

Institute for Learning in Retirement

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Bulletin



Summer 2016

The Institute for Learning in Retirement is dedicated for the enjoyment and continued learning of its members. The courses in this Bulletin are the work of volunteer members who organize and facilitate the courses, discussion groups, special events, and field trips as well as social activities involving the ILR. The presenters are also volunteers from the University of Florida, Santa Fe College as well as the Gainesville community. Visit our website at www.ilratoakhammock.org or email Sara Lynn McCrea at smccrea@oakhammock.org for more information.

Summer Classes

Who Cares About Ecology and Conservation? We Do!

Wednesdays, July 13 through August 24

10:00 a.m.

Oak Hammock Commons

Oak Room

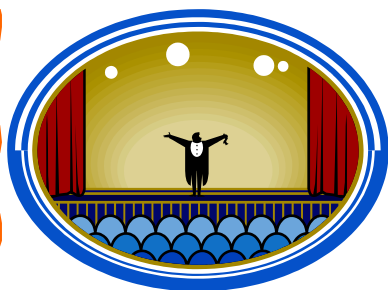
Facilitator: Gail Dewsbury

By attending this course, you will learn about some of the research being conducted at the Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Department at UF and also learn about what is being done for conservation at the local level. You will learn what you can do protect the environment in Florida and the world.

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| July 13 | Wildlife Ecology Conservation: Past, Present and Future
Eric Hellgren, Ph.D, Chair of the Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Department |
| July 20 | Habitat Protection at the Local Government Level
Stephen Hofstetter, Natural Resource Program Manager, Alachua County
Environmental Protection Department |
| July 27 | Invasive Vertebrate in Florida
Christina Romagosa, Ph.D, Assistant Research Professor |
| August 3 | Some Like It Hot: Understanding Manatee Behavior in Response to Cold Temperatures
Catherine Haase, Ph.D Candidate |
| August 10 | Wildlife Diseases of Florida: Connecting Human, Domestic Animals and Wildlife in ONE Health
Samantha Wisely, Ph.D, Associate Professor |
| August 17 | Functional Diversity of South East USA Fish Communities
Joshua Epstein, Ph.D Candidate |
| August 24 | The Drivers and Ecological Consequences of Deforestation in the Amazon
Emilio Bruna, Ph.D, Distinguished Teaching Scholar and Professor |

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Summer Classes



The Helen Rothschild Summer Class on Understanding and Enjoying Opera

Tuesdays, July 12 through August 30

1:00 p.m.

Oak Hammock Commons

Acorn Room

Facilitators: Forrest Crawford, Jackie Davison, Coni Gesualdi, and Ray Jones

Presenters' Choice: This summer, following a long tradition, we have two members and two facilitators presenting operas.

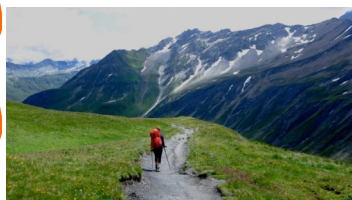
July 12-19 We kick off the summer session with Puccini's *La Boheme*, in a 1977 Met Opera production starring Luciano Pavarotti and Renata Scottò. This classic will be presented by opera member Barbara Cooper, who will tell us of her experience singing this opera.

July 26 - August 2 Then we jump from an old favorite to an opera most of us have never seen: *Rasputin* by Finnish composer Einojuhani Rautavaara who is well known for his neo-romantic music. This 2004 Finnish National Opera production will be facilitated by Forrest Crawford.

August 9-16 Next we will present a rousing version of a favorite opera. The 2007 Royal Opera House production of Donizetti's *La Fille du Regiment*, starring Juan Diego Florez and Natalie Dessay is well sung and lots of fun. If you have a friend who might like to try opera, this would be a good opera to attend. Facilitated by Coni Gesualdi.

August 23-30 To end the summer session, member Myra Hudson presents *Samson and Delila*, by the Romantic Era French composer Camille Saint-Saens, which stars Placido Domingo and Shirley Verrett, in a 1981 San Francisco Opera production.

Come join us this summer, and bring a friend or two!



Adventures in Living III

Tuesdays, July 12 through August 16

10:00 a.m.

Oak Hammock Commons

Oak Room

Facilitator: Barbara Herbstman

This course provides each presenter with the opportunity to share part of his/her life. Each person has a unique and interesting story to share and the result is a greater insight into the speaker as well as oneself.

July 12 Jack Martin

July 19 Valerie Griffith

July 26 Bob Blood

August 2 Will Shafer

August 9 Mary Sue Koeppel

August 16 Ray Goldwire

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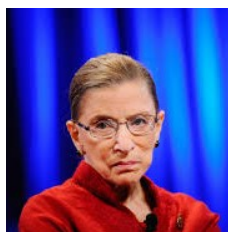
Top Shelf at the Library

Mondays, July 11 through August 15
Oak Hammock Commons
Facilitator: Barbara Herbstman

10:00 a.m.
Oak Room

Librarians, archivists, and curators for the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections will showcase gems from an array of collections at Smathers Library. The Treasures of Special and Area Studies Collections offers a peek into rare and unusual historical material ordinarily seen by only a few researchers. Each week, two or more collections will be featured to provide intriguing insights into themes from popular culture in the U.S. and children's literature to Florida history and international agriculture and foodways.

