



**COLLEGE of
CHARLESTON**
Center for Creative Retirement

**CHARLESTON ACADEMY FOR
LIFELONG LEARNING**

WINTER TERM

**Classes meet once a week for 90 minutes
at the College of Charleston's Riley Center
for Livable Communities, Charleston,
unless otherwise specified below**

**WINTER TERM 2024
COURSE CATALOG
Feb. 13 to Mar. 22**

Who We Are:

**The Charleston Academy for Lifelong Learning (CALL) is a program offered by
the Center for Creative Retirement, which operates under the auspices of the
College of Charleston.**

**Our classes are peer-to-peer and meet, unless otherwise specified, at the
College of Charleston's Riley Center for Livable Communities, 176 Lockwood
Drive, Charleston. Parking is plentiful and free.**

**Classes meet weekly and are 90 minutes each
(unless otherwise specified). CALL offers fall and winter terms. CALL
participants pay \$15 per course.**

**Online registration is found
at https://secure.touchnet.com/C20590_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=80**

In-person registration is available at Center for Creative Retirement's Monday lectures or via email at CAforLifelongLearning@gmail.com

More information and links to CALL Registration are online at <https://ccr.cofc.edu/lifelong-learning/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/CAforLifelongLearning/>

About CALL and CCR:

The Center for Creative Retirement (CCR) is the parent organization for the Charleston Academy for Lifelong Learning (C.A.L.L.).

Both are peer-to-peer volunteer organizations committed to bringing intellectually challenging programming to their participants.

CCR offers Monday afternoon lectures, a book club, travel opportunities and more, while

C.A.L.L. offers short courses taught by peers willing to share their interests and expertise.

C.A.L.L. and CCR are separate registrations. CCR membership is \$50 a year; C.A.L.L. courses are \$15 each.

You are invited to join one or both of these programs.

C.A.L.L. is online at <https://ccr.cofc.edu/lifelong-learning/>

A full schedule of opportunities offered by CCR is online at <https://ccr.cofc.edu/>

An Introduction to CALL Winter Term offerings will be presented to the CCR membership at the at 2:30 PM on Monday, February 5, at CCR's new venue, at the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, 4701 Park Place West, North Charleston, a larger space accommodating the growing CCR membership. Join us to meet the presenters and learn about this term's courses.

Charleston Academy for Lifelong Learning classes will run for six weeks, from Tuesday, February 13 to Friday, March 22, unless otherwise posted herein.

Tuesday AM
(for three weeks, 2/13 to 2/27)

10 to 11:30 AM – Heroes and Inspirational Stories in America's National Park System

Course Description: This course is designed to share fascinating stories and provide information about individuals highlighted in U.S. National Parks.

Facilitator: David Kroese left a 25-year career in the corporate world to pursue his personal interests, becoming one of fewer than a hundred people known to have visited all 400+ National Park Service units. Over the past decade, David has logged over 1,400 visits and 4,000 trail miles exploring NPS sites across the country. David wrote of his experiences in the first published narrative through all the NPS sites, *The Centennial: A Journey through America's National Park System*. David shares his enthusiasm for our park system in speaking engagements across the country and is currently working on his next book, *Amidst the Icons: Hidden Gems of America's National Park System*.

Tuesday PM – Riley Center
(For six weeks, 2/13-3/19)

12:30 to 2 PM – Life in the Universe

Course Description: As a participant, you will be offered a background in the development of the galaxy, stars, planets and life. You will learn about current and proposed searches for extra-terrestrial life and can then conjecture upon the existence of advanced civilizations.

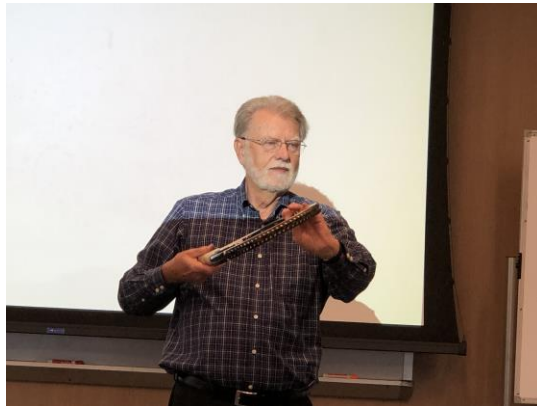
Facilitator: Fred Rosenberg is a retired astronomer with a Ph.D. from UVa. He has done research in various fields including X-ray and solar XUV astronomy. After retiring from MIT/LL he taught an astronomy lab at the College of Charleston. He is interested in the search for life in the universe and welcomes class discussion on this topic.

Wednesday AM (for five weeks, 2/14 to 3/13)

10 to 11:30 AM – Physics for the Humanities

Course Description: The objective of this course is to enhance and deepen our understanding of the natural world in the areas of visual art, music, history and philosophy. Here are the topics for each week of the five-week course, which is both a reprise and an update of a course John Preston previously taught:

- 1) Physics for (Visual) Art Lovers:** a description of color and how we perceive it in nature, paintings, theater lighting, and home lighting.
- 2) Physics for Music Lovers:** a description of sound and music and how it is produced by various instruments, how it is affected by music halls like the Galliard, how we detect distance to a source and the limitations (and future) of hearing aids.
- 3) Physics for History Buffs:** a description of turning points in history that were affected by the knowledge (or ignorance) of physics including Columbus, the Battle of Britain, Midway, German atomic bomb program, and the US nuclear power industry.
- 4) Physics for Philosophers-Part One:** Our place in the Cosmos; a description of how physics has influenced our search for answers to the big questions of How central are we in creation? What are we made of? and Is reality relative? It explores the influence of physics on philosophy including the Greeks, Thomas Aquinas, the enlightenment, the Big Bang and new insights from the Hubble and Webb telescopes.
- 5) Physics for Philosophers Part Two—What Happened to Reality?:** An exploration of the world of the very small, how seemingly impossible behaviors are commonplace and how these behaviors require us to reconsider our philosophy of reality. It also provides insights into quantum computing.



