

Fall Schedule - August to December 2010

as of 10 December 2010

Day	Date	Time	Title	Description
Thu	19 Aug 10	13:00-15:00	Curriculum Committee Meeting Sponsor: Janet Wishner	Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester. Meet at Wegmans Grocery in Central Park, upstairs in the food court.
Mon	23 Aug 10	10:00-12:00	UMW Classes Begin	
Tue	24 Aug 10	13:00-15:00	Walking Tour of Fredericksburg National Cemetery Presenter: Donald Pfanz Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Since its creation in the 1860's, Fredericksburg National Cemetery has been a landmark in the City of Fredericksburg. Historian Donald Pfanz will lead a two-hour walk of the cemetery, talking about its development, its monuments and signs, the men who worked there, and the people who are buried there. Park at the Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center, 1013 Lafayette Boulevard. A long uphill grade occurs at the beginning of the walk. Wear comfortable shoes. ElderStudy members may bring one or two non-member guests to this session. Rain date: August 31.
Tue	31 Aug 10	13:00-15:00	Walking Tour of Fredericksburg National Cemetery (Rain Date)	This is a rain date for the tour on August 24. Check the web site or the recorded announcement to see if the tour was postponed to this date.
Wed	1 Sep 10	10:00-12:00	Administrative Committee Meeting Sponsor: Bob Hanus	This committee develops policies and plans for operating the organization. It reviews governing documents, updates the Procedures Manual, monitors finances and projects future needs, proposes the annual budget and member fees. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings.
Wed	1 Sep 10	10:00-12:00	Membership Committee Meeting Sponsor: Carole Hanus	This committee handles publicity, the newsletter, maintaining the web site and planning social events. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings to help with what we do and bring new ideas.
Thu	2 Sep 10	10:00-12:30	The History of Sculpture in 117 Minutes Presenter: Allen Reamer Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Do you want to know everything there is to know about sculpture? You won't find it here. You will get an overview of sculpture from Neolithic sculpture to the kinetic sculpture and beyond. You will see examples and learn the characteristics of many styles and periods of sculpture. NOTE THAT THIS SESSION IS LONGER THAN NORMAL; PLEASE PLAN TO STAY THE ENTIRE SESSION. ALSO NOTE THAT THIS SAME SESSION IS REPEATED IN THE AFTERNOON.

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Thu	2 Sep 10	13:00-15:30	The History of Sculpture in 117 Minutes	This is a repeat of the morning session. NOTE THAT THIS SESSION IS LONGER THAN NORMAL; PLEASE PLAN TO STAY THE ENTIRE SESSION.
Mon	6 Sep 10	10:00-12:00	Labor Day	
Tue	7 Sep 10	10:00-12:00	Board of Directors Meeting Sponsor: President Carole Hanus	Board meetings are open to all ElderStudy members. Come and witness firsthand the exciting decision making process that ensures that ElderStudy is meeting its objectives. This is a chance for all members to suggest new ideas for the organization directly to the Board and to Committee Chairpersons.
Wed	8 Sep 10	10:00-12:00	The Global Financial Crisis: Some Views from the International Monetary Fund Dr. Steven T. Phillips Sponsor: Miriam Phillips	How did trouble in the U.S. mortgage financing industry lead to an international financial crisis and a global recession? What were the shortcomings in economic policy, financial regulation, and international cooperation that allowed this to happen? What can be done to prevent, or better contain, such crises in the future?
Thu	9 Sep 10	13:00-15:00	Book Group► What the Dog Saw and Other Adventures by Malcolm Gladwell Discussion: Anne McGrath Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	Gladwell has a nose for the untold story. He offers an intriguing look at the hidden extraordinary. What does hair dye tell us about the 20th century? What uncanny ability gives the dog whisperer the ability to understand his pack? Gladwell can write engrossingly about just about anything.
Tue	14 Sep 10	10:00-15:00	Tour of Buckland, Virginia Presenter: Linda Wright Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske	We will visit the historic town of Buckland, Virginia, subject of the lecture delivered in January, 2009 by David Blake. Buckland is a small town that thrived until the railroads passed it by and its growth was stifled. This allowed a large portion of it to remain unscathed. We will review its history, visit key buildings and hear about the latest historical and archaeological research occurring there. We will also learn about the efforts that the Buckland Preservation Society is making to protect this historical resource. Attendance will be limited. Please reserve your space with Dennis Van Derlaske at (703) 590-2397 or dvanderl@comcast.net . Car pool information will be provided to registrants.
Wed	15 Sep 10	10:00-15:00	Tour of Buckland, Virginia (Rain Date)	This is the rain date for the tour on September 14. Check the web site or the recorded announcement to see if the tour was postponed to this date.
Thu	16 Sep 10	09:00-11:00	Fall Birding at Ferry Farm Presenter: Paul Nasca Sponsor: Peg Johnson	This birding walk will take place at Ferry Farm. Bring binoculars, a field guide on birds, if you have one, and wear comfortable shoes. Maximum attendance is limited. Call Peg Johnson at (540) 373-9102 or e-mail pegraj888@webtv.net to reserve a spot. NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME.
Thu	16 Sep 10	13:00-15:00	Curriculum Committee Meeting Sponsor: Janet Wishner	Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester.

