



Oasis Classes

January - February 2023

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910 Men's Discussion Group (A)

Oasis Members

This group provides a forum to engage in intellectual conversation with a peer group and explore areas of common interest. Topics for discussion are selected by the group. There is a designated moderator. Limit: 20

Online Class

Monday, Jan 2 - Apr 24, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Fee: \$30 17 sessions

911 Bethesda Men's Discussion Group (A) - formerly Monday mornings at BCC

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Online Class

Monday, Jan 2 - Apr 24, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Fee: \$30 17 sessions

912 Men's/Women's Discussion Group (C) - formerly Tuesday mornings at NPCC

Oasis Members

This group meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 am and on Fridays at 12:30 pm. It provides a forum to engage in intellectual conversation with a peer group and explore areas of common interest. There is a designated moderator who suggests topics and provides background materials in advance. Limit: 20

Online Class

Tuesday, Friday, Jan 3 - Apr 28, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Fee: \$30 34 sessions

913 Men's/Women's Discussion Group (A)

Oasis Members

This group provides a forum to engage in intellectual conversation with a peer group and explore areas of common interest. Topics for discussion are selected by the group. Limit: 20

Online Class

Tuesday, Jan 3 - Apr 25, 01:00 PM - 02:30 PM
Fee: \$30 17 sessions

914 Men's/Women's Discussion Group (B)

Oasis Members

This group provides a forum to engage in intellectual conversation with a peer group and explore areas of common interest. Participants are asked to submit articles or topics beforehand. There is a designated moderator who notifies the participants of what topics have been suggested. Limit: 20

Online Class

Wednesday, Jan 4 - Apr 26, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Fee: \$30 17 sessions

916 Men's Discussion Group (B)

Oasis Members

This group provides a forum to engage in intellectual conversation with a peer group and explore areas of common interest. Topics for discussion are selected by the group. The role of moderator rotates each week from among those who volunteer. Limit: 20

Online Class

Thursday, Jan 5 - Apr 27, 01:00 PM - 02:30 PM
Fee: \$30 17 sessions

917 Bethesda Men's Discussion Group (B) - formerly Friday mornings at BCC

Oasis Facilitators

This group provides a forum to engage in intellectual conversation with a peer group and explore areas of common interest. The role of moderator rotates each week from among those who volunteer. The moderator for that week solicits topics in advance and distributes to the whole group brief descriptions/questions related to them, giving everyone a chance to think about the topics ahead of time. Limit: 23

Online Class

Friday, Jan 6 - Apr 28, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Fee: \$30 17 sessions

100 Reflections on the 2022 Midterms

Steve Roberts, Journalist and Author

Join Steve Roberts for a lively look at the results of the 2022 Midterm Elections. Steve Roberts has been a journalist for almost 60 years, covering some of the major events of his time, including fourteen presidential election campaigns. As a broadcaster, Roberts appears regularly as a political analyst on the ABC radio network and writes a nationally-syndicated newspaper column. He teaches politics and journalism at George Washington University and lectures widely on American politics and the role of the news media.

Online Class

Monday, Jan 9, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Fee: \$18

101 Mah Jongg Group

Oasis Members

Play the game and practice your skills with other advanced-beginner and intermediate players. Limit:12

Oasis

Monday, Jan 9 - Apr 17, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Fee: \$30 15 sessions

102 Prostate Enlargement and Voiding Dysfunction : Prevention and Treatment

Daoud Dajani, MD

Take early steps to take care of your prostate and bladder. Join Dr. Daoud Dajani, a urologist with Chesapeake urology, for a full discussion about prostate and bladder health focusing on early prevention and intervention.

Online Class

Monday, Jan 9, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Free

103 Back Up Your Computer Before It Dies

Gary Cahn, Computer Instructor

This class is taught for students with PC, not Mac, formats. It is for advanced-beginner and intermediate students. What would happen if your computer "died"? You could lose access to your digital photos, tax records, documents, email and more. Learn how to back up your data so that if your computer dies, the data is protected. With a variety of options, you can be safe, not sorry. Limit: 20

Online Class

Tuesday, Jan 10, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Fee: \$24

104 Stop Losing Money on your Utility Bill (ZOOM)

Larissa Johnson, Residential Energy Program Manager, Montgomery County

What's the cheapest form of energy? It's the energy we don't use! During this presentation, we'll discuss the two main ways to keep money in your pocket. We'll cover the difference between conservation and efficiency and the benefits of using less energy, plus some of the most efficient ways to do it. You'll leave this presentation with helpful tips and advice to keep you from wasting your money and a deep dive into your electricity bill.

