



The MI CL Letter

August 2021

Fall Session A

Message from our President - Judy Moore

Adventures In Learning

Well, just when you think you have it all figured out, you learn you don't!!!

MI CL will be meeting via Zoom for Session A for Fall 2021!

Protocols for in person attendance have been set by MJC. They may change as MJC, the state of California, and the CDC amend their guidelines. They are quite restrictive, so the MI CL board has made the decision to Zoom classes. Whether we resume in class for session B depends on those guidelines and our classroom capacity limits.

We have adjusted the class offerings to adapt to the Zoom format. We have a dedicated Zoom team, flexible presenters, and loyal MI CL members who will make it possible to "see" each other, learn, and socialize.

Please join us for another great session of classes.

Judy Moore

MI CL president





FIELD TRIPS:

**No Field Trips Scheduled at this time
We will advise when we are able to resume**

SESSION A Classes:

**August 23 thru
September 24**

A Session Fall 2021					
August 23 – September 24, 2021					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 to 9:30 AM					
10 am to NOON	 Human/Cultural Geography	 The Meaning of Life	 MICL Meet Your Past	 What in the World?	
1 pm to 3 pm	 Social Zoom	 My Favorite Universe	 Writing it Down!	 Thursday at the Movies	

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SESSION A CLASSES WILL BE HELD

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

AT THIS TIME

ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON ZOOM

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
David Froba



CULTURAL AND HUMAN GEOGRAPHY: Our basic connection to the earth is obvious; it is the very source of our lives. They don't call it Mother Earth for nothing! But how much are we determined by where we and our ancestors came from on the earth? Conversely, how much have we humans changed the earth? How has our history and culture been determined by geography? Using The Great Courses and other materials, we will attempt to answer these and a number of other questions. Maps may be boring to anyone not a geographer, but the humans walking on them are not. Putting the two together is fascinating.

12:00 NOON TO 1:00 PM **BREAK**

1:00 PM T 3:00 PM

Coordinators:
Wayne and Diana Sicard



Social Zoom: If you're missing your friends during these days of social distancing, consider joining our MICL Social Zoom. It's fun, and it will lift your spirits more than you might imagine. Time spent talking to, and hanging out with people will lift your mood! We have been having great fun with our Scavenger Hunt. Member's suggestions, at our first meeting, determine the list. We suggest items that involve a story, resulting in us getting to know each other better. So, please start thinking of items for our Scavenger Hunt! We usually talk a little while before starting on these items. Please join us!

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
James Pack



THE MEANING OF LIFE:

- 08/24** 1. The Meaning of Life 2. The Bhagavad-Gita-Choice and Daily Life
- 08/31** 3. The Bhagavad-Gita-Discipline and Duty 4. The Bhagavad-Gita-Union and Purpose
- 09/07** 5. Aristotle on Life - The Big Picture 6. Aristotle - The Highest Goal
- 09/14** 7. Aristotle - The Happy Life 8. Job's Predicament - Life Is So Unfair
- 09/21** 9. Job's Challenge - Who Are We? 10. Stoicism-Rationality

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Coordinator:
Diedre Bush



MY FAVORITE UNIVERSE: Neil deGrasse Tyson takes us on a journey of the universe, exploring mind-bending concepts such as black holes, extraterrestrials, and the Big Bang. These are the professor's favorite topics that the general public holds a sustained interest. The lectures are in four groups, the first "On Being", the fundamental properties of matter and energy and the forces that shape the cosmos. The next "Cosmic Catastrophes" with detailed descriptions of black holes, the death of the Sun, and killer asteroids. The third, "The Big Bang", examines basic questions of 'how did our universe get here, how has it evolved in the past, and how will it evolve in the future. Finally, the "Search for Life in the Cosmos", does it exist elsewhere, what environments would we expect to find life, what would it look like, and would we recognize alien life if we saw it.

