INTRODUCTION TO MODERN ARCHITECTURE
Course Leader: Josh Robinson
Thurs, 1-3 pm, 3/12-4/23 SKIP 4/9
$70 Lecture, Q&A
Get acquainted with the design concepts found in modern architecture. Our focus will be on theory, and the “why.” We will explore facets of design from electric razors, to large-scale master planning, through the work of modern masters, and regional master architects of the 20th century. We will explore these concepts together through lecture, guest presentation, site visits, and general discussion with the group.

Josh Robinson has a BA in Architecture from The Pennsylvania State University, and is a practicing architectural designer in Denver. Josh has a background focused in building construction with over 15 years’ experience in the field.

SCORSESE UNEDITED --NEW
Course Leader: Don Baer
Wed, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, 2/12-4/1, SKIP 4/8
$90 View movies, Discussion
Film director Martin Scorsese has clearly reflected the ‘50s and ‘60s, with characters from New York City and Little Italy, with in-your-face stories and the people who lived them. This class will look at the famed director’s themes to better understand his messages. Upon conclusion, if anyone asks what Scorsese’s work “means,” enlightened students can say, “You talkin’ to me?”

Don Baer has been a member of the Directors Guild of America for some 40 years, and worked for most major studios: Universal, MGM, 20th Century Fox, Paramount, Warner Bros, and Columbia.

DAM TOURS: THE LIGHT SHOW --NEW
Course Leader: Marty Corren, Sharon Rouse
Tues, 1:30 pm 3/31 at DAM
$10 Tour at the DAM, no membership required
This 250-piece exhibit comes from the DAM’s nine curatorial departments. The Light Show focuses on the quest by humanity and artists to understand physical light in the natural world as well as metaphorical, spiritual, and divine representations of light.

The Academy’s liaison with the Denver Art Museum, Marty Corren joined the museum as a volunteer in 2006 and serves as an outstanding and popular docent. She has a special interest and experience in the modern and contemporary collections at the Denver Art Museum. Sharon Rouse, also a DAM docent, is a retired art teacher who then enjoyed being a supervisor for art student teachers at Metropolitan State College. She has taught adult watercolor and sketchbook classes. Her work has been accepted into various shows and is in private collections.

DAM TOURS: HOMER/REMINGTON (4/14) -- NEW
Course Leader: DAM Docents
Tues, 1:30 pm at DAM, 4/14
$10 Tour at the DAM, no membership required
Natural Forces: Winslow Homer and Frederic Remington, featuring 60 artworks, will reveal connections between their artistic themes. Born a generation apart, both artists succeeded in capturing the quintessential American spirit of the late-19th and early-20th centuries, an era of growing industrialization and notions of the closing of the American western frontier. Winslow Homer (1836-1910), was considered the most original painter of his time, and he prospered by creating masterful depictions of the Eastern Seaboard. Frederic Remington (1861-1909) became famous for his iconic representations of the American West. Some of DAM’s best docents will lead you through these exhibits.
ECONOMICS

RETIREMENT, THE NEXT PHASE  -NEW
Course Leaders: Sebrina Ivey/Deirdre McGuire
Tues., 1-3 pm  4/14 and 4/21
$20 Lecture, Q&A
You spent your career planning and saving for retirement. Now that you’re there, how do you ensure that you live your best life and leave the legacy you envision? In this lecture series, we will explore common goals and concerns for those in retirement including travel, cash flow needs, estate planning, fraud prevention, and emotional adjustment. Participants in this class will develop action plans for their own retirement needs.

Sebrina Ivey is a Certified Public Accountant in Colorado, a Certified Internal Auditor and earned a Personal Financial Specialist (PFS) designation from the AICPA. She’s a recent winner of the AICPA’s Personal Financial Planning Standing Ovation award. Deirdre McGuire, a Wealth Advisor at GHPIA, helped create the firm’s financial concierge team. Through the financial concierge suite of services, Deirdre helps clients with such tasks as retirement planning, estate planning, data security, and coordinating with accountants and attorneys. Deirdre graduated with honors from University of Colorado at Denver with a BA in Sociology.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS:
ANALYZING POWER, LAW & FINANCE  -NEW
Course Leader: Brian Friedman
Tues., 1-3 pm  3/10-3/31
$50 Lecture, Q&A
People who want to make sense of the international economy often find it confusing and chaotic—until they recognize how underlying systems of power, law, and finance can influence any country’s economic performance. Participants will gain greater insight as we discuss the economic and business implications of common law vs. civil law systems, bank oriented vs. capital market systems, and competitive vs. concentrated economies.

Brian Friedman is the President, Co-Founder, and Chief Investment Officer of GHP Investment Advisors, Inc. Brian, whose career includes stints as an economics analyst at the Brookings Institution and as an adjunct lecturer in economics at the University of Colorado at Denver, earned his B.A. in economics at the George Washington University and his M.B.A. at the University of Chicago. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Certified Business Economist (CBE) designations.

TODAY’S TECH REVOLUTION
VS THE PAST FOUR  -NEW
Course Leader: Mike Sullivan
Tuesdays, 1-3 pm  2/11-3/3
$50 Lecture, Q&A
Recent shareholder losses and IPO setbacks with tech upstarts like Uber, WeWork, Snapchat, and Twitter offer investors warnings that the current tech revolution may not be so different from those of past decades. We’ll compare and contrast the economic and financial market experiences from each of the five major technological revolutions over the past 250 years. We’ll also discuss why portfolio diversification beyond tech and growth stocks is important for the future, as we close out a decade of unprecedented low-interest rates and stock-market gains.

Mike Sullivan is the Vice President of Wealth Management at GHP Investment Advisors, Inc. He has guided the development of GHPIA’s portfolio management software, along with the execution of GHPIA’s investment research and selection process. Mike graduated with honors from Colorado State University with a B.A. in Political Science. He holds the Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) designation.
HEALTH AND WELLNESS

BEGINNING TAI CHI
Course Leader: Sandy Stolar
Thurs, Noon-12:45 pm  2/13-4/2
$50 Instruction, Movement –note time
Tai Chi is a soft, slow exercise program that improves balance, reduces stress, increases flexibility, and has been called motion meditation. Although it has its roots in martial arts, there is nothing “martial” about it. No equipment is required. All you need are comfortable shoes and clothing that allows for ease of motion. Most people in reasonably good health are able to successfully participate in Tai Chi. Note the class time. To participate, you must complete a liability waiver.

