

VERITAS SOCIETY COURSE CATALOG



SPRING 2025

Registration Opens: February 5 • 9 a.m.
Spring Term: March 3 - April 11



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Veritas Members!

As I write this—my 12th (and final) President's letter for the Catalog—I am flooded with memories of the past six years. I was so excited to start my first year as President of the Board of Directors of the Veritas Society. The first thing I realized, which made me a little apprehensive, was I had huge shoes to fill following so many great past Presidents. My first term started out with a normal Fall Session (2019). I quickly learned what a major undertaking organizing a six-week session was—the securing of presenters, the vetting of the courses they wanted to present, and the puzzle of scheduling. And that was all before registration. The actual session was a walk in the park compared to what went into prepping for it. Then along came Covid. We cancelled the Spring 2020 session two weeks in, started looking for a way to hold classes, and found a new online platform, Zoom. A huge thanks to Ron Gordon and the Production Team for embracing Zoom and learning about it on the fly. What followed was as normal a schedule as we could possibly have for the next few years.

One thing I learned during the pandemic was my committee chairs were spot on – they were truly concerned about our members and how we could work to keep them involved. They made phone calls to check in on members, they delivered gifts door to door, and continued to keep our members engaged and let them know we were thinking of them. As restrictions lifted we were able to determine a new normal for Veritas – Zoom, hybrid and in-person classes, with between session activities, replacing the pre-Covid all in-person, two six-week session model.

I cannot thank the office staff enough for all their hard work during my term in office, but want to especially thank Abigail Walsh. Without her Veritas would have perished during the pandemic. The virtual activities have become her "baby," and I certainly didn't know about all the places that could and would do virtual "field trips" for us.

There are so many additional people I need to thank for making my term in office successful, and I certainly wouldn't want to miss any individual. I do need to thank the many people that have served with me on the Board of Directors. Without their dedication and work we wouldn't have been able to make the decisions (some very hard decisions) we needed to make over the past few years. There are three committee chairs that I do need to single out, one I already have, Ron Gordon. He led the Production Team learning how the new Veritas operated. Often times, we were building as we were flying, and if he didn't know something he researched and found an answer. The other two are Mary Moll and Judith Skretny, the Curriculum Committee chairs. What a job they did during my term. Mary had everything lined up for Spring 2020 when bang it took a huge hit. Then Judith stepped in during Covid and has done a great job ever since. Securing presenters for the classes during the sessions wasn't easy, especially convincing folks to present on Zoom for the couple of terms that we operated virtually. Then her job shifted to finding folks willing to do hybrid courses and finally, bringing back our in-person folks. But Judith did it in a fine way.

Finally, thank you to all the members who hung in there with us as we struggled to find our way. Thank you to those who felt comfortable enough to tell me when we had made a mistake and needed to fix it. I am pleased to say we have come out on the "better" side with a bright future ahead.

I'm not going away at all. I'm hoping to stay on the Board and will still be part of the Production team and presenting classes.

We have another awesome lineup for you this Spring. We need it after this nasty January.

Happy 30th Anniversary to Veritas and I hope you enjoy the year of celebration that we have planned for you!

Dennis R. Wiseman
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About Us

Who We Are

Since 1995, Veritas has offered the preeminent learning experience to people over 50 in the Louisville area. Our mission is to keep our minds active, open, and growing with the goals of:

- Understanding our history and cultural heritage
- Staying informed about what is happening around us
- Recognizing changes in the world & finding our place in it

We are retired or semi-retired people: doctors, educators, homemakers, office workers, administrators, artists, laborers, and executives. We are governed by a Board of Directors elected by the membership.

What We Do

We are an active, participatory group that devises and develops its own programs, enlisting the best of regional talent.

We offer a six-week program each fall and spring, and activities during the winter and summer.

Registration and Fees

Registration is **ONLINE** only. (See instructions on page 4).

- Fall or Spring term membership fee – \$50
- Per course fee – \$30
- Summer term membership fee – \$10
- Summer per course fee – \$5

Membership Benefits

- Register for classes of interest. No prerequisites, tests, or grades
- Access to activities year-round including lectures, winter activities, virtual and in-person field trips, and social events such as the Holiday Lunch and the Spring Celebration
- Free parking on campus
- Full use of Bellarmine library
- Access to Bellarmine's SuRF (Sport, Recreation and Fitness) Center
- 15% discount on select Continuing Education courses
- Bellarmine Veritas Student ID card
- Discounts at local community partners

Check out our Membership Handbook (emailed to all members & on the Veritas Website) for full details about membership benefits.

