

Fall Schedule - August to December 2013

as of 8 December 2013

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Thu	29 Aug 13	11:00-13:00	New Classroom Open House / Orientation Sponsor: Bill Toomey	See ElderStudy's new classroom at the UMW Stafford Campus. Get acquainted with the drive out U. S. Route 17 North to the campus, with the parking and with the location of the classroom (and the restrooms) in the South Building. Come any time from 11am to 1pm. Coming from Falmouth / Fredericksburg, go three miles past the I-95 interchange on Route 17. Pass Geico and pass the light at Cardinal Forest Drive. At the next light (at Walmart), turn left onto Village Parkway (stay in the rightmost left-turn lane). You will see the campus buildings. Drive past the buildings and take the first right onto University Boulevard. Then, DO NOT take the first two right service roads; continue to the parking lot. Our classroom is in the building on the right, with the flagpoles (the "South Building"). Enter the building and go straight ahead to the stairway or the elevator. Our classroom is on the second floor, just beside the elevator (Room 210).
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Thu	5 Sep 13	10:00-12:00	Chancellorsville and the Red Badge of Courage Presenter: John Hennessy Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	One of our favorite speakers, John Hennessy, looks at the connections between Stephen Crane's legendary book and the battle he based it on. He will pay special attention to Crane's descriptions of the experience of Henry Fleming, comparing Fleming's experience and Crane's words with those of men who fought at Chancellorsville 150 years ago. Hennessy will examine how literary historians view Crane's connection with Chancellorsville and which, if any, specific units he based his work upon. The short novel is available at the CRRL and free online at http://bit.ly/10HWcAD .
Tue	10 Sep 13	10:00-12:00	Food and Science: Components of Food and Historical Introduction Presenter: Jack Allison Sponsor: Jack Allison	Dr. Michael Brenner, Glover Professor of Applied Mathematics and Physics at the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, delivers this lecture via YouTube on the internet. This is the first of twelve online lectures on food and science from the Harvard School of Science. Dr. Brenner and other professors discuss and demonstrate the science involved in the creation of food dishes.

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Wed	11 Sep 13	10:00-12:00	The Two New Deals of FDR CANCELLED Presenter: Emile Lester Sponsor: Dave Hill	The New Deal is one of the most celebrated political achievements in 20th century American history, but it is also among the most misunderstood achievements. Roosevelt is often portrayed by historians as succeeding by aggressively planning out and imposing major elements in the New Deal through his willpower, political cunning, and rhetorical skills. This talk will highlight that this is only part of the story. The success of the New Deal was also a result of Roosevelt's patience, and his willingness to compromise with political forces with very different views than his own.
Thu	12 Sep 13	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► Isaac's Storm, by Erik Larson Discussion: Margareta Williamson Sponsor: Dot Meyers	Larsen, author of The White City, describes the events leading up to the hurricane which wiped out Galveston, Texas. He goes into the beginning of the weather reporting system and the affects of this storm and its aftermath.
Fri	13 Sep 13	10:00-12:00	Tour of Fredericksburg Court House Presenter: Jeff Small Sponsor: Dave Hill	We will discuss the history of the Fredericksburg Circuit Court, one of the oldest functioning courthouses in the United States, from its architecture and design to its modern day use. We will hear about the major duties of the clerk's office and its role in historical preservation. We will hear from archivist Barry McGhee and learn about topics that range from jury duty processes to paperless dockets. We will be given a tour of the courthouse and a chance to ask questions. No photographs will be allowed. Tour limited to 20 participants; call Dave Hill at 898-5932 to register. Meet in the Clerk's office, 815 Princess Anne Street.
Tue	17 Sep 13	10:00-12:00	Economic Theories, Power and Belief Presenter: Pal Metzger Sponsor: Dave Hill	Since the advent of economics, its various theories have had profound influence on governmental policies. Today, a struggle continues between the proponents of 'supply-side' and Keynesian economics. Visible beneath this contest are competing philosophies of government and social power, which can also be viewed as opposing belief systems.
