

WINTER 2023

Class Schedule

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Opens – 9:00 a.m. on November 30, 2022

Closes – midnight on December 9, 2022

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Courses at a glance

MONDAY

Evolution of Thinking on the Geology of MDI from 1836 to Now

*Instructors: Ruth and Duane Braun
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
St. John Episcopal Church, Southwest Harbor*

TUESDAY

Biblical Foundations for Jewish and Christian Understandings of Social Justice

*Instructor: Jonathan Dwyer
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
MD 365, Northeast Harbor*

Introduction to Classical Music: From the Ancients to Bach

*Instructor: Robert Gallon
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Birch Bay Village, Hulls Cove; also on Zoom*

WEDNESDAY

Shedding Some Light on Evil

*Instructor: William Bigelow
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
St. John Episcopal Church, Southwest Harbor*

The Longstanding Struggle Over American History

*Instructor: Gregory Bush
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Online Zoom class*

WEDNESDAY CONTINUED

Comfort Bird Carving

*Instructor: Steven Valteau
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Wendell Gilley Museum, Southwest Harbor*

Food and Foodways: Highlights from Prehistory to the 19th Century

*Instructor: David Gapp
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Machias Savings Bank, Bar Harbor*

THURSDAY

Russia's War in Ukraine

*Instructor: Seth Singleton
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Northeast Harbor Library; also on Zoom*

Shakespeare's "Othello" - Three Takes

*Instructor: Ann Caswell
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Southwest Harbor Public Library*

FRIDAY

NO FRIDAY CLASSES

Join us for Food for Thought and Coffee Clash presentations on select Fridays

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IMPORTANT

ASC policies for in-person classes:

- Students and instructors must be vaccinated
- While indoors, students must wear masks that cover the nose and mouth at all times
- Everyone should practice social distancing as much as possible
- Instructors may teach without a mask, provided they maintain a reasonable distance from students
- ASC will adhere to stricter rules if required by the class site
- The mask policy may be adapted for classes that involve food

As always, we will monitor changes and make adjustments if needed.

How Do Zoom and Hybrid Classes Work?

- Prior to the start of a Zoom class, you will receive an email with the link to join the class
- To join the class, click the Zoom link in the email
- The link is the same for each class session, though we do try to send reminder emails each week
- For hybrid classes, please register for the in-person or the Zoom section depending on how you plan to attend the class

A NOTE ABOUT RECORDING: Zoom classes may be recorded so that registered students may review a class or catch up if they must miss a class. Recordings will not be shared with others or posted publicly.

Sharing a Zoom Screen for a Class?

When two members wish to share a Zoom screen for the same class, the second member can register for 1/2 price. Here's how it works:

1. Contact ASC **before** registration so the discount can be applied before registering.
2. **Both members who plan to share a screen must register for, and get into, the same class.**
3. The first member pays the \$60 course fee and can pay by credit card or send a check.
4. The second member ***MUST register for the same class.***
 - If you contacted ASC before registering, the discount should display on the checkout page. Go ahead and pay by credit card or choose to pay by check.
 - If you **have not** contacted ASC before registering, choose pay by check. Then contact ASC to pay \$30 either a) by credit card over the phone, or b) send a check for \$30.
5. The two members will share any books or other materials.

Monday Class

Evolution of Thinking on the Geology of MDI from 1836 to Now

Mondays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

6 weeks: January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13

8 – 20 students

Site: The Undercroft of St. John Episcopal Church, 315 Main Street, Southwest Harbor

Geologists have been visiting Mount Desert Island since 1836 to view the exceptional exposure of a variety of rock types and explain their origin. MDI has been used as a testing ground for some of the fundamental geologic concepts such as the origin of granite and the depression of the crust by the weight of the continental glacier. This course will examine the work on MDI of geologists in the context of the state of geologic knowledge in the era they were working. The emphasis will be on how geologic thinking changed over time with the increase in geologic knowledge since 1836.

Instructors: **Ruth Braun** holds a MSc Degree from Johns Hopkins University. She taught junior and senior high school science, and was a professor at Bloomsburg University where she taught environmental geology, physical geology, and historical geology, and map skills.