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105 How Reliable is Eyewitness Identification? (AT OASIS)

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901 Caregivers Support Group

Roberta Drucker, LCSW-C

Even when caring for a loved one is an act of love, it still takes many new skills and a great deal of energy. It also raises a lot of questions. Our Caregiver Series offers a place to learn from the experiences of others and to encourage those who are in similar circumstances. The sessions will be facilitated by compassionate professionals. Some sessions will spotlight expert guest speakers on a variety of topics to support you in your caregiving journey. Most sessions will allow time for questions and group discussion. This group is strictly for those who are in a caregiver role. This series is sponsored by Family and Nursing Care.

Online Class

Wednesday, Jan 11 - Apr 19, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Free 8 sessions

106 Off the Beaten Path: European Travel Planning

Barbara Paulson, Travel Specialist

First time to Europe? Finally traveling again? European Travel Specialist Barbara Paulson offers advice on balancing your travel criteria and priorities with tips on who, what, when, where, why, and how of preparing for your trip. How many countries? Should I go with a group? Cash or credit cards? How do I pick a hotel? What do I pack (hint: old underwear) and NOT pack (hint: dress shoes)? See the related class #116 on January 18, "Enjoying Your European Travel."

Online Class

Wednesday, Jan 11, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$18

107 Advance Directives Demystified

Eleanor Tanno, MD

Creating an Advance Directive can be intimidating! Learn the process of creating one with a local, practicing, board certified physician who is passionate about Advance Directives. In this course, I will teach you an overview of Advance Directives, including considerations in choosing a Medical Power of Attorney and how to define your "Medical Wishes."

Online Class

Thursday, Jan 12, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Free

915 Women's Discussion Group (B) - formerly Thursdays at Oasis

Libby Merrill, Facilitator

Participants will be invited to suggest topics of interest for a relaxed and lively discussion by the group. Topics will cover a wide range of issues and concerns. Meetings: January 12, February 9, March 9, April 20.

Online Class

Thursday, Jan 12 - Apr 20, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Fee: \$20 4 sessions

108 Air Force One: A History of the Presidents and Their Planes (AT OASIS)

Ken Walsh, Veteran White House

Correspondent, Historian and Author

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903 Build Better Balance

Aubrey Reinmiller, PT, CPT

Improving your balance can help prevent falls and enhance your mobility! Each session will include strength training of your core and legs as well as stretching for common tight areas. You will learn practical strategies and tips for preventing falls while enjoying some fun balance and coordination exercises. Exercises may be performed seated or standing. Wear supportive shoes and have a sturdy chair, light weights, and water with you. Limit 25.

Online Class

Friday, Jan 13 - Apr 14, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$168 14 sessions

902 Memory Café - Support Group

Sheila Griffith, Program Manager, Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter

Are you or a loved one experiencing issues with memory loss or other cognitive impairment? Do you have trouble with your daily activities? Join us for a fun and social way for you to meet and spend time with others experiencing a similar journey. You are not alone. Limit: 18 Group will meet: Friday, January 13, Friday, February 3, Friday, March 3, Friday, April 7

Online Class

Friday, Jan 13 - Apr 7, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Free 4 sessions

110 Musical Monday with Coffee and Treats: Music of the Roaring Twenties (AT OASIS)

Michael Suser, Band Leader and Lecturer, and Charlene Cochran, Vocalist

Start your week at Oasis with coffee and treats, followed by live music and the story behind it. Oasis Musical Mondays are underwritten by the Robin Fields Memorial Fund. The roaring twenties really did roar. Rebounding from the horrors of WWI, America was ready for a good time, and music was a main attraction. Americans would dance, drink and party their way through the decade to the new sounds of jazz. We'll discuss the history of the "hot and happy" songs of this era, and then perform them, with Michael Suser on piano and Charlene Cochran on vocals.

