

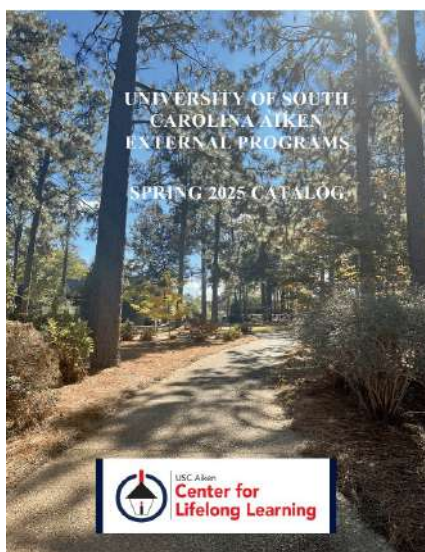


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External Programs offers a variety of Certificate and Professional Development Programs

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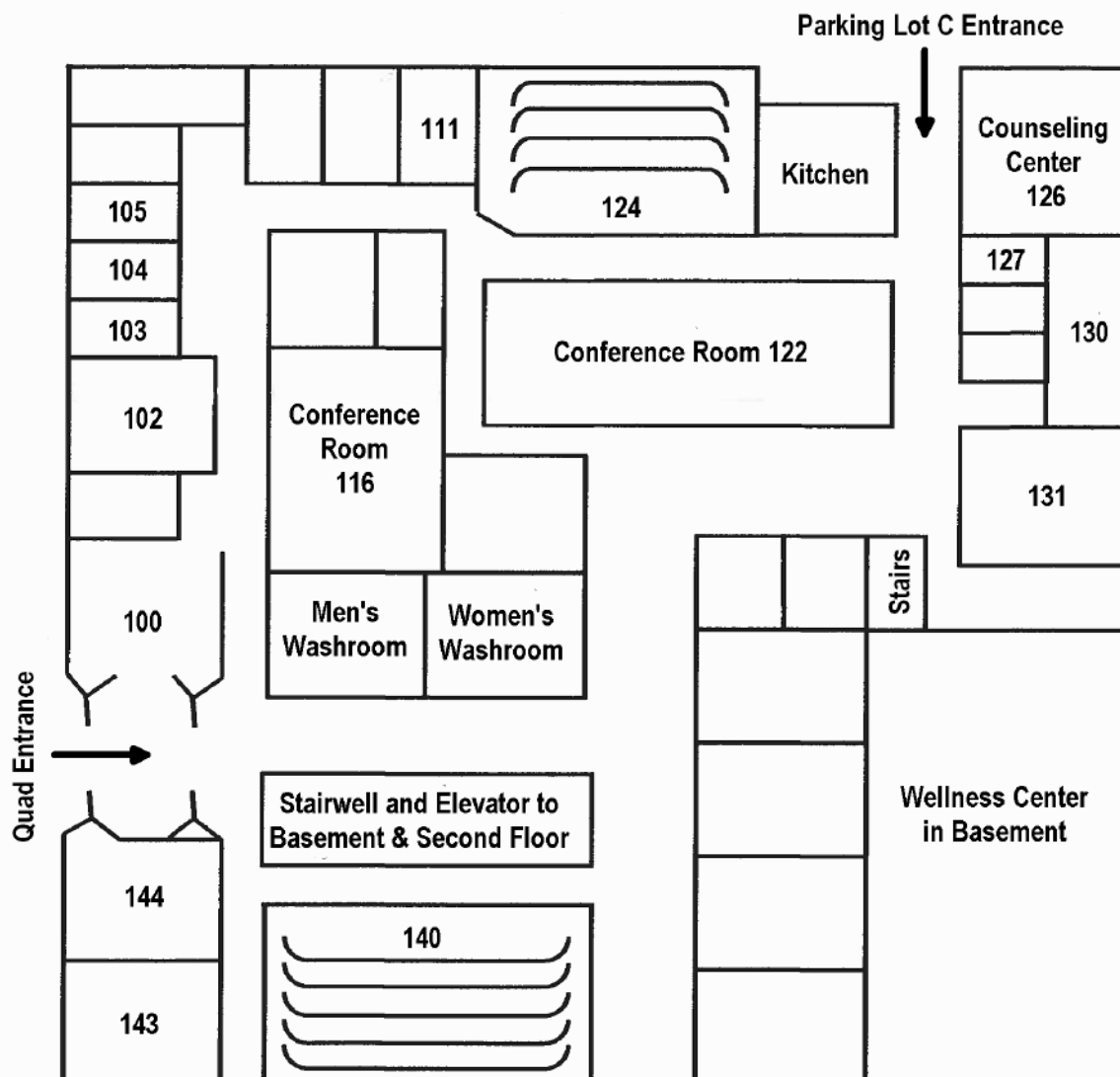
The Center for Lifelong Learning

The Center for Lifelong Learning at USC Aiken is a comprehensive offering of general interest and technical courses. Students can learn on a variety of topics such as history, gardening, line dancing, how to stream TV and more. Tech classes are geared towards answering common technology questions, and general interest courses dive into fascinating topics on subjects of general interest.

Continuing Education

USC Aiken offers continuing education opportunities in art, writing and music. Join other students in a hands on opportunity to develop your skills under our award winning faculty.

Business and Education (B&E) Building



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Center for Lifelong Learning is to provide both structured and informal continuing education opportunities for adults in the CSRA in conjunction with USC Aiken. These opportunities shall include in-person lecture classes, technology classes, field trips, and social events.

PARKING INFORMATION

Parking passes are provided. Visit the Department of External Programs, Room 104 of the Business & Education Building to register. You can also register at the police station on campus. Please bring your driver's license and car registration.

PARKING RULES

Be sure to park in spaces with white lines designated, for students and visitors. Spaces with yellow lines are for USC Aiken staff **ONLY**.

PHOTO RELEASE POLICY

As a member, you agree that your photo may be used for promotional purposes only. If you prefer that your photo not be used, please contact the Department of External Programs at 803- 641-3741 or info@aikenlearning.org.

WHO WE ARE

We are an organization of people from a variety of backgrounds. We share a common interest in continued learning experiences and intellectual stimulation. Not only do we offer lecture classes, but also technology courses for individuals who want to develop or increase their skills in everyday technology. There are no tests or grades. Our courses and activities are planned and implemented by our members. We design our own curriculum and utilize instructors from USC Aiken faculty (current and retired), from our own membership, and from experts in the community.

REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP FEES

We are an outreach program and our fees enable us to offer these classes to our students. To participate in any Center for Lifelong Learning course or event, a membership fee of \$35 per student is required. The membership fee helps us to pay a per-student fee to USC Aiken for the use of the classrooms and for administrative help. This fee also enables us to sponsor occasional social events for the students. Each class that you register for will have a separate cost. Fees charged for the classes allow us to pay the instructors of the courses and are based on the number of sessions in the class.

Occasionally there may be an extra charge for materials related to the class, but these will be noted in the class description. Registration forms can be found on page 37 and 38. You may register at **Open House** on **January 8, 2025** from **9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** in the Business and Education Building, **Room 122**. In addition, you may **see page 35 for other registration methods**.

Dates, times, and locations of classes listed in this catalog are subject to change.
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CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL OFFERS FROM THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

Library – Access computers and borrow books.

Bookstore – 10% on all logo merchandise drinkware, apparel, and gift items.

Campus Food Service – The cafe at the Student Activities Center is open to all CLL members.

Planetarium – Senior Discount: \$5.50.

Wellness Center – Contact 803-641-3641.

Natatorium – Contact 803-641-3431.

USC Aiken Athletic Events – Pay senior rate for admission; varies with sport.

Two General Interest Class Guest Passes – Bring 2 guests! Request tickets through Department of External Programs, Business and Education Bldg., Room 104. Redeemable for guest accompaniment to (1) class for one session each. Additional terms may apply.

USC Aiken Admissions Office – SC residents at least 60 years of age may audit regular university undergraduate and graduate classes for no academic credit without paying tuition, on a space available basis, provided that such persons meet admission and other standards deemed appropriate by the university. Application fees are not covered by this law and will be the responsibility of the senior citizen.

Note: additional terms and conditions may apply to any of the above benefits.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Center for Lifelong Learning is a community of intellectually active adults. Membership entails mutual respect among members and instructors as they pursue knowledge and explore individual interests. Failure to treat ideas, viewpoints, the classroom environment, and interests of other members of the community as well as staff and volunteers with respect and civility will not be tolerated. The Center administration and volunteer leadership are responsible for ensuring the Code of Conduct is being followed in all our sponsored programs.

This Center Code of Conduct is congruent with that for students at USC Aiken in promoting behavior that enables enlightened discourse among individuals.