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinators:

Carol Olsen &

Colleen Crosthwaite

MICL MEET YOUR PAST: Each week two MICL members share their unique life stories. As you listen you may connect to something in your own life experiences. These might be birth-place, school, employment, sports or family. It is these connections and the presenter's story that makes this five week series so enjoyable.

08/25 1. Wayne and Diana Sicard

09/01 1. Roger Jackson 2. Judy Moore

09/08 1. Suzanne Wilke 2. John Stott

09/15 1. Randy Mathews 2. Duane Nelson

09/22 1. Ron Rutschman

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1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Coordinator:
Millie Starr



WRITING IT DOWN: Be inspired to share your writing efforts in an encouraging and supportive classroom setting. Class members write at home about anything they want, and they share what they write in class when they are ready.

The goal of the class is to support one another in the writing process and learn by doing. Come join our writing community as a writer or listener.

10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
Dorothy Winke



WHAT IN THE WORLD?: Have you ever watched TV or read a news paper article, opinion, or letter to the editor and really wanted to discuss or react to what you read? *What in the World?* is just the class for you. We discuss all kinds of issues and happenings from your neighborhood, local, regional, state, national, and world news. You bring in the topic, introduce it, and we all discuss it with the help of a new class facilitator each five week session. A number of class members have real expertise to lend to a number of discussions. Learn something new every day. Join the camaraderie.

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Coordinator:
Ron Rutschman



THURSDAY AT THE MOVIES: Start your weekend relaxation with a film classic or foreign film (subtitled in English, of course) that will carry you away to other times and other places. Discussion encouraged but not required. Details of the movies are posted just before the semester starts.

08/27 - "Paint Your Wagon" (Clint Eastwood, Lee Marvin)

09/03 - "3:10 To Yuma" (Russel Crowe, Christian Bale)

09/10 - "Chicago" (Catherine Zeta-Jones, Rene Zellweger, Richard Gere)

09/17 - "Sometimes A Great Notion" (Paul Newman, Henry Fonda, Lee Remick)

09/24 - "The Life of Brian" (Monty Python)

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1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Coordinator:
Carol Sullivan



BOOK CLUB: We meet the last Thursday of each Session. We read a nonfiction book one month and a fiction book the next month. The book is suggested and selected by the group and will be moderated by the person that suggested the book title. Our group is open to everyone, even if you have not read or have previously read the book. Please feel free to join the group for any of the meetings. Keep Reading!


SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

“MRS. LINCOLN’S DRESSMAKER” by, JENNIFER CHIAVERINI - Fiction

New York Times best-selling author Jennifer Chiaverini illuminates the extraordinary friendship between Mary Todd Lincoln and Elizabeth Hobbs Keckley, a former slave who won her freedom by the skill of her needle, and the friendship of the First Lady by her devotion. In *Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker*, novelist Jennifer Chiaverini presents a stunning account of the friendship that blossomed between Mary Todd Lincoln and her seamstress, Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Keckley, a former slave who gained her professional reputation in Washington, D.C. by outfitting the city’s elite. Keckley made history by sewing for First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln within the White House, a trusted witness to many private moments between the President and his wife, two of the most compelling figures in American history. In March 1861, Mrs. Lincoln chose Keckley from among a number of applicants to be her personal “modiste”, responsible not only for creating the First Lady’s gowns, but also for dressing Mrs. Lincoln in the beautiful attire Keckley had fashioned. The relationship between the two women quickly evolved, as Keckley was drawn into the intimate life of the Lincoln family, supporting Mary Todd Lincoln in the loss of first her son, and then her husband to the assassination that stunned the nation and the world.

- ◆ All A Session classes will be held on Zoom only.
- ◆ MJC is ONLY accepting debit or credit cards. They are NOT accepting check or cash.

EVENT SCHEDULE			
Session A Starts	August 23, 2021		
Curriculum Committee	1st Tuesday	Sept 7, 2021	3:15 pm
Board Meeting	2nd Wednesday	Sept 8, 2021	3:15 pm
Book Club	Last Thursday	Sept 23, 2021	1:00 pm
Session A Ends	September 24, 2021		

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