(More Musical Mondays: see class #150, 190, and 240)

Oasis

Monday, Jan 16, 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Fee: \$15

111 Silent Spring Revolution: Early Environmental Crusaders from Rachel Carson to Coretta Scott King

Douglas Brinkley, Author and Presidential Historian

New York Times bestselling author and acclaimed presidential historian Douglas Brinkley will chronicle the rise of environmental activism during the Long Sixties (1960-1973), telling the story of an indomitable generation that saved the natural world under the leadership of John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, and Richard Nixon. In his new book *Silent Spring Revolution*, Brinkley pays tribute to those who combated the mauling of the natural world and launched an ecological revolution that inspired such landmark legislation as the Wilderness Act, the Clean Air Acts, and the Endangered Species Acts.

(See related classes # 153, 157, and 243)

Online Class

Monday, Jan 16, 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

Fee: \$15

112 SIX: The Musical Wives of Henry VIII (AT OASIS)

Dan Sherman, Musical Theatre Instructor

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113 Debating the Origins of Slavery in Colonial America

Richard Bell, Professor of History, University of Maryland

In 1619, a ship docked near Jamestown and sold twenty captive Africans into slavery in colonial Virginia. To the creators of the 1619 Project that moment was momentous. The 1619 Project argues that it marks the birth date of American slavery and that “the year 1619 is as important to the American story as 1776.” This program is designed to give you the tools to interrogate those contentions. Is it accurate and meaningful to say that 1619 was the moment when American slavery began — that it was ground zero in the spread of slavery and racism in America?

Online Class

Tuesday, Jan 17, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$18

114 Iran: Confronting the Global Threat (ZOOM)

Lawrence Haas, Senior Fellow, American Foreign Policy Council

The world faces a growing threat from Iran's pursuit of nuclear weaponry, growing ballistic missile capabilities, expanding conventional forces, terror sponsorship, continuing efforts to destabilize regional governments, and increasing brazenness in confronting the United States and its allies in the region and beyond. The United States and the West should abandon nuclear negotiations with Iran, seek to further isolate it around the world, and, most importantly, build alliances with Iran's increasingly restive population, from which its next leaders will come.

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115 Aging In Reverse with Yogadance (AT OASIS ONLY)

Kathy Hankins, Certified Yoga and Meditation Instructor

Recent research supports the hypothesis that dance and yoga reverse aging, as does positive thought processes. Come join Kathy Hankins and learn about Yogadance, a practice that incorporates the benefits of yoga and dance with a touch "forget your age" brain trickery to physically and mentally turn back the clock. It is suitable for all types of people including the non-yogi and the experienced yogi. It's not a lot of work, but produces a generous benefit.

Oasis

Wednesday, Jan 18, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Free

116 Off the Beaten Path: Enjoying European Travel

Barbara Paulson, Travel Specialist

Are you ready to get the most out of your European travel? Here are tips on how to plan and pace your days, deal with the weather, travel between locations, personal safety while you're abroad, experience the local food and culture, language and customs, etc. European Travel Specialist Barbara Paulson offers tips on enjoying your time in Europe. See also January 11 class #106 "European Travel Planning."

Online Class

Wednesday, Jan 18, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Fee: \$18

117 A World of Ideas: The Bloomsbury Group

Steven Gimbel, Professor of Philosophy, Gettysburg College

Around Cambridge University early in the 20th century, a group of intellectuals met regularly to talk, to think, and to express their inherent superiority to the rest of humanity...in an understated British fashion. Including writers Virginia Woolf and E. M. Forster, economist John Maynard Keynes, and philosopher Bertrand Russell, norms were violated, puns were made, and drinks were poured. We will meet the cast of characters and discuss their ideas.

(For more "World of Ideas" classes: see class #156, 206, 246)

Online Class

Thursday, Jan 19, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Fee: \$18

118 Reconsidering George Washington for Today's America (ZOOM)

Denver Brunzman, Associate Chair, Department of History, George Washington University

In recent years, no subject has been safe from America's culture wars, including the country's indispensable founder, George Washington. In this lecture, Professor Denver Brunzman of George Washington University will use the current cultural moment to reconsider our first president in commemoration of the upcoming 291st anniversary of Washington's birth. While Washington's conduct as a slaveholder has undoubtedly diminished his reputation, Professor Brunzman will share a host of other areas, many surprising, in which America's Father can still inspire and guide us.

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120 Democracy v. Autocracy: Where is Latin America Headed?

Naomi Daremblum, Professor, Latin American Culture & Politics, Montgomery Coll.