Dear Fellow Students,

As we begin a new year and our Spring semester, I wish to extend a hearty welcome to returning as well as new students.

Our last semester was affected by hurricane Helene where our campus was closed for a week, however university staff worked diligently to reschedule affected classes and minimize disruption caused by the storm.

As you peruse this catalog you will find, once again, a wide variety of interesting courses in both general studies with over sixty offerings, and technology with some twenty being offered.

As you may be aware we have, on a trial basis, experimented with offering hybrid classes that are accessible both in class and via computer. Our board is still in the process of evaluating whether this will become a regular offering, as there are numerous challenges to overcome with this format.

While course registration is available online, attending our Open House can be fun, and an opportunity to see and meet fellow students while enjoying refreshments. Our Open House will take place on January 8th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Our instructors, who are drawn from the community, are experts in their fields along with active, participating USCA professors. Classes will begin on January 13th.

And remember, we offer “fun in learning” with no homework or tests, just enjoyment in subjects you are interested in. See you in January!

Sincerely,

David Tavernier, President

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1. INTRO TO DIGITAL NETWORKS

Date: 1 Monday: January 13

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Dr. Russ Beckmeyer received his PhD from the University of Missouri. He has more than 50 years of applied computer technology experience with micro-computers, super-computers, networks, software, and computer security. After an extensive career at the Savannah River Site, he spent the last 5 years of his professional career as an engineering director for two different small nuclear reactors. Dr. Beckmeyer has been with the Center's Tech Section since 2018.

Description: This class introduces attendees to the capability of digital networks. Attendees will gain a basic knowledge of various digital networks used to connect phones, computers, home automation and home security. This includes network data limits and availability in this area. This lecture-based class with limited hands-on activity will acquaint attendees with a broad overview of network digital options.

2. EXPLORING WINDOWS

Dates: 5 Mondays: January 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 8

Cost: \$25

Instructor: Russ Beckmeyer: please see bio above.

Description: Windows 11 is the go-to Microsoft operating system for modern PCs. This course provides an overview and dives into new features, settings, system-related apps, and powerful ways to organize and access your work. It also covers personalizing Windows 11, managing and backing up files, protecting your computer from malware, and recovering from hardware failures or software issues.

3. INTRODUCTION TO AI: UNDERSTANDING THE FUTURE IMPLICATIONS

Date: 1 Tuesday: January 14

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Dr. Larry Deschaine will guide you

to the practical world of Artificial Intelligence. As team Lead for Data Science in the Savannah River National Laboratory, Dr. Deschaine brings over 40 years of real-world expertise in making complex technology accessible and practical for everyday life. His expertise and approachable teaching style will ensure you walk away with valuable, immediately applicable skills. Join us for this unique opportunity to learn from a leading expert who understands how to make technology work for you.

Description: This course demystifies Artificial Intelligence (AI) for adults seeking to understand how AI shapes our modern world and impacts daily life. No technical background is required - just bring your curiosity and life experience. Are you curious about ChatGPT, wondering about AI in healthcare, or concerned how AI might affect your profession and the future of work? This course provides a clear, jargon-free exploration of AI technology and its real-world applications. Through interactive discussions and hands-on demonstrations, you'll gain practical knowledge about using AI tools while understanding both their potential and limitations.

4. NATO-THEN, NOW AND FUTURE

Dates: 3 Wednesdays: January 15, 22, 29

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$10

Instructor: John Carman served 42 years as a US Naval officer and senior DOD civilian at US and NATO military headquarters in Europe, the US, and the Pacific.

Michael Durkee is a retired senior US Foreign Service Officer with 11 years' experience as a senior advisor assigned to NATO headquarters in Europe.

Description: This class traces NATO from its 1949 origin to the present day. As a creation of the Cold War era it has been adapted to address international security challenges since the end of the Soviet Union. We will also consider specific NATO military operations in Europe and Afghanistan. Considering the emerging international security environment, does NATO remain relevant and useful?

Session 1: NATO origin and early history

Session 2: NATO in the Cold War to 9/11

Session 3: NATO Post 9/11 and beyond

5. EXCEL 101

Dates: 4 Wednesdays: January 15, 22, 29;
February 5
Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Location: Tech Center
Class Size Limit: 8
Cost: \$22

Instructor: Adam Keller taught Guided Missile Electronics in the U. S. Army since 1955. In addition, he has taught computer programming along with computer hardware and software maintenance. He has been with the Center's Tech Section for over 15 years, designing and teaching various courses. He has taught Excel at all levels for many years.

Description: Learn the basics of spreadsheet development using Excel 2016 for Windows. Other Excel versions are easily adaptable. Class exercises focus on such useful applications as tracking expenses, keeping personal financial records and investments, preparing an address book, and other home/work useful functions. To build proficiency, class exercises for work at home will be provided.

6. POWERPOINT MADE EASY

Dates: 3 Thursdays:
~~January 16, 23, 30~~
~~Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM~~
Location: Tech Center
Class Size Limit: 8
Cost: \$20

**Course withdrawn
due to lack of
interest.**

Instructor: Terry Hallman holds a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in Instructional Technology. Recently retired from Aiken County Public Schools, Terry boasts a 38-year teaching career. Her teaching experience spans all grade levels, from K-12 to offering Professional Development technology courses for fellow educators. Terry's approach to education aligns with the inspiring motto: "Ageless Minds, Timeless Learning: Embracing Wisdom in Every Chapter of Life," attributed to an unknown author.

Description: This basic course is designed specifically for anyone who wants to learn how to create engaging and professional presentations using Microsoft PowerPoint. Through a hands-on, project-based approach, participants will gain practical skills and confidence in using PowerPoint to share their stories, experiences, and knowledge. No prior experience with PowerPoint is required. This course is ideal for participants who are new to

PowerPoint or want to enhance their presentation skills.

7. UNLOCKING MS WORD

Date: 3 Thursdays: January 16, 23, 30
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Location: Tech Center
Class Size Limit: 8
Cost: \$20

Instructor: Terry Hallman: please see bio in previous column.

Description: This course is tailored for participants who want to master Microsoft Word through engaging, hands-on practice. Participants will learn to create, edit, and format documents, making it easier to write letters, create flyers, and manage personal projects. By the end of the course, participants will feel confident using MS Word for various everyday tasks. No prior experience with MS Word is required. This course is ideal for participants who are new to MS Word or want to enhance their document creation skills.

8. iPHONE 101

Dates: 3 Thursdays: January 16, 23, 30
Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Location: B&E Room 144
Cost: \$20

Instructors:

Pam Stone earned a BSN from Columbia University. She has taught at the university level and with the Center Tech Section for over 6 years. **Vicki Gibboney** has a BS in Education. She taught elementary school. She has taught and coached for the Center's Technical Section for over 20 years.

Description: In this hands-on class, we will cover the following: Navigating the iPhone, Apps, Passwords/codes, Notes, Contacts, how to make a call, Messages/texts, and Email.

Attendees must bring their charged device to the class.

9. INTRO TO CHROMEBOOKS

Date: 1 Tuesday: January 21

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Bob Hood holds a BA degree from Franklin & Marshall College and completed the Executive MBA program at the University of Pittsburgh. He has designed and taught computer network courses and ran his own technology consulting practice where he designed, installed, and managed computer networks, infrastructure and training for small business and non-profit clients. He has been with the Center's Tech Section for six years.

Description: Chromebooks have been on the market for over a decade. The first ones were lacking in a lot of areas: power, apps, flexibility, and capacity. However, Chromebooks have come a long way since those early days. This course will help you decide if a Chromebook is right for you, the type of Chromebook to look for, and tips and tricks to get your Chromebook up and running trouble-free.

10. CANADIAN ROCKIES TRAVELOGUE

Date: 1 Tuesday: January 21

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Steve Gordy is an experienced instructor and Lifelong Learning volunteer. While his primary interest is history, he also loves traveling and reading. He retired from the Savannah River Site and Piedmont Technical College.

Description: The rugged grandeur of the Canadian Rockies can best be seen by taking a slow train through the mountains. The Rocky Mountaineer scenic train gives great views of the scenery and wildlife. Ride along with us on this trip!

11. HISTORY IN HEADSTONES: A SIMPLE GUIDE TO CEMETERIES

Date: 2 Tuesdays: January 21, 28

Time: 12:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Jeanmarie Bronson is a longtime

member of Civil War Round Tables, the Clearfield (PA) Historical Society, the Lincoln Forum (Gettysburg), the Association of Gravestone Studies and other historical organizations. Prior to an interest in the American Civil War, she started studying the geography, society, and symbolism in cemeteries and the lives that make up the history of an era.

