

Fall Schedule - August to December 2011

as of 16 December 2011

Day	Date	Time	Title	Description
Thu	18 Aug 11	13:00-15:00	Curriculum Committee Sponsor: Janet Wishner	Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester.
Thu	25 Aug 11	13:00-15:30	Walking Tour of Government Island Presenter: Jane Conner Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	The Government Island quarry furnished "Aquia Freestone" for the U. S. Capitol, White House, and many other historic buildings. We will meet first at Aquia Church to see how the stone was used in colonial times. Then we will drive 2.2 miles to the quarry, and take a 0.5 mile (each way) flat, pleasant walk to the rock face, where we will see the 200-year-old pick marks made by the slaves who worked the stone. Jane's tour of the rest of the hilly island is optional. The Aquia Church entrance is IMMEDIATELY north of the Aquia Harbour entrance at Garrisonville Road (Route 610) on U. S. Route 1 (on the right when going north) in northern Stafford County. Informal carpools can meet in the parking lot of the Greenbrier Shopping Center/Burlington Coat Factory on Route 3 in Fredericksburg; meet near Altoona Drive by 12:30; take I-95 or Route 1 north. Jane will have her book "Birthstone of the White House and Capitol" on sale at a discount.
Mon	29 Aug 11	10:00-12:00	UMW Classes Begin	
Mon	5 Sep 11	10:00-12:00	Labor Day	
Tue	6 Sep 11	10:00-12:00	AARP	
Tue	6 Sep 11	10:00-12:00	Justice: Moral Dilemmas Presenter: Stew Engel Sponsor: Stew Engel	This class, which will become a series of 12 classes if there is interest, tests your ability to solve moral dilemmas. For example: there are many needy people in the world who could benefit from your help. If you were to volunteer one evening per week, you could reduce need and thereby increase the sum of happiness. But if you were to volunteer all of your evenings, then you could produce even more happiness. Should you volunteer all of your spare time to helping the needy? Would it be wrong not to do so?

