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Lifelong Learning Classes

FALL 2026

Inspired by *A Friend in Need* (1903) from the *Dogs Playing Poker* series by Cassius Marcellus Coolidge
Lifelong Learning rendition featuring Charlie, Lulu & Trixie



"With a Little Help from Our Friends"

Friends with a mission:

Friends of Lifelong Learning

is a volunteer group formed with a mission to support, promote, enhance and preserve Lifelong Learning at Brookdale.



FLL Executive Board left to right: Kathy Colmorgen, Audree Feldman, Pat Petrosini, Mary Kouvel, Mary Beth Purn

Interested in learning more about the Friends of Lifelong Learning?

Email: FLLbrookdale@gmail.com

Curious About the Painting?

Painted in 1903, *Dogs Playing Poker* is the popular nickname for a series of oil paintings by American artist Cassius Marcellus Coolidge (1844–1934). Originally commissioned for advertising calendars, the paintings depict dogs engaged in very human activities and have become some of America's most affectionately parodied—works of popular art.

Our cover pays tribute to this iconic scene featuring Charlie, Lulu, and Trixie—the four-legged best friends of lifelong learning.





FOLLOW YOUR CURIOSITY

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Dear Neighbors,

Learning has a funny way of leading us from one idea to the next.

A lecture on history sparks an interest in literature. A day trip inspires a deeper appreciation for art. A conversation opens the door to an entirely new subject.

We've organized our brochure by month, making it easier to browse, explore, and choose what speaks most to you.

Whether you're joining us for a favorite instructor, exploring a new interest, or reconnecting with friends, we hope you'll find plenty to inspire you this season.

See where curiosity takes you!

- *Your Friends at Lifelong Learning*

*"Every class leaves me wanting
to learn more."*

— Nancy Smith

Browse by Interest

H HUMANITIES **A** THE ARTS **R** RECREATION **L** LANGUAGES
P PERSONAL ENRICHMENT **W** WELLNESS **I** IRISH **T** TRIPS (PG. 22)
S SPECIAL INTEREST

Questions? Call 732-224-2315

SEPTEMBER

Back to School. This Time, It's for Fun.

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Asbury Park South (1920) by Florine Stettheimer

FEATURED THIS MONTH

SEPT 24

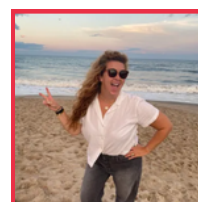
ECHOES OF ASBURY: WALKING & TROLLEY TOUR

Lesley Schierenbeck, MA, History, Founder of the History Chick Tours

Step into Asbury Park's wonderfully weird past.

Walk, ride, and savor the stories of this iconic shore town. Lunch at Kula Urban Farm, a community garden in the heart of Asbury.

Thu | 10:30am–2:30 pm | XHUMN 365 | \$139



“Excellent knowledge, with a great presentation and enthusiasm.”

SEPT 8

R Learn to Sail

SEAS Monmouth, Certified Sailing Instructors

Gain the knowledge and confidence to sail a small boat through classroom instruction and hands-on experience on the Shrewsbury River. Successful completion leads to a SEAS Basic Sailing certificate.

Classroom: Tue Sept 8 & Thu/Mon Sept 10–17 | 7–9 pm

On the Water: Sat Sept 12 & 19 | 9 am–4 pm | 6 Sessions | XRECR 063 | \$295

Please Note: Swimming proficiency, a personal flotation device (PFD), and the required course text are required for the on-the-water sessions.

SEPT 9

R Beginner Mah Jongg

Wed Sept 9–Oct 28 | 10:30 am–12:30 pm | 7 Sessions | XRECR 062 | \$149 | No Class Oct 21

Please Bring: 2026 Mah Jongg card, pen and paper; no set required

Beginner Canasta

R Wed Sept 9–Oct 28 | 1–3 pm | 7 Sessions | XRECR 061 | \$149 | No Class Oct 21

Sharon Talansky, Instructor

Learn the fundamentals of two classic games, build confidence, and have fun along the way! Guided instruction, hands-on practice, and proven strategies make it easy to learn.

SEPT 11



W Breath, Sound & Stillness: **A Seasonal Reset**

Julie Albert, Certified Holistic Health Coach

Experience breathwork, meditation, and sound practices that promote relaxation, reduce stress, and support emotional balance as you transition into the fall season.

Fri Sept 11 & 18 | 10-11:30 am | 2 Sessions | XHEAF 306 | \$69

SEPT 17

I Irish Language

Rath DeHoust, Máire Léan Shevlin & Caoimhín Cléirigh, Irish Language Instructors

Learn Irish in small groups matched to your experience level while building conversation skills and exploring one of the world's oldest living languages.

