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**Center for
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The logo for Aiken, featuring the word "Aiken" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letter "A" is stylized with a silhouette of a horse and rider jumping over it. The logo is set against a dark blue rectangular background.

VOICE CLASS FOR ADULT SINGERS

Dr. Rhodes is the Coordinator of Vocal Studies and an Assistant Professor of music at the University. She earned her Bachelor of Music from Oberlin Conservatory of Music, her Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts from UT – Austin, and her Contemporary Commercial Music Certificate at Shenandoah University. Dr. Rhodes continues to perform and record professionally and serves as the artistic director for The South Boundary Singers and Belles Canto in the Aiken community.

*While helpful, you do not need to know how to read music for this course.

CLASS MEETING TIMES

THURSDAY 3:00 – 3:50;
JANUARY 18, 25
FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
MARCH 14, 21
APRIL 4, 11, 18

Class will be held in Room 124 of the Etherredge Center, \$100 registration fee.

TO REGISTER VISIT
www.USCA.edu/epcec/continuing-education/fine-arts
or call (803) 641-3741



KEELY RHODES, D.M.A.

Do you want to prolong your participation in your favorite singing group, learn more about your voice, or just up your karaoke game? Join Keely for group voice lessons! We will delve deep into learning about the vocal mechanism, utilizing plain language and easy-to-grasp exercises to enhance your sound and confidence. You will learn to incorporate fun vocal warm-ups into your home practice and help rejuvenate your singing or speaking voice.

Keely enjoys singing all styles of music, even dabbling in folk genres. Her respect and love for all music runs deep. She is sought after as a solo and chamber recitalist and sings within the United States, Europe, Central America, and South America. She has also received recognition for her work on the Grammy® Award-winning work Prayers and Remembrances with the late Stephen Paulus. Keely has participated in eleven Grammy® nominated albums.

MUSIC

NEW HORIZONS JAZZ BAND CLASS AND NEW HORIZONS CONCERT BAND CLASS

The CSRA New Horizons Band is part of a nationwide organization designed to allow adult participants to experience the joy of music making with others in their community. Courses are designed to allow participants to develop individual performance skills, and to collaborate with other local musicians. Participants are required to provide their own instrument. The course instructor can provide guidance on renting or purchasing quality instruments. The Jazz Band Class is designed for participants with little to no experience playing music. Topics include reading music notation, instrument specific instruction, and ensemble rehearsal. The Concert Band is designed for participants who have already completed the Jazz Band Class or have some background performing on their instrument. The Intermediate Band focuses on developing ensemble and performance skills through weekly rehearsals.

Class will be held in Room 125 of the Etherredge Center, \$100 registration fee.

CLASS MEETING TIMES

NH JAZZ BAND
THURSDAYS 5:30 – 6:30;

NH CONCERT BAND
THURSDAYS 6:30 – 7:30;
1/25, 2/1, 2/15, 2/29,
3/14, 3/21, 3/28,
4/04, 4/11,
4/18 FINAL REHEARSAL
4/21 CONCERT 4:00 PM
EHERREDGE CENTER STAGE

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MATT HENDERSON



Matthew Henderson is a Lecturer at USCA. He teaches Applied Brass Lessons, Jazz Band, Form and Analysis, World Music, and Rock ‘n Roll History. Mr. Henderson holds degrees from the Lynn University Conservatory of Music and the University of South Carolina, Columbia. He performs regularly around the CSRA with various brass quintets, orchestras, The Garden City Bones (trombone quintet), The Experiment and the I-20 Horns (rock band), and is the music director at St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal in south Aiken.

TODD JENKINS



Todd Jenkins is Director of Instrumental Studies at the University of South Carolina Aiken. At USCA, Professor Jenkins conducts the USCA Wind Ensemble, USCA Pacer Pulse Pep Band, the Aiken Concert Band and the USCA New Horizons Concert Band. Additionally, Professor Jenkins is responsible for teaching classes in conducting, music technology and music appreciation. He coaches chamber music and teaches private trumpet lessons to majors and non-majors.



Joseph Kameen is the instructor for the Art workshops for Continuing Education. Kameen joined the Department of Department of Visual and Performing Arts in the Fall of 2018, as Assistant Professor of Art. Joseph received his BFA in painting and sculpture from Boston University, and his MFA in painting from Indiana University Bloomington. He features the human figure heavily in his drawings and paintings, which use narrative imagery to consider our everyday relationship with unanswerable questions. He has exhibited and curated nationally, including shows at The Painting Center and Janet Kurnatowski Gallery in New York.

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OPEN STUDIO

COST: \$75

Open Studio allows painters and those interested in painting to work in a spacious, communal environment. Attendees are free to work with any medium and subject matter, and will receive constructive commentary and criticism to help them achieve their goals. Those who have audited Advanced Painting in the past and wish to continue to do so should instead sign up for the Open Studios. Tuesday, 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm, from January 9th through April 16th

FIGURE DRAWING

COST: \$40

Introduction to Figure Drawing: The depiction of the body has preoccupied artists throughout history, both as a challenge and as a means for expression. Figure Drawing is a studio art course that will allow artists to focus on direct observation of live models. Model sessions will be open work-time, without lecture or instruction. Attendees may work in any medium they wish. The first 30 minutes of each session will be short gesture poses, followed by a 2-hour long pose

Fridays, 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm.

Session 1: 01/12 - 02/02

Session 2: 02/09 - 03/01

Session 3: 03/15 - 04/05

Session 4: 04/12 - 04/09

FINE ARTS

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES



John Antaki is a world class photographer and videographer. With almost a decade of experience shooting various events such as Weddings, Food, Athletics, Modeling, etc. He is well trained on operating Nikon, Canon, Sony, and Fuji cameras in full manual mode.

John is one of the most well rounded camera operators in the CSRA. For the last 6 years John has been a free lance photographer and videographer in Aiken working with local companies such as Woodside, Cold Creek, Aiken County Public Schools, USC Aiken, and private events.

Class will be held in Room 124 of the Business and Education Building

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CHOOSING A CAMERA:

How to use your camera

Get 1 on 1 help on how to operate your camera with professional photographer John Antaki. Students will choose the class based on which camera brand they have so they get 1 on 1 help during the class.

This will be a very student focused class where I will be answering your questions and helping you go through the menus of your camera. The class size will be around 5 students so you get enough 1 on 1 attention

Three 2 hour classes

\$60

February 3, 2024 Nikon 12-2 p.m.

February 4, 2024, Canon 12- 2 p.m

February 4, 2024, Sony 4-6 p.m.

PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS:

Technical use of the camera

We will discuss the Cameras three main settings of taking a picture: Shutter SpeedAperture, and iso Students will learn how to use these settings to create images in different scenarios. Students will get practice changing settings manually. (this class is not based on camera brand)

1 hour class

\$30

February 17, 2024, 12-2 p.m.

REAL WORLD APPLICATIONS:

Focus and White Balance

An advanced understanding of Autofocus and white balance.

We will discuss the different types of autofocus and how white balance effects color

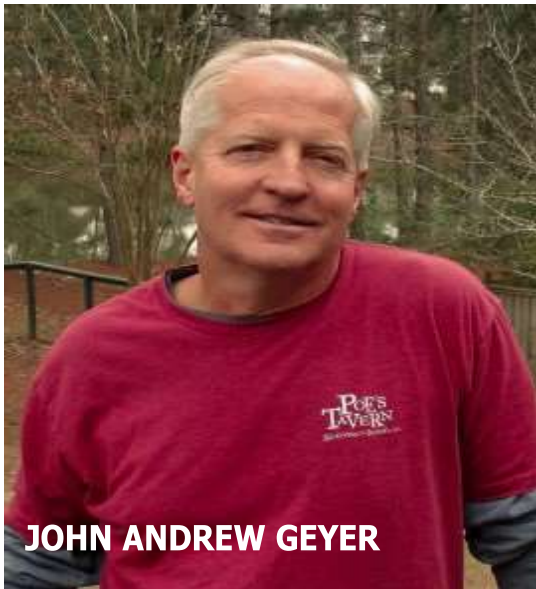
This is an advanced class with a complete understanding of classes 1 and 2 recommended.

1 hour class

\$30

March 2, 2024, 12-2 p.m.

