



COURSE CATALOG SPRING 2023

Registration Opens: February 1 • 9 a.m.

Spring Term: February 27 – April 6

PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Hello Veritas Members!

I am so excited about our upcoming class session! We have so many exciting courses scheduled with a variety of ways to participate in them. There are five Zoom courses, twelve in-person courses, and five hybrid courses. In addition to the great topics, some of our long-time, popular presenters are returning for this session and we also have a few brand new presenters that I am sure you will enjoy. My hat’s off to Abigail Walsh for arranging the schedule, a task that is not easy to mangage. If you want to sit home in your comfortable clothes and participate, sign up for a virtual option. If you are looking to come to campus and build relationships, sign up for an in-person option.

One of the great things about Veritas returning to campus for courses is the fact that you can come early or stay late and have a great meal in the Bellarmine Dining Hall. It’s a wonderful place to “debrief” your course sessions, enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Veritas members, and enjoy good food! Plus, you receive a discount if you tell the cashier you are a Veritas member.

With the Spring Session set to begin, our Board of Directors election is near. If you would like to throw your name into the hat as a nominee for a seat on the Board, please e-mail Vice President Rebecca Beyerle at beyerler@gmail.com. The Spring term will conclude, as always, with our Spring Celebration. While the date isn’t final, we know it will be in April.

Lastly, a challenge. I would like to challenge each of you to recruit a new member to join Veritas for this session. We all know folks that would enjoy being a member, but may not even know what Veritas is. And remember - they don’t have to live in Louisville to participate in the online options! Getting someone else to join doesn’t mean enrolling in your favorite presenter’s class will be any harder – we have plenty of seats!

See you around!

Dennis R. Wiseman
President, Veritas Society
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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
- 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.
- We offer a six-week program each fall and spring, and a shortened three-week summer term in July.

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: lecture series, Distance Dialogues, virtual and in-person field trips, social events such as Holiday Lunch and 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 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.bellarmine.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, being on a 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 1.

Online Registration & Fees



STEPS TO REGISTER

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1

- 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 the “Add to Cart” that is **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 signing the 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 about who to call, what to be aware of, and how to respond, in preparation for any situations that may arise.

Veritas Schedule at a Glance

MONDAY

All the Women Poets I’ve Ignored Until Now • Smith • IN-PERSON • 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.
More Chautauqua Lectures from Summer 2022 • Cherry • ZOOM • 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.
The Celtic World, Part II • Wiseman • ZOOM • 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.
Cases and Controversies • Williams • ZOOM • 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.
The Case for Plant “Thinking” • Furlong • ZOOM • 4 – 5:15 p.m.

TUESDAY

How Personalities Impact Relationships • Adams • IN-PERSON • 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.
Robber Barons & the Rise of American Industry • Conner • IN-PERSON • 10:30–11:45 a.m.
Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe • Panzera • IN-PERSON • 12:30– 1:45 p.m.
Conflict Zones in the Middle East • Stammerman • HYBRID • 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.
Aesop’s Fables • Speliotis • IN-PERSON • 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.
Churchill: The War Years • Graeter • IN-PERSON • 4 – 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

International Issues & Challenges • Sistarenik • IN-PERSON • 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.
Beginning Digital Photography • Hulgren • IN-PERSON • 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.
Mindful Chair Yoga • Schaffer • IN-PERSON • 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.
The Song of the Cell • Schorin • IN-PERSON • 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.
Freedom’s Songs • Nebelsick • IN-PERSON • 4 – 5:15 p.m.

THURSDAY

Steinbeck’s *America and the Americans* • Chafin • IN-PERSON • 10:30–11:45 a.m.
The Majesty, the Mystery, the Myth: Agatha Christie • Marple • HYBRID • 10:30–11:45 a.m.
Golden Age of 20th Century Comedies, Part II • Schmall • HYBRID • 12:30– 1:45 p.m.
Women of the French Resistance Movement • Nunn • HYBRID • 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.
Napoleon: His Life, Battles, and Accomplishments • Hubbs • HYBRID • 4 – 5:15 p.m.

