



## WESLEYAN

### *Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning*



#### President's Letter, May 2025

Greetings WALL Members,

I want to thank you for participating in this program. I also want to thank Hannah Doan, our WALL Coordinator for all the hard work she has done to facilitate this program and Roselle Holcombe, the Chair of the Curriculum Committee, as well as the committee members for the fine work they have done in arranging courses as evidenced by the courses arranged for

the Fall semester, as shown in this newsletter.

Please arrange to attend our annual meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for the election of officers for the upcoming academic year and to enjoy socializing with other WALL members.

Vince Coughlin

WALL President, 2024-25



#### WALL Officers

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## FALL 2025 COURSE SCHEDULE

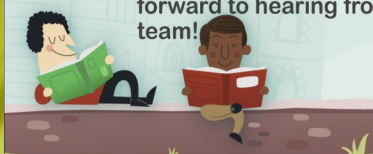
COURSE	DATES	TIME	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
Tales of the Watergate Bldg	Tues. Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23	11:00—12N	Taylor Amphitheatre	Donna Green
A Brief Survey of the Maya Culture	Weds., Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24	1:30—2:30	Taylor Amphitheatre	Ed Vesely
Women in the Bible	Thurs Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25	1:30—2:30	Online; book-signing Sept. 18 in Burden Parlor at 12:30	Dr. Vivia Fowler
11 Groundbreaking Women Inventors	Weds., Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22	1:30—2:30	Taylor Amphitheatre	Vince Coughlin
GA's African Brigade-Slave to Soldier	Thurs. Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23	1:30—2:30	Taylor Amphitheatre	Lonnie Davis
Popularism: Rise of Capitalism, the Progressive Era	Tues, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28	1:30—2:30	Taylor Amphitheatre	Patrick Bradley
Echoes from the Past	Tues. Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28	3:00—4:00pm	Taylor Amphitheatre	Dr. Carolyn Garvin
Psychology of Fun and Games	Weds. Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5	11:00—12 noon	Taylor Amphitheatre	Dr. Brooke Bennett-Day
La Boheme Opera	Fri. Oct. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7 (Douglass/8 <sup>th</sup> )	1:30-3:00	Taylor Hall; Room 221	Dr. Mary Keating
History of Jazz	Weds. Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3	1:30—2:30	Taylor Amphitheatre	Doug MacMillan
Textile Mill Life	Thurs. Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4	11:00—12noon	Taylor Amphitheatre	Ken Heller
Knowing Yourself through the Enneagram	Thurs. Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4	1:30—2:30	Benson Room (Candler Alumnae Building)	Rev. Sara Pugh Montgomery



### WALL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

#### \*\*Volunteer Opportunities with WALL Committees!\*\*

Our committees have several openings, and we'd love for you to join us! We meet once a month on the **\*\*3rd Monday\*\***. Please note that in January, meetings are held on the **\*\*2nd Monday\*\***. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please reach out to: **\*\*Sandy Tharpe\*\*** at [stharpe69@gmail.com](mailto:stharpe69@gmail.com)). We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to our team!

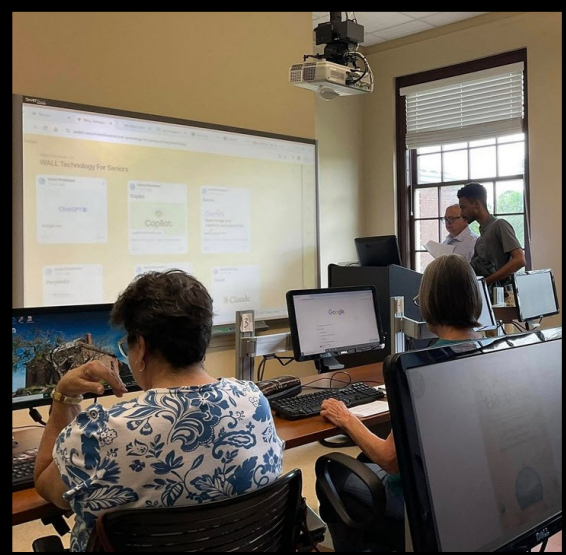




# Spotlight on...

## TECHNOLOGY FOR SENIORS

Joe Finklestein



As someone who's seen technology evolve from rotary phones to smartphones, I was both curious and a little intimidated when I signed up for our WALL class titled *"Technology for Seniors."* What I found was a truly enlightening experience that made the world of AI not only understandable, but exciting—and even fun.

