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Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning



President's Letter, September 2020

Fellow WALL Members,

This month marks the beginning of Wall's 10th year of presenting classes to our members. We had hoped to celebrate our 10th anniversary at the beginning of the school year with a gala celebration. However, the

corona virus has necessitated a change of plans. We will celebrate by doing what we do best - learning together. We still hope to have an anniversary celebration in the spring assuming a safe and effective vaccine is available. Until then WEAR A MASK.

The pandemic has also forced a reduction in the number of classes usually presented in the Fall semester from 14 to 11 video-friendly courses. All four September classes will be presented virtually, i.e., using ZOOM. We offered four free ZOOM classes and six International conversations this past summer, in order to familiarize our members with this virtual means of communication.

I have asked Ed Brewton who has served as Chair of the Curriculum Committee for the past two years and Richard Davies, a former WALL President and Chair of Public Relations, to remain on the Board in Ex Officio capacity since I value their counsel and experience.

There is still time to register for Fall classes. For those members who are registering on-line, type in: <http://pierce.wesleyancollege.edu/wall/>, on your browser in order to access the WALL website. The website will allow you to view course descriptions, dates and times as well as the Curriculum Vitae of the instructors.

I look forward to seeing you virtually this fall and in person when it is safe.

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ZOOM - the 21st Century Chalkboard

The COVID pandemic dictates that we cannot meet in person for the time being. The board, in consultation with educator friends, is constantly searching for ways to present the content and allow dialogue even when we cannot safely meet together in person. Our best bet going into the fall semester is the online learning platform ZOOM. It has the advantages of: (a) it is the method already used by Wesleyan professors (b) it does not require special equipment beyond a personal web-enabled device (computer, tablet, IPad) for presenters and students and (c) it can "broadcast" to up to 75 students. There are many other advantages that are available to the presenter, which will be apparent in the presentations. We do plan to return to in-person learning when it is safe.

To connect to ZOOM

- 1) Enter **ZOOM.us** in the URL bar at the top of the page
- 2) Choose "Free Sign-Up"
- 3) Enter birthdate information, click **continue**
- 4) Enter & confirm your email address when prompted (the prompt will be midway in the right column)
- 5) You will need to assign a password, so have one ready
- 6) ZOOM will talk you through a sample meeting
- 7) When it is time to join a WALL meeting go to **ZOOM.us** and click on "Join a meeting."
- 8) Enter the code which will be provided by WALL prior to the meeting.

When possible the URL for class will be sent in your email reminder and you can cut and paste to connect.

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Course Information for September 2020 [see the course details on the WALL pages of Wesleyan website]

| Class Name | Instructor (s) | Day Dates | Time | Class Presentation | Capacity |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Wesleyan College History | Viva Fowler, Ph. D. | Tuesday, Sept. 8, 15, 22 & 29 | 100 – 11:00 am | Virtual (ZOOM) only | 75 ZOOM participants |
| Fascinating Relationship of Humans and Bacteria | Dr. Henna Iqbal | Tuesday, Sept. 8, 15, 22 & 29 | 3 – 4:00 pm | ZOOM only | 75 ZOOM participants |
| History of Christianity, Part 1 | Richard Davies, Ph. D. | Thursday, Sept. 10, 17, 24 & Oct. 1 | 10 – 11:00 am | ZOOM only | 75 ZOOM participants |
| Sin on Celluloid: American Film 1930 - 1934 | Robert Fieldsteel | Thursday, Sept. 10, 17, 24 & Oct. 1 | 1 – 3:30 pm | ZOOM only | 75 ZOOM participants |

There are plans for **in-person** instruction as the year progresses, including: *The Soong Sisters* by Wesleyan faculty, *Pleasant Hill* by Alice Bailey, *Great Explorations* by Sloan Oliver and *Women and the Vote* by Drs. Donmoyer & Donovan

TIPS for Using ZOOM There is a wealth of information available online

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=FnFSBjFvK2o> OR <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=x1CwZFiAyxY>

this site has tips for presenters<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ACNGhPKnmok>

If you find other websites that are helpful, share the URL's with other members

On-Campus Sites for ZOOMING

For those members who requested to view a ZOOM presentation on campus, you will receive information of the classroom location and a campus map from Alycia Ward, Director of Auxiliary Services.

Course Descriptions for September ZOOM Classes

Wesleyan College History - Taught by Dr. Vivia Fowler. Wesleyan President Fowler will begin WALL's 10th Anniversary year with a history of Wesleyan College including academics, traditions and, of course, a glimpse into the future.

Fascinating Relationship of Humans and Bacteria - Taught by Dr. Henna Iqbal. Humans and bacteria live together in a complex relationship. What happens if one of the two is not cooperating?

History of Christianity Part 1 - Taught by Dr. Richard Davies. Part 1 will discuss the first 1,100 years of Christianity and "How the Bible Came to Be."

Sin on Celluloid: American Film 1930 - 1934 - Taught by Robert Fieldsteel. This course will review the five glorious years when Hollywood films enjoyed a freedom of expression that ended with the strict enforcement of the censorship code in mid-1934. It will examine four of these films, featuring such stars as Barbara Stanwyck, Mae West, Clark Gable, Cary Grant, Joan Blondell, Leslie Howard, Norma Shearer and Lionel Barrymore.

More information is available online at the class schedule - just click on MORE



We still hope to have a celebration of our 10th anniversary, perhaps in May, assuming a safe and effective vaccine is available. Meanwhile, wear your mask and be safe.

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