



Single Classes

Say Aloha to my Little Friend: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Ukulele

Recent research suggests a link between learning to play a musical instrument and improved cognitive functioning, both for children and as a buffer against cognitive decline and dementia in later life. This hybrid lecture/performance highlights Prof. Cordon's own musical experiences and the humble ukulele's particular suitability as a point of entry to the world of music-making for even the complete novice.

Wednesday, June 5, 1:15 to 2:45

Luis A. Cordon, Professor of Psychological Science, ECSU

Why Don't They Just Become Citizens: the Complexity of the U.S. Immigration System

The obstacles immigrants face when attempting to obtain legal status in the U.S., including how the Trump administration has created an "invisible" wall in addition to pushing for a real wall to prevent immigration, and how Trump's immigration policies test "checks and balances."

Thursday, June 6, 1:15 to 2:45

Erin O'Neil-Baker, Esq., Hartford Legal Group

Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Christina Rossetti: Victorian Women Poets and the Idea of a Savior

Poems by these 19th-century women created images of a female Christ, as did a feminist tract by Florence Nightingale. Learn how literature and religion shaped Victorian culture in a time of tremendous social change, when the notion of salvation inspired women's emancipation.

Wednesday, June 12, 1:15 to 2:45

Frederick Roden, UConn Professor of English, Stamford Curriculum Coordinator for English and Stamford Liaison for Judaic Studies

So You Think Your Team is Tough: Working and Living in a Crew Going to Mars

The holder of UConn's Friar Chair in Leadership and Teams shares insights and lessons learned from working with NASA to develop team resilience for long-duration space missions.

Thursday, June 13, 1:15 to 2:45

John Mathieu, UConn Board of Trustees and Distinguished Professor of Management, UConn School of Business

2019 Spring Session Schedule

AM Classes 10:15 to 11:45 □□ PM Classes 1:15 to 2:45

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Friday AM	The Race Question and the American Experience May 17 to May 31

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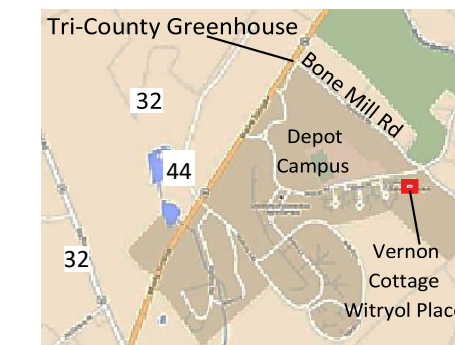
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CLIR's purpose is to provide intellectual stimulus for adults from all walks of life through informal classes and discussions. **There are no academic or age requirements.** Come join us in the Vernon Cottage on UConn's Depot Campus, with free parking and access for the mobility-impaired. (GPS address: Witryol Place, Storrs, CT 06269)

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The CLIR schedule is also available on the Web at <http://clir.uconn.edu>



Multi-Week Class

Memoir Club

Write your memoirs to share in class. New members are welcome.

Thursdays, April 4 to June 13, 10:15 to 11:45

Facilitators: Christian Davis and Helene Voto, longtime memoirists

Great Decisions

Great Decisions is a series of discussions about U.S. foreign policy deliberations and decisions. This year's topics are Global Migration, The Middle East, Nuclear Negotiations, Nationalism in Europe, Trade with China, Cyber Conflict, U.S. and Mexico, and State of Diplomacy. Great Decisions is not lecture-based; rather, discussions are led by facilitators Virginia and Bob Stiepoek. In preparation for each discussion, participants are expected to read the relevant sections of the book *Great Decisions 2019*, which will be available for \$30.

Mondays, April 1-June 3, except May 27, 1:15 to 2:45

The Race Question and the American Experience

Geneticist Daniel J. Fairbanks says every human "is related by common ancestry, and, ultimately, everyone is African." If he is right, as most scientists agree he is, how did we lose sight of our fundamental relatedness and come to perceive supposedly distinct and definite "races"? Why is "race" the first thing we see in a person? If, as has been argued, race is a social construct, how and why was it constructed, and how might we deconstruct it? Can we imagine a world on the other side of race? This course addresses the race question in the context of its centrality to American culture and history. Race has shaped the American character in innumerable ways.

Friday mornings, 10:15-11:45, May 17, 24, and 31

Jerry Phillips, Associate Professor of English, UConn

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The History of Socialism: The Evolution of a Movement

Emerging from the inequality produced by industrial society, socialism promised a path to shared prosperity. The nature of that path was hotly debated, however; some socialist thinkers pushed for reform while others called for revolution. These debates shaped not only socialist thinking but also the course of history. This talk offers an overview of socialism's complex history and the way it continues to influence our world today. Thursday, April 4, 1:15 to 2:45
Scott Moore, Assistant Professor of History, ECSU



The History of Polo at UConn

The author of "Dust and Determination: A History of UConn Polo," discusses how UConn started its modest polo program in 1969 without a practice space or its own string of ponies, and went on to produce multiple national championship teams.