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Tue	21 Sep 10	13:30-15:00	Fall UMW Gallery Tour I Presenter: Sandra Adamczyk Sponsor: Peg Johnson	We will visit two galleries: "Exploring Pattern and Texture " at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery, and "Solo Studio Art Faculty Show" featuring Carole Garmon at the DuPont Gallery. NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME
Thu	23 Sep 10	10:00-12:00	Spinoza's God Presenter: Frank Dixon Sponsor: Stew Engel	Frank Dixon, author of Spinoza's God, will give a brief overview of the 17th century philosopher's life and a somewhat more detailed description of the significant points of Spinozism. Often mis-characterized as "rationalist," in Dixon's opinion the philosophy presents a pragmatic description of reality as it can be understood by humans. Dixon will also touch upon the way in which Spinozism creates the basis for the natural sciences. Due to the difficulty of his subject, and the peculiarity of his "take" on the philosophy, Dixon will allow more than ample time for questions and answers.
Thu	23 Sep 10	13:00-15:00	Two Programs: Preventing Falls by Understanding Dementia; Medications Presenters: Human Motion Institute Sponsor: Peg Johnson	What are the seven stages of dementia and what can we do to minimize the risk of falling? Also, medications can be a two-edged sword. What the body does to drugs and what drugs do to the body. Register by calling Health Link at 540-741-1404 or 800-722-2788 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. Meet at the Stafford Hospital, on U.S. Highway 1 (Jefferson Davis Highway) just south of the town of Stafford. The session will be in Conference Room 5 downstairs.
Tue	28 Sep 10	10:00-12:00	Two Short Programs on the Civil War: "Befriend & Relieve Every Brother: Freemasons in the War," and "The War Between the Sheets" Presenter: Arthur Candenquist Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske	In this "double feature" lecture, two little known aspects of the War Between the States are explored. The first looks at the role that Freemasonry played during the war, how that role was compatible with its basic philosophies and the challenges presented to the members of this fraternal organization. The second explores the more salacious nature of the war and its times—times when such activities were not considered appropriate for inclusion in polite histories. Information is drawn from diaries and provides insight into an interesting facet of war and human nature.
Wed	29 Sep 10	10:00-12:00	Assessing Media Bias in a Highly Partisan Era Presenter: Richard Amrhine Sponsor: Bill Wemmerus	Does day-to-day reporting by the mainstream media lean politically one way or another? Fairness is in the eye of the beholder, a subjective judgment that a readers or viewers or surfers must make for themselves. Given the complexity of so many issues today, the conscientious news consumer will need to do his or her homework before reaching a verdict. "Right or wrong" has never been more difficult to discern.
Thu	30 Sep 10	13:00-15:00	Leadership Lessons from the Battle of Chancellorsville Presenter: Jim Smith Sponsor: Bill Wemmerus	We will talk about the decision-making of Union and Confederate officers in the May 1863 Battle of Chancellorsville. We will examine the historical context of the battle, geographic factors affecting both sides, strategies designed and resulting leadership choices by both commands. This presentation will include analysis and group discussion, referencing the thinking and reactions of original participants, and photos of key locations then and now.