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Wed	7 Sep 11	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	8 Sep 11	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► The Miracle of Language by Richard Lederer Presenter: Margaret Rose Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	In this collection of entertaining and enlightening essays, Lederer celebrates language as "incomparably the finest of our achievements" and passes along some eloquent testimony on the emancipating power of language in the lives of Helen Keller, Richard Wright, Malcolm X and Anne Frank.
Fri	9 Sep 11	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 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.
Tue	13 Sep 11	10:00-12:00	Learning to Look at Architecture I Presenter: Allen Reamer Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Have you ever wondered how to look at a building and what are all those architectural parts? In this two-part lecture series we learn what the difference between a building and architecture; how to look at architecture; and from where to look at a building. The second part of this series is at 1 p.m. Please plan on coming to both sessions.
Tue	13 Sep 11	13:00-15:00	Learning to Look at Architecture II Presenter: Allen Reamer Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	This is the second part of the two-part series described above. Please plan on coming to both sessions.
Wed	14 Sep 11	10:00-12:00	Trekking the Annapurna Circuit Presenter: Sue Bennett Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	A long time hiker, Sue will share her experiences of 23 days in the mountains of Nepal.
Thu	15 Sep 11	10:00-12:00	Civil Rights and Wrongs Presenter: Gaye Adegbalola Sponsor: Peg Johnson	Gaye shares her first-hand experiences and insights in the struggle for equality, from embracing the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, sitting and picketing, to the Black Power Movement and Malcom X, in order to find her own path on the journey to self-acceptance, empowerment and freedom. She will include some songs in this presentation.
Thu	15 Sep 11	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	20 Sep 11	10:00-12:00	China's Expo 2010: Coca-Cola, Capitalism, and a Hot Summer Spectacle in the People's Republic Presenter: Susan Fernsebner Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	Dr. Fernsebner, Associate Professor of Chinese History at UMW and an expert on China's history of world's fairs, will share her experience in personally touring Shanghai's recent Expo 2010. Held on the hundredth anniversary of China's first national exposition (Nanjing 1910), the international spectacle of Expo 2010 offers a window upon China's new role in a global economy, the social dynamics of China's state capitalism, and implications for both a domestic and international audience.
Tue	20 Sep 11	13:30-15:00	Fall UMW Gallery Tour I Presenter: Justine Geiger Sponsor: Peg Johnson	We will visit two galleries. "Art and Nature: Reflections on the Sublime" at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery, and "Solo Studio Art Faculty Show" featuring Carole Garmon at the DuPont Gallery. NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME.
Wed	21 Sep 11	10:00-12:00	A Visit to Bill Mason's Luthier Shop Sponsor: Bill Wemmerus	We will hear a brief history of the violin and learn fun facts about the instrument, then we will run down the violin maker's apprenticeship curriculum: rib mold, top plate, back plate, scroll and neck, fingerboard, assembly, varnish and set-up. Limited parking is available on the street and in back of the building, but do-it-yourself carpooling is recommended. Shop is at 509-1 Jackson Street, just off Lafayette Boulevard by the Roxbury Farm and Garden Center.
Thu	22 Sep 11	10:00-12:00	A Visit With Chris Kilmartin Sponsor: Janet Wishner	This popular speaker returns, with a timely topic to share with us. Audience participation encouraged.
Tue	27 Sep 11	10:00-12:00	The History of the News Business in Fredericksburg Presenter: Josiah P. "Joe" Rowe III Sponsor: Phil Hall	The Rowe family for many years has owned and operated the Free Lance-Star and its precursors.
Wed	28 Sep 11	10:00-12:00	Play Discussion► The Women of Lockerbie by Deborah Brevoort Presenter: Helen Housley Sponsors: Bob & Carole Hanus	In 1988, Pan Am Flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie, killing its 259 passengers and eleven people on the ground. Seven years later, Madeline and Bill Livingston travel to Scotland to recover the remains of their twenty year-old son where they encounter a group of women dedicated to washing the victims' clothes and returning them to the families. A poetic drama in which love and hope emanate from unspeakable horror, The Women of Lockerbie is a witness to the power of compassion. ElderStudy members may bring non-member guests to this session. Show dates: Sep. 29 - Oct. 1 and Oct. 6 - 8 at 8 pm, and Oct 2 and 9 at 2 pm. Box Office 654-1124. Tickets go on sale Sep. 21. Assistive listening devices are available at the performances.

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Thu	29 Sep 11	10:00-12:00	Moral Courage: The Union Command at the Battle of Mine Run Presenter: Jake Struhelka Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	The Civil War Battle of Mine Run is used as a way to look at changing warfare from several standpoints. One of the factors associated with this battle that does not get a great deal of attention is the role that moral courage plays in the high command of the armies. This talk, by National Park Service historian Jake Struhelka, will examine the role of moral courage in Civil War combat situations. A particular focus will be placed upon its positive and negative consequences the the present moment and for the future of an army.
Tue	4 Oct 11	10:00-12:00	The History of Springs in Virginia Presenter: Will B. MacIntosh Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	This talk will recount the history of the Virginia Springs in the nineteenth century. We will begin with Jefferson's visits to Warm Springs and Washington's investments in Berkeley Springs, and trace the development of Virginia's resort destinations up through their golden era in the years around the Civil War. We will discuss the architecture, the business structure, and the visitors at the Springs, and we will explore how they helped to construct a Southern elite class in the antebellum period. This talk will be richly illustrated with period engravings, and it might even give you some ideas about where to take your next historically-themed vacation in Virginia!
Wed	5 Oct 11	10:00-12:00	Criminal Profiling Presenter: Bill Hagmaier Sponsor: Mel Wright	Mr. Hagmeier will further his discussion of criminal profiling techniques that he began with us on January 11. He will present a case study of how profiling was used in the case of serial killer Ted Bundy.
Thu	6 Oct 11	10:00-12:00	Fritz Haber: Dr. Jekyll or Mr. Hyde? Presenter: Leanna Giancarlo Sponsor: Larry Turner	Fritz Haber (1868-1934) was a preeminent scientist and a Nobel laureate in Chemistry. A German Jew, his perhaps blind devotion to country and science led to remarkable achievements but also to his downfall. As the inventor of the Haber-Bosch process, Haber developed a means to convert atmospheric nitrogen into ammonia, a precursor to fertilizer; however, this same process would prove valuable to Germany during the First World War as it eliminated its reliance on imported nitrates for munitions. Haber's involvement in this war also led to his notorious title as the father of gas warfare. He was a real-life Dr. Jekyll, unquestioningly committed to his science and his homeland and driven by the technological imperative—an imperative that stood in the way of his moral compass.
Mon	10 Oct 11	10:00-12:00	Native American Day	
Tue	11 Oct 11	10:00-12:00	Diversion and Abuse of Prescription Drugs Presenter: Addison Hurst Sponsor: Chuck Johnson	Addison Hurst, a licensed pharmacist, recently retired after 30 years with the Virginia Department of Health Professions, where he most recently served as supervisor for its investigative unit in Northern Virginia. He is probably Virginia's most knowledgeable person concerning the diversion of and abuse of prescription drugs within the commonwealth. He will first focus on the significant problem of diversion of prescription drugs from pharmacies, hospitals, etc., into the drug culture of Virginia. Then he will discuss the abuse of prescription drugs by licensed health practitioners, such as doctor, nurses, etc. He will discuss significant/interesting cases that he has been involved in over the years.