TAI CHI BEGINNER PLUS --NEW
Course Leader: Sandy Stolar
Thurs, 1-1:45 pm  2/13-4/2
$50 Instruction, Movement –note time
...For those who have had the beginning Tai Chi class and want to refine and improve their skills, we will continue working on the 24 Form and emphasize some of the many benefits of Tai Chi. Note the class time. To participate, you must complete a liability waiver.

A model student for lifelong learning, Sandy Stolar decided to branch out from her normal Spanish teacher routine, and take up Tai Chi about a decade ago. She then spent the hours to become a certified practitioner and now teaches classes in Castle Rock.

HISTORY

ALL ABOUT IMPEACHMENT
Course Leader: Scott Barker
Wed, 2/5 1-3 pm
$15 Fundraiser Lecture, Q&A
We are on the cusp of only the third presidential impeachment in our history, with a trial in the Senate likely in January. Whether it’s over by Feb. 5, or still in progress, come hear from an impeachment expert on how what we have seen stacks up against the Constitution. We will be discussing the constitutional definition of “high crimes and misdemeanors,” and looking at how the impeachment process unfolded in the previous impeachment trials of Presidents Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton as compared to President Trump’s.” Tuition for this event will go to the Academy’s tuition support and scholarship fund and technology. For more information about tuition support, please contact the Academy.

Scott S. Barker is a 1970 distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, has a Masters Degree in Russian History from Oxford University, England, and was a Rhodes Scholar. He then served as an Air Force intelligence officer, including tours of duty in Southeast Asia and the Pentagon. In 1978, he resigned his commission. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1981. He has practiced as a civil trial lawyer in Denver for the past 38 years and is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is the author of Impeachment: A Political Sword and The Impeachment Quagmire: Military Intelligence Officer Turned Attorney Unravels Mueller Report.

EQUAL RIGHTS: OVERCOMING UNJUST LAWS & RACIAL PREJUDICE  NEW
Course Leader: Michael Boulden
Thurs., 10-Noon  2/13-4/2
$90 Lecture, Q&A
This course is intended as a concise history of the Civil Rights movement: the economic basis for the slave trade; the U.S. Constitution’s accommodation of slavery; the Civil War and the failure of Reconstruction; Jim Crow laws and segregation; the Great Migration of African Americans to the North and West and segregation as social policy; Litigation and legislation to end segregation; Civil disobedience and protests; resistance by white supremacist groups; Black Power
and separatist movements; Black Lives Matter and the persistence of inequality.

Mike Boulden is a lawyer. He and his wife Susan moved to Denver in 2018 from Dallas, Texas, after he retired. Mike is in his second year as a member of the Academy and led one class on Bob Dylan's *Blood on the Tracks*, as part of Paul Turelli's team for the Concept Album course last Spring.

FROM WILSON TO BUSH: AMERICA'S CHANGING WORLD ROLE
Course Leader: John Nies
Wed, 1-3 pm, 2/12-3/18
$65 Lecture, discussion

As a world power since the start of the 20th century, the United States has struggled to define the nature and scope of its global engagement. Does the century-long quest provide any answers for today? Recent international and domestic developments suggest the importance of analyzing the past century of US foreign policy, to better understand our position as a continuing world power. This six-session course goes in chronological order, and the last session includes an overview and a look at the future. Be prepared to discuss topics presented in class.

John Nies earned a Ph.D. in 20th-Century Diplomatic History from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and served as a history professor at liberal arts colleges for nearly three decades. During his teaching career he taught U.S. and Modern European history.

SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT: VOTES FOR WOMEN
Course Leader: Toni Larson
Wed, 10-Noon 3/18-4/22 SKIP 4/8
$45 Lecture, Q&A

Giving women the right to vote started at least as early as 1776 when Abigail Adams wrote to her husband John Adams saying, “Remember the ladies... Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of husbands ... If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation.” Adams replied that the men will fight the “despotism of the petticoat.” This course traces the history of women achieving the right to vote and subsequent events. Bring your love of history and inquisitiveness about an often barely touched upon part of history to class. The first class is a showing of the movie *Iron Jawed Angels* and is optional, but provides a very good overview of the quest for voting rights for women.

Dr. Toni Larson served as executive director of Independent Higher Education of Colorado. Her main volunteer activities include the Academy for Lifelong Learning, League of Women Voters, Colorado Association of Nonprofit Organizations, and a homeowners’ association. She received a B.A. from Colorado College, a Master’s in Nonprofit Management from Regis University, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Policy Studies from the University of Denver

THE LAST ROMANOV’S & LATE IMPERIAL RUSSIA NEW
Course Leader: Mary Schaffer Conroy
Wed, 10 am-Noon, 2/12-3/4
$50 Lecture, Q&A

The Romanov’s were key players in this period of Russian history. But they and the events surrounding them have often been simplified in novels and movies, histories and films. This class will focus on some sensationalized accounts of key personalities and events in Late Imperial Russia and contrast them with more nuanced studies based on in-depth investigation. Why should we care about shedding an over-simplified view of Russia before and after 1917? Because a more textured picture will help us deal with Russia today--and perhaps foster better understanding of political and economic trends in our own country as well.
World expert on late imperial Russia, Dr. Mary Schaeffer Conroy has given numerous lectures in the USSR. She has published several books and is an emeritus Professor at the University of Colorado, Denver.

THE ROAD TO IMPERIALISM
Course Leader: Shellie Hochstadt
Wed, 10 am-noon, 2/12-3/25
$100 Lecture, Q&A
European empires followed their quest for raw materials into a new world. The advent of the Industrial Revolution transformed that quest into a new appetite for resources and power. The road to Imperialism stretches through revolutions, philosophers and war on a global scale. Join me on this road, from 1750-1890, that leads us to the modern world. This is a repeat of last Fall’s course, and there are 40 total spots in this course; it will sell out quickly.

