

Academy for Lifelong Learning



Who We Are

We are an organization of people from a variety of backgrounds. We share a common interest in continuing learning experiences and intellectual stimulation. There are no tests or grades. Members participate purely for the joy of sharing. We are sponsored by UofSC Aiken and are self-supporting. Our courses and activities are planned and implemented by our members. We design our own curriculum and employ instructors from UofSC Aiken faculty (current and retired), from our own membership, and from the community at large.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Academy for Lifelong Learning is to provide both structured and informal continuing education opportunities for mature individuals in the CSRA in conjunction with UofSC Aiken. These opportunities shall include classroom instruction as well as discussions with faculty, field trips, and social events.

New Hybrid Course Structure

This fall, the Academy will have a new structure to accommodate social distancing protocols and to give our members the opportunity to learn from the comfort of their own homes. Our courses will now have the options of in-class instruction (limited enrollment) and online instruction using Microsoft Teams (real time live streaming).

Please take note of the legend at the bottom of each page, classes will be labeled with the instruction options available.

Registration & Membership Fees

Membership for a semester is \$70 per person. The Membership fee allows you to take as many of the classes offered, on a space-available basis. The fee does not include books or materials (if required) for the classes or the cost of special events.

Registration opens August 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. online at aikenlearning.org, by mail, or call (803) 641 - 3741. You may also register in person in Business & Education Bldg. room 113. The registration form can be found on pages 17 and 18.

Masks will be required for everyone on campus, please practice social distancing when possible, and wash your hands often.

Member Benefits*

Academy members are eligible for special offers from the following places:

- UofSC Aiken Admissions Office (class auditing)
- Planetarium
- Library & Bookstore
- Wellness Center
- Natatorium
- Two Academy Guest Passes
- UofSC Aiken Athletic Events
- Campus Food Service

*Additional terms and conditions may apply

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Live From The Met Opera

6 Tuesdays, September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; IO

Instructor: **Maureen Simpson** has performed in over two dozen operas in the United States and Europe, as well as numerous appearances with symphonies and choral societies. She attended the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia; the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria; and received graduate degrees from Indiana University-Bloomington and the University of South Carolina. Dr. Simpson is currently Artistic Director of the Aiken Choral Society.

Description: Dr. Simpson, Aiken's own resident diva soprano, will discuss three operas which will be shown at the Regal Augusta Exchange Theater. The classes will introduce historical and musical background, composer issues, performing problems, and plots; both beginner and veteran opera-goers will be provided with a deeper insight into each work. The operas that were supposed to be scheduled for this fall season's telecasts and planned for discussion in this course are: Aida by Verdi, Fidelio by Beethoven and Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute) by Mozart.

Information about the entire "Live From The Met" schedule of operas to be shown in high definition at the Regal Augusta Exchange movie theater is available online at www.metopera.org/season/in-cinemas

History In Headstones: The Underworld And World War II

1 Tuesday, September 8

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; IO

Instructor: **Jeanmarie Bronson** is a member of the Augusta Civil War Round Table, the Clearfield, PA Historical Society; The Lincoln Forum (Gettysburg), the Association of Gravestone Studies, and other historical organizations.

Prior to an interest in the American Civil War, Jeanmarie started studying the geography, society, and symbolism in cemeteries and the lives that make up the history of an era.

Description: What do spies, gangsters, and the U.S. Navy have in common? It's an unlikely alliance that no one admits and no one denies. Join us as History in Headstones looks again at a historical event through the lens of cemetery markers and monuments. When the ocean liner SS Normandie burned in the New York harbor after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and 70 merchant ships in the Atlantic Ocean were lost to German U-boats, Americans feared it was the work of the Nazis on U.S. shores. The solution was formulated at breakfast on West 58th Street with an Underworld boss, a gangster's lawyer, the DA of NYC, and the Commander of the Office of U.S. Naval Intelligence. Lucky Luciano set it up from his maximum-security prison cell in upstate New York. Look at the final art, epitaphs, and cemetery symbolism from these unlikely allies, and follow the story of an offer the U.S. couldn't refuse.

