in as many courses as you are able. Doing so could result in your brain being revitalized and a new sense of self that will enhance your well-being.

WYATT LECTURE SERIES AT BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY

John Meacham

October 22, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. | Frazier Hall, Bellarmine University



Presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jon Meacham will serve as this year's guest speaker. A renowned commentator and bestselling author, Meacham is known for connecting the lessons of American history to the political, cultural and moral questions facing the nation today. His acclaimed books include *The Soul of America*, *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power*, *Destiny and Power* and the Pulitzer Prize-winning *American Lion*.

The lecture is free and open to the public, but an RSVP is requested:
<https://tinyurl.com/425j3bd2>

MEET SUZY AND JACK WALKER

How long have you been Veritas members? How would you describe your experience in the organization?

I (Suzy) spent years seeing information about Veritas in the Bellarmine Alumni news and couldn't wait to join when I got old enough. I've been a member for about four years as soon as things came back after COVID. Jack joined about two years later. We both take classes and usually try to take at least one class together. Our favorite type of classes are hybrid classes because we like to travel during school breaks to ride rollercoasters, visit Disney World, or just go where the wind takes us. We love that Veritas allows us to take classes, but we also enjoy cheering on the Knights, especially at volleyball games.

You are younger than average Veritas members, and I understand you are not yet retired.

What are your professions?

We both work for JCPS. Jack is a band director of 6th-12th graders. Suzy is semi-retired from teaching adult education computer classes and now works as a substitute instructional assistant.

Are you Louisville natives? If from elsewhere, what brought you to Louisville, and from where?

I'm (Suzy) from Louisville. Jack is an army brat and ended up at the University of Louisville because his father was stationed at Fort Knox when it was time for him to start college. We actually met at a Bellarmine basketball game.

What are your interests beyond Veritas activities?

We do many things together but also have separate interests. We love to go to anything theater, especially musical theater. When the park is open, we go to Kentucky Kingdom almost every day, often just to walk. We take tap dance classes together. Jack also plays music and likes to run, Suzy takes other styles of dance.

Who inspires or did inspire you?

Suzy: As a child my grandparents (mom's side) were a big part of my life. I spent two weeks every summer with them vacationing at Siesta Key and even in college I would pop by their house for lunch.

What is the best piece of advice you ever received?

The best piece of advice Jack received was from Suzy's father, "Don't just do something, stand there (and think)."



TRAVEL NOTES: ON THE ROAD WITH MARILYN**BY: MARILYN SCHORIN**

What do you envision when you hear about Turkey? Do you picture Middle Easterners? Asians? Europeans? Do you imagine crowded souks or flashy shopping malls? Perhaps you think of beautiful Mediterranean vistas? Or maybe majestic mountains?

Turkey is an amalgam of all of these peoples and places. Turkey sits with one foot in Europe, separated from Asia by the Bosphorus, which flows from the Black Sea in the north to the Sea of Marmara and into the Aegean and Mediterranean in the south. The Taurus mountains rise from Antalya in the south to various ranges in the east. Mount Ararat, the landing spot for Noah's Ark, dominates the east at the border with Armenia.

Most visitors spend only a few days in the country, concentrating on Istanbul. The city was founded in the 7th century BCE and named Constantinople in 330 CE, when it became the capital of the Roman Empire. Constantinople served as a capital of subsequent empires until Turkey's independence under Kemal Ataturk in 1922. The capital moved to Ankara and Constantinople was renamed to reflect the Turkic language.

Tourists can easily spend a week in Istanbul enjoying well-known sights, like Topkapi Palace, the Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, and the Grand Bazaar. Today a library and a museum, from 1459 to 1856, Topkapi was the royal residence of the Sultans, with meeting rooms for key officials such as the Grand Vizier and, of course, the Harem. However, it was replaced in 1856 by the newly built Dolmabahce Palace, designed à la Versailles as the Sultans began to look westward. (Perhaps you remember the great 1964 movie, Topkapi, about a plan to steal jewels housed in Topkapi? Peter Ustinov took home an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor.)



Hagia Sophia had been a secular museum until the current president, Recip Tayyip Erdogan, converted it back into a mosque. And, although Erdogan's main home is in Ankara, he still hosts important events at Dolmabahce in Istanbul. Across from the Hagia Sophia is the Blue Mosque, completed in 1616 and decorated with Iznik tiles inside. And the Grand Bazaar is one of the oldest and largest covered markets in the world. It has more than 4,000 shops and even a significant currency exchange market, where hundreds of thousands of dollars are traded daily.