Tue	17 Sep 13	13:30-15:00	Fall UMW Gallery Tour I Presenter: Rosemary Jesionowski Sponsor: Peg Johnson	Note unusual start time. The tour begins at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery with "Converging Cultures: Works by Latino Artists," and continues at the duPont Gallery with "UMW Art Faculty Exhibition."
Wed	18 Sep 13	10:00-12:00	Play Discussion ► The Miss Firecracker Contest, by Beth Henley Presenter: Cate Brewer Sponsors: Bob & Carole Hanus	Nothing reigns supreme in the steamy South like a good old-fashioned beauty pageant on the Fourth of July. It's a comic volcano of a play, populated by offbeat, but vital, larger-than-life characters. Show dates: Sept. 19-21 and 26-28 at 8, Sept. 22 and 29 at 2. Members are encouraged to bring non-member guests to this session.
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Tue	24 Sep 13	10:00-12:00	Early Industry in Stafford County 1675-1930 Presenter: Jerrilyn MacGregor Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	Ms. MacGregor is a historian, retired librarian, and author of several books. She will give us an overview of twelve industries that dominated Stafford's economy during this time. The discussion will include the Accokeek Iron Furnace (circa 1725-52) and the Hunter Iron works.
Wed	25 Sep 13	10:00-12:00	Teaching and Learning in the Digital Age Presenter: Jeff McClurken Sponsor: Phil Hall	How to make best uses of current information technology (IT) advances in teaching and learning on the college level. We will hear examples from our speaker's own experience.
Tue	1 Oct 13	10:00-12:00	Moral Dilemmas: What's a Fair Start? What Do We Deserve? Presenter: Jack Allison Sponsor: Stew Engel	It has been argued that a meritocracy - a system that rewards effort - doesn't go far enough in leveling the playing field because those who are naturally gifted will always get ahead. The naturally gifted can't claim much credit because their success often depends on factors as arbitrary as birth order. But is it desirable to level the playing field in the first place? We will also discuss the fairness of pay differentials in modern society. Is it fair that former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor made \$200,000 while television's Judge Judy makes \$25 million?
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Wed	2 Oct 13	10:00-12:00	Lawrence of Arabia Presenter: Nabil Al-Tikriti Sponsor: Dave Hill	Dr. Al-Tikriti will return to repeat, in expanded form, his successful Great Lives lecture on Thomas Edward Lawrence, "Lawrence of Arabia."
Thu	3 Oct 13	10:00-12:00	Antebellum Farms in the Fredericksburg Region Presenter: Michael Spencer Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	Dr. Spencer is with the UMW Department of Historic Preservation. He will discuss how agricultural practices were reflected in the farm buildings of our area.
Tue	8 Oct 13	10:00-12:00	What does the Second Amendment Really Say? Presenter: Claudine Ferrell Sponsor: Phil Hall	What are the origins and objectives of one of the most controversial and misunderstood amendments to the Constitution? Looking at colonial and revolutionary roots, as well as at the early national period, will help answer this question. How Americans have and have not interpreted and used the amendment will also provide some important insights for the present-day debate over "gun control."

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Wed	9 Oct 13	10:00-12:00	Ceramics at Ferry Farm Presenters: Mara Katkins & Laura Galke Sponsor: Randy Fennemore	The recent discovery of 18th century glue residues on excavated ceramics from Ferry Farm, George Washington's boyhood home, has raised a number of questions. Associated with George's mother Mary, these ceramics include tea and tablewares. Why was Mary mending her ceramics? Were these wares intended for post-repair use, or simply for display? What do these sociotechnical artifacts say about a woman in Mary's social position? We will present preliminary results of chemical analysis of the glues as well as explain what experiments were conducted. Meet at Ferry Farm, on Route 3 East in Stafford County. From Fredericksburg, turn right just after the Ferry Road stoplight. Attendance limited - please RSVP Randy Fennemore at 371-3629 or cfennemore@aol.com.
Thu	10 Oct 13	10:00-12:00	Living in the Past: A Look at Costumed Interpretation and Historical Reenactments CANCELLED - HOPE TO RESCHEDULE Presenter: Eric Mink Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Eric Mink has worked for the National Park Service for the past twenty years. His interest in history grew from becoming involved in Civil War reenacting at the age of eleven. Historical reenactments have grown in the past few decades from an underground hobby into a mainstream part of heritage tourism. Eric will take a look at the development of reenactments and costumed living history as a hobby and vocation, as well as the contributions they have made to our understanding of the history they strive to represent.