Truth, Lies And Conspiracy Theories In Contemporary American Politics

4 Tuesdays, September 8, 15, 22, 29

3:05 – 4:20 p.m.

Online Only (O)

Instructor: **Dr. Matt Thornburg** received his B.A. in behavioral biology from Johns Hopkins University and his Ph.D. in political science from George Mason University and currently serves as Assistant Professor of Political Science at UofSC Aiken. Dr. Thornburg has taught courses in American politics and empirical research methods at UofSC Aiken since joining the faculty in Fall 2015. In addition to his academic expertise as a scholar of American elections, public opinion and contemporary politics, Dr. Thornburg directs the UofSC Aiken Social Sciences and Business Research Lab and coaches the Pacer Mock Trial team.

Description: We live in the age of conspiracy in American politics. Depending on the news we watch, the websites we visit, or the politicians we listen to, we seem to live in different realities. Is climate change caused by human activity? Do vaccines cause autism? These seemingly straightforward questions have been muddled by the fact different Americans increasingly live in a world where different facts are "true" to them. In this course, we will explore where knowledge and consensus come from in politics and how we used to (and sometimes still) agree with each other. Then we will see how democratization of knowledge, media proliferation, and political dysfunction has torn that consensus apart. We will also cover the recent rise of conspiracy theories as a regular feature in our politics as a consequence of this fractured reality. We will examine the following conspiracy theories: the alleged ATF Role in the Oklahoma City Bombing; QAnon; and the 9/11 "Truth" Movement. The class is particularly interested in why people believe in conspiracy theories, why such ideas have proliferated in recent decades and what, if anything, can be done to limit their spread.



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Warriors From The Sky: U.S. Army Airborne Forces

4 Wednesdays, September 9, 16, 23, & 30

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; IO

Instructor: **Robert Anzuoni** graduated from Stonehill College with a B.A. in American Studies and received his M.A. in History and Archival Methods from U. Mass Boston. He served as the Director of the 82nd Airborne Division Museum at Fort Bragg, NC, and is currently the Director of the Signal Corps Museum at Fort Gordon, GA. Mr. Anzuoni has been an adjunct history instructor at UofSC Aiken and at other colleges. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division and has written two books about that unit.

Description: This course is about the history of the U.S. Army Airborne forces and their contributions to our nation's defense. The first session deals with visionaries, including Benjamin Franklin, Napoleon Bonaparte, and Billy Mitchell, who developed concepts and techniques for airborne warfare – the delivery of combat troops to the battlefield by parachute, glider, or air-landing. The second session covers the development of U.S. Army Airborne forces starting in 1940 and the expansion of the program through 1942. The third session covers combat operations during World War II. This session will involve a living history demonstration of how a U.S. paratrooper rigged for combat along with aerial delivery systems. The fourth session deals with post-WWII developments and includes operations from the Korean War to the Gulf War. The role of airborne units as a rapid deployment force, humanitarian relief force, and basis for special operations will be discussed. The course also covers the development and use of airborne troops by other nations.

Pat Conroy As Lifelong Learner

Monday, September 14

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; IO

Instructor: **Jonathan Haupt** is the executive director of the Pat Conroy Literary Center, the founding director of the annual Pat Conroy Literary Festival, and the former director of the University of South Carolina Press. He serves on the boards of the South Carolina Academy of Authors and the Friends of South Carolina Libraries. His monthly podcast Live from the Pat Conroy Literary Center is heard in 75 countries and he is an associate producer for SCETV's By the River author interview program. Haupt's book reviews and author interviews have appeared in the Charleston Post and Courier, Beaufort Lowcountry Weekly, Beaufort Lifestyle magazine, Savannah Morning News' Beacon magazine, Pink magazine, and Southern Writers Magazine's Suite T blog. He is co-editor of the award-winning anthology, *Our Prince of Scribes: Writers Remember Pat Conroy*, with Charleston novelist and artist, Nicole Seitz. Earlier this year, he was recognized with the Doug Marlette Literacy Leadership Award presented by the Pulpwood Queens, the largest book club in the U.S.

