WHAT IS SENIOR UNIVERSITY?

Senior University WSU is a program of the Winona State University Retiree Center. Senior University is a peer led set of short courses taught by professor emeriti, WSU faculty, and topic experts to provide intellectual and cultural stimulation and growth, thus providing opportunities for lifelong learning and leadership, combined with the fellowship of peers sharing a common quest for continued growth.

Non-credit classes, one day a week during a 4-6 week term, no tests, no grades.

Retiree Center Director, Ann Kohner
Retiree Center Office Manager, Nancy Amann

507-457-5565
akohner@winona.edu
namann@winona.edu

The Winona State University Retiree Center exists to support the mission of Winona State University and enrich the campus community as well as the lives of retired staff, faculty and administration by providing institutional connections between the university and retirees who may wish to continue their intellectual and social participation in collegial life and service to the university.

Advisory Board

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Nancy Amann</th>
<th>Jean Leicester</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Margaret Boland</td>
<td>Rich McDonald</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>James Bromeland</td>
<td>Bill McBreen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marilyn Brower</td>
<td>Bill Meyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vicki Decker</td>
<td>Steve Richardson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Russ Dennison</td>
<td>Janet Ruggeberg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tim Hatfield</td>
<td>Diane Runkle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Donna Hellble</td>
<td>Donald Walski</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bea Hoffmann</td>
<td>Bonnie L. Woodford</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mary Joyce</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Senior University Classes

Fall 2012

Reading the Woods: Four Fall Field Trips ........................................pg 4

2012 Election ....................................................................................... pg 5

The Protestant Experiment in America: Themes and Challenges from Colonial to Modern Times..................................................... pg 6

Who Do You Think We Are? ............................................................. pg 7
Reading the Woods: Four Fall Field Trips

Instructor: Carol Jefferson  
Date: September 18, 25, October 2, 9  
Time: 12:30-3:30 p.m.  
Sessions: 4  
Location: Area Parks (listed below)  
Member Fee: $40.00  

Four 3-hour field trips in local woodlands in Bluff Side Park, Garvin Heights Park/Krueger Woods, Prairie Island Park and Agahaming Park & Preserve. Participants will learn to see the small details in the woods that tell a greater story of forest history, ecological interactions, invasive species and human impact. A Field Guide to tree identification, such as “Trees of Minnesota,” by Stan Tekiela is recommended for this class. Walking will be on fairly easy trails, however both walking and standing on uneven terrain should be expected. Curiosity, camera, sturdy shoes, and long pants and shirts are recommended. Class size limited to 12.

September 18 - the trip begins at the foot of the Garvin Heights Trail  
September 25 - the woods on the north side of Bluff Side Park  
October 2 - the top of Bluff Land Park & Conservation Area  
October 9 - Aghaming Park and Prairie Island Park  

Carol Jefferson is a retired WSU Biology professor and plant ecologist. Among the relevant courses she taught are Ecology, Plant Ecology, Conservation Biology, Environmental Science, Biogeography, Ecosystem Analysis, Plant Taxonomy, Natural History, Dendrology [trees], Forest History of the Blufflands, as well as Bluffland Ecology, Bluffland Ecology Field Trips and Vanishing Species for WSU Senior University. Carol has led more than 1000 field trips since 1967. Since 1976 she has been conducting research and ecological restoration in local woodlands.
2012 Election: The Candidates, Issues, & Results

Instructor: James Bromeland
Date: October 18, 25 & November 1, 8
Time: 3-5 p.m.
Sessions: 4
Location: Maxwell 158
Member Fee: $40.00

“Hear ye! Hear ye! The polls are now open!“ This interesting and timely course will survey the candidates, issues, political strategies, campaign finances (PAC’S and SuperPAC’S), voter behavior and results of the upcoming 2012 Presidential and Congressional elections. Don’t miss the opportunity to learn more about our democracy in action!

Jim Bromeland taught political science at Winona State University for 35 years, with a specialty in American Politics. He earned his B.S. and M.S. from Mankato State.
The Protestant Experiment in America: Themes and Challenges from Colonial to Modern Times

Instructor: Timothy Forestor
Date: November 7, 14, 21, 28 & December 5
Time: 1-3 p.m.
Sessions: 5
Location: TBA
Member Fee: $40.00

This course will offer a short history of Protestantism in the United States, focusing primarily on basic themes, challenges and characteristics during each era of American history. Social, economic, political and other influences will be considered, as well as how these have changed over time, and how some issues continue to resonate in American society today. A reading list will be made available.

_Raised in a minister’s home and as a missionary kid in Japan, Tim Forester developed an interest in the interaction and mutual influences of different traditions and cultures. He has a B.A. and M.A. in history and a teaching certificate for secondary level social sciences. He also earned a Masters in Divinity and has a theatre background and a love of story-telling and public speaking. Tim currently serves as the Pastor of Winona’s First Congregational Church._
Who Do You Think You Are?

Instructor: Janis Martin
Date: November 27 & December 4, 11, 18
Time: 2-4 p.m.
Sessions: 4
Location: Maxwell 257
Member Fee: $40.00

Who are you? Where did you come from? It’s thrilling to see an ancestor’s name in a census, a passenger list, or in a historical document, and there are many resources available to aid in that discovery. Join Janis Martin, genealogical researcher and lecturer, as she reviews the possibilities for documenting your ancestors and discovering your lineage and aids you on the journey to discovering who you are. Both lecture and guided computer research will be used. Class size limited to ten (10). Participants might also consider enrolling in the spring, 2013 course, “Leaving a Legacy,” that will focus on journaling and personal story writing.

Janis is a director of Unclaimed Persons, a national volunteer organization that assists coroners and medical examiners by using genealogical techniques to locate next of kin. Her experience as a genealogical researcher spans 20 years and includes client research for those tracing their family, classes and workshops on several topics related to genealogy, and volunteer transcription of records. Janis’ recent speaking engagements include the Southern California Genealogical Jamboree 2011, Minnesota Genealogical Society’s North Star Conference 2011, and Olmsted County Genealogical Society 2011 and 2012.
Grandparents University is a unique inter-generational experience for grandparents/older adults and children that provides them with an opportunity to share in the experience of college life. Participants learn together in Winona State University classrooms and have the option to stay in a residence hall.

Grandparents University is open to pairs of one adult/one child (age 8-14).

Save the Date for next year’s Grandparents University --
June 20-21, 2013

Grandparents University is a registered trademark of the University of WI-Madison and is used with permission.
REGISTRATION FORM

Name __________________________________

Address __________________________________

City __________________ State _____ Zip ______

Phone ____________________________________

Email ____________________________________

Please provide:

WSU Retiree ID# ___________________OR

Senior University ID # ___________________OR

Birth Date ______________________________

Indicate which course fees are enclosed:

☐ Reading the Woods - $40
☐ 2012 Election - $40
☐ Protestant Experiment - $40
☐ Who Do You Think You Are? - $40

Total Enclosed $ ____________

Indicate type of payment:

☐ Check    ☐ Cash

Register online at: http://winona.augusoft.net

Return the registration form along with your check or cash to:

Winona State University
Retiree Center
P.O. Box 5838
Winona, MN 55987

Winona State University
Retiree Center
P.O. Box 5838
Winona, MN 55987
Aldo Leopold:  
The Conservation Ethic  
Spring 2012 Senior University Class  
Aldo Leopold Foundation, Baraboo, WI

We encourage you to register online at:  
http://winona.augusoft.net