FRIDAY

Friday Speaker Series • Various • ZOOM • 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Fridays at the Movies • Spalding • ZOOM • 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Inner Life

HOW PERSONALITIES IMPACT RELATIONSHIPS: THE UGLY, THE BAD, AND THE GOOD

We all experience relationship strife of one type or another. Explore the 80 years of work done by two psychiatrists into how personalities develop. Discover how our personality affects our closest relationships, including:

- The new concepts of emotional conditioning and automatic responding to others
- Why miscommunication in marriage leads to divorce
- How relationship conflict leads to emotional illnesses of anxieties, depression, and substance abuse
- Steps you can take to decrease automatic living and lessen the risk of emotional suffering and illness

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

ASSIGNMENT FOR FIRST CLASS: Read Chapters 1 & 2

DISCUSSION LEADER: Christine B.L. Adams, MD, is a child and adult psychiatrist and author. She was in private practice and taught in academia. She hosts a blog at PsychologyToday.com –“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 001-01

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

MEETS: 6 Tuesdays / 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

February 28 – April 4

Hybrid and In-Person Classes

This Spring we are once again offering a variety of class delivery options: Zoom, In-Person, and Hybrid. To know how a class you are interested in will be offered, look for FORMAT listed under each description. If you plan to participate in a hybrid or in-person class, read the remainder of this box.

- Hybrid classes have two options for enrollment: in-class or Zoom. Carefully choose your option on the registration page - both options will be listed seperately.
- There are two requirements for those attending a class on campus this Spring; both are efforts to keep people as safe as possible.
 - » Veritas will follow Bellarmine’s masking guidelines. These will be subject to change throughout the semesterand will be communicated before classes.
 - » You must have received your COVID-19 vaccine and upload your vaccination card before classes begin. Upload link will be sent to you after registration, if you have not already uploaded in the past. These requirements were established by the Veritas Board of Directors in August 2021 and remain in effect in conjunction with Bellarmine University’s policies.
- In-class students will also receive the Zoom link in case they need to attend virtually at some point in the term.

Literature

All The Women Poets I’ve Ignored, Until Now

After classes on Sidney, Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Keats, Shelley, and Browning, it’s about time we cover the women! Specifically, this class will be an introduction to ten nineteenth-century British women poets - five famous and five not-so-famous. Although, all were widely read in their time, you’ve probably only heard of Dorothy Wordsworth, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Emily Bronte, George Eliot, and Christina Rossetti. These well-known ladies will be paired with Anna Barbauld, Felicia Hemans, Augusta Webster, Alice Meynell, and Amy Levy.

REQUIRED READING: *British Women Poets of the 19th Century*, edited by Margaret Randolph Higgonnet. This book is out of print and may be hard to find, so I have stockpiled about fifteen used copies at an average cost of \$10. If you’re unable to find a comparably-priced used copy, get one from me, and if we run out, we’ll get resourceful! Email me at smith@hanover.edu to reserve a copy.

ASSIGNMENT FOR FIRST CLASS: Read poetry by Dorothy Wordsworth and Anna Barbauld for the first day. A specific assignment will be emailed before the start of class.

DISCUSSION LEADER: Jonathan Smith is Emeritus Professor of English at Hanover College, where he taught from 1974 to 2015. Jonathan serves on the Veritas Board of Directors, is a frequent leader of Veritas Discussion Groups, and has been a Veritas member since 2017.

CATEGORY: Literature

COURSE # CEVE 002-01

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

MEETS: 6 Mondays / 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

February 27 - April 3

Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café

Have you see the film “Fried Green Tomatoes” with Kathy Bates and Jessica Tandy? Did you love it? Then you’ll love the novel on which it is based. Often taught in high schools, *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe* is a wonderful novel about very small towns, the people who live in them, and their relationships. The cafe brings together nearly every resident of the small southern town which is a microcosm of the South itself during the Depression. It is also the modern-day story of an elderly woman in a nursing home who is desperate for friendship and a younger woman who shares that need. The heartwarming novel will make you wish you had grown up in a small town like Whistle Stop, Alabama.