HEMINGWAY IN PARIS



John Andrew Geyer currently serves as the English Department Chair of USC Aiken. Geyer published and co-wrote numerous books throughout his career, his most recent authorwork being the story cycle *Lesser Mountain* (Lamar University Press 2019). Some of his other individually authored books include the novels *Dixie Fish* and *Meeting the Dead* as well as the storycycles *Siren Songs from the Heart of Austin* and *Whispers in Dust and Bone*, which won the silver medal for short fiction in the Foreword Magazine Book of the Year Awards and a Spur Award for short fiction from the Western Writers of America. Geyer's most recent book is co-authored composite anthology *Magic, Mystery, Madness* (Lamar University Press 2022). He is a member of the Texas Institute of Letters and the South Carolina Academy Authors Literary Hall of Fame.

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Hemingway in Paris
\$69.99

Tuesdays:
January 23, 2024
- March 12, 2024

3:05 - 4:20 p.m.

Humanities & Social Sciences Bldg., Room 116

Been to Paris? Wanna go? Come join us for an 8 week course on the literary scene of Paris in the 1920's!

In this course, the City of Lights serve as the backdrop for a study of the Paris years of Ernest Hemingway and the writings he produced in those magical and scandalous Paris years. We'll focus on the Paris literary scene of the 1920's and learn about the influences of F. Scott Fitzgerald, Gertrude Stein, Ezra Pound, Sylvia Beach, Maddox Ford and a host of others on the life and writings of the young Hemingway as he began to make a name for himself in the literary world.

We will also take a side trip to Fiesta of San Fermin in Spain as Hemingway and a fast crowd of literati gather in Pamplona to run with the bulls!



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Center for Lifelong Learning

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 126 of the Business & Education Building to register. You can also register at the police station on campus. Please fill out the form on page 39 and present 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 type classes, but also many technology courses for individuals who want to develop or increase their skills in everyday technology. There are no tests or grades. We are associated with USC Aiken and are self-supporting. Our courses and activities are planned and implemented by our members. We design our own curriculum and utilize instructors for USC Aiken faculty (current and retired), from our own membership, and from experts in the community at large.

REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP FEES

We are a non-profit organization, 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.

A registration form can be found on page 40.

You may register at **Open House** on **January 3, 2024** from **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM** in the Business and Education Building, **Room 122**

In addition, you may **register online** beginning **January 3** at **9:00 AM** at aikenlearning.org/online.html, or **register by mail or calling 803-641-3741** beginning **January 4**.

In this digital copy, identified errors and omissions in the original printed catalog have been corrected. Dates, times, and locations of classes listed in this catalog are subject to change.

Go to www.aikenlearning.org for the most up-to-date information.

DEAR FELLOW STUDENTS,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Spring 2024 session of the Center for Lifelong Learning. As you look through this catalogue, I'm sure you will find several courses that you would like to take.

There are many ways to register for classes, and any one of them will assure you of a place in the class of your choosing (Exception: Some technical courses have class size limitations because of hardware and coaching availability; however, additional classes on the same subject may be offered if the first class oversubscribes.) Here are all the different ways you can register for courses:

Register online – If you go to <https://aikenlearning.org/> beginning January 3, 2024, you will be able to register for classes. The process is relatively intuitive, so, if you've ever done online shopping, you should find this easy.

Register by phone – Beginning January 4, 2024, you may call (803) 641-3741 to register by phone. To make your phone call efficient, please have the catalogue handy. Also, if you are taking several courses this semester, you might want to write each course name and date on a separate piece of paper instead of trying to find each course in the catalogue. That will keep you from having to hold your phone and turn pages in the catalogue at the same time. Don't forget to have your credit card number handy.

Register by mail – You may mail the registration form in this catalogue, or the one in the local paper with credit card information. Please make sure that you have added up all the fees correctly, so the University won't have to contact you, potentially resulting in missed classes. All mail in registrations will be processed on January 4, 2024, which is the day after Open House.

Register in person – Beginning January 4, between 9:00 - 3:00 pm, you may come to the B & E Building (Parking lot C) and register in person. You may pay by check or with a credit card.

Finally, you may register at the Open House – Our Open House this term will be held on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024. Anytime between 9:00 - 12:00 pm, you may come to the B & E Building (Parking lot C) and register in person. Many of our students do this because it gives them a chance to visit with old friends, meet new friends, enjoy coffee and a breakfast item, and possibly meet instructors.

Except for some of the technical classes, which have limited space and because of our desire to offer individual help, none of our courses have space limitations unless specified by the instructor.

Thank you for being part of a program that has been enriching seniors for over thirty years.

Warmest Personal Regards,

Raleigh H. Daniel, President

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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 126. 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 with respect and civility compromises the intellectual climate in the classrooms and 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.

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USC Aiken is partnered with programs such as Center for Legal Studies, Condensed Curriculum International, and Ed 2 Go. Whether you're starting a new career, or moving up in your current career, we have the professional training to make you stand out in a crowd.

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.

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

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NUCLEAR SCIENCE FUNDAMENTALS FOR EVERYONE

Dates: 6 Tuesdays, January 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20

Time: 2:00 – 3:15 PM

Location: Ruth Patrick Science Center Room 117

Cost: \$18

Instructor: **Bill Wabbersen** is a nuclear engineer with nearly 40 years of experience in the nuclear industry. He is a former naval officer trained in the navy nuclear program. He worked at the Savannah River Site for almost 30 years. Bill has been conducting nuclear science educational outreach activities across the US since 1989. He has received the “Landis Public Communication and Education Award” from the American Nuclear Society and was named an Honorary Trustee of the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History (in Albuquerque, New Mexico) in recognition of these volunteer activities.

Description: These classes will provide students with a broad and basic understanding of nuclear science fundamentals. Students will learn about the atomic nucleus, isotopes, radiation, radioactive half-life, and the uses of nuclear technology in our world today in a unique and approachable manner. Each of the six sessions will involve innovative simple hands-on activities, performed in pairs or teams, designed to engage participants and to reinforce key concepts. These hands-on activities use materials ranging from marbles and cookies, to custom-made science-related kits that have proven engaging to novice as well as experienced students.

ORCHESTRAL MUSIC

Dates: 4 Tuesdays: January 16; February 20; March 26; April 9

Please note the time change for the last class

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM on 1/16, 2/20, and 3/26;
1:00 – 2:00 4/9

Location: Bus. and Ed. Bldg. Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: **Dr. Scott Weiss** is the Music Director and Conductor of the Aiken Symphony as well as the Sarah Bolick Smith Distinguished Professor of

Music in the School of Music at the University of South Carolina Columbia. His 35-year conducting career has included performances with major professionals all over the world. Dr. Weiss holds degrees from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and the School of Music at the University of Illinois.

Description: Each session will be devoted to a different topic related to upcoming music in the Aiken Symphony’s 2023-24 season. Those topics will be: English orchestral music, the French Impressionists, the music of Gustav Mahler, and Beethoven’s overtures. These sessions will go beyond and be independent of the popular Illuminations talks that Maestro Weiss does prior to each Aiken Symphony Masterworks concert.

WHO’S WHO IN THE WORLD OF BLACK AUGUSTA: 1870 – 1950

Date: 4 Wednesdays, January 17, 24, 31;

February 7

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: **Mr. Corey Rogers** is the Executive Director of the Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History. From 2004 to 2023 he served as the historian for the Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History. He has worked at the local and state level to preserve the history of Augusta through the documentation of oral histories and the placement of historic markers. Currently, Mr. Rogers is working with over two dozen organizations in Augusta to document and observe the 1970 Augusta Riot.

Description: This course will examine some of the major African American figures in Augusta’s history, from the time of Reconstruction to the post-World War II period. Some of the individuals that will be highlighted in the course include educator and minister Reverend William Jefferson White; Lucy Craft Laney, legendary educator and social activist; Reverend C.T. Walker, internationally renowned minister; Professor John Wesley Gilbert, noted archeologist; and Mabel Ridley, darling of the stage.

WHO'S AFRAID OF OPERA?

Dates: 6 Wednesdays, January 17, 24, 31;
February 7, 14, 21
Time: 11:00 – 12:00 PM
Location: Business and Education Bldg.
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; the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria; and received graduate degrees from Indiana University-Bloomington and the University of South Carolina. Dr. Simpson is currently Artistic Director of the Aiken Choral Society.

Description: Dr. Simpson, Aiken's own resident diva soprano, will discuss the following operas:

1. *La Forza del Destino* by Giuseppe Verdi
2. *Romeo et Juliette* by Charles Gounod
3. *Madame Butterfly* by Giacomo Puccini

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.

