

## Fall Schedule - August to December 2008

as of 5 December 2008

Day	Date	Time	Title	Description
Thu	21 Aug 08	13:00-15:00	Curriculum Committee Meeting Sponsor: Janet Wishner	Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester.
Wed	3 Sep 08	10:00-12:00	Administrative Committee Meeting Sponsor: Bob Hanus	The Administration Committee is responsible for developing policies and plans for operating the organization. The Committee reviews governing documents, updates the contents of the Procedures Manual, monitors finances and projects future needs, proposes an annual budget and annual fees. Members are always welcome to attend Committee meetings.
Wed	3 Sep 08	10:00-12:00	Membership Committee Meeting Sponsor: Carole Hanus	The Membership Committee has many responsibilities including publicity, the newsletter, maintaining the web site and planning social events. Members are always welcome to attend Committee meetings to help with what we do and bring ideas for new things to try.
Fri	5 Sep 08	10:00-12:00	Board of Directors Meeting Sponsor: President Phil Hall	The Board meetings are open to all ElderStudy members. It is a great opportunity for all members to come and witness firsthand the exciting decision-making process that ensures ElderStudy is meeting its organizational objectives. Also, it is a chance for all members to provide directly to the Board and to Committee Chairpersons new ideas that will improve the way the organization does business.
Tue	9 Sep 08	13:00-15:00	Mosaics Presenter: Prof. Jeanne Dabb Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	We will explore the historical materials, tools, and techniques of the mosaic medium, each making a 12"x12" mosaic that may be donated to the Melchers Mosaic Mural project or kept as your own souvenir of the experience. Come dressed for work in an art studio (bring safety glasses if you own a pair) and bring any materials that you may want to incorporate including stone, pebbles, glass, ceramic, shells. Materials and designs will be provided. We are presently full at 15 participants, but you can be added to the waiting list by calling Margareta Williamson at 659-4421.
Thu	11 Sep 08	13:00-15:00	Book Group: The Glass Castle Discussion: Miriam Phillips Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	A daughter's memoir of her eccentric parents and unorthodox upbringing. (non-fiction)

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Tue	16 Sep 08	09:00-09:45	Computer workshop: excel Presenter: Don Lundry Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	An informal Q and A on computer usage, concentrating on Microsoft Office. First few sessions will be an introduction to Excel spreadsheets, future sessions at the desire of the attendees. Other topics could be MSWord, Vista vs. XP, adding hardware to your computer, or what to look for in buying a computer. Series will continue if there is sufficient interest. Don Lundry with help from Alan Zirkle.
Tue	16 Sep 08	10:00-12:00	The Puzzling Portrait of Matthew Fontaine Maury Presenter: G. Scott Walker Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	How could a boy born in 1806 on a land-locked farm in Spotsylvania grow to become a renowned naval navigator? Matthew Fontaine Maury is a name that is familiar with most area residents, but a recent study showed that Maury's many accomplishments are not as well known. The presentation will focus on his life, his works (including US Naval and CS Naval service), and the story of a portrait of Maury's at the Salem, Massachusetts "Salem Marine Society".
Wed	17 Sep 08	10:00-12:00	Mozart: Boy Genius Presenter: Dr. Kevin Bartram Sponsor: Janet Wishner	This lecture will outline the prodigious talent of music's master composer and performer. Several of Mozart's compositions will be featured in this power point presentation.
Wed	17 Sep 08	13:00-15:00	Sectarianism in Iraq - the last five years Presenter: Nabil al-Tikriti Sponsor: Janet Wishner	
Thu	18 Sep 08	13:00-15:00	Curriculum Committee Meeting Sponsor: Janet Wishner	Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester.
Tue	23 Sep 08	09:00-09:45	Computer workshop: excel Presenter: Don Lundry Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	see September 16
Tue	23 Sep 08	10:00-12:00	James Farmer Presenter: Phil Hall Sponsor: Pat Sutherland	Notes from Mr. Farmer's autobiography plus Dr. Hall's personal recollections.
Wed	24 Sep 08	10:00-12:00	Play Discussion: Elegies. A song cycle by William Finn Presenter: Chris Wingert Sponsor: Carole Hanus	William Finn weaves a triumphant tapestry of songs into a play that is at once deeply heartbreaking and yet brimming with exuberant wit. Elegies pays tribute to incomprehensible loss, unimaginable grace, and infinite joy. Join the faculty from the Department of Theatre and Dance for a discussion of the play, costumes, and set. Tickets go on sale September 17 and will also be available after class. Box Office 654-1124. Show dates: September 25 - 27 at 8:00 pm, September 28 at 2:00 pm, October 2 - 4 at 8:00 pm, and October 5 at 2:00 pm.

