



SPRING 2015 ICLRU STUDY GROUPS MARCH 23 – MAY 21



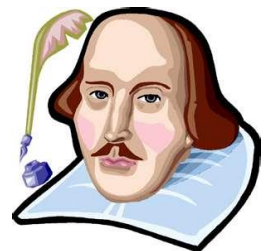
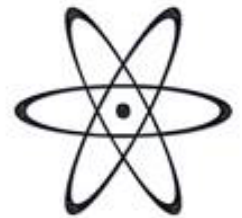
ICLRU members:

Your registration for study groups indicates your sincere intention to attend and participate.

Please register for a study group only if you plan to attend regularly. If you register and find you cannot attend, please notify the coordinator as soon as possible.

Registration online and in the ICLRU Center will close on Monday, March 2.

Please register online if possible.



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Monday 9:30-11:30

THE FOUR GOSPELS

Coordinator: Gene Ahern

We will discuss the Gospels as literary works: how they came to be, how they relate to one another, how they communicate to us via literary structure, plot and character development and cultural themes. We will explore new insights on ancient texts. **Note: we will meet during the first 7 weeks only.**



A HISTORY OF IMPRESSIONISM – PART 2

Coordinators: Bob and Sue Masterson

They appeared during a period of upheaval. They saw the rebuilding of Paris, the rise of industrialism, the ruin of the Franco-Prussian war. They displayed their works—paintings that were startlingly, even shockingly new—in a series of exhibitions from 1874 to 1886. And by the 1890s this "loose coalition" of artists who rebelled against the formality of the French Academy had created the most famous artistic movement in history. "They" were the Impressionists. Join us as we continue our journey to learn about these artists, their art, and their times. **Note: This study group was first presented in spring and summer 2008. This study group will carry over into the summer session with Part 3. This spring we will start in week 3 and meet the last 7 weeks of the session.**

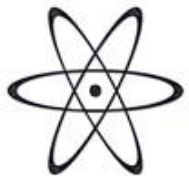


Monday 1:00-3:00

THE ATOMIC AGE: PROMISE AND PERIL

Coordinators: Steve and Pam Novey

For America, it started in 1939 with a letter to President Roosevelt. After the war, there were huge new breakthroughs mixed with many disappointments. Accidents and meltdowns seemed to doom atomic energy. But a seemingly small branch of this technology—radioisotope research—saved it and opened the door to a brighter future.



STROLLING THROUGH THE COGNITIVE THICKET

Coordinators: Marlene Brusko, Joan Reisen and Harry Trumfio

Thinking clearly is a compelling but often elusive goal for all of us. Why do we often stray into the illogical? How can we best accept and work with our cognitive idiosyncrasies? Although neither of these or similar questions have a complete answer, we will explore what we do know about critical thinking and good decision-making. **Note: we will meet the first 8 weeks. Click here for more information.**



Tuesday 9:00-11:30



CLASSIC FILMS

Coordinators: Gordon Palmer, Judy Miller and Bob Miller

Join us in watching films that show Hollywood at its best. See movies made when movies were movies and stars were bigger than life. We'll show films from the 30's to the 70's (at least 35 years old) with names like Katharine Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart, Burt Lancaster, and Gloria Swanson. Each week we'll see a film and learn about the actors, the inside stories, the awards and the directors. Class members are encouraged to present a favorite film from this era with assistance from the coordinators. **Note longer time period.**



YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Coordinators: Cathleen Chay and Richard Chay

Yoga practice addresses body, mind and spirit. In this beginners' class, you will learn yoga poses that help maintain or increase flexibility, stability and strength. The class will also explore the calming, centering and stress-relieving effects of yoga for general wellbeing. **We will have two back-to-back sessions each day: 9:00-10:00 and 10:30-11:30. Maximum participants in each session: 12. Yoga mat is required.**



Tuesday 9:30-11:30

NOTABLE WOMEN – PAST AND PRESENT

Coordinators: Jim Kacena and Bob Allen

We will discuss the trials, tribulations and successes of women throughout history, from Eve through Joan of Arc, Billie Holiday, Harriett Tubman, Jane Goodall, Sappho, Margaret Mead, Emily Dickinson, Helen Keller, Helen of Troy and many, many more. There will be PowerPoint presentations, videos, opportunities for discussion, pop quizzes and occasional "poking of fun at unsuspecting participants."



