Winona State University Retiree Center

Fall 2013

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What Is Senior University?
Senior University WSU is a program of the Winona State University Retiree Center. Senior University is a 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.

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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.

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Fall Birding Tips, Trips and Conservation

Instructors: Eric Nelson and Tex Hawkins
Date:  Alternating Wednesdays, September 11 & 25
       October 9 & 23, November 6
Time:  Lectures 10:00 am – Noon  – Location TBA
       Field Trips 9:00 am – Noon
       Brownsville Trip – 1:00 – 4:00 pm
       Optional Trip – August 28 at dusk, Chimney Swift, location TBA
Fee:   $50

Retired Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge wildlife biologists Tex Hawkins and Eric Nelson will share their vast birding knowledge. This class will cover the fall migration so you will see birds common to Minnesota and others who are here for a brief “pit stop.” The class includes lectures and trips to the Trempealeau Wildlife Refuge, Garvin Heights, Prairie Island, and the Brownsville Overlook Waterfowl Bonanza. Transportation will be provided for the Trempealeau and Brownsville trips. Lectures are 10am to noon; field trips are 9am to noon except for the Brownsville trip which is 1 – 4 pm. Class is limited to 20 people.
Life in Running Waters: River and Stream Biology in the Midwest US

Instructor: Dr. William Richardson  
Date: Thursdays; September 5, 12, 19, 26  
Time: 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
Sessions: 4  
Location: Gildemeister 225  
Member Fee: $40.00

This course provides an overview of basic ecological and chemical processes that influence the biology of flowing waters in temperate North America - with emphasis on nutrients and invasive species. We will also learn about organisms living in local streams and rivers - with a focus on invertebrates (e.g., bugs, etc.). One field trip will be to a local stream to see up close and in person what lives under rocks, stumps, and drifts in the water column. Another field trip will be to the US Geological Survey’s Upper Midwest Environmental Science Center in La Crosse for a tour and discussion of research currently underway that addresses problems affecting the Upper Mississippi River and regional streams and watersheds.

Dr. Richardson is the stream and river ecologist with the US Geological Survey’s Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center, La Crosse, WI. He has a background in organismal biology, (especially invertebrates) and biogeochemistry of nitrogen and phosphorus. His research has focused on factors affecting distribution and productivity of aquatic invertebrates, as well as the role of nutrients and invasive species in controlling river and stream productivity and biodiversity.
Music of Countries and Cultures

Instructor: Ruth Bures
Date: September 12, 26, October 17, November 7
Time: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Sessions: 4
Location: Maxwell 257
Member Fee: $40.00

Each class will focus in turn on the music of China, Africa, India, and the Caribbean/South America. Following class, we will hear excellent live performances by representative artists from these cultures at the International Music Series Concerts, 6 p.m. in the East Cafeteria of Kryszko Commons on the same Thursdays classes meet. Each class will present background information on the music of the culture featured in that evening’s concert, plus basic understanding of the unique instruments, musical ideas, and cultural context of the music.

Ruth Bures taught World Music at WSU and gained a great deal of insight and information about the music of other cultures. Traveling widely, she has experienced much of this music first hand and is fascinated by the variety of ways people make and think of music.

Gao Hong, performer of the Chinese pipa
Four Actresses of French Cinema

Instructor: Jeanine Black  
Date: Mondays; October 7, 14, 21, 28  
Time: 2:00-4:30 p.m.  
Sessions: 4  
Location: Maxwell 257  
Member Fee: $40.00

Films Shown: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Stark 103  
Sunday, October 13  
October 20  
October 27

Come learn about the lives and films of four French actresses (three of whom are fairly well known in the US): Simone Signoret, Catherine Deneuve, Catherine Frot, and Audrey Tautou. Outside of class, there will be the opportunity to view nine films, three of which were directed by women. There will be two films per week, plus a bonus film entitled 8 Femmes (8 Women).

Jeanine Black holds master’s degrees in French and English from the University of Kansas and Georgetown University and also studied at the Université de Dijon and Université de Genève. She has taught French as an adjunct faculty member of the WSU Global Studies and World Languages Department. In addition to teaching French and English at the university level in the U.S., she has taught English at several language schools in France.
Classic Greek Drama

Instructor: Emilio DeGrazia
Date: Mondays; November 4, 11, 18, 25, December 2
Time: 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Sessions: 5
Location: Maxwell 257
Member Fee: $40.00

The course will provide background on Greek drama, including the role of drama as a religious festival. Major works of Sophocles (“Oedipus the King”) and Aeschylus (“Prometheus” and “The Oresteia”), Euripides (“The Bacchae” and a film version of “The Trojan Women”) will be the samples we will study.

DeGrazia has had a persistent interest in ancient Mediterranean and Mideastern mythologies. At WSU, he has taught classes in ancient mythology and examples of Greek classical drama at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.
REGISTRATION FORM

Name __________________________________________

Address _______________________________________

City __________________________ State ________ Zip __________

Phone _______________________________________

Email _______________________________________

Please provide:

WSU Retiree ID# ______________________________ OR

Senior University ID # __________________________ OR

Birth Date ________________________________

CEU Credits available upon request

Indicate which course fees are enclosed:

☐ Fall Birding - $50
☐ Life in Running Waters - $40
☐ Music of Countries and Cultures - $40
☐ Four Actressess of French Cinema - $40
☐ Classic Greek Drama - $40

Total Enclosed $ ____________

Indicate type of payment:

☐ Check    ☐ Cash

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

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