

FALL TERM IS HERE: WHY CHANGE WHAT ISN'T BROKEN?

As the weather begins to change and the Fall colors paint the landscape, many people find themselves drawn to the idea of learning something new. Fall has long been associated with a season of new beginnings, growth, exploration, and renewal, making it the perfect time to embark on a journey of lifelong learning.

This Fall, Veritas is filled with opportunities to fulfill those desires. As the old saying goes, "*Why fix what isn't broken?*"; the curriculum committee has crafted a schedule that our members have come to expect: **engaging instructors with thought-provoking topics in flexible learning formats.**

Once again, this Fall will include classes in various learning formats: In-person, Zoom, and Hybrid. This adaptability and flexibility has proven to be necessary, allowing lifelong learning to be accessible to everyone.

Twenty-three courses are lined up to fill the schedule, including a return of on-campus Lunch and Learn (see article later in newsletter). There are also two 3-week courses on the schedule that can be registered for individually.

The Fall catalog is scheduled to be emailed on Wednesday, August 30th. Online registration will open at 9 a.m. on September 6th and close September 22nd. Classes begin on October 2nd and run through November 10th.

The membership fee remains at \$50 for the Fall term, and courses will be \$30 each.

Fall 2023 – Key Dates to Remember

Veritas Fall Catalog Emailed to Members – August 30th

Fall Registration Opens – September 6th at 9 am

Prospective Member Information Session – September 7th at 1 pm

Fall Curriculum Kick-Off – September 7th from 2 – 4 pm

Welcome Back Trivia Night – September 17th at 5 pm

Fall Registration Closes – September 22nd

Confirmation Emails Sent – Week of September 25th

Fall Classes Begin – Week of October 2nd

EMBARK ON YOUR JOURNEY OF LIFELONG LEARNING: SCHEDULE PREVIEW

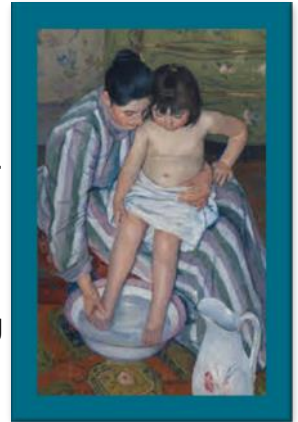
A round of applause is owed to our curriculum committee and instructor pool for this amazing schedule.

The “Inner Life” category will feature a morning discussion course guided by Dr. Christine Adams on Personalities and Relationships, and how you can learn to observe people using cinema, and an afternoon course co-taught by Rev. Walter Snowa and leaders from the Abrahamic faith traditions on A Pilgrimage to “The Holy Land.”

“Literature” courses include a book discussion on *Thinking Fast & Slow* facilitated by Marilyn Schorin, Panzi Panzera presenting Twain’s *Other Boy: The*

“Arts and Entertainment” features Lynn Meckler’s *Women Artists of the 19th Century*, Schmall on *Comedy Cult Movies of the 20th Century*, Sir Alfred Hitchcock’s six decades of work presented by Mike Marple, and *Friday Afternoon at the Movies: Biographical Profiles of Courage*, facilitated by Sandra Cherry.

“Americana” courses, focusing on issues related to the U.S., include *Touring Louisville’s Olmsted Parks* with Denise



Christine Adams



Marilyn Schorin



Panzi Panzera



Barry Chafin



Jon Smith

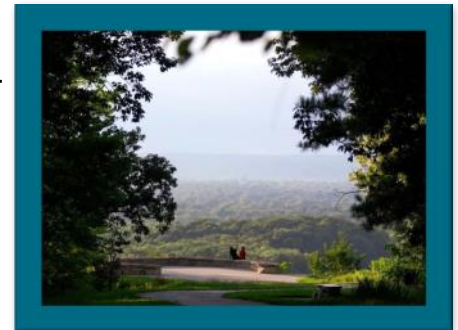


Eric Schmall

Adventures of Tom Sawyer, and Barry Chafin’s exploration of William Trevor’s short stories in *After Rain*. Jonathan Smith rounds out the category, moving through the rich poetry written during and about World War I.