REQUIRED READING: *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe* by Fannie Flagg. Any publication of the novel is acceptable, but we will be using the Ballantine Books paperback edition in class.

ASSIGNMENT FOR FIRST CLASS: Read pages 1 - 71.

DISCUSSION LEADER: Anna Marie (Panzi) Panzera, M.A., taught high school for 35 years. Panzi serves on the Veritas Board of Directors, is a frequent presenter, and has been a Veritas member since 2009.

CATEGORY: Literature

COURSE # CEVE 002-02

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

MEETS: 6 Tuesdays / 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.

February 28 - April 4

Literature

The Song of The Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human

From Siddhartha Mukherjee, the author of *The Emperor of All Maladies*, which won the Pulitzer Prize, and *The Gene*, a #1 New York Times bestseller, comes his newest book, an exploration of medicine and our radical new ability to manipulate cells. Rich with Mukherjee's stories of scientists, doctors, and the patients whose lives may be saved by their work, *The Song of the Cell* is the third book in this extraordinary writer's exploration of what it means to be human.

REQUIRED READING: *The Song of the Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human* by Siddhartha Mukherjee
Note: Carmichael's is offering a 20% discount on the book when you tell them it is for the Veritas Book Group.

ASSIGNMENT FOR FIRST CLASS: Prelude, Introduction, and first 3 chapters - the Individual Cell, the Visible Cell, and the Universal Cell

DISCUSSION LEADER: Marilyn Schorin, Ph.D., is a Veritas Lifetime Member, a member of the Veritas Board of Directors, and frequent presenter. She has a PhD in nutritional biochemistry (Columbia University) and has been a Veritas member since 2007.

CATEGORY: Literature
COURSE # CEVE 002-04
FORMAT: IN-PERSON
MEETS: 7 Wednesdays / 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.
March 1 - April 19 (no class March 22)

Aesop's Fables

Most of us probably know Aesop's fables from childhood. "Aesop's fables" in fact, however, refers both to an oral tradition traced back to Aesop as the originator and founder, and to a literary tradition that was carried forward across centuries by several different authors. In this course, we will begin by reading about Aesop's life, and then we will read a collection of Aesopian fables, some of which may be traced back to reports of the oral tradition, others of which were penned by later authors seeking to pen Aesopic fables.

REQUIRED READING: *Aesop's Fables*, trans. and ed. Laura Gibbs. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002, 2008.

DISCUSSION LEADER: Evanthia Speliotis, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy, Bellarmine University, is a Lifetime Member of the Veritas Society and a frequent Veritas presenter.

CATEGORY: Literature
COURSE # CEVE 002-03
FORMAT: IN-PERSON
MEETS: 6 Tuesdays / 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.
February 28 - April 4

Steinbeck's America and Americans and Selected Nonfiction

John Steinbeck is one of America's beloved writers. His body of work is long and broad including both long and short fiction, journalism, and literary non-fiction. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature "for realistic and imaginative writings, combining as they do sympathetic humor and keen social perception." His prose is authentic and its hallmark is eloquence. The utter humanity of the man always comes through.

This discussion course will explore Steinbeck's final book, *America and Americans*, a collection of his work as a journalist and his non-fiction essays, rooting him in the world around him.

REQUIRED READING: *America and Americans and Selected Nonfiction* by John Steinbeck, Edited by Susan Shillinglaw and Jackson J. Benson.

ASSIGNMENT FOR FIRST CLASS: "From About Ed Ricketts"

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

CATEGORY: Literature
COURSE # CEVE 002-05
FORMAT: IN-PERSON
MEETS: 6 Thursdays / 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.
March 2 - April 6

The World

More Chautauqua Lectures from Summer 2022

Founded in 1874, The Chautauqua Institution is a community in Southwestern New York that comes alive each summer with a mix of lectures, fine and performing arts, interfaith worship, and recreational activities. For our Spring Veritas term we are focusing on four themes involving History, Democracy, American Home, and Profiles in Courage.