Thu	10 Oct 13	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► The Turn of the Screw, by Henry James Discussion: Larry Turner Sponsor: Dot Meyers	The story starts conventionally enough with friends sharing ghost stories 'round the fire. One guest tells of a governess at a country house plagued by ghosts; only she suspects that the previous governess and her lover are controlling the two orphaned children for some evil purpose. The household staff don't know what she is talking about, the children are evasive, and the master of the house is absent. Why does the young girl claim not to see a perfectly visible woman standing on the far side of the lake? Are the children being deceptive, or is the governess paranoid?
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Mon	14 Oct 13	10:00-12:00	Native American Day	
Tue	15 Oct 13	10:00-12:00	Ikebana: Japanese Flower Arranging Presenter: Jean Waterman Sponsor: Eileen Carson	What are the historical, cultural, and artistic dimensions of this anciently rooted Japanese art form? Jean Waterman lived in Japan for three years and studied Sogetsu Ikebana with a Japanese Master. She is certified as a teacher by the Sogetsu School of Ikebana of Japan and continues to study, practice, and exhibit in the Northern Virginia area.
Tue	15 Oct 13	10:00-12:00	UMW Fall Break Ends	
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Wed	16 Oct 13	10:00-12:00	<p align="center">General Membership Meeting</p> <p align="center">Sponsor: President Bill Toomey</p>	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.
Thu	17 Oct 13	10:00-12:00	<p align="center">Historic Churches of Fredericksburg</p> <p align="center">Presenter: Craig Rains</p> <p align="center">Sponsors: Karen Scanlon & Peg Johnson</p>	We will have the opportunity to visit two of the many historic churches located in the Old Town area of Fredericksburg: Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site) and St. George's Episcopal Church. At each location a church representative will present architectural features and historical information about that church and answer questions. Meet at Shiloh Baptist Church, 801 Sophia Street. The two churches are three blocks apart so participants may decide to park and walk from the first to the second church or to move their vehicle, if desired.
Fri	18 Oct 13	14:00-17:00	<p align="center">Game Afternoon with the Parkinsons</p> <p align="center">CANCELLED - Minimum Signup Not Achieved</p> <p align="center">Sponsor: Pat Parkinson</p>	Come and play board or card games with us. Limited to 15 participants; contact Pat Parkinson to register, at (540) 903-3526 or parkinson.pm6@gmail.com. Bring a game to share and have fun. 6306 Forest Grove Drive, Fredericksburg 22407. (The entrance has seven steps up.)
Tue	22 Oct 13	09:00-10:00	<p align="center">Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Lifelong Learning Center</p> <p align="center">SESSION ADDED</p> <p align="center">Presenter: Martin Wilder</p> <p align="center">Sponsor: Bill Toomey</p>	UMW Chief of Staff Martin Wilder will preside over a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony for ElderStudy's new classroom, now called the "Center for Lifelong Learning." Refreshments will be served. All ElderStudy members are cordially invited to attend (and to stay for the following session at 10am).
Tue	22 Oct 13	10:00-12:00	<p align="center">Web-Based Digital Storytelling</p> <p align="center">Presenters: Jim Groome & Martha Burns</p> <p align="center">Sponsor: Pat Parkinson</p>	The digital storytelling course offered at UMW by the Computer Science Department has had more than 2000 online participants since Spring 2011. It has been taught at 8 different schools to varying degrees of integration, and is a model for the future of connected, open, and online pedagogy. We will discuss how students design and build an online identity and narrate their process in a fifteen week semester, and will learn about the future of web-based engaged learning at UMW and beyond.
Wed	23 Oct 13	10:00-12:00	<p align="center">Kitchen: The Heart of the House</p> <p align="center">MOVED FROM SEP 26</p> <p align="center">Presenter: Dennis Van Derlaske</p> <p align="center">Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske</p>	The kitchen has been referred to as "the warmest room in the house". Today it frequently serves as the primary room used for informal entertaining and other everyday purposes. How did it come to take the form it did? We take a look at how kitchens evolved over time, exploring in the process, early cooking implements, eating utensils and how the thermodynamics of handling and cooking food advanced. In the process we will touch on some of the foodways of the past.