Three courses delving into “The World” and its history, cultures, and politics are on the schedule. The Great Courses best seller “Crimes of the Century: A Selective History of Infamy,” facilitated by Dennis Wiseman, and Sandra Cherry’s *Chautauqua Lectures of Summer 2023* appear as Zoom classes on Mondays. Eric Schmall, known for his entertainment classes, will change his topic area and guide a journey on *Understanding the Holocaust*.

Davis, a longtime park guide in New York City and Louisville; Mike Williams taking on America’s Embattled Bill of Rights; retired Circuit Court Judge McKay Chauvin



breaking down the Criminal Justice System and what you think you know about it; and a variety of knowledgeable experts including University of Louisville Law Professor Cedric Powell will share the podium for *Critical Race Theory: Its Tenets, Impact, and Controversy*. Finally, Rocky Yates will dive into the “Hometown Heroes” project and the banners that feature our Louisville Legends around the city.



Sandra Cherry



Mike Marple



Rocky Yates



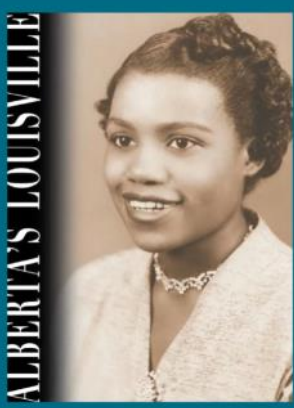
Bob Tiell



John Hultgren



John Rumisek



For our final category, "Applied Knowledge," we bridge the gap between science, health, technology, and what some might consider "how-to," with Enhancing Louisville Seniors' Quality of Life presented by Bob Tiell and his guest speakers, John Hultgren's second session on Beginning Digital Photography, and two 3-week courses, Advances in Cardiac Medicine and Surgery, presented by retired Cardiothoracic Surgeon John Rumisek, MD, and Physical Therapy's Impact on Health and Wellness for the Older Adult, presented by faculty in Bellarmine's Physical Therapy Department.

VERITAS NEW PROGRAM COORDINATOR



Kiersten Monroy

The Veritas Office would like to welcome Kiersten Monroy, who began working on Monday as the new Program Coordinator in the Center for Community and Professional Education that houses Veritas. Kiersten is joining the Bellarmine team from Lancaster, Pennsylvania where she worked as an Office Assistant in a Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. Kiersten graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2019 with a degree in English. Kiersten will soon be answering the Veritas phone line, responding to emails, and assisting with all things Veritas as the Fall term rolls around. She is hitting the ground running with her training and looking forward to meeting you all at upcoming Veritas events.

Abigail Walsh will continue her duties as Director of the Center for Community and Professional Education and Veritas Society Liaison. Callie Clark will also continue working in the office as a student worker for a limited number of hours each week.

Upcoming Veritas Society Events!

FALL PROSPECTIVE MEMBER INFORMATION SESSION

The Veritas Society is actively recruiting new members to join our community of lifelong learners! The Promotion Committee will be hosting an Information Session on Thursday, September 7th at 1 pm on Bellarmine's campus, and on Zoom, for those interested in joining Veritas.

Membership is open to those retired or semi-retired, 50 years and older, who want to keep their minds active, open, and growing. Membership is no longer restricted to those in the Louisville area due to the availability of Zoom and Hybrid courses.

We encourage you to invite those in your network to attend the information session to hear what Veritas is all about! RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/buveritas> or email veritas@bellarmine.edu. Specific location information will be sent to those who RSVP.

FALL CURRICULUM KICK-OFF

The Veritas Board of Directors, Curriculum Committee, and Fall Presenters invite you to join us for our Fall Curriculum Kick-Off on Thursday, September 7th from 2 – 4 pm. This drop-in event will allow you to meet the Fall Presenters who will preview their classes, socialize with Veritas friends over light refreshments, and receive registration help, if needed. The event will be held in Hillary's in the Centro building. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/yaaksm74>.