Description: Join Pat Conroy Literary Center executive director Jonathan Haupt for an exploration of Pat Conroy's lifelong commitment to education through stories of some of the mentors he sought out later in life and lessons he learned along the way, changing the course of his storied life as a bestselling author. The discussion includes Conroy's relationships with acclaimed poet and novelist James Dickey, award-winning chef and cookbook author Nathalie Dupree, and the editors of Conroy's beloved books. The multimedia presentation is augmented with video and audio clips, photographs, and excerpts from published and unpublished materials.



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The Modern Civil Rights Movement In America 1945-1970

4 Tuesdays, September 15, 22, 29, & October 6

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Online Only (O)

Instructor: **Corey Rogers** has served as the historian for the Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History in Augusta, Georgia since 2004. He has worked at the local and state level to preserve the history of Augusta through the documentation of oral histories and the placement of historic markers. Currently, Rogers is working with over two dozen organizations in Augusta to document the 1970 Augusta Riot.

Description: This course will cover some of the local, state and national events that made up the Modern Civil Rights Movement in the United States. The course will begin in 1945 at the end of World War II and cover a variety of topics that eventually led to the dismantling of legal segregation in the United States. Some of the people highlighted will include Attorney James Nabrit Jr., Attorney Thurgood Marshall, Attorney John Ruffin, Reverend Channing Tobias, Reverend Charles Spencer Hamilton and a host of others. The course will also cover some major events of the Modern Civil Rights Movement, including the lynching of Emmett Till and the 1970 Augusta Riot.

Newspapers In Aiken

3 Wednesdays, September 16, 23, & 30

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 236 Sessions 1& 2
Aiken Standard Field-trip Session 3; IO

Instructor: **John Boyette** grew up in Aiken and attended UofSC Aiken where he participated on the golf team and the school newspaper staff. Since he couldn't complete his journalism degree in Aiken, he spent his final two years at UofSC in Columbia and graduated in 1987. He began working with the Aiken Standard while in college and continued after he graduated. He held a variety of positions at the newspaper, but in 1996 he left to work for The Augusta Chronicle. In September 2019, he returned to the Aiken Standard as executive editor. He and his wife Kathy live in Aiken. He is involved in several areas including St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, the Kiwanis Club of Aiken and Palmetto Golf Club.

Description: What is happening to the newspaper industry? Week one will be an overview of the history of newspapers in Aiken County and how they have evolved. Week two is about modern day Aiken Standard and a look at how the industry has changed, particularly with online and social media. Week three is a field trip to the Aiken Standard for a tour of the building and printing press.

Exercise Is Medicine

4 Thursdays, September 17, 24, October 1, & 8

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124 Session 1;
B&E 147 Sessions 2-4; IO

Instructor: **Mila Padgett** is currently the Director of Campus Recreation & Wellness at UofSC Aiken. She has a M.A. degree in Exercise Physiology and has been in the health and wellness field for over 25 years.

Description: Exercise is a vital component in maintaining our physical and mental health as we age. This course will teach you about each of the exercise components as well as have you participate in different classes each week to experience the Senior programs at the UofSC Aiken Wellness Center. For the last three classes make sure to wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothing in order to exercise.

*This course has been offered previously. Note room change.

Honeybees: Answers To Questions You May Have About Their Care

4 Thursdays, September 17, 24, October 1, & 8

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 236; IO

Instructor: **Ed Kvartek** is a retired Industrial Hygienist who operates a small farm with his wife outside of Aiken. They have had colonies on the farm since its inception that were managed by an experienced beekeeper. When the beekeeper decided to devote more time to his family, Ed and Cathy had to take on the responsibility for the colonies. Ed completed the Aiken Beekeepers Association class, First Lessons In Beekeeping, and has managed to harvest honey from the hives for the last 3 years.

Description: Honeybee colonies are in farmers' fields, in backyard gardens, sometimes in the walls of houses, and even on the grounds of the White House. The class will discuss the origin of the honeybee in the United States, the typical hive most individuals have come to recognize, as well as alternative hives, how the colony functions, how honey is produced and then stored in the hive, the various stresses honeybees are experiencing, and how honey can be harvested for use. This short course will not address everything you need to manage a honeybee colony on your own but you should gain a better understanding of what a beekeeper typically does. There will be an optional field trip to visit the bee hives.