The Future of History
Week 1 - Jon Meacham: "An Existential Crises: Autocracy or Democracy?"
Week 2 - Annette Gordon-Reed: "Juneteenth and Other Stories."
The Vote and Democracy
Week 3 - Linda Chavez: "How Do We Protect Democracy in a Divided America?"
Redefining the American Home
Week 4 - Matthew Desmond: "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City."
New Profiles in Courage
Week 5 - Jaime Raskin: "It's Hard to be Human: The Story of his Son's Life (Tommy Raskin)."
Week 6 - Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB: "The Time is Now: The Call for Uncommon Courage."

DISCUSSION LEADER: 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: The World
COURSE # CEVE 003-ON1
FORMAT: ZOOM
MEETS: 6 Mondays / 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.
February 27 - April 3

The Celtic World: Part II

Adapted from The Great Courses, Professor Jennifer Paxton, Ph.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of History at The Catholic University, will guide our discovery in the difference between Celtic culture and Irish culture. We will explore more than the Irish music and dancing we are accustomed to knowing. This course is a continuation of the Celtic World course from Fall 2022.

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/A-V team and is a Veritas Lifetime member. Dennis has been a Veritas member since 2013.

CATEGORY: The World
COURSE # CEVE 003-ON2
FORMAT: ZOOM
MEETS: 6 Mondays / 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.
February 27 - April 3

Conflict Zones in the Middle East

Since at least the First Gulf War, which saw an American-led coalition drive Saddam Hussein's Iraq from Kuwait, the Middle East has been home to war, rebellion, ISIS-led uprisings in various countries, the dashed hopes of the Arab Spring, terrorism, and the rise of a potentially nuclear-armed Iran. A veteran observer of the Middle East, who as a U.S. diplomat, now retired, served many years in the region, returns to Veritas for a survey of conflicts in this volatile zone where the United States has spent so much blood and treasure.

PRESENTER: Ken Stammerman, M.A., Economics, M.A., Theology, is a retired U.S. Foreign Service Officer with extensive Middle East experience. He volunteers on archaeology digs in Israel every summer as a hobby. Ken is a Veritas Society Lifetime Member and a frequent presenter.

CATEGORY: The World
COURSE # CEVE 003-03 & ON3
FORMAT: HYBRID
MEETS: 6 Tuesdays / 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.
February 28 - April 4

The World

Churchill: The War Years

On May 10, 1940, 65-year-old Winston Churchill became Prime Minister of Great Britain. But the royal family, the aristocracy and a large majority of the House of Commons didn't want him in the job. Could he keep it?

In only weeks, Hitler's Wehrmacht overran Allied forces and Churchill found his nation standing alone, its army in disarray, its weapons abandoned on the beaches of Dunkirk. The Nazi war machine and its mighty Luftwaffe poised for the attack just across the English Channel. Churchill faced intense international and domestic pressure to sue for peace. He reached out to the British people and turned his gaze west upon an isolationist and ill equipped USA.

We will examine Churchill's WWII:

- His battle for control of his government;
- The Battle of Britain;
- His courtship of the USA;
- His duels with FDR, Marshall, Stalin & others

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 frequent Veritas presenter and has been a Veritas member since 2015.

CATEGORY: The World
COURSE # CEVE 003-04
FORMAT: IN-PERSON
MEETS: 6 Tuesdays / 4 - 5:30 p.m.
February 28 – April 4

International Issues & Challenges

During an examination of topics such as China and Taiwan, Iran, war crimes, politics in Latin America, global famine, and climate migration, we will take an in depth look at the challenges facing our world in 2023.

SUGGESTED READING: The 2023 edition of *The Great Decisions* briefing book is strongly suggested but not required. Access 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 003-05
FORMAT: IN-PERSON
MEETS: 6 Wednesdays / 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.
March 1 - April 5



The World

Women of the French Resistance Movement: World War II

Learn about the incredible heroics, the successes, the failures, and the tragedies of the women who were a part of the French Resistance during WWII. We will focus on several of the famous women and bring the lesser-known women out of the shadows.

