

INSTITUTE FOR LEARNING IN RETIREMENT FALL 2024



**Course Listing
& Schedule**

**September 16 –
November 8**



Preview & Luncheon

September 11, 2024

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MONDAYS

- 9:00 - 10:00 am Byways of Language & Literature • Led by Dennis Balch
Science In Our Everyday Lives • Led by William Cale
- 10:30 - 11:40 am Trail of Tears • Led by Jean Mammen
The Post Office, Play & Scientific Management • Led by Tom Osborne
Public History for the Shoals • Led by David Currott
- 12:15 - 1:25 pm Outsmart Your Smartphone! • Led by Karen Kielbasinski
Adventure in Spain • Led by Richard Hudiburg
Potpourri & Bios • Led by John Sworm
Interfaith Book Discussion Group • Led by Jacquie Osborne
Readers' Choice • Led by Dennis Balch

WEDNESDAYS

- 9:00 - 10:00 am Enjoying The Arts • Led by Elizabeth Renault
The View From My Window • Led by Anita Cobb
- 10:30 - 11:40 am The Great Books: Classic Readings For Discussion • Led by Nancy Belue
America On the World Stage • Led by David Daniel
Shoals Conversations • Led by Nancy Gonce
Fraught Political Times & What's So Funny? • Led by Scott Reed
Random Interests • Led by Terry Smith
- 12:15 - 1:25 pm All Over The Map • Led by Susan Daniel
Healthy Aging: Accepting the Joys & Challenges of Aging • Led by Linda Austin

FRIDAYS

- 9:00 - 10:00 am Riverbend Mental Health Services; Nutrition; Alabama State Parks; Tuscumbia Historical Project
Led by Will Grimmitt
Fresh Voices • Led by Charles Wickwire
- 10:30 - 11:40 am The Agency: A History of the CIA • Led by Ron Helgemo
Biography of Kelly Johnson, America's Premier Airplane Designer • Led by Ed Yeilding
Renewable Nuclear Power Plants & Webb Images with Space Inventions • Led by Rob Martin
- 12:15 - 1:25 pm Friday Afternoon Movies! • Led by Donald Anderson
Arts & Crafts Show • Led by David Daniel

- 11:45 am - TBD Around Town (October 9 & October 23) • Led by April Sturtevant & Kaye Perkins
Time TBD All Day Trip (November 8) • Led by April Sturtevant & Kaye Perkins

OFFICERS

President: Susan Farris
Vice-President: Charles Wickwire

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Course Leader Facilitators: Jean Mammen, Marian Morris,
Charles Wickwire
Travel: April Sturtevant, Kaye Perkins
Social: Chris Johnson
Sunshine: Elizabeth Stoy
Technology: Richard Hudiburg, Rob Martin, Sherry Crosslin,
Steve Merry
Time: Kay Durrett, Marian Morris, Ed Byler

COUNCIL

Three Year Term: Donna Albright, Susan Daniel,
Karen Kielbasinski,
Kaye Perkins

Two Year Term: Max Gee, Will Grimmitt,
Steve Merry, Phyllis Romine

One Year Term: Dennis Balch, Lucy Crosby,
John Harris, Kris Seabol



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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Byways of Language and Literature

Topics that inform, entertain and delight! How “unsocial” media makes you mad, the triangulation of India, clandestine interracial basketball in 1944, and the changing face of the English language.

Trail of Tears

How the Trail of Tears impacted the Shoals area

Outsmart Your Smartphone!

Abby Carpenter, Executive Director of FLPL, will help us navigate the many applications and uses of our smartphones.

Adventure in Spain

Highlight of a seven-week adventure in Spain

Interfaith Book Club

The book for this semester is “The Awakened Brain” by Lisa Miller. Absorbing, uplifting, and enlightening this book is a conversation starting saga of scientific discovery.

Enjoying the Arts

Francisco Goya; Famous Celebrities Who Paint; Synesthesia, our Sensory Pathways in artworks; Ansel Adams

“America on the World Stage”

Is America for Sale? - a look at iconic U.S. firms owned by foreign entities
U.S. Electoral College Explained - who really elects our President? How it compares to other countries?

The Great Books: Volume II, CLASSIC READINGS FOR DISCUSSION, from the Great Books Foundation

“The Unknown Masterpiece”; “The Minister’s Black Veil”; “Ethan Brand”; “What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?”; “Second Inaugural Address”; “The Open Boat”; “The Souls of Black Folk”; “Slave Songs.”

Shoals Conversations

FLPL staff will discuss Conservation, Preservation of archival documents and family records. Florence Mayor Andy Betterton will discuss the latest projects and programs.

All Over The Map

The Old-Time Fiddler’s Convention in October, inspirations of a spiritual artist, food innovators in history and more!

