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The  
*Spiral*

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### President's Message

Our new semester is off to a busy start, and we have had great response and large registration lists for our courses. We are pleased to announce most of the classes that had waiting lists have been moved to larger rooms to accommodate those on the waitlists, or an additional identical course was added.

As a result of all the changes, what we need you to do is verify your room number and other information before each class on our web site [www.aikenlearning.org](http://www.aikenlearning.org). Doug Wilson updates our web page as soon as we are notified of any change, so it is your best source of current information and changes.

Since we have so many new folks in the Academy for Lifelong Learning this year, I thought I would share a list of interesting facts about USCA that we received in recent letter.

- USCA is ranked #1 Regional Comprehensive Public College in the South (its 19th top three ranking and 12th time in first place). U.S. News and World Report
- USCA is ranked Best for Vets: Colleges 2017 for the third year. Military Times
- USCA scholarship showcase: More than 130 presentations, representing undergraduate research across all disciplines.
- USCA students: 21 percent of USCA students are first generation students and are the first to graduate from their families.

I'm excited to be part of the academy and to experience such a variety of courses both on and off campus.

**Jan Van Slyke, Academy President**

### Wait Lists A Thing Of The Past For Four Over-subscribed Courses

The Academy has been able to expand the capacity of

several courses to reduce or eliminate their wait lists. The affected courses are *Etymology*, *SC in the American Revolution*, *Weather*, and *Eclipses*. See the Catalog Updates article for details.

And remember that your best source of information for updates about the Academy is our website at [aikenlearning.org](http://aikenlearning.org).

### Meet the New Director

The USCA Office of External Programs and Continuing Education has been without a Director since Ashley Moore left in the Fall of 2015. The University has now (finally) filled this position by hiring Karen Edgington as the department's new Director.

Our new Director comes to us from Coastal Carolina University, located in Conway SC (Myrtle Beach area), where she was Director of Executive Development and Continuing Education for the last four years.



Her former department at CCU has an active senior education program so she is well versed in the goals and needs of a group such as ours.

Karen is no stranger to Aiken or the University, having served as Director of USCA's O'Connell Center of Executive Development from 2008-2013. During that time she received both the *Excellence in Teaching* award and the *William H. Marsh Award for Service* from the school. Prior to her time at USCA she also directed the Center for Executive Development at Colorado Mesa University and taught at Georgia Regents University.

Karen told *The Spiral* "I am glad to be back here at USCA and thrilled to be involved with such a vibrant and active organization as the Academy for Lifelong Learning."

The Academy's initial interactions with Karen have been very positive. She is a real "go-getter" and we look forward to working with her this semester and beyond.

## Catalog Updates

The following changes have been made since the catalog was first published. Make sure *your* copy of the catalog reflects these changes:

**Etymology** is meeting in Nursing 120.

**South Carolina in the American Revolution** will meet in Penland 106 at 10:00 am.

**Weather and Climate** will meet in Penland 106

**Writing About Visuals** will meet in Penland 110.

**Solar Eclipses** will add a second identical set of sessions meeting at 3:15 pm on the same dates.

**Great Decisions** will meet at 1:00 pm, not 1:30 pm as listed in some versions of the catalog.

Those on wait lists for these courses will be notified if the additional or expanded sessions will accommodate them.

## Courses Beginning This Month

Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (You can download the current catalog from the Academy website at <http://www.aikenlearning.org/catalog/>). To enroll, return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact USCA Department of Continuing Education at USCA (803-641-3741 / [info@aikenlearning.org](mailto:info@aikenlearning.org)).

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Do NOT attend these classes or events unless you have pre-registered AND have received written confirmation of your registration from USCA.

### TEAMING WITH NATURE: YARDS AND GARDENS WITHOUT CHEMICALS

Dates: 3 Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16

Time: 1:40- 2:55 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

### BALLET: SLEEPING BEAUTY AND MORE

Dates: 4 Fridays, February 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 140

### SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: FROM CROWN JEWEL TO STATEHOOD

Date: 4 Mondays, February 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 10:00 -11:00 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

**NOTE TIME AND LOCATION CHANGES**

### WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Dates: 3 Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21

Time: 3:00 -4:00 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

**NOTE LOCATION CHANGE**

### BLACK HISTORY PLAYS: LESSER KNOWN FACTS REVEALED

Dates: 4 Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Business and Education Bldg., Room 124

### PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF PEST CONTROL

Dates: 4 Wednesdays, February 8, 15, 22; March 1

Time: 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 110

### CURRENT AND FUTURE MISSIONS AT SAVANNAH RIVER SITE

Dates: 3 Wednesdays, February 8, 15, 22

Time: 3:00-3:50 p.m.

Location: Business and Education Bldg., Room 124

### DINNER PARTY CULINARY TIPS---A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING

Dates: 3 Thursdays, February 9, 16, 23

Time: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church Kitchen, 224 Barnwell Ave. NW, Aiken SC

Enrollment Limit: 12

Cost: \$25 per person (pay to instructor at time of first class)

**NOTE CLASS IS FULL AND REGISTRATION IS CLOSED**

### RECONSTRUCTION: THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

Dates: 3 Tuesdays, February 14, 21, 28

Time: 2:00-2:50 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

### LINE DANCING

Dates: 6 Wednesdays, February 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22

Time: 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg., 2nd floor Gym

**AIKEN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II**

**Dates: 4 Tuesdays, February 28; March 14, 21, 28**

**Time: 3:00-3:50 p.m.**

**Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106**



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ACADEMY CALENDAR – FEBRUARY 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5	6 <i>SC – Amer. Rev.</i> 10-11A [P 106]  <i>Espionage Literature</i> 1-1:50p [B 124]	7 <i>Masters</i> 9:25-10:15a [P 106]  <i>Black Historic Plays</i> 10:30-11:30a [B 124]  <i>Weather &amp; Climate</i> 3-4p [P 106]	8 <i>Pest Control</i> 9:30-10:45a [P 110]  <i>SRS Missions</i> 3-3:50p [B 124]	9 <i>Etymology</i> 9-10:15a [P 110]  <i>Teaming w. Nature</i> 10:30-11:20a [P 106]  <i>Dinner Tips</i> 11:30a-1p [FPC]	10 <i>Hidden Diversity</i> 9-10:15a [P 106]  <i>Ballet</i> 10:30-11:45a [B 140]  <i>Curric. Committee</i> 1:00p [B 102]	11
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