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Thu	24 Oct 13	13:00-15:00	Varieties of Underwater Animal Life Presenter: Steve Cohen Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske	The real estate mantra of "location, location, location" certainly applies to ocean views. For veterinarian Dr. Steve Cohen, an ocean view is nice, but for him it's the view below the surface that holds the greatest attraction. He will speak to us about the incredible biodiversity of fish life, coral reefs, dolphins, whales, sea lions, and much more via the high quality under water video shot by him. Using his video, "Ocean Alphabet: from A is for angelfish to Z is for zebra eel," Steve introduces surface dwellers to this fascinating world.
Tue	29 Oct 13	13:00-15:00	History of the U.S. Postal Service Presenter: Whit Jones Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	ElderStudy member and retired Postal Service manager Whit Jones will describe the evolution of the Post Office Department from the early stages of the postal system in the colonies to recent times.
Wed	30 Oct 13	13:00-15:00	Lying, Stealing and Cheating Presenter: Dr. David Rettinger Sponsor: Rose Reif	Why do people commit these acts without fear of punishment? Do we do so ourselves? How have our views of this changed over the years? What do we now think of Lance Armstrong? Also to be discussed are recent studies which have shown that even babies and other primates can distinguish right from wrong.
Thu	31 Oct 13	10:00-12:00	Dr. Jekyll or Mr. Hyde: The Complicated Relationship between Science and Society Presenter: Leanna Giancarlo Sponsor: Larry Turner	Film and fiction have long depicted scientists as mad, bad and evil. From the secretive alchemist to the genetic engineer, they are seen as sinister, dangerous, arrogant, ruthless and power-hungry or glory-driven, or they are viewed as socially inept, geeks and nerds, outcasts from the mainstream. But from where do these archetypes and negative stereotypes derive? Why is society fearful of novel scientific developments?. What are the cultural influences that enable the stereotypes to persist? What do scientists do that conforms to these models and how are they trying to change their images? Is the scientist Dr. Jekyll, or is (s)he Mr. Hyde?
Tue	5 Nov 13	10:00-12:00	Diet and Nutrition Presenter: Dr. Chris Little Sponsor: Chuck Johnson	Hippocrates said, "Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food." Dr. Lillis will explore in detail many of the most popular diets being hyped, discuss the role of nutrition in the aging process, and answer nutrition questions with a dash of moderation.
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Wed	6 Nov 13	10:00-12:00	Play Discussion ► Spring Awakening Presenter: Gregg Stull Sponsors: Bob & Carole Hanus	Play by Frank Wedekind, music by Duncan Sheik, lyrics by Steven Sater. A close-knit community of teens grapple with their changing bodies and developing minds under the reproachful eyes of disapproving parents who refuse to talk about what it all means. The play explores provocative ideas with explicit language, sexual situations, and nudity. Show dates: Nov. 7-9, 14-16, & 21-23 at 8. Nov. 10, 17, & 24 at 2. Members are encouraged to bring non-member guests to this session.
Thu	7 Nov 13	10:00-12:00	Beyond the Movies: Cloning Presenter: Jason Matzke Sponsor: Janet Wishner	We will hear a brief description of the cloning process using real-life cases. Examples: animals for food or research; human reproduction; therapeutic cloning.

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Thu	7 Nov 13	13:30-15:00	Fall UMW Gallery Tour II Presenter: Rosemary Jesionowski Sponsor: Peg Johnson	Note unusual start time. Both galleries host the exhibition "Anarchistic Abstraction." The tour begins in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery and concludes in the DuPont gallery.
Mon	11 Nov 13	10:00-12:00	Veterans Day	
Tue	12 Nov 13	10:00-12:00	Books for Children and Teens Presenter: Rebecca Purdy Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	The role of children's book publications has greatly changed through the years. We'll take a peek at the past and talk about present resources, and give recommendations and skills to help you navigate them and impress your grandchildren. Ms. Purdy is with the Central Rappahannock Regional Library and writes a column for the Free Lance-Star.