Description: If you want to learn the history of anything, remember the cemetery. Among the many sources on any matter, the cemetery often adds more than can be found in traditional references. This course will give you the basics of cemetery visits: sizing up the location, types of stones, common symbolism, preservation topics, and more. This background will help your cemetery visits yield a better understanding, faster. As they say, the stones speak.

12. FACEBOOK SECURITY

Date: 2 Tuesdays: January 21, 28

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$18

Instructor: Wayne Rickman has a master's degree in computer management and has been an instructor with the Center's Tech Section for 20 years. He is a retired U. S. Navy (Nuclear Submarine) officer.

Description: Get your Facebook questions answered while reviewing your privacy settings. This two-session course includes updating your Facebook account and privacy settings. **A Facebook account is required to take this course. Attendees will need their Facebook user ID and passwords since they will be using their own FB page in class on classroom computers.**

13. HOME SECURITY

Date: 1 Wednesday: January 22

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Russ Beckmeyer: please see bio on page 14.

Description: Most of us would like the peace of mind and convenience of knowing our home and everything in it is safe and secure. From burglar

alarm systems to full security systems with and without cameras, this course covers all the systems available today. This class will help you determine the type of home security system that is right for you, your home, your needs, your lifestyle, and your budget.

14. AMERICA'S BIRTH THROUGH WOMEN'S EYES

Date: 4 Wednesdays: January 22, 29;

February 5, 12

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Dr. Elizabeth Georgian is a Professor of History and chair of the Department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy at USCA, where she teaches a variety of courses, including women's history. In her spare time, she enjoys camping, kayaking, and hiking with her husband and rescued greyhounds.

Description: This course views early American history through women's eyes, focusing on the stories of Anne Hutchinson, Jane Franklin, Martha Ballard, and Ona Judge. Through their experiences and voices, we will understand American political developments more deeply, as well as topics such as religion, education, medicine, and slavery.

15. NUCLEAR WASTE RESOLUTIONS: NEW DISCOVERIES

Date: 4 Thursdays: January 23, 30; February 6, 13

Time: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Location: RPSEC Room 117

Class Size Limit: 30

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Dr. Rose O. Hayes is a medical anthropologist who spent her career managing public health programs in developing countries and as a U.S. public health official. From 2009 to 2015, she sat on the DOE Site Specific Advisory Board for SRS, chairing the Nuclear Materials Committee. Her many publications include Politics Trumps Nuclear Science (2014).

Description: Some 70,000 tons of high-level defense and commercial radioactive nuclear waste wait for safe storage in the U.S. It is held in corrosion-resistant steel containers for 50 years, in cooling pools, in trenches (lined and unlined),

in research labs, in the ground after accidental release from aircraft, and some in the seas or various other locations, with some unaccounted for. It will be lethal for thousands of years. There is no technology that can destroy it. Government attempts to develop safe repositories for its storage have failed. Government attempts to resolve the public safety, health hazards, and environmental threats are discussed.

16. PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION

Date: 1 Friday: January 24

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Peter Kleinhenz works as the Executive Director of the Aiken Land Conservancy. Previously, he worked as the Conservation Coordinator for Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy in Tallahassee, Florida. Peter has Bachelor of Arts degrees in Zoology and Mass Communications from Miami University and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Education from Southern Oregon University.

Description: Many people think that land conservation means national parks, state parks, and other public lands. However, private land conservation is at least as important in terms of protecting natural habitats and the species they contain while, at the same time, providing numerous other public benefits. We will investigate why private land conservation is important, how it works, and what is being done both locally and nationally to put it into practice.

17. COMPUTER SECURITY

Date: 1 Monday: January 27

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Russ Beckmeyer: please see bio on page 14.

Description: You have read about rogues hacking into commercial, government, and financial computer systems so why do you think your computer is any safer? It is a lot easier and a lot cheaper to prevent an intrusion than it is to clean up after your computer has been compromised. Learn about protecting your Windows computer from

viruses, worms, adware, spyware, and malware. The second half of the class will address basic internet privacy and tracking. Learn how to protect your online identity.

18. THREE CENTURIES OF SC WOMEN

Dates: 3 Mondays: January 27; February 3, 10

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$10

Instructor: Alexia Jones Helsley is Senior Instructor in History & University Archivist at USC Aiken. She teaches World, Ancient & Medieval, Public & South Carolina History. Among her publications are the *Lost History of Aiken County* and a requested chapter in *SC Women: Their Lives & Times*.

Description: This is a three-week exploration of SC women from the Colonial-era through the Twentieth Century. As envisioned, the course will focus on Colonial & Revolutionary Women, SC Suffragists (Rollins Sisters – Eulalie Salley) and 20th Century Trailblazers (Septima Poinsett Clark, Modjeska Simkins, Wil Lou Gray, Jean Toal and others).

The stories of SC women, their lives, challenges, and contributions offer insights that are often little known or appreciated. This course will examine the lives of specific women and the times in which they lived.

19. HOME SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS

Date: 1 Tuesday: January 28

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Russ Beckmeyer: please see bio on page 14.

Description: Should you decide that a home surveillance system might be right for you, this class will acquaint you with security camera systems along with the integration of burglar alarm/security systems and camera surveillance systems. Residential surveillance systems range from single to multiple cameras and can be incorporated into a comprehensive whole-house security system. Attendees will learn about the interactions between these various systems and the networks that can be used to support their functions.

20. FREAKY AND FABULOUS FUNGI

Date: 1 Friday: January 31

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$5

**Course
withdrawn at
instructor's
request.**

Instructor: Dr. Lisa Ennis is an avid gardener with an affinity for native plants and their role in nature. She has a Certificate in Native Plant Studies from the Birmingham (Alabama) Botanical Gardens and completed Alabama Extension's Master Gardener course in 2012. She is currently the Dean of the Gregg-Graniteville Library at USCA and holds several academic degrees and honors. She is often found outside gardening, sketching, or playing with her three rescue pups.

Description: Enter the strange and unusual world of fungi. Some stink, some look like they are bleeding, some look like ears, and some are extremely toxic. Where do they come from? Why are they important? You will learn what criteria experts use to identify different fungi, why you should not forage mushrooms on your own, and how the mycelium network supports the health of ecosystems.

21. TV STREAMING

Date: 1 Monday: February 3

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Darrell Pluff has a bachelor's degree and post graduate work from San Diego State University for teaching certification. He is a retired business education instructor who has taught at the high school and college level in the United States and Australia. He has been with the Center's Technology Section for over nine years.

Description: The world of TV streaming can be quite confusing because of the many options available now to watch your favorite TV programs. Are you thinking about "cutting the cord" or exploring the TV streaming options available to you? Comparisons and features of live TV streaming, on-demand streaming and free TV streaming are presented. Smart TV technology and Internet connectivity for TV streaming are also presented.

22. LINE DANCING

Dates: 6 Mondays: February 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10
Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Location: Aiken County Shrine Club, 1526 Columbia Hwy N, Aiken, SC 29801
Class Size Limit: 45
Cost: \$18

Instructor: Brenda Taylor is a lifetime resident of Aiken; an active lifetime member and past president of CSRA Shag Club Aiken-Augusta; a line dance and Carolina shag instructor; a member of SOS in North Myrtle Beach, SC for over 30 years. She teaches and attends club events all over the South.

Description: Lessons begin with basic steps, broken down and taught slowly for beginners and progress to more intermediate dances. A new dance is taught each week and dances learned in previous weeks are reviewed. Line dancing is a choreographed dance with a repeated sequence of steps in which a group of people dance in one or more lines or rows without regard for partnering, all executing the steps at the same time. Line dancing provides good exercise and is great food for the heart and brain as well as to meet new friends.

23. BRAIN AND BODY FITNESS I

Dates: 4 Tuesdays: February 4, 11, 18, 25
Time: 9:30 - 10:45 AM
Location: B&E Room 144
Class Size Limit: 22
Cost: \$12

Instructor: Carol Gerson is a Certified Ageless Grace Educator. She has been passionate about the subject of fitness and wellness all her life. Carol is proud to educate individuals about the benefits of staying functionally active and healthy. Managing the care of incapacitated parents for 21 years gives her a unique awareness of the medical and social challenges of living a long life.

Description: Based on the science of neuroplasticity, Brain and Body Fitness stimulates brain and body simultaneously. Engage core muscles which support the spine and limbs while seated in a chair. This playful fitness program addresses 21 simple movements designed for "Lifelong Comfort and Ease". It focuses on cognitive function, balance/fall prevention, joint mobility, spinal flexibility, breathing, and more, practiced to upbeat, age-appropriate music.

24. BRAIN AND BODY FITNESS II

Dates: 4 Tuesdays: February 4, 11, 18, 25
Time: 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Location: B&E Room 144
Class Size Limit: 22
Cost: \$12

Instructor: Carol Gerson: please see bio in previous column.