Shellie Hochstadt graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a degree in history, and a minor in political science. She was a divisional merchandise manager for a department store until 1994, when she returned to her core interest and passion for world history. She taught AP World History, AP Government, and economics.

HAMILTON: THE MAN & THE MUSICAL
Course Leaders: Susan Blake Smith, Jim & Sally Kneser, Jack Keenan
Tues, 10 am-Noon, 3/3-4/2 SKIP 4/8
$100 Lecture, video and music
Hamilton, the record-breaking Broadway sensation, has sparked new interest in one of America’s most fascinating founding fathers. Using the musical as our backdrop, we will explore Alexander Hamilton’s remarkable story from a hardscrabble childhood in St. Croix to his meteoric rise to Secretary of the Treasury, his role in the country’s first publicized sex scandal and his fateful duel with Aaron Burr. We will discuss the lyrics, the music and why the show has “revolutionized” Broadway. Is the show historically accurate? Did Hamilton throw away his shot? Why is Lin-Manuel Miranda, the playwright, considered a literary and musical genius? Whether you are already familiar with the music or not, you’re going to “want to be in the room where it happens.” A portion of the tuition from the Hamilton course will go to Colorado Public Television, Channel 12, for its partnership efforts with the Academy.

Susan Blake-Smith, veteran Academy facilitator, with Jack Keenan, chair of the Academy’s history curriculum, Jim Kneser, music and economics buff, Sally Kneser, director of visuals.

LITERATURE

MYSTERIOUS PLACES: NEVADA BARR’S NATIONAL PARKS --NEW
Course Leader: Linda Lange
Thurs, 1-3 pm, 2/13-4/2
$85 In-class reading, discussion
"Place" is sometimes described as an additional character in mystery novels, especially when an author develops a continuing series. Nevada Barr’s Anna Pigeon mysteries are set in America’s National Parks, where place is very much a factor in the story. We will do some armchair travel while exploring this mystery series, with attention to the stories, the character(s) and especially the Parks. Class members will read from the series to discuss the stories, plots, characters, and, of course, location. Travelers may share highlights of the locations featured each week. We'll explore how the geography, climate, history, and unique features of each park informs and influences the plot and characters. Participants will come away with new titles for their reading list and some travel inspiration.

Linda Lange is retired from teaching finance, accounting, and small business management at Regis University. She has not yet retired her CPA license, but now uses it mostly in volunteer work. Linda discovered mystery travel on a stopover in Shrewsbury, England, walked the Brother Cadfael trail.
THE NEW YORKER: FIRST ISSUE TO 1929 --NEW
Course Leader: Jerry Henderson
Tues, 1-3 pm, 2/11- 3/31
$90 Reading on computer, discussion
Examine The New Yorker writings of the most famous and relevant authors of this period, including James Thurber, John O'Hara, E.B. White, F. Scott Fitzgerald, S.J. Perelman, Walcott Gibbs, John Cheever, Brendan Gill, and A.J. Leibling. Each week a new story or stories will appear on the Academy web site for you to access and discuss the following week. We will talk about themes and relevance so you can form a substantiated opinion about why this magazine and its authors made our American world so rich and colorful. A six-month digital- and printed edition of the magazine is part of the course tuition.

Gerald (Jerry) Henderson, a petroleum reservoir engineer and global energy executive, enjoys facilitating classes in American Literature, including Mark Twain and the history of the New Yorker.

WRITE TO SAVE YOUR LIFE
Course Leader: Patricia Cox
Tues., 1-3 pm 2/11-3/24 SKIP 3/3
$70 Writing, discussion
“Anyone who physically and emotionally outlasts childhood has something to write about forever,” proclaims author Lou Willett Stanek. You’ll agree once you discover the rich vein of stories in your past and experience the joy of preserving these treasured tales. We’ll encourage each other in class and tackle writing at home. Reading your work aloud will prove a powerful affirmation, as will listening to others. This exchange is an effective way to improve your writing. Join this group, capped at 12, to learn how to transform your memories into memoirs. Each semester, this class takes on new life with returning and new class members.

Patricia Cox has been writing to save her life, practically all her life. With a B.S. in Education and an M.A. in Guidance and Counseling, she taught for the Denver Public Schools and Cherry Creek Schools while raising three daughters.

MASTERS OF SHORT STORIES PART 4
Course Leader: Paulette Wasserstein
Tues., 1-3 pm., 3/3- 4/14 SKIP 4/7
$75 Reading, discussion
Part Four of this famous course presents a collection of pieces from some of the best loved writers in the American tradition: Edgar Allen Poe, Ambrose Bierce, Willa Cather, Stephen Crane, Kate Chopin, F. Scott Fitzgerald and many more. In The Great American Short Stories (2002) edited by Paul Negri, you will be surprised and amused by the often humorous and always insightful tales within. Be part of a lively discourse, examining the short story as a genre and deriving an interpretation of each story. Ultimately, the class experience will enlighten your understanding of short fiction and inspire new ideas for your monthly book clubs. Participants need not have taken prior short story classes. This is a repeat course from Fall 2019. Class is capped at 35 seats.

Dr. Paulette Wasserstein spent her career teaching English at Cherry Creek High School and adult education at the University of Phoenix. She has taught more than 20 iterations of Masters of Short Stories at the Academy.

MUSIC
BEETHOVEN: HIS LIFE AND WORK -- NEW
Course Leader: Richard Slavich
Wed., 10-Noon, 2/12- 4/1 SKIP 3/25
$75 Lecture, music, discussion
This course will follow last year's popular Bach class with an exploration of Beethoven's life and music. Beethoven's development as a composer will be investigated, focusing on three genres: piano sonata, string quartet and symphony. Among the works to be studied in depth will be the "Pathetique" Sonata, "Eroica" symphony, “9th
Symphony,” and late string quartets. Those taking this course will want to make sure to stay for the afternoon presentation of Betsy Schwarm’s “The Three B’s” on 4/1 from 1-3 pm.

Richard Slavich served on the University of Denver Lamont School of Music faculty for almost 40 years and retired in 2014.