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What Does It Mean? Iconography And Art

Thursday, September 17

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Online Only (O)

Instructor: **Dr. Sandra Jordan**, the fourth Chancellor of UofSC Aiken, is a trained iconographer who has conducted research and published articles in international journals that provide a more thorough understanding of specific works of art by interpreting the symbols embedded in the piece of art and expand upon the meaning by connecting the personal, political and religious context that surrounds art creation in the Renaissance and Baroque periods. Dr. Jordan conducted extensive research in iconography following leads across Europe's monasteries, museums, archives and libraries. Her iconographic research on Caravaggio included three months in the Vatican library. Her scholarly publications include a deeper dive into the work of Caravaggio in Counter-Reformation Rome and Tiepolo in the Veneta, as well as other artists of the Renaissance and Baroque periods.

Description: The DaVinci Code's fictional hero was a Harvard Professor in the field of iconography. This program features our own iconographer, Chancellor Sandra Jordan, who will discuss the discipline of iconography, then provide an iconographic interpretation of well-known works of art to illustrate how the interpretation of symbols enlivens both the meaning and understanding of art.



Confessions Of A Reformed Vegan

Monday, September 21

2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; IO

Instructor: **Cathy Cobb** has enjoyed a forty-year career as chemist, author, and teacher. Dr. Cobb has written five books on chemistry and the history of chemistry, one of which has been translated into Chinese, Japanese, and Arabic. She has also enjoyed success as a fiction author. Dr. Cobb and her husband, Dr. Monty Fetterolf, are longtime residents of Aiken. The Cobb/Fetterolfs are vegans, dog lovers, and aficionados of the arts.

Description: In this course, Ph.D. chemist and science writer Cathy Cobb will share what she has learned about the consequences of a vegan lifestyle from an informed, experienced, and perhaps humorous perspective. The course itself will include a presentation followed by an open discussion. There will be materials, references, contact information, and some surprising treats.



Guided Meditation

4 Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15, & 22

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Online Only (O)

Instructor: **Sharon Preston** is originally from Virginia. She believes meditation is a time to quiet the mind. This can provide one with an overall sense of calm throughout the day. For the last three years she has been leading guided meditation groups.

Description: Meditation is known to decrease anxiety and stress and to lower blood pressure. No previous meditation experience is necessary. Each class will involve guided meditation and relaxation using words and music. Listening is the keynote of this course.

Great Decisions

8 Fridays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,

November 6, 13, & 20

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 144; I

This is a discussion-based class and does not have an Instructor. An individual will be appointed to facilitate the discussion each week.

Description: Topics are selected from the Foreign Policy Association Manual. The eight topics for Great Decisions 2020 are:

- Climate Change and the Global Order
- India and Pakistan
- Red Sea Security
- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle
- China's Road into Latin America
- The Philippines and the U.S.
- Artificial Intelligence and Data

NOTE: Briefing books for the Great Decisions topics should be available for individual purchase for \$30 plus shipping from the Foreign Policy Association (FPA)
www.fpa.org/great_decisions

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A Classroom Stroll Around Mr. Irvin's Map

3 Fridays, October 9, 16, & 23

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; IO

Instructor: Linda Johnson is an engineer with a life-long passion for history. As a docent with the Aiken County Historical Museum she serves as a researcher, lecturer, and tour guide. Recent lecture topics have included Aiken's Winter Colony homes, architects, and historic churches. She also authored a book on the history of the Aiken Tennis Club for Prince Edward.

Description: Willis Irvin was a celebrated architect in the Southeast and the most prolific of the Winter Colony architects. In 1933 he sketched a map, the Irvin map, that had 95 Winter Colony properties of that time. Over three class sessions, we will imagine walking the streets of the Irvin map, hearing stories of some of the residents of that time, with a focus on some of the lesser known but infinitely fascinating people. Historic sites discussed will include homes around Banksia (Pink House, Joye Cottage, and Holiday House), Polo field homes (Balcony, Sunshine, Nandina, and Lulworth Lodge), and Colleton Avenue homes (Mousetrap, One Acre Farm, Rest Period, and Sumpter Cottage).

