Ray Hartstein Campus
7701 North Lincoln Avenue, Skokie

Passages – 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, 5 Tue., 6/9-7/7, 1-2:30 pm, $20 in district residents age 60 and above. CRN 50463
HUM S09-41, OC/SK, 5 Tue., 6/9-7/7, 1-2:30 pm, $35 out of district residents or under age 60. CRN 50464

Registration is by series only. Half-price discount does not apply. A processing fee of $5 is charged once per term and is non-refundable. Call 847-635-1414 for information.

Tuesday, June 9
THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF GEORGE GERSHWIN
Emeritus favorite Robert Yaffe will examine the extraordinary life of America’s great songwriter and composer, George Gershwin. Beginning with Gershwin’s Jewish roots and life on Manhattan’s Lower East Side, the lecture will include excerpts from his greatest songs (“Someone to Love Me,” “I’ll Build a Stairway to Paradise,” “Swanee”), concert masterworks (Rhapsody in Blue, American in Paris), and his masterpiece, Porgy and Bess. We will hear how the influences of jazz, Afro-American religious music, and the chants of the Jewish synagogue helped shape the famous “Gershwin sound.” We will clearly see why Gershwin is considered one of America’s best-loved composers.

Tuesday, June 16
THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS
Julie Strauss, Ph.D., leads this review of the first six months of the Obama Administration. The emphasis will be on how Barack Obama is getting along with Congress, the policies he is promoting, and other major issues of the day.

Tuesday, June 23
THE BIG BANG: THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE
Join Robert S. Wilson, Ph.D., for a discussion of how CERN (the European Center for Nuclear Research) was designed to study the universe at the time of the Big Bang. We’ll see videos that show the inner workings of the proton accelerator, and consider reasons why the machine failed when it was first activated. We’ll also discuss the risks associated with the possibility of the machine creating one or more dangerous black holes.

Tuesday, June 30
THE ARTWORK OF EMERITUS STUDENTS
Students of Mark Palmeri, assistant professor of fine arts at Oakton, will present original artwork and talk about their inspiration, work, style, and achievements. While these students vary in age, most are seniors.

Tuesday, July 7
HOUSING FOR OLDER ADULTS
Margaret Feit Clarke of the Interfaith Housing Center will discuss coping strategies for older adults. The discussion will include information relating to the high cost of loans, the steps to lowering property taxes, and home sharing.

Passages – Series II
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HUM S09-43, OC/SK, 6 Tue., 7/14-8/18, 1-2:30 pm, $20 in district residents age 60 and above. CRN 50465
HUM S09-44, OC/SK, 6 Tue., 7/14-8/18, 1-2:30 pm, $35 out of district residents or under age 60. CRN 50466

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Tuesday, July 14

THE PERSIAN EMPIRE 539-480 BCE
The Persians, nearly unknown at the start of the sixth century, had conquered the world by the reign (521-486 BCE) of Darius the Great. The conquerors brought with them a new religion, Zoroastrianism, and introduced a new system of government with essentially self-governing provinces. Join Frances Mitilineos, Oakton adjunct faculty member, as she covers the expansion of the mighty Persian Empire, and how its attempt to conquer Greece resulted in defeat at the battle of Marathon in 481 BCE.

Tuesday, July 21

THEATRE IN THE CHICAGO AREA
Sandy Shinner, associate artistic director at Victory Gardens Theater, will share with us information about what is currently new and interesting in Chicago-area theatre.

Tuesday, July 28

IN SEARCH OF GANDHI: LEARNING TO TEACH NON-VIOLENCE
In summer 2008, Madhuri Deshmukh, Katherine Schuster, Holly Graff and Lynn Woodbury, all full-time professors at Oakton Community College, took part in a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad seminar in India. Learn more about their experience, and what they learned in their quest for Gandhi in modern day India. Having traveled extensively throughout the country meeting with social activists and educators, the presenters will share insights relevant to non-violent strategies and philosophies and environmental activism in the globalized society of India.

Tuesday, August 4

THE PRESIDENTS ROOSEVELT
President Roosevelt was one of our greatest presidents. Was his name Franklin, or was it Theodore? What are the similarities, differences, and accomplishments of these two cousins who both had an important impact on our country’s history? Join historian Bill Haase for a surprisingly lively discussion.

Tuesday, August 11

BEETHOVEN: A TRIO OF SONATAS
Music researcher and composer Jim Kendros will examine Beethoven’s most popular and acclaimed piano sonatas – the Moonlight, the Pathetique, and the Appassionata – as performed by world-renowned pianists. He will briefly explain the format and structure of these sonatas that are among the composer’s best-loved works.

Tuesday August 18, 1-2:30 pm

TASTE OF EMERITUS: BE OUR GUEST!
Join us for coffee and cookies as four speakers give a preview of their fall 2009 class(es). There is no charge for this Taste. Call 847-635-1414 to reserve a seat.