**JAZZ: THEN & NOW --NEW**
***Course Leader: Lorenz Rychnner***
Thurs, 1-3 pm, 2/13-3/19
$65 Music, Video
Jazz keeps renewing itself—we'll examine how the music has developed from Ragtime to New Orleans to ‘30s Swing and beyond. In this entertaining class, we'll hear and watch performances of the Greats, and we'll highlight the Innovators' achievements. No prerequisites, just a sense of fun and tapping toes.

Lorenz Rychnner took up piano and clarinet lessons as a child in his native Switzerland. He combined a career in publishing with a busy performing schedule. He was the head of the music synthesis and electronic orchestration programs at the Grove School of Music. Many published books and articles later, he was the editor at Recording magazine.

**LET’S GO TO THE MET! --NEW**
***Course Leader: Nancy Beyer***
Thurs., 1-3 pm, 2/13-3/5
$50 Lecture, Q&A
Just imagine sitting at the famed Metropolitan Opera in New York and enjoying one of their world class productions! Well, you don't have to; the Met broadcasts worldwide in movie theaters, even right here in Denver. Get prepared for the four spring productions that will be broadcast live: *Agrippa* by Handel, *The Flying Dutchman* by Wagner, *Tosca* by Puccini, and *Maria Sturta* by Donizetti. You will learn about the composers, plot and music of each opera and how those singers actually produce that amazing sound! You will also receive information about where to enjoy the performances.

Dr. Nancy Beyer has had a 35-year career as a church musician in multiple mainline denominations. Her doctorate is from the Robert Webber Institute for Worship Studies. Prior to her church work, she began her career as a professional singer and has a Bachelors and masters in Opera and Musical theater. Her love for this musical genre will be on full display in the course.

**MUSIC OF THE AVANT-GARDE --NEW**
***Course Leader: Robin McNeil***
Thurs, 10 am-Noon, 3/12-4/23  SKIP 4/9
$65 Lecture, Discussion
This course will cover music of the 20th Century. It will deal with the composer’s desire for a change to something new—never before written or heard. This desire for something new came from music written in major and minor keys for the last 450 years. Learn what the new approach to composition was and is in the new 20th Century. Is the human ear hard to re-train?

Concert pianist Robin McNeil taught at the Universities of Illinois and South Dakota, in addition to serving as executive director of the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra.

**COMPARING THREE B’S: CLASSICAL MUSIC**
***FREE FOR MEMBERS***
***Course Leader: Betsy Schwarm***
Wed, 1-3 pm, 4/1
FREE Lecture, Q&A
Bach – Beethoven – Brahms: In this program, we’ll give particular attention to Beethoven, whose 250th anniversary comes in 2020. However, without Bach, there might not have been a Beethoven as we know him, and without Beethoven, Brahms would likely have faced a very different musical world. How did Bach’s Brandenburg concertos pave the way for Beethoven’s concertos? There will be lots of musical examples presented and explained.
Music historian Betsy Schwarm spent a dozen years on the air at KVOD radio, “The Classical Voice of Denver,” and taught music appreciation at Metropolitan State University of Denver.

**PRESENTING: THE LONE TREE ARTS CENTER -NEW**

**Wednesdays**

2/12 1:30 at Lone Tree Arts Center, “Denver Dolls”

2/19 1 pm at Academy,

“About Lone Tree Arts Center”

3/18 1:30 at Lone Tree Arts Center,

“St. Patrick’s Day Celebration”

4/1 1 pm at Academy,

“Comparing the Three B’s” FREE for Academy members

4/15 1:30 at Lone Tree Arts Center, “The Three B’s-Bach Beethoven and Brahms”

$55 3 Performances, 2 bonus lectures

The Academy is again partnering with a great local resource and non-profit, the Lone Tree Arts Center. The course will consist of three performances of the Center's “Arts in the Afternoon” programming: “The Denver Dolls” - a 40’s style singing trio; “A St. Patrick's Day Celebration” with Colcannon, and “The Three B's - Bach, Beethoven and Brahms” with members of the Denver Symphony. Betsy Schwarm will come to the Academy for “Comparing the Three B’s,” which is free to Academy members.

The Lone Tree Arts Center (LTAC) is an award-winning professional performing arts center and gallery owned by the City of Lone Tree. LTAC has a dynamic operating model in which it produces professional theater and presents world-renowned touring artists in all genres. Its mission is to provide remarkable programming for everyone.

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**PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION**

**EVANGELICALISM: EXPLANATIONS & CRITIQUES --NEW**

Course Leader: Rosalie Goldman/ Various Speakers

Wed, 1-3 pm, 3/4-3/25

$50 Lecture, Q&A

Hear from non-Evangelical academic experts who have researched and written about the Religious Right/Evangelical movement in the U.S. Each week, a different speaker, will explain the history of this movement, its theology and culture. In addition, class members will learn about Evangelical views of race and science and explore legal issues that arise and often clash with U.S. current laws. You will come away from this class with a deeper understanding of Evangelicalism and the place it occupies in American life today.

3/4—“Political Orthodoxy: Culture, Theology and the Evangelical Right,” Jeff Satterwhite is a PhD and a former evangelical minister turned secular humanist.

3/11 -- “Paranoid Science: The Christian Right's War on Reality” Antony Alumkah is an Assistant Professor at the Iliff School of Theology in the Department of Sociology

3/18 -- "Legal Issues from a Christian Right Perspective" Edwin Kahn is a retired trial lawyer with a career-long interest in civil rights and liberties.

3/25 -- “Race and the So-Called ‘End of Christian White America,’” Nancy Wadsworth, is an Associate Professor at the University of Denver’s Department of Political Science
AMERICAN RELIGION: HISTORY 1900 TO TODAY
Course Leader: Ted Stainman
Thurs, 10-Noon, 3/12-4/23  SKIP 4/9
$65 Lecture, Q&A
America is a religious country without an official religion. See how these two thoughts go hand in hand. We will look at all aspects of religion from the discovery of America by Europeans to the Civil War. You will learn how the Baptists, Methodist, Presbyterians, Catholics, and Jews all got started in America. A bonus: You will also learn about objects that you never associated with religion which had religious origins. Hint: Oneida tableware.
Ted Stainman graduated from the Hebrew Union College, NYC with a master’s in Hebrew Letters. He also has a BA in history from Rutgers University and attended the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, from 1964-65 as a special overseas student. He taught American Religion, a survey course, at Wesley College, Dover, DE, after retirement from the Air Force 1993.