AIKEN COUNTY DEATH CERTIFICATES: A GOLD MINE OF LIFE HISTORY INFORMATION

Dates: 2 Wednesdays, January 17, 24
Time: 12:30 – 1:30 PM
Location: Business and Education Bldg.
Room 144
Cost: \$8

Instructor: Dr. Andy Dyer has been a biology professor at USC Aiken since 2000. He has published two general science books; one on pesticide resistance and agriculture (*Chasing the Red Queen*, 2014) and the second on the microbiome (*Eaters Digest*, 2022). His interest in life- history patterns led him to study cemetery records and death certificate data to better understand patterns of death in Aiken County

over the past 100 years.

Description: Death certificates (DC) were mandated in SC in 1915 and contain tremendously valuable information for understanding patterns of health in our society. I will present my work on Aiken County DC from 1915-1972 to compare and contrast city/county, male/female, and Black/White similarities and differences. This period in American history, from WWI to the Baby Boom Era, from early to modern medicine, may be the most interesting and dynamic in US history.

LEARNING TO USE YOUR APPLE WATCH

Date: Wednesday, January 17
Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Location: Technical Center
Class Size Limit: 12
Cost: \$15

Instructor: Vicki Gibboney has a BS in Education. She taught elementary school. She has taught and coached for the Center's Tech Section for over 20 years.

Description: Learn to use the basics of your Apple Watch. This class will cover pairing your watch with your iPhone, choosing a watch face, opening watch apps, opening notifications, opening the control center, using the dock, using the watch flashlight, using Siri on your watch, and watch gestures. There will be a handout for you to take home. You must have your own Apple Watch..

LEARNING TO USE YOUR IPHONE

Dates: 5 Thursdays, January 18, 25;
February 1, 8, 15
Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Location: Business and Education Bldg.
Room 144
Class Size Limit: 20
Cost: \$25

Instructors: Pam Stone & Vicki Gibboney
Pam Stone earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Columbia University. She has taught at the university level and with the Center Tech Section for over 6 years – mostly Apple products, which

she loves and uses frequently. **Vicki Gibboney** please see bio on page 16.

Description: In this class, students will have the opportunity to learn basic functions and features of their iPhone. They will also be able to customize their device to suit their individual needs. They will learn Apple terminology, screen navigation and screen gestures. This class also includes helpful shortcuts, useful tips, general settings and tweaks to maximize mastery of the device. Active student class participation including asking topic related questions is encouraged. Since this is a “hands on” class, students will have the opportunity to immediately practice what is being taught. We will be covering Apple Apps that are included on all Apple iPhones. Students must bring their fully charged iPhones to each class.

LEARNING TO USE YOUR ANDROID DEVICE

Date: 2 Mondays: January 22, 29

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Location: Technical Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$18

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

Description: Android phones are five times more numerous than iPhones in the world, and have a 2-1 advantage in this country. Android devices are manufactured and sold by many companies all over the world because the Android operating system is not proprietary. This course will help students navigate the sometimes-confusing settings and app functions of Androids. Also, students will learn about some of the most popular apps for the Android. Students must bring their Android phones or tablets with them to the class. Students should also have with them the passwords that allow them to download apps, if their Android devices require passwords.

EXPLORING WINDOWS 10

Dates: 5 Mondays: January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19

Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Location: Technical Center

Class Size Limit: 8

Cost: \$25

Instructor: **Russ Beckmeyer** received his PhD from the University of Missouri. Dr. Beckmeyer has more than 50 years of applied computer technology experience: 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. He was named the 2021 Volunteer of the Year for the Tech Section.

Description: Windows 10 has been the standard Microsoft operating system since 2015. This course includes an overview, new features, apps (including the Start Menu), Edge Browser, and new ways to organize and track your work. Also included are methods of personalizing Windows 10, how to manage and back up files, protecting your computer from malware, and recovering from hardware failures or software corruption.

EXERCISE IS MEDICINE

Date: 2 Tuesdays, January 23, 30

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room: 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: **Mila Padgett** is the Director of Campus Recreation & Wellness at USC Aiken. She has an MS degree in Exercise Physiology and a BS degree in Recreation & Leisure Management.

Description: Exercise is a vital component in maintaining our physical and mental health as we age. This lecture will introduce four areas of exercise that will help to maintain strength, heart health, and joint mobility.

EXCEL 101

Dates: 4 Wednesdays: January 24, 31;
February 7, 14
Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Location: Technical Center
Class Size Limit: 8
Cost: \$22

Instructors: 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 Technology 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.

MORE STROLLS AROUND MR. IRVIN'S MAP

Dates: 3 Wednesdays, January 24, 31;
February 7
Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Location: Business and Education Bldg.
Room 144
Cost: \$10

Instructor: Linda Johnson is an engineer with a life-long passion for history. As a docent with the Aiken County Historical Museum, she serves as a researcher, lecturer, and tour guide, and assists with exhibit curation. Recent lecture topics have included Aiken's Winter Colony homes, people, and architects, Aiken's churches, and more. She is also the President of the Historic Aiken Foundation.

Description: In 1933, celebrated architect Willis Irvin sketched a map showing 95 Winter Colony properties. Over 3 class sessions, you will imagine walking parts of that map – homes along Berrie Road, on South Boundary, and near the grand

Highland Park Hotel – and hear stories of the residents of that time.

USING THE IPHONE/IPAD CAMERA AND PHOTO APP

Dates: 2 Thursdays: January 25; February 1
Time: 9:30 – 11:30AM
Location: Technical Center
Class Size Limit: 12
Cost: \$18

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 in Chicago for non-profits. He also 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 holds the Microsoft Certified Professional and Microsoft Small Business Specialist designations. He has been with the Center's Tech Section for six years.

Description: In this course, students 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. Students will also learn how to use the photo app to edit photos or videos. Students must bring their own device to the class along with their Apple ID and Password with them. Knowledge of iPad or iPhone is required.

COMPUTER SECURITY AND PRIVACY

Date: Friday, January 26
Time: 9:30 – 11:30 AM
Location: Technical Center
Class Size Limit: 12
Cost: \$15

Instructor: Russ Beckmeyer please see bio on page 17.

Description: You have read about rogues hacking into commercial, government, and financial computer systems, 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 10 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

UNDERSTANDING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Dates: 2 Fridays, January 26, February 2

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg. Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Dr. Allison Hamilton has worked on presidential races and local elections; and has taught political science courses for 20 years. She teaches political science for Middle Georgia State University. Dr. Hamilton has a Bachelor of Arts degree in group social studies for secondary education; a master's degree in applied politics; a master's degree in political science; and a doctorate in Political Science.

Description: This two-part class will focus first on the many forms of local government to be found in South Carolina, then examine governmental organizations that exist within Aiken County.

Class 1- This class will provide an overview of the many different local governments in Aiken County. From the county itself, to the School District, the Council of Governments, the ARTS MPO, and other special districts and shadow governments (think HOA's). We will discuss how they operate, where their power comes from, and how to know who to go to when issues arise.

Class 2- This class will focus on the different types of city government that exist in the United States & what's been happening in Aiken County's local governments.

THE ART OF NEGOTIATION

Dates: 2 Fridays, January 26; February 2

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg. Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Dr. Kenneth Stephens is a Nuclear Physicist with over 50 years in support of government organizations and private corporations. During the Reagan Administration, he managed a portion of the Strategic Defense Initiative (aka "Star Wars). Tom Clancy sailed with him during the writing of The Hunt for Red October. Ken finished his formal career at the Savannah River Site, where he was the Director of Engineering Services. His PhD is from MIT, and his MS in Nuclear Engineering, MS in Management, and BS in Physics are from Georgia Tech. He is in demand for guest lectures at universities and medical schools.

Description: All of us have to negotiate with a spouse, a boss, or other people. The instructor developed and delivered a week-long seminar on negotiation for large numbers of government and corporate employees. He successfully negotiated a turf battle between two Cabinet-level government agencies, by using principles he will cover in the course. He discovered the secret to all negotiations, that YOU can use. He will also cover the highly-useful Japanese principle of Nemawashi for negotiating with groups of people, not all of whom agree with each other.

INTRODUCTION TO CHROMEBOOKS

Date: Tuesday, January 30

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Location: Technical Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Bob Hood please see bio on page 18.

Description: Chromebooks have been on the market for about ten years. 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.

TOMMY HITCHCOCK JR: AIKEN WINTER COLONY PATRIOT & POLO ICON

Date: Tuesday, January 30

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg. Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: **David Tavernier** is the author of two books on Aiken's Winter Colony history, and has lectured on the topic at Center for Lifelong Learning and many civic clubs in Aiken and around the state. He is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University, and married for 46 years to Patrice Durban Tavernier, a third generation Aikenite.