Description: Class II is designed for those who have already taken a prior session of Brain and Body Fitness and focuses on fall prevention/balance and breathing techniques. A mini foot workshop and body brushing will be incorporated.

25. FIGHT BACK AGAINST COMPUTER SCAMS

Date: 1 Tuesday: February 4
Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Location: B&E Room 144
Cost: \$15

Instructor: Gabriel Lemnaru has 20 years of hands-on experience in the computer and network security field. He has a Master of Science Degree in Information Security and Assurance. He is a Certified Ethical Hacker; Computer Hacking Forensics Investigator; a Cisco Certified Network and a Cisco Certified CyberOps Associate, also recognized with the formal NSA and CNSS 4011 Certification.

Description: Attendees will learn how to defend themselves against a growing spectrum of scams that are targeting individual users more than ever before. Anti-viruses, firewalls, and modern security tools are no match for the evolving landscape of sophisticated phishing campaigns and fraud attempts that target a wide variety of devices and services. The hackers are becoming more sophisticated as they become richer. The average scam is between \$500 and \$2,500, but there are cases where the amounts scammed were tens of thousands of dollars with no hope of recovery. All techniques presented in this class are identified in real work situations gathered from real cases.

26. APPLE WATCH

Date: 1 Tuesday: February 4

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Vicki Gibboney: please see bio on page 15.

Description: Learn to use the basics of your Apple Watch. This class will cover choosing a watch face, opening watch apps, notifications, and control center. Learn the dock, the Digital Crown, the flashlight, and Siri. Learn how to enable Fall Detection—a lifesaver. There will be a handout for you to take home. **You must have your own Apple Watch and have it paired with your iPhone. A knowledge of basic iPhone fundamentals is expected.**

27. UNDERSTANDING THE FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM

Dates: 2 Wednesdays: February 5, 12

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Allison Hamilton has worked on presidential races and local elections; and has taught political science courses for over 20 years. She is currently the executive director of Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness in Aiken, SC, and teaches political science for Middle Georgia State University.

Description: This course will consider the federal court system. Court decisions have dramatic impacts on our lives and as the only non-elected branch of the federal government are most insulated from public opinion. Whether this is 'good' or 'bad' is often subjective. Session 1 will lay out the regulations on the courts, checks & balances with other branches of the government, how they are structured, and how cases move through the system. Session 2 will focus on how courts are staffed. How judges are chosen, the current controversies surrounding nominations, and alternatives used in states to bring the judiciary closer to public accountability.

28. STAR WARS AND STAR TREK

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

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Corey Rogers is a native of Augusta, Georgia. He earned a B.A. in History from South Carolina State University and a M.A. in History from Georgia Southern University. He is the Executive Director of the Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History.

Description: We are going to go back, a long time ago, in a galaxy, far, far, away, where no student has gone before, to look at the evolution and growth of science fiction and fantasy movies and television shows, in particular Star Wars and Star Trek. This course will explore the universes created by George Lucas and Gene Roddenberry. Be ready to explore fun as well as the serious sides of these franchises. Be prepared to let your geek side show!

29. IPHONE 102

Dates: 3 Thursdays: February 6, 13, 20

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$20

Instructors: Vicki Gibboney & Pam Stone: please see bios on page 15.

Description: In this hands-on course, we will cover the following: Safari, The Clock App, Calendar, Maps, Wallet, Translate App, Security and Accessibility features. **Attendees must bring their charged device to the class.**

30. NEAR MISSES AND UNTOLD TRUTHS

Dates: 3 Fridays: February 7, 14, 21

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$10

Instructor: Dr. Kenneth Stephens is a Nuclear Physicist who, for over 50 years, has supported various government agencies and private organizations. He has been a consultant to the National Academy of Sciences, and numerous organizations. He has been involved with investigating the assassination of Russian spy, Alexander Litveninko, as well as use of neutrons in solving a murder in New York.

Description: Behind what we see in the news and history books, there are numerous instances of near misses, untold truths, and key events that almost did not happen. Some embarrass politicians and are “buried.” Join us to learn why George Washington really beat Cornwallis at Yorktown, why Napoleon may have lost at Waterloo, and several instances in which we came very close to World War III. We will look at little known facts that can have a profound impact on our country and the world, and how we fit into it and can affect it.

31. BALLET AND OTHER DANCE FORMS

Date: 2 Fridays: February 7, 14

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructors: Joy and Jeffrey Engel trained many years in Russian Classical Ballet, met in a studio in New York City, and honeymooned on an Equity Summer Stock Tour of “Carousel.” Their performing careers included dancing and touring in the United States, Canada, and Europe. They have also choreographed productions, and taught dance in various studios, schools, and colleges. This is their 13th time sharing their experiences and insights about ballet.

Description: In each of the two classes, we will discuss and share many videos to explore changes in ballet and other dance forms. We will view and compare dancers in class, rehearsals and performances. Over time there have been many interesting changes in the technique and style of ballet.

32. USING ANDROID DEVICES

Date: 2 Mondays: February 10, 17

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$18

Instructor: Dennis Harkins was a teacher and technology specialist in schools in Pennsylvania for over 30 years. He was also an adjunct professor at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia and was also a member of the Philadelphia Area Computer Society. He has been with the Center’s Tech Section for more than 15 years.

Description: Android phones are five times more numerous than iPhones in the world, and with a

2-1 advantage in this country. This course will help attendees navigate the sometimes-confusing settings and app functions of Androids. Also, attendees will learn about some of the most popular apps for Android. **Attendees must bring their Android phones or tablets with them to the class and should also have with them the passwords that allow them to download apps if their Android devices require passwords.**

33. ADVANCE PLANNING OF YOUR FINAL FUNERAL WISHES

Date: 3 Mondays: February 10, 17, 24

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$10

Instructor: Graham Hall is a licensed funeral director/embalmer and the President of Shellhouse Funeral Home & Shellhouse-Rivers Funeral Home here in Aiken. He has been serving in the funeral industry for over 15 years. Graham is a lifelong Aiken resident and has degrees from Clemson University and Piedmont Mortuary College

Description: Not everyone likes to plan ahead, but pre-planning your funeral arrangements not only gives you peace of mind about your final wishes being honored but also alleviates some of the stress and burden your loved ones are going through as they experience the grief associated with the loss. This class will explore the idea of preplanning these wishes while also answering the wide array of questions associated with death.

34. ONE DRIVE

Date: 1 Tuesday: February 11

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 8

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Russ Beckmeyer: please see bio on page 14.

Description: OneDrive is one of Microsoft’s most powerful yet often not well understood computer technologies. OneDrive is a file hosting service based on the cloud storage model. The free service allows users to access the file over the internet from any computer or phone. Topics to be covered include: file access anywhere, free storage, no accidental deletes, extra security, and automatic backups.

35. APPLIED AI: A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR MAKING AI WORK FOR YOU SECTION A

Date: 1 Tuesday: February 11

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Larry Deschaine: please see bio on page 14.

Description: Discover how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can make your daily life easier in our engaging 2-hour workshop. We will show you how to use ChatGPT and similar AI assistants to write emails and letters, plan travel, research health topics, understand and visualize information, write computer programs, and more. The workshop includes hands-on practice with popular AI applications. Perfect for adults who want to leverage technology to maintain an active, interconnected, and informed lifestyle. No technical background needed - just bring your smartphone or tablet and your curiosity. Small class size ensures personal attention and plenty of time for questions. The same course will also be taught February 18th.

36. GREAT DECISIONS

Dates: 8 Wednesdays: February 12, 19, 26;

March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Class Size Limit: 18

Cost: \$25

Instructor: John Karas is a graduate of The University of Toledo and has taught at Harper College in Illinois. His lifelong interest in history led him to become a member of the 250 Committee preparing and educating about the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026.

Description: This 8-week group discussion course will address the following topics:

Session 1: American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads

Session 2: U.S. Changing Leadership of the World Economy

Session 3: U.S.-China Relations

Session 4: International Cooperation on Climate Change

Session 5: The Future of NATO and European Security

Session 6: AI and American National Security

Session 7: India: between China, the West, and the Global South

Session 8: After Gaza: American Policy in the Middle East

Note: Purchase of class book-order online at sales@fpa.org. Cost of book is \$35.

37. EXCEL 102

Dates: 4 Wednesdays: February 12, 19, 26;

March 5

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 8

Cost: \$22

Instructor: Adam Keller: please see bio on page 15.

Description: This course is for attendees who have either completed the Excel 101 course or have a thorough understanding of the basics of Excel. The class covers such concepts as graphing and hiding data, pivot tables that manipulate data, nested formulas, and conditional formatting. The development of formulas will be explained in such a way as to be easily understood. To build proficiency, class exercises for work at home will be provided.

