

SENIOR UNIVERSITY WSU FALL 2009

FALL 2009 COURSE OFFERINGS

A Festival of Festivals

Jim Erickson, William McNeil, Taff Roberts & Sally Sloan

Course covers the history and importance of popular festivals: Mardi Gras [New Orleans], Dakota Gathering [Winona], Eisteddfod [Wales], and the Tellspiel [Switzerland]. These four festivals were chosen for their richness in heritage and Winona community connections. The celebrations are related to national pride, traditions, and country origins.

Mondays • October 26, November 2, 9, 16
Maxwell 160 • 4 weeks • 1:30 - 3pm

Bluffland Ecology

Carol Jefferson

Examine the unique settings and biological diversity in Southeastern Minnesota blufflands and Mississippi Valley. Study the relationships between plants and animals and their physical environment as well as human activities. Learn about prairies, woodlands and streams. Discussions include biodiversity status, trends and conservation needs.

Tuesdays • October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24, December 1
Maxwell 160 • 6 weeks • 1:30 - 3pm

Tragic Visions

Emilio DeGrazia

Explore what is meant by *tragedy*. Are certain subject matters inherently *tragic*, or is *tragedy* a way of looking at experience? What role does *tragedy* play in a culture such as ours, dominated by melodrama, comedy and happy endings? Read Sophocles' "Oedipus Rex" and a few other literary examples to evolve a better sense of how to think about the many sad experiences we cannot avoid.

Thursdays • October 29, November 5, 12, 19
December 3

Maxwell 160 • 5 weeks • 1:30 - 3pm



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A WSU RETIREE CENTER PROGRAM



WHO WE ARE

Senior University WSU is a peer led set of short courses taught by professor emeriti 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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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Have you attended a WSU or Senior University course before? Yes No

If yes, please provide:

WSU Retiree ID# _____ OR

Senior University ID# _____

Indicate which course fees are enclosed:

A Festival of Festivals - \$40

Bluffland Ecology - \$40

Tragic Visions - \$40

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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

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