When I first visited Turkey in 1973, Istanbul, with 3 million people, seemed enormous. Today, more than 20 million people call the city home. The entire country experienced massive population increase in that time, so that now 86 million people live in a country just a little bigger than Texas (population a mere 32 million).

TRAVEL NOTES: ON THE ROAD WITH MARILYN, CONT.

But, for those with a bit more time, it is worth getting out into the countryside in Turkey. Cappadocia, to the east, is a land of natural wonders, deemed “fairy chimneys.” The area was an early center of Christian life, and there are numerous churches scattered throughout. Yet, when the Muslim Arabs came in the 7th century, they persecuted the Christians who fled into the caves and even created at least one entire city underground. Today, you can still see some of the religious paintings on the walls of the cave churches in Goreme. You can also visit Kaymakli Underground City.

We stayed in a hotel built into some of the caves. In addition, we rode a hot air balloon across the region.

The strategic political position of Turkey continues to this day. It is a fascinating country to visit and explore.

VERITAS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

As part of the Beyond the Classroom Workgroup of the Veritas Board of Directors, Marilyn Schorin and Dennis Wiseman will be co-leading a group that looks at travel opportunities for Veritas members. Veritas Members have traveled together to New York City for a Behind the Velvet Curtain trip with Road Scholar, joined other scholars at the Stratford Seminar Society at the Stratford Festival in Ontario, and visited so many places independently, but now there will be a coordinated effort to set up travel experiences for our members. If you are interested in traveling with Veritas, be on the lookout for an information session later this fall. We would also like to share the information below from the Bellarmine Alumni Association on a travel opportunity.

Knights Abroad: A Bellarmine Alumni & Donor Travel Experience May 11-21, 2027

Join fellow Bellarmine Knights for an unforgettable journey through Italy, hosted by Office of Development and Alumni Relations. This exclusive travel opportunity invites alumni and donors to rediscover the world through the lens of global learning—accompanied by expert Bellarmine faculty and staff. Guests will travel alongside Dr. Anna Christianson, associate professor of chemistry and member of the Society of Catholic Scientists, as they explore Rome, Montepulciano, Florence, Assisi and other remarkable destinations.

More trip information: <https://www.bellarmino.edu/alumni/alumni-events/alumni-travel.php>

Knights Abroad Information Session Saturday, September 12 at 3:00 p.m.

Discover what awaits in Italy during this information session, where we'll share trip details, highlights, and everything you need to know about this exciting travel opportunity.

Register here: https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/registration-form/?formId=1623c329-ec9c-420b-a01e-5298395ad09a&envId=p-vo9tUxVbwE-xfS_tvl1NvQ&zone=usa

TRAVEL NOTES: ON THE ROAD WITH MARILYN, CONT.

CAPPADOCIA'S
GOREME VALLEY
- FROM A HOT
AIR BALLOON



THE BLUE MOSQUE,
ISTANBUL

A TEA AND SPICE SHOP
IN THE GRAND BAZAAR,
ISTANBUL



THE WAY WE WERE: ON THIS DAY IN VERITAS VOICE HISTORY

30 years ago. As a result of a survey of its 161 members, Veritas decided on a schedule of two terms per year, six sessions per course, two hours per session. (Apart from the session length, these remain standard to the present.)

15 years ago. Twenty-nine Veritas members “loaned their bodies” to the Lansing School of Nursing at Bellarmine for a pilot program in which students practiced their interviewing and assessment skills with the volunteer “patients.”

An Autumn bus trip was planned to visit two historic Kentucky homes: “Ashland,” home of Henry Clay; and “White Hall,” home of Cassius Marcellus Clay.

5 years ago. With four “hybrid” classes, Veritas took tentative steps toward returning to in-person learning, after strict COVID-19 restrictions since early 2020. Meanwhile, the full schedule of ZOOM classes was being augmented by ZOOM “virtual field trips” to interesting places all over the country.

The celebration of National Seniors Day (August 21) on the WHAS morning show Great Day Live featured an interview with our own Abigail Walsh and Rebecca Beyerle.



VERITAS PLANS FIRST STEPS BACK TO CAMPUS

Veritas will offer four “hybrid” classes this fall, a first step toward getting some of our classes and students back on the Bellarmine campus.

In-person Veritas classes and activities came to an abrupt halt in spring of 2020 when COVID-19 invaded our lives and Bellarmine shut down the campus. Veritas successfully switched to online courses and activities on the Zoom platform.

Those who sign up for the in-person classes will join a bustling Bellarmine community where students returned last week, moving into dorms, gathering in the dining hall and attending full-capacity classes.