Facilitator: Professor Preston taught at Eastern Michigan University for 30 years. He developed bachelor's degrees in energy and facility management and taught computer applications and project management. He received the Teaching Excellence Award from his own University and International recognition as Teacher of the Year from the International Facility Management Association. John co-founded EnTech, a computer software company specializing in energy management, co-authored more than sixty

books on computer applications and the future of computing, and co-authored a book on project management with Charleston native Russ Darnall. John's most recent book is *Silicon Intelligence: An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence*. John has degrees in physics and physics education and enjoys preparing talks on the relevance of physics to everyday life and to other fields of study such as art, music, history, and philosophy.

Wednesday PM
(For four weeks, 2/14 - 3/6)

12:30 to 2 PM - Let Me Tell You a Story

Course Description: Learn to communicate effectively with stories. Facilitator Tony Young will include the history of stories and why we tell them. We will look at the structure of stories. Joseph Campbell's "Hero With a Thousand Faces" will be discussed, since virtually all stories can fit into Campbell's story circle. We will look at specific types of stories: humorous, persuasive, inspirational, etc. We will observe how to tell a story. I will use my own stories as illustrations throughout the course. Students will present their own stories for evaluation and critique and can be coached on their story-telling skills. We will offer to tape their stories on their smartphone, if so desired and allowed by time. This will be covered in 4 (four) sessions of 1.5 hours each, with additional sessions added if necessary.



Storyteller Tony Young taught a previous C.A.L.L. course on working with video editing.

Facilitator: Tony Young is a storyteller who tells stories primarily based on his own life experiences. Many are from his days as a boy on a South Carolina farm and others from his travels. Some of his stories will make you laugh, and others will make you cry. He enjoys telling stories in virtually any venue. Audiences range from civic clubs to extended care facilities to town hall meetings to boutique hotels, and occasionally to just friends around the dinner table.

**Thursday AM – Via ZOOM Only
(For Three Weeks, 2/27, 3/7 & 3/14)**

9 to 10:30 AM – Post-Civil War: Reconstruction to Brown v. Board of Education

Course Description: This course will look at how Civil Rights changed from Reconstruction in 1865 to the seminal US Supreme Court case of Brown v Board of Education in 1954 through to 1965. Topics will include the KKK, historical black colleges, attitudinal changes toward Civil Rights, and a look at both the Supreme Court and the presidents who served during this period.

Facilitator: Russ Hutchins, EDSp, served as a school Administrator, retired. He has been an OSHER Lifelong Learning Instructor since 2013 and has presented lectures for the University of Kansas, University of West Virginia, Clemson University, and the College of Charleston. His study of American History, and thus his presentations, have focused on the Civil War, WWII, the Great Depression, Women biographies, and Spies.

**Thursdays
(For five weeks, 2/15 – 3/14)**

11:30 AM to 1 PM - The Meuse-Argonne Offensive - The Battle that Ended The 'Great War'

Course Description: “The Meuse-Argonne Offensive” presentation is based on the study of the presenter and visits to the World War I battlefields in France. This talk will focus on the experience of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF) under General John “Black Jack” Pershing, the advent of new weapons such as airplanes, tanks and machine guns, the extensive use of gas, and the tenacity of the American forces as they drove the Germans back forcing them to agree to the November 11, 1918, Armistice. The influence of the battle on our future WW2 leaders will be discussed, but the focus will always be on the experience of the common soldier who led the way to the first great American victory in Europe.

Facilitator: Bill Cosgrove is a UGA and Clemson graduate with a lifelong interest in World War Two. His talks are based on many visits to the battlefields of Europe, most often following the combat path of a veteran that he has interviewed as part of the Witness to War project. He is the author of "Time on Target" The 945th Field Artillery Battalion in World War Two". He resides in Mt. Pleasant with his wife Debbie after spending 40+ years in Athens, GA.

Friday AM (for six weeks, 2/16 – 3/22)

10-11:30 AM – Ripped from the Headlines

Course description: This course provides a safe, trusted, and civil space for thoughtful people to have deep discussions about current events. Attendees will help choose topics relevant to both themselves and the current news.

Facilitator: Kristal Hudson-Randall is a retired technology professional with a keen interest in politics and current events. Kristal currently serves as the president of the Center for Creative Retirement.

Friday PM (for four weeks, 2/16 to 3/8)

12 Noon – 1:30 PM – “Confessional” Poetry

Course description: ‘Confessional Poetry’ was a term coined in 1959 in a review of Robert Lowell’s poems called Life Studies. Those works, direct and colloquial in speech, used intense psychological experiences as their core. This course will look at the poems of Lowell, Sylvia Plath, Anne Sexton, W.D. Snodgrass, and more, and discuss their impact on the poets who followed them.

Facilitator: Presenter Diana Barth taught English literature at the secondary school level and worked as a newspaper reporter. She earned her law degree later in life and was admitted to the bars of Maine and Massachusetts, practicing family and regulatory law. Now retired, she has returned to her love of learning and literature, serving as the head of the Charleston Academy for Lifelong Learning committee.

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*Register in person at Center for Creative Retirement’s Monday lectures [held at 1 PM and 2:30 PM at the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery at Park Circle, 4701 Park Place West, North Charleston.]

COST: C.A.L.L. students pay \$15 per course, payable to the College of Charleston.
One does not need to be a CCR member to take C.A.L.L. courses.

Confirmations will be emailed to all registrants. *Email us with questions and/or about any registration difficulties.