Line Dancing

6 Mondays, October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, & 16

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 147; IO

Instructor: Brenda Taylor is a lifetime resident of Aiken, SC and a 1970 graduate of Aiken High School. Brenda has been a business owner and registered Cosmetologist in Aiken for 50 years and is now semi-retired. She is an active lifetime member and past president of CSRA Shag Club Aiken-Augusta areas. She is a line dance and Carolina shag instructor. She has been a member of SOS in North Myrtle Beach, SC for over 30 years. She teaches three times a week in the Aiken area and also teaches and attends club events all over the South. She has taught line dance classes through the years at UofSC Aiken, Hotel Aiken, Aiken Shrine Club, SOS 7-day cruises, Palmetto Shag Club in Columbia, SC, and TBs Shack on the Water, Lake Murray, SC. Brenda's parents were jitter bug dancers so she feels like rhythm and dancing came to her naturally!

Description: Lessons will begin with basic steps, broken down and taught slowly for beginners and progress to more intermediate dances. A new dance will be taught each week and dances learned in previous weeks will be reviewed. Line dancing is a choreographed dance with a repeated sequence of steps in which a group of people dance in one or more lines or rows without regard for partnering, all executing the steps at the same time. Line dancing provides good exercise and is great food for the heart and brain as well as a wonderful way to meet new friends. Come out and join the fun.

Mission Impossible: How The Allies Defeated Hitler's Luftwaffe

3 Mondays, October 12, 19, & 26

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; IO

Instructor: Steve Gordy is a longtime Academy member. As the son and nephew of 8th Air Force veterans, he developed a fascination with the lore of aerial warfare and has an extensive personal collection of primary and secondary source materials on air warfare. He is retired from Savannah River Site and from Piedmont Technical College. He is a member of the 8th Air Force Historical Society and a NexGen member of the 384th Bombardment Group.

Description: In mid-1940s, the German Luftwaffe looked invincible. Four years later, when the Allies landed in Normandy, its control of the skies over western Europe had been broken. How the victory, anything but inevitable, was won, is a saga of how a new form of warfare came into being. We still live today with the results of those battles.



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History Through Coins Of The Twelve Caesars

2 Tuesdays, October 13 & 20

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; IO

Instructor: **Wayne Damron** is a numismatist and began his collecting career at age nine and continued collecting for more than fifty years. He was the owner of a business located in Augusta, Georgia that dealt in precious metal and rare coins. He gives a variety of presentations on the subject of numismatics several times a month to private clubs, schools, church, and civic organizations in Georgia and South Carolina. He has given lectures on the subject for over twenty years to small groups, and those numbering over 300.

Description: A historical look back through time at ancient currency. Attendees have the opportunity to hold many of these coins, some of which are 2,500 years old. Through their coins, the story is told of the Twelve Caesar's accomplishments in the Roman Empire and how they impacted the world then, and today. While the presentation emphasizes their positive aspects, some of the less positive aspects are covered as well. Attendees will have the opportunity to hold silver coins of each of the Twelve Caesars. Additionally, many copper/bronze coins and gold coins will also be available.



Sennsational Sky Stories

3 Thursdays, October 15, 22, & 29

Ruth Patrick Science Education Center

Room 217, Observatory; IO

Instructor: **Dr. Gary Senn** is a Professor of science and technology education at the University of South Carolina, Aiken. Prior to coming to UofSC Aiken, he taught middle and high school science for Brevard County, Florida schools. At UofSC Aiken, Dr. Senn is involved with the master of education program in educational technology and he devotes significant effort as the Director of the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center (RPSEC). In his association with RPSEC, he is also the Director of the Dupont Planetarium, Manager of the Bechtel Telescope housed in the RPSEC Observatory, Director of the South Carolina Center for Excellence in Middle-level Interdisciplinary Strategies for Teaching (CE-MIST), and Director of the South Carolina Center of Excellence in Educational Technology.

Description: This is a repeat of the sessions from Spring 2020.

October 15 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. - Saturn: A planet that rains diamonds.