Ways to Get Involved

- Teach a course or lead a discussion group
- Serve as a Production Team member
- Recruit new Veritas Presenters
- Help with mailings
- Welcome new members
- Join a committee

Find out HOW at www.bellarmino.edu/ce/veritas/getinvolved

Veritas Scholarships Available

The Veritas Society recognizes that its members are in a unique time of their lives when medical expenses, fixed income, caregiving for loved ones, or other unforeseen events can create a financial burden even for those who have planned well. The Veritas By-Laws state that “the Society strives to provide opportunities for intellectual growth, cultural enrichment, and lasting fellowship” for its members. Undue financial burden should not be an impediment to this goal.

The Veritas Society offers a limited number of scholarships to members each term. A scholarship covers the cost of the membership fee and one class fee. Scholarships are open to current and prospective members. Members may reapply each term but are not guaranteed a scholarship each time.

To apply for a Veritas Scholarship, email veritas@bellarmine.edu and the application form will be sent to you. Applications are due before February 4th.

Online Registration & Fees



STEPS TO REGISTER

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 5th

- 1. Go to www.bellarmino.edu/ce/veritas and click on “ENROLL NOW.”** If you have a Bellarmine Login, press “One Login” and enter the credentials you have received. If you do not have a Bellarmine Login, press “Continue as a guest.”
- 2. Click on the “VERITAS” tab.**
 - You will automatically be charged the \$50 membership fee when you choose your courses. If you do not want to take courses, but want to maintain your membership, choose the 1st category – “Membership Only.”
 - Courses will be listed by category. Click on the category to find your course. Add the courses you want to your cart by clicking “Add to Cart” UNDER the “seat count” for that course.
 - NOTE: The hybrid classes will have two options – In-person or Zoom. Please carefully select the option you prefer, so that we can place you in the correct option and keep counts accurate.
 - When you put a course in your cart, one of the remaining spots is reserved for you. (If you do not complete the payment process within 45 minutes, your registration will be automatically canceled.)
 - Before proceeding to “payment,” double-check that you’ve selected the courses/programs you actually want. You can look at the items in your shopping cart at any time by clicking “My Cart.”
 - If you logged in with your credentials, you will not be prompted to enter your personal information, as it is stored in the registration system. If you pressed “register as a guest,” you will be prompted to enter your personal information.
- 3. Payment**
 - Click “My Cart” to proceed to the “Payment” page. After reviewing your course selections, click the “Check out” button to be sent to the CashNet payment system to complete your purchase.
 - Payment can be made with e-Check (no fee, use account and routing numbers on your personal check) or VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express (2.75% non-refundable convenience fee). If paying by credit card, please click the button to acknowledge the service charge.
 - Before submitting payment, look at the email address in the box. If it is not your “preferred” email, change it.
 - You will receive a payment confirmation via email.
- 4. To register another person, click on the name in the top right corner, then click “sign out.”** Enter the next person’s credentials.

Risk & Consent Form & Code of Conduct

You will notice when registration opens that a Risk & Consent form and Veritas Member Code of Conduct has been added to the registration process.

The Veritas Office, in conjunction with Bellarmine University, wants to be overly prepared to assist our members in case of an emergency. By filling out the form, we are better informed of who to call, what to be aware of, and how to respond in preparation for any situations that may arise.

Daily Schedule at a Glance

MONDAY

Board Games of the Ancient World • Wiseman • ZOOM • 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.
Active Knights Exercise Program • Various • IN-PERSON • 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Louisville's Vibrant Art Scene • Various • ZOOM • 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
More Chautauqua Lectures 2024 • Cherry • ZOOM • 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.
Cases and Controversies: Civil Rights • Williams • ZOOM • 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
A Virtual Tour of New York's Central Park • Davis • ZOOM • 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY

Young Jane Young, by Gabrielle Zevin • Regnier • IN-PERSON • 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.
Who Do You Say I Am? • MacDonald • IN-PERSON • 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.
Survey of Poetry by African American Women • Smith • IN-PERSON • 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Recognizing and Resisting Authoritarianism • Schmall • HYBRID • 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.
Building the Transcontinental Railroad • Conner • HYBRID • 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
Remembering History, Forgetting History • Asher • HYBRID • 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

John C. Breckenridge: Statesman, Soldier, Symbol • Meade • IN-PERSON • 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.
How Personality Influences Relationships • Adams • IN-PERSON • 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.
Home and Beyond: An Anthology of Kentucky Short Stories • Chafin • IN-PERSON • 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Discover Phenominal Fungi • Schneider • IN-PERSON • 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.
Introduction to World Religions • Rouse • IN-PERSON • 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
de Tocqueville's Democracy in America • Whitfield • IN-PERSON • 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

THURSDAY

Brief History Kentucky Prisons • Chandler • IN-PERSON • 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.
Exploring International Issues & Challenges • Sistarenik • IN-PERSON • 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
How Should I Live My Life: Exploring Ethical Theories • Kennedy • IN-PERSON • 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.
Winston Churchill: The Greatest Briton • Graeter • IN-PERSON • 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