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Wed	12 Oct 11	13:00-15:00	The Basics of Logic and Critical Thinking Presenter: Craig Vasey Sponsor: Janet Wishner	What is an argument, and how is it different from an explanation, an illustration, and an explication? This session will present the basic vocabulary one needs for taking the guesswork out of trying to analyze what people say and write. Examples for practice will be provided. Time permitting, we'll review eleven standard patterns of argument, classify them as deductive or inductive, and clarify the meaning of this distinction.
Thu	13 Oct 11	10:00-12:00	Fall Foliage Campus Tour Presenter: Joni Wilson Sponsor: Peg Johnson	Joni Wilson, UMW Director of Landscape and Grounds, will lead a tour of the campus. Meet in front of Chandler Hall at 10am and be prepared to spend at least one hour walking the grounds, learning about the native and introduced varieties that populate the campus. Joni has been with the university over 24 years and will entertain us with facts and tales of what she calls her 'friends'.
Thu	13 Oct 11	13:00-15:00	Book Group► A Big Little Life: A Memoir of a Joyful Dog by Dean Koontz Presenter: Margareta Williamson Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	A successful writer and a happily-married man who thought he had everything he needed tells the story of how a 65- pound dog named Trixie taught him lessons that enriched his life and helped renew in him a fading sense of wonder, inspiration and joy.
Fri	14 Oct 11	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.
Sat	15 Oct 11	10:00-12:00	UMW Fall Break Begins	
Tue	18 Oct 11	10:00-12:00	Footfalls of the Entertainers Presenter: Scott Walker Sponsor: Bill Toomey	Many interesting people have visited the Fredericksburg area because of its central location. This presentation looks at those artists and entertainers over the years who have both traveled through and performed here: The Joe Sweeney Minstrels; Molly Hatchet; Salvadore Dali; Gari Melchers; and, from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Link Wray! And more! Great stories, great entertainment!
Tue	18 Oct 11	10:00-12:00	UMW Fall Break Ends	
Wed	19 Oct 11	13:00-15:00	Mockingbird at Fifty: A Celebration of Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird Presenters: Panel Discussion (See Description) Sponsor: Peg Johnson	Panel discussion of UMW professors: Claudia Emerson, approaching the novel through the lens of gender; Jim Goehring, commenting on the Christ imagery of the film adaptation; Chris Foss, analyzing the novel through the lens of contemporary disability studies; Gary Richards, assessing the novel and film adaptation via sexuality studies; Danny Tweedy, responding to the novel through discourses of race.