Thu Sept 17–Nov 19 | 7–8:30 pm | 10 Sessions | XIRIL 160 | \$125

SEPT 21

R Knitting 101

Sophie Kuperman, Local Fiber Artist & Knitting Instructor

Learn the basics and create a cozy cowl—one stitch at a time. Build confidence with step-by-step guidance and support at a relaxed pace in a fun environment.

Mon Sept 21–Oct 12 | 10:30 am–noon | 4 Sessions | XARTC 165 | \$89

Please Note: Supply list available upon registration.



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SEPT 22



H Colonial Taverns of New Jersey: Libations, Liberty & Revolution

Michael C. Gabriele, Author

Step into the lively world of colonial taverns, where politics, debate, and revolutionary ideas shaped New Jersey's role in the fight for independence.

Tue Sept 22 | 10:30 am–noon | XHUMN 384 | \$49

Program generously supported by the Friends of Lifelong Learning



H What Holds A Society Together?

Institutions & Human Nature in Four Literary Classics

John Gutman, Retired Sociology Lecturer, Hunter College

Examine how *Animal Farm*, *Lord of the Flies*, *1984*, and *Brave New World* explore the institutions, values, and social forces that shape societies and influence human behavior.

Tue Sept 22 | Oct 20 | Nov 17 | 10:30 am–noon 3 Sessions | XHUMN 386 | \$89

SEPT 23

I A New Ireland? Reading the Signs of Change

Maureen D. Brady, MA, New York University

Examine the demographic, cultural, and social changes reshaping Ireland through recent census findings and national reports while considering their impact on contemporary Irish identity.

Wed Sept 23–Oct 7 | 10 am–noon | 3 Sessions | XIRIG 168 | \$89

“I would absolutely recommend this class to a friend. John Gutman was extremely well prepared and so interesting, I would take any course with this wonderful gentleman”

-Pat Petrosini

Questions? Call 732-224-2315

SEPT 24



I Play the Bodhrán

Máire Léan Shevlin, Musician & Irish Language Instructor

Discover the history, techniques, and distinctive rhythms of Ireland's traditional drum while learning to play this iconic instrument. No previous musical experience is required.

Thu Sept 24–Oct 22 | 5:30–6:30 pm | 5 Sessions | XIRIG 169 | \$79

Please Note: Bring a bodhrán to class.

SEPT 26

L Stress-Free Spanish for Beginners

Frank Prignoli, Language Instructor, Brookdale Community College

Learn practical Spanish through conversation, guided practice, and everyday expressions in a relaxed, supportive classroom designed especially for beginners.

Sat Sept 26–Nov 14 | 10 am–noon | 8 Sessions | XLANG 047 | \$179

*All the classes I have taken at Brookdale have been fun,
enlightening and valuable!"*

-Patricia Hartman

SEPT 28

P Piano for Procrastinators

John Balme, Adjunct Faculty, Brookdale Community College; Director, Concordia Vocal Academy

Learn to play the piano in a relaxed, beginner-friendly setting while developing the skills and confidence to perform favorite songs. Required text is included.

Mon Sept 28–Nov 2 | 10:30 am–noon | 6 Sessions | XHUMM 087 | \$149



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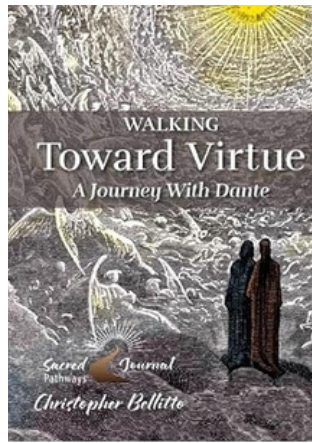


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OCT 7



Walking Toward Virtue: A Journey with Dante

Christopher Bellitto, PhD, Professor of History & Rabbi Brooks Susman, Scholar, Rabbi Emeritus

Celebrate the publication of Dr. Bellitto's latest book!

Explore how Dante's timeless wisdom can illuminate virtue, character, and faith.

Wed Oct 7 | 10 am–noon | XHUMN 372 | \$69
Includes full breakfast



OCT 1

S **Financial Strategies for Retirement**

Joseph P. Silvestri, CFP, ChFC, CLTC & Chester O. Gordon IV, CFP, Arkhitekton

Explore practical strategies for building retirement income, managing investments, planning for long-term care, and making informed financial decisions for the years ahead.