A mention of Saturn immediately evokes images of the dazzling planet with its amazing ring system. This session will explore the jewel of our solar system including information about diamonds raining in Saturn's atmosphere. In 2019, Saturn surpassed Jupiter as the planet in our solar system with the most moons. We will take an adventure to this planet to explore the rings, moons and gaseous sphere. We will highlight some of the findings of the Cassini mission, which was powered by plutonium from SRS.

October 22 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. – Observing the night sky.

This session will be in the evening after dark in the RPSEC Observatory. This is a small room, and our ability to hold this session there will depend on the situation with COVID-19 at the time. If we cannot use the observatory, we will gather in the intermural field next to the RPSEC. We have scheduled rain or cloud dates on 10/21 & 10/23. We will announce the final decision on or before the morning of 10/20. Please note that the elevator goes only to the third floor. There is a flight of stairs from the third floor to the roof to access the observatory housing the Bechtel Telescope. 10/22 will be a special night when there will be a celestial triangle formed between the Moon, Saturn and Jupiter. We will observe all three of these and other objects visible that night.

October 29 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. – Dwarf Planets: Pluto and its comrades.

The heartbreaking news was released on August 24, 2006. Pluto was no longer a planet! What happened? How could this be? What will My Very Eager Mother Serve Us Now? Did someone at NASA recently declare that Pluto is a planet again? What object in the Solar System lost its planetary status in 1850? What are the dwarf planets and which one is "king?" We will uncover answers to these questions and more.

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Identity Theft And Personal Safety

2 Wednesdays, October 14 & 21

2:00 – 3:00pm

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; IO

Instructor: **Brian Key** is an Aiken native and former Marine. He has been a member of the Aiken Department of Public Safety for 23 years. He is currently assigned as the Lieutenant for the Community Services Division.

Description: The first session highlights the growing threat of identity theft and scams. It provides the best practices to prevent becoming a victim as well as the steps to take and resources available for those whose identity has been compromised. The second session presents common crimes and practices to prevent becoming a victim. It covers the process for properly reporting crime and the resources available to track crimes within the City of Aiken. It notes resources available within the city to address nuisance issues which affect one's quality of life.

Alphabet Soup Of Health Care

Tuesday, October 20

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 236; IO

Instructor: **Rota Krape** studied nursing at Massachusetts General Hospital, received a BS in Health Care Administration from St. Joseph's College in Maine, and then continued studies in Integrative Medicine and Environmental Medicine at the University of Arizona. A long career in critical care and a tour as Air Force nurse led her to realize that prevention of disease is better and cheaper than treating illnesses for life. Now, instead of taking care of people who are sick, she teaches people simple steps on how to stay well. She resides in Aiken where she is a contributing author for Bella Magazine and is active in various service projects in the community.

Description: Our health care system offers a maze of providers with titles such as: DO, DC, PA, DPT, NP, MD, PhD, DOM, Dipl.OM, ND, OO and hundreds more. This alphabet soup can be very confusing. How do you choose the best option that will help you get the results you want? We will look at the different groups of providers and explain what they have to offer so you will be better equipped to make a decision that will affect your health care.



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French For Fun I

4 Tuesdays, October 27, November 3, 10, & 17

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; IO

Instructor: **Maureen Sbordone** lived in France for fifteen years and fell in love with the people and culture. She enjoys sharing her knowledge of the language with others. Maureen is a retired English teacher from New York. She recently moved to Aiken and spends her time now between teaching and riding her horse.

Description: This class is a repeat of the French for Fun course offered in 2019-2020. You will learn the basics enough to: confidently use simple phrases and vocabulary in a variety of typical social and leisure settings, and understand and apply basic grammar in context. You will have the opportunity to learn about France, its culture and traditions. No books, no tests or homework; handouts provided. Let's be French for an hour! French for Fun Part II will be offered for those students who would like to continue their study of French.

French For Fun II

4 Tuesdays, October 27, November 3, 10, & 17

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; IO

Instructor: **Maureen Sbordone**

Description: Take your knowledge of French to the next level. Improve pronunciation and increase self-confidence; study complex phrases and more advanced vocabulary. Challenge yourself and let's have some French conversations. Open to those who have taken FRENCH FOR FUN I, and have some knowledge of the language.