Additionally, we will review the French Resistance Movement and explore maps of Europe identifying escape routes from France into Spain used by refugees, Resistance fighters, and captured Allied soldiers and airmen.

The class will culminate with a movie depicting the heroics of several of these women.

SUGGESTED READING: There will be no required readings. However, a list of books, both fiction and non fiction about the topic will be provided as well as a list of movies and documentaries related to the subject matter

PRESENTER: Ann Nunn, J.D., was the Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky. She volunteers at the Frazier History Museum. Ann serves on the Veritas Board of Directors, is a frequent presenter, and has been a Veritas member since 2013.

CATEGORY: The World
COURSE # CEVE 003-06 & ON6
FORMAT: HYBRID
MEETS: 6 Thursdays / 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.
March 2 - April 6

Napoleon: His Life, Battles, and Accomplishments

The United States of Europe. Sounds odd, doesn't it? That was almost a reality, if it were not for an over ambitious Napoleon wanting to include Russia.

This course will engage discussion surrounding all things Napoleon -- from his roots, to his influence on Europe, and everything in between (just how did he escape the Guillotine??).

We will round out the course by taking a deeper look into the where and why of his Waterloo and how that impacted Kentucky and Indiana as we know them.

PRESENTER: Jerry Hubbs, M.S. Engineering, is a Veritas Society Lifetime member, a frequent presenter, and has been a Veritas member since 2001. Jerry will be assisted by retired Bellarmine History Professor, Bob Pfaadt.

CATEGORY: The World
COURSE # CEVE 003-07 & ON7
FORMAT: HYBRID
MEETS: 6 Thursdays / 4 - 5:15 p.m.
March 2 - April 6

Arts & Entertainment

The Majesty, the Mystery, the Myth: Agatha Christie*

Over six weeks, we will take a deep dive into the lady herself, Agatha Christie, exploring her detectives, her plays, and her movies. Known as the “Queen of Crime”, Christie is best known for her 66 detective novels and 14 short story collections, as well as the world’s longest running play – *The Mousetrap*. Throughout the course, I will use clips of her movies to enhance the lecture.

Together, let’s reignite your love of mystery!

PRESENTER: Mike Marple, B.A. and M.A., Western Kentucky University, is a lover of films, musicals, and anything on a stage. He is a Veritas Society Lifetime member, frequent presenter, and has been a Veritas member since 2008.

CATEGORY: Arts & Entertainment

COURSE # CEVE 004-01 & ON1

FORMAT: HYBRID

MEETS: 6 Thursdays / 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

March 2 – April 6

The Golden Age of 20th Century Movie Comedies: Part II (1970-2000)*

Explore eighteen of the best Hollywood comedy movies of the Twentieth Century produced from 1970-2000. Examining the works of the best comedy writers, directors, and actors, we will relive the biggest laughs and entertainment produced in that era. Each week, we will focus on a different movie’s origins, patterns, success, and humor. Using clips from these movies, we will discuss what made each of these films so endearing and timelessly funny.

PRESENTER: Eric Schmall’s career path focused on management, consulting, and education, teaching in the Indiana University’s MBA program and Bellarmine University’s nonprofit certification program. Eric has also been a lifelong movie/TV addict and fan of American comedy in general. Eric joined Veritas in 2018 and has been a frequent presenter ever since.

CATEGORY: Arts & Entertainment

COURSE # CEVE 004-02 & ON2

FORMAT: HYBRID

MEETS: 6 Thursdays / 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.

March 2 – April 6

Friday Afternoons at the Movies: The Post War Films of Capra, Ford, Huston, Stevens, and Wyler

Drawing on Mark Harris’ best-selling book of 2014, *Five Came Back*, the introductions to each session will relate how five successful Hollywood directors, Frank Capra, John Ford, John Huston, George Stevens, and William Wyler, went off to WW II, and how it affected them, as reflected in their first films after returning to civilian life in Hollywood.

Featured will be Capra’s “It’s A Wonderful Life,” Ford’s “They Were Expendable,” Huston’s “The Treasure of the Sierra Madre,” Wyler’s “The Best Years of Our Lives,” and, lastly, Stevens’ “Shane.”