Thu Oct 1–15 | 6–9 pm | 3 Sessions | XFING 094 | \$79

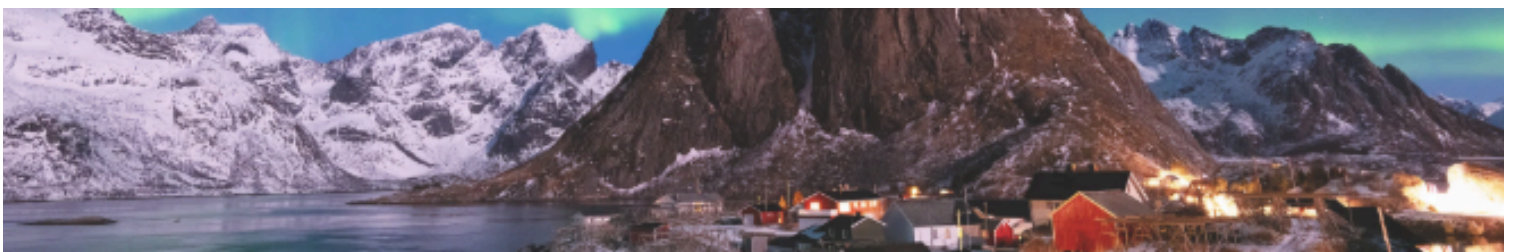
Please Note: Spouses or partners may attend at no additional charge

H **Arctic Norway: Life at the Top of the World**

John Rossi, Lecturer, New York University

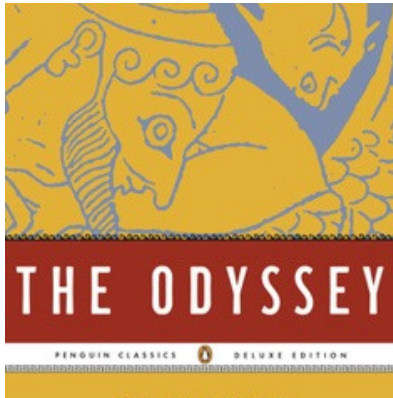
Discover Norway's Arctic frontier through Longyearbyen, dramatic fjords, polar wildlife, and the remarkable people who thrive in one of the world's northernmost communities.

Thu Oct 1 | 10:30 am–12:30 pm | XHUMN 394 | \$49



OCTOBER

OCT 5



H The Odyssey: A Timeless Journey

Regina Wackerman, MFA

Explore Homer's *Odyssey* while discovering the timeless themes of resilience, identity, perseverance, and belonging that continue to resonate with readers today.

Mon Oct 5-26 | 10:30 am-noon | 4 Sessions | XHUML 131 | \$89

Please Note: The Robert Fagles translation will be used.



A Wire Jewelry Workshop

Robin Malik, Artist

Create original wire jewelry while learning metalworking techniques with wire, beads, and gemstones. No experience is necessary.

Mon Oct 5-Nov 9 | 12:30-2 pm | 6 Sessions | XARTC 164 | \$165

Please Note: A list of starter supplies (approximately \$25) will be emailed before the first class.



W Cultivating Presence: Pathways to a Meditative Life

Lauren Grogan, Holistic Health Counselor & Yoga Teacher

Discover how mindfulness and meditation can foster greater calm, resilience, and self-awareness through accessible practices designed for everyday life.

Mon Oct 5-26 | 10 am-noon | 4 Sessions | XHEAF 300 | \$99

OCT 6



H Gulliver's Travels: 300 Years & Counting

Patrick McGowan, MA, Irish Heritage Instructor

Explore Jonathan Swift's enduring masterpiece through its wit, satire, and timeless observations on human nature while considering its lasting influence on literature and popular culture.

Tue Oct 6-20 | 10 am-noon | 3 Sessions | XIRIG 172 | \$89

Please Note: Read Book I, Gulliver's Adventures in Lilliput, before the first class.

OCT 6



H The Midterms: Who Stands for What?

Brooks Susman, Rabbi Emeritus & Scholar

Explore the competing ideas, philosophies, and interests shaping today's political parties as we look beyond the labels to ask who stands for what—and for whom.

Tue Oct 6–27 | 1–3 pm | 4 Sessions | XHUMN 410 | \$99



A Intro to Machine Sewing

Betty McCarty, Instructor

Learn to operate a sewing machine while mastering basic techniques and completing your first project in this beginner-friendly class.

Tue Oct 6 | 6–8 pm | XARTC 159 | \$59

Please Note: A portable sewing machine is required.



A Acrylic Painting

Arlene Smelson, Certified Art Instructor & Professional Artist

Create vibrant acrylic paintings while exploring composition, color, texture, and technique in a supportive studio environment. Suitable for beginners and returning artists alike.

Tue Oct 6–Nov 3 | 10 am–12:30 pm | 5 Sessions | XARTF 222 | \$179

Please Note: A suggested supply list is available upon registration

“Diane always has great insight and is very well prepared. I always learn something new”

- Mary Beth Purn



W Sleep Reset

Diane Lang, MA, Author & Therapist

Discover practical techniques to quiet the mind, establish healthy bedtime habits, and enjoy more restful, restorative sleep.

Tue Oct 6 | 1–3 pm | XHEAF 307 | \$49

OCTOBER

OCT 8



H Medieval Art: Party Hearty in the Middle Ages

Michael Norris, PhD, Art Historian

Discover how feasts, celebrations, and ceremonies came to life through medieval art while exploring remarkable works from The Met and The Met Cloisters.