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Tue	5 Oct 10	11:00-13:00	Margo Jones: Founder of the American Regional Theatre Movement Presenter: Helen Housley Sponsor: Carole Hanus	She was known as the Texas Tornado. During the 1940s and 1950s, she was noted as a producer, a nurturer of new playwrights, the initiator of professional arena staging, and the founder of the regional theatre movement. She was a dynamo, a human cyclone, an irresistible force that swept everyone along with her in her quest to bring theatre to one and all. NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME.
Wed	6 Oct 10	10:00-12:00	A History of Fashion—Part 1 Presenter: Kevin McCluskey Sponsor: Carole Hanus	Like it or not, we are a culture of fashion. We dress to impress, to meet social norms—or to challenge them—and dress in ways that confirm our gender. Why? The first part of the lecture introduces fashion theory, a field of study dedicated to understanding the "whys" of fashion. The second part of the lecture (on Wednesday, October 13) is a look at fashionable dress in selected periods of history, with an eye toward understanding the social motivations for fashion.
Thu	7 Oct 10	10:00-12:00	Lise Meitner: Fission—Friendship, Feminism and Physics. Presenter: Leanna Giancarlo Sponsor: Larry Turner	
Fri	8 Oct 10	10:00-12:00	General Membership Meeting Sponsor: President carole Hanus	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.
Fri	8 Oct 10	10:00-12:00	UMW Fall Break Begins	
Mon	11 Oct 10	10:00-12:00	Native American Day	
Tue	12 Oct 10	10:00-12:00	The Tortoise Beetle: Where Chemistry Meets Biology Presenter: Jim Wightman Sponsor: Phil Hall	Insects defend themselves in a number of diverse ways. We will look at an unusual defense mechanism of the tortoise beetle which involves the secretion of an oil over a large surface area. The collection and identification of the beetle and subsequent scanning electron microscopy studies will be presented. The chemical identification of the secreted oil is the goal of the study. NOTE UNUSUAL LOCATION,
Tue	12 Oct 10	13:00-15:00	Realities About the Arab World Presenter: Margaret Nydell Sponsor: Margaret Rose	Dr. Nydell will discuss Arab society and the peoples' beliefs and values in an attempt to go beyond the negative media image so often encountered. She will discuss many aspects about the Middle East unknown to most Americans. NOTE UNUSUAL LOCATION.
Wed	13 Oct 10	10:00-12:00	A History of Fashion—Part 2 Presenter: Kevin McCluskey Sponsor: Carole Hanus	Continuation of last week's program. A look at fashionable dress in selected periods of history, with an eye toward understanding the social motivations for fashion.

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Wed	13 Oct 10	10:00-12:00	UMW Fall Break Ends	
Thu	14 Oct 10	13:00-15:00	Book Group► The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown Discussion: Sue Corbett Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	The setting is within the hidden chambers, tunnels, and temples in Washington, D.C. Dan Brown again challenges readers with an intelligent, lightning-paced story that offers surprises at every turn.
Tue	19 Oct 10	10:00-12:00	The Vietnam War: Then and Now—Part 1 Presenter: Claudine Ferrell Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	During the 1950s and 1960s, Vietnam was an important “battlefield” in the Cold War. Why was it viewed that way by so many in the government, military, press, and public? What changed that perception, making the conflict the most controversial war in American history? How do Americans today view the Vietnam War? Most importantly for policy makers and the military, how have Americans used Vietnam to both support and oppose—if not understand—the United States’ policy and strategy in Iraq and Afghanistan? PART 1 OF A TWO-PART PROGRAM.
Wed	20 Oct 10	10:00-12:00	The Life of Congressional Staffers Presenter: Mary Bet Matthews Sponsor: Bill Wemmerus	Prior to coming to UMW, Professor Matthews worked on Capitol Hill as an aide to then-Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey. She will tell us of her experiences in this former life.
Thu	21 Oct 10	10:00-12:00	The Trial of the Infidel John Scopes Presenter: Dennis Van Derlaske Sponsor: Dennis Van derlaske	Whenever a controversy arises over the teaching of evolution in public schools, we usually make reference to the Scopes Trial. Should the Scopes Trial really be taken that seriously? This trial is re-visited in the context of the small town culture and state of intellectual thought of the 1920's. The interplay of the key personalities: William Jennings Bryan, Clarence Darrow and H.L. Mencken and their agendas helps show the real nature of the event. Finally, we look at Mencken's day-by-day dispatches to the Baltimore Sun, which tell a story that is frequently missed in history books.
Thu	21 Oct 10	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	26 Oct 10	10:00-12:00	The Vietnam War: Then and Now—Part 2 Presenter: Claudine Ferrell Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	Continuation of the Oct. 19 program.
Wed	27 Oct 10	10:00-12:00	The Gospel According to Mark (Twain) Presenter: Craig Vasey Sponsor: Janet Wishner	An overview and commentary on Mark Twain's Letters from the Earth and Papers of the Adam Family. Letters is Satan's account of the stupidity of humanity, filling in his former archangel colleagues about the situation on Earth. Unpublished until the 1960's because of their irreverence, these texts are as delightfully misanthropic as anything else Twain wrote.