Description: This class will survey the life of Tommy Hitchcock, Jr. with emphasis on his military involvement in World Wars I & II, and his achievements on the polo field

MORE ABOUT BALLET

Dates: 4 Fridays, February 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 12:30 – 2:00PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg. Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: **Joy and Jeffrey Engel** Professional dancers, trained in Russian Classical Ballet, met during a partnering class in a New York City studio. Their performing careers included dancing in the United States, Canada, and Europe. They have choreographed many productions, and also taught dance in various studios, schools and colleges. This is their eleventh year sharing their experiences and passion for dance.

Description: Please join us for four classes as we share videos and discuss what to look for in a ballet and how to become a balletomane. Each week we will explore classical ballet pas de deux roles to compare and analyze the technique and artistry of different principal dancers.

ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN CIVILIZATIONS

Date: 4 Mondays, February 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg. Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: **Alexia Jones Helsley** Senior Instructor in History and University Archivist, holds a MA from the University of SC in Ancient and Medieval History. Her thesis studied four Romano-British towns and the end of Roman Britain. In addition, she is past president of the SC Historical Association, a magna cum laude graduate of Furman University, and has published widely on the history of the Carolinas. Popular titles include Lost History of Aiken County and Wicked Edisto: The Dark Side of Eden. Prior to joining USCA in 2002, she worked for the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

Description: This four-week course surveys the vibrant diverse civilizations that developed around the Mediterranean. The course will look at Minoan, Mycenaean, Greek, Etruscan, Roman, Egyptian and others who owed their existence to this unique "wine-dark sea."

HOME SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS

Date: Tuesday, February 6

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Location: Technical Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$15

Instructor: **Russ Beckmeyer** please see bio on page 17.

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. Students will learn about the interactions between these various systems and the networks that can be used to support their functions.

BRAIN AND BODY FITNESS BY AGELESS GRACE

Dates: 4 Tuesdays: February 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Class Size Limit: 20

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Carol Gerson Certified Ageless Grace Educator, enthusiastically facilitates Brain & Body Fitness by Ageless Grace. She's 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. A graduate of the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, she spent over twenty-five years in the hospitality industry, followed by long-term care advising. Managing the care for 21 years of incapacitated parents 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 by Ageless Grace stimulates brain and body simultaneously. Preventative maintenance and Restorative. 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". Focuses on cognitive function, balance/fall prevention, joint motility, spinal flexibility, breathing, and more. Practiced to upbeat, age-appropriate music.

HOW TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST COMPUTER SCAMS

Date: Tuesday, February 6

Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Gabriel Lemnar has 20 years of hands-on experience in the computer and network security field and all techniques presented in this class are identified in real-work situations. There is no hypothetical material or information in this class. All information is gathered from real cases, working to protect and respond to scams and hacking attempts of residential and commercial clients in CSRA. Gabriel 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 Cyber Ops Associate, also recognized with the formal NSA and CNSS 4011 Certification.

Description: Participants will learn how to defend themselves against a growing spectrum of scams that are targeting individual users more than ever before. Antiviruses, 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. It is the Human Link that is the most important link in the Cybersecurity Chain. And it is the Human Link that is the most vulnerable. Let's get educated and stop the hackers. This course will describe some of the scams, and provide attendees with general advice on how to identify scams and avoid being taken in by them.

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR WORDS

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

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Location: Technical Center

Class Size Limit: 8

Cost: \$22

Instructor: Russ Beckmeyer please see bio on page 17.

Description: Do you write letters, notices, or reports – that is, anything that involves text? Learn to make the most of your words with Microsoft Word for Windows. Format your documents the way you like; size, shape, color, and style, including adding pictures and graphics to your text. Learn how to save, organize, and find your documents. This course focuses on the most used, and useful features of Microsoft Word and makes you comfortable with this powerful program.

USING ICLOUD WITH YOUR IPAD/IPHONE

Date: Thursday: February 8

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: Technical Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Bob Hood please see bio on page 18.

Description: Having trouble making sense of the iCloud? In this course, students will investigate synching 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. Students must bring their devices and have their Apple ID and Apple password with them.

LEWIS & CLARK'S CORPS OF DISCOVERY FROM SACAGAWEA'S PERSPECTIVE

Date: Thursday: February 8

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Tiajuana Cochnauer a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, explores with you what the only woman in the Corps of Discovery may have felt on that long journey. Tiajuana interpreted Sacagawea at Fort Clatsop, site of the western end of the journey and a National Park Service National Historical Park. She is a Choctaw registered artist and is a Certified Interpretive Guide (National Association of Interpretation). She served the USDA Forest Service as the acting National Director of the Office of the Office of Tribal Relations, Washington, DC. She recently initiated successful partnerships between the Choctaw Nation and the Weyerhaeuser Company; and between the Choctaw Nation and the Presbyterian Historical Society.

Description: Did Sacagawea lead the way from Fort Mandan (North Dakota) to the Pacific Ocean? Many people today have been taught that was her role. By examining the notations from the Journals of Captains Lewis and Clark, we gain a different view. What did she say about being the only woman on the Expedition? We will consider what is known about this young Lemhi Shoshone woman, born in 1788 or 1789, who began this journey with a 54-day-old baby.

WOMEN IN NUMISMATIC: ELVIRA CLAIN-STEFANELLI AND HER LEGACY

Dates: 2 Thursdays: February 8, 15

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Chuck Goergen earned a BS in Chemistry from the University of Detroit. He spent his career of over 40 years at the Savannah River Site working with nuclear materials in Laboratories, Production, Engineering, and Projects in numerous facilities across the site. He spent a year on loan to the DOE Office of Nuclear Weapons and has interfaced with many DOE sites and liaised with IAEA. His international work took him to Japan, Austria, the UK, and Russia. He enjoys ancient and military history as well as coin collecting.

Description: Learn the history of Elvira Clain-Stefanelli and her contribution to the coin collecting world (field of numismatics). She voluntarily lived in a concentration camp during WWII to be with her husband. After immigrating to the US, follow her career path and how she rose to become the Executive Director of the National Collection at the Smithsonian Institution. Her numerous publications will be explored. Finally, some of the coins from her personal collection will be shown.

HISTORY AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS

Dates: 3 Wednesdays: February 14, 21, 28

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$10

Instructor: Dr. Ken Hofstetter has has a distinguished career in academia, industry and at the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL). Hofstetter provided radiochemical engineering support for the cleanup of Three Mile Island. He has a PhD from Purdue University.

Brittany Williamson has spent the majority of her career as a criticality engineer at SRS. Williamson has visited both Chernobyl and Fukushima. She obtained an MS in Nuclear Engineering from the University of South Carolina.

Jim Marra worked at SRNL progressing to the level of Advisory Engineer. He served as CNTA's Executive Director from 2016-2023. Marra has a PhD from Clemson University.

Description: Nuclear power provides clean and reliable electrical energy to our nation and world. Nuclear plants are safer than other forms of electricity generation but a few accidents have occurred over the 65 years of commercial operations. This three part class will provide an overview of three nuclear accidents including human health and environmental impacts and discuss lessons learned that are leading to improved safety and reliability of the nearly 440 plants operating around the world.

Class 1: Three Mile Island – Ken Hofstetter

Class 2: Chornobyl – Brittany Williamson

Class 3: Fukushima – Jim Marra and Brittany Williamson

HISTORY IN HEADSTONES: THE COWBOY CONGRESS LEGISLATORS BEHAVING BOLDLY

Dates: 2 Mondays: February 19, 26

Time: 12:30 – 1:45 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: **Jeanmarie Bronson** is a member of several Civil War Round Tables, the Clearfield (PA) Historical Society, the Lincoln Forum (Gettysburg), 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: Above our beloved Capitol, the Statue of Freedom tops the dome wearing a helmet and a sheathed sword, prepared for battle but not engaged. Instead, this place of intended restraint, reason, and deliberation, the

heartbeat of our democracy, has withstood violence, produced heroes, and featured an array of brash and bold representatives to our U.S. Congress. Through the lens of the headstones and monuments, this course covers those lawmakers involved in a spectrum of bold events, from pre-Civil War assaults to the mavericks who swam against the tide to do the right thing. Their crimes and contributions, side by side, have decided the laws that define our daily lives.