After 40 years of uneven experience, democracy is facing acute challenges in Latin America. Over the past two decades, two of the region's countries—Venezuela and Nicaragua—have completed the transition from being representative democracies to fully-fledged dictatorships, while a few others are barely worthy of the democratic label. Democracy in Brazil recently won a narrow victory. We'll take a timely look at the state of democracy and the threat of autocracy in Latin America. (See related class #131)

Online Class

Monday, Jan 23, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Fee: \$18

121 Overview of Parkinson's Disease

Justin Martello, MD

Parkinson's Disease is a neurological condition said to impact more than 1M people in the U.S. Join Dr. Justin Martello for an overview of the disease and how the Parkinson Foundation of the National Capital Area helps people slow its progression.

Online Class

Monday, Jan 23, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Free

122 A Tribute to Broadway Icon Angela Lansbury (AT OASIS)

Julie Kurzava, Music Faculty, Loyola University

Sadly, we recently lost the great stage and screen actress Angela Lansbury in 2022. An amazingly versatile actress, her career stretched over 80 years. Julie Kurzava revisits her stage work and the writers and composers she inspired. She earned 6 Tony Awards in the process, including Stephen Sondheim (Sweeney Todd and more), Noel Coward (Blithe Spirit), and Jerry Herman (Mame).

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Fee: \$18

123 The Films of Alfred Hitchcock

Brian Rose, Professor (ret.), Department of Communication and Media Studies, Fordham University

Alfred Hitchcock is probably the most famous film director who ever lived. For five decades, first in England, then in Hollywood, he made fifty-four films, including classics such as *The Thirty-Nine Steps*, *Rebecca*, *Notorious*, *Rear Window*, *North by Northwest*, *Vertigo*, and *Psycho*. Few filmmakers have been as popular, critically celebrated, and as influential, not only as a director but also as a multi-media showman through his tv series, magazines, book anthologies, even extending to board games and record albums. This presentation looks at his achievements as “the master of suspense,” and through dozens of film clips, examines his extraordinary creativity as one of the 20th century's greatest filmmakers.

Online Class

Tuesday, Jan 24, 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM
Fee: \$15

124 Book Discussion: "The Other Wes Moore" OR "The Work: Searching for A Life That Matters"

Jonina Duker, Certified Book Discussion Leader

Maryland's new governor Westley Watende Omari Moore's short life has been eventful enough that he has two memoirs. You can choose which memoir to read and we'll examine both to understand more about this man who has big plans for Maryland. In *The Other Wes Moore*, he writes, "The other Wes Moore is a drug dealer, a robber, a murderer. I am a Rhodes scholar, a White House Fellow, and a former Army officer. Yet our situations could easily have been reversed." Following his stint at the White House, Moore worked as an investment banker; started a television production company and a Baltimore-based radio talk show; and ran two non-profit organizations. In *The Work: Searching for a Life That Matters*, Moore shares the lessons he learned from people he met along his life's journey--from the brave Afghan translator who taught him to find his fight, to the resilient young students in Katrina-ravaged Mississippi who showed him the true meaning of grit, to his late grandfather, who taught him to find grace in service. Moore also tells the stories of other twenty-first-century change-makers who've inspired him in his search. Please read either book so you can participate in our structured, facilitated, Zoom discussion. (Note: Please join the meeting at 3:00 pm if you would like some assistance using the features of Zoom. Otherwise, join us at 3:15 pm for the start of our discussion.)

(For other book discussions, see classes #162, 194, 234)

Online Class

Tuesday, Jan 24, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Fee: \$18

125 To Tell the Truth: A Marcos Returns to Power in the Phillipines

Lewis M. Simons, Foreign Correspondent and Author

By way of an interview-style format, Philippino journalist Christian Esguerra will talk with foreign correspondent Lewis Simons about Simons' Pulitzer-prize winning story that led to the toppling of the Marcos regime, followed by a discussion of the recent return to power of the Marcos family.

Online Class

Wednesday, Jan 25, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Fee: \$12

126 Carole King: The Soundtrack of Our Lives

Jane Ellen, Performer, Composer, and Recording Artist

Singer/songwriter Carole King (1942-) began her career in the 1960s writing hit songs with then-husband Gerry Goffin. A decade later, she became an award-winning performer in her own right when the album *Tapestry* topped the US charts in 1971 for 15 weeks and remained on the charts for six years. Recipient of the Gershwin Prize from the Library of Congress in 2012, King has written the musical soundtrack of our lives across five decades.