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Wed	27 Oct 10	13:00-15:00	The Southern Novel Presenter: Gary Richards Sponsor: Margaret Rose	Dr. Richards, Assistant Professor of English at UMW, will survey famous novels associated with the U. S. South. These include antebellum novels intent on defending slavery, postbellum novels by writers such as Mark Twain and Kate Chopin, modernist novels by writers such as Margaret Mitchell and William Faulkner, and more contemporary southern works such as John Kennedy Toole's A Confederacy of Dunces.
Tue	2 Nov 10	10:00-12:00	Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson: A Study In Contrasts Presenter: Bill Crawley Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	The two presidents most associated with the Progressive Movement of the early twentieth century were Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. The progressive reforms of their administrations paved the way for the subsequent domestic legislation of FDR's New Deal and LBJ's Great Society programs. Moreover, their expansive foreign policies pointed toward the extensive international involvement abroad that characterized American actions in subsequent years. We will look at both domestic and foreign policies, as well as examine the intriguing personal lives of both men.
Wed	3 Nov 10	13:00-15:00	Membership Committee Meeting Sponsor: Carole Hanus	This committee handles 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.
Thu	4 Nov 10	10:00-12:00	Haiti, The First Black Republic in the World and The Second Republic in the Western Hemisphere Presenter: Anthony Catanese Sponsor: Bill Wemmerus	What people do not know about Haiti's history and how its 200-year relationship with the U.S.A. affected Haitians and the U.S.A. Do we have more than a moral obligation to help Haitians and Haiti recover from the horrific effects of their recent earthquake?
Tue	9 Nov 10	13:30-15:00	Fall UMW Gallery Tour II Presenter: Sandra Adamczyk Sponsor: Peg Johnson	We will visit two galleries: "Shades of Gray: Drawings in Graphite" at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery, and "Digital Fine Arts Invitational" at the duPont Gallery. NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME.
Wed	10 Nov 10	10:00-12:00	Play Discussion ► Summer and Smoke Presenter: Helen Housley Sponsor: Bob & Carol Hanus	Tennessee Williams weaves a sultry tale of unrequited love at the turn of the 20th Century. After a lifetime of repressed desire, the lonely minister's daughter, Alma Winemiller, begs for the attention of the dashing Dr. John Buchanan. As her tenacious yearning intensifies, Summer and Smoke erupts with life changing consequences that shatter the stifling tranquility of a sweltering Mississippi summer. Tickets will be available during/after class. Show dates: November 11-13 and November 18-20 at 8:00 p.m., November 14 and 21 at 2:00 p.m. Post-performance discussion, November 14. Headsets and hearing aid adapters are available for checkout at the box office prior to each performance.

