



WESLEYAN

Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning

Course Descriptions February 2020



Great Things Are Happening at WALL

It's a new month, and a wonderful new lineup of classes at WALL. WALL members have their choice of local civil war history, poetry, castles in Bavaria, Homer, and much more in February.

The variety and the scope of classes presented this month were designed to bring our members interesting, thought provoking, and visual delights that only WALL can do. As we enter the tenth year of WALL, our desire is to travel down memory lane with some of the more memorable classes in the semesters to come, and to venture into the future of WALL with a variety of new ideas and unique classes. Summer classes will be offered for the first time at WALL with a twist. There will be an opportunity to stay on campus, to enjoy wonderful meals prepared by Metz, to tour the campus, and to enjoy some evening classes and more. Please plan to join us as we embark on this new WALL adventure. More information will be forthcoming.

As we look forward to the future, we want to ensure that WALL continues to be a mainstay in Middle Georgia. By volunteering to serve, WALL can be assured of continuing to be a vital part in providing educational and social opportunities for mature learners here in Macon and Central Georgia.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on committees, suggesting ideas for new classes, etc., please contact me at stharpe69@gmail.com.

See you on campus,

Sandy Tharpe

WALL President

Homer and Archeology

Joanna Watson has participated in the National Geographic excavation and will provide amazing insight into geographic detail of 400 years' retelling of the Homeric epic.

Castles and Palaces of Bavaria

Ernst Takacs, who was born and raised in Bavaria, will take us on an armchair journey of some of Bavaria's most beautiful castles, palaces and locations. Ernst has noted that he finds lots of similarities to Bavaria in his new Macon home.

Women's Issues in the Global World

Dr. Diedre Donmyer, whose research is centered on rhetorical, film, women's, cultural, and pedagogical studies will lead us in an examination of the positions, expectations and oppressions of women in a global context.

Macon and the Civil War, Part 1

Chuck Rawls will enlighten and discuss with us the role of Macon in the Civil War up to postbellum era.

Chinese Culture

Wesleyan Confucius Institute faculty will provide four lectures on tourism of four regions of China.

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Course Descriptions March 2020

Great Decisions (March and April)

This course is disseminated throughout the United States and moderated locally by the leaders of adult education/ discussion groups similar to our WALL organization. Our course leader is Vince Coughlin who was instrumental in starting the WALL program after experience with a similar organization at the University of South Carolina, Aiken. The subjects for this semester's course are listed on the course detail sheet found in this newsletter. The *Great Decisions Briefing Book* is required reading for this course. It is available at the Wesleyan College bookstore at a cost of \$30.00. An online edition is available from several publishers (Amazon, Kindle, etc.). Each class begins with a DVD related to the week's topic and is followed by a discussion of all the material. Enrolment is limited to 18 per session. Each class meeting lasts one-and-a-half hours. There are a total of eight class meetings.

Social Media: Navigating Today's Information Landscape

This review of social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn) will use real world examples to explore censorship, privacy-settings and new terms in the media.

Slavery in Christianity

This course will examine the early Roman context of Christianity and the dynamics of slavery using the parables of Jesus and the writings of Paul. It will present slavery as seen in real life and as viewed metaphorically.

Exploring Acrylic Painting

Students will learn the techniques of painting with acrylics. The classes will work from still life inside and outside.

Course Descriptions April 2020

Great Decisions (March and April)

See description with March course listing

Pleasant Hill - Macon

Alice Bailey will familiarize the WALL family with the "Glory of Pleasant Hill" - homes, neighborhoods, economy, professional services, businesses, schools and churches - and their destruction by government.

Cut it Out: Hands on Pruning

Students will learn; tools and how to use them; why pruning contributes to the health of plants; and how to prune in order to accomplish the style desired in a yard or garden.

WALL FAQs

Reference this quick fact sheet to answer any questions you may have about your WALL membership!



Q: Are all the courses held on Wesleyan's campus?

Most of our classes are held on Wesleyan's campus- specifically in our Taylor Hall building. Occasionally we will have speciality classes that are held off-campus or are compromised of a tour for the final class. Check your "location" information on your schedule for exact locations of your courses.



Q: Is Taylor Hall handicap accessible?

Taylor Hall has elevator accessibility from the back side of the building if you need to access the 1st or 2nd floors. Taylor Amphitheatre is accessible from the parking lot, so there is no need to utilize the elevator. Those in wheelchairs or with mobility issues can sit at the top of the Amphitheatre without having to use steps.



Q: What happens if class is cancelled?

Occasionally severe weather, instructor illnesses or other factors interfere with our class schedule. If the Coordinator is notified ahead of time, an email will be sent to impacted members notifying them of a class cancellation. If the cancellation is last-minute, a note will be left on the doors of the classroom notifying members of the cancellation for the day.



Q: Do we need a parking pass for our vehicles?

The WALL Coordinator will provide members with a parking pass they can put on the dashboard of their vehicles. Those who wish to have a sticker decal placed on their cars can contact Theresa Abercrombie in Student Affairs to register their vehicles. There can be reached at tabercrombie@wesleyancollege.edu.