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Thu	20 Oct 11	10:00-12:00	Tour of the Award-Winning White Oak Civil War Museum Presenter: D.P. Newton Sponsor: Gae Pinschmidt	Meet at the Museum (carpool if possible), 985 White Oak Road, Falmouth (Route 218 at Rt 603, 5.6 miles east of the Falmouth light at US 1 and Butler Road). The White Oak Museum recently won a national award from the Civil War Trust, and is known among historians as possibly the best small Civil War museum in the country.
Thu	20 Oct 11	13:30-15:30	Curriculum Committee Meeting Sponsor: Janet Wishner	NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME. Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester.
Tue	25 Oct 11	10:00-12:00	Reflections on a Political Campaign Presenter: Krystal Ball Sponsor: Dave Hill	The life of a congressional candidate, during and after the election, is discussed. Ms. Ball will talk about her background, her name, her education, her experience, why she became a candidate, challenges and solutions.
Wed	26 Oct 11	10:00-12:00	Political Developments in the Middle East Presenter: Ranjit Singh Sponsor: Janet Wishner	Professor Singh will review some of the changes that have taken place recently in the Middle East and try to put them in a useful historical and analytical framework.
Wed	26 Oct 11	13:30-15:00	Fall Foliage Campus Tour Presenter: Joni Wilson Sponsor: Peg Johnson	Joni Wilson, UMW Director of Landscape and Grounds, will lead a tour of the campus. Meet in front of Chandler Hall at 10am and be prepared to spend at least one hour walking the grounds, learning about the native and introduced varieties that populate the campus. Joni has been with the university over 24 years and will entertain us with facts and tales of what she calls her 'friends'.
Thu	27 Oct 11	10:00-12:00	John and Alan Lomax: Reintroducing America to Its Own Music Presenter: Dennis Van Derlaske Sponsor: Bill Wemmerus	Many folk songs that we now have come to regard as American standards were not well known by the general populace well into the 20th century. This is the story of how a father and son travelled rural areas to capture this music with crude recording equipment, and document and distribute it via records, songbooks and sheet music. We will also discuss some of the artists they met along the way.
Thu	27 Oct 11	13:00-15:00	Administrative Committee Special Meeting Sponsor: John Thompson	Special meeting, schedule set on 12 October 2011.
Tue	1 Nov 11	10:00-12:00	Bullying and Gang Activity Presenters: Detectives Robin Kocher, Jason Dembowski Sponsor: Shirley Eye	Representatives from the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Department will talk about gang activity in the greater Fredericksburg area, clues to recognizing gang members, safety tips for the public, how gang activity affects the school environment in the form of bullying, and a case study of two gang members progressing from middle school to prison.

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Wed	2 Nov 11	10:00-12:00	<p>Play Discussion ► RENT, book, music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson</p> <p>Presenter: Gregg Stull Sponsors: Bob & Carol Hanus</p>	<p>Christmas bells are ringing but all is not well for Mark, a troubled filmmaker, and his roommate, Roger, a struggling musician, in this groundbreaking musical. Mark and Roger struggle to make ends meet, grapple with changing relationships, and celebrate the triumphs of life as the unremitting reach of AIDS casts its shadow over their lives. A Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize drama winner. Rent brings New York's storied Lower East Side to mesmerizing life through its pulsating rock score that evokes the sorrow, exultation, and promise of La Vie Bohème. ElderStudy members may bring non-member guests to this session. Show dates: Nov. 3-5, 10-12, and 17-19 at 8 pm; Nov. 6, 13, and 20 at 2 pm. Tickets go on sale Oct. 26. Assistive listening devices are available at the performances.</p>
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Thu	3 Nov 11	10:00-12:00	<p>"...a sternness to his countenance": Stonewall Jackson in Photographs and Art</p> <p>Presenter: Eric Mink Sponsor: Alan Zirkle</p>	<p>After Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson is the most identifiable figure to come out of the southern Confederacy. Few photographs of Jackson exist, yet the general's likeness has become a powerful Confederate symbol. Since the Civil War, Jackson's image has been used for both nationalistic and commercial purposes. From post-war Lost Cause imagery, to gracing the packages of everything from soap to beer, the general's face continues to be a popular and recognizable image. Mr. Mink will discuss our fascination with Stonewall through photographs and art.</p>
Tue	8 Nov 11	10:00-12:00	<p>Grief 101: An Overview of Hospice Care for the Dying and their Families</p> <p>Presenters: Emily Sperlazza, MSN, Gloria Lloyd, M Ed Sponsor: Janet Wishner</p>	<p>Presentation of the Five Wishes to facilitate discussions of end of life issues and choices.</p>
Tue	8 Nov 11	13:30-15:00	<p>Fall UMW Gallery Tour II</p> <p>Presenter: Justine Geiger Sponsor: Peg Johnson</p>	<p>We will visit two galleries. "Masterpieces of World Art from the Virginia Museum of Fine Art" at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery, and "Large Scale Drawings" at the DuPont Gallery. NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME.</p>
Wed	9 Nov 11	13:00-15:00	<p>Sunni and Shiite: What's the Difference and Why Does It Matter?</p> <p>Presenter: Mehdi Amrinrazi Sponsor: Janet Wishner</p>	<p>Professor Aminrazavi will discuss the difference between Sunni and Shiite, the two major forms of Islam, and draw comparisons with the differences between Protestantism and Catholicism.</p>
Thu	10 Nov 11	13:00-15:00	<p>Book Group ► Losing Mum and Pup, by Christopher Buckley</p>	<p>A subtle, fond, and, above all, honest chronicle of the author's celebrated parents. The anecdotes are rich and numerous. Buckley has pulled off what eludes many writers: he has written candidly but not unkindly about people whose vices and virtues he sees clearly.</p>