Riverbend Mental Health Services; Nutrition; Alabama State Parks; Tuscumbia Historical Project

Presentations by speakers covering Riverbend Mental Health Services; Livin’ it up with Nutrition; Alabama State Parks; and Tuscumbia Historical Projects

The Agency: A History of the CIA

This is the fifth installment of a six semester class on the history of the CIA. We’ll cover the 1970s breakdown of the Cold War consensus and its impact on CIA.

Friday Afternoon Movies!

Sit back and enjoy three afternoons of movies: Meet Me in St. Louis (musical); State Fair (musical); and The Gathering (drama).

Science in our Daily Lives

A continuing series that explores cutting edge modern science, historical breakthroughs that shape the present day, and the people throughout history who have made all that a reality.

The Post Office, Play, and Scientific Management

Three sessions, How the Post Office unified our nation; the importance of Play; and Scientific Management developed by Frederick W. Taylor.

Public History for the Shoals

Historical Markers provide a snapshot of a region’s history. We will visit the 3 neighboring counties of Lauderdale, Colbert, and Franklin.

Potpourri and Bios

Antisemitism; ILR Nonagenarians; John Harris Bio; Nolan Richards Bio

Readers’ Choice

A shared inquiry reading group. Readings are confirmed by the group at the end of preceding semesters and may include poetry, long or short fiction, or nonfiction.

The View from My Window

Perspectives on various topics of black history and culture, with special focus on local and regional subjects.

Fraught Political Times and What’s So Funny?

Is this political divide actually as different as pundits have stated? A non-political look at our political climate. We will explore what Humor means and why we find some things funny.

Random Interests???

Doug Carr of Alabama Department of Environmental Management will update us on the Agency’s activities. Kyle Friauf, former Captain of the replica ship NINA, will share his experiences with us.

Healthy Aging: Accepting the Joys and Challenges of Aging.

We will continue to discover ways to nurture our minds, bodies, and spirits. Semester topic will focus on Health Promotion and how to keep on keeping on!

Fresh Voices

Three ILR members presenting for the first time: Libby Jordan on Sweetwater Plantation; Leslie McCrory on Substance Use; and David Jackson on Oak Hill Cemetery.

Biography of Kelly Johnson, America’s Premier Airplane Designer

Young Kelly’s rise from poverty to famous airplane designer is truly inspiring. His amazing and beautiful SR-71 Blackbird is 60 years old and still holds airplane world speed records.

Renewable Nuclear Power Plants and Webb Images with Space Inventions

More sustainable and renewable nuclear power plants? Webb Space Telescope images; astrophysics update; and space inventions that improved our lives.

Arts and Crafts Show

Come see how talented and interesting your friends are! Peruse the art, crafts, and collections of your fellow members. Reception to follow!

Around Town • October 9 & October 23

Be awed and inspired by “Tom’s Wall,” the Wichahpi Commemorative Stone Wall – a memorial built to honor courageous Indian ancestors and visit the Corp of Engineers-operated Wilson Dam Locks.

All Day Trip • November 8

Delve into the fascinating world of genomics research at the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology campus where major discoveries, advancements, and solutions that impact human health and agriculture are generated.

THE INSTITUTE FOR LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR SEMESTER PREVIEW & LUNCHEON!

Wednesday, September 11 at 11:00 a.m., in the UNA East Campus Building, 1640 Tune Ave., Florence.

WHAT IS THE INSTITUTE FOR LEARNING IN RETIREMENT (ILR)?

The ILR is a member led group that determines all activities from course planning to social events. Most discussion groups are led by members. The ILR is an organization of active mature men and women who seek continued intellectual and social stimulation. Regardless of your educational background or work experience, we invite you to try us out without committing to a membership! There are no tests, grades, or prerequisites!

THE INSTITUTE FOR LEARNING IN RETIREMENT IS FOR:

Anyone interested in making new friends and growing & stimulating their mind in an educational environment!

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO BEING AN ILR MEMBER?

For only \$80 a semester, joining ILR entitles you to:

- Attend any or all of the courses you would like that are listed in this brochure
- Social Events
- Trips (extra cost may be associated)
- ILR Members receive a 10% discount on UNA Continuing Education Courses.

Simply fill out the registration form located below and mail with your check. Class size is limited in some cases, so register early! If you are interested in attending a regular credit course, there is a Senior Scholar program which is administered through the UNA Office of Admissions (256-765-4608).



FAST & EASY REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is requested so we can be prepared for your attendance.

BY PHONE

Our registration office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We accept Discover, MasterCard and Visa. Call (256)765-4862 or 1(800)-825-5862, ext. 4862.

IN PERSON

During our office hours, come by our office in the UNA Office of Regional Engagement, 541 West College Street, Florence, AL. Park at the back of the building and enter through the purple awning. Please have correct change.

MAIL

Complete the attached registration form and mail with your check or credit card information (don't mail cash) to Center for Learning & Professional Development, UNA Box 5036, University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama 35632-0001.

Registration Form

If registering more than one person, please list additional names and information on an attached sheet or duplicate this form.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Mobile _____ Email _____

Birthday (Optional) _____

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Payment Method:

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