Can we eat in Wesleyan's Dining Hall while we're on campus?

Yes! The Anderson Dining Hall (located in the Olive-Swann Porter building) is open to anyone who would like to eat lunch, breakfast and/or dinner. Members can pay the guest rate at the door by cash, credit card or check. Dining services is buffet style with a rotating menu every day.

CLASS PARTICIPATION

Anyone who has taught an informal class such as those at WALL will tell you that class questions are a great gauge for telling if you are understood and clarifying when necessary.



WALL Officers 2019 – 2020
President - Sandy Tharpe
Secretary – Garnett Lindsay
Curriculum Chair – Ed Brewton
Public Relations Chair – Richard Davies
Finance Committee Chair – Vince Coughlin
WALL Newsletter Editor – Bill Hargrave
Treasurer – Wesleyan Treasurer

What's Happening at Wesleyan

Macon Artist Invite (Porter Fine Arts Building)

Through Friday, Feb 28

An exhibition featuring Macon artists, including: Meg Campbell - Dot Brown - Megan McNaught - Luke Buffenmyer - Chris Smith - Dsto Moore - Rudy Mendes _ Sarah Cooper - Carolyn Mendes - Darlene Murphy - Heidi Clinite - Rhonda Miller.

Wesleyan Galleries are open Monday - Friday 1:00 - 5:00 PM. No admission charge.

Wesleyan Market (Front Campus Parking Lot)

Second Saturday of every month 9:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

This fun community event features a variety of locally grown and produced items from flowers and organic fruits and vegetables to baked goods, art, and jewelry by local artisans. Music and fun educational events are also offered to the public - no admission charge.

Kevin Snipes, Wesleyan Resident Artist 2019

Opening Reception, McCrary Gallery, February 13, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Exhibiting both nationally and internationally, Kevin has exhibited as far away as Jingdezhen, China. He combines his love of constructing unconventional pottery with an obsessive need to draw on everything that he produces, creating a uniquely dynamic body of work. Free and open to the public.

A Little Night Music

Thursday, February 13, 7:00PM - Oval Hall

Wesleyan's Dr. Chenny Gan, Dr. Michael McGhee, Kyla Gwyn, Patricia McCall, Jaris Tobler, Barbara Altman, and Michael Scott present a concert of celebrated masterworks arranged for piano duo, string quartet, and percussion. Arrangements by Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, and Strauss. Performers include Chenny Gan and Michael McGhee, piano duo; Kyla Gwyn, violin; Patricia McCall, violin; Jaris Tobler, viola; Barbara Altman, cello; and Michael Scott, percussion. Free and open to the public.

Great Decisions 2020

Course Material is available at the Wesleyan Bookstore

We are pleased to announce the topics for Great Decisions 2020!

Climate Change and the Global Order by Ronald Bee

Climate change has become one of the defining issues of our time. As much of the world bands together to come up with a plan, the U.S. remains the notable holdout. What is the rest of the world doing to combat climate change? What impact will the effects of climate change have on global geopolitics?

India and Pakistan by Barbara Crossette

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi rode a wave of Hindu nationalism to a historic reelection in 2019. His first order of business was to revoke the special status granted to the Kashmir region, inflaming the rivalry between India and Pakistan. How will the Kashmir situation affect the region, both economically and politically?

Red Sea Security by David Shinn

The Red Sea has remained vital for global trade since the time of ancient Egypt. Once home to the spice trade, the Red Sea now sees millions of barrels of oil a day transported across its waters. With major nations like China, France, Italy, and the U.S. building large ports and bases in the region, what does the future of the region look like? How important is Red Sea security for global security? Can the region be a place of global cooperation?

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking by Ronald Weitzer

Almost every nation has enacted laws criminalizing human trafficking, and international organizations, governments, and NGOs sponsor a large variety of projects to curb trafficking and slavery. Billions of dollars have been allocated to these efforts. What is the international community doing to combat slavery and trafficking? What are the experiences like for those being trafficked?

U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle by Michael Shifter and Bruno Binetti

Combatting illegal immigration has become a priority of the Trump administration. The Northern Triangle of Central America, made up of Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, is a special target of the administration, which hold the nations responsible for the large flow of migrants from Latin America to the U.S. With funds from the U.S. cut, how can the Northern Triangle countries curtail migration?

Great Decisions 2020 (concl)

China's Road Into Latin America by Margaret Myers

As the Trump administration continues to withdraw from the world stage, China is looking to fill the void. How does Latin America fit into China's "One Belt, One Road" plan? How will the relationship with China affect the region? Should the U.S. be concerned about China's growing "sphere of influence?"

The Philippines and the U.S. by Julio Amador and Deryk Matthew N. Baladjay

The Philippines has had a special relationship with the United States since the islands were ceded by Spain to the United States after the Spanish-American War at the end of the 19th century. However, since the election of Rodrigo Duterte, the country has pivoted more toward China, and away from the U.S. Duterte has also launched a large-scale war on drugs that many criticize for its brutality. What does the future hold for U.S. relations with the Philippines?