MIRACLE HOAXES AND INVESTIGATIONS
Course Leader: Darren Slade
Thurs., 1-3 pm, 2/13-3/12
$60 Lecture, Q&A
We’ve all heard the stories. In this course, we get a scientific and academic perspective about miracles. Consider social-scientific data and even criminal investigations to explore whether a miracle claimant is a credible, suitable and accurate eyewitness to the event. We will then apply these techniques to different case studies, both ancient and modern, to assess whether the miracle reports are reliable enough to be believed. This is an encore course from Fall 2019.

Recommended Reading (not required): The Case Against Miracles by ed. John W. Loftus

Darren Slade (PhD in theology and church history) is a theological historian, systematician, and critical rationalist philosopher from Denver. Specializing in historic-speculative theology, theoretical metaphysics, and the socio-political development of religious belief systems, Darren’s academic publications include the academic study of the philosophy, sociology, and psychology of religion.

CRYPTO-JEWS: HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT --NEW
Course Leader: Corinne Joy Brown
Tues, 2/11-3/10 1-3 pm
$50 Lecture, Q&A
Learn the answer to how a hidden culture spanned the centuries and managed to change the world. Hear the story of Spain and Portugal’s Medieval Jewish expulsion and how the diaspora of conversos and non-converted Iberian Jews took their culture to new frontiers and underground, only to resurface in the 21st century, raising critical questions about mode of faith and identity. Using film, personal narratives, academic essays, poetry, and guest speakers, this class explores one of the most compelling phenomena of our times; the Biblical-prophesied return of the anusim, the “children of the forced ones.” Take a secular look at a complex history affecting both Christians and Jews, Latinos and Anglos. An opportunity to read select essays and excerpts will be forwarded via email.

Denver native Corinne Joy Brown has been a board member of the Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies (SCJS) since 2000. Her recent novel Hidden Star on the subject of Crypto-Jews in the American Southwest has won six book awards, including the New Mexico-Arizona book award for historical fiction and the Latino Literacy Award. Corinne was named a Fellow of the University of Colorado History Department in 2015. Corinne recently chaired the international conference of SCJS held in Denver in June 2019.

TAKE $10 off using code TAKE$10 if you take both the Crypto-Jew and the Insquisitions course! Use the code at check out.

THE HISTORY OF THE INQUISITIONS
Course Leader: Walt Meyer
Tues, 1-3 pm, 3/17-4/21  SKIP 3/31 & 4/7
$50 Lecture, Q&A
This course is designed to tell the story before the Crypto-Jews came into the world. Established by the Catholic Church in 1231, the Inquisitions continued in one form or another for almost 700 years. Though associated with the persecution of heretics and Jews, its targets were more numerous and its techniques more ambitious. The Inquisitions pioneered surveillance, censorship and "scientific" interrogation. As time went on, its methods and mindset spread far beyond the Church to become tools of secular persecution. This course will take a comprehensive look into this dark period in the history of Christianity.

Dr. Walt Meyer is a retired “technocrat,” having spent 22 years in the weather field of the US Air Force and almost 20 years as a program manager for a defense contractor. His interest in the religions of the Middle East stems from lead courses on Islam, on the Crusades and on the Inquisitions. He has led these classes a total of 10 times over the past nine years and has received rave reviews of the depth and quality of his presentations.

SCIENCE & MEDICINE

SCIENCE SAMPLER --- NEW
Course Leaders: Michelle Stern/Speakers
Thurs, 10-Noon, Various Dates, 3/5-4/23
$65, Lecture, Q&A

Join us as we learn about a new science topic each week with a different expert.

3/5 “DNA Testing, Implications and Genetic Genealogy,” By education and training, Gordon Revey was a professional engineer specializing in controlled explosive applications, and he set his sights on genetics once he retired.

3/19 “Comets, Asteroids, and Meteors, Oh My!” Anne Holland is the Community Engagement and Exhibits Manager at the Space Science Institute.

Her formal training is in planetary geology, but she’s been educating for 15 years.

3/26 “Making the Earth Move: Earthquakes, Volcanoes and the Theory of Plate Tectonics,” Lynn Peyton is a geophysicist who has spent her career working in the oil and gas business. For her PhD, she studied the tectonics of the Rocky Mountains.

4/2 “Water Resources, Law & Climate,” Daniel Luecke is an Ivy League-educated environmental scientist and hydrologist who has worked for more than 50 years in the industry and served on many governmental boards.

4/16 “Causes and Effects of Mass Extinctions and the History of the Mammals,” Larry Matten is a Botanist and retired attorney who now spends his time volunteering at Denver Museum of Nature & Science and Spellbinders of Littleton

4/23 “Infrared Astronomy: Unveiling the Hidden Universe,” Sachin Shenoy is an Astronomer working as a data pipeline scientist for SOFIA (Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy).

Michelle Stern is a former Denver attorney who absolutely loves all things science, and wouldn’t miss a Science Friday on NPR. She attends several science lectures around town and enjoys contacting prospective course leaders as chair of the Academy’s committee for science and medicine.

STROKE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO RECOGNIZE, TREAT & PREVENT A STROKE
Course Leader: David Ornelas, UCHealth
FREE to Members & One Guest
Wed, 4/15, 10 am-Noon
FREE Lecture, Q&A

This is an updated presentation on understanding the symptoms and cause of stroke, and what to do if you suspect a stroke is happening. You will also learn about the latest treatment options for stroke.
and have the opportunity to tour UCHealth’s innovative Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit. You will learn what lifestyle habits you can incorporate into your own routine to help prevent a stroke.

David Ornelas is a registered nurse with over 15 years of experience in healthcare and many in critical care. David is the Program Manager for UCHealth’s Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit (MSTU) which was one of the first in the U.S.