- July 11 Collecting the Culture and Literature of Mid-20th Century America
Jim Liversidge, Curator of Popular Culture Collections; and Florence M. Turcotte, Literary Manuscripts Archivist
- July 18 Almost Extinct: Saving Endangered Species, Histories and Books
Dan Reboussin, African Studies Librarian; Rebecca Jefferson, Curator of the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica; and Samuel Huang, Curator of Rare Books
- July 25 Florida Living in Architecture and Genealogy
John Nemmers, Curator of Architecture Archives, and Boyd Murphree, Florida Family and Community History Project Manager
- August 1 Farm to Table Around the World: The Cultures of Agriculture and Food
Lara Lookabaugh, Latin American and Caribbean Collections Librarian, and Katalin Rac, Jewish Heritage Coordinator
- August 8 The Experience of Young People
Suzan Alteri, Curator of the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature; and Jessica Marcetti, Panama Canal Museum Collection Coordinator
- August 15 The History and Architecture of the University of Florida
Carl Van Ness, University Historian, and Peggy McBride, University Archivist



The Unlikely Firebrand on the Supreme Court:

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Thursday, June 30
Oak Hammock Commons
Presenter: Barbara Oberlander
Facilitator: Walter Kalaf

10:00 a.m.
Oak Room

Summer Classes



Science Matters: Ice and Water

Mondays, July 11 through August 15
Oak Hammock Commons

1:30 p.m.
Oak Room

Presenters: John Axe, Douglas Merrey

Facilitator: John Axe

July 11

The Ice Ages

Presenter: John Axe

Over the past half century geologists and climatologists have pieced together a reasonably complete and accurate history of changes in the earth's climate going back to the formation of the solar system 4.5 billion years ago. I will review this record, the techniques used to establish it, and (where possible) the factors contributing to the often abrupt changes.

July 18-August 8

The Cadillac Desert

A series of four hour-long 1997 documentary PBS films based upon a book of the same name by Marc Reisner describing the looming water crisis in the American Southwest. The situation has only grown more pressing. (Regrettably, no commercial quality DVDs or videotapes of this series seem available, but must be pieced together from low-resolution YouTube uploads.)

July 18

Mulholland's Dream. The Story of Los Angeles Water Department Chief William Mulholland's quest to quench the city's ever growing thirst for more and more water.

July 25

An American Nile. Dams become the lifeblood for millions of Americans living in the Southwest. The Colorado River becomes the most controlled, litigated, domesticated, and over-allocated river in history.

August 1

The Mercy of Nature. Fierce political and environmental battles are fought around the transformation of California's Central Valley from a semi-arid plain into a productive and environmentally altered agricultural region.

August 8

Last Oasis. Water use—and misuse—are also affecting the daily lives of millions of peoples around the world. Water management consultant (and Oak Hammock resident) Douglas Merrey, with years of direct experience in South Asia, Africa and the Middle East, will offer additional insights and comments.

August 15

Water and the New Sustainable Development Goals.

In 2015 a global commitment was made to end poverty by 2030, and to meet the challenges presented by climate change. Reversing growing water scarcity will be critical. What are the chances of success?

Summer Classes

Something Cool For The Summer

This summer ILR is offering online registration. The traditional method that you have always used is still available, but if you would like to register online, just follow these simple steps:

- Go to www.ilratoakhammock.org
- Click on *Courses and Programs* on the header
- Scroll down page to online registration link; click on the link and the summer listing of courses will appear. All you have to do is check off the courses you would like to register to attend.
- Scroll down and enter your name and e-mail address
- Hit submit and you are all registered.

It's the summer and so there are no charges for any courses. This will give you the opportunity to invite your friends to register and join us.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn

Thursday, August 11

10:00 a.m.

Oak Hammock Commons

Oak Room

Presenter: Paul Ortiz, Director of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at UF

Facilitator: Trudi DiTrolio

Dr. Paul Ortiz is back to talk about two cherished novels, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. This presentation adds to his previous talks, "How to Read Faulkner" and "Harper Lee's Novels" in a growing list of literary talks about American authors.

Note: Dr. Ortiz recommends: "Signet Classics has an excellent edition of *Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn* currently available, also on Kindle. It has an excellent literary introduction by Shelley Fishkin. The 2013 edition has a marvelous afterward by Ishmael Reed. It can be found through Barnes & Noble."



Roundtable Discussion in the Algonquin Genre

Thursdays, July 14 through August 25

10:00 a.m.

Oak Hammock Commons

Multipurpose Room

Class Limit: 25

Moderators: Jim Sullivan, Dick Suttor

This is a forum for discussion of topics of mutual interest. Participants are encouraged to bring their interests, opinions, and expertise to the table and engage in spirited, though respectful debate. Topics will be determined jointly by participants.

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Spanish Conversation and Culture

Mondays, June 6 through August 29

1:30 p.m.

Oak Hammock Commons

Multi-purpose Room

Instructor: Cathryn Gregory

Facilitator: Roanne Coplin

This course is a continuing course in Spanish. It is targeted toward those who have a basic knowledge of the Spanish language. Conversation, culture, short stories, advanced grammar, and vocabulary expansion will be included. Student input is encouraged.

Cathryn Gregory has over 40 years of experience in teaching high school Spanish. For 20 of these years, she taught Advanced Placement Spanish Literature. She has a master's degree in Foreign Language Education from The Ohio State University.

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