

ElderCollege Course List Spring 2025

Friday, February 21, 2025 11am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

[The Firelands Vinyards and Wineries](#)

163 North

John Hildebrant, Jim Miller, & Bob Speers – The Firelands area is an ideal place for vineyards. This class takes us on a tour of the special places where the grapes are grown, and the wine is enjoyed.

Friday, February 28, 2025 11am – 12pm ONLINE

[Influencer Culture ONLINE...a "YOU NEED TO KNOW" TOPIC](#)

163 North

Montana Miller – Who are the "influencers" in online culture/communities? What is this trend all about, and how should I view its use and impact for me or my family?

Friday, March 7, 2025 10am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

[Institutional Logics and Social Problems](#)

163 North

Lisa Fisher – Using the lens of sociological social psychology, this course examines institutional logics in relation to how we understand and look to address social problems in American society. Class discussion focuses on what institutional logics are, how they come to be, why they are so powerful, and how they function to shape both of our understanding of social problems and what we view as possible and preferable means of addressing those problems. ****This class will NOT be recorded.***

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 10am – 11:30am IN PERSON ONLY

[Safety and Concerns for Rural Schools in Ohio](#)

163 North

Paul Sigsworth, Erie County Sheriff & Kyle Winebrenner, EHOVE School Resource Deputy – The Erie County Sheriff and School Resource officer will discuss some problems and solutions for smaller schools in Erie County. Questions and answers will be entertained.

Friday, March 14, 2025 11am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

[It's Spring! They're here! INSECTS RULE](#)

163 North

Daniel M. Pavuk PhD – These little critters are the backbone or basis for just about everything! Critical as pollinators, predators of other insects who are pest insects, and they are FOOD, too!

Friday, March 21, 2025 11am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

[GOOD TIMES the TV SITCOM](#)

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Angela Nelson PhD – 2024 marked the 50th anniversary of Good Times, which aired on CBS from February 1974 to August 1979. Good Times still matters because the Evans family presented 1970s African American culture and became a standard for future Black nuclear families.

Friday, March 28, 2025 11am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

[Native Groups in Northern Ohio](#)

163 North

John M. Mora King, PhD candidate – "King will take us on a "field trip" discovering the monument representations, and misrepresentations, of Ohio's native peoples."

Napoleon 2-part series

Thursday, April 3, 2025

11am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

Part 1 - Napoleon

163 North

Jon Carver MS – While America was fighting its War of Independence, and Mozart was composing in Austria, Napoleon was rising to prominence as a military officer and statesman.

Friday, April 4, 2025

11am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

Part 2 - Napoleon

163 North

Jon Carver MS – Napoleon: His campaigns, His leadership, the ramifications of policies nationally and across the world.

**You can sign up individually or as a series for these 2 classes.*

Long Lived the Queens: Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II 3-part series

The longest reigning monarchs in the history of the United Kingdom were Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. Their lives encompassed much of the last two hundred of the United Kingdom. Victoria was Elizabeth II's great-great grandmother. Yet, neither woman was in direct line to the throne, so what events occurred enabling each one to become a monarch? The three sessions will examine the lives, the families, the strengths and weaknesses, the reigns, and the historical times of these two monarchs.

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

10am – 12pm IN PERSON

Part 1 - Queen Victoria: "Grandmother of Europe"

163 North

Dr. Teresa Marano – Queen Victoria is associated with Britain's great age of industrial expansion, economic progress, and, especially, the empire growth. Although unknown during her lifetime, Victoria's political influence continued the development of a modern British constitutional monarchy. Thus, her monarchy became more symbolic than political and established the concept of the "family monarchy." At her death, it was said, Britain was an empire on which the sun never set.

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

10am – 12pm IN PERSON

Part 2 - Queen Elizabeth II: "Universal Grandmother"

163 North

Dr. Teresa Marano – A devotion to service—which began before she ascended the throne—was the hallmark of Elizabeth II's reign. When Elizabeth II traveled the globe, although she did not make political pronouncements, her official presence at events had the force of diplomatic statements. The longest-reigning British monarch, she transformed the monarchy and served as a symbol of stability and continuity for over six decades.

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

10am – 12pm IN PERSON

Part 3 – Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II: Two Queens, Two Eras

163 North

Dr. Teresa Marano – As the two longest surviving monarchs of the United Kingdom, what similarities and differences can be drawn among these two queens and how much influence did Queen Victoria have over the reign of Queen Elizabeth 51 years later? Who were their female predecessors and did those predecessors influence the monarchies of these two queens? The personal stories of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II provide insight into the individuals and their monarchies.

**You can sign up individually or as a series for these 3 classes.*

Friday, April 11, 2025

11am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

[McDonalds](#)

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Chuck Coletta PhD – From its beginnings in 1948 as a drive-in restaurant, McDonald's has grown into the world's largest fast-food chain, serving more than 400 billion hamburgers to customers around the world. In 2011, McDonald's claimed 33,000 restaurants in 119 countries, where 64 million customers were served daily, 27 million of them in the USA alone. Join us for a discussion of the history and legacy of this icon of American popular culture. You deserve a break today!

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

11am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

[Of Hawks and Men---The Story of Ohio Raptors](#)

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John Blakeman, Licensed Master Falconer and Raptor Biologist – From tiny Kestrel falcons on up to giant Bald Eagles Ohio has a diversity of diurnal raptors. In this presentation, with informative photographs and personal experiences, former falconer and raptor biologist John Blakeman will explain the interesting biology of these regal birds, now commonly encountered in the local region.

TENTATIVE DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 TIME: TBD

[Tour of Maltz Museum](#)

[FIELD TRIP](#)

Karen Walderzak – We will take a bus tour to the Maltz Museum. The Maltz Museum hopes to build bridges of tolerance and understanding by sharing Jewish heritage. The latest exhibition, DEGENERATE! Hitler's War on Modern Art features famous works by Kirchner, Kandinsky, Chagall, Grosz, Picasso, and more—all labeled as "degenerate" by the Nazi regime.

ElderCollege Class Modes for Spring 2025

IN PERSON & ONLINE (Hybrid) – Two simultaneous sections available. One face to face and one via zoom.

IN PERSON – Face to face section.

FIELD TRIP – Class will be held at a designated location.

IN PERSON ONLY SECTIONS - WILL NOT BE RECORDED