38. THE GLORY THAT WAS GREECE

Dates: 2 Mondays: February 17, 24

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Alexia Jones Helsley: please see bio on page 18.

Description: "The Glory that was Greece" is a two-week course that examines the cultural legacy particularly of the Periclean Age – the Golden Age of Greece. Presentations will discuss Greek contributions to art, architecture, theatre, poetry, philosophy, history and more.

39. APPLIED AI: A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR MAKING AI WORK FOR YOU SECTION B

Date: 1 Tuesday: February 18

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Dr. Larry Deschaine: please see bio on page 14.

Description: Discover how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can make your daily life easier in our engaging 2-hour workshop. We will show you how to use ChatGPT and similar AI assistants to write emails and letters, plan travel, research health topics, understand and visualize information, write computer programs, and more. The workshop includes hands-on practice with popular AI applications. Perfect for adults who want to leverage technology to maintain an active, interconnected, and informed lifestyle. No technical background needed - just bring your smartphone or tablet and your curiosity. Small class size ensures personal attention and plenty of time for questions. This is the same course that was scheduled for February 11th.

40. SAVANNAH RIVER PLANT RETROSPECTIVE

**Dates: 4 Wednesdays: February 19,26;
March 5,12**
Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM
Location: B&E Room 144
Cost: \$12

Instructors: Mary Beth Reed and Josh Blackmon are historians with the Savannah River Cold War Historic Preservation Program. **Nate Price** is a digitization expert within the Program. **Susie Ferrara**, the Program's SRNL manager, and historian **Allen Riddick** will draw on their deep roots within the Aiken community for their presentation.

Description: This class describes the impact developing Savannah River Site (SRS) in the 1950s had on life in the Aiken area. Topics include: (1) Housing -- the decision of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) not to have a government town associated with SRS was marvelously timed with the arrival of the American Ranch House in the Southeast; (2) Music and Recreation -- the AEC and DuPont knew a happy work force was needed for the construction of SRS and the transition into a permanent workforce; (3) Ecology -- now-famous scientists Ruth Patrick and Eugene Odum changed how the world thought about our environment; and (4) Community -- what the thousands of men and women who came to the CSRA in search of work at SRS found here, and how they changed it.

41. WHO'S AFRAID OF OPERA

Dates: 6 Wednesdays: February 19 , 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: B&E Room 144
Cost: \$18

Instructor: Dr. Maureen Simpson has performed in over two dozen operas in the United States and Europe, as well as numerous appearances with symphonies and choral societies. She attended the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia and the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria. Dr. Simpson is currently Artistic Director of the Aiken Choral Society.

Description: The following operas will be discussed:

Marriage of Figaro, by Mozart (in theaters Sat., 4-26-25 @ 1:00pm)

Salome, by Richard Strauss (in theaters Sat., 5-17-25 @ 1:00pm)

Barber of Seville, by Rossini (in theaters Sat., 5-31-25 @ 1:00pm)

The classes will introduce historical and musical background, composer issues, performing problems, and plots, providing both beginner and veteran operagoers with a deeper insight into each work.

42. LIFE AS AN INDIAN TRADER

Date: 1 Thursday: February 20
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM
Location: B&E Room 144
Cost: \$5

Instructor: Bobby Blackwell is a reenactor who interprets the life and times of a Carolina Indian Trader during 1670-1760. Mr. Blackwell has an associate degree from North Greenville College and a graduate degree from the University of South Carolina. He has worked for the South Carolina State Museum for 30 years and now serves on the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Military Museum.

Description: During this class the instructor, fully dressed in period attire, will be doing an interpretation of a Carolina Indian Trader from 1670-1760. He will provide a lecture about the trade system, its impact on the colony, the traders, and the Indians who participated in the process. The presentation will also include a display of trade items from the time period.

43. SMART HOME SOLUTIONS

Date: 1 Monday: February 24

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Russ Beckmeyer: please see bio on page 14.

Description: Are you intrigued by the idea of a smart home? You might be curious about what exactly a smart home entails. Whether you are interested in enhancing security, optimizing energy usage, or simply making daily life more convenient, our comprehensive course has you covered. You will learn what a smart home is and how it works. We will explore the most common smart home features, including voice assistants, smart lighting, security cameras, and more.

44. ADVANCED COMPUTER/TECH SCAMS

Date: 1 Tuesday: February 25

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Gabriel Lemnaru: please see bio on page 19.

Description: This class is designed for those who want to learn more about modern scams that target the digital frontier of the 21st Century. Intermediate knowledge of computers and technology is desired for attendees in this class but is not required. No matter how advanced or new you are with technology, you will have a lot to learn from this class. The next few years will bring more technology into our lives and there will be no shortage of advanced scams that target the users. Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be better leveraged by hackers and scammers rather than the security tools developed to keep us safe. Learn how to protect yourself and rest better at night.

45. APPLE HELP LAB

Date: 1 Tuesday: February 25

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: Tech Center

Cost: Free

Instructor: Wayne Rickman: please see bio on page 16.

Description: Your membership in the Center qualifies you to attend the meetings of this group. If you have any questions concerning the operation of Apple products, you are welcome to attend these meetings. This group is led by the instructors of the Apple computer and iPhone/iPad courses. Come and get your questions answered and share your own experience with other members. There is no cost for this session.

46. IPHONE/IPAD CAMERA

Dates: 2 Thursdays: February 27; March 6

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$18

Instructor: Bob Hood: please see bio on page 16.

Description: In this course attendees will learn how to make the most of the camera and photo app on their iPhone and iPad, learn to access and use the various camera controls and settings for photos and video and then how to view them. Attendees will also learn how to use the photo app to edit photos or videos. **Attendees must bring their own device to the class along with their Apple ID and Password with them. Knowledge of iPad or iPhone is required.**

47. WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT END-OF-LIFE PREPARATION

Dates: 2 Thursdays: February 27; March 6

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Cheryl Murga, BA, MS is a retired educator living a Zen life in Aiken. She strives to support the common good and local community through outreach and enrichment programs. Her early career as a paralegal working with wills, estate planning, lots of research and her own personal loss of loved ones provides the knowledge for being prepared when someone you love dies.

Description: This course is designed to help participants understand and prepare the essential documents and financial information needed when facing the death of a spouse, loved one, or themselves. Attendees will learn practical steps for navigating the complex processes involved, including how to create an "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) binder. This binder acts as a comprehensive

guide, providing vital information to assist spouses or family members in the event of sudden death, illness, or injury, ensuring smoother transitions during challenging times.

48. THE WORLD OF FERNS

Date: 1 Friday: February 28

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Lisa Ennis: please see bio on page 18.

Description: Dive into the fascinating world of ferns, where ancient plant life meets Victorian intrigue! This class explores the biology, diversity, and ecological importance of ferns while taking you on a historical journey through the Victorian-era phenomenon known as “Pteridomania” or Fernmania. Learn how the Victorians became obsessed with collecting and cultivating ferns, turning these lush green plants into symbols of status and inspiration for art, design, and literature. We will also discuss how to grow and care for ferns in modern landscapes, with a focus on native species perfect for shade gardens and forest-like habitats.

49. POETRY APPRECIATION

Dates: 4 Wednesdays: March 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Arthur Turfa is a published poet/writer with a half-dozen poetry books, one literary fiction novel, and one short story collection. He has 25 years of teaching experience on secondary and post-secondary levels and is head of the South Carolina Writers Association Poetry Chapter.

Description: Each class will feature explications of 2-4 poems depending on length. There will be an introductory session of poetic style and movements. Some poems and poets will be known, some not. Poems not originally in English will be offered in translation.

50. EXPLORING AN 18TH CENTURY PANTRY

Date: 1 Monday: March 3

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Gwen Spivey is an 18th Century Living

Historian whose passion for sharing history has led to a decade of presentations in various local, state, and national historic sites across the Southeast. From portraying a spy at Colonial Williamsburg’s “Under the Redcoat” to public school presentations and previously penning a weekly column for The Edgefield Advertiser entitled “Time Travelers,” she has engaged visitors, readers, and students alike in the ways of our colonial ancestors.

Description: What was dining like in the colonial period? This program will discuss both common and interesting items used in cooking for an 18th-century home. A PowerPoint presentation coupled with a traveling trunk of period-correct foods, spices, and enhancers will give attendees a glimpse at what was in the pantry.

51. LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION

Dates: 4 Tuesdays: March 4, 11, 18, 25

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Class Size Limit: 40

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Tiajuana Cochnauer, tribal member and registered artist with the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, interpreted Sacagawea as an employee of the National Park Service at the Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Astoria, Oregon. She later camped the Idaho portion of the trail to better understand journal entries and to imagine Expedition’s experiences.