Thu Oct 8 | 1–3 pm | XHUMN 397 | \$49

OCT 9



H Elizabeth I: Part 1, 1558–1580

Dell O'Hara, PhD

Examine the challenges Elizabeth I faced during the first decades of her reign and how her leadership helped shape one of England's most remarkable eras.

Fri Oct 9–23 | 10 am–noon | 3 Sessions | XHUMN 396 | \$89

OCT 10

Nonfiction Writing

Barry M. Putt, Award Winning Writer

Develop a nonfiction book proposal while exploring research, publishing, and professional writing strategies for bringing your ideas to print.

Sat Oct 10 & 17 | 9:30 am–12:30 pm
2 Sessions | XWRIT 090 | \$89

Marketing for Writers

Barry M. Putt, Award Winning Writer

Learn practical strategies for promoting your writing, connecting with publishers, and building a professional presence in today's publishing marketplace.

Sat Oct 10 & 17 | 1–2:30 pm
2 Sessions | XWRIT 091 | \$89

*“Excellent. Barry was very well prepared. I learned a lot.
Inspiring! Motivating!”*

OCT 10



R Pickleball: Beginner Bootcamp

Certified Pickleball Instructors, Colts Neck Racquet Club

Learn the fundamentals of pickleball while building confidence and discovering why America's fastest-growing sport appeals to players of every age.

Sec 1 | Sat Oct 10 | noon-2 pm Sec 2 | Wed Oct 14 | 2-4 pm
Sec 3 | Wed Nov 4 | 2-4 pm Sec 4 | Sat Nov 7 | noon-2 pm
XRECR 065 | \$65

Please Note: Paddles & balls are provided. Meets at Colts Neck Racquet Club. Wear athletic attire & bring water.

L Italian Conversation for Beginners

Nina Brilli, Instructor

Learn practical conversational Italian through everyday vocabulary and guided practice while building confidence for travel and daily communication.

Sat Oct 10-Dec 5 | 10:30 am-12:30 pm | 8 Sessions | XLANG 052 | \$179 | No Class Nov 28

H Walking Tour: Freehold

Dan Radel, History Instructor & Journalist

Explore Freehold's rich history on a guided walking tour featuring historic landmarks, notable architecture, and the stories that shaped one of Monmouth County's oldest communities.

Sat Oct 10 | 1-3 pm |XHUMN 408 | \$39

Please Note: Rain Date: Sat Oct 17. Meet at the Monmouth County Hall of Records. Museum admission (\$5) is optional. Refunds will not be issued if the rain date is used.



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OCT 13



S Inside the Mind of ChatGPT: How Generative AI Really Works

Matt Zieniewicz, P.E.; MS, University of Pennsylvania/The Wharton School

Discover how generative AI recognizes language patterns, produces responses, and why systems like ChatGPT sometimes make mistakes—all without requiring advanced mathematics.

Tue Oct 13 & 20 | 12:30–2 pm | 2 Sessions | XPERS 312 | \$69

Please Note: Lecture-based class; no hands-on computer work.

“Great instructor. I’ll take any class he teaches. Matt is great!”

-Lifelong Learner

H Murdered in Monmouth County

Greg Caggiano, Author

Explore four centuries of murder, mystery, and notorious crimes through the people, places, and investigations that shaped Monmouth County's history.

Tue Oct 13 | 10 am–noon | XHUMN 398 | \$59

Displaced Homemakers

Have you lost your primary source of income due to separation, divorce, widowhood, spousal disability, spousal military deployment, or domestic violence, and need to transition into head of household?

You Are Not Alone!

Displaced Homemakers Services at Brookdale Community College offers women and men no cost, confidential, holistic, customized help to enable you to reach your full potential.

Jennifer Murad
jmurad@brookdalecc.edu
732-571-7166

Questions? Call 732-224-2315

OCT 14



W Beyond the Yoga Mat: Exploring Yoga of Love & Compassion

Lauren Grogan, Holistic Health Counselor & Yoga Teacher

Explore Bhakti Yoga—the yoga of love, compassion, and spiritual connection—through discussion, guided meditation, chanting, and reflection while cultivating greater peace and connection in everyday life.

Wed Oct 14–Nov 4 | 12:30–2:30 pm | 4 Sessions | XHEAF 301 | \$99

H NJ & NY Patriot & Loyalist Militia During the American Revolution

Russ Dutcher, MA, Military Historian

Examine the competing loyalties, military strategies, and local conflicts that shaped New Jersey and New York during the American Revolution.

Wed Oct 14 | 1–3 pm | XHUMN 399 | \$49

I A Novel Idea! Contemporary Irish Fiction

Maureen D. Brady, MA, New York University

Read acclaimed contemporary Irish novels while exploring the characters, themes, and social changes shaping modern Ireland through lively group discussion.