JOIN VERITAS FRIENDS FOR THE WELCOME BACK TRIVIA NIGHT

Welcome Back Trivia is returning again this Fall! Last year's event was such a blast, that we are excited to have perspective members, friends, and family join current Veritas members for a night of competition! Whether you are a trivia night frequenter, a trivia buff, or just want to play for fun, put your thinking caps on and join us!

Trivia Night will be held on Sunday, September 17th. Doors open at 4:15 with the first round of trivia beginning at 5 pm. The event will be held in Bellarmine's George G. Brown Frazier Hall, on the Norris Place side of campus.

Information on the event will be emailed on Friday, August 24th. If you would like more information or didn't receive the email, reach out to the Veritas Office at veritas@bellarmine.edu. The deadline for registering as a team or individual is September 8th.

This fundraiser will benefit the Veritas Society Endowed Scholarship which is awarded to a Bellarmine undergraduate student in the health sciences and of good academic standing. Additional funds will go toward Veritas' operating costs, as we continue to keep our membership and course fees low.

LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES RETURNS TO CAMPUS

This Fall a longtime favorite, the Lunch and Learn Series, will return to campus. Lunch and Learn has been a Veritas staple since 2002, bringing Veritas friends and classmates together for lively discussion, camaraderie, and delicious food.

After three years of Friday Speaker Series—or “Lunchless Lunch and Learn,” as co-chair Bud Spalding nicknamed the series—members will be invited back to campus on Fridays to hear the lineup of speakers, followed by lunch in the University Dining Hall.

Lunch and Learns are paid for individually during Fall registration and include the speaker 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, drinks, dessert, and more!

Each of the six programs will begin with the speaker in the George Brown Center, Clayton Hall, room 230. The presentation will begin promptly at 10:30 am. When you check in with the Lunch & Learn Coordinator in the classroom, you will receive a ticket that is valid for lunch—that day only—in the University Dining Hall, located right downstairs.

The Speakers:

(As we go to press, we are still awaiting final confirmation on two of the speaking dates. See the Catalog for the complete list.)

October 6: Congressman Morgan McGarvey

A native of Louisville and graduate of Manual High, Representative McGarvey was elected to succeed John Yarmuth in the Third Congressional District, starting in January of this year. For the decade before that, he was State Senator for the 19th District, and from 2019 through 2022 was the Minority Leader, one of the youngest members of any state legislature in the nation to hold such a leadership role. Born in 1979, McGarvey graduated from the University of Missouri and the UK College of Law, and practices law in Louisville. In the 118th Congress he serves on the Committee on Small Business and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; he is a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the New Democrat Coalition, and the Congressional Equality Caucus.



He and his wife Chris live in the Highlands in Louisville with their three children.

October 13: TBA

October 20: Kenton Wooden, Executive Director of The Falls of the Ohio Foundation

The Falls of the Ohio Foundation is the organization that maintains and supports The Falls of the Ohio State Park in Clarksville and the surrounding area, including the Falls itself. Kenton Wooden was introduced in 2021 as the Foundation's new Executive Director, having spent the previous eight years managing marketing and fundraising for the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana. In addition to this experience, Wooden, his wife Elizabeth, and their two children, had been longtime members of the Park and frequent visitors.



An Indiana resident, Wooden is involved with several local organizations. He has been recognized as a Volunteer of the Year by Leadership Southern Indiana, and was selected as one of Southern Indiana Business Source Magazine's "20 under 40."

October 27 Paul Cappiello, Executive Director, Yew Dell Botanical Gardens

Dr. Paul Cappiello is currently Executive Director of Yew Dell Botanical Gardens in Crestwood, and former Associate Professor of Horticulture at the University of Maine. He holds a bachelor's degree in environmental planning and design from Rutgers University and a Master's and PhD in horticulture from the University of Illinois.