Online Class

Wednesday, Jan 25, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Fee: \$18

127 Password Managers: How to Untangle Your Password Nightmare (ZOOM)

Deeva Garel, Technology Instructor

Frustrated with all the long incomprehensible passwords that you need to stay safe online? Are you using the same password everywhere, or using passwords that are not secure because it's so hard to keep track of them? This class will show you how to really ramp up your online safety easily by using a password manager app. You'll learn what popular apps to look for, and how to install and use one of the most popular apps on your desktop and mobile device. This is a lecture, not a hands-on class.

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128 Rivals for Power: The US and China in Southeast Asia (AT OASIS)

Robert Sutter, Professor of Practice of International Affairs, George Washington Univ.

With a steady foreign policy approach mixing economic benefits and an array of coercive measures, China has gradually displaced the United States as the most important power in Southeast Asia in the past decade. The Donald Trump administration was aware of the importance of this region for American interests in avoiding China's dominance in Asia but was inconsistent in policy implementation. The Joseph Biden administration has established a more systematic approach in an up-hill effort to counter China's influence.

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131 Democracy v. Autocracy: Where is Europe Headed?

Naomi Darembaum, Professor, Latin American Culture & Politics, Montgomery Coll.

Although democracy remains the dominant form of government in Europe, the quality of democracy has been stagnant or in decline across many countries. Almost half of all democracies—a total of 17 countries-- have suffered erosion in the last five years. This class will be a timely update on the spread of democratic erosion and the rise of autocracy in Europe.

(See related class #120)

Online Class

Monday, Jan 30, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$18

132 The "Reverse" Freedom Rides and Today's Migrant Busing: Parallels in History

Dr. Michael Kryzanek, Professor Emeritus, Political Science, Bridgewater State University

Our history shows that migration is a major national issue that remains linked to race and ethnicity. Emphasis will be placed on the segregationist-initiated "Reverse Freedom Rides" during the 1960s as well as the movement of African-Americans to northern cities to find work and avoid the impact of segregation and discrimination in the South. We'll also take a look at the movement of people from Mexico, Central America and the northern tier of South America. In 2022, the governors of Texas and Florida bussed Venezuelans and others to DC, NY, Chicago, and Massachusetts. How do these events in history parallel and illuminate each other?

Online Class

Tuesday, Jan 31, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Fee: \$18

133 Laughing in the Darkness: Amedeo Modigliani

Bonita Billman, Art History Lecturer

An Italian and a Jew, and diagnosed with tuberculosis at age 16, Amedeo Modigliani lived his life under the ever-present shadow of death. In the few short years left to him he created paintings with a distinctive look: figural works and portraits inspired by pre-classical antiquity and Renaissance painting. Market demand for his female nudes also influenced his output. His female nudes are immediately identifiable, appealing and irresistible, with bodies stretching beyond the picture frame.

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134 A Conversation with Local News Legend Doreen Gentzler (ZOOM)

Paul Farhi, The Washington Post, and Doreen Gentzler, former anchor, WRC-News

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135 Should We Regulate Social Media? (AT OASIS)

Gene Policinski, Senior Fellow for the First Amendment, Freedom Forum

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136 How to Plan a Meaningful and Affordable Funeral

Dimitrios Rizos, Board Member, Funeral Consumers Alliance of Maryland and Environs

The funeral industry has had such widespread and documented abuse that the federal government was forced to implement consumer protection regulations. Unfortunately, there is little enforcement of these regulations. At best, family members are vulnerable to manipulative sales tactics at a time of grief. Learn how to save money on funerals and lessen the burden on your family. The Funeral Consumers Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting a consumer's right to choose a meaningful, dignified, affordable funeral.

Online Class

Thursday, Feb 2, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Free

137 Gridiron Legacy: Pro Football's Missing Origin Story

Gregg Ficery, Author

Author Gregg Ficery is the great-grandson of Bob Shiring, who was the captain of the 1906 professional football world champion Massillon Tigers and who was regarded by many as the greatest center of the pre-NFL professional era. In this class, Gregg will share with you how what was initially a family genealogy project turned into a book that significantly adds to and changes the historical narrative on the backstory of the origins of pro football.