Wed Oct 14–Dec 9 | 10 am–noon | XIRIG 171 | \$95

Please Note: Oct 14 — *Christine Falls* by John Banville (Benjamin Black); Nov 11 — *The Boy from the Sea* by Garrett Carr; Dec 9 — *Time of the Child* by Niall Williams.

OCT 15

A Studio Time with Arlene

Arlene Smelson, Certified Art Instructor & Professional Artist

Create, experiment, and refine your artwork during guided studio sessions with individualized instruction and feedback tailored to your goals.

Thu Oct 15–Nov 12 | 10 am–12:30 pm
5 Sessions | XARTF 223 | \$179

“This was a wonderful course that gave me a lot of new insights. Arlene is a true professional as a teacher and as an artist. It has been a great experience.”

OCTOBER

OCT 15

H Florence: Where the Renaissance Emerged

John Rossi, Lecturer, New York University

Discover how Florence became the birthplace of the Renaissance through the vision of the Medici family and the genius of Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael, and Botticelli.

Thu Oct 15 | 10:30 am–12:30 pm | XHUMN 400 | \$49

OCT 17

R Pickleball Improver Bootcamp

Certified Pickleball Instructors, Colts Neck Racquet Club

Refine your skills, build confidence, and enjoy more playing time in this small-group pickleball clinic designed for experienced beginners.

Sec 1 | Sat | Oct 17 | noon-2 pm

Sec 2 | Wed | Oct 21 | 2-4 pm

Sec 3 | Wed | Nov 11 | 2-4 pm

Sec 4 | Sat | Nov 7 | noon-2 pm

XRECR 066 | \$75

Please Note: Paddles and balls are provided. Meets at Colts Neck Racquet Club. Wear athletic attire and bring water.

P You Ought to Be in Pictures

Tom Waclawik, Instructor

Learn how to find work as a film or television extra from an instructor whose credits include major Hollywood productions. Discover how to land background and commercial roles.

Sat Oct 17 | 10 am–noon | XPERS 307 | \$49

Please Note: No acting experience is required. Ages 18+ welcome.



“Tom Waclawik was excellent-funny yet very well prepared and really informed. He gave us an incredible amount of great information!”

- Monica Rowley

OCTOBER

OCT 19

H Prohibition in Monmouth County

Greg Caggiano, Author

Explore Monmouth County's Prohibition-era underworld of rum-running, bootlegging, organized crime, and political corruption through newly researched stories and historical accounts.

Mon Oct 19 | 10 am–noon | XHUMN 395 | \$49

OCT 21



H The Beatles' Revolver at 60

Kenneth Womack, PhD, Author

Celebrate the 60th anniversary of Revolver while exploring the creative breakthroughs, recording innovations, and enduring influence of one of the Beatles' most celebrated albums.

Wed Oct 21 | 10 am–noon | XHUMN 401 | \$49

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OCT 22

S Improving ChatGPT: Prompt Engineering

Matt Zieniewicz, P.E.; MS, University of Pennsylvania/The Wharton School

Learn practical prompt engineering techniques that produce more accurate, useful ChatGPT responses while understanding why AI sometimes generates incorrect information.

Thu Oct 22 | noon–2 pm | XPERS 309 | \$59

Please Note: Familiarity with ChatGPT is recommended. No programming experience is required.



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OCTOBER

OCT 22



A Chasing Light: The Art of Impressionism

Jenny Santa Maria, Teaching Artist

Explore how the Impressionists transformed art by embracing light, color, and modern life while challenging the traditions of the French Academy. Conclude with a hands-on experience.

Thu Oct 22 | 1:30–3:30 pm | XHUMN 407 | \$59

Please Note: Materials fee of \$5 payable to the instructor

OCT 26

S Magic: Fooling the Brain

John Miraglia, Instructor

Explore the psychology and neuroscience behind magical illusions while discovering how attention, perception, and expectation shape the way we experience reality.

Mon Oct 26 | 10:30 am–12:30 pm | XPERS 325 | \$49

OCT 27

I Famous Travelers in Ireland

Patrick McGowan, MA, Irish Heritage Instructor

Explore Ireland through the journals, letters, artwork, and observations of travelers whose experiences reveal the country's landscapes, people, and changing culture.

Tue Oct 27 & Nov 3 | 10 am–noon | 2 Sessions | XIRIG 170 | \$69

OCT 28

H Haunted History of Monmouth County

Greg Caggiano, Author

Explore Monmouth County's haunted past through stories of historic sites, local legends, unexplained mysteries, and folklore—including a visit from the Jersey Devil.

Wed Oct 28 | 10 am–noon | XHUMN 404 | \$59



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OCTOBER

OCT 28



H Rainer Maria Rilke: Elegy for a Romantic

Brian McGackin, MFA, Professional Poet & Writer

Discover the life, poetry, and enduring influence of Rainer Maria Rilke while exploring the themes of creativity, love, spirituality, and artistic purpose.