LINE DANCING

Dates: 6 Mondays: February 19, 26; March 4, 11, 18, 25

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: Aiken Senior Life Services

1310 E Pine Log Rd. Aiken, SC 29803

Cost: \$18

Instructor: **Brenda Taylor** is a lifetime resident of Aiken, SC and a 1970 graduate of Aiken High School. Brenda has been a business owner and registered Cosmetologist in Aiken for 50 years and is now semi-retired. She is an active lifetime member and past president of CSRA Shag Club Aiken-Augusta areas. She is a line dance and Carolina shag instructor. She has been a member of SOS in North Myrtle Beach, SC for over 30 years.

Description: Lessons will begin with basic steps, broken down and taught slowly for beginners and progress to more intermediate dances. A new dance will be taught each week and dances learned in previous weeks will be 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 a wonderful way to meet new friends. Come out and join the fun.

THE LIFE, TIMES AND INFLUENCE OF HENRY DAVID THOREAU

Date: 4 Mondays: February 19, 26; March 4, 11

Time: 3:30 – 4:30 PM

**Location: Business and Education Bldg.
Room 144
Cost: \$12**

Instructor: Thomas Bradner spent 40 years as a school psychologist for Aiken County Schools. At night he taught individuals practical skills such as growing fruits and vegetables. Additionally, he taught adults who desired to graduate from high school courses in biology, psychology, sociology and gardening. He also taught classes at Limestone College and Aiken Tech. He has created a private park where he raises geese, fish and butterflies as well as a variety of trees, bushes and plants from around the world

Description: Thoreau was a man for all seasons. His concerns and activities will be explored. The instructor will detail Thoreau's concerns about the actions of the American government. Are these concerns still valid today in America? How does an individual support positive changes in the American government? If Thoreau did not go to live at Walden Pond to be a hermit, why did he live there?

HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS OF AIKEN

**Date: 2 Tuesdays: February 20, 27
Time: 12:00 – 1:30 PM
Location: Business and Education Bldg. Room 144
Cost: \$8**

Instructor: Allen Riddick is an Aiken native who is a 1978 Clemson graduate. He also has a Master's Degree from St. Thomas University. Allen has served as the Aiken County Historical Society president since 1999 and has written three local history books. He is an avid collector of Aiken memorabilia, especially vintage photographs. He also enjoys documenting the current history of Aiken by taking photographs of people, places and events.

Description: The class will take a historical photographic journey in Aiken from 1818-1950 exploring old hotels and street scenes.

EXCEL 102

**Dates: 4 Wednesdays: February 21, 28; March 6, 13
Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Location: Technical Center
Class Size Limit: 8
Cost: Cost: \$22**

Instructor: Adam Keller please see bio on page 18.

Description: For students who have either completed the Basic Excel 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.

DOWNTOWN CHURCHES OF AIKEN

**Dates: 1 Thursday: February 22
Time: 11:00 – 12:30 PM
Location: Business and Education Bldg. Room 144
Cost: \$5**

Instructor: Allen Riddick please see bio on the left..

Description: With The class will take a historical photographic journey of early churches in Aiken

GREAT DECISIONS

**Dates: 8 Thursdays: February 22, 29; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11
Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Location: Business and Education Bldg. Room 144
Class Size Limit: 18
Cost: \$ 28**

Instructor: John Karas is a graduate of The University of Toledo and has taught at Harper College in Illinois. He has held executive positions at three Fortune 500 corporations before founding an international corporation leading to many years

of international travel. He also served as Senior Energy advisor to a US Congressman. 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. His focus for the next several semesters will be the American Revolution. He has retired to Aiken.

Description: This eight-week group discussion course will address the following topics: Mideast Realignment; Climate Technology and Competition; Science across Borders; US-China Trade Rivalry; NATO's Future; Understanding Indonesia; High Seas Treaty; Pandemic Preparedness. A short video lecture on the topic of the week, prepared by the Foreign Policy Association, will be shown prior to the discussion portion of each class session.

NOTE: Individual briefing books for this class are available from the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) for \$35 plus shipping (<http://www.fpa.org/greatdecisions>).

IPHONE PASSWORD MANAGEMENT & ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES

Date: Tuesday: February 20

Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

CLL Tech Center

Class Size Limit: 20

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Vicki Gibboney and Pam Stone
please see bio's on page 16.

Description: Do you have a million passwords that are difficult to remember? This class will offer suggestions for managing them. Do you need help reading your iPhone or typing an email or text message? We can help with that, too. Previous iPhone class is required.

MAN'S FASTEST FRIEND: A HISTORY OF GREYHOUNDS AND HUMANS

Dates: 4 Fridays: February 23; March 1, 8, 15

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Dr. Elizabeth Georgian is the chair of the Department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy and an associate professor of history at USCA. She has a B.A. in history from Hamilton College and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Delaware. Her work has appeared in Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Maryland Historical Society Magazine, Wesley and Methodist Studies journal, and Journal of the South Carolina Historical Association. She serves on the board of the Savannah River Site Heritage Foundation and is working on a Reacting to the Past Game about the relocation of Ellenton, SC.

Description: In this class, we will learn about the history of the greyhound and their relationship to humans, including their role in medieval society, evolution into the modern breed, and the growth of first the racing industry and then the rescue movement in the twentieth and twenty-first century. Through the greyhound, we will explore the science, history, and ethics of the human-canine relationship.

GROWING FRUIT TREES AT YOUR HOME IN THE CSRA

Dates: 4 Tuesdays: February 27; March 5, 12, 19

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Brent Ruggles is the author of the book *Teachings of the Fruit Doctor Growing Fruit in the Central Savannah River Area*. He has written numerous newspaper articles on gardening and has been successfully growing fruit trees for over 40 years.

Description: Everything needed to succeed in growing fruit trees. We will be discussing fruit types, chilling hours, cold hardiness, fruit varieties, planting, fertilizing, pruning, pest control, harvesting, and preserving fruit.

DOCUMENTING YOUR TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Date: Thursday: February 29

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Class Size Limit: 20

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Tiajuana Cochnauer please see bio on page 22.

Description: For participants who have been told they are tribal members or have an ancestor who was an Indian but don't know how to document that heritage, this session briefly reviews Federally Recognized Tribes and Federal definitions for tribal membership. We will search existing resources for participants to begin their searches. As a member of and registered artist with the Federally Recognized Tribe, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Tiajuana has assisted individuals of several tribal affiliations to begin their searches. One cannot just claim to be a tribal member; it has to be proven through documentation. Nation

FLORIDA'S FABULOUS WADING BIRDS

Date: Friday: March 1

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

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 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Tampa and was a University of Florida IFAS Extension Florida Master Naturalist Instructor prior to relocating to Aiken. She was also a Nature Guide in Florida for over 15 years.

Description: A visual journey to discover the fabulous wading birds of Florida. From reclusive least bitterns to the stately great blue heron, the course will cover many species, individual feeding habits, interesting facts and tips to help you identify these beautiful birds and where to find them.

POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY GARDENS: LET'S TAKE A LOOK & FIND OUT WHAT'S OUT THERE

Dates: 1 Friday: March 1

Time: 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Gloria Wade has gardened since she was a child. She grew up in a small town in Middle Georgia, on a farm where the soil was pickaxe clay. Her mama's garden was the largest garden around her great-grandparents' farmhouse. Gloria is an active Master Gardener here in Aiken. She is the lead of the Aiken FFA Booster Club at Aiken High, often called the best-kept secret in Aiken.

Description: We will just walk and talk through the (virtual) garden, enjoying each step. We'll be checking out each plant, enjoying the many colors, aromas and naming them. We will discuss the growing conditions and decide where they will fit in your garden. We will examine the leaves and maybe discover a few holes---what might have chewed on them? What can we do or should we do anything? Join me in the garden.

STOKER ON STOKER: THE MYSTERIES BEHIND THE WRITING OF DRACULA

Dates: 3 Mondays: March 4, 11, 18

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$10

Instructor: Dacre Stoker is the great grand-nephew of Bram Stoker and the international best-selling co-author of *Dracula the Un-Dead* (2009) and *Dracul* (2018) He is also the co-editor of *The Lost Journal of Bram Stoker: The Dublin Years* (2012). Dacre has consulted and appeared in recent film documentaries about vampires in literature and popular culture. *The Real Vampire Files* (2010 History Channel), *The Tillinghast Nightmare*, (2014 Historical Haunts), *Secrets of the Dead* (2015 PBS), *Mysteries at the Museum*, (2017 Travel Channel), *Legend Hunter* (2019 Travel Channel), *American*

Vampires (2022 Fox Nation).