Wed	13 Nov 13	10:00-12:00	University Security Presenter: Dave Heffer Sponsor: Dave Hill	Threat assessment teams have been developed on our nation's campuses to assess internal threats and if necessary help mitigate them. This topic became big after the massacre at Virginia tech, and the state of Virginia is in the forefront on this issue. Also discussed will be the important of preparation, response, and recovery to critical incidents on campus, including both man-made and natural disasters.
Thu	14 Nov 13	10:00-12:00	Your Healthcare Under Medicare: In the Hospital and With Your Physician Presenter: Robert & Lorrie Borchert Sponsor: Dave Hill	The speakers will discuss the Medicare program today and tomorrow under the Affordable Care Act. What changes in your coverage will occur under the Affordable Care Act? Will Medicare change in the future? How are hospitals and physicians reacting to the "baby boomers?" What do you need to be aware of when in the hospital and/or visiting your physician? What you need to know and where do you get more information.
Thu	14 Nov 13	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer, by Kai Bird and Martin Sherman Presenter: Chuck Morgan Sponsor: Dot Meyers	Biography of the father of the atomic bomb, the brilliant, charismatic, eccentric physicist who after Hiroshima, became the most famous scientist of his generation--the embodiment of modern man confronting the consequences of scientific progress. Author of a radical proposal to place international controls over atomic material, in the now almost-forgotten hysteria of the early 1950s he opposed development of the hydrogen bomb and criticized the Air Force's plans to wage nuclear war. His ideas were anathema to powerful advocates of a massive nuclear buildup, and, in response, Atomic Energy Commission chairman Lewis Strauss, superbomb advocate Edward Teller and FBI director J. Edgar Hoover worked behind the scenes to disgrace Oppenheimer by revoking his security clearance claiming he could not be trusted with America's nuclear secrets.
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Wed	20 Nov 13	10:00-12:00	Civil Air Patrol: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Presenter: Col. Rick Mosley Sponsor: Dave Hill	We will look at the history of Civil Air Patrol starting in 1941 through its present capabilities. The discussion will then look to where this all-volunteer organization plans to be in the next 10 to 15 years and what assets will be required to meet the challenges we face due to changing missions, budgetary concerns and technology. It will also delve into three congressionally chartered missions of Emergency Services, Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education.
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Tue	26 Nov 13	10:00-12:00	The Civil War in New Mexico: Gettysburg of the West? Presenter: Alan Zirkle Sponsor: Bill Wemmerus	The Confederacy's 1862 New Mexico campaign is not well-known to us living in the shadow of Lee, Jackson, Burnside and Grant. What were the lofty objectives of this operation? How did it turn out? Who were some of the colorful characters associated with it? This brief look at the campaign will answer these questions.
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Tue	3 Dec 13	10:00-12:00	AARP	
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Thu	5 Dec 13	10:00-12:00	Constantinople Presenter: Janet Wishner Sponsor: Janet Wishner	We will explore this magnificent city, with special reference to architecture (the great Hagia Sophia and the smaller Chora church), mosaics and frescoes. We will also provide some account of the history and religious traditions behind the split between the Roman Catholic Church based in Rome's Vatican and the Eastern Orthodox Church once based in Constantinople.
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Tue	10 Dec 13	10:00-12:00	The Mathematics of Pattern and Design: Examples from Different Countries and Cultures CANCELLED (Weather) Presenter: Janet Hydorn Sponsor: Randy Fennemore	Patterns and designs used for ornamentation from around the world often show a great deal of similarity, and some of this is due to the mathematics of pattern and design. From the four basic operations for creating a pattern there are only seven different linear patterns and seventeen different planar patterns. Each of these patterns will be described with examples from a variety of different countries, including some from travels in the U.S. and Europe.
Wed	11 Dec 13	11:30-14:00	Winter Luncheon Sponsor: Eugenia Jones	From Fredericksburg, take Route 3 west 14.5 miles past the I-95 interchange. Turn left at the stoplight onto Lake of the Woods Way. Stay to the left and stop at the gatehouse to get an entry pass. Then continue straight ahead about 0.2 miles to the parking area. GPS address is 102 Lakeview Parkway, Locust Grove, 22508.
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