The Veritas fall term, which will run October 4 through November 12, will provide a trial run for the hybrid format, with the instructor and some members meeting in the classroom while other members watch from home via the Zoom platform. That format meets the needs of members eager to get back to campus and those who prefer watching from home.

This fall’s hybrid courses are Tai Chi for Beginners, Christian Identity in the 21st Century, The Federal Bureaucracy: Friend and/or Foe?, and the Poetry of Percy Bysshe Shelley. They will be marked as “hybrid” in the course catalog that will be emailed next week and members will see both options on the registration page. The 17 additional courses being offered this fall will remain on Zoom.

Enrollment numbers for the in-person sessions will be capped, based on room capacity. If the room capacity is full, members can still register for the

Zoom version which has unlimited capacity and is shown live from the classroom.

There will be two requirements for those enrolling in the in-person sessions this fall; both are efforts to keep people as safe as possible.

- You must wear a mask whenever you are indoors on campus; Bellarmine requires all students, faculty, staff and visitors to wear masks. Veritas members are considered visitors.
- You must be vaccinated against COVID and present your vaccination card to the instructor on the first day of class. This requirement was set by the Veritas Board of Directors at its August 23 meeting.

Bellarmine initially was strongly encouraging students, staff and faculty to get vaccinated; those who were not vaccinated had to undergo routine testing. But the administration also said that, with some exceptions, vaccinations would be REQUIRED once the federal Food and Drug Administration formally approved one of the vaccines, and that happened earlier this week. So all Bellarmine faculty, staff, and students will be vaccinated by the time our classes begin.

Veritas students who register for a hybrid class will receive further instructions in their confirmation email a week before classes begin.

VERITAS FEATURED ON WHAS MORNING SHOW



The Veritas Society was featured on the WHAS morning show Great Day Live on August 20 as part of the show’s celebration of National Seniors Day (August 21). Abigail Walsh (left), Veritas coordinator for Bellarmine, and Rebecca Beyerle (center), vice president of the Veritas board of directors, were interviewed.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Beyond the Veritas classes—and not limited to term-time—Veritas members are invited to take part in a variety of voluntary interest groups. Here are the ones currently meeting.

Let's Do Lunch: Healthy Eating Group

Starting in January, 2027, Barb Simmons will no longer Chair the Healthy Eating Group which she has done for two and a half years. We are seeking someone to take this responsibility. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the Veritas Office.

Mystery Book Discussion Group

Meeting the first Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon (location listed in emails). You can also join via Zoom. Contact Rebecca Beyerle by email at beyerler@gmail.com to receive notices of future book choices.

The Spiritual Seedlings Interest Group

Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, 10:30 a.m., at the Immanuel United Church of Christ, 2300 Taylorsville Road. For more information or to register, email Barbara MacDonald, Group Leader at barbpmac@gmail.com.

The Ethnic Lunch Group

Meets the second Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at various locations for different ethnic food each time. Veritas is looking for a new coordinator for this SIG. Please contact the office if you are interested.

DoBU (Do Bellarmine University events)

This group attends BU music, theater, sports, lecture events—anything happening at BU. Depending on event schedule, group meets monthly. Most events are free or have a nominal charge. If interested, email Ann McWilliams veritasDoBU@yahoo.com.

Darts Enthusiasts Group

Past Veritas dart class attendees (or anyone else who knows 301 from Cricket) meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 2:00 PM at Vernon Lanes (KY's oldest bowling alley). The dart boards are downstairs. Contact Jeanette Rode at rodebard@bellsouth.net.

Who We Are

For 30 years, the Veritas Society Lifelong Learning Institute has brought adults age 50 and better in the Louisville area together through a shared love of learning, meaningful connection, and curiosity about the world. We believe learning is essential to brain health and overall well-being as we age, and an active mind supports a fuller, more engaged life.

Our purpose is simple: to keep our minds active, open, and growing through enriching learning experiences that:

- explore our history and shared culture
- keep us informed about and engaged with the world around us
- help us make sense of an ever-changing world and find our place within it
- foster belonging through meaningful social connection and shared experiences

Our members include retirees, semi-retirees, and those still working -- people from many professions and backgrounds. We welcome individuals from every walk of life, belief system, and educational experience. You don't need to be a Bellarmine graduate or have any University affiliation - Veritas is open to everyone.



What We Do

Veritas is a hands-on learning community. Our members shape our programs, and we invite engaging speakers and instructors from across the region to share their knowledge and experiences. We offer six-week learning programs each fall and spring, along with additional classes, talks, and social activities during the winter and summer months.

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