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Tue	15 Nov 11	13:00- 15:00	Autism: The Problem and How to Deal With It Presenter: Chris Foss Sponsor: Dave Hill	In this talk, Professor Foss counters the predominant view of autism as a tragedy of epidemic proportions with the view embraced by many autistic adults: namely, autism is a natural form of human difference that needs to be accommodated rather than eradicated.
Wed	16 Nov 11	10:00- 12:00	How Religious Were Our Founding Fathers? Presenter: Mary Beth Matthews Sponsor: Janet Wishner	Recent debates over the faiths of the founding fathers reveal a strong division of views. Politicians and Americans tend to embrace either the notion that America's architects were pious, observant Christians or that they were the leading secular humanists of their day. The real question should be: why do we care about what George Washington believed?
Thu	17 Nov 11	10:00- 12:00	The Dark Side of American Radio Presenter: Dennis Van Derlaske Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske	From the "Crazy Water Crystal Hour" to "Dr. Brinkley's Goat Gland Treatment for Men", we will explore the "dark side" of American AM radio as it grew during the 20th century, providing historical context for the programming we hear today. The roles of hucksters, seers, fortune tellers, quacks, political extremists, Mexican "border blaster" stations, top-40 payola disk jockeys and the like will be discussed in terms of a nascent medium that matured over the decades spanning from the 1920's to 1970's.
Tue	22 Nov 11	10:00- 12:00	The Virginia Judicial System Presenter: Hon. J.M.H. "Mac" Willis, Jr. Sponsor: Phil Hall	Mac Willis is a retired justice of the Virginia Court of Appeals and served for many years as judge in the local District court. He will describe the court system of the Commonwealth and share details of how it operates.
Wed	23 Nov 11	10:00- 12:00	The GI Bill Presenter: Steve Robertson Sponsor" Dave Hill	We will discuss the GI Bill, passed in 1944, covering its effect on GI's, the economy, education and suburbia. We will also cover revisions to the bill, including those initiated by Senator Webb.
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Thu	1 Dec 11	11:30-14:00	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).
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Wed	7 Dec 11	10:00-12:00	What Does the Sheriff Do? Presenter: Michael Timm Sponsor: Dave Hill	The Spotsylvania County Sheriff is responsible for law enforcement and the court system. What does this mean? How does the office work?
Thu	8 Dec 11	13:00-15:00	Book Group► American Creation: Triumphs and Tragedies at the Founding of the Republic by Joseph Ellis Discussion: Chuck Morgan Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	This subtle, brilliant examination of the period between the War of Independence and the Louisiana Purchase puts Pulitzer-winner Ellis (Founding Brothers) among the finest of America's narrative historians. Six stories, each centering on a significant creative achievement or failure, combine to portray often flawed men and their efforts to lay the republic's foundation.
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