NEW!
FROM RUSSIA TO BERLIN:
A CENTURY OF IRVING FEE: $60

Come on along, come on along, as Emeritus favorite Charles Troy explores the 101-year life span of the ultimate immigrant, Irving Berlin. These four multimedia presentations introduce Berlin’s fabulous songs and revisit memorable movie scenes. Part 1 – Alexander’s Ragtime Band (1888-1925) – Berlin pulls himself out of poverty on New York’s Lower East Side by teaching himself to write lyrics and play the piano. Part 2 – Easter Parade (1926-1933) – Berlin marries a society girl, loses his self-confidence (and a fortune in the stock market crash), then snaps out of it by writing two great Broadway shows. Part 3 – God Bless America (1934-1945) – Berlin conquers Hollywood, scoring three films for Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. He also writes the most popular American patriotic song of all time and, of course, White Christmas. Part 4 – There’s No Business Like Show Business (1946-1989) – Berlin writes his greatest show, Annie Get Your Gun, and another hit for Ethel Merman, Call Me Madam, before shifting audience tastes send him into seclusion.

MUS B29-62, CRbH, 4 Tue., 10/6-10/27, 10-11:30 am CRN 61167

NEW!
AFGHANISTAN’S MILITARY HISTORY FEE: $30

Afghanistan is an ancient, mountainous country whose early history includes invasion by Persians, Greeks and Macedonians (Alexander the Great), Mongols (Genghis Khan), and Turkic-Mongols (Tamerlane). In modern times, Britain has invaded three times (1839, 1878, and 1919), and the Soviet Union tried in 1979. All were unsuccessful in imposing their rule. Since 1992, the U.S. and NATO have been trying to eradicate the Taliban and Al-Qaeda. Join Jim O’Neill to consider their odds for success where so many others have failed.

PSE C08-62, CRbH, 1 Thu., 10/15, 10-11:30 am CRN 61170

NEW!
STRAUSS ON OBAMA FEE: $60

Join Julie Strauss, Ph.D., to examine the Obama Administration’s progress nine months after its move into the White House. Everyone knew the job would be daunting when President Obama was inaugurated in January; people had lost confidence in the world’s financial systems, and Israel’s army had just pulled out of Gaza. By the end of the month, Obama’s hope-filled agenda looked bleakly into the future. Register for the series of all three lectures or individual sessions.

PSE C05-65, CRbH, 3 Tue., 9/15-9/29, 10-11:15 am CRN 61175

NEW!
The BALANCE OF POWER FEE: $30

When it comes to “executive power,” has Barack Obama’s administration charted a new and different course from its predecessor? Has the President delivered on his campaign pledges of bipartisanship, cooperation, and a new era of transparency and accountability? Or are we left with “business as usual” as the White House and Congress compete for dominance?

PSE C05-66, CRbH, 1 Tue., 9/15, 10-11:15 am CRN 61176
THE WORLD STAGE  FEE: $30
Examine whether and how the Obama Administration has changed course from the Bush regime on Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, the Middle East, and China. Is Hillary Clinton’s star power and emphasis on diplomacy successful in advancing President Obama’s agenda?
PSE C05-67, CRbH, 1 Tue., 9/22, 10-11:15 am CRN 61177

THE DOMESTIC AGENDA  FEE: $30
Is the Obama Administration able to work with Congress to pass its ambitious domestic programs, including the economic stimulus plan, health care overhaul, and energy reform? We’ll examine the key players, their strategies, and chances for success.
PSE C05-68, CRbH, 1 Tue., 9/29, 10-11:15 am CRN 61178

CLASSICS IN BLACK AND WHITE: “ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS”  FEE: $60
For those who enjoy classic black and white television of the 1950s and 60s, it doesn’t come any better than “Alfred Hitchcock Presents.” This weekly suspense series, drolly hosted by the Master of Suspense himself, featured murder, obsession, and revenge, often on a humorous level, and with a twist at the end. Hitchcock himself directed some episodes, as well as many up-and-coming new directors like Robert Altman, Sydney Pollack, and William Friedkin. The program features loads of big-name guest stars, such as Peter Lorre, Joseph Cotton, Claude Rains, Vincent Price, and Barbara Gel Geddes, as well as newcomers like Burt Reynolds, William Shatner, Peter Falk, Joanne Woodward, and Charles Bronson. This 4-week class will screen such classic half-hour episodes from the popular series as The Glass Eye, Lamb to the Slaughter and Breakdown.
Author and Facets Multimedia film instructor Doug Deuchler will moderate.
HUM B64-62, CRbH, 4 Thu., 9/10-10/8, 10-11:15 am CRN 61174
(no class 9/24)

PASSPORT TO THE WORLD FOREIGN RELATIONS
Examine the new world order. Since fall 2008 we had seen a new U.S. President, a melt down of the national and international finance systems, new leaders in the Middle East, renewed U.S. sanctions in Cuba, and a shift in U.S. relations to Russia: analyze the significance of these changes in international relations.

Lectures meet on Tuesdays, 1-2:15 p.m.
HUM S53-48, CRbH, 4 Tue., 10/20-11/10, 1-2:15 p.m., $24 in district residents age 60 and above. CRN 61179
HUM S53-51, CRbH, 4 Tue., 10/20-11/10, 1-2:15 p.m., $40 out of district residents or under age 60. CRN 61164
Registration is by seminar only. Half-price discount does not apply. For more information, call 847-635-1414.
Tuesday, October 20

NINE MONTHS LATER: THE MIDDLE EAST

The administration faces innumerable challenges in the Middle East, from the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the tension between Tehran and Washington. The Obama administration’s strategy and goals will be discussed in regards to all these foreign policy problems. Join Toufic El Rassi, Oakton political science faculty, for this update regarding all these foreign policy discussions.

Tuesday, October 27

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE BUT FEWER DROPS TO DRINK: AN INQUIRY INTO THE EMERGING GLOBAL WATER CRISIS

We live in a world of emerging environmental crises that, left unaddressed, dramatically threaten access to essential resources. Water is at the top of the list. A recent United Nations report predicts that the most serious challenges facing the 21st century will not be disease, poverty, ignorance, or collapse of civic order around the world, but a shortage of fresh water. James Marran, geography educator and editor, will examine the consequences of Earth’s soaring need for fresh water, and how, by century’s end, it will be in greater demand than petroleum is today.

Tuesday, November 3

NINE MONTHS LATER: U.S. AND RUSSIA

In the past few years, relations between the U.S. and Russia have reached their lowest point since the Cold War. Many had hoped, however, that the Obama Administration would work to repair the relationship. Join Nicholas Catanese, a member of Oakton’s language faculty, to discuss whether those hopes are being met at this point in Obama’s presidency.

Tuesday, November 10

CONTEMPORARY POLITICS IN AFRICA

Dramatic changes are taking place in sub-Saharan Africa, where the ongoing global financial crisis is having a profound impact on the region’s future. Peter Hudis, a member of Oakton’s philosophy faculty, returns to explore China’s growing role in parts of Africa, the politics of oil, and efforts to advance alternative models of social and economic development.