Dr. Cappiello is highly regarded as a lecturer, writer, plant collector, teacher, researcher, garden designer and gardener, and has received many awards for his work. He is known internationally for the selection, introduction and evaluation of new ornamental plants for the landscape. He routinely lectures across the country and overseas, and has published hundreds of articles in both the popular press and academic journals. He co-authored *Dogwoods*, the first major book on the genus *Cornus*. He is education advisor to the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association, President of the International Plant Propagators' Society—Eastern Region, and a board member of the Magnolia Society International.



Yew Dell Botanical Gardens, in Oldham County, is on the site of the historic farm of Theodore and Martha Lee Klein. A community group purchased the land in 1998, after the Kleins had passed away, and in 2002 the Gardens were opened to the public. In 2010, Yew Dell was named to the National Historic Register, and is now widely recognized as one of the nation's top botanical gardens.

November 3 TBA

November 10 Ellen Wells, Executive Director, Family Community Clinic

The Family Community Clinic, on East Washington Street in Butchertown, was founded in 2010 (one of the founders was George Fischer, father of our current mayor) as a clinic for people who do not have medical insurance. This may include those who are between jobs, new to the country, or otherwise unable to obtain insurance in the usual way. Ellen Wells heads a paid staff of six to take care of administration, but otherwise every doctor and nurse in the clinic is there as a volunteer. Family Community Clinic has provided healthcare services for over 14,000 uninsured patients since its inception, and has logged more that 65,000 hours of volunteer service. It is run on generous donations and grants from private and family foundations, as well as individual contributions.



Ellen Wells received her BS in Nursing from Marshall University, and her MBA from Ashland University. Prior to her position at the Clinic, she was Director of Quality Management and Risk at Kindred Hospital of Louisville.

BRENDON ALLEN IS NEW VERITAS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Brendon Allen, the third recipient of the Veritas Society Endowed Scholarship, is beginning his junior year on campus at Bellarmine. As a military service member, choosing Bellarmine was easy as he was looking for an accepting and caring community. From the moment he stepped on campus he was greeted with kindness and knew this was the place for him. Brendon is majoring in Nursing and hopes to pursue his Doctorate through the new CRNA (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist) program one day.

Brendon is an active student on campus, now participating in BANS (Bellarmine Association of Nursing Students) after finding his calling in healthcare while being a member of the Galileo Learning Community, for students interested in careers in the health sciences. Brendon also works in the SuRF Center, so you might see him if you are one of our Veritas members who uses the facility. Brendon enjoys running, watching football, and spending time with family when he is not busy with school or one of his Bellarmine activities.

The Veritas Society set up the Veritas Society Endowed Scholarship with a \$50,000 gift in 2019. Funds for the scholarship come from interest earned on the investment. If you'd like to make a donation or memorial gift to the endowed scholarship, contact the Veritas office at 272-8374.



“I want to thank you for this opportunity and the support of Veritas towards my education and career goals. It means a lot! I am extremely grateful.” - Brendon Allen

REQUIEM IN PACEM



Sister Judith Rice died suddenly on August 4, at the age of 78. After a long career as English teacher, administrator, and Principal in the Louisville Archdiocese Schools, and many offices and ministries within the Ursuline Sisters and her church, she joined Veritas in 2017. She was active in the Mystery Book Discussion Group, and had just recently joined the staff of the Veritas Voice as a reporter. She was a model of lifelong learning, and we will miss her.

DANA LINDLEY: VERITAS MEMBER AND LOCAL AUTHOR

By Mike Marple



I sat down with Dana Lindley to catch up and learn more about her novel, *Ascension—Portrait of a Woman*. I asked Dana a little about her background. She taught elementary school in the New Orleans area until her first son was born. After the birth of her second son and with an interest in politics, Dana worked for a U.S. Senator in Des

Moines, Iowa. After politics, Dana worked for Meredith Publishing Company (*Better Homes and Gardens* and others).

