

SCOVILR WINTER 2020 COURSES

+Courses Monday through Thursday will be held in Activity Center, Hopi Room
Friday courses will be held in the Welcome Center, Conference Room 3
ILR website: <http://www.suncityilr.com>

Mondays

1. **1776 Jim Williams 4 sessions 9:00-11:00 Jan 6-27**

The Year 1776 was one of the most tumultuous in American history. American troops faced the British in Boston, New York City, and finally, on the banks of the Delaware River near Trenton, New Jersey. After much hesitation the Continental Congress agreed to declare independence in July. Americans were fighting two conflicts: between the colonies and the British Empire, and between themselves over the future after independence. This course will examine the political, social and military history of that famous year.

Jim Williams has taught ILR courses since 2007. He recently published Claiming the Desert, a history of Oro Valley from 1865 to 1965.

2. **Modern American Politics or Has America Gone Tilt? Don Shepperd 6 sessions
9:00-11:00 Feb 3-Mar 9**

In this course we will discuss the US Constitution, the structure of our government, our voting process, America's politics in crisis and the huge issues facing the country, such as debt, healthcare, immigration, military, cyberspace, tariffs, global warming, energy, gun control, the Mideast, Russia, China and North Korea. If that is not sufficient we will also discuss these final questions: what are the possible election outcomes, what are the final driving issues, what do the polls say, and who do we think will be elected taking into consideration that the polls were wrong last time?

Maj. Gen. Donald Shepperd, USAF (Ret) is a well-known speaker and author and is president of The Shepperd Group, Inc. Don is an experienced, knowledgeable and entertaining speaker who has frequently given his time and thoughts to the ILR

3. **Women's Suffrage Mary Lee Fitzgerald 4 sessions 2:00-4:00 Jan 6-27**

The 19th Amendment, which gave American women the right to vote, turns 100 in 2020. This is an amazing story which began in the 1840s when women still had no right to property or ownership of their own wages—a story of persistence in the face of ridicule, arrest and imprisonment. This course looks at the major players in the suffrage movement, the obstacles they faced and the strategies they learned to overwhelm the opposition.

Mary Lee Fitzgerald is an educator and professor who has previously taught ILR classes in American and Arizona history.

4. **Masters of 20th Century Jazz Piano Jim Ford 4 sessions 2:00-4:00 Feb 3-24**

In this class we will hear performances by sixteen of the 20th century's foremost jazz pianists, ranging from Art Tatum to Keith Jarrett and Herbie Hancock. There will also be some brief biographical notes. This should be a "must" for jazz lovers.

Jim Ford is a 22 year resident of Sun City and a life-long music lover. He played trumpet in bands and orchestras while in school. In retirement he has accumulated a sizable library of quality recordings which he uses for these ILR classes.

Tuesdays

5. **Why We're So Polarized: The Intertwined Evolution of Cultural and Individual Development (repeat of Winter 2019 course) Lori Filipek 9 sessions 2:00-4:00 Jan 7-Mar 3**

Why do we do what we do? How do we explain our presently polarized nation/world and our equally polarized selves? Can we get out of this mess? How? In our search for answers we will consider research in several disciplines as well as our own experience. We'll look at how we learn. We'll consider our personal values and beliefs and how our upbringing and our reactions to our upbringing help shape these values and beliefs based on our temperament and personality. Using these building blocks we'll develop a story of the evolution of the intertwined system of culture and human consciousness that got us to where

we are now and explore possible future scenarios. This is an intensive course covering recent science in several disciplines.

Lori Filipek is a retired geochemist. At age 49 she left a lucrative partnership in a consulting firm to get a degree in architecture. To help her understand why she did what she did Lori studied the works of complexity and systems theorists, psychologists, cognitive scientists, philosophers and theologians.

Wednesdays

6. Unusual Habitats Marion Cimmino 4 sessions 9:00-11:00 Jan 8-29

The Sonoran Desert is one of the most biologically diverse deserts in the world. The biodiversity is due to the fact that there are many habitats to accommodate a variety of plants and animals. A habitat is a place where an organism lives; a place for shelter, food and rearing young. We will not only explore traditional habitats associated with desert environments but some unusual habitats that are not often considered a part of the desert. We will also examine the life style of the plants and animals that occupy these habitats.

Marion Cimmino is a frequent contributor to the ILR curriculum. Her courses often center around the natural environment which surrounds us.

7. Yikes! Can't We Just Get Along? Five Generations Among Us Susan Norin and Lori Filipek 7 sessions 2:00-4:00 Jan 8-Feb 19

A number of researchers have identified a four-stage generational cycle in Western history in which each of the four generations grows up under a different set of cultural, economic and political environments. Those different environments tend to produce people who think and act differently from their parents' and grandparents' generations, but fairly similar to those who were born four generations before them. Those of us born in one generation often have difficulty interacting with those in other generations. This course is meant to help people better understand generational differences and use that knowledge to learn to better interact with each. In this course we will use a team approach and we will lead 3-5 person discussion groups to discuss how we would interact with people from each generation: Traditionals, Boomers, Gen X, Millennials and Gen Z. Participants will be asked to take notes from handouts, move into discussion groups and relay your impressions to other groups.

Susan Norin has worked in education since 1970. She has held numerous jobs in the Education and Business workplace. **Lori Filipek** has previously taught in the ILR and was asked to develop a course to further pursue the question of why we're so polarized. This is that course.

Thursdays

8. Writing Your Memoirs Jerry Mehring 6 sessions 9:00-11:00 Jan 16-Feb 20

Participants will write a short story every week (1 or 2 pages max.) about your life or any other interesting event or topic you remember from your life which you would like to pass on to your children or grandchildren or any other family members. This popular course has been presented several times over the years led by various moderators

Jerry Mehring has taken this course twice and has taught it previously as well. He spent 53 years in the fast food business and trained hundreds of young employees during that time.

Samplers – Various Topics 8 sessions 2:00-4:00 Catalina Vista Jan 9-Feb 27

This series of guest speakers has been one of the most popular programs of the ILR. The topics and speakers will be announced in the future. Watch for weekly announcements in the General Manager's e-mail column, "This Week in SCOV".

Fridays (classes meet in Welcome Center Conf. Rm. 3)

9. Philosophical Problems and Their Solutions Gene Bammel 5 sessions 9:00-11:00
Jan 10-Feb 7

This course will deal with questions like: Why is there something rather than nothing? What can I really know? What is the nature of Consciousness? What do we owe to other people? How should I act? What can I hope for? What's Religion got to do with it?

Gene Bammel, Ph.D. is the author of Everyday Philosophy and has taught courses in philosophy for over fifty years. By now he should have some pretty decent answers for these big questions.

10. Mark Twain: His Life and Huckleberry Finn Linda Griffin 4 sessions 9:00-11:00
Feb 14-Mar 6

This course will review the life of this famous American author and highlight his most famous works, focusing on this most famous novel, Huckleberry Finn. We will answer the questions: What can this novel tell us about the time period in which it was written? How is Twain being satirical about American Society? What is his portrayal of women? What points are relevant to our lives today? Participants should buy a copy of Huckleberry Finn. ABE Books (on line) has inexpensive used copies for sale.

Linda Griffin, Ph.D. has taught college English for 40 years earning the distinction of Outstanding Teacher at the local and state levels. Since retiring she has continued teaching literature courses at Saddlebrooke, Splendido, and Fairwinds, and now at Sun City.