Description: Experience the 8,000-mile journey, depending on what you consider the beginning, from Pennsylvania to the Pacific Ocean and back. In 1803 - 1805, why journey without GPS, without vehicles, without a sous chef? What four-legged animal was part of the Expedition? We will explore these critical components using the journals Lewis, Clark and other Expedition members recorded. One session will include a Zoom conversation from Idaho with a descendant of Sacagawea’s brother, Cameahwait. There may also be a surprise guest to bring his stories to life for you.

52. PICASA PHOTO EDITING

Date: 1 Tuesday: March 4

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 8

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Douglas Leader graduated with a BS in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois. He worked his entire career at what is now the Savannah River Site. Doug's interest in Photography started when he was very young. For many years he had his own darkroom for developing and printing black and white photographs. He has been with the Center's Tech Section for over 10 years and has coached and taught sessions in Picasa and Photoshop.

Description: Picasa is a free program to be used for organizing and editing photos taken with a digital camera or an Android cell phone. It cannot be used on Apple computers or photos taken with Apple products. Google no longer provides support for this program; however, it is still in use by millions of enthusiasts to organize and edit their photos. Google support is not necessary. Students will be given a thumb drive with the program to be installed on their home computer. Once installed on your computer, it automatically finds all the photos on your computer and organizes them by date. You will learn a simple four-step process that allows you to quickly correct most of the common problems with most candid photos and you will be able to easily find photos taken even years ago.

53. INFLUENTIAL AIKENITES

Dates: 3 Tuesdays: March 4, 11, 18

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$10

Instructor: Marty Bailey is a transplant from Texas who fell in love with Aiken's people, spirit, and history when she began learning about Aiken through her volunteering at the city's visitors center and the historic museum. Wanting to share her love of Aiken and its fascinating history, she created Tailored Tours of Aiken. When not providing tours, she enjoys time with her grandsons, gardening, domestic travel, and learning more history.

Description: Learn about people who were born in Aiken and went out into the world to make a name for themselves and bring pride to their hometown and in some cases, improve the world around them.

54. EUROPE 1985: A TRIP LIKE NO OTHER

Dates: 2 Thursdays: March 6, 13

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Carl Fields is a retired Westinghouse and Savannah River Site engineer who has lived in Aiken since 1990. He has been a member of the CLL and its predecessor organization since around 2005 and taught three previous CLL courses. He still enjoys traveling and (especially) returning to Aiken after each trip.

Description: This course is based on the instructor's 9-week guided bus tour of Europe during the summer of 1985. The course focuses on: (1) differences between 1985 and now; (2) sites visited on the tour; (3) photos taken during the tour (on 35 mm film); and (4) personal memories (some amusing, some touching, all heartfelt). "Differences between 1985 and now" include items and places associated with the trip that no longer exist (or are now rare). Examples (in addition to photographic film) include: travelers checks, "Walkman"-type cassette-tape players, luggage without convenient wheels and pull-up handles, the Berlin Wall, and Yugoslavia.

55. COMMON SHOREBIRDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Date: 1 Friday: March 7

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Liz Malyszek is a certified Florida Master Naturalist and a hobbyist nature photographer. She has lectured for University of South Florida OLLIE in Tampa, FL, and was a University of Florida Extension Florida Master Naturalist Instructor prior to relocating to Aiken. Liz was also a Nature Guide in Florida for over 15 years.

Description: This course will visually introduce participants to the most common, beautiful shorebirds that can be found in South Carolina, with interesting facts and tips on where, when, and how to find them.

56. HUMANS ARE GOOD —DOGS & CATS ARE BETTER

Dates: 2 Fridays: March 7, 14

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Class Limit: 40

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Dr. Holly Woltz has advanced degrees in Education, Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology and a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine and Surgery from the University of Georgia. She was a Small Animal Veterinarian for 36 years.

Description: These two class sessions will cover topics relating to differences (genetic, physical and behavior) among the 3 species (humans, dogs, and cats) and veterinary medicine as a vocation and a challenge. Specific topics include a federal government health program emphasizing the interconnection of all species, zoonotic diseases, the next possible COVID- or AIDs-like pandemic affecting humans, and advances in veterinary medicine happening now.

57. VENONA PAPERS: COLD WAR ESPIONAGE

Dates: 2 Mondays: March 10, 17

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: John Karas: please see bio on page 22.

Description: The media said Senator Joseph McCarthy saw a Communist behind every door. Well, he and the media were wrong. There were two Communists behind every door. The Venona Papers are a collection of top-secret documents that reveal Soviet espionage efforts against the United States during World War II and the Cold War. They were declassified in 1995 and provide us with a clear and bleak picture of the depth of the Communist effort in America and especially in our government. You will not believe how deep they were in our government during World War II and the 1950's.

58. USING MACBOOKS & iMACS

Dates: 3 Mondays: March 10, 17, 24

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$20

Instructors: Patricia Pluff has a bachelor's degree from Southern Connecticut University and a master's degree in computer science from Kent State University. She is retired and uses her computer skills for volunteer work with the Center for Lifelong Learning and her local community.

Description: Moving from a Microsoft Windows computer to an Apple MacBook laptop or Apple iMac computer can be tricky. This course is designed to help attendees get familiar with the many features available on those Apple computers. An introduction to Pages, Apple's answer to Microsoft's Word, is included. For those who do not have an Apple laptop computer, the Tech Center has four Apple iMac computers that are available on a first-come-first served basis. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own Apple MacBook laptops. A flash drive is required for this course.

59. HELENE AND ITS IMPACT ON THE CSRA

Date: 1 Thursday: March 13

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Riley Hale is the Chief Meteorologist for News 12-26 and has called Augusta home for 7 years. His wife Emily, daughter Ellie, and two dogs, Copper and Luna keep him busy most of the time but whenever he gets some free time he loves to fish and golf. He has covered dozens of tornadoes across the area over the years and recently won an Emmy for coverage of the EF-3 tornadoes to impact the eastern CSRA April 5, 2022.

Description: This class will look back at the meteorology of the worst wind event for the CSRA in our history, the significant flooding we saw, and even tornadoes that occurred before Helene arrived.

60. iPHONE/iPAD iCLOUD

Date: 1 Thursday: March 13

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Location: Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Bob Hood: please see bio on page 16.

Description: Having trouble making sense of the iCloud? In this course attendees will investigate syncing their iPad/iPhone to other devices and backing up their devices using iCloud for photo-management, as well as taking a look at other non-Apple cloud storage choices. **Attendees must bring their devices and have their Apple ID and Apple password with them. Learning to use your iPad/iPhone or equivalent knowledge is a prerequisite.**

61. EDGEFIELD POTTERY HISTORY

Dates: 4 Thursdays: March 13, 20, 27; April 3

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Dr. Tim McClendon is no stranger to academia, having taught at Emory University in Canon Law and History. He had been an avid potter until a recent accident, and his works have been displayed and shown in a number of museums and galleries. As a native of Edgefield, his familiarity with Edgefield/Aiken Stoneware production is quite extensive.

Description: In this class you will learn the importance of Edgefield Stoneware Manufacturing through firsthand experience in identifying the distinctives of Edgefield Stoneware, the manufacturing process, and the social implications of slave produced pottery and the life of David Drake, i.e., “Dave the Potter.” Dr. McClendon’s family began the first Edgefield Pottery Museum, and his family still owns the original 105 ft kiln site of Pottersville north of Edgefield. A field trip is a possibility for this 4-session class.

62. USED NUCLEAR FUEL

Dates: 3 Thursdays: March 13, 20, 27

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$10

Instructors: Dr. Bob Sindelar is a Laboratory Fellow at the Savannah River National Laboratory. He has nearly 40 years’ experience in providing solutions to challenges across the nuclear fuel cycle. **Dr. Jim Marra** worked at SRNL progressing to the level of Advisory Engineer. He served as CNTA’s Executive Director from 2016-2023.

Paul Ebel is a degreed Nuclear Engineer with a career that started in the Nuclear Submarine Service, then with the Nuclear Fuel Reprocessing

Plant in Barnwell, SC, and finally with his own nuclear engineering company supporting the world-wide nuclear industry.

Description: Used nuclear fuel is a byproduct of the gigawatts of carbon free electricity our nation generates from nuclear power plants. There are currently 93 operating plants in 28 states that generate approximately 20% of the nation’s electricity. The plants generate about 2,000 metric tons of used fuel each year and currently there are about 86,000 metric tons of spent fuel being safely managed and stored. This class will provide a review of spent nuclear management and storage, options for interim storage and permanent disposal, and prospects for fuel recycling.

Session 1: Used nuclear fuel inventory, management, and storage.

Session 2: Used fuel interim storage and geologic disposal.

Session 3: History and prospects for used fuel recycling.