Online Class

Thursday, Feb 2, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Fee: \$12

138 Free Tools to Make Your Life Easier: Google Docs

Deeva Garel, Technology Instructor

Learn how to use Google Docs to create word-processing documents on your own or in collaboration with others. Then see how these files as well as others can be saved and backed up for safekeeping. This is a demonstration class with time for Q&A, not a hands-on class. See related Google classes: #144 and #149.

Online Class

Thursday, Feb 2, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Fee: \$12

140 Willie Mays: The "Say Hey" Kid (ZOOM)

Stephen Klatsky, Retired Attorney and Baseball Aficionado

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Online Class

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141 What You Need to Know About the First Amendment (AT OASIS)

Joseph Hartman, Assistant Teaching Professor, Dept. of Government, Georgetown University

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution—terse in its wording, profound in its impact, sits at the heart of the American conception of freedom. This event will explain the basics of the constitutional principles of freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of association found in the First Amendment. In so doing we will explore the evolving tests, standards, and approaches found in past decisions of the United States Supreme Court. We'll also consider how the current Court's recent and pending decisions may affect this crucial area.

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Oasis

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143 Fighting Alone? Debating the Freedom Struggle in America

Richard Bell, Professor of History, University of Maryland

Nikole Hannah-Jones contends in the New York Times' 1619 Project that there was no significant bi-racial antislavery campaign in this country in the critical period between the Constitution and the Age of Jackson. White people, she said, sat on their hands. They did nothing of substance. "For the most part," she wrote, "Black Americans fought back alone." This conversation seeks to unpack this stout and sobering claim—the claim that African Americans had no meaningful white allies in the antislavery before 1840. Was this true?

Online Class

Tuesday, Feb 7, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$18

144 Free Tools to Make Your Life Easier: Google Photos

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Google Photos is a simple and free app for managing your photos and videos. Topics covered include uploading, organizing, sharing, editing, and backing up your photos. This is a demonstration class with time for Q&A, not a hands-on class. See related Google classes: #138 and #149.

Online Class

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145 What Were the Best Films of 2022? (AT OASIS)

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146 Off the Beaten Path: Venice

Barbara Paulson, Travel Specialist

Been there, done that? Looking for something in Venice a bit off the beaten path? Explore the Jewish ghetto, see the largest church in Venice with altarpieces by Titian (hint: NOT St. Mark's), see gondola builders at work, check out Casanova's prison cell at the Palazzo Ducal, buy some perfume or homeopathic cures at a still-active 18th c apothecary. European Travel Specialist Barbara Paulson offers alternatives to the "Big Box" museums, churches, and sites of Venice. (See related classes #185, 236)

Online Class

Wednesday, Feb 8, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$18

147 Secrets of the American Revolution (AT OASIS)

David B Lindauer, Lt. Colonel (Ret.), US Army Signal Corps

There are many, many aspects of the American Revolution that go unnoticed in surveys or overviews of that fascinating struggle. This course will highlight little-known facts of the War through a description of some of the personalities who fought it - we'll encounter well-known names like George Washington, Francis Marion, and Nathaniel Greene, but also some whom history has overlooked, like Peter Francisco, Deborah Sampson, and Chaim Solomon.

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139 "Great Decisions" Discussion Group

Oasis Facilitators

"Great Decisions" is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program highlights eight critical foreign policy challenges facing Americans each year. In groups across the country, participants discuss and debate each issue and complete a national opinion ballot to communicate their views to Congress and the White House. Each session will focus on one topic from the book, which must be read beforehand to ensure robust class participation. Meeting dates are: February 9 and 23, March 9 and 23, April 6 and 20, May 4 and 18.

Registration includes use of a copy of the Great Decisions Briefing Book. Contactless book pickup from Oasis is Monday - Thursday, 11 am - 4 pm. (Group participants will be from Washington Metro, as well as other Oasis centers.)

Online Class

Thursday, Feb 9 - May 18, 03:00 PM - 04:30 PM

Fee: \$80 8 sessions

149 Free Tools to Make Your Life Easier: Google Maps, Calendar and Email

Deeva Garel, Technology Instructor

Google Maps is more than finding how to get from one place to another. Explore additional features such as checking traffic, adding extra stops, and finding gas stations and other landmarks. Get organized using Google Calendar by tracking appointments and more through such features as sharing and reminders. Explore Gmail features to help tame an overflowing email inbox. This is a demonstration class with time for Q&A, not a hands-on class. See related Google classes: #138 and #144.