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Wed	10 Nov 10	13:00-15:00	Analysis of the Mid-term Elections Presenter: Stephen Farnsworth Sponsor: Phil Hall	Presidencies are often deeply affected by midterm elections. How will the Obama presidency change course after the results of the 2010 elections are known? How will those results affect legislative action on the nation's key challenges: the economy, health care, the environment and the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and (perhaps) Pakistan? What do the results of 2010 say about the presidential election of 2012? We will talk about those and other late-breaking issues.
Thu	11 Nov 10	10:00-12:00	Veterans Day	
Thu	11 Nov 10	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout Discussion: Margaret Rose Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	Olive Kitteridge is a retired schoolteacher who deplores the changes in her small town of Crosby, Maine. The story offers profound insights into the human condition, its conflicts, tragedies, joys, and the endurance it requires.
Tue	16 Nov 10	10:00-12:00	Women in Global Literature: The Evolution of a Course Presenter: Connie Smith Sponsor: Janet Wishner	In the 1990s, Mary Washington started offering a course entitled Global Issues in Literature, and I signed on to be one of the first instructors. I had my classes designated Race/Gender Intensive so that I could concentrate on Women in Global Literatures. We now read women authors from Haiti, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Nigeria, India, and China, among others. Since that time, the course has evolved steadily, changing reading lists and incorporating the work of many women writers world-wide, and it continues to evolve as it best benefits the students.
Tue	16 Nov 10	13:00-15:00	Deficits and Debt: Do They Matter? Presenter: Paul Metzger Sponsor: Phil Hall	Much discussion has focused lately about national deficits and debt, particularly in the developed countries. The Europeans have embarked on new austerity programs to reduce concerns in financial markets about the viability of the euro. As the world's most indebted country, should the U.S. be even more worried than the Europeans?
Wed	17 Nov 10	10:00-12:00	Form Remembers: Poetry and Memory Presenter: Claudia Emerson Sponsor: Peg Johnson	William Wordsworth famously suggested that "poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings: it takes its origin from emotion recollected in tranquility." In this workshop, we will read examples and talk about the ways poets craft personal and cultural recollections, finding fulfilling ways to discipline "spontaneous overflow" into lasting art.
Thu	18 Nov 10	10:00-12:00	Glass Harps Presenter: Jamie Turner Sponsor: Dave Hill	The presenter will show the uncommon beauty in some very common items: glasses, wrenches, saws, and some others. He will focus on my glass harp, which is a musical instrument which goes back three centuries. Lots of music, audience participation, and laughter. NOTE UNUSUAL LOCATION. ElderStudy members may bring one or two non-member guests to this session.
Wed	24 Nov 10	10:00-12:00	UMW Thanksgiving Break Begins	
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Wed	1 Dec 10	13:00-15:00	Guy Fi: The Fictions that Rule Men's Lives Presenter: Chris Kilmartin Sponsor: Janet Wishner	The mainstream culture pressures men to behave and experience themselves in a masculine way. It is very difficult to resist a pressure that one cannot name. This program is part lecture, part storytelling, and part theatre performance that exposes gender pressures for men and boys and puts them in better position to resist those pressures when conforming to them conflicts with important life goals and/or harms another person.
Thu	2 Dec 10	11:30-?	Winter Luncheon Sponsor: Carole Hanus	The ElderStudy Winter Luncheon will be held at Lake of the Woods Clubhouse. Registration information and driving directions will be provided on the web site, and via e-mail (and U. S. Mail for computer non-users).
Fri	3 Dec 10	10:00-12:00	Board of Directors Meeting Sponsor: President Carole Hanus	Board meetings are open to all ElderStudy members. Come and witness firsthand the exciting decision-making process that ensures ElderStudy is meeting its objectives. This is a chance for all members to suggest new ideas for the organization directly to the Board and to Committee Chairpersons.
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Tue	7 Dec 10	10:00-12:00	Astor Piazzollas's TANGOLA: A Remarkable Composer We Don't Know Presenter: Doug Gately Sponsor: dave Hill	Professor Gately will talk about Argentine tango composer Astor Piazzolla: "from bar floor to the concert stage, he transformed the tango as a dance into serious concert music." The session will include music played by recording and live by Gately, who is the UMW music department's jazz professor.
Thu	9 Dec 10	10:00-12:00	Darwin to Kipling to Gazzaniga: Brain, Consciousness and Just So Stories Presenter: Roy Smith Sponsor: Janet Wishner	Whether as kids or as adults, we love stories that explain why things are the way they are. Part of the scientific process is telling such stories to each other and to ourselves. Just why are we so enamored of stories rather than tables, lists and other more efficient ways of storing and transmitting data? Why do we tell the story about consciousness we do? And what if our story is, in fact, a just so story?
Thu	9 Dec 10	13:00-15:00	Book Group► Geography of Bliss by Eric Weiner Discussion: Roger Bourdon Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	A philosophical self-help humorous travel memoir! Weiner, a veteran correspondent for National Public Radio, tells the other side of the story by visiting some of the world's most contented places. He shows us where happiness is, and what we can learn from the inhabitants of different cultures.
Fri	10 Dec 10	10:00-12:00	UMW Exams End	