PASSAGES SEMINAR SERIES I

Coordinated by Alice Kay

The Passages Seminar is a potpourri of lectures designed for the person who wasn’t born yesterday.

Lectures meet on Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m., Room A145-152.

HUM S09-40, OC/SK, 8 Tue., 9/1-10/20, 1-2:30 p.m., $32 in district residents age 60 and above.
CRN 61477

HUM S09-41, OC/SK, 8 Tue., 9/1-10/20, 1-2:30 p.m., $47 out of district residents or under age 60.
CRN 61478

Registration is by series only. Half-price discount does not apply.
A processing fee of $7 is charged once per term and is non-refundable.

Tuesday, September 1

WHO’S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?

While George and Martha, the leading characters of Edward Albee’s Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, clearly care deeply for each other, events have turned their marriage into a nasty battle between two disenchanted enemies. Join Emeritus favorites Karol Verson and Mike Maloney, professor of student development, as they perform scenes from the play.

Tuesday, September 8

REMY BUMPPO THEATER COMPANY

Join a member of the Remy Bumppo Theater Company for a discussion of the history of this unusual company and information on the upcoming season.

Tuesday, September 15

HEALTHY EATING

Healthy eating is not about strict nutrition philosophies, staying unrealistically thin, or depriving yourself of the foods you love. Rather, it’s about feeling great, having more energy, and keeping yourself healthy. Join Pam Gampetro, a nurse practitioner, as she explains nutrition basics and how to incorporate these concepts into your own lifestyle.

Tuesday, September 22

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CHICAGO

Join Sarah S. Marcus, former managing editor of the Encyclopedia of Chicago, for a discussion about the content of this electronic resource that was 10 years in the making, and how it can be used. The encyclopedia includes not only Chicago, but also the roughly 225 towns and cities that extend the metropolitan area by a radius of about 60 miles from downtown.
Tuesday, September 29
VINCENT VAN GOGH

Art historian Claire Copping Cross takes you through the tortured life of Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890). Van Gogh produced some 800 paintings during his lifetime and those works, plus illustrative commentary, allow us to see the world through the artist’s eyes.

Tuesday, October 6
THE CREATION OF FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Emeritus favorite Charles Troy takes us through the creation of one of the most beloved musicals from the golden age of musical theater, Fiddler on the Roof. Using pictures, music, and narration, he presents the story of Fiddler in the theater and on the screen.

Tuesday, October 13
THE LEADERSHIP OF GEORGE WASHINGTON AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Join historian and Emeritus favorite Bill Haase as he compares and contrasts the leadership styles of Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Almost all historians have evaluated these two men as the most respected of all the presidents of the United States.

Tuesday, October 20
STORIES IN THE SPOTLIGHT: MYTH AND MYSTERY

Paul McComas, author and a favorite of Emeritus Passages, offers Part Two of his trilogy on stories in the spotlight. Along the way, there will be some surprises.

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HUM S09-43, OC/SK, 8 Tue., 10/27-12/15, 1-2:30 p.m., $32 in district residents age 60 and above. CRN 61479
HUM S09-44, OC/SK, 8 Tue., 10/27-12/15, 1-2:30 p.m., $47 out of district residents or under age 60. CRN 61480
Registration is by series only. Half-price discount does not apply.
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Tuesday, October 27
MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Architectural historian Hy Speck embarks on a tour of Chicago, and shows through photos and commentary how “movers and shakers” have impacted the city’s amazing skyline.
Tuesday, November 2
ALEXANDER THE GREAT

Alexander the Great (356-323 BC), also known as Alexander III of Macedon, was an ancient king of Macedon. He was one of the most successful military commanders of all time and is presumed to have been undefeated in battle. By the time of his death, he had conquered the Persian Empire, adding it to Macedon’s European territories. According to some modern historians, this was most of the world that was known to the ancient Greeks. Join Emeritus favourite Trica Kessie as she brings to life this ancient, powerful king.

Tuesday, November 10
THE WORLD TODAY

Join Emeritus favorite Joyce Bremer for a discussion about the state of the U.S. financial picture relative to the global economy. We’ll focus on President Obama’s programs to end the recession and stimulate the economy, and comment on the work of the G-20 – the Group of Twenty Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors created in 1999.

Tuesday, November 17
FRANK SINATRA

Francis Albert Sinatra (1915-1998) was an American singer and actor who started his musical career with “swing kings” Harry James and Tommy Dorsey. Sinatra became a successful solo artist in the 1940s – an idol of the “bobby soxers.” His professional career had stalled by the early 1950s, but was reborn in 1954 after he won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor. Join 20th century music historian Jack Diamond as he brings the Chairman of the Board to life through Sinatra’s music and informed commentary.

Tuesday, November 24
KENDROS PLAYS KENDROS

Enjoy a solo piano performance by Emeritus favourite Jim Kendros, who will entertain the Emeritus Program audience with a concert of piano music composed by Kendros himself.

Tuesday, December 1
STEM CELL RESEARCH

William Strond, professor of biology, discusses the latest information about stem cell research, including the new guidelines for using human embryonic stem cells. The Obama Administration has staked out a compromise position on stem cells, avoiding some controversial areas while still encouraging an expansion of federally-funded research. The proposed regulations would allow research on stem cells taken from surplus embryos at fertility clinics, where in vitro fertilization generally creates more embryos than will be implanted. The new guidelines also would allow couples to donate embryos for research, as long as they are not paid for doing so and are fully informed of their options.
Tuesday, December 8
PRESIDENT OBAMA’S FIRST YEAR

Join Emeritus favorite Julie Strauss as she discusses President Barack Obama’s first year in office. She will evaluate his stimulus plan and other economic policies, as well as his desire to lay the foundation for future health care and energy reform. She also will evaluate how Obama’s foreign policy differs from the practices of his predecessor, George W. Bush.

Tuesday, December 15
UNEXPECTED OSCAR WINNERS

Join Jim Rooney, Emeritus favourite, for a discussion of some unexpected Oscar winners—the whys and wherefores of how some Oscar winners are chosen.