

Weekly Update Spring Semester Session A January 20 - January 24, 2025

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Monday, January 20, HOLIDAY - NO CLASSES

Tuesday, January 21, 10:00 AM - NOON: HISTORY OF INDIA

Coordinator: **Jerry Jackman**

We have finally arrived at the contemporary history of South Asia. You may recall the 1971 crisis which resulted in the nation/state of Bangladesh arising from the fragmentation of Pakistan.

Our first lecture focuses on East Pakistan evolving into Bangladesh, and the challenges it has faced.

The second hour focuses on India's first prime minister, Nehru, and the struggles of India's first years of Independence.

I will tell you about the fast-rising Hindu communities in Modesto. Do you know any Indian Americans? What are your thoughts?

Tuesday, January 21, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: THE GREAT MIGRATION

Coordinator: **Johnnie Williams**

The Great Migration of African Americans lasted from the 1910s to the 1970s. It spread from the US South to change the literal complexion of cities and towns across the Northeast, Midwest and West. During this time, an estimated 6 million African Americans joined the exodus from a Jim Crow life. As this course will show, everything from jazz, blues, gospel music, state lotteries and even open heart surgery was created by the descendants of the Great Migration.

1st Hour: Racial Violence in Migrant Cities

2nd Hour: How Chicago Became the Black Metropolis

Wednesday, January 22, 10:00 AM - NOON: EARLY HUMANS

Coordinator: **Dave Froba**

Professor Suzanne Pilar Birch shares her expertise and passion for discovery in this Great Courses series as she peels back the years to expose the emergence and lives of early humans in Early Humans: Ice, Stone, and Survival.

Wednesday, January 22, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: WRITING IT DOWN

Coordinator: **Joyce Starkey**

Do you like to write? Do you have family stories you want to share with your grandkids? Do you like to write poetry? If you answered yes to any of these questions, come join our writing group. Write anything you like at home and bring it to class when you are ready to share. We will enjoy what you wrote and offer friendly feedback. Don't worry, sharing is always voluntary! If you are not sure, come and listen to check it out. Come and join our writing community of writers and listeners.

Thursday, January 23, 10:00 AM – NOON: CURRENT EVENTS

Coordinator: **TBA**

Have you ever watched TV or read a newspaper article, opinion, or letter to the editor and really wanted to discuss or react to what you read? "Current Events" 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 our collective expertise. We are very careful to respect the rights of all to express their opinions.

Thursday, January 23, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - ON TYRANNY

Coordinator: **Anita Young**

Professor Timothy Snyder, author of *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century*, demonstrates in a series of video clips his thoughts on resisting tyranny and oppression. We will watch these short videos and follow them with group discussions about the impact of the lesson on our lives and the future of democracy in America. Recommended reading: *On Tyranny*.

Lessons 6 - 10:
Beware of paramilitaries
Stand out
Be kind to our language
Believe in truth

Friday, January 24, 10:00 AM - NOON: MICL AT THE MOVIES

Coordinator: **Noel Russell**

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 encourage but not required.

African American Lives - Part 2

Originally produced for television. A compelling combination of storytelling and science, this series uses genealogy, oral histories, family stories and DNA to trace roots of several accomplished African Americans down through American history and back to Africa. (240 min.)

FUTURE MICL EVENTS

POTLUCK - Thursday, February 13, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

BOOK CLUB - Thursday, February 13, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

MICL FIELD TRIP TO THE THEATRE - Saturday, March 15, 2:00 PM

(see attached flyer and carpool sign-up form below)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER AND PAY IS JANUARY 30TH

Friday, February 21, 1:00 PM - MICL BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON



We will gather at Mimi's on February 21st at 1 PM. Let Dorothy Winke know you are coming by sending a text message to her at 209-499-2129, or easier still, tell her in person at MICL. Be sure to remind her if it is your birthday month so you can receive a free dessert provided by Mimi's.



MICL FIELD TRIP TO THE THEATRE

Saturday, March 15, 2025

2:00 P.M.

"Group Tickets" are \$30 – (Non-refundable)

Playing at the East Sonora Theatre, 13891 Mono Way, Sonora, CA, 1/4 mile east of The Junction Shopping Center. **Carpool on your own**

Dinner - 4:30 P.M. at Standard Pour



A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, *Legally Blonde The Musical*, follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances – this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal!

Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle ingeniously charms her way into the prestigious law school.

Make check payable to MICL. Mail check to Dan Gorman at 2215 El Capitan Dr., Turlock, CA 95380 → No later than January 30th.

To be included in dinner reservations call Dan at 209-404-3799

CARPOOL SIGN-UP FORM FOR MICL FIELD TRIP TO THE THEATRE

Saturday, March 15, 2025

East Sonora Theatre, 13891 Mono Way

I can OFFER a ride to ____ passengers. My closest major cross streets are:

I NEED a ride. My closest major cross streets are:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email form to Field Trip Coordinator Dan Gorman:
dango880@aol.com

OR mail:
Dan Gorman
2215 El Capitan Drive
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FORM IS JANUARY 29.