WEATHER FOR EVERYONE   --NEW
Course Leader: Thomas Corona
Thurs. 1-3 pm, 2/13-4/2
$85 Lecture, video, Q&A
This class will cover the basic principles of meteorology and learn how the sun, earth, air and water produce our seasons, weather and climate. Along the way, we will explore such topics as wind, clouds, precipitation, weather systems, thunderstorms, lightning, hail, tornadoes, and hurricanes and the technologies used to observe and forecast these events. We will also keep an eye on the current weather and forecasts for Colorado. Lecture, video, charts, graphs, apps, and discussions will form the basic structure of the course.

Thomas Corona has been a meteorologist for over 40 years. He attended Colorado State University, receiving a Masters Degree in Atmospheric Science. Tom taught meteorology courses at Metropolitan State College in Denver and also worked for the NOAA/PROFS program in developing the current AWIPS forecasting system. Tom, now retired, devotes his time to volunteering and music performance, writing, and production.

HUMAN EVOLUTION: THE ORIGINS   -- NEW
Course Leader: David Eller
Thurs., 1-3 pm, 3/26-4/23 SKIP 4/9
$50, Lecture, Q&A
Examine the current evidence and best interpretations of human evolution. After an introduction to evolutionary theory and key finds in history, we will explore primate physical and behavioral adaptations through primate evolution. Follow physical anthropologists as they reconstruct our ancestry from the earliest human-like creatures through primitive humans to anatomically modern humans. We will link biological and cultural evolution as our human ancestors acquire tools, fire, language, ritual and art and how humans used these to populate the entire globe.

Jack David Eller earned a PhD in anthropology from Boston University after spending two years in Australia studying Aboriginal societies. He has taught anthropology, sociology, and history, most recently as an associate professor at the Community College of Denver. His most recently published book was about psychological anthropology and American traditions.

SKILLS
AN INTERNET MEDIA PRIMER   -NEW
Course Leader: Eric Rutter
Thurs, 1-3 pm, 3/12-4/23   SKIP 3/19 and 4/9
$45 Lecture, Demonstration
Back in the day there was Cronkite. Or the local newspaper. Maybe a few of your favorite magazines. But now, you’re deluged with innumerable and oftentimes confusing options when you want to find out what’s going on in the world. Perhaps you’ve heard about podcasts, but don’t know where to start. And what about those TedTalks? And why are the grandkids on Snapchat and YouTube all the time? Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok round out the list. Each week we’ll do a deep dive into one of these online channels, followed by an open discussion of our observations.

Eric Rutter is a former executive in the magazine and media world. He’s run the audience development operations for iconic media brands such as Variety, Interior Design and Publisher’s Weekly. Originally from Brooklyn, NY, Eric relocated to Colorado in 1993. He’s an accomplished amateur bike
racer and the proud father of a wonderful young woman who’s about to graduate from nursing school.

AMERICAN MAH JONGG FOR NEVER EVERS
Course Leader: Elaine Levy
Wed, 10-Noon, 3/4-4/22 SKIP 3/18 and 4/8 $70 Instruction for those who have never played.
Mah Jongg is an ancient Chinese game that has been played in the American tradition since the 1900s. Played with four players, it’s a fun, challenging and interesting game that is similar to gin. Mah Jongg sets are provided. A large format 2019 National Mah Jongg League card is included in the class fee. This class is taught in a progressive manner, and to best learn this game, plan to attend all classes. Class size is limited to 20. Contact Elaine Levy with questions elaine94@comcast.net

AMERICAN MAH JONGG: COME & PLAY -NEW
Course Leader: Elaine Levy
Wed, 1-3 pm, 3/4-4/22 SKIP 3/18 and 4/8 $60 Play and tips for those who have already played.
This is for people who know how to play American Mah Jongg. It’s an opportunity to practice playing and advance your skills. You will also learn some interesting and important tips, tricks and pointers to help you win more games, laugh more and have more fun. Please bring the 2019 (not a typo) National Mah Jongg League card to class. This group is limited to 20 people. Contact Elaine Levy with questions. Elaine94@comcast.net

Elaine Levy is a retired small-business owner. As a child, she watched her mother play Mah-Jongg and was fascinated. She has played for 50 years and informally taught many others to love this game. She hopes that the participants will learn to enjoy and be fascinated by it as she still is. WARNING: This Game Can Become Addictive!

BRIDGE: PLAY, SLAMS, TRANSFERS
Course Leader: Sally Kneser
Tues, 10-Noon 2/18-2/25
At-home reading, lecture.
$20 Play for advanced beginners & intermediates
Make the most of the cards you’re dealt—the final two weeks of the Play of the Hand in the 21st Century book. Continuing with materials covered in the Fall of 2019, these two weeks involve putting it all together. Weekly reading is required. Advanced beginners and intermediate players are welcome. This is NOT a class for NEVER-EVERS.


Everyone’s favorite bridge instructor, Sally Kneser takes her passion for bridge to the classroom with humor, patience and clarity. She is a member of two book clubs, a grandma and the former Director of The Academy.

BRIDGE: PLAY! PLAY! PLAY! FOR BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATES
Course Leaders: Tom & Debby Buescher
Tues, 1-3 pm, 3/3- 4/21, SKIP 4/7 $80 Playing practice hands
After a short lecture on specific playing techniques, practice your skills, practice your skills with a wide range of pre-set bridge hands, each with one or more lessons or challenges. These hands have all been previously used in the Academy’s fine bridge courses, and are excellent teaching exercises for the novice or novice-intermediate bridge player. Bidding and play situations will stretch your skills and help cement important bridge concepts. There will be helpers available to explain how each hand should be bid/played and why.

Debby and Tom Buescher met playing bridge in college and since then have remained both married and avid bridge players. They have taught many friends to play, have assisted in Sally’s classes, and also have other general teaching
experience. They have two granddaughters and enjoy traveling, reading and eating good food.

**BRUSH UP ON YOUR ITALIAN SKILLS -- NEW**  
*Course Leader: Daniela DeGarbo*  
Thurs, 2/13-3/19, 1-3 pm  
*$60 Speaking Italian*  
Those who have some knowledge of the Italian language and would like to be able to communicate and comprehend a bit better can brush up. Some vocabulary and basic conjugation will be covered, and your conversation skills will be enhanced.