Planning For The Future

Tuesday, November 3

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; IO

Instructor: **Bill Tucker** is a native of Paris, IL and has lived in Aiken since his graduation from law school in 1978. He has a B.A. degree from DePauw University in Greencastle, IN and a Juris Doctorate degree from UofSC School of Law. He is a partner at the law firm, Hull Barrett, P.C., and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*. Over the past forty years he has been active in several civic and community organizations. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Aiken (ordained Elder and member of the Personnel Committee), a member and Past President of the Aiken Rotary Club (Paul Harris Fellow and Rotary Benefactor), a member and Past President of the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of the CSRA, the Whitney Trustees, the Aiken Business Men's Club and a member and Past President of the Board of Governors of the Palmetto Golf Club. He is a former member of the UofSC Aiken Partnership Board, the Aiken Area Chapter of the American Red Cross board, Junior Achievement board, and a board member and past chairman of the Tri-Development Center of Aiken County, Inc.

Description:

Estate planning basics

- Debunking the myths
- Tax overview
- Titling of assets/coordination of documents and beneficiary designations
- Fairness issues with family members

Types of documents

- Wills versus Living Trusts
- Probate and non-probate assets
- Retirement assets (IRAs, 401(K)s, etc.)

Miscellaneous documents

- General Durable Power of Attorney
- Health Care Power of Attorney
- Living Will

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Veterinary Medicine

Wednesday, November 4

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; IO

Instructor: Charles Groover D.V.M. was born and raised in Fairfax, South Carolina. He is a 1994 graduate of Clemson University, and Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1998, following which he completed clinical studies at Louisiana State University. He worked as a mixed animal practitioner (large and small animal medicine and surgery) in Greenville, Mississippi from 1998 to 2001, and later in Thomason, Georgia. He began his career in Aiken in 2004 as a small animal practitioner at Aiken Veterinary Clinic, a practice that he has owned since 2014.

Description: Topics to be presented include:

- How relationships between owners and pets have changed dramatically over the years
- Your pet's health, diet and exercise
- Veterinarian approaches to disease and considerations including the owner's health and ability to carry out aftercare
- Letting go considerations. Putting pets to sleep - there is no formula



Victorians In The CSRA

Tuesday, November 10

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; IO

Instructors: Lauren Virgo was born and raised in North Augusta, SC. She attended Clemson University and received a BA degree in History with a minor in Fine Art, a MA in Art History, and a Certificate in Museum Management from University of South Carolina. Ms. Virgo has worked professionally in the museum field for fourteen years. She joined the staff of the Aiken County Historical Museum as their Collections Manager in June of 2017. In December of 2018, she became the museum's Executive Director.

Leah Walker comes to us from the mountains of east Tennessee, hailing from a tiny little hamlet called Bulls Gap. Having been bitten by the history bug in Charleston as a child, she knew she had found her calling while attending a walking tour of the historic city. Leah completed a BA degree in Museum Studies at Tusculum College, the oldest continuously operating school in Tennessee, and later went on to East Tennessee State University where she attained a MA degree in Storytelling. After a turn with the National Park Service in Death Valley, she returned to her initial alma mater and the Museum Studies program and was the Site & Events Manager for seven years at the home of Tusculum's founder, Samuel Witherspoon Doak.

Description: From corsets to electricity, the Victorian era was a time of great change in our river area. In this session, attendees will hear about the lives, technological and cultural advances, and fashion of the Victorian period in the CSRA.

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UofSC Aiken Nursing School Students Present Promoting Quality Health For The Elderly

Monday, November 23

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Online Only (O)

Instructors: **Carolyn Sue-Ling Ph.D.** (Philosophy of Nursing from The Catholic University of America) along with the UofSC Aiken 3rd and 4th-year Nursing Students. Dr. Sue-Ling is a native of North Carolina who discovered her love for teaching nursing in 1988. She was a clinical instructor at UofSC Aiken from 1989 until 1996. In 2012, she returned to UofSC Aiken as an instructor of Nursing, and currently teaches NURS 417 Gerontological Nursing and NURS 307 Health Assessment Lab. She has previously taught NURS 419/421 as a clinical instructor.