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Wed	24 Sep 08	13:30-15:00	Gallery Tour: Japanese Prints and Virginia Painters  Presenter: Megan Parry Sponsor: Peg Johnson	The Japanese Prints tour will focus on the technical aspects of Japanese printmaking by discussing select works in detail. The Virginia Painters tour will focus on the process, inspiration and tools of the Virginia artists represented in the exhibition.
Tue	30 Sep 08	09:00-09:45	Computer workshop: excel  Presenter: Don Lundry Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	see September 16
Tue	30 Sep 08	10:00-12:00	Lincoln Visits Fredericksburg and Stafford  Presenter: Mrs. Jane Conner Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	This presentation will cover Abraham Lincoln's visits to Fredericksburg and Stafford 1862-1863 -- a preview of her new book on the same subject.
Tue	30 Sep 08	13:00-15:00	The Value of Ecosystems  Presenter: Prof. Jason Matzke Sponsor: Janet Wishner	We usually think of ethics as pertaining to our relations to other people. Do we have similar obligations to ecosystems?
Thu	2 Oct 08	10:00-12:00	Voices Shackled: The Words and World of Fredericksburg Area Slaves  Presenter: John Hennessy Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	We will look at slavery as both a white institution supported by all levels of government—local, state and federal—and as a black experience. We will especially look at the constant struggle for freedom on the part of slaves—not just the struggle for absolute freedom, but the constant struggle for additional freedom within the confines of slavery. The program will rely heavily on the words of those who both owned and endured slavery.
Wed	8 Oct 08	10:00-12:00	Home Alone: The Pleasures and Perils of the "Write Stuff"  Presenter: Jack Bales Sponsor: Janet Wishner	Mr. Bales has been the References and Humanities Librarian at UMW since 1980, yet by avocation he is a writer and book collector. He has written many non-fiction books, articles, and essays, and believes in "going to the sources" prior to putting pen to paper. He will share some of his memorable experiences while talking about the "write stuff."
Thu	9 Oct 08	10:00-12:00	James Monroe at 250 Years  Presenter: John Pearce Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	Highlights of his wonderful life (1758-1831); the fifth President of the United States.
Thu	9 Oct 08	13:00-15:00	Book Group: The Alchemist  Discussion: Sue Corbett Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	About the journey we all take to find the most meaningful treasures in our lives. (fiction)

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Fri	10 Oct 08	10:00-12:00	General Membership Meeting Sponsor: President Phil Hall	This is the open forum designed to communicate directly with your fellow members, to better learn how ElderStudy works, to better understand the issues that are facing the organization, and to vote on those critical issues facing us. In addition, new members can meet and develop friendships with like minded persons and long term members can renew old friendships. There is always a delicious table of drinks and goodies that makes the meeting even more enjoyable.
Tue	14 Oct 08	09:00-09:45	Computer workshop: excel Presenter: Don Lundry Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	see September 16
Tue	14 Oct 08	10:00-12:00	Morality Without Religion Presenter: Janet Wishner Sponsor: Janet Wishner	Many people believe that moral laws require a legislator and judge, a divine being to set out the rules and exact punishment. We'll examine some alternative views, with special reference to ethics in ancient Greece.
Wed	15 Oct 08	10:00-12:00	Want to Play Tag With a Shark? Presenter: Dr. William O. Willis Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	Shark fishing and tagging techniques in the Mid-Atlantic. This will be a sequel to his first talk and his personal experiences.
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Tue	21 Oct 08	09:00-09:45	Computer workshop: excel Presenter: Don Lundry Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	see September 16
Tue	21 Oct 08	10:00-12:00	Pain Management Presenter: Janet Bykowski Sponsor: Bill Wemmerus	The aging of the US population is one of the major public health challenges we face in the 21st century. The experience of pain is highly relevant to an individual's ability to function. Many older people suffer from unmanaged pain, and we know that chronic pain decreases quality of life. How do we tame this lion within?
Wed	22 Oct 08	13:00-15:00	"Singing in the Rain", part 1 Presenter: Dr. William Kemp Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	"There is no movie musical more fun than "Singin' in the Rain", and few that remain as fresh over the years." - Roger Ebert. We will present background, stories, and some gossip - where the songs came from, how Gene Kelly was mean to Debbie Reynolds, how Fred Astaire helped her with the dancing, and why the ballet sequence is relevant to the film. Dr. Kemp promises not to sing along with the sound track.
Tue	28 Oct 08	09:00-09:45	Computer workshop: excel Presenter: Don Lundry Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	see September 16