The tutorial was thoughtfully designed with seniors in mind. It moved at a gentle pace, using clear, jargon-free language and real-life examples to explain complex ideas. The highlight was the section on ChatGPT, an AI developed by OpenAI. Along with other AI websites such as, Copilot, Gemini, Leonardo AI, Joe Finkelstein showed us how these programs can write stories, help plan a trip, explain medical terms, write music, create AI artwork or even using an app to find parking in downtown Macon!

What made the session especially valuable was how it connected AI to everyday life. It wasn't about turning us into tech experts overnight—it was about empowering us to engage with these tools in a way that feels natural and helpful. The instructor was patient, approachable, and respectful of everyone's comfort level with technology. No question was too basic, and there was a real sense of community among participants.

We came away not only more confident in using AI tools like ChatGPT, but genuinely fascinated by their potential. This tutorial turned curiosity into capability—and we came away with a better understanding of AI!

TerryAnne Homan, Editor

Full disclosure: this article was written with the assistance of ChatGPT!



# GETTING TO KNOW OUR WALL 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Sarala Koirala** is from Pokhara, Nepal. She is a sophomore majoring in Applied Mathematics. Her activities at Wesleyan include President of Axis and Mates (International Club), Information Technology Assistant, Financial Aid Office Assistant, Orientation leader and peer tutoring. Ms. Koirala plans to pursue a career as a Financial Analyst or Economist. Deeply committed to volunteer work, she has served in various communities, such as working at a homeless center and food bank, leading community service initiatives like elementary school clean-ups, and organizing events for local high school students. Beyond academics and service, Ms. Koirala has a strong passion for traveling and hiking. These experiences have shaped her outlook on life, reinforcing her dedication to continuous learning, adaptability, and making a positive impact in every community in which she becomes a part.

**Haylee Robinson** is a nursing major and mostly divides her time at her studies and work during her tenure at Wesleyan. The only club she is part of is the Wesleyan College Disciples. She is currently working at an assisted living facility as a caregiver. Starting in May, she will start working as an extern at Atrium Navicent while she finishes her degree in nursing. She plans to graduate next year with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. After graduation she plans on spending a few years working as a RN then return to school to get her Nurse Practitioner degree.







# *Annual Meeting*

Join us for the **WALL Annual Meeting** where we will elect new officers for the '25-'26 academic year. Members who attend will be able to register early for Fall 2025 classes!