Previews may be used in introductions, and post-film comments and discussion will follow, as time permits.

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-ON3

FORMAT: ZOOM

MEETS: 5 Fridays / 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

March 3 - March 31

Americana

Cases and Controversies - Court Decisions Made & Pending (2022-23)

This course will present for discussion a selection of US Supreme Court and Kentucky decisions during 2022 -2023. Discussions will include cases decided, those yet to be decided, and some that SCOTUS has not yet agreed to hear (certiorari pending). As has been a tradition in this course, there will be discussions about new developments of interest to the class. The instructor will look forward to class members’ recommendations for specific cases and/or topics “past, present, and/or future.”

SUGGESTED READING: Weekly “handouts” will supplement live presentations and serve as introductions to upcoming topics or clarifications of past discussions.

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 / 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.

February 27 - April 3

Robber Barons and the Rise of American Industry

In the aftermath of the Civil War, America rose from a largely rural, agricultural nation to become the greatest industrial power on earth. Men like Vanderbilt (steamboats, railroads), Gould (Wall Street, railroads), Carnegie (steel), Rockefeller (oil), and Morgan (banking) have been lauded as great entrepreneurs and philanthropists who drove America’s growth, but also demonized as “robber barons”. We will study the lives of these men to better understand gilded age capitalism, and its dramatic impact on the American economy, politics, and society.

SUGGESTED READING: Brief background readings will be suggested for each class. For more, *The Tycoons*, by Charles R. Morris provides in-depth background.

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

CATEGORY: Americana

COURSE # CEVE 005-01

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

MEETS: 6 Tuesdays / 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

February 28 - April 4

Freedom’s Songs

The intersection between the Freedom Songs and the Civil Rights Movement is strong and vital. Through music, readings, videos, and discussions we will move through the history of the Freedom movement that began with the biblical witness as interpreted by the Church and found its prophetic voice, which is still heard today, in the Civil Rights Movement. Dr. Martin Luther King called on us to “Let Freedom Ring!” which we will do through investigating freedom songs, the way individual artists lived out the hope for freedom, how persons lifted up dreams and visions, and how the vision of freedom challenges us all to build a future with stones of hope.

PRESENTER: Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nebelsick, Presbyterian Minister, became aware of the deep connection between the Philippine Freedom Movement, and songs of liberation while serving the PC(USA) as a mission co-worker. She currently teaches as an adjunct at Bellarmine University and ministers with the PC(USA) National Office.

CATEGORY: Americana

COURSE # CEVE 005-02

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

MEETS: 6 Wednesdays / 4 - 5:15 p.m.

March 1 - April 5

Applied Knowledge

Savvy Spruce and Mindful Mimosas: The Case for Plant “Thinking”

For many of us, thinking plants are the stuff of fairy tales and Disney movies, hardly a topic for serious adult concern. However, over the last seven years, credible scientists have published books with titles like *What A Plant Knows*; *The Language of Plants*; *The Hidden Life of Trees*; *Finding the Mother Tree*. In addition, both a popular biography, *Braiding Sweetgrass*, and a Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *The Overstory*, take the wonders of plant life as a major theme. In this course, we will explore the evidence for plant cognition (thinking) without attempting to persuade but rather to invite discussion, reflection, and critique. We will end by addressing more deeply an ethical question that will have been with us throughout the course: assuming that computational complexity comes with plant life, would we owe some kind of duty to these organisms?

REQUIRED READING: I will provide multi-page handouts both before and after each class period.

ASSIGNMENT FOR FIRST CLASS: Session 1: Our Plugged-in Earth - We will explore what we now know about organisms before plants even appeared. How Far Back? (before class) And The Value of Plants (after class).

PRESENTER: Jack Furlong spent his career teaching philosophy and interdisciplinary, team-taught, courses with biologists, computer scientists, and political theorists. With his daughter, Ellen, he has published articles, delivered papers, and taught courses about animal ethology and ethics in connection with zoos and sanctuaries.

