

## **Life Long Learning Winter-Spring 2009**

For the last seven years the Life-Long Learning Lecture Series has offered free presentations on a wide variety of subjects. Co-sponsored by the Office of the President and the Professional Associates of Fort Lewis College, the series aims to enrich the intellectual life of the college and the community. The Thursday evening programs begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in either 130 Noble Hall or 130 Chem Hall. For additional information, please call the Office of Marketing & Communications at Fort Lewis College, (970) 247-7401. Professional Associates Link:

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Submitted by Judith Reynolds, LLL organizer and member of FLC Professional Associates.

### **The Workplace: A Picture.**

Rory Mullett, LL.D.

THURS, 7:00 pm, 130 Noble Hall

January 29

This presentation will describe the modern workplace in terms of employer policy, the relationships among those laboring in the vineyard, the climate, the issues in managing it and their impact on employees. Mullett, a retired labor relations attorney, will indicate the manner in which practice differs from management theory. Of interest to: those entering the workforce, those already within, those looking back on their working years, and those counseling others on work life, not to mention the simply curious.

### **The Economy and Finances**

Gary Masner and Ali Sabeti

THURS, 7:00 pm, 130 CHEM HALL

February 5

We voted for change. Now what? Will the stock market rebound or remain stagnant for a decade like the Japanese market? Will credit markets start working again? Will interest rates rise? Will loans be available? Will we be able to make the badly needed fundamental changes to our economic policies and behavior? Masner and Sabeti of the Professional Associates will present their views on the US financial sector and economic situation. They will also be joined by FLC Professors Tino Sonora and Luke Miller for a panel discussion.

### **The Beauty of Ethics**

Katherine Burgess, Ph.D.

THURS, 7:00 p.m. 130 Noble Hall

February 12

In an increasingly secular and relativistic world, what anchor can we find for rules of human behavior? Perhaps it can be found in the understanding and study of aesthetics. In what ways do the “beautiful,” the “good,” and the “right” coincide? Dr. Burgess will use Aristotle’s “Nicomachaen Ethics” as a grounding text for her presentation.

### **As We See Ourselves**

Judith Reynolds

THURS, 7:00 pm, 130 Noble Hall

February 19

The strange and revealing story of portraiture has much to teach us about self presentation. From the great Western tradition, which flourished in the Renaissance, Reynolds will draw on examples of famous portraits and the lesser known field of self portraiture. Half psychology and half art history, the presentation is designed to encourage listeners to create in their mind's eye their own portrait through time.

### **A Drone in the House: Adventures in Beekeeping**

Haz Saïd

THURS, 7:00 pm, 130 Noble Hall

February 26

Considering a dangerous, expensive, and time consuming new hobby? Beekeeper, poet, and dotcom dropout Haz Saïd will share his experiences in the bee patch and answer your questions about this highly uncool and mildly rewarding pastime. Saïd assumes no responsibility for changes in your property value.

### **Adventures in Afghanistan**

Dennis Aronson, Ph.D.

THURS, 7:00 pm, 130 CHEM HALL

March 19

Aronson will present a discussion about the challenges and joys of living in a different culture. He and his late wife lived and worked for eight years in the Middle East. After service in the Peace Corps during the mid 1960s, they worked as teachers in Saudi Arabia. They lived in Beirut, Lebanon, for four years where Dennis earned his master's degree and taught at the American University of Beirut. Later, he took his Ph.D. in Instructional Systems at Florida State University.

### **Mountaineering from a Geologist's Point of View**

Rob Blair, Ph.D.

THURS, 7:00 pm, 130 Noble Hall

March 26

Mountains are bodies of exposed rock that boldly pierce the Earth's troposphere. Because of this exposure, mountains provide an extraordinary window into the Earth's crust, its history and the nature of geologic processes. Blair, professor of geology emeritus from Fort Lewis College, has had a life-long passion for both mountains and the geologic processes that form them. He will broadly discuss a classification of mountains and how they confront different challenges to the mountaineer. His talk will be illustrated by personal experience, ascents and treks from six continents.

### **Empowerment – One Heart at a Time**

Ross and Ellen Park

THURS, 7:00 pm, 130 Noble Hall

April 2

From recent college graduates to retiring “baby-boomers,” the trend is a steady movement from the corporate table to the humanitarian ranks, from beneficiary to benefactor. Graduates include those disenchanted with the prospect of the “money chase” and the boomers, those looking to give back after years of the “corporate grind.” Each group is ultimately searching for a way to make a difference in this increasingly interconnected world. The decision to contribute is often not a focus of the mind but a search of the heart. Following successful careers in the business world, the Parks have spearheaded a number of philanthropic projects and work closely with the college as volunteers.

### **Six Guns and Sagebrush: A History of the Western Film**

Kevin Britz, Ph.D.

THURS, 7:00 pm, 130 Noble Hall

April 9

Although their popularity has ebbed and flowed, the Western movie remains a universally recognized symbol of American culture. But what do western movies tell us about ourselves? Are they really about a place called “the West” or something more? Using clips from well-known Westerns starting from Edison’s “The Great Train Robbery” in 1903 to the HBO series “Deadwood,” Dr. Britz, historian and Director of the Center of Southwest Studies, will present a fast-moving look at how Westerns are essentially allegorical stages where prevailing issues in America could be addressed.

### **Education: Transform – Not Reform**

Jurgen Herbst, Ph.D.

THURS, 7:00 pm, 130 CHEM HALL

April 16

What would our schools look like if we wanted first-class public education? Dr. Herbst, professor emeritus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, member of the National Academy of Education, author of and autobiography and “Women Pioneers of Public Education,” will discuss the issues surrounding American education today and urge that we go beyond reform to transformation.

### **Prostate Cancer**

James Burpee, M.D.

THURS, 7:00 pm, 130 Noble Hall

April 23

An M.D. Urologist and avid bicyclist, Jim Burpee returns to give another talk on prostate cancer, one of the most popular presentations in the history of Life Long Learning lectures. Prostate cancer is the most common male cancer and shares other similarities to breast cancer. His subject in full is: Prostate Cancer, A Model for Studying Traditional and Alternative Therapies and the Natural History of Disease.”