Description: A compelling and informative three-session course weaves together the details behind the research and writing of the novel *Dracula* by Bram Stoker. This presentation 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.

SUPER TUESDAY IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

Dates: 2 Mondays: March 4, 11

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Dr. Allison Hamilton please see bio on page 19.

Description: On March 5, 2024, 15 states will vote for the Republican Presidential candidate in their primaries/caucuses. This two-part class will discuss the primary system, review & explain the validity of recent polling data, review the results of Super Tuesday, and discuss how the general election process works according to the U.S. Constitution. Class 1: We will look at the primaries held up to Super Tuesday and predictions on what will happen.

Class 2: We will review the results as compared to the predictions and discuss what's left before the general election kicks-off.

OUR FOUNDING DOCUMENTS

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

Time: 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: John Karas please see bio on page 24.

Description: An in-depth look at the following Historical Documents will be discussed during the (4) week class:

Class Subjects:

1. The Continental Congress
2. The Declaration of Independence
3. The Summer of "87"
4. The Federalist Papers and the Bill of Rights

INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR IMPLICATIONS

Dates: 3 Tuesdays: March 5, 12, 19

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$10

Instructor: Charles L. Munns is a member of the board for Orano Federal Services, is SC's trustee to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and serves on a Strategic Advisory Board for the Secretary of Defense. Previously, Admiral Munns was Chief Executive Officer of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions from 2007 through 2009 and served for 34 years in the US Navy.

Kenneth Stephens is a Nuclear Physicist with over 50 years supporting primarily the government. Dr. Stephens managed part of the Strategic Defense Initiative (aka "Star Wars") during the Reagan Administration, has been a consultant to the National Academy of Sciences, and served on the committee that investigated the unauthorized transport of nuclear weapons aboard cruise missiles.

Description: Have you been at least a little concerned about accidents involving nuclear weapons or what happens when Russia attacks an operating nuclear power reactor? And, do you have questions about the nuclear weapons posture of nuclear countries? These two instructors have been involved in such matters for many years and are in demand for speaking engagements. Among other topics, they will discuss how countries can balance tradeoffs between nuclear power as a solution for global warming, the risks of nuclear power plants during armed conflict, and nations weapons postures.

FACEBOOK SECURITY

Date: Tuesdays: March 5, 12

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: **Wayne Rickman** has a master's degree in computer management and has been an instructor with the Center's Technology Section for 20 years. He is a retired US Navy US 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. Students will need their Facebook user ID and passwords since they will be using their own FB page in class on classroom computers.

THE MANHATTAN PROJECT AND ORIGIN OF THE DOE COMPLEX

Dates: 4 Tuesdays: March 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: **Chuck Goergen** please see bio on page 22.

Description: This course will cover the dawning of nuclear physics and the vast effort to develop the first nuclear weapon, interwoven with World War II timeline perspectives. The Manhattan Project was a journey of discovery that took place at several major locations across the US and Canada under a veil of secrecy. Primary sites were Oak Ridge, Hanford, and Los Alamos. The work accomplished in less than four years was staggering. The culmination of this enterprise helped end the war.

As time permits, post-war activities are covered until 1947 when there was a transition to the Atomic Energy Commission and eventually the Department of Energy. Some basic physics and chemistry will be presented in easy-to-understand terms.

GOOGLE PICASA PHOTO EDITING

Date: Tuesday: March 5

Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Location: Technical 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 the Savannah River Site, starting in the Reactor Technology Department and finally retiring from the Savannah River National Laboratory. He is a life member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. 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 Technology Section for over 10 years and has coached and taught sessions in Picasa and Photoshop.

Description: Picasa is a free photo editing program for anyone who owns a digital camera or an Android cell phone camera and who would like to improve the quality of their photos. Picasa is not compatible with Apple computers nor with photos taken on Apple iPhones or iPads. Google no longer supports Picasa; however, millions of enthusiasts still use it to do most of their photo editing. Students will learn to edit, organize, and find photos. You can use it to print photos on your printer or create digital photo albums of any size which can be shared with friends. A copy of the program will be given to students who bring a flash drive with them.

THE MICROBIOME, DIET AND HEALTH

Dates: 4 Wednesdays: March 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: **Dr. Andy Dyer** is a professor of ecology, botany, and environmental science at USC Aiken (since 2000.) He has published two general science books; one on pesticide resistance and agriculture (Chasing the Red Queen, 2014) and the second on the microbiome (Eaters Digest, 2022). His approach is to take science topics that are relevant to everyone and try to explain them in a way that allows the

audience to understand the topic and to make more educated decisions.

Description: The microbiome is the most important research area in human health and there is a great deal of misunderstanding about how it works and what it implies for our health. This course will describe the microbiome, how and why it works, and what steps can be taken to keep it (and you) healthy. The course will provide basic information, some of the science, and a foundation for making personal decisions..

FORENSIC SCIENCE II: A FURTHER LOOK AT SCIENCE AND JUSTICE

Dates: 4 Wednesdays: March 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 PM

Location: Ruth Patrick Schience Bldg. Room 131A

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Patrick Downing spent lifelong interest in studying math and science led him to a career in instructing others in the forensic sciences in South Carolina. He has found that students have responded well to the endless fascination of searching for science-based solutions.

Description: We will explore DNA technology and the law, the legal and ethical issues and some criminal cases. and ethical issues and some criminal cases. And finally, we will see how trace evidence like tool marks, footwear, firearms, hairs and fibers may be used to prosecute or exonerate a suspect.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: CAUSES, CAMPAIGNS, AND CONSEQUENCES

Dates: 4 Wednesdays: March 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Robert Anzuoni graduated from Stonehill College with a B.A. (American Studies) and received an M.A. (History and Archival Methods) from UMass Boston. He served as Director, 82nd Airborne Division Museum, Fort

Bragg, NC; Director of the Signal Corps Museum at Fort Gordon, GA; and retired as staff curator at Fort Jackson, SC, with forty years of federal service. He has over twenty-eight years of experience as an adjunct history instructor, including USC Aiken for fourteen years. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division and wrote three books about that unit. He has presented seven courses on military history to the CLL

Description: A four-part class discussing the American Revolution. The first session covers numerous colonial conflicts in America and the British government's attempts to cover the increasing costs of warfare and maintaining overseas colonies. The second session covers the increased tension between the American colonists and the British government following the French and Indian War and the outbreak of the Revolution at Lexington and Concord. The third session covers the campaigns of the Revolution in the northern, the mid-Atlantic, and southern colonies. The final session discusses how the American Revolution became an international event and the lasting impact it has had.

STORIES IN STONE: ICONOLOGY AND BURIAL

Dates: 4 Wednesdays: March 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Tonya A. Browder Guy received a BA cum laude in History from the University of South Carolina at Aiken. She worked for seven years as Community Historian for the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program, conducting an oral history project on the former towns and hamlets of the Savannah River Site. Using the research compiled from this project, Tonya co-authored two books and co-edited another book. Tonya is currently the Director of the Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society, conducts historical walking tours of the Town of Edgefield, gives presentations to various organizations, and is working on several books concerning Edgefield District history.

Description: Studying Iconology and Burial

Traditions through the ages allows us to glimpse into the past to see how people from various eras viewed death and the afterlife. These sessions will study these factors to obtain a better understanding of ourselves. Session 1: "Ancient Ancestors" will study the Neolithic era through the Roman Empire. Session 2: "Medieval Mortality" will review the impact of Christianity on Medieval culture. Session 3: "Colonial Cession" will address how the influence of Puritan ideals shaped the old world and a new nation. Session 4: "Victorian Views" will analyze the Golden Age of Iconology and Burial Traditions.

FEMALE OPERATIVES OF THE O.S.S.

Dates: 3 Thursdays: March 7, 14, 21

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Location: Business & Education Bldg.

Room 144 Cost: \$10

Instructor: Justin Guy is 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. He is a Jean Laney Heritage Award winner.

Description: Focus will be on the three female operatives working for the O.S.S.:

Week 1: Virginia Hall: America's first and arguably the greatest spy of the Second World War.

Week 2: Oddette Sansom, a French-British spy captured by the gestapo and sent to Ravensbruck concentration camp.