Wed Oct 28 & Nov 4 | noon–1:30 pm | 2 Sessions | XHUML 129 | \$69

OCT 29

H New Wave Musicians: Elvis Costello, The Police & Joe Jackson

Pat Barton, Professional Musician

Explore how Elvis Costello, The Police, and Joe Jackson helped redefine popular music through innovative songwriting and the emergence of the New Wave movement.

Thu Oct 29–Nov 12 | 10 am–noon | 3 Sessions | XHUMM 088 | \$89

OCT 30

H Reading & Writing Poetry: The Power of Language

Brian McGackin, MFA, Professional Poet & Writer

Read and discuss poetry from Shakespeare to Mary Oliver while exploring poetic forms and developing your own writing in a supportive workshop environment.

Fri Oct 30–Nov 13 | noon–1:30 pm | 3 Sessions | XWRIT 089 | \$89

Please Note: Readings will be emailed before the first class.

*“Learned a lot and had
fun with the topic!
Brian shared
explanations and
integration with other
topics”*



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Featured This Month

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NOV 6



Reflections & Lessons From the Vietnam War:

Insights After 50 Years From a 'Boots on the Ground' Perspective

Robin Bartlett, Vietnam Veteran & Author



Fifty years later, Robin Bartlett offers a firsthand account of Vietnam—and the leadership, courage, humor, and life lessons that emerged from his experience.

Fri Nov 6 | 10:30 am–1:30 pm | XHUMN 411 | \$59
Includes Breakfast

Robin Bartlett served as a Combat Infantry Platoon Leader with the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) during the Vietnam War. His book, ***Vietnam Combat: Firefights & Writing History***, has received multiple awards, including recognition from the Military Writers Society and the Army Historical Foundation.

NOV 2

W Deepening Mindfulness:

Exploring Inner Calm and Emotional Resilience

Samantha Doluweera, Meditation Teacher & Practitioner; Associate Professor, Brookdale Community College

Deepen your mindfulness practice through guided meditation and practical techniques that strengthen focus, emotional resilience, and inner calm.

Mon Nov 2–30 | 10–11:30 am | 4 Sessions | XHEAF 309 | \$99 | No Class Nov 9

Please Note: An optional mindfulness app is available for approximately \$4.

“One of the best meditation classes!”

- Rosemary Ramanauskas

NOV 2

I **LIVE ZOOM – Contemporary Irish Short Stories**

Rath DeHoust, Irish Language & Literature Instructor

Read and discuss contemporary Irish short stories while exploring the voices, themes, and cultural perspectives shaping modern Ireland.

Mon Nov 2–Dec 7 | 7:15–8:45 pm | 6 Sessions | XIRIL 166 | \$95

Please Note: Readings will be emailed before the first class.



H **Jewish Life in Eastern Europe: The Middle Ages–The 19th Century**

Edith Rogovin Frankel, PhD

Discover the history, traditions, and enduring cultural legacy of Jewish communities from medieval Germany through the great centers of Eastern Europe.

Mon Nov 2–30 | 10:30 am–noon | 4 Sessions | XHUMN 402 | \$99

Please Note: No Class Nov 9.

NOV 3

H **A Concise History of The Beatles**

Kevin Buck, Author

Trace the remarkable journey of The Beatles from Liverpool to global cultural icons while exploring the music, creativity, and cultural impact that transformed popular music.

Tue Nov 3 & 10 | 10:30 am–noon | 2 Sessions | XHUMN 403 | \$69

S **Robotics & Self-Driving Cars**

Matt Zieniewicz, P.E.; MS, University of Pennsylvania/The Wharton School

Discover the technologies behind autonomous vehicles and modern robotics while exploring how sensors, vision systems, and artificial intelligence enable machines to navigate the world.

Tue & Wed Nov 3 & 4 | 12:30–2 pm | 2 Sessions | XPERS 322 | \$69



NOVEMBER

NOV 4



W Ink & Insight: Writing for Happiness & Mental Health

Diane Lang, MA, Author & Therapist

Discover how journaling can reduce stress, build self-awareness, and support emotional well-being through guided writing and reflective practice.

Wed Nov 4 & 11 | 1–3 pm | 2 Sessions | XHEAF 308 | \$69

NOV 5

P AI for Everyday Life: A Friendly Introduction

Sabrina Teekah, Founder, Bits & BYTEs

Discover practical ways to use artificial intelligence in everyday life—from answering questions and planning trips to boosting creativity and staying organized. Live demonstrations and guided practice make this class perfect for beginners.

Thu Nov 5–19 | 10:30 am–12:30 pm | 3 Sessions | XPERS 310 | \$89

Please Note: Nov 5 & 19 meet on campus. Nov 12 meets via Zoom.

NOV 6

H Meet the Presidents: Founding Fathers

Dan Radel, History Instructor & Journalist

Explore the lives, leadership, and challenges of America's earliest presidents as they shaped a new nation and defined the future of the young republic.