Lunch & Learn • Various Speakers • IN-PERSON • 11 a.m. – noon followed by lunch.
Fridays at the Movies • Spalding • ZOOM • 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Inner Life

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

Ever wonder what it means to really know Jesus? Marcus Borg's transformative book, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, helps us see Jesus in a fresh light—both as a historical figure pre-Easter, and as Jesus the Christ post-Easter. Borg paints a rich picture of Jesus as someone deeply connected to the indwelling presence of God, a wisdom teacher who challenged the status quo, and a prophetic voice who started a movement that would change history. Borg explores how meeting Jesus again for the first time isn't about following a set of rules or beliefs, but about growing in compassion and empathy, while deepening our spiritual connections. Whether you're new to these ideas or have been exploring them for years, you'll find something here that speaks to your own faith journey.

REQUIRED READING: *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* by Marcus Borg

ASSIGNMENT FOR FIRST CLASS: Read Chapter 1

PRESENTER: Barbara MacDonald, M.A. in Religious Studies, has been a frequent Veritas presenter since 2017, guiding participants in exploring Christianity's connection with science and spirituality. She simplifies complex ideas, fosters inclusive classrooms, and integrates wisdom from various thinkers. Barbara is an author, past Veritas Board member, Spiritual Seedlings Interest Group facilitator, and a Veritas member since 2015.

CATEGORY: Inner Life

COURSE # CEVE 001-01

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

LOCATION: Flashcube - Central Bank

MEETS: 6 Tuesdays / 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

March 11 - April 15

Note: This class will begin one week late

DISCOVER HOW YOUR PERSONALITY INFLUENCES YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

Curious to grasp how you “fit” with others in your relationships? Learn how to observe different personality types in yourself and others and appreciate personality effects on your relationships. We will use the book *Living on Automatic: How Emotional Conditioning Shapes Our Lives and Relationships* as our guide, along with pertinent movie clips and class discussion.

REQUIRED READING: *Living on Automatic: How Emotional Conditioning Shapes Our Lives and Relationships*, by Homer B. Martin, MD and Christine B.L. Adams, MD, Praeger (Bloomsbury), 2018.

ASSIGNMENT FOR FIRST CLASS: Read Chapters 1, 2, 4 and 5.

DISCUSSION LEADER: Christine B.L. Adams, MD, is a double-board-certified Child and Adult Psychiatrist and an author. She practiced privately and in academic medicine for over 44 years. She hosts a blog at PsychologyToday.com called “Living on Automatic: Emotions Override Thinking Every Time” and is a frequent guest on radio and podcasts. Tina has been a Veritas member since 2006 and is a frequent presenter. Website: Doctorchristineadams.com

CATEGORY: Inner Life

COURSE # CEVE 001-02

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

LOCATION: BU Campus

MEETS: 6 Wednesdays / 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

March 5 - April 9

Inner Life

WORLD RELIGIONS: A PATH TO UNDERSTANDING OTHER WORLDVIEWS

We will study the origins, beliefs, and influences of major religions around the world from the oldest known religion, Hinduism, to the newest, the Latter-Day Saints. The teachings of key individuals of these faiths, including Siddhartha Gautama, Hillel the Elder, Paul of Tarsus, Ignatius of Antioch, Muhammed, Martin Luther, Jan Huss, Jean Calvin, Henry VIII, and Joseph Smith will be explored. Through meaningful discussion, we will learn together in the spirit of ecumenism. Religion is a fascinating subject and there is always more to learn and understand.

SUGGESTED READING: Suggested readings will be provided via email along the way.

DISCUSSION LEADER: Mike Rouse holds an Advanced Catechist certification and has over 30 years of experience with the Archdioceses of Louisville. Having taught theology at a Catholic high school for 23 years, he looks forward to sharing what he has learned and continuing his own faith journey. Mike joined Veritas in the Spring of 2024.

CATEGORY: Inner Life
COURSE # CEVE 001-03
FORMAT: IN-PERSON
LOCATION: BU Campus
MEETS: 6 Wednesdays / 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
March 5 - April 9

HOW SHOULD I LIVE MY LIFE?: INVESTIGATING ETHICAL THEORIES

In this mini-course in ethical theory, we will address the fundamental question “how should I live my life?” Does human life have a built-in purpose or goal we should follow, or should we blaze our own trails? We will explore several different ethical theories, each one providing answers to that crucial question and providing guidance for finding the right path. We will also cover some of the criticisms and weaknesses of each theory.

DISCUSSION LEADER: Tom Kennedy has been a philosophy instructor for over 20 years, teaching at Indiana University Southeast, Spalding University, and Bellarmine University. He is recently retired and is a parishioner at St. John Paul II Catholic Church.