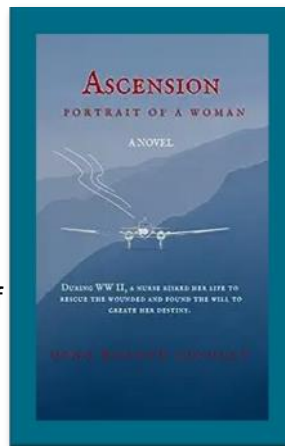
After raising children, work, and other things, she moved to Louisville to be closer to her children. Dana has been a very happy member of Veritas since joining. We are glad to have her as a member.

Dana worked on her first book, *Cameo*, about the hurricane that devastated Galveston in 1900. She was intrigued by the work of Clara Barton and others to help restore the storm-damaged city. She sent many letters to agents to see if one would represent her, but unfortunately, there were no takers.

Using her work for the Senator preparing Iowa delegates for the World Conference on Women, 1985, in Kenya, Dana wrote a book dealing with this conference and empowering women. This time she got an agent who shopped the book, *Kinship*, to many different companies, but books like this were not easy to get published at the time. Not surprisingly, the publishers liked romance or mystery novels more.

Fast forward to 2020 and a trip inside the Administration building at Bowman Field, where Dana was looking at all the pictures found there. After mostly pictures of males, she found two pictures of women in fatigues. This piqued her interest. Who were these women and why were they on the wall? Well, the world as we knew it changed with the coming of the Covid Pandemic. Dana remembered the two photos and started delving into the who, what, and why of the photos. It seems that in 1943 the military started a School for Flight Nurses at our own Bowman Field. The goal was to train nurses to treat wounded soldiers on planes as they were being transported to medical facilities. Dana researched the subject and wrote a fictional account of two of the trainees. *Ascension* tells the story of

two flight nurses, Colleen O'Brien, who escapes an abusive marriage, and Elizabeth Kizer, who seeks her missing-in-action husband, Captain Van Kizer.



Dana's book is a delight to read. She meshes the history and the locale very well. She gives readers a feel for what Louisville was like mid-World War II. Veritas members will smile when she talks about parts of the city that have changed so much since 1943.

Dana decided to make *Ascension* the middle book in a family trilogy. *Cameo* deals with Colleen's mother and her time in Galveston in 1900. *Kinship* deals with Colleen's daughter in Kenya. What a wonderful way to make use of the information she gathered for her first two novels.

I think it is wonderful to know that we have such talented and vibrant members of Veritas. I know that Dana Lindley fits this category perfectly.

MEET BOB TIELL

(Bob Tiell is a professional Career Consultant presenting a class this fall on “Enhancing Louisville Seniors’ Quality of Life.” He is co-author and co-editor of two books in the past two years. For more information on Bob, see bobtiell.com.)

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

Four years as I recall; all positive.

You are offering a class on quality of life for seniors. What sparked your interest in this topic?

I’m at the mature stage of life myself and have a lot of curiosity around the topic. The class is also a logical extension of a prior Veritas class I taught.

Are you retired? What is your professional or career background?

No, I’m still employed with the Psychology Resource Group in town. I’m a vocational psychologist and have a wealth of experience.

How do you relax at home?

Read; watch a good movie or play cards with my wife.

How would you describe a perfect day in Louisville?

Crisp fall day, 60-65 degrees, sunny, low humidity.



What makes you laugh?

Any of the great comedians, Groucho Marx on down to Seinfeld.

Who/what inspires or did inspire you?

The U.S. Declaration of Independence and the Constitution still inspire me.

Describe yourself in three words.

Resourceful, Broad Perspective, Disciplined.

What is your most vivid childhood memory?

Lessons learned from small business startups, e.g. paper route, lawn maintenance, etc.

What is the best piece of advice you ever received?