Artificial Intelligence and Data by Susan Ariel Aaronson

Policymakers in many countries are developing plans and funding research in artificial intelligence (AI). Global growth is slowing, and not surprisingly, many policymakers hope that AI will provide a magic solution. The EU, Brazil, and other Western countries have adopted regulations that grant users greater control over their data and require that firms using AI be transparent about how they use it. Will the U.S. follow suit?

There will be two sections of the class:

Section 1 will meet at the regular Wesleyan classroom 3/3 - 4/21 from 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Section 2 will meet in the downstairs activity room at Carlyle Place 3/6 - 5/1 3:00 - 4:30 PM (except 4/10)*

The book *Great Decisions 2020* is available at the Wesleyan Library.

An online version is available through

[Apple Books](#) [Amazon/Kindle](#) [Rakuten Kobo](#) [Nook \(Barnes and Noble\)](#)

Wannadoo This Summer at Wesleyan

The creative team at WALL is supporting the leadership of Wesleyan in developing a summer WALL program that would allow out-of-towners and reminiscent scout-campers a chance to soak up some fun-knowledge and creativity in a three-day camp for grown-ups.

The schedule shown on the next page is a wish list. The advantage to this wish list is that the potential participants have a chance to wistfully anticipate what we *wannadoo* (want to do) for three or four days this summer.

The tentative plan is to draw teachers from the college and the community who have successfully taught adults in concise classes offered in an informal setting that encourages student participation. Some of the instructors we hope to enlist in our program are:

Jim Barfield - Macon native, career educator and published author, James Barfield is an exhaustive and enthusiastic expert on the history of Macon.

Dr. Holly Boetter-Tong - Professor of Biology. Her lab uses both in vitro and in vivo model systems to analyze the molecular mechanisms which control female reproductive tract cellular proliferation.

Dr. Chris Blake - The first permanent president of Middle Georgia State College, has a personal interest in history, serves on the Advisory Board of the Georgia WWI Centennial Commission and is the author of *And Half the Seed of Europe*, published in 2017.

Vince Coughlin - Founder and past president of WALL. He was a patent attorney defending General Electric and RCA's patents worldwide. He has served as WALL's facilitator for *Great Decisions* since 2012.

Dr. Richard Davies - Retired United Methodist minister who holds a Ph.D. from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. He has traveled extensively in Greece and Italy and has an interest in classic mythology

Dr. Barbara Donovan - Professor of Political Science at Wesleyan. She teaches courses in comparative and international politics. Recently, she has taught courses for WALL on the European Union.

Dr. Jim Ferrari - Professor of Biology and program director of Environmental Studies at Wesleyan. He will lead us on an excursion in Wesleyan's arboretum and help us learn about bird-plant interactions.

Dr. Vivia Fowler - President of Wesleyan College. In 2010, Fowler joined in developing Wesleyan's Academy for Lifelong Learning. She led Wesleyan's efforts to acquire a Confucius Institute which has brought many programs and activities that expand the reach of Wesleyan's campus throughout the state.

Dr. Jan Lewis - Retired chair of theatre at Wesleyan. Prior to coming to Wesleyan, she was a professional director, producer, playwright, and actor for 20 years in theaters in and around Los Angeles.

Lisa Sloben - Lisa Sloben is a graduate of Wesleyan and the Fashion Institute of Technology. She has experience in arts and design, professional curating, collection care, art history, and pedagogical programs. She is currently enrolled in the Master of Arts, Museum Studies, at Harvard.

TENTATIVE WALL SUMMER SESSION (WANNADOO)

Sunday

- 3:00-5:00 Registration and Check-in for Residential Participants
- 5:00-5:30 Check-in for Commuting Participants
- 5:30-7:30 Welcome Reception for All Participants - (heavy hors d'oeuvres, adult beverages)
Hosted by Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning
Keynote Address:

Monday

- 7:30-8:30 Continental breakfast for residential participants
- 9:00-10:15 Class I: Women in the Bible
- 10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:45-12:00 Class II: Reproductive Rights
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch
- 2:00-3:15 Class III: Macon Architecture
- 3:30-5:30 Macon Architecture Excursion (transportation provided)
- 5:30-7:00 Dinner in Downtown Macon (on your own)
- 7:30 Return to Wesleyan for evening panel discussion:
EU and Brexit

Tuesday

- 7:30-8:30 Continental breakfast for residential participants
- 9:00-10:15 Class III: Women in Science
- 10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:45-12:00 Class IV: Mythology
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch
- 2:00-3:15 Class V: Wesleyan's Art and Treasures
- 3:30-5:30 Wesleyan Art and Treasures Excursion (transportation provided)
- 6:00 Dinner at Wesleyan
- 7:30 Evening Presentation: Theatre

Wednesday

- 8:00-9:00 Continental breakfast for residential participants
- 9:30-11:30 Class VI: Birding/Plants & Shrubs
Excursion in Wesleyan Arboretum
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch & Wrap Up
- 1:30-2:30 Check out for residential participants