Daniela De Garbo grew up in Northern Italy, and, like most Europeans she learned to appreciate the cultures and languages of neighboring countries. After studying languages at the University of Udine and Trieste, she moved to Colorado, taught English to foreign nationals and Italian language classes as a volunteer for different organizations. Her passion is to convey an appreciation for Italian culture, language, cooking and, most of all, Italian people.

**CHATTING IN ESPAÑOL: BEGINNER PLUS**  
*Course Leader: Linda Gordon*  
Tues, 1-3 pm 2/11-3/17  
*$60 Speaking Spanish*  
We will begin with salutations and then move on to learn directions, names of food, clothing, places, verb tenses, and much, much more. You should come to class knowing some expressions and vocabulary, so now we’ll put that vocabulary into making real conversations. You’ll be surprised how quickly you can speak and understand Spanish.

After 35 years as an educator, Linda Gordon recently retired as a principal. She lived in Mexico City for 10 years, serving as director of an English as a Second Language school. She’s excited to work with eager Spanish learners!

**CHATTING EN ESPAÑOL: INTERMEDIATE**  
*Course Leader: Sandy Stolar*  
Wed, 1-3 pm 2/12-3/18  
*$60 Speaking Spanish*  
Intermediate Chatting in Español is for people wanting to brush up on their conversational Spanish skills. We practice speaking, listening and reading in Spanish. We will review the past tenses as well as introduce or refresh our knowledge of other tenses and some grammatical concepts as needed by the participants. Our main focus is “charlando en español.” Participants might want to pick up any workbook on Spanish grammar although it’s not required.

Before retiring after 30 years of teaching experience, Sandy Stolar taught Spanish at the middle school and high school and several semesters of community college, too. She loves getting people interested in speaking another language and learning about foreign cultures. Sandy has traveled extensively in Mexico, Spain, Costa Rica and South America.

**FRENCH INTERMEDIATE DISCUSSION GROUP--NEW**  
*Course Leader: Lorenz Rychner*  
Thurs, 10-Noon, 2/13-3/19  
*$60 Speaking French*  
For this lively class we hope to attract French speakers of sufficient fluency to feel comfortable in discussing a wide range of topics. While the course leader will provide specialized vocabulary and other resources for certain topics and situations, at least intermediary-level proficiency in conjugation and grammar is expected from enrollees, so that all class members feel confident about expressing themselves. The enjoyment of the learning experience will be enhanced by reading materials and by the showing and discussion of videos, news broadcasts, and movie excerpts. If this fun class “à la Française” sounds like it is for you, please email the Academy to get a quick and easy proficiency assessment with the course leader by Jan. 28.

Lorenz Rychner, the Academy’s Jazz connoisseur, grew up in multilingual Switzerland, in a partly French-speaking family. He has a long history of visiting France and other French-speaking countries before and since emigrating. Get the confidence to express yourself in French. Allons-y, on va s’amuser!
COME BIRD WITH US, SPRING BIRDS
Course Leader: George Ho
Thurs, 10-Noon, 2/13-4/23 SKIP 4/9
-The Academy cannot provide transportation. -Participants must be able to walk one to two miles on level grounds (gravel, grass, paved)
$85-Note two locations
Welcome, birders of all expertise levels, to this exploratory course where half the classes will take place in the classroom and the other out in the field. Classroom sessions, held on the Academy campus, include topics on birding equipment and etiquette; bird behaviors, migration and habitats; birds seen commonly and during migration; identification of specific birds, such as raptors, ducks, shorebirds, woodpeckers, hummingbirds, sparrows, flycatchers, and song birds. Field trips will be held at the following locations: Bluff Lake Nature Center in Stapleton, Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge in Commerce City, and Belmar Park in Lakewood. During these trips, we will compile an eBird checklist of birds seen; take photos of them as much as possible; and post and share the list with everyone in the classroom.

Dr. George Ho is a retired physician and has taught “Making and Sharing Sound End-of-Life Choices” since 2011 and other courses including “Making a Photobook” and “Pursuit of Happiness.” He looks forward to sharing his passion for bird studies with you.

CPR/AED/FIRST AID
Course Leader: David Moschner
Wed, 2/12 OR Thurs, 4/23 10:30 am-2:30 pm
Receive a two-year certification in CPR, AED
$55, Lecture practice with CPR dummies.
Learn about the skills that can save lives and practice your newfound CPR and defibrillator training on CPR manikins. You’ll also get trained in First Aid, including care for choking, controlling bleeding, environmental emergencies and other first-aid techniques. This course meets/exceeds State and National Emergency Care Guidelines, and is an approved vendor for the Colorado Department of Human Services and its Division of Child Care. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and bring a sack lunch to eat while learning. Please let us know if you have limitations moving from standing position to the floor, so we can accommodate you.

CPR Colorado is a life-saving training business located in Centennial, Colo., that offers classes to the public and private sector, as well as instructor certification. Find out more at CPRColorado.com or calling 303-818-3737.

SAY IT STRAIGHT OR YOU’LL SHOW IT CROOKED
Course Leader: Abe Wagner
Tues, 1-3 pm, 2/11-3/17
$65, Lecture, discussion
This course will focus on 14 simple yet profound life strategies that can increase your effectiveness in dealing with life’s many ups and downs. This class presents a chance to both self-reflect and to adopt small modifications that will enhance your life. Speaking with the purpose of resolving issues, and asking for what you want, making agreements that you intend to keep are just a few of the issues.

Abe Wagner, MSW, has presented in all 50 states and over 35 countries and is a published author. He is down to earth and applies a practical approach to the practices of Transactional Analysis and Neuro Linguistic Programming.

TECH TIPS: DIY Troubleshooting
Course Leader: Scott Henke
FREE to Members & One Guest
Wed, 3/25, 1-3 pm
FREE Lecture, Q&A
This FREE class helps everyone whether you use a computer at home or your business, and teaches you how to troubleshoot simple problems and solve them easily yourself. We will cover desktops, laptops, Internet and printers. Knowing a few of these easy tricks could save you hours of frustration in the future. Invite your friends since this is a free class!
TECH TIPS: AS SMART AS YOUR SMART PHONE?
BASIC APPS
Wed, 4/15, 1-3 pm
$12 Lecture, Q&A
Now that you have the smartphone, what do you do with it? Learn the top essential apps for your phone in this fast-paced class for both iPhone and Android phone users.