Duane Braun holds a PhD from Johns Hopkins University and was a Geosciences Professor at Bloomsburg University, Pennsylvania from 1975 - 2008, where he taught Environmental and Physical Geology, Geomorphology, Hydrogeology, and Field Geology. He also mapped the glacial deposits of a 9000 sq. mi. area of northeastern Pennsylvania for the state Geologic Survey, and revised the geologic maps of MDI for the Maine Geologic Survey.



Duane and Ruth Braun are coauthors of *Guide to the Geology of Mount Desert Island and Acadia National Park*. They have taught many Geology classes for Acadia Senior College.

Tuesday Classes

Biblical Foundations for Jewish and Christian Understandings of Social Justice

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

8 weeks: January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28

3 – 16 students

Site: MD 365, 6 Old Firehouse Lane, 2nd floor, Northeast Harbor

Please note that the MD365 conference room is on the second floor - there is **NO** elevator.

The Hebrew Scriptures (TANAKH) were compiled around 500 BCE and include literary traditions and sources that are hundreds of years older. The stories, myths, poetry, legal material and historical narratives reflect the ethical struggles and understandings of the ancient Israelites. Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom of God is rooted in the wisdom and justice of the Hebrew Scriptures. In this course we will have the opportunity to read, study, discuss, reflect on and reach our own conclusions with this material and gain new insights and understanding of the social justice traditions of Judaism and Christianity. We will cover pertinent sections of the Torah, Prophetic Writings and the Gospels.

Instructor: Jonathan Dwyer has a MA in Jewish and Christian Studies from Seton Hall University in New Jersey and a Masters in Theological Studies from The Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, CA. Dwyer has a BA in Psychology from Hobart College in Geneva, NY. He has more than 30 years of teaching and campus ministry experience in Secondary and Higher Education.



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Tuesday Classes Continued

Introduction to Classical Music: From the Ancients to Bach

Tuesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

6 weeks: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7

8 – 15 students in-person; plus up to 15 students on Zoom

Site: Birch Bay Village Inn Library, off Crooked Road, Hulls Cove; also on Zoom

This is the first of a series of courses designed to introduce students to classical music over the ages. The course will cover the Western tradition of ‘art’ music, and could be considered a ‘Finding Your Roots’ course covering the first 1,500 years of musical development beginning in Ancient Greece. The course will be part music history and part music appreciation. It is a remarkable story.

NOTE: This is a hybrid class and will be offered in-person and on Zoom at the same time. When registering, please be sure to choose either the in-person or the Zoom section - they are listed separately on the website. The maximum number of in-person students is 15. If the in-person section fills up, you may join the waiting list or register for the Zoom class.

Instructor: Bob Gallon is a clinical and forensic psychologist who is also a musician. He was the tuba player for The Bangor Symphony Orchestra for 35 years. He has taught many courses for Acadia Senior College over the years, including many on music.



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Scholarships are available.

Interested in a class, but need some financial help?

Easy and confidential - please contact ASC for more information!

Wednesday Classes

The Longstanding Struggle Over American History

Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

5 weeks: January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15

12 – 25 students

Site: Offered on Zoom

Americans have struggled to define their past from colonial days to the present, divisive times. Historical interpretations have long been changeable but central modes to inform political reality. Before contemporary concerns about critical race theory and book burning, we argued about the effectiveness of Reaganomics and the New Deal, the riots of the 1960's, anti-communism, the expansion of slavery or the meaning of the American Revolution. This course will discuss selected episodes in the history of historical interpretations in our nation's past and how they have shifted through scholarship, political propaganda and emerging challenges.

I. Founding a New Nation

II. Civil War Division and Reunion

III. Modern Imperial America and Industrialization

IV. Recent Times Since World War II

V. From Nixon to Trump

Instructor: Gregory Bush retired in 2018 as Associate Professor of History and Director of the Institute for Public History at the University of Miami. He received degrees from Colgate, George Washington and Columbia. He was a founder and President of the Urban Environment League, the chair of the City of Miami's Parks Advisory Board, as well as chair of the Virginia Key Advisory Board. He is the founder of the Florida Moving Image Archive and author of several books, including *White Sand Black Beach: Civil Rights, Public Space and Miami's Virginia Key* (2016, U Press of Fla), *Lord of Attention: Gerald Stanley Lee and the Crowd Metaphor in