Tuesday, April 9, 1:15 to 2:45
Helen Scanlon, local equine artist and author of several books on horses.

The Art of Weather Forecasting



Early Methods of Forecasting Using Frogs
Numerical Weather Prediction has revolutionized the way weather forecasts are made. This talk covers why forecasting is still an art, and the challenges facing this old area of study. Will it survive the "machine learning trend"?

Wednesday, April 10, 1:15 to 2:45
Malaquias Pena Mendez, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UConn



The Psychology of Attraction and Romantic Relationships

What attracts us to some people and not others? How does our unconscious help determine our attraction to some mates? Our real-life mate preferences may not match our stated preferences. Prof. Fugere also discusses her research into similarities and differences between the mate preferences of offspring and what their parents would like those preferences to be. Thursday, April 11, 1:15 to 2:45
Madeleine Fugere, Professor of Psychology, ECSU

The Origins of the Supreme Court, and Chief Justice John Marshall as a Worthy Model for Chief Justice John Roberts

Tuesday, April 16, 1:15 to 2:45
Kent Newmyer, UConn History Professor Emeritus and Professor, UConn Law School

How Learning a New Language Changes Your Brain

Thursday, April 18, 1:15 to 2:45
Emily Meyers, Professor, Dept of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences and Dept of Psychological Sciences, UConn



Microscopic Worm

"You Have Made Your Way from Worm to Man, and Much In You Is Still Worm." (Nietzsche)

How the microscopic worm *C. elegans* can be used to study genes involved in human development and disease, using modern genetic and molecular techniques including the cutting-edge genetic engineering technique CRISPR.

Thursday, April 25, 1:15 to 2:45
Amy C. Groth, Professor, ECSU Biology Dept

Lifestyle and Memory: Maintaining a Healthy Brain

Wednesday, May 1, 1:15 to 2:45
Peter Perrino and Ryan Troha, graduate students, UConn Dept of Psychological Sciences

The Torture Memos

Two secret legal memos written in August, 2002 authorized U.S. agents to use interrogation methods universally understood as torture. This talk gives the background and inside story of those memos and the consequences once they were revealed. Tuesday, May 7, 1:15 to 2:45
Timothy Fisher, Dean, UConn Law School

Making the Chinese-Mexican Past: History, Memory, and Cultural Work

The subject of Chinese migration is quite well known, but their history in Mexico is not. This talk explores the experiences of Chinese immigrants in Mexico and the struggles of their descendants to remember them. Wednesday, May 8, 1:15 to 2:45
Jason Chang, Associate Professor of History and Asian American Studies and Director of the Asian and Asian American Studies Institute, UConn

Rebecca Lobo Speaks

Her playing career, her life as a wife and mother of four, and—of course—UConn women's basketball. Thursday, May 9, 1:15 to 2:45
Rebecca Lobo, Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, WNBA player, 1995 UConn national champion, commentator for ESPN
PLEASE NOTE: Registration is required, and is limited to the first 75 members who register by contacting Kathy McKee, kmckee@snet.net or (860) 477-0928.

Understanding Plant Responses to Climate Change in a Biodiversity Hotspot (South Africa)

Projections suggest that by 2100 up to one of every six species will be extinct. To predict long-term effects of species' adaptive responses to climate change we must understand them across all their geographic ranges. Tanisha Williams is researching how to use historical and current plant records coupled with garden experiments of climate change on plant communities throughout South Africa. Tuesday, May 14, 1:15 to 2:45
Tanisha Williams, graduate student, UConn Dept of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, 2015-16 U.S. Fulbright Student-South Africa and 2017-19 U.S. Fulbright Alumni Ambassador

Displaced Puerto Ricans, a Year after Hurricane Maria

A comprehensive overview of the status and debates over Puerto Rico and a summary of the key issues surrounding the displacement of Puerto Ricans from the island to the mainland. Thursday, May 16, 1:15 to 2:45
Charles Venator, Associate Professor of Political Science, UConn

An Overview of Structure-from-Motion (SfM) Digital

Photogrammetry as Applied to Geological Problems from Coastlines to Dinosaur Tracks
SfM algorithms and new point cloud software enable enhanced analysis of topography for two very different projects: quantifying coastal change in Rhode Island and constructing point clouds and associated digital maps and models at Dinosaur State Park in Rocky Hill, CT. Wednesday, May 22, 1:15 to 2:45
James A. (Drew) Hyatt, Professor of Geomorphology, Dept of Environmental Earth Science, ECSU

A New History of Abolition

This talk reimagines abolition as a radical, interracial social movement from the American Revolution to the Civil War. It centers slave resistance in the history of abolition and examines how abolition overlapped with contemporary radical movements such as feminism, utopian socialism, pacifism, and the struggle for the rights of working men, immigrants, and Native Americans. Tuesday, May 28, 1:15 to 2:45
Manisha Sinha, Draper Chair in American History, UConn Dept of History



When Your Passion Is Tapeworms, You Spend a Lot of Time Explaining Why They're Cool

Wednesday, May 29, 1:15 to 2:45
Janine Caira, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, UConn