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Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning



President's Letter, October 2020

Fellow WALL members,

The little fellow shown below is an OWL 360 conference camera that will be used for the ZOOM classes. WALL received a \$6,000 grant from AARP to purchase five

OWL cameras and five ZOOM licenses. This equipment will enable WALL to provide members with high quality presentations at a distance. In addition, many classes will be recorded for viewing and re-viewing at the convenience of our members. See the information about the AARP grant elsewhere in this newsletter.



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This has been a year of challenges and opportunities. Members who are having difficulty using ZOOM or have a poor internet connection are afforded an opportunity to view the ZOOM presentation, at the scheduled class time in Taylor Hall, Room 221. The

ZOOM presentation is displayed there on a large screen. Masks must be worn and an opportunity to take your temperature is also available.

Capacity will be limited to eight for most classes. Contact Sandy Tharpe at wallsan378@gmail.com if you wish to attend the ZOOM presentation in Taylor 221.



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

Vince Coughlin
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AARP Provides Generous Gift

To enable Wesleyan to expand its WALL program and continue extending courses to adults who cannot come to campus, or who remain "sheltered in place" to avoid exposure to the COVID-19 virus, AARP Georgia generously donated funds to equip faculty with five Meeting Owls for live-streaming classes. A Meeting Owl is an all-in-one audio/video 360° conferencing device that will "turn any classroom into a near face-to-face experience for those unable to attend in person." The Owl automatically shifts the camera to focus on whomever is speaking, bringing the intimacy of the Wesleyan classroom to those who must participate remotely.

Details of the AARP gift are provided on page 3.

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

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Class Information for October 2020

Class	Instructor	Dates	Time	Presentation	Capacity
History of Christianity, Part 2	Richard Davies, Ph. D.	Thursday, Oct. 1	10 – 11:00 am	Virtual (ZOOM) On campus view in Taylor 221 (mask required)	75 (ZOOM)
Sin on Celluloid: American Film 1930 - 1934	Robert Fieldsteel	Thursday, Oct. 1	1 – 3:30 pm	Virtual (ZOOM) On campus view in Taylor 221 (mask required)	75 (ZOOM)
Women and the Vote Around the World	Deidre Donmoyer, Ph.D. & Barbra Donovan, Ph. D.	Wednesday, Oct. 7, 14, 21 & 28	3 – 4:00 pm	Live (Manget Room) and on campus view ZOOM Taylor 221 (mask required)	26 (live) 75 (ZOOM)
Water, Water Everywhere – but is it Safe to Drink?	Holly I. Boettger- Tong, Ph.D.	Wednesday, Oct. 7, 14, 21 & 28	11:00 am– Noon	Virtual (ZOOM) On campus view in Taylor 221 (mask required)	75 (ZOOM)
Three Extraordinary Queens of Renaissance England, Pt 2	Jan Lewis, Ph. D.	Thursday, Oct. 8, 15, 22 & 29	11:00 am – Noon	Virtual (ZOOM) On campus view in Taylor 221 (mask required)	75 (ZOOM)
History of Judaism, Part 1	Rabbi Aaron Rubenstein	Thursday Oct 8 , 15, 22, 29	1:30 -2:30 pm	Virtual (ZOOM) On campus view in Taylor 221 (mask required)	75 (ZOOM)

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

IMPORTANT ZOOM HOUSEKEEPING

Please log in to ZOOM no more than 15 minutes before the class is scheduled to begin
Log out after the class and questions conclude

Otherwise, the course remains “on the air” and consumes bandwidth

Course Descriptions for Upcoming ZOOM Classes

More information is available online

At Wesleyan home page <https://www.wesleyancollege.edu/index.cfm>

Click on Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning Balloon

Log in at Member Login

Click on the ? Next to the courses that interest you

News release from Wesleyan College
Mary Ann Howard

AARP Georgia donates \$6,000 to Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning (WALL) is a membership program at Wesleyan College that provides an exciting range of educational and social opportunities to mature learners in central Georgia. WALL offers more than thirty short courses from September through April for men and women who are interested in intellectual stimulation, personal growth, and networking opportunities. Members choose from a wide variety of courses designed to expose adult learners to new ideas and activities in a relaxed and congenial setting without concern for tests or grades. An average of 150 adults participate in the program each year. Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, most classes were taught in person on Wesleyan's campus by Wesleyan faculty as well as community scholars, artists, and other experts from the community at large.

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Roughly 15 percent of America's population is sixty-five and older and entering retirement years. The US Census Bureau estimates that approximately 77 percent of people in this age range completed high school or higher education, and 20 percent earned a bachelor's degree or higher. Regardless of prior educational experience, WALL has something for everyone with natural curiosity and a willingness to learn.

Wesleyan College is forever grateful to AARP Georgia for their assistance in assuring WALL members have access to classes this year.

On-Campus Viewing for ZOOM

On campus viewing of WALL classes is available for members who do not have access to computers and to those who prefer the classroom setting.

Classes are held in Taylor 221 and the wearing of masks is required.

An elevator is available to access the classroom on the second floor.
Only one occupant is allowed on the elevator at a time.

There are stairs to the second floor too.

As you enter the Taylor Building to use the stairs, there is an opportunity to check your temperature

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