Week 3: "The White Mouse", Nancy Wake, a courageous and adventurous woman who helped end the German occupation of France in the Second World War.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Dates: 2 Fridays: March 8, 15

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Gordon Munro has spent much of

his career shooting for magazines such as *Time*, *Interview*, *W*, *Vogue* and *Bazaar* and is known for his fashion photography, studio work and celebrity portraiture. Born in England, Gordon was inspired by the works of famed photographers such as Richard Avedon, Hiro, Art Kane and Irving Penn, the latter of whom he worked with for three years following his move to New York in his early twenties. In the decades since, Gordon has had a thriving career in fashion, beauty and editorial, with a resume that includes the likes of Lancome, Revlon, Clinique, Saks Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdales, Judith Lieber, and Bill Blass. An expert in studio lighting and a gifted portraitist, Gordon has worked extensively in corporate and celebrity photography.

Description: This class will cover all aspects of Photography: history, appreciation of the contribution of past and present photographer's work and of student's specialization choices; understanding camera settings; studio lighting and natural light; comparison between using film and digital.

THE LIFE, ART, AND STORIES OF DR. SEUSS

Dates: 4 Fridays: March 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Thomas Bradner please see bio on page 24.

Description: Dr. Seuss lived a life of contradictions. One of them was that he wrote children's stories that were really for adults, but that he felt uncomfortable in the presence of children. Because he was not honored as a great artist for his paintings, he believed himself to be a failure. Many areas of his life will be explored, and his best-known stories will be studied.

INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL NETWORKS

Date: Monday: March 11

Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Location: Technical Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Russ Beckmeyer please see bio on page 17.

Description: This class introduces students to the capability of digital networks. Students will gain a basic knowledge of various digital networks used to connect phones, computers, home automation, and home security. This lecture-based class with limited hands-on activity will acquaint students with a broad overview of network digital options..

WHAT IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)?

Dates: 2 Thursdays: March 14, 21

Time: 10:30 – 12:30 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$ 18

Instructor: Larry Deschaine works internationally as a complex adaptive systems simulation and optimization expert. He has four university degrees (MIT '84, UCONN '92, Chalmers (Sweden) '14, and St. Leo '16) in the fields of engineering, science, and theology. He earned Grand Prize distinction from the 2017 American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists competition. Russ Beckmeyer please see bio on page 17

Description: A long-standing debate in the information technology community has been: Is Artificial Intelligence (AI) a benefit or a detriment, good or evil? Learn what artificial intelligence really is, how you are already using it, and how it will impact your future..

EXPLORING AMAZON FIRE TABLETS

Dates: 2 Thursdays: March 14, 21

Time: 1:30 – 2:30 PM

Location: Technical Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$18

Instructor: Dennis Harkins please see bio on page 17.

Description: Learn to make the most of these versatile, yet inexpensive tablets. Amazon has packed many features into the Fire tablet. Students explore the following features: access to entertainment such as books, movies, music, and games. Send and receive emails, download apps for an endless variety of opportunities, surf the web, and take pictures with the included camera. Also, the Alexa App allows you to set up the Echo device that can respond to your commands and do much more than just play music. Students must bring their Fire tablets with them to the classroom..

HOME SECURITY

Date: Tuesday: March 18

Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Location: Technical Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Russ Beckmeyer please see bio on page 17.

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.



APPLE MACBOOKS AND IMACS

Dates: 3 Tuesdays: March 19, 26; April 2

Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Location: Technical Center

Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$20

Instructor: Wayne Rickman please see bio on page 28

Description: Moving from a Microsoft Windows computer to a MacBook laptop or Apple iMac computer can be tricky. This course is designed to help students get familiar with the many features available on 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 Technology Center has four Apple iMac computers that are available on a first come-first served basis. Students are encouraged to bring their own Apple MacBook laptops. A flash drive is required for this course.

HOW DO I USE ONE DRIVE?

Date: 1 Wednesday: March 20

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Location: Technical Center

Class Size Limit: 8

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Russ Beckmeyer please see bio on page 17.

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 files 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.

JFK: THE FATE THAT LAUNCHED A THOUSAND CONSPIRACIES

Dates: 3 Fridays: March 22, 29; April 5

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$10

Instructor: Steve Gordy has been an active volunteer with the Center for Lifelong Learning since 2020 and has instructed for the Center several times in the past. His studies toward being an academic historian equipped him with a mindset to "believe half of what you see and none of what you hear" and to regard conspiracy theories as requiring the most rigorous testing and critical evaluation.

Description: The shots in Dealey Plaza had scarcely finished echoing when conspiracy believers hastened into print with their pet theories. Sixty years later, a sizable portion of the American public believes John F. Kennedy was the victim of a plot. This class will examine the background of some popular theories and will, where possible, suggest a way of looking at this cataclysmic event.

STRATEGIC VOTING IN US ELECTIONS

Dates: 2 Tuesdays: March 26; April 2

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 PM

Location: Business & Education Bldg.
Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Dr. Matthew P. Thornburg is an Associate Professor of Political Science at USC Aiken. He received his Ph.D. from George Mason University in political science in 2013 and his BA from Johns Hopkins University in behavioral biology in 2006. Dr. Thornburg studies voting behavior and public opinion and has published widely on primary elections. At USC Aiken, Dr. Thornburg directs the Social Sciences and Business Research Lab and co-coaches the Mock Trial Team.

Description: This two-session class will examine the interaction between voters and electoral rules and the unusual results that sometimes occur. The first session will look at primary elections and the phenomena of crossover voting—Democrats voting in the Republican primary and vice-versa—as well as why voters may not vote for their favorite candidate in a primary. The second session will look at third parties and their struggles in the American political system due to strategic voting

as well as recent reforms taking place across the country that may change this.

APPLE TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSION GROUP

Date: Thursday: March 28

Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Location: Technical Center

Cost: Free

Instructor: Wayne Rickman please see bio on page 28.

Description: Your membership in the Center for Lifelong Learning qualifies you to attend the meeting of this group. If you have any questions concerning the operation of Apple products, you are welcome to attend this meeting. 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.

THE WHAT AND THE WHY OF THE STRAIGHT TICKET VOTING OPTION

Date: 1 Thursday: March 28

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg. Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Dr. Matthew P. Thornburg please see bio on page 32.

Description: This will examine a unique feature of South Carolina elections: the straight ticket voting option. Topics discussed will include: The prevalence and growth of the straight ticket voting option in Aiken County; who uses the option in Aiken County; and how the straight ticket voting option changes the way individuals vote. The presentation will include original research conducted by Dr. Thornburg and his students in Aiken County. There will be time for discussion.

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Date: 1 Monday: April 1

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg. Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Bob Hartung received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Miami University, a master's from Bowling Green University and postgraduate work from Toledo University, Findlay University and Ashland University. Bob 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. He is an avid golfer and was a United States Golf Association course rater for over 20 years. He was twice a hole captain for the U.S. Men's Senior Open.

Description: The class is about the Allied landing on the 5 Normandy Beaches and the subsequent advances of the battle lines. A visit to the U.S. cemetery and the search for a particular soldier's grave is also part of the talk.

SUBMARINES: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Date: 4 Mondays: April 1, 8, 15, 22

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg. Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Jim Tisaranni is a 1964 graduate of the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD. He served on a submarine in the Navy for 29 years. His assignments included WWII diesel-powered boats to Command of the most advanced nuclear-powered submarines and several staff positions.

Description: Week 1: Submarine history focusing on the submarine battle in the Pacific where the American forces overcame arcane tactics and inadequate weapons to shut down Japan's commerce, which played a significant role in winning the war. Week 2: Will focus on the Sea Wolf SSN21 operation and revolutionary construction Methodology.

Week 3: Will present today's Ohio Class Trident submarine operations and submariner selection, training, and application.

Week 4: Will discuss today and tomorrow's force structure, missions, and all world capability.

CHESSMATE FOR BEGINNERS

Date: 4 Mondays: April 1, 8, 15, 22

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg. 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! Join this unforgettable journey into the world of chess. Explore the meaning, history, and reasoning behind chess moves and pieces. Gain the confidence to compete by learning how to correctly move chess pieces around the board. Learning chess develops patience, aids in better problem-solving, and develops planning skills. Chess enhances foresight to see how decisions not only in chess but in life as well will influence the best outcome. Expect surprises during your training! Experience the excitement of becoming a live chess piece. Don't get left behind – your curiosity will be satisfied.