Online Class

Thursday, Feb 9, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Fee: \$12

150 Musical Monday with Coffee and Treats: What Is This Thing Called Love? (AT OASIS)

Michael Suser, Band Leader and Lecturer, and Charlene Cochran, Vocalist

Start your week at Oasis with coffee and treats, followed by live music and the story behind it. Oasis Musical Mondays are underwritten by the Robin Fields Memorial Fund. Valentine's Day is the day after our show, so it's urgent that we find an answer! A logical place to look is the Great American Songbook, since 80% of these songs say "I Love You" in various ways. First we'll discuss how the tradition of Valentine's day came about, and how we celebrate it. Then, with my piano accompaniment, Charlene will croon romantic tunes that should help us answer some of our love questions.

(More Musical Mondays: see class #110, 190, and 240)

Oasis

Monday, Feb 13, 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Fee: \$15

151 Take Charge of Your Mental Health

Tamar Rodney, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC, CNE

About one in four adults 65 years or older experience some type of mental health concern that is not traditionally associated with aging. Sadly, far too many do not seek or receive the help they need. Join Dr. Rodney to learn about mental health challenges many older adults face and the resources and treatments available for seniors with mental health concerns.

Online Class

Monday, Feb 13, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Free

165 Making the Music Their Own: Favorite Performers and The Great American Songbook (AT OASIS)

Julie Kurzava, Music Faculty, Loyola University

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Eric Davidson, Professor, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

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154 Marriott and Motor Cars: Made for Each Other (AT OASIS)

Katie Dishman, Corporate Archivist, Marriott International

Did you know that Marriott International started as an A&W Root Beer stand in Washington, DC in 1927? In this class, we'll explore Marriott's history and the company's integral connection with cars. Not only did the stands, named Hot Shoppes, expand because of their drive-ins, but the lodging business began as motor hotels at the advent of the Interstate Highway System. Highlights from the history of the company and its growth, including its move to Bethesda in 1955 and to its new headquarters building in 2022, will be featured.

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155 Joni Mitchell: Independent Spirit of Song

Jane Ellen, Performer, Composer, and Recording Artist

Canadian singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell (1943-) is one of the most highly respected songwriters of the 20th century. After making her mark in folk music, she explored jazz stylings, and is now known for her paintings as well as her music, many of which grace her album covers. Her continual struggle for artistic independence has made her a role model for other indie artists, and she is often critical of today's popular music industry.

Online Class

Wednesday, Feb 15, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$18

156 A World of Ideas: Paris Salons in the 20's

Steven Gimbel, Professor of Philosophy, Gettysburg College

A combination of Europeans and American expats between the World Wars found themselves pushing the boundaries of literature, art, and ideas. Pablo Picasso, Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Josephine Baker, and Coco Chanel gathered regularly to contemplate a world without boundaries.

(For more "World of Ideas" classes: see class #117, 206, 246)

Online Class

Thursday, Feb 16, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Fee: \$18

157 What Climate Change Means for Marylanders (ZOOM)

Dr. Peter Goodwin, President, University of Maryland Center of Environmental Science

The climate in Maryland is changing, as it is everywhere. Shifting weather characteristics include the timing and intensity of storms, the duration of extreme heat events, the length of droughts, frequency of wildfire and noticeable changes in our environment.

The myriad consequences of these changing characteristics include an escalating incidence of major climate-related disasters, implications to flood management infrastructure, increasing difficulties in achieving water quality standards, adequacy of HVAC systems in buildings and implications to human health. In addressing these issues, the importance of integrating the principles of environmental justice into the early stage of planning has become evident as communities place-bound by culture or poverty are often the most vulnerable to these climate-induced consequences.

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160 Electric Vehicles: Good for the Environment and Great to Drive

Ronald Kaltenbaugh, President, Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington, DC

Interested in learning more about electric vehicles, or EVs? Then this program is for you! Topics covered will include the history of EVs, the various types of EVs, the charging of EVs, and the many benefits of EVs. You'll also learn how the electrification of transportation is one of the key solutions to addressing climate change.