CATEGORY: Inner Life
COURSE # CEVE 001-05
FORMAT: IN-PERSON
LOCATION: BU Campus
MEETS: 6 Thursdays / 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
March 6 - April 10

Literature

THE CAGED BIRD SINGS: A SURVEY OF POETRY BY AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN

Join us as we examine 18-20 African American Women Poets throughout history from Phillis Wheatley Peters (1753-1784) to Amanda Gorman (b. 1998). We will study a handful of poems from three or four poets during each class, analyzing themes and structure with meaningful discussion.

REQUIRED READING: All poems will be provided via email in advance.

DISCUSSION LEADER: Jonathan Smith is a Veritas Lifetime Member, a member of the Veritas Board of Directors, and frequent Discussion Leader. He serves as the Editor of the Veritas Voice Newsletter and has been a Veritas member since 2017. Jonathan is Emeritus Professor of English at Hanover College, where he taught from 1974 to 2015.

CATEGORY: Literature

COURSE # CEVE 002-01

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

LOCATION: Flashcube - Central Bank

MEETS: 6 Tuesdays / 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

March 11 - April 15

Note: This class will begin one week late

YOUNG JANE YOUNG, BY GABRIELLE ZEVIN

Dive into Gabrielle Zevin's compelling novel *Young Jane Young*, a witty and thought-provoking exploration of scandal, reinvention, and the enduring challenges women face in society. The story is told through multiple perspectives of women who are funny, intelligent, stubborn, heartsore, questioning, likable, unlikable, and powerful in their own ways. In what promises to be "a Brilliant and Hilarious rollercoaster ride" (Chicago Tribune), readers will explore shades of the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal, dating apps for old folks, missing persons, and meddling mothers. This course is designed for participants who can commit to reading 50-100 pages per week and actively contribute to thoughtful discussions.

REQUIRED READING: *Young Jane Young* by Gabrielle Zevin.

DISCUSSION LEADER: Adrienne Regnier was the Head of the Philosophy Department at JCTC for 20 years. Adrienne has been a Veritas member since 2022.

CATEGORY: Literature

COURSE # CEVE 002-02

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

LOCATION: BU Campus

MEETS: 6 Tuesdays / 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

March 4 - April 8

HOME & BEYOND: AN ANTHOLOGY OF KENTUCKY SHORT STORIES, EDITED BY MORRIS ALLEN GRUBBS

Each short story in *Home & Beyond: An Anthology of Kentucky Short Stories* is united by a Kentucky connection, whether through writer, setting, or both. A central theme is the question of what we value more: home or the attraction of other places. This is literature of a high order—layered and ripe for interpretation. Our discussion is a continuation of fellow Veritasian Jennings Mace's course from Fall of 2016 and will cover different stories than used in his class.

REQUIRED READING: *Home and Beyond: An Anthology of Kentucky Short Stories* edited by Morris Allen Grubbs.

ASSIGNMENT FOR FIRST CLASS: Please read "The Men" by Jane Mayhall, "Maxine" by Gurney Norman, and "Winter Facts" by Mary Ann Taylor-Hall.

DISCUSSION LEADER: Barry Chafin, parascholar and autodidact, is a Veritas Society Lifetime Member and a frequent presenter. Barry has been a Veritas member since 2005.

CATEGORY: Literature

COURSE # CEVE 002-03

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

LOCATION: BU Campus

MEETS: 6 Wednesdays / 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

March 5 - April 9

The World

BOARD GAMES OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

Using the Great Courses *Great Board Games of the Ancient World*, this course will explore board games from Egypt, Africa, India, and the Aztecs. Discover the shared themes of competition and fun throughout cultures and history. Some of these board games involve strategy, some are pure luck, and some were originally developed to teach the players how to get into heaven.. Our primary lecturer will be Tristan Donovan—journalist, non-fiction writer, and gaming enthusiast.

PRESENTER: Dennis Wiseman, M.Ed., University of Louisville, retired JCPS teacher, serves as President of the Veritas Board of Directors. He also serves on the Production Team and is a Veritas Lifetime member. Dennis has been a Veritas member since 2013.

CATEGORY: The World
COURSE # CEVE 003-01
FORMAT: ZOOM
MEETS: 6 Mondays / 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.
March 3 - April 14 (no class March 10)

RECOGNIZING AND RESISTING AUTHORITARIANISM: A QUEST TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY

In an era where democracy is increasingly under threat, learning to recognize and resist authoritarianism is more important than ever. Using historical and contemporary examples from Russia, Turkey, and Hungary, learn how authoritarian leaders consolidate power, manipulate the media, and suppress opposition.