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Tue	28 Oct 08	10:00-12:00	Minor League Baseball Presenter: Gregg Ritchie Sponsor: Dave Hill	Greg will talk about his life in professional baseball, having played for several major league teams, and internationally as well. He received a World Series ring while with the Chicago White Sox. He is currently the hitting coordinator for the Pittsburgh Pirates.
Wed	29 Oct 08	10:00-12:00	"Singing in the Rain", part 2 Presenter: Dr. William Kemp Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	Please see Oct. 22nd.
Thu	30 Oct 08	10:00-12:00	Where Does Judaism Differ? Presenter: Rabbi Devorah Lynn Sponsor: Dave Hill	Is there really a Judeo-Christian Ethic? Why does Judaism survive? How does Judaism approach its sacred texts? Who is a Jew anyway in the modern world? Rabbi Lynn of Beth Sholom Temple will explore these questions through Judaism's ancient texts.
Wed	5 Nov 08	10:00-12:00	"Singing in the Rain", part 3 Presenter: Dr. William Kemp Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	Please see Oct. 22nd.
Wed	5 Nov 08	13:00-15:00	Strategic Challenges to American Foreign Policy Presenter: Dr. John Kramer Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	We explore the changing international security environment that the United States finds itself in today. We focus on how technology is impacting on this environment and the strategic challenges emanating therefrom for the United States. Topics include the rise of new powers in the world such as China and India, the changing nature of alliance systems, how global mass communications are promoting transnational political and religious ideologies, and the pros and cons of global economic interdependence, including its impact on the likelihood of war.
Thu	6 Nov 08	10:00-12:00	Archeological Law Presenter: Donald Craig Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske	What if you dig a hole in your backyard and found something valuable that was hidden by someone years ago and forgotten? Can you keep it? What if you found artifacts or bones from Native Americans? What if you invest in an enterprise that seeks to find sunken marine treasure, then it discovers valuables and another sovereign nation claims them, even in international waters? These are questions that arise in Archeological Law. Donald F. Craib, an attorney who specializes in this facet of the law and who has taught the Preservation Law course for the Historic Preservation Dept at UMW, will enlighten us on this subject.
Thu	6 Nov 08	13:00-15:00	Membership Committee Meeting Sponsor: Carole Hanus	Please see September 3rd.

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Wed	12 Nov 08	10:00-12:00	Play Discussion: Our Town by Thornton Wilder  Presenters: Gregg Stull & Chris Kilmartin Sponsor: Carole Hanus	In Thornton Wilder's quintessential American classic, we join neighbors George Gibbs and Emily Webb as they grow up, fall in love, and get married in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire. Through the gentle observations of the play's Stage Manager (Chris Kilmartin), we find ourselves in the seemingly ordinary moments of this utterly simple, yet remarkably timeless, meditation on life. Join the faculty from the Department of Theatre and Dance for a discussion of the play, costumes, and set. Tickets go on sale November 05 and will also be available after class. Box Office 654-1124. Show dates: Nov.13 - 15 at 8:00 pm, Nov.16 at 2:00 pm, Nov.20 - 22 at 8:00 pm, and Nov.23 at 2:00 pm.
Thu	13 Nov 08	13:00-15:00	Book Group: The Beekeepers Apprentice  Presenter: Rose Reif Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	Sherlock Holmes comes to life again and befriends a young neighbor, changing both their lives. (fiction)
Tue	18 Nov 08	10:00-12:00	Folk Music Then and Now  Presenter: Bill Wemmerus Sponsor: Bill Wemmerus	We will hear music from the "Folk Scare" of the 60's (remember The Kingston Trio, The Weavers, and Pete Seeger?), discuss where the music came from and how and why it changed. We will also discuss various issues involved in the collection of folk music.
Wed	19 Nov 08	10:00-12:00	How Christianity Replaced Greek and Roman Religions  Presenter: Dr. James Goehring Sponsor: Janet Wishner	What was it in the new Christian movement that led to the decline and ultimate replacement of the older Greek and Roman religions? This presentation focuses on recent theories that seek to explain this historical shift. It raises as well the question: To what extent did Christianity actually defeat paganism or simply ingest it into itself?
Wed	19 Nov 08	13:30-15:00	Permanent Collection Works on Paper and Mosaics: Galleries Tour  Presenter: Megan Parry Sponsor: Peg Johnson	The tour of the permanent collection will feature works by Margaret Sutton that will illuminate her involvement with psychoanalysis. The Mosaics tour will present mosaics that tie the history and traditions of the medium to the present made by contemporary artists from across America.
Wed	3 Dec 08	10:00-12:00	Administrative Committee Meeting  Sponsor: Bob Hanus	Please see September 3rd.
Wed	3 Dec 08	13:00-15:00	Carthage: The Lost Cities  Presenter: Dr. Liane Houghtalin Sponsor: Janet Wishner	Cato the Elder famously said at the end of his every speech to the Roman Senate, "Carthage must be destroyed," and indeed the Punic city finally was destroyed by the Romans. One hundred years later, however, the Romans built another large and successful city on the same site, one that lasted for over seven centuries, until the Arabs captured it and used it as a quarry to build their new capital, Tunis. This illustrated talk will present the two lost cities of Carthage, Punic and Roman, showing what they looked like, who lived there, and how they lived.

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Thu	4 Dec 08	10:00-12:00	<p>Triangle Shirtwaist Fire</p> <p>Presenter: Don Ferrett Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske</p>	<p>On March 25, 1911, a rapidly advancing fire broke out in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in Greenwich Village, NY. Lacking the proper equipment to rescue those trapped inside, firemen watched as mostly female garment workers jumped to their deaths. 146 people died. Don Ferrett, affiliated with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University, will describe the conditions leading to this tragedy, what happened during the inferno, and how this, the worst such mishap in New York City history, influenced workplace safety afterwards</p>
Fri	5 Dec 08	10:00-12:00	<p>Board of Directors Meeting</p> <p>Sponsor: President Phil Hall</p>	<p>Please see September 5th.</p>