Fri Nov 6 & 13 | 5–7 pm | 2 Sessions | XHUMN 409 | \$69



NOV 7

H Children's Fiction Writing

Barry M. Putt, Jr., Award-Winning Writer

Learn the fundamentals of writing engaging children's books while developing memorable characters, compelling stories, and a path toward publication.

Sat Nov 7 & 14 | 9:30 am–12:30 pm | 2 Sessions | XWRIT 092 | \$79

NOV 13

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H 1854: Two Shipwrecks That Changed America

Steven Schwankert, Award-Winning Editor & Journalist

Discover how two tragic New Jersey shipwrecks transformed maritime safety and helped inspire the creation of America's life-saving services.

Fri Nov 13 | 10:30 am-noon | XHUMN 406 | \$49

"Steven was prepared, extremely knowledgeable, and interesting anecdotes! Fascinating program!"

- Michele St. Marie

NOV 18



H Cold War Culture and the CIA: Art & Literature in the Post-War West

Brian McGackin, MFA, Professional Poet & Writer

Examine how art, literature, and cultural institutions became unexpected battlegrounds in the Cold War through the CIA's efforts to influence ideas and culture.

Wed & Fri Nov 18 & 20 | 10:30 am-noon | 2 Sessions | XHUML 130 | \$69

S Data Centers: What Are They & How Do They Work?

Matt Zieniewicz, P.E.; MS, University of Pennsylvania/The Wharton School

Discover how data centers power cloud computing, streaming, and artificial intelligence while exploring the technology and infrastructure behind today's digital world.

Wed Nov 18 | noon-2 pm | XPERS 323 | \$49

Please Note: No engineering background is required.

NOV 19

H Sicily: Ancient Glory, Timeless Beauty

John Rossi, Lecturer, New York University

Explore Sicily's remarkable history through its ancient civilizations, magnificent architecture, vibrant cities, and enduring cultural legacy.

Thu Nov 19 | 10:30 am-12:30 pm | XHUMN 405 | \$49

DECEMBER

Bright Ideas for the Season.

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FEATURED THIS MONTH

BEYOND BOURBON STREET: KANSAS CITY'S PLACE IN JAZZ HISTORY

While New Orleans gave birth to jazz, Kansas City gave it its swing!

Discover how migration, political corruption, and legendary all-night jam sessions made Kansas City an influential center of jazz—shaping the music of Count Basie, Lester Young, Mary Lou Williams, Charlie Parker, and others.

Wed Dec 2 | 10 am–noon | XHUMM 089 | \$49



Doug Clark, Celebrated Jazz Guitarist, Adjunct Faculty, Brookdale Community College

DEC 2

DEC 1

P **Perception Matters!**

Cheryl Bartholomew, PhD

Examine how experience, culture, and unconscious assumptions shape perception while discovering practical strategies for greater self-awareness and personal growth.

Tue Dec 1 | 1–3 pm | XPERS 324 | \$59

“Dr. Bartholomew is a motivated and engaging instructor. She prepared the lesson well, drawing examples from the book which illustrated her points well.”

-Michael Henry

DEC 8

I **Irish Poems of Winter**

Brian McGackin, Poet and Author

Explore the poetry of Ireland’s colder months and the landscapes that have inspired generations of Irish poets. Read and discuss works by W.B. Yeats, Patrick Kavanagh, and Eavan Boland with poet Brian McGackin.

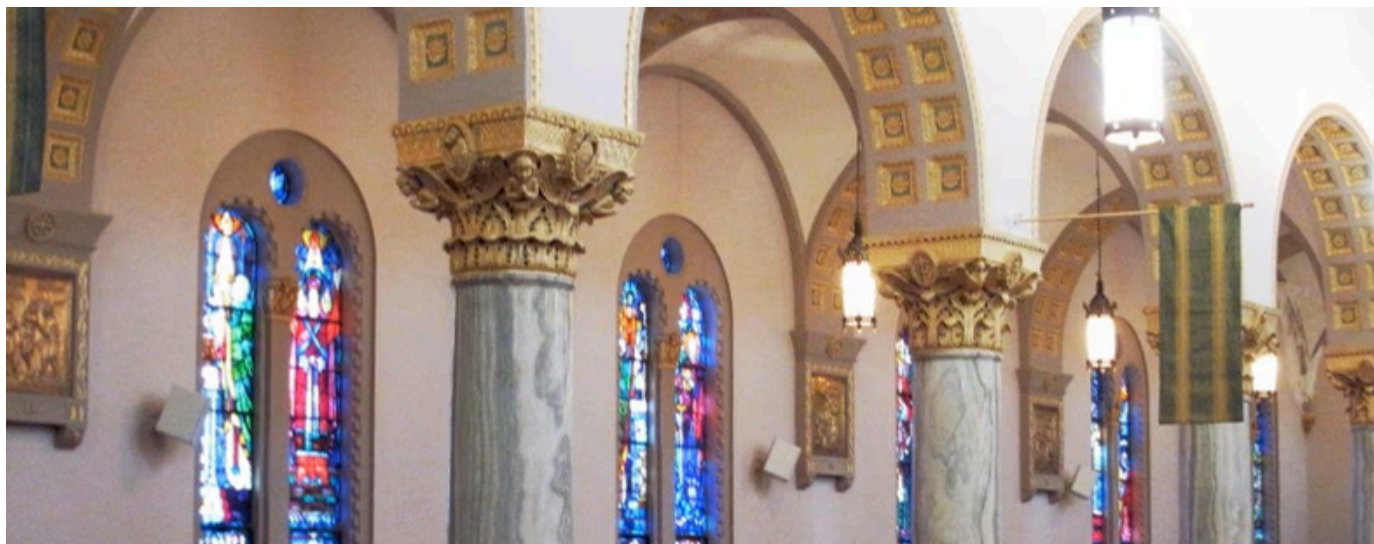
Tue Dec 8 | 10:30 am–12:30 pm | XIRIG 167 | \$49