Tuesday 1:00-3:00

SHAKESPEARE AND HIS WORLD OF WAR AND LOVE

Coordinators: Kathryn Dublinski and Henrietta Leary

For our first selection in this series, we will continue our Shakespeare journey with *Henry V*, the historical play that focuses on war with France and has fighting, traitors, courtship and love. The second play, *As You Like It*, is a pastoral comedy that debates court life versus country life. We will read the plays out loud, each of us taking parts. On the first day, bring your own copy of *Henry V*. The *No Fear Shakespeare* series is recommended, but your library's version is acceptable. **Note: maximum participants 25.**



Tuesday 1:00-3:00



IRELAND VACATIONS: PAST AND FUTURE

Coordinators: Gene and Mary Flynn

This study group will relive the fun (and drama) of past vacations to Ireland and plan some future ones. As we look at past trips, we hope attendees will share stories that made their vacations memorable. For future trips, we will review old and new options for traveling around Ireland. A lot has changed in Ireland over the last 20 years, but the warm welcome is still there. **Note: we will have 5 sessions: March 24 and 31, April 14, 21 and 28, not April 7.**



LEARN TO KNIT A SPECIAL GIFT

Coordinators: Sheila Libman, Toni Gibson and Jan Mullins

Every month nearly 300 babies are born at Northwest Community Hospital, and each baby is sent home with a hand knit (or crochet) hat, contributed by a volunteer. We use a very simple pattern. You can make hats in team colors, school colors, seasonal colors--any color except yellow. Be creative, have fun. Bring your questions and favorite patterns and techniques to share. **If you do not know how to knit, we will teach you.** After the term ends all the completed hats will be delivered to Northwest Community Hospital, and for each hat that you submit you will earn 4.0 hours of hospital volunteer credit. Our group has created over 76 hats since we started last summer! **Bring one skein 3-ply yarn and one pair of size 6 OR 7 knitting needles.**



Wednesday 9:00-11:30

THE RISE OF NAZI GERMANY

Coordinators: Sue Harty, Tom Gavigan, Bob Masterson and Harry Trumfio

Six decades after its collapse, Nazi Germany continues to fascinate us. Though Adolf Hitler's state lasted only twelve years, it started history's most destructive war and committed one of history's most hideous crimes--the Holocaust. We will focus on the Nazi era from 1933 to 1939 and the rise of Adolf Hitler as dictator. However, to understand the era we will begin back in 1815 before there was a unified Germany. Topics to be covered include the origins of Germanic and National Socialist ideologies; the political history of Germany before, during and after the First World War; the life of Hitler; the collapse of Germany's democratic, liberal government, the Weimar Republic; the Nazi takeover of power; the Nazi revolution after taking power; the Nazi "synchronization" (Gleichschaltung) of all facets of German life to the goals of the party; and everyday life during the Nazi era. The study group will conclude with the beginning of WWII. Our format will include PowerPoint presentations, group discussions and DVDs, including *The Teaching Company: A History of Hitler's Empire*. **This is a repeat of a study group offered in 2010. Note longer time period.**



Wednesday 9:30-11:30



CURRENT EVENTS

Coordinator: Bob Gilden

Participate in interactive, stimulating, informative and controversial discussions of domestic and international current events. Can Obama continue to use executive orders to achieve his objectives? Will the Supreme Court overturn the Affordable Care Act and possibly ban same-sex marriage—and what would be the repercussions? Will the Republican-controlled Congress be better able to govern than its predecessor? Your participation will make for exciting and fascinating sessions as we explore such topics in depth. All Democrats, Republicans and Independents are welcome!