CATEGORY: Applied Knowledge
COURSE # CEVE 006-ON1
FORMAT: ZOOM
MEETS: 6 Mondays / 4 - 5:15 p.m.
February 27 - April 3

Beginning Digital Photography

In this beginner course, learn and apply the basic principles of photography by exploring camera features, photo management, exposure, focus, composition, and basic editing. By the end of class, you will be familiar with digital photographic equipment, materials, methods, and processes. Class assignments and discussions will explore and offer feedback on the student’s composition and visual presentation skills. No camera, photographic equipment, or software is required for this course but a cell phone camera at a minimum is suggested.

REQUIRED MATERIALS: Digital camera is suggested. A cell phone camera is satisfactory.

ASSIGNMENT FOR FIRST CLASS: Read camera user manual and practice taking some photos.

PRESENTER: John Hultgren is a fine art and conservation photographer and author. He is an independent artist who sells his photographs at regional juried art shows, on-line, and through stock photography agencies. He is a retired critical care trauma center helicopter paramedic.

CATEGORY: Applied Knowledge
COURSE # CEVE 006-01
FORMAT: IN-PERSON
MEETS: 6 Wednesdays / 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.
March 1 - April 5



Applied Knowledge

Mindful Chair Yoga

Mindful Chair Yoga is an introduction to a subtle yoga style that helps calm the nervous system, improve breathing, and increase the mind-body connection. The functional poses help increase mobility, build strength, improve balance and coordination, and reduce stress. A combination of seated and standing poses with a chair for support make the class accessible for all unique bodies, abilities, and ages. The practice concludes with a mindfulness activity that facilitates a relaxation response

PRESENTER: Cathy Schaffer has been a KORU Mindfulness Instructor and a certified Yoga Instructor for over 5 years. Last year she became a certified Holden QiGong Instructor and incorporates those breathing and movement practices into all of her classes. While employed at the University of Louisville on the Health Science Campus and as a retiree, she taught KORU Mindfulness and yoga to faculty, staff and students. Cathy is a frequent Veritas presenter.

CATEGORY: Applied Knowledge
COURSE # CEVE 006-02
FORMAT: IN-PERSON
MEETS: 6 Wednesdays / 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.
March 1 - April 5

Friday Speaker Series

Friday Speaker Series continues with a strong lineup of speakers, but with a difference: revival of the opportunity to sign up for individual sessions. Sessions will be by Zoom, with Veritas’ goal to return to Lunch & Learn (in-person, with-lunch sessions) in the Fall.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3
“Kentucky Law through the Years” –Lisa Hughes, Retired Kentucky Supreme Court Justice

FRIDAY, MARCH 10
“Conducting Chorales in Louisville and Around the World” – John H. Dickson, Interim Director, Louisville Master Chorale

FRIDAY, MARCH 17
“Habitat for Humanity’s Broadened Mission” – Rob Locke, Executive Director, Louisville Habitat for Humanity

FRIDAY, MARCH 24
“Entering Division I -- and Beating Louisville!” – Scott Davenport, Head Basketball Coach, Bellarmine University

FRIDAY, MARCH 31
“New Developments at Yew Dell Gardens” – Paul Cappelletto, Executive Director, Yew Dell Botanical Gardens

ORGANIZERS: Bud Spalding and Jonathan Smith are the co-chairs of the Lunch & Learn committee, known during pandemic times as Friday Speaker Series. J. B. (Bud) Spalding, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Bellarmine University, is a Veritas Soceity Lifetime member and frequent presenter. Bud joined Veritas in 2001 and is the Secretary of the Veritas Board of Directors. Jonathan Smith is Emeritus Professor of English at Hanover College, where he taught from 1974 to 2015. Jonathan serves on the Veritas Board of Directors, is a frequent leader of Veritas Discussion Groups, and has been a Veritas member since 2017.

CATEGORY: Applied Knowledge
COURSE # CEVE 006-ON3
FORMAT: ZOOM
MEETS: 5 Fridays / 11:00 am - 12:15 p.m.
March 3 - March 31