TECH TIPS:
TRAVEL AS SMART AS YOUR SMART PHONE
Wed, 4/22, 1-3 pm
$12, Lecture, Q&A
Get these essential apps for your phone for local and far-away help including Lyft, GasBuddy, Google Maps. We will also cover apps used on an airplane. We will touch on other apps, though it is easier on a computer such as Hotels.com, Trip Advisor and purchasing tickets.

Onsite Consulting owner, Scott Henke, has been featured on 9 News, Fox 31, and the radio for his expertise. His company, Onsite Consulting, offers PC and network troubleshooting, repair, virus, free offsite backup, remote emergency help and more. His classes are designed with the beginner in mind. He is always available for advice via email scott@henke.com

WATERCOLOR: A GREAT ADVENTURE
Course Leader: Sharon Rouse
Tues. 12:30-3 pm, 3/3-3/24 (Note Start Time)
$35, Demonstration, painting
Watercolor is a beguiling and exciting medium with a character all its own. This journey into the world of watercolor painting will give each participant the opportunity to explore color, processes, and techniques. Color and its possibilities will unlock some more mysteries and help you discover your potential. The course is open to beginners and those who have previous painting experience. A suggested supply list will be provided a few weeks before your class begins.

Sharon Rouse is a retired art teacher and supervisor for art student teachers at Metropolitan State College. She has taught adult watercolor and sketchbook classes and presented short watercolor workshops. Her work has been accepted into various shows and is in private collections. She is also a docent at the Denver Art Museum.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

JOURNEYS OUT OF HOMELESSNESS
BOOK CLUB --NEW
Course Leader: Don Burnes
Thurs, 10 am-Noon 2/13-3/5
$55 At-home reading, Q&A, Discussion
Based on a recently released book entitled, Journeys Out of Homelessness: The Voices of Lived Experience, we will explore the lives of nine people who experienced homelessness and will focus on the factors that helped them get through it. The course will examine some of the systemic barriers to having a home in this country and will identify strategies to overcome homelessness, especially the creation of important networks of support and sense of community. Several of the book’s contributors will attend class sessions to further explicate his/her experiences. The price of the book is included in tuition and can be picked up at the One Day Academy, a free event on Jan. 28.

ANATOMY OF A MURDER TRIAL
Course Leader: Dennis Wanebo
Thurs, 10 am-Noon 2/13-4/2
$80 Lecture, Q&A
Get a front seat to the trial system by turning one particular case inside out: the 1981 interstate-contract murder of a young mother in Boulder County. The instructor, who originally tried the case, will set the scene, introduce the characters, discuss constitutional issues, explore the pros and cons of “going
for the death penalty,” discuss plea bargains and examine the jury system. Class limit is 25. This is a repeat of a Spring 2019 course.

Dennis Wanebo is a lawyer who has tried hundreds of jury trials – civil and criminal – as a prosecutor and as a defense attorney. He currently serves as a part-time municipal judge in Boulder and in Westminster.

SITCOMS & SOCIETY -- NEW
Course Leaders: Paul Turelli
Thurs, 1-3 pm, 2/13-3/12
$55 Lecture, Q&A

Television sitcoms have been a reflection of our society and culture from the “Andy Griffith Show” and “Leave It To Beaver” to cutting edge comedies like “All In The Family” and “MASH.” This class will take a closer look at our changing culture through television history and the importance of situation comedy in changing and molding our perspectives.

Paul Turelli is a retired middle-school teacher and administrator from Littleton Public Schools. He’s taught successful courses at The Academy including the Blues, the Beatles and more. Paul studied literary and film criticism as a graduate student in college.

GREAT DECISIONS 2020
Course Leaders: Sara Marsden/Various Speakers
Wed, 10-Noon, 2/12-4/1
$130 Lecture, guest speaker presenters

NEW TOPICS! The Great Decisions discussion groups are part of a nationwide annual program developed by the Foreign Policy Association. The 2020 topics are: Climate Change and the Global Order; India and Pakistan; Red Sea Security; Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking; U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle; China’s Road into Latin America; The Philippines and the U.S.; and Artificial Intelligence and Data. Each 15-page chapter in the Great Decisions Briefing Book places the issues in historical context and provides background, current policies and alternative opinions. Speakers and videos featuring experts provide more information.

Required Reading: 2020 Great Decisions Briefing Book, pick up on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 10-2 pm at the One-Day Academy (which is a FREE event!)

Sara Marsden retired in May 2012 from Adams County Social Services after 20 years as a caseworker. She has developed an interest in foreign policy over a lifetime of travel and living abroad in the Philippines and Mexico.

ONE-DAY ACADEMY
Tues, Jan 28, 2020
10 am-2 pm
Please bring your friends-It’s FREE!
Meet course leaders
Onsite Registration.
Details and topics released soon!
NO RSVP needed!

All Classes meet at the Academy for Lifelong Learning
6500 E. Girard Ave., Denver, CO 80224
Classrooms located inside Calvary Baptist Church

ABOUT ACADEMY COURSE LEADERS: Our course leaders are enthusiastic volunteers who research and present courses on topics of great interest to them. The materials and opinions they and their guest speakers present are their own and not necessarily those of the Academy for Lifelong Learning.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS JAN 7
-7 AM Register online with credit card
   at AcademyLL.org

-9 AM Register Onsite @ The Academy
   at 6500 E. Girard Ave., Denver, CO 80224
   (located inside Calvary Baptist Church)

-7 AM Print and mail in your form
   PO Box 3893, Greenwood Village, CO 80155

WHAT TO DO BEFORE REGISTERING ONLINE
- Make a user name and password at AcademyLL.org
-Practice logging in and out.
-Use those user names and password on Jan. 7

-Only one person may register per user name.
-If you already have an account, but forgot your user name and password, please click the buttons to reset them. Keep the information safe and easy to find on Jan. 7. No credit card info is kept on the Academy’s Website. We will NEVER sell your info to another company or organization.