SOME MYSTERIES OF THE WORLD

Coordinator: Margo Temple and George Gintowt

MOVE OVER INDIANA JONES! This study group is **ACTION!** We'll be doing some dynamite field trips and we'll investigate some intriguing puzzles. George has invited us, along with Josh Bernstein, explorer and survival expert, on some exciting journeys to unlock the world's greatest mysteries! And if that's not enough, we'll have some exceptional guest visitors! Don't sign up unless you're ready for adventure and fun! **Note: we will meet the first 7 weeks only.**

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Wednesday 1:00-3:00

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE VS. NORTH AND SOUTH

Coordinators: Ruth Sellers, Kathleen Miller, Anita Brandes and Lynn Shevelenko

Jane Austen (1775-1817) influenced writers who followed her including Victorian author Elizabeth Gaskell (1810-1865). In this study group we will view videos of Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* and Gaskell's *North and South*; we will discuss similarities and differences in their styles and choices of themes. We'll include a view of the world they lived in and the effect of that world on their domestic stories. Participants will be invited to make brief presentations on a variety of related topics.



Wednesday 1:00-3:30

OPERA GOES TO THE MOVIES - AGAIN

Coordinators: Jack McKee and Anita Lafferty

Join us for seven excellent movie versions of opera classics: *Tosca*, *La Boheme*, *Madama Butterfly* and 4 others. (Some will be repeats from last summer's study group.) You will realize the enhanced experience of a fine opera production presented as a movie, not in an opera house.

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Thursday 9:30-11:30



WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF ORGANIZED RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY?

Coordinator: Bill Niedbala

A recent survey indicated that 40% of people no longer practice the belief system in which they were raised. Some spiritual leaders are offering a new spirit-led journey. The goal is to stay in one's existing group but develop a more authentic experience. Topics to be discussed will be: non-dualistic thinking, Christian centering meditation, quantum physics and aging. **Note: maximum participants: 25. We will have four sessions beginning the week of April 13.**

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENTS: THEIR LIVES AND LEGACIES, PART 5

Coordinator: Mike Glass

The final segment of this series employs mixed media and interactive discussion to chronicle major events in the lives of Presidents Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton, George W. Bush, and Obama. We will review their strengths, weaknesses, major achievements and significant disappointments. We'll have valuable insights from historians, scholars, journalists and politicians. Participants will receive handout material via email prior to each session.



Thursday 1:00-3:00

THE SKEPTIC'S GUIDE TO AMERICAN HISTORY CONTINUED

Coordinator: Debby Miller

In these participatory discussion sessions, we will be sorting through misconceptions, myths and half-truths about America's past from a fresh perspective. Our focus is what really happened in the nation's past—often as opposed to what many believe happened. We will view and discuss the Teaching Company presentations on this subject. Members will be expected to contribute to discussions based on their own knowledge and research. **This is a continuation of the winter 2015 study group.**

Thursday 1:00-3:30

CINEMA ACROSS THE GLOBE

Coordinators: Judith Ross and Cathy Jensen

Travel the world with Judith and Cathy as your movie tour guides. Observe lifestyles and situations that are both different, yet similar to our own, as we watch films from around the world. Each week a foreign film will be viewed, analyzed and discussed. Don't delay: book your world cinema adventure today. **Note longer time period.**



Friday 9:30-11:30

COME PLAY BRIDGE

Coordinator: Andrea Zietlow

For people who already know how to play bridge. Join us if you would like to meet other ICLRU members who play and want to have more opportunities to play the game. We welcome those who have recently learned the game as well as intermediate and advanced players. We will be playing for FUN, not cutthroat! Hopefully we can all learn from one another.



REGISTRATION: SPRING 2015 STUDY GROUPS



L = Limited # of registrants

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- 18 Skeptics Guide to American History

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- 19 Cinema Across The Globe

FRIDAY 9:30-11:30

- 20 Come Play Bridge

NOTE: For mail or walk-in registration, circle the number(s) of your choice(s), print your name below and submit this page only to the ICLRU Center

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