More importantly, equip yourself with practical tools for resistance — nonviolent protest strategies, grassroots organizing, and defense of the rule of law. Whether you're an activist, student, or concerned citizen, this course offers essential knowledge to help you fight back, defend democracy, and safeguard freedom.

SUGGESTED READING: *On Tyranny* by Timothy Snyder

PRESENTER: Eric Schmall's career path focused on management, consulting, and education. With his MA in International Relations, he has taught courses at Bellarmine University, UofL, and Indiana University Southeast. Eric joined Veritas in 2018 and has been a frequent presenter ever since.

CATEGORY: The World
COURSE # CEVE 003-02
FORMAT: HYBRID
LOCATION: BU Campus
MEETS: 6 Tuesdays / 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
March 4 - April 8

REMEMBERING HISTORY, FORGETTING HISTORY

Question the way historical figures and events are remembered and commemorated by examining monuments and memorials in Kentucky, the USA, Germany, and Spain. Using guided readings, we will discuss who and what is remembered, how and why they are remembered, and what happens when historical interpretations change.

REQUIRED READING: Readings will be provided along the way, not to exceed 50 pages per week.

PRESENTER: Brad Asher, Ph.D, is a historian and author of three books on Kentucky history. He has previously presented Veritas courses on Wendell Berry, Indians of the Pacific Northwest, and the Black Patch War, among others.

CATEGORY: The World
COURSE # CEVE 003-03
FORMAT: HYBRID
LOCATION: BU Campus
MEETS: 6 Tuesdays / 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
March 4 - April 8

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES & CHALLENGES

Delve into key global issues shaping our world including India's rising power, international cooperation on climate change, the future of NATO and Europe, and U.S. policy in the Middle East. Using the *Great Decisions 2025* to guide the way, each session will encourage participants to analyze current events, share diverse perspectives, and deepen their understanding of global affairs. Active participation and thoughtful dialogue will be encouraged to foster meaningful discussions on these critical topics.

SUGGESTED READING: *Great Decisions 2025* is strongly suggested, but not required. Visit fpa.org to order a copy.

PRESENTER: John Sistarenik, M.A., is a retired Professor of Political Science from Jefferson Community and Technical College, where he taught American Government and World Politics for over 30 years. John has been a Veritas member since 2017 and is a frequent presenter.

CATEGORY: The World
COURSE # CEVE 003-04
FORMAT: IN-PERSON
LOCATION: Masonic Home
MEETS: 6 Thursdays / 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
March 6 - April 10

The World

WINSTON CHURCHILL — THE GREATEST BRITON

Winston Churchill was a man of many hats: a cavalry officer under fire in five wars on four continents and a prisoner of war who escaped; a politician who served in the British House of Commons for more than 60 years and held senior positions during BOTH World Wars; a Nobel Laureate in Literature; a noted historian, biographer, journalist, and war correspondent; a legendary orator; a Prime Minister who rallied his nation to victory from the brink of defeat in 1940; and the “Greatest Briton” as his countrymen voted nearly 40 years after his most noteworthy moment. But it wasn’t an easy path. Churchill was a poor student unable to attend “university,” received rejections to his first three marriage proposals, lost five elections, and faced bankruptcy and political isolation in the 1930’s. Yet, he pulled it off. We will examine his life in depth and just how it all happened.

PRESENTER: Don Graeter, J.D., has studied Churchill at Oxford University and is an author and speaker on Churchill and related topics. Don is a Veritas Society Lifetime Member and has been involved in Veritas since 2015.

CATEGORY: The World

COURSE # CEVE 003-05

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

LOCATION: BU CAMPUS

MEETS: 6 Thursdays / 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

March 6 - April 10

Class Formats & Locations

This spring we are once again offering a variety of class delivery options: Zoom, In-Person, and Hybrid. Under each description, look for the word **FORMAT** for how the class will be offered. Some of our courses will also be offered at off-campus locations. Read below to find out more information about each format.

Zoom courses: If you register for a Zoom course, the Zoom link will be emailed to you one week before the class begins. In the email with the link, you will also be sent some tips and tricks for using Zoom.

In-Person courses: If you register for an all In-Person course, the course information with location details will be sent to you a week before the course. See below for class locations.

Hybrid Courses: Hybrid courses will have two options for enrollment: In-class or Zoom. Carefully choose your option on the registration page — both options will be listed as separate classes. In-class students will also receive the Zoom link in case they need to attend virtually at some point.

Locations:

BU Campus - 2001 Newburg Road, Louisville, KY 40205

Flashcube Building - Central Bank Community Room, 9300 Shelbville Road, Louisville, KY 40222

Masonic Home Campus - Meadow Active Lifestyle, 140 Masonic Home Drive, Masonic Home, KY 40041

Specific classroom and parking information will be sent in the class confirmation email the week before class. All off-campus locations have ample parking and accessibility.