Career advice from my allergist at the age of nine. Since I was such an excellent student, he urged me to keep that up and pursue a professional career.

Is there a material object in your house that means a lot to you?

My desktop computer.

What is the most influential film you've seen?

The most influential film ever: *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

HOW WE SPENT OUR SUMMER VACATION

The summer was rich in classes, lectures, field trips, movies, and other learning opportunities for Veritas members.

In the months of May and June, dozens of members availed themselves of the chance to take inexpensive (sometimes free!) guided Zoom tours of the Getty, Georgia O'Keefe, or MoMA art museums; Liberty Hall, the Paul Revere House, President Lincoln's Cottage, the FDR Library, the Dole Institute of Politics, or the National Archives; Mammoth Cave, the East Texas Oil Museum, the International Wolf Museum, or the Kentucky Derby Museum; or a distance dialogue with David Wicks about the Ohio River Way. A total of 321 attendees took part in these events. Veritas staff member, Abigail Walsh, and the Production Team deserve praise and thanks for making such a rich and complex program happen.

During July, Summer Term Chair Bud Spalding kept us occupied for three weeks. Classes included some fascinating discus-

sions of the legacy of Harlan and Anna Hubbard and preserving their Payne Hollow home; live field trips to new west end public parks and three historic Louisville homes; Mediterranean Cooking classes; and afternoon movies made from the plays of Shakespeare, Eugene O'Neill, and Arthur Miller. Fifty different Veritas members took part in one or more of these offerings. Again, thanks are due to Abigail and the Production Team, and special thanks to Bud, who has organized a summer term for roughly as long as Veritas has existed!

Also between terms, Veritas members have enjoyed in-person field trips, visiting Oxmoor Farm in late April and the Pressley Tyler Homestead at the Blackacre Conservancy, with optional lunch at the Gaslight Diner, in August. More in-person field trips are on the horizon!

Finally, the Veritas Interest Groups continued to meet, dine, discuss, and go to movies. See the article that follows.

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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.

The Veritas Movie Dinner Group meets monthly on the first Thursday of each month. Members are asked to take turns choosing a movie at a local theater and then after the movie a nearby restaurant. There they can discuss the movie and share their insights. Members can choose to go to both the movie and dinner or one or the other. Please feel free to contact Facilitator Linda Miller at linda.loves.walking@gmail.com or at 502-216-4075.

The Healthy Eating Group is meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month, eating at various restaurants that specialize in healthy fare. Recent venues have included Wagner's Pharmacy, House of Marigold, and Connor's Steak and Seafood. Contact Rebecca Beyerle beyerler@gmail.com or (502) 454-0368 for reservations or additional information.

Resuming soon: Eat and Talk. Check with Dennis Wiseman at Dennis.sinnedagain@yahoo.com.

The Spirituality Interest Group has both in-person and zoom meetings, and both have been well-attended. The in-person group meets twice a month: at 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday, and 1:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday; both at the Immanuel United Church of Christ, 2300 Taylorsville Road. The Zoom session meets at 10:30 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month. The groups are led by Barbara MacDonald, who has taught courses on Christianity, Spirituality, and Cosmology. For more information and to get the Zoom link, contact Barb at barbpmac@gmail.com.

The Mystery Book Discussion Group is meeting in person and on Zoom; it meets the first Tuesday of the month from 10:30 p.m. to noon at the Highlands-Shelby Park Library in the Mid-City Mall. Contact Rebecca Beyerle by email at beyerler@gmail.com to receive notices of future book choices.

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. For information and reservations, contact organizer Mary Helen Thompson at (502) 459-5750 or email her at thompsonmaryhelen1@gmail.com.

Veritas Membership Benefits

Since becoming a Veritas member, you may have wondered what your Veritas membership is really getting you. 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.

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 past history and cultural heritage
- Informing members about what is happening around us
- Recognizing changes in the world and 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 for presentations. We offer a six-week program each fall and spring, and a three-week term in July.

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