

# ElderCollege Course List Fall 2024

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

11am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

## [Are We Color Blind?](#)

Cliff Anthony – Do you know about "colorism?" You should! What it causes nations and peoples to do..telling a national story that is really INTERNATIONAL...and NATIONAL, like right HERE in the USA.

Friday, September 6, 2024

11am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

## [From Beaches to Beautiful People: Brazil](#)

Emilia Rosa – Explore the beauty and color of the old capital, Rio de Janeiro, find the romance, the intrigue of this powerful country, and the romantic story you will discover.

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

11am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

## [What is a Spotted Lantern Fly and Why Do I Need to Know?](#)

Thomas deHaas, MA – Thomas deHaas will explain this and more. So, we are "bugging" you to listen to migrate to the class to find out about the travels, tastes, and trees that attract this insect.

## **The Crown in Crisis (An Evolution of the British Monarchy) 3-part series**

When Queen Elizabeth II died in 2022, the question asked was "Will the British monarchy survive?" King Charles III said he would "solemnly pledge himself, throughout the remaining time God grants him, to serve" just as the Queen had pledged. He finished his first year as monarch in 2023 with varied reviews. Health issues arose among the royals in 2024 and that question has been asked again "Will the British monarchy survive?"

Why has the British monarchy not just survived but thrived while other European monarchies have been overthrown? These three courses will examine:

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

10am – 12pm IN PERSON

### [Part 1 – Absolute Monarchy to Constitutional Monarchy](#)

Dr. Teresa Marano - The English monarchy evolved from absolute to constitutional as English monarchs lost executive power and became increasingly subject to Parliament. The people, the events, and the factors that precipitated this evolution will be used to provide an historical perspective of the British monarchy.

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

10am – 12pm IN PERSON

### [Part 2 - Empire to Commonwealth of Nations](#)

Dr. Teresa Marano - As England evolved from the British empire and to the United Kingdom and its Commonwealth of Nations, the role of the monarchs from Elizabeth I to Elizabeth II changed. The people, the events, and the factors involved in this evolution will show the challenges of managing an "empire on which the sun never sets."

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

10am – 12pm IN PERSON

[Part 3 – The “Crises” of King Charles III](#)

Dr. Teresa Marano - Health concerns, conspiracy theories, social media transparency, political turbulence, family differences, lack of presence on international stage, and “slimmed down” monarchy are issues that have surfaced during Charles III’s reign. The royal family members’ participation in activities during the Spring/Summer 2024 will be examined to indicate how the British monarchy is being modernized and strengthened.

Friday, October 4, 2024

10am – 11am IN PERSON & ONLINE

[Stroke Education and Prevention](#)

Erica Reid – Learn Basic information about different kinds of strokes, their impact on your body/brain, and how to prevent strokes as we age.

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

11am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

[The James Webb Telescope, Beyond all Imagining](#)

Jennifer Ayala, MS – Learn about the newest telescope, explore the images, learn of the discoveries of the past two years about the origins of the Universe, the stars, and distant worlds.

Thursday, October 10, 2024

1:30pm – 3pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

[The Brain’s Role in Food, Diet, and Weight Loss](#)

Dr. Donald L. Cundiff – Learn how the brain influences our choices and affects our mood. What contributes to weight gain and loss or failure to maintain a healthy diet?

Thursday, October 17, 2024

11am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

[What in the World is Going On? Part 1](#)

Jon Carver, MA & Lydia Brenneman – In this fast-paced world, much political, geographic, and ideological events happen, and we are left asking, WHY? Jon and Lydia will focus on the Middle East and its problems at the current time, including the Israeli/Hamas War and Palestinian problems in general. They will attempt to focus on these and help us find some answers.

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11am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

[What in the World is Going On? Part 2](#)

Jon Carver, MA – In this fast-paced world, much political, geographic, and ideological events happen, and we are left asking, WHY? Jon will focus on the Middle East and its problems at the current time, including the Israeli/Hamas War and Palestinian problems in general. He will attempt to focus on these and help us find some answers.

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

11am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

[SUSPENSE...the writing...](#)

PJ Grondin – What do you call blind political ambition, assassinations, a broken promise, unimaginable money ...SUSPENSE, that's what!!

Friday, October 25, 2024

10am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

[Discovering AI: A Learning Experience for Seniors](#)

Julie Hamann – We will explore the fascinating world of artificial intelligence (AI). This program aims to demystify AI concepts, provide practical insights, and foster a deeper understanding of its impact on our lives through real world applications. Learn about AI-driven innovations that enhance accessibility and quality of life. Delve into ethical dilemmas related to AI, bias, and privacy.

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

1pm – 3pm IN PERSON

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

1pm – 3pm IN PERSON

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

1pm – 3pm IN PERSON

[Dance Your Way to Health & Happiness](#)

Fred & Dianne Disenzo – This course will go beyond dance appreciation and also provide the student with the tools and confidence to participate in some of the many dance opportunities that exist locally. The health benefits of dance will be presented along with dance etiquette, dance history and dance music types. The majority of the class time will have the students practicing waltz, tango, foxtrot, and swing dance steps to popular music.

Thursday, October 31, 2024

10am – 12pm IN PERSON

[Reading Horror](#)

Andrew Kurtz – After a brief survey of horror literature, we will attempt to answer the question "what is horror?" through a discussion of up to three short stories made available in advance of the course.

Friday, November 1, 2024

10am – 12pm IN PERSON & ONLINE

[The History of NASA at Plum Brook Station](#)

John Blakeman – From internal historical photos and documents the unique history of NASA's world-class operations at the former Plum Brook Station will be explained and illustrated; showing how the local aerospace facility (now the Armstrong Test Facility) allowed us to land on the moon and Mars.

Friday, November 8, 2024

10am – 12 pm IN PERSON

[How to Pay for College](#)

Rob Drapcho – BGSU experts will lead a discussion on the tools and financial resources available for students starting-- or restarting!-- a college education. Attendees will learn how to help today's college student invest in their education-- whether that student is a grandchild, a neighbor, or themselves!

## ElderCollege Class Modes for Fall 2024

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

IN PERSON – Face to face section.

**IN PERSON ONLY SECTIONS - WILL NOT BE RECORDED**