63. 1936 BERLIN OLYMPICS

Dates: 2 Tuesdays: March 18, 25

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Samuel Pierce is an Associate Professor of History at the University of South Carolina Aiken. He teaches courses on European history and has published research on modern Spain in the *Journal of Contemporary History* and *Catholic Historical Review*. Current research projects include Catholic mobilization in Spain’s Second Republic, masculine indoctrination in Franco’s Spain, and the history of intellectual and developmental disability.

Description: Sometimes dubbed “Hitler’s Olympics,” the 1936 Summer Games were an important moment in the history of Olympic movement. Known for the athletic feats of Jesse Owens, the Games were also a key moment in the world’s reckoning with fascism. As the Nazis sought to put their stamp on the event and to use it to further their political and diplomatic agenda, the world considered the potential drawbacks of participating at all. This two-session class will explore the controversies that took place during the lead-up to the Games, the Games themselves, and the consequences that endured long after they were over.

64. INTRODUCTION TO MEDITATION

Date: 1 Wednesday: March 19

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: B&E Room 144

Class Size Limit: 20

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Sharon Preston believes meditation is a time to quiet the mind. This provides one with a sense of calm throughout the day. She has been leading guided meditation groups for several years.

Description: Meditation is known to decrease anxiety and stress, and to lower blood pressure. In this class, we will practice breathing exercises, exercises for stress reduction and engage in a meditation session at the end of class.

65. MARTHA KITCHINGS SEAWRIGHT ELLISON

Dates: 2 Fridays: Lecture - March 21;

Field Trip - March 28

Time: Lecture - 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Field Trip - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Dr. Walter B. Curry, Jr. is the founder of Renaissance Publications, LLC, and has published two books that consist of stories that cover the lineage of Dr. Curry's ancestry from slavery, the Civil War, the Reconstruction Era, and family life in Aiken County, South Carolina, and beyond.

Description: Martha Kitchings Seawright Ellison was born into slavery on November 20, 1849, in Aiken County, SC.

Session 1: This session presents a contextualized narrative of Martha's life, highlighting the local history of South Carolina during the antebellum period and the Civil War, her experiences during the Reconstruction Era, the circumstances of her marriages to two husbands, and her life in the post-Reconstruction period through the Gilded Age (1875-1900).

Session 2: This will involve a field trip to the Wagener Museum, where participants will explore the Kitchings Mill community. This visit will feature a historical exhibition that chronicles the life of Martha, providing both personal and historical insights. We can meet at the Dollar General on Hwy 4/302 in Kitchings Mill and travel to the Wagener Museum. The museum is situated at

7041 Wagener Rd, Wagener, SC 29164.

66. THE GRANDEUR THAT WAS ROME

Dates: 2 Mondays: March 24, 31

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost \$8

Instructor: Alexia Jones Helsley: please see bio on page 18.

Description: "The Grandeur that was Rome" is a two-week session that studies the legacy of Ancient Rome. The class will examine Roman architecture, engineering and urban design, oratory, mosaics, frescos and much more.

67. HISTORIC HOTELS OF AIKEN

Dates: 3 Fridays: March 28; April 4, 11

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$10

Instructor: Marty Bailey: please see bio on page 26.

Description: This course will take a look at the grand and not-so-grand hotels that served our Aiken travelers and learn what drew so many visitors to Aiken.

68. LIFE IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE

Dates: 3 Tuesdays: April 1, 8, 15

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$10

Instructor: Dr. Angel Rañales is Assistant Professor in the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at USC Aiken. His research expertise focuses on medieval studies, with special attention to book history and visual culture. He teaches courses on Spanish language, culture, and literature.

Description: This class offers a birds-eye view of life conditions in the Middle Ages in Europe. Normally associated with the Dark Ages, the medieval period witnessed extraordinary developments and unparalleled breakthroughs that have transformed life and history. Topics include: responses to plagues and other natural disasters, establishment of printing presses and access to books, invention of military and recreational

equipment, fashion and clothing revolution, and global trade and commerce. The main objective is to show, discuss, and learn that the stories and lessons from the past are still valid in our present.

69. CREATING A BUTTERFLY HAVEN

Date: 1 Wednesday: April 2

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Lisa Ennis: please see bio on page 18.

Description: Discover the art and science of transforming your garden into a vibrant butterfly sanctuary! This talk will delve into the incredible relationship between native plants and butterflies, showing how thoughtfully selected flora can attract and support these beautiful pollinators throughout their lifecycle. We will explore plant species native to your region that offer nectar for adult butterflies and serve as host plants for caterpillars, ensuring every stage of their development finds a welcoming home.

70. MYSTERIES BEHIND THE WRITING OF DRACULA

Dates: 4 Thursdays: April 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Dacre Stoker is the great grandnephew of Bram Stoker and the international best-selling co-author of *Dracula the Un-Dead* and *Dracul*. He is also the co-editor of *The Lost Journal of Bram Stoker: The Dublin Years*. Dacre has consulted and appeared in recent film documentaries about vampires in literature and popular culture.

Description: This course weaves together the details behind the research and writing of the novel *Dracula* by Bram Stoker. This topic has fascinated audiences around the world, exploring the issues behind the mysteries that have baffled *Dracula* scholars and fans since the book's publication in 1897. Illustrated with Dacre's collection of never before published, and seldom-seen historic images, students will get a glimpse behind the scenes of the life and the writing of one of the least known authors and one of the world's most famous books.

71. SEIZING POWER

Dates: 3 Thursdays: April 3, 10, 17

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$10

Instructor: Justin Guy is a Jean Laney Heritage Award winner and a native of Edgefield. He works primarily at the Old Edgefield Pottery producing high-quality historical pottery by digging clay and firing in a wood burning kiln. He also helps run the Tompkins Genealogical Library at the Edgefield County Archives to preserve Edgefield's History.

Description: This class will present three case studies of men who seized control of their respective circumstance. These men are Major Richard Winters of the 101st Airborne Division, Thomas Jefferson of the United States and Christian Fletcher of the HMS Bounty.

72. CHESS MATE: FOR BEGINNERS

Dates: 4 Fridays: April 4, 11, 18, 25

Time: 12:30 - 1:45 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Margaret Betaudier has toured the United States in various tournaments and has been an avid chess player and instructor for the past 25+ years. Margaret welcomes newcomers who have always wondered if they could learn to play chess successfully! She has taught for numerous college programs before relocating from New York.

Description: It's Your Move!!! Explore the meaning, history, and reasoning behind the chess moves and pieces. You will gain the confidence to compete in a mini tournament by learning how to correctly move the chess pieces around the board. Learning chess can develop patience, aid in better problem solving, and develop better planning skills. Chess requires foresight (which we will help you learn and develop) to see how each and every move will influence the outcome needed.

73. INSIDE THE SUITCASE

Date: 1 Monday: April 7

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructors: **Deborah Taussig-Boehner** is the owner of the suitcase. She received her BS and MA degrees from Syracuse University. In 1986 she moved to Aiken where she pursued her career in Educational Administration. Upon her retirement, her research revealed the story contained in the suitcase for decades.

Lauren Housman received her BA from USCA in 2010 and her MFA from Converse University in 2014. Immediately after earning her MFA, she seized the opportunity to work with Deborah on The Suitcase. She is a part-time USCA English faculty member.

Description: Look inside *The Suitcase: The Life and Times of Captain X*, a biography as posthumous memoir resurrected from the contents in Deborah's father's suitcase. Learn the steps Deborah took to retrace her father's journeys, and the research she and Lauren performed to verify and contextualize his writings and experiences. Attendees will be inspired to explore what's inside their own proverbial suitcases.

74. RECIPES OF GREAT DEPRESSION

Dates: 2 Tuesdays: April 8, 15

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: **Marty Bailey:** please see bio on page 26.

Description: Discover how the Great Depression transformed recipes from expensive, multi-ingredient dishes to simple, frugal dishes that sometimes were just as tasty as the expensive ones. Together we will learn some kitchen tips our grandmothers created that we can still apply today.

75. GENEALOGY

Dates: 4 Tuesdays: April 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: **Brent Ruggles** is a volunteer at the Center for African American History, Art, and Culture Genealogy Lab. He has been working with familysearch.org for a number of years and has specialized in helping others research their family tree with familysearch.org.

Description: Containing information about more than 11.5 billion people, familysearch.org has the largest collection of family history information in the world. This system is free to the public and offers free access from any computer connected to the Internet. The data in familysearch.org is stored in five separate data centers across the country to ensure safety of the data. This class will teach how to build a login, how to add your immediate family history, and how to research your ancestors. New records are constantly digitized and indexed so that computers can read them. About one million records a day are indexed.

Attendees should bring a fully charged laptop computer (tablets and cell phones do not work as well) and have an email address to validate a new familysearch.org account.