Description: This course is an opportunity to sit in on students' presentations of health promotion projects to communicate health issues and quality health associated with aging. Each student group completes these projects as an assignment for the UofSC Aiken Gerontological Nursing course. The teaching project's objective is to cover the most recent research on a topic selected by each student group, but the presentations are prepared for the general public and for patients, not medical professionals.

Each group presentation includes talks accompanied by PowerPoint-type slides, a pamphlet handout prepared by the presenters, engaging activities, and an opportunity for questions.

This nursing course explores theories of human development and the achievement and maintenance of healthy lifestyles of seniors. Topics covered in these presentations from past semesters have included: the respiratory system, gastrointestinal system, neurological system, and cardiac issues.

Since this Academy course involves "sitting in" on a regular UofSC Aiken academic course session, it will be important to arrive on time. The academic course session lasts nearly 3 hours. However, there will be a brief break between presentations (these will provide an opportunity to leave for those unable to stay for all of the presentations).

Backstage Tour Of The UofSC Aiken Etherredge Center For The Fine and Performing Arts

Friday, September 25

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

UofSC Aiken Etherredge Center; I

Enrollment Limit: 20

Instructor: **Paul Crook** is the Executive Director of the Etherredge Center for the Fine and Performing Arts, and serves on the theatre faculty of UofSC Aiken. Paul has worked in various theatres around the country, as both a director and actor.

Description: This tour will showcase the Etherredge Center's spaces, including: Three Art Galleries, the O'Connell Theatre, the Main-stage Theatre, Backstage and Production spaces. All major areas within the facility will be viewed, however, one or two optional side trips to technical areas may involve narrow passageways and some stair steps.



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Registration Form Person 1

Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email Address _____

Registration Opens: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. No early registrations accepted.

*If you mail in your registration before the registration date, it will not be entered until August 18, 2020.

Membership Fee: \$70 per semester.

Please check the box next to the short course(s) that you would like to attend.

Where applicable, please circle your choice of instruction method, In-class (I) or Online (O).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise Is Medicine
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I: in-class instruction O: class available online via Microsoft Teams IO: in-class & online available

Please check the box next to the trip and/or event that you would like to attend.

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Etherredge Center

Register Online: aikenlearning.org/Register.php

Submit By Mail: USC Aiken Continuing Education
471 University Parkway - Box 20
Aiken, SC 29801

Submit In Person: USC Aiken Business & Education Building Room 113 (803-641-3741)

PAYMENT: You may pay by credit card or check. Please check the appropriate box:

- Enclosed check (Payable to USCA)

Check #: _____

- Enclosed credit card information (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or AmEx only)

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In Memorium

We have recently suffered several losses in our Academy family, and we are deeply saddened to realize what a hole they have left in our lives. All of them served as educators, both in their careers and in retirement. In their ever generous way, they left behind a treasure trove of memories for those of us who knew them. For these memories we are truly grateful!

We are indeed honored and blessed to have had these ladies as part of the Academy and as part of our lives. We will miss them greatly!

Harriet Haynes, president
Academy for LifeLong Learning



Vicki Collins

Vicki Collins was a long-time instructor with the Academy. She was a professor with UofSC Aiken, a published author, a poet, and served in many other roles; but it was her love for, and appreciation of, Appalachia that made her classes so memorable. If the word "Appalachian" was in the title of her course, it was a sure bet that the class was going to fill up!



Judith Evans

Photo credit: Bill Bengston

Judith Evans was another instructor who taught Academy classes for many years. She was a Holocaust survivor whose deep Jewish faith guided her. She was part of the educational system of Israel before her move to the U.S. Her classes served to enlighten us about the tenets of Judaism, and her laid-back, sometimes humorous, way of presenting bible stories was a delight!



Linda Soyars

Linda Soyars was a long-time active Curriculum Committee member, bringing to the Academy many new instructors and interesting classes. She taught French for 20 years at Midland Valley High School, and was very active within another of her passions, Friends of the Animal Shelter. Linda was a most interesting person to talk with, and she had a smile that would light up a room!