

## **Weekly Update Fall Semester Session C    November 4 - November 8, 2024**

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### **Monday, November 4, 10:00 AM - NOON: MICL TRAVEL**

Coordinator: **Dorothy Winke / Lynn Hansen**

**Presenter: Judy Moore - Ireland and Scotland**

**1st Hour: Ireland:** Two trips to Ireland within three months (!) will be the topic of my travel presentation. On the first adventure, twelve of my family members crisscrossed Ireland and Northern Ireland to see all we could in 10 days. From exploring castles to petting lambs, we did a lot! Tips: Renting a van (don't) and gas station breakfasts (Yay!)

**2nd Hour: Scotland:** On the second trip, I traveled with friends on a more leisurely tour of several ports in Ireland and Scotland by cruise ship.

### **Monday, November 4, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: TED TALKS**

Coordinator: **Arleen Allsup**

TED Conferences, (Technology, Entertainment, Design) is an American-Canadian non-profit media organization that posts international talks online for free distribution under the slogan "ideas worth spreading". There are thousands of TED Talks that are available for free online on all sorts of topic. They are usually about 18 minutes and many are less. They generally attract very capable people who are also very engaging to listen to. A committee of four of us searched the web to find our favorite TED Talks. We reviewed them in committee and decided which ones will be viewed in the course. At least one longer talk was chosen that is not a TED talk. It is our hope that these talks will stimulate our thoughts and ideas providing fruit for discussion and enhancing our learning experience.

### **Tuesday, November 5, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM: INDIA**

Coordinator: **Jerry Jackman**

Our History of India lectures for Tuesday, November 5th, complete the Mughal Emperors and introduce the Marathas of the region that became Bombay, now Mumbai.

### **Tuesday, November 5, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: BIRDING ON ZOOM**

Coordinator: **David Froba**

This year we are going to be doing the birding class **by zoom**. One of the advantages of that is that the class will be recorded and available to those unable to attend the class to see at a later time. It will be a recurring zoom class and the following invitation and information will be the same for each week.

Why bird in the middle of the winter? Because there are many more birds that migrate into our area in the winter than in any other season. We will focus on bird identification, and more specifically, on identification of birds in our local area. In each class we will study about 10 different species of birds. Then, on the weekend following each class, we will go out to a nearby natural area and try to find these ten species. We will also find bonus birds that we haven't studied and identify them in the field. David Sibley's "Field Guide to Birds of Western North America" is recommended but not required. It would also be good to watch the video "Wings Over Our Two Counties" on You Tube before the class.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82467980141?pwd=EgXomebaaFv9NzTx0K1hI4VqlbK35O.1>

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### **Wednesday, November 6, 10:00 AM - NOON: WINSTON CHURCHILL**

Coordinator: **Duane Nelson**

This course is a narrative of the life and achievements of Winston Churchill. Through Professor J. Rufus Fears, of the University of Oklahoma, and moderator Duane Nelson, we explore Churchill's political career, leadership, motivation during World War II, and guidance into the present. We will develop an understanding as to why Winston Churchill is regarded as one of the greatest figures of the 20th Century.

### **Wednesday, November 6, 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, November 7, 10:00 AM – NOON: CURRENT EVENTS**

Coordinator: **Dorothy Winke**

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, November 7, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: MYSTERIES OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR**

Coordinator: **Jim Pack**

### **Why Do Hurt Feelings Hurt?**

Examine why the saying "it hurt my feelings" is more than just an expression. Here, you'll learn about the causes of hurt feelings (including criticism, betrayal, and teasing); the evolutionary purpose of being hurt by rejection; and the intricate links between physical pain and social pain.

### **Why Do We Make Mountains out of Molehills?**

Overreacting, especially to events that pose little or no tangible threats, takes energy, hurts people's feelings, damages relationships, and can even result in legal problems-but we do it anyway. Why? Find out in this lecture on the puzzling nature of-and social and evolutionary reasons behind-extreme overreactions.

## **Friday, November 8, 10:00 AM - NOON: FRIDAY 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.

### **The Fascinating World of Birds**

Ever wonder... Why an ostrich rocks? How a robin gets its worm? Which bird's call is as loud as a chainsaw? Learn the answers to these questions and more in The Fascinating World of Birds. (44 minutes)

## **FUTURE MICL EVENTS**

### **Friday, November 15, 1:00 PM - MICL BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON**

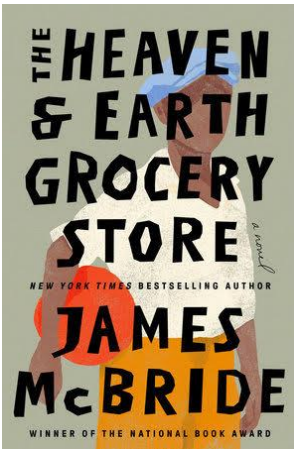


We will gather at Mimi's on November 15th at 1 PM. Let Dorothy Winke know you are coming by sending a text message to her at 209-499-2129, or easier still, tell her in person at MICL. Be sure to remind her if it is your birthday month so you can receive a free dessert provided by Mimi's. This month we will celebrate John Stott's 98th birthday!

### **Thursday, December 12, 11:30 PM - 1:00 PM - POTLUCK**

### **Thursday, December 12, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - MICL BOOK CLUB**

Coordinator: **Arleen Allsup**



**Heaven and Earth Grocery Store**, by David McBride

James McBride's *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* opens with the discovery of a skeleton in a well in a small town. This introduction to the Chicken Hill area of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, sets up a sense of mystery as the narrative jumps back nearly 50 years to explore the town, its secrets and its people. Chicken Hill is a vibrant community of immigrants, Jewish and black people, resulting in a mix of characters with intertwined lives and shared histories. This novel tells their stories with affection, humor, and occasionally some level of vexation with the world when a deaf boy in town is left without a mother and the state looks to take him into their custody. It's a story about people who are

struggling and their ambitions, successes and disappointments. In this compassionate, life-affirming and often funny novel, McBride explores what it means to be in a community and to live in the margins of "white" American.