76. IMPACTS OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

Dates: 4 Wednesdays: April 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: **Michael J. Crane, Sr** holds an MA with distinction and is ABD in military history, with a BA in European and American history. He retired from the USAF Academy a few years back, where he taught military and American history, while serving as the Director of Sponsored Programs. He received the Outstanding Academy Educator Award in 2002.

Description: This course presents a broad picture of the American Civil War from its earliest origins to its broadest impacts, even up to the present day. Important leaders and battles will be discussed as well as historical forces of all types.

77. MEDITATION WITH FALUN DAFA

Dates: 4 Wednesdays: April 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Dr. Frank Tian Xie is a John M. Olin Palmetto Chair Professor in Business and Professor of Marketing at USC Aiken. Dr. Xie currently teaches business statistics, international marketing, quantitative tools of business analysis (MBA), advertising, marketing research, and sales management. Originally from China, Dr. Xie is an expert on Chinese affairs and author of *Dragon's Vault* – a book on Chinese business and economy. Dr. Xie has been a Falun Dafa practitioner for 24 years.

Description: This short course covers the basic concepts of cultivation and meditation culture from the East. The emphasis is to introduce Falun Dafa (aka Falun Gong), an ancient meditation and cultivation practice from China. We will learn about the teachings and exercises of the practice in four class sessions. Dr. Xie will provide the text of *Zhuan Falun*, free of charge.

78. SAVANNAH RIVER ECOLOGY LABORATORY: RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH MISSIONS (SREL)

Dates: 3 Wednesdays: April 9, 16, 23

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$10

Instructors: Dr. Gene Rhodes is the Director of the SREL, a UGA Athletic Association Professor of Applied Ecology and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Rhodes has over 40 years' experience in scientific research, undergraduate instruction, and graduate advising. He currently has over 250 scientific publications in peer-reviewed literature.

Katrina Ford is the Assistant Director for outreach and education at SREL. With more than 15 years of experience, Ms. Ford has a diverse background in outreach, nonprofit, governmental, and education with a special focus on hands-on STEM learning. She holds advanced degrees in public administration and library and information science.

Description: The University of Georgia's Savannah River Ecology Laboratory has been embedded on the Savannah River Site for

almost 75 years, starting with the research of a single faculty member, and ultimately growing into a thriving center for high impact research, undergraduate and graduate education, and public outreach. This course will discuss each of the three primary missions of SREL: research, education, and outreach, and provide the students with an overview of the ways in which SREL faculty, staff and students conduct these activities at the local, regional, national, and global scales.

Session 1: SREL Research: Past, Present and Future - Dr. Gene Rhodes

Session 2: SREL Education: A Legacy of Training - Dr. Gene Rhodes

Session 3: SREL Outreach: Engaging Local Communities - Katrina Ford

79. PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

Date: 1 Thursday: April 10

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Bob Hartung taught mathematics and coached various sports for 32 years at Port Clinton High School on the shores of Lake Erie. He and his wife Nancy have traveled to 67 countries around the world. He has presented various travelogue talks to civic and fraternal organizations, nursing homes and veterans' groups in Ohio.

Description: This course will start in Acapulco, Mexico where we will see the famous cliff divers and then journey down the coast of the Pacific to Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. We will enter the Panama Canal at Panama City and after we exit, we will stop at Columbia and finish in Aruba. A great deal of the talk will center on the history and construction of the Canal.

80. 1775 & THE SHOT HEARD ROUND THE WORLD

Dates: 4 Fridays: April 11, 18, 25; May 2

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: John Karas: please see bio on page 22.

Description: Continuing our march toward 2026 and our 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we will take a look at what started it all. We will first look at Paul Revere's "Midnight

Ride,” then the “SHOT HEARD ROUND THE WORLD” followed by the “Battle of Bunker Hill”, ending with the “Events of 1775”. Most exciting is we will be able to celebrate these events close to their actual anniversary dates of April 18 & 19.

81. IS IT JUST HEARTBURN

Date: 1 Tuesday: April 22

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost \$5

Instructor: Susan Steinbis is a Registered Nurse with a background in critical care and a specialty in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension.

Description: You have a little discomfort in your chest. Is it heartburn or something more? This class will discuss normal cardiac anatomy, coronary blood flow, symptoms of angina, and testing done to rule out heart disease.

82. BEETHOVEN’S NINTH

Date: 1 Thursday: April 24

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Dr. Scott Weiss is the Music Director & Conductor of the Aiken Symphony, the Sarah Bolick Smith Distinguished Professor of Music/ Director of Orchestras at the University of South Carolina School of Music in Columbia, and the conductor of the South Carolina Ballet Orchestra. As a guest conductor, Scott has conducted orchestras across the globe and especially in Asia.

Description: Beethoven’s magnum opus will be performed at St. John’s Methodist Church of Aiken in a free performance conducted by Maestro Scott Weiss on Friday, April 25. This session will serve as the pre-concert talk for this performance and will address one of the most important works (if not THE most important work) in music history. Topics will include the background of the work, the structure of the piece and its impact on the course of music in the 200+ years since its composition.

83. HISTORY OF EUROVISION

Date: 1 Tuesday: April 29

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Samuel Pierce: please see bio on page 28.

Description: Since 1956, the annual Eurovision Song Contest has crowned the year’s best song submitted by a member country of the European Broadcasting Union. Besides introducing the world to the likes of Abba and Celine Dion, the contest is known for its occasionally wacky acts and national rivalries. In this class, we will explore the rich history of the contest, some of its better-known acts, and other elements that helped inspire the film *Eurovision: The Legend of Fire Saga*.

FIELD TRIPS

84. PLANT VOGTLE TOUR Section A

Date: 1 Tuesday: March 11

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

85. PLANT VOGTLE TOUR Section B

Date: 1 Tuesday: March 11

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Location: Plant Vogtle (map and directions will be provided to attendees)

Class limit: 25

Cost: \$5

Description: Joel A. Leopard, Senior

Communications Coordinator at Plant Vogtle, will conduct a tour of the plant. The tour will include a 'Nuclear 101' overview and discussion, and a driving tour of the plant site with one stop at the cooling towers. A tour of a control simulator may be included if time permits. Attendees must be at the meeting location by 8:30 am for Section A and 12:30 pm for Section B. Prior to the tour date, a map will be sent to all attendees who have registered for the tour. The map will show how to reach the plant and where the meeting location will be. The tour is limited to 25 attendees, which is the capacity of the plant bus.

86. THE THOMPSON FAMILY CEMETERY TOUR

Date: 1 Wednesday: April 9

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Smyrna Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, 1186 Smyrna Church Rd, Springfield, SC 29146

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Dr. Walter B. Curry, Jr.: please see bio on page 29.

Description: This cemetery tour will delve into the narratives of the Thompson family, who resided in the Kitchings Mill community of Aiken County, through the accounts of formerly enslaved individuals and distinguished relatives. Participants will have the opportunity to visit the grave markers of a relative who gained his freedom, another who served as a cook for the Confederate Army during the Civil War, a young relative who met a tragic end at the age of ten, a relative known for his vigilante actions and escape from incarceration, and a formerly enslaved individual who found success as a syrup mill operator.

The tour will take place at the historic Smyrna Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE SPRING 2025

Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.
Room 122.

REGISTER ONLINE

Online registration opens January 8,
9:00 AM

Enter this link into the address bar
www.aikenlearning.org/online.html

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USC Aiken, Business &
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Call (803) 641-3741.

KAUFFMAN LUNCHEON

Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Time: 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Location: Etherredge Center Lobby

Dr. Earl F. Kauffman arrived in Aiken at the age of 82 and initiated a planning committee to develop and implement a program for the community's mature residents. In 1990, this committee created a mission statement for what was to become the Academy for Lifelong Learning (later the Center for Lifelong Learning) at the University of South Carolina Aiken. The annual Earl F. Kauffman Recognition Day and Award is a luncheon hosted annually to celebrate the significant contribution made by Mr. Kauffman. It is made possible by an endowment fund established in 1990 by Dr. James Kauffman upon the death of his father Earl.

Invitations (with a required RSVP) will be mailed to Center members in February.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15 Nuclear Waste Resolutions \$12 | <input type="checkbox"/> 44 Adv Computer Scams \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> 73 Inside The Suitcase \$5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16 Private Land Conservation \$5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 Apple Help Lab FREE | <input type="checkbox"/> 74 Great Depression Recipes \$8 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 21 TV Streaming \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> 50 18th Century Pantry \$5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 79 Panama Canal Cruise \$5 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 28 Star Wars and Star Trek \$12 | <input type="checkbox"/> 57 Venona Papers \$8 | <input type="checkbox"/> 86 Thompson Family Cemetery \$5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 29 iPhone 102 \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 58 MacBooks and iMacs \$20 | |

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