DAY TRIPS

See Where the Day Takes You

OCT 15

Bus departs from Parking Lot 1, Lincroft campus



Harry Clarke's Stained-Glass Masterpieces

Maureen D. Brady, MA, New York University

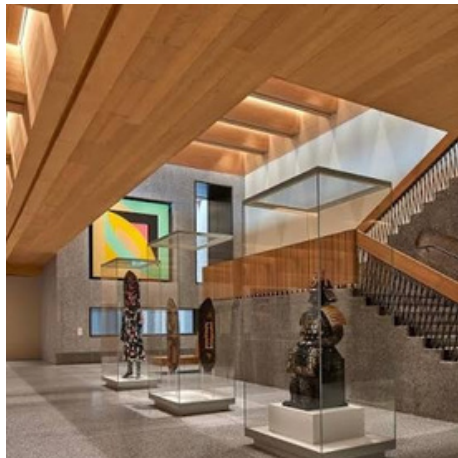
Explore the remarkable artistry of Harry Clarke during a guided visit to St. Vincent de Paul Church in Bayonne, home to 40 extraordinary stained-glass windows. Maureen will share insights into Clarke's distinctive style, Ireland's Cultural Revival, and the artistic influences reflected in this exceptional collection—one of the finest examples of his work outside Ireland. Enjoy lunch and lively conversation at Hailey's Harp & Pub.

Thu Oct 15 | 9:45 am–4:45 pm | XTRVY 345 | \$185, includes lunch

OCT 22

Princeton: Art, History & Discovery

Lesley Schierenbeck, Founder of History Chick Tours



Join Lesley for an exploration of Princeton, beginning with a docent-led highlights tour of the recently renovated Princeton University Art Museum, featuring works spanning centuries, cultures, and continents. Then enjoy a guided bus tour with stops and points of interest including Princeton Battlefield State Park; Clarke House Museum; Princeton University; Princeton Cemetery; Downtown Princeton; and Albert Einstein's former home.

Thu Oct 22 | 9 am–5 pm | XTRVY 346 | \$195, includes lunch

Coming in mid-November!

The Frick Collection & Cooper Hewitt

Join popular presenters **Christopher Bellitto, PhD, and Brooks Susman, Rabbi Emeritus**, for a special day exploring two magnificent Gilded Age mansions in New York City. Visit the newly renovated Frick Collection, the former home of Henry Clay Frick, and the Andrew Carnegie mansion, home to the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum. Discover the art, architecture, personalities and intriguing history behind these extraordinary residences.

Date, itinerary and registration details will be announced by email once confirmed.

DEC 10

Mansions Along the Delaware

Step aboard for an elegant journey through three centuries of history and gracious living along the Delaware River. With an expert step-on guide, explore the country estates of Glen Foerd, Grundy Mansion, and Pennsbury Manor where historic homes and landscapes take on the special charm of the holiday season. Enjoy a leisurely lunch at the historic King George II Inn before continuing to Pennsbury Manor. A wonderful day of history, architecture, and holiday tradition.

Thu, Dec 10 | 8:30 am-6 pm | XTRVY 347 | \$199

DEC 18



Matt Doyle: Make The Season Bright 54 Below Broadway Supper Club

Celebrate the holiday season with an unforgettable evening at 54 Below, New York's intimate Broadway supper club. Tony Award® winner Matt Doyle returns with his beloved holiday show, *Make The Season Bright*, joined by Broadway guests and his acclaimed arranger, Will Van Dyke. Enjoy holiday favorites with a contemporary Broadway flair, paired with a three-course dinner in this uniquely New York setting. A truly special holiday experience.

Friday, Dec 18 | 3-10:30 pm | XTRVY 348 | \$335



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