Online Class

Tuesday, Feb 21, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM
Free

161 Painters of the Petit Boulevard: Moving Beyond Impressionism

Bonita Billman, Art History Lecturer

During his Paris years (1886-1888), Vincent van Gogh interacted frequently with Pissarro, Seurat, Gauguin, Toulouse-Lautrec and others. Vincent viewed these artists as outsiders like himself, misunderstood and rejected by conventional gallerists and patrons. Vincent called this circle of young artists "painters of the petit boulevard" in opposition to the established Impressionists of "the grand boulevard": Monet, Degas, Renoir. He conceived the idea of his fellow artists joining him in group exhibitions and forming an artistic community—a vision that never came to pass.

Online Class

Tuesday, Feb 21, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Fee: \$18

162 Book Discussion: "Lessons in Chemistry"

Jonina Duker, Certified Book Discussion Leader

Have you felt the buzz? The protagonist in this best-selling debut novel is a research chemist who gets fired. No, she didn't blow anything up at work – it's just that she is a she, and although unmarried ... gets pregnant. Wanting to stay in the workforce and knowing that "cooking is chemistry," she becomes a TV cooking show host and a "catalyst" for change. Please read the book so you can participate in our structured, facilitated, Zoom discussion. (Note: Please join the meeting at 3:00pm if you would like some assistance using the features of Zoom. Otherwise, join us at 3:15pm for the start of our discussion.)

(For other book discussions, see classes #124, 194, 234)

Online Class

Tuesday, Feb 21, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Fee: \$18

163 Competency and the Criminal Trial: The Catherine Hoggle Case (ZOOM)

John McCarthy, Montgomery County State's Attorney

Catherine Hoggle's children went missing in 2014 and she was charged with their murder. However, Hoggle was ruled mentally unfit for trial. In December 2022, the charges were dismissed due to the Maryland law which says a person charged with a felony can be held in a mentally incompetent posture for no more than five years. Mr. McCarthy will discuss the history of competency law in this country, in the context of the Hoggle case.

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164 Laughter Yoga (AT OASIS ONLY)

Larissa Johnson, Edutainer

Laughter Practice, aka Laughter Yoga, is a revolutionary idea to refresh the body and spirit. Simple and profound, it is sweeping the world as a physical and mental refresher through a new type of exercise that stresses both without overtaxing either. Usual yoga gear is not needed. Only your time and willingness to laugh and enjoy the hour are required.

Oasis

Wednesday, Feb 22, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Fee: \$12

170 Nature's Favorite Number: The Golden Ratio (AT OASIS)

Dan Sherman, Musical Theatre Instructor

Like its cousin pi, the number phi has a long and fascinating history. Its value defines the Golden Ratio (also called the "Divine Proportion") that some say defines beauty in the visual arts and nature. The number is closely related to the famous Fibonacci numbers, which relate to nature (e.g., the number of petals on a flower) and also many fascinating relationships among numbers. The class is meant to be fun and use basic mathematics to show how a seemingly simple set of numbers illuminate art, nature, and even music. Participants are welcome to bring paper and a pen to class, along with a calculator (a phone is fine).

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172 Exercise Post Joint Replacement

Julie Knolmayer, PT

Discussion of joint replacement surgery and the exercises that go along with rehabilitation following surgery and continuing into maintenance of the new joints.

Online Class

Monday, Feb 27, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Free

173 I Love iPad

Gary Cahn, Computer Instructor

Do you own an iPad? Are you comfortable surfing the web on your iPad, and have you been using it for at least one month? If so, come to learn 39 tips and tricks to enable you to utilize more iPad features. Topics include hidden iPad shortcuts; backing up your iPad; organizing the apps on your home page; using Safari; updating the operating system; and much more. Students should have their own fully-charged iPad with them to use during class. In addition, you should have a computer or other device available to watch the class on Zoom. (This course is NOT for individuals who own other tablets such as the Kindle, Nook, Samsung, etc.) Limit: 12

Online Class

Tuesday, Thursday, Feb 28 - Mar 2, 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Fee: \$42 2 sessions

174 Stolen: Kidnapping and Slavery in Pre-Civil War America

Richard Bell, Professor of History, University of Maryland

This special program features a presentation by Dr. Richard Bell, the author of *Stolen*, a recent book that tells the incredible story of five boys whose courage forever changed the fight against slavery in America. Their ordeal shines a glaring spotlight on the Reverse Underground Railroad, a black-market network of human traffickers who stole away thousands of legally free African Americans to fuel slavery's rapid expansion in the decades before the Civil War.

Online Class

Tuesday, Feb 28, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$18