Arts & Entertainment

LOUISVILLE'S VIBRANT ART SCENE

You don't need to travel far to view incredible art—Louisville has plenty to offer! Louisville is known for its unique and nationally acclaimed museums, galleries, and studios offering diverse art collections spanning continents and generations. Each week, hear from various local art institutions, 21c and the St. James Court Art Show just to name a few, about how they contribute to the vibrant Louisville art community. By the end of this course, you will have discovered new places to explore and found a greater appreciation for Louisville's art scene!

PRESENTER: Each week, a local art expert will present on their organization, museum, or collection. Full schedule will be sent before class begins.

CATEGORY: Arts & Entertainment

COURSE # CEVE 004-01

FORMAT: ZOOM

MEETS: 6 Mondays / 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

March 3 - April 7

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS AT THE MOVIES: GRACE KELLY 1950's FILMS

Grace Kelly, a legendary actress of the 1950s, starred in several iconic films that showcased her elegance, charm, and acting talent.

HIGH NOON: In her breakout role, Kelly plays Amy Fowler Kane, the young Quaker bride of Gary Cooper's character, in this tense Western about honor and duty. (1952, 85 minutes)

DIAL M FOR MURDER: Directed by Alfred Hitchcock, Kelly stars as Margot Wendice, a woman caught in a thrilling plot of betrayal and murder. (1954, 105 minutes)

REAR WINDOW: In this Hitchcock classic, Kelly portrays Lisa Fremont, a fashionable socialite who assists her photographer boyfriend (James Stewart) in solving a potential murder mystery. (1954, 110 minutes)

TO CATCH A THIEF: In another Hitchcock collaboration, Kelly stars opposite Cary Grant as a glamorous socialite drawn into a thrilling romantic adventure on the French Riviera. (1955, 107 minutes)

HIGH SOCIETY: In this musical comedy, Kelly stars alongside Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra as Tracy Lord, a wealthy socialite navigating love and relationships. It was her final film before becoming Princess of Monaco. (1956, 111 minutes)

PRESENTER: J. B. (Bud) Spalding, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus at Bellarmine University, is a Veritas Society Lifetime member and frequent presenter. Bud joined Veritas in 2001 and is the Secretary of the Veritas Board of Directors.

CATEGORY: Arts & Entertainment

COURSE # CEVE 004-02

FORMAT: ZOOM

MEETS: 5 Fridays / 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

March 14 - April 11

Note: This class will begin one week late

Americana

CASES AND CONTROVERSIES: CIVIL RIGHTS

A definition of Civil Rights includes guarantees of equal social opportunities and equal protection under the law, regardless of race, religion, or other personal characteristics (e.g. gender, sexual orientation, age, and/or disability status). In this course, we will examine state and federal court decisions relating to these rights. In addition, we will discuss recent U.S. Supreme Court cases, both decided and pending. This course will provide ample opportunities for class discussions, so come ready to participate!

PRESENTER: Mike Williams, M.A., J.D., is a Veritas Society Lifetime member and frequent presenter.

CATEGORY: Americana

COURSE # CEVE 005 - ON1

FORMAT: ZOOM

MEETS: 6 Mondays / 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

March 3 - April 7

A VIRTUAL TOUR OF NEW YORK'S CENTRAL PARK

Explore the history and evolution of New York City's Central Park through the initial vision and philosophy of designers Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux. Emphasis will be placed upon the park's most famous sites — Bethesda Terrace, Strawberry Field and the Great Lawn, to name just a few. You'll discover lesser-known details such as why the "gates" to the park have no gates, why 38 unique arches and bridges exist, and why only one statue was originally commissioned in a park now known for its vast collection.

PRESENTER: Denise Davis is an expert park tour guide. While living in Manhattan, Denise was certified by the Central Park Conservancy as a tour guide covering most of the 843 acres of the beautiful park. She became quite the Olmsted nerd, seeking to learn as much as possible about his work. Upon her return to Louisville, she delved into the history of our park system to create tours for Olmsted Park Conservancy.

CATEGORY: Americana

COURSE # CEVE 005 - ON2

FORMAT: ZOOM

MEETS: 6 Mondays / 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

March 10 - April 14

Note: This class will begin one week late

GREATNESS AND GREED: BUILDING THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD

The Transcontinental Railroad was perhaps the greatest and most daring undertaking of 19th-century America, bridging East and West and opening vast territory to development. It required surveyors to find a route through nearly 2000 miles of America's most rugged terrain, engineers to solve how to bridge vast chasms and build around (or through) granite mountains, businessmen to find the money and organize the undertaking, and Irish and Chinese immigrants to build it largely by hand. It was also a story of greed, with leaders pillaging their own companies and vast corruption that reached the highest levels of government. Through short readings, we will explore all facets of this innovative marvel.