**Friday, May 2nd**  
**3pm @**  
**The Porter House**

Drinks & snacks provided! Please RSVP to Hannah if you plan to attend





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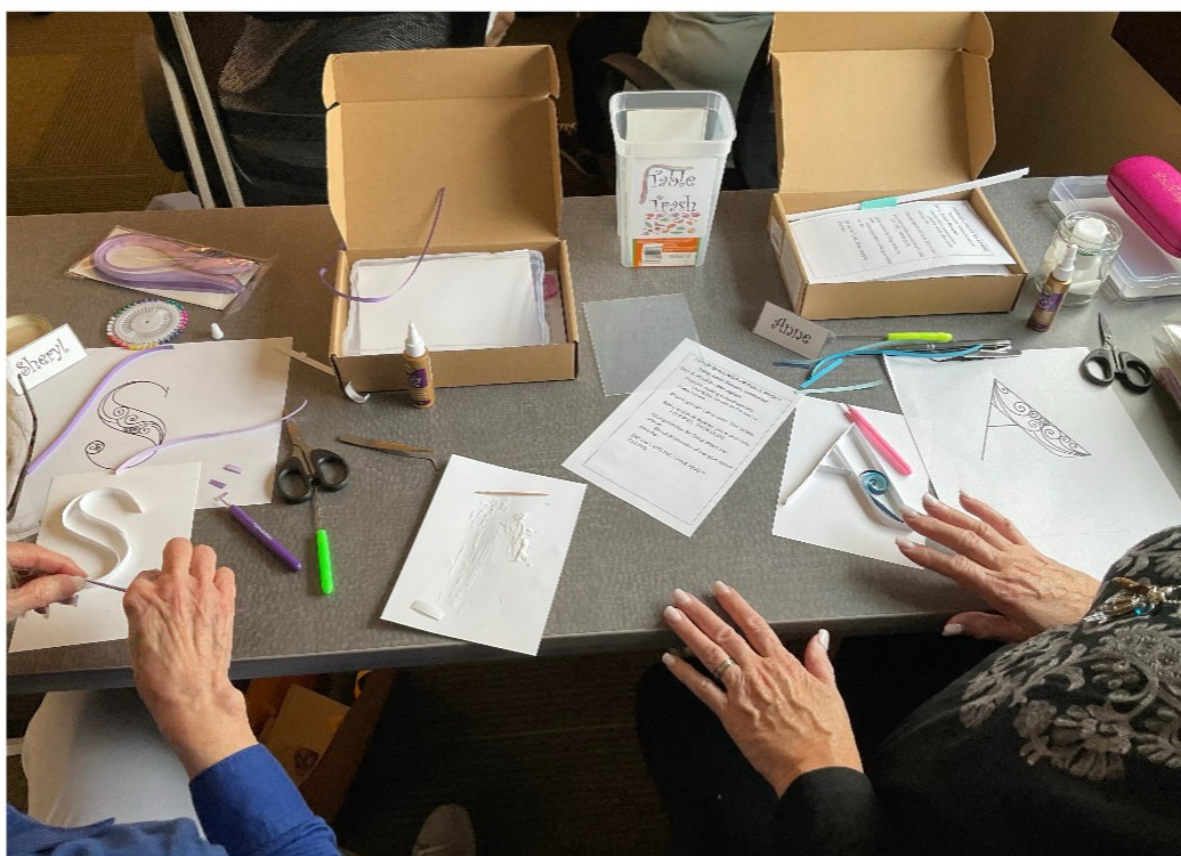
Donations are welcomed for the WALL annual scholarships that are presented annually to two Wesleyan students. Currently, WALL awards a \$2000.00 scholarship to each recipient. Your donation will enable us to continue with this worthy cause. If you would like to donate, contact Hannah Doan at [hdoan@wesleyancollege.edu](mailto:hdoan@wesleyancollege.edu)



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## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



**Free Parking**

**Advanced Notice of Cultural and Social Events**

**15% Discount in the Wesleyan College Book Store**

**Access to the Willet Library**

**Discounted Meal-Plans for Academy Members**

**And Best of All, Meeting Great People**

**For more information, contact Hannah Doan at**

**478-757-5233**





## Wesleyan Market

The second Saturday of every month, 9am-1pm

This fun community event features a variety of locally grown and produced items ranging from flowers and organic fruits and vegetables to baked goods, art, and jewelry by local artisans.

Music and fun educational events also offered. To find out what's happening this Saturday and for a full vendor list, [like us on Facebook](#). Free and open to the public on Wesleyan College front campus. [\(478\) 757-5233](#).



# WESLEYAN COLLEGE WHERE **YOU WANT TO BE**

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|---|---|--|
| 1. Munroe Science Center<br>Nursing Lab and Classrooms                        | 10. Olive Swann Porter Student Center<br>Burden Parlor<br>Career Development Center<br>Lane Center<br>Manget & Anderson Dining Rooms<br>Post Office & Campus Store<br>Student Affairs<br>Trice Conference Rooms | 17. Murphey Art Building                                       |
| 2. Tate Hall  | 11. Persons Residence Hall  | 18. Physical Plant   |
| 3. Willet Memorial Library<br>Confucius Institute<br>Academic Resource Center | 12. Banks Residence Hall  | 19. Nancy Ellis Knox<br>Equestrian Center                      |
| 4. Oandler Alumnae Center   | 13. Wortham Residence Hall  | 20. Mathews Athletic Center                                    |
| 5. Taylor Hall  | 14. Hightower Residence Hall  | 21. Bradley House  |
| 6. Elizabeth Turner Oorn Hall (North)   | 15. Jones Residence Hall  | 22. Arboretum Entrances  |
| 7. Ernest & Pauline Pierce Oorn Hall (South)                                  | 16. Huckabee Hall: Admission Office   | 23. Dloe R. Anderson Oabin and<br>Ellen Ann Edenfield Pavilion |
| 8. Porter Gymnasium   |   | 24. James Hyde Porter House                                    |
| 9. Porter Memorial Fine Arts Building   |   | 25. Pierce Chapel  |

 Wheelchair accessible