TWO EMINENT 18TH CENTURY AUGUSTANS: GEORGE WALTON & EZEKIEL HARRIS

Dates: 2 Tuesdays: Lecture - April 2;

Field trip - April 9

Time: Lecture - 9:30 – 10:30 AM; Field trip - TBD

Location: Business and Education Bldg. Room 144

Class Size Limit: 30

Cost: \$8 plus lunch and admission fee

Instructor: Dr. Tom Mack holds the rank of USC

Distinguished Professor Emeritus. During his long tenure, he received many honors including the Carolina Trustee Professorship and the Governor's Award in the Humanities. His regional book titles include *Circling the Savannah*, *Hidden History of Augusta*, *Hidden History of Aiken County*, and *100 Things to Do in Augusta Before You Die*. For over three decades, Dr. Mack has written an award-winning "Arts and Humanities" column in the Aiken Standard.

Description: In anticipation of our country's 250th birthday in 2026, this two-part class will explore the life and work of two local eighteenth-century icons, Revolutionary War patriot and politician George Walton, and entrepreneur Ezekiel Harris. The lecture session on campus will prepare participants for the subsequent field trip to Meadow Garden and the Ezekiel Harris House. Nominal admission fees and lunch at a local restaurant will be at the participant's expense. Carpooling is encouraged for the Augusta expedition.

TRAVEL RESOURCES AND TRIP PREPARATION

Date: 4 Tuesdays: April 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg. Room 144

Cost: \$12

Instructor: Dominique Corbett graduated with a B.A. in Russian & French Studies from Wells College and an M.A. in Russian & East European Studies from Yale University. She graduated from the Police Academy in 1994 and served 28.5 years, retiring as a Patrol Watch Commander/Lieutenant. She was assigned to the Office of the Chief State's Attorney for Medicaid Fraud. She served in the U.S. Army Reserves and U.S. Air Force Reserves, retiring after 24 years of military service. In her last years in the USAF, she was put on special assignment for a counterdrug mission on Counter Threat. She

worked with the Treasury, the FBI, the Department of State, the Department of Commerce, NCIS, and other law enforcement agencies.

Description: Students will be oriented with language guides, maps, and how to best prep for travel abroad. Dominique will spend individual time during each class to make sure each student feels comfortable with whatever language and other resources they plan to use for travel. Students should bring a language guide for wherever the student plans to travel – Berlitz or any guide, and maps are also encouraged.

CIVIL WAR COOKING: WHAT THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS ATE

Date: Wednesday: April 3

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg. Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Dr. Walter B. Curry Jr., is the founder of Renaissance Publications, LLC. Dr. Curry received a bachelor's degree from South Carolina State University and has earned graduate degrees, which includes a doctorate degree in Curriculum & Instruction from Argosy University. Dr. Curry has published two books, *The Thompson Family: Untold Stories from the Past (1830-1960)*, and *The Awakening: The Seawright-Ellison Family Saga, Vol.1, A Narrative History*. Both books 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: The course will focus on the foods Confederate soldiers ate prepared by camp cooks. Course topics include a brief history on the difficulties of cooking that Confederate soldiers' chances of survival during the war; how the Confederacy was able to supply food for their soldiers; how camp cooks skillfully used cooking tools to prepare food for their soldiers; how camp cooks used creativity to prepare food for the soldiers; and why some Confederate soldiers brought their slaves to cook for them and their respective regiments. There will be a food and artifact display on site along with handouts.

CONVERSING WITH COLONIALS

Date: Wednesday: April 3

Time: 9:30 – 10:45 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

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 Traveler", she has engaged visitors, readers and students alike in the ways of our colonial ancestors.

Description: Time travel to Colonial America and converse with the locals. This lecture will discuss 18th-century language, quirky laws, crime and punishment, and traveler details that will make your visit run smoothly to prevent you from being sentenced to a stay in the stocks.



A LOOK AT COLONIAL DRESS: EXPLORING THE CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES OF THE PERIOD

Date: Thursday: April 4

Time: 9:30 – 10:45 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Gwen Spivey please see bio on page 35.

Description: A live step-by-step demonstration of a ladies' dressing ritual during the 18th Century, dressing from the inside out.

CECROPIA MOTHS

Date: Monday: April 8

Time: 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: : Pat Garrett is a backyard naturalist who has raised Monarchs and backyard Swallowtails in Michigan and South Carolina. She hopes to have a live specimen to share with the class. Mother Nature will make this determination. She found and raised multiple Cecropia cocoons last year.

Description: The largest native moth in North America, the Cecropia Moth, (Hyalophora Cecropia), is a member of the giant silk moth family with a 5" to 7" wingspan. Other members include Polypemus and Luna moths. The class will explore the life cycle of these beautiful moths.

COASTAL AND BACKCOUNTRY LIVING DURING THE COLONIAL PERIOD

Date: Wednesday: April 10

Time: 9:30 – 10:45 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Gwen Spivey please see bio on page

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Description: This class will compare and contrast coastal and back-country living in Colonial South Carolina. We'll explore all aspects of daily life from both perspectives. A PowerPoint presentation with a traveling trunk of period-correct items will enhance the lecture.

EXPLORING AN 18TH CENTURY PANTRY

Date: Friday: April 12

Time: 9:30 – 10:45 AM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 144

Cost: \$ 5

Instructor: Gwen Spivey please see bio on page 35.

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.



FIELD TRIPS

PLANT VOGTLE TOUR # 1

Date: Thursday, January 25

Time: 10:00 AM

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

Cost: \$ 5

Limit: 25

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 9:30 am. Prior to the tour date, a map will be sent to all students 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.



PLANT VOGTLE TOUR # 2

Date: Thursday, January 25

Time: 1:00 PM

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

Cost: \$ 5

Limit: 25

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 12:30 pm. Prior to the tour date, a map will be sent to all students 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.

AIKEN COUNTY LIBRARY TOUR

Date: Wednesday: February 21

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Location: Aiken County Public Library
314 Chesterfield St. S, Aiken SC

Cost: Free, but member registration is required

Limit: 15

Description: Discover all that the Aiken County Public Library has to offer by taking a tour! Jessica Christian, Library Manager, will give students an eye-opening chance to learn all about the library's collection, services, programs, and building.

EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE SPRING 2024

Date: January 3

Time: 9:00 – 12:00 PM

Location: Business and Education Bldg.

Room 122

REGISTER BY MAIL:

Send registration form with payment to:
USC Aiken

External Programs Office Box 20

471 University Parkway

Aiken, SC 29801

Credit Card Only for Mail In Registration

Will be processed beginning January 4.

REGISTER ONLINE:

Begins January 3 at 9:00 AM

Enter this link into the address bar

aikenlearning.org/online.html

REGISTER IN PERSON:

Begins January 4 (during office hours)

USC Aiken, Business &

Education Building, Room 126

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We're always looking for new volunteers for the Center for Lifelong Learning. If you would like to learn more about our volunteer opportunities, send an email to vol@aikenlearning.org.

MEET THE AUTHORS

Date: Saturday, March 2

Time: 11:00 AM– 4:00 PM

Location: Aiken Senior Life Services

1310 E Pinelog Rd.

Aiken, SC 29801

Description: MEET THE AUTHORS will feature local and regional authors offering their books for sale. There will be author roundtables, where the public can talk to authors in small groups, and we'll also have authors reading from their works. Authors will contribute used books for sale, and unsold books will be donated to Aiken Senior Life Services to their members' use. This will be the third such event we've sponsored, and it promises to be a day of enjoyment for all readers.

EARL S. KAUFFMAN RECOGNITION DAY LUNCHEON

Date: Wednesday, April 24

Time: 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Location: Etherredge Center

Description: Dr Earl S. 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 at the University of South Carolina Aiken. The Earl S. Kauffman Recognition Day and Award is a luncheon hosted annually to celebrate the significant contribution made by Mr. Kauffman.

Invitations (with a required RSVP) will be emailed to Center for Lifelong Learning members in February.

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 Do NOT send a check with form. Only credit cards are accepted for mail-in registration.

CONVENIENT

We offer a variety of horse-related classes, 24 to be exact. You may begin the course(s) at any point in the month; take one course or several at a time. The completion deadline is one year from the registration date of each individual course.

RELEVANT

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- Fit To Ride
- Health And Disease Management
- Legal Aspects Of Horse Management
- Nutrition For Maximum Performance
- Preparation For Competition*
- Rev Up Your Dressage*
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- (Prerequisite; Riding Instructor Role And Responsibilities)
- Showmanship In Hand*
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- Train For Western Riding*
- Training Performance Horses*
- Understanding Equine Behavior

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- 9/11 Memorial
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- Central Park
- Manhattan
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- Christmas Store Visit
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