SUGGESTED READING: Suggested readings will be provided via email along the way. For those looking for more, *Nothing Like it in the World* by Stephen E. Ambrose is a fun read.

PRESENTER: Jeff Conner, MBA, is an Emeritus Associate Professor in the Business Scholars Program at Hanover College. Jeff is a member of the Veritas Board of Directors, frequent Veritas presenter and has been a Veritas Society member since 2018.

CATEGORY: Americana

COURSE # CEVE 005 - 03 & ON3

FORMAT: HYBRID

LOCATION: BU Campus

MEETS: 6 Tuesdays / 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

March 4 - April 8

Americana

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE: KENTUCKY'S CIVIL WAR STATESMAN, SOLDIER, SYMBOL

Born in Lexington, Kentucky, Breckinridge is most famously known as our 14th (and youngest) Vice President. His story, however, rivals that of the more famous civil war leaders. Join us in reviewing the breadth of his life, diving into sagas such as his work championing state neutrality and commandeering the famed Kentucky Orphan Brigade. Learn how he went from Confederate Secretary of War to most hunted man in America. Explore his escape to Cuba and the years in England and Canada that made him a symbol to the international community of southern exiles. And finally, follow his story to its eventual end as he returned to Lexington and died at age 54 from war complications. His is a unique, eventful, and fascinating story you won't want to miss.

SUGGESTED READING: *Breckinridge—Statesman, Soldier, Symbol* by William C. Davis

PRESENTER: Don Meade is a retired labor and employment law attorney and a long-time student of the civil war. He grew up in Paintsville but has resided in Louisville since 1979. Don joined Veritas in Fall of 2024.

CATEGORY: Americana
COURSE # CEVE 005 - 04
FORMAT: IN-PERSON
LOCATION: BU CAMPUS
MEETS: 6 Wednesdays / 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.
March 5 - April 9

BRIEF HISTORY KENTUCKY PRISONS

Take an in-depth look at the development of Kentucky's prison system from its founding in 1800 to modern-day challenges. Using the *The Oxford History of The Prison* for background context, we will examine the creation of the state's first penitentiary in Frankfort in 1800, the shift from punishment to rehabilitation, and the impact of social and political changes on incarceration practices.

SUGGESTED READING: *The Oxford History of the Prison*. Oxford University Press

PRESENTER: Larry D. Chandler is a former jailer, warden of six prisons, Parole Board Chair, and Director in the Juvenile Justice Department.

CATEGORY: Americana
COURSE # CEVE 005 - 05
FORMAT: IN-PERSON
LOCATION: Masonic Home
MEETS: 6 Thursdays / 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.
March 6 - April 10

DE TOCQUEVILLE'S DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA

In 1831, Alexis de Tocqueville was sent by his government to the United States to study its prison system. During his nine-month visit, he traveled throughout the country, observing and reflecting on its political and social institutions, the temperament of its people, and the characteristics of democratic society as it had developed in this new country. The book that resulted from his journey shares prescient insights that have prompted lively discussion and frequent citations across the political spectrum. We will read and discuss excerpts from *Democracy in America* and weigh Tocqueville's claims against our own understanding of our society and the often unreflectively used term, "democracy." Our approach will be group participation with little to no lecturing by the presenter, whose primary role will be prompting the conversation with questions and moderating its flow.

REQUIRED READING: *Democracy in America*, Alexis de Tocqueville. Harvey Mansfield and Delba Winthrop, University of Chicago Press, 2000

PRESENTER: Donald Whitfield was Vice President of the Great Books Foundation in Chicago, where he directed adult education discussion programs and trained discussion leaders. He conducted courses at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Northwestern University and the Newberry Library. Don is a frequent Veritas presenter.

CATEGORY: Americana
COURSE # CEVE 005-06
FORMAT: IN-PERSON
LOCATION: BU Campus
MEETS: 6 Wednesdays / 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
March 5 - April 9

Applied Knowledge

MORE CHAUTAUQUA LECTURES 2024

Our Spring Chautauqua lectures draw from last summer's CHQ assembly in New York with presentations including Artificial Intelligence; Health, Wellness, and Happiness; and National Geographic's week of Climate Change & Water Ecology. Outstanding speakers will present their current thoughts on these topics, and Presenter Sandra Cherry will guide discussion.

Week 1: Jeffrey Rosen, (CEO, National Center) "The Pursuit of Happiness: How Classical Writers on Virtue Inspired the Founders and Defined America."

Week 2: Renee Fleming and Francis Collins, "Music and Mind: Harnessing the Arts for Health and Wellness."

Week 3: Francis Collins, (NIH physician-scientist) "On Truth, Science, Beauty, and Faith."

Week 4: Erika Woolsey, (marine biologist, filmmaker) "Respecting and Preserving the Earth for Future Generations."

Week 5: Alison Criscitiello, (ice-core scientist) "How Climate Change Impacts the World's Highest Peaks."

Week 6: Joanna Stern, (WSJ and NBC commentator) "How Generative AI Pushes the Boundaries of Creativity and Innovation."

PRESENTER: Sandra Cherry has taught over 30 courses for Veritas since 2008 and is a Betts Meehan Lifetime Member. She holds an M.A. and a Rank I in teaching from UK and a B.A. from the University of MD with majors in Theatre and Math. Sandra serves on the Veritas Board of Directors.

CATEGORY: Applied Knowledge
COURSE # CEVE 006-ON1
FORMAT: ZOOM
MEETS: 6 Mondays / 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
March 3 - April 7

ACTIVE KNIGHTS EXERCISE PROGRAM

Increase physical activity, improve your overall well-being, and form connections with the new Active Knights Exercise Program. In consideration of this effort and in alignment with the university's mission, vision, and values, Campus Recreation and Wellness are partnering with Exercise Science in the School of Movement & Rehabilitation Sciences to provide the ACTIVE Knights Program.

The Veritas Active Knights Group will be assigned an ACTIVE Knights Mentor, a senior-level exercise science student completing their academic internship.

There will be two 3-week sessions of Active Knights. This three weeks will include an overview of the SuRF Center on-campus — how to use the machines and equipment, exercise routines, etc.

CATEGORY: Applied Knowledge
COURSE # CEVE 006 - 03
FORMAT: IN-PERSON
LOCATION: BU Campus
MEETS: 3 Mondays / 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
March 10 - 24
Note: This class will begin one week late

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CATEGORY: Applied Knowledge
COURSE # CEVE 006 - 03
FORMAT: IN-PERSON
LOCATION: BU Campus
MEETS: 3 Mondays / 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
March 31 - April 14

Applied Knowledge

DISCOVER PHENOMENAL FUNGI

Fungi have the amazing power to support plant life, treat human illnesses, and provide experiences that have been described as mystical. We will start our exploration into this fantastic fungal world by studying fungi's impact on various cultures throughout human history. Then, we will explore how fungi are used today to mitigate environmental disasters—from breaking down crude oil to degrading some plastics to making biodegradable shelters. Finally, we will discuss the legal implications and recent medical research surrounding psilocybin. By the end of this course, I hope you will appreciate the fascinating impact and critical role of fungi on our planet, and how fungi may be employed in the future to improve both our and our planet's health.

SUGGESTED READING: *Entangled Life*, by Merlin Sheldrake

PRESENTER: Sheryl Schneider, MD in Human Nutrition, has over 20 years of experience as a community psychiatrist working with a multi-disciplinary mental health team.

CATEGORY: Applied Knowledge

COURSE # CEVE 006 - 04

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

LOCATION: BU CAMPUS

MEETS: 5 Wednesdays / 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
March 12 - April 9

LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

Lunch and Learn Presentations will begin at 11:00 am in the George Brown Center, Clayton Hall, room 230. Following the presentation, lunch will be served downstairs in the University Dining Hall (UDH), which offers all-you-care-to-eat restaurant quality food from the steam table, grill, salad bar, sandwich station, drinks, dessert, and more. Tickets for lunch will be given out by the L&L coordinators in the classroom.

Lunch & Learns are paid for individually during registration at a cost of \$12 per session, which includes the presentation and lunch.

FRIDAY, March 14

"Bellarmine's Campus Landmarks" – Lynn Meckler, Art Historian & Veritas Lifetime Member

FRIDAY, March 21

"When it Comes to Your Health, What You Don't Know Can Hurt You." – Bryant Stamford, Courier Journal columnist and educator

FRIDAY, March 28

"Smishing, Phishing, and Spoofing—Protecting Seniors from Digital Scams" – Paul Troy, Senior Crime Victim Advocate at Jewish Family and Career Services

FRIDAY, April 4

"The Years Ahead for Locust Grove" – Jessica Dawkins, CEO, Locust Grove

FRIDAY, April 11

"Aging Is Not Optional: How We Handle It — Is" – Ronald Higdon, author and pastor

ORGANIZERS: Bud Spalding and Jonathan Smith are the co-chairs of the Lunch & Learn committee. J. B. (Bud) Spalding, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Bellarmine University, is a Veritas Society Lifetime member and frequent presenter. Bud is the Secretary of the Veritas Board of Directors. Jonathan Smith, Emeritus Professor of English at Hanover College, has been a Veritas member since 2017, serves on the Veritas Board of Directors, is a frequent leader of Veritas Discussion Groups, and is the Chair and Editor of the Veritas Voice newsletter.

CATEGORY: Lunch & Learn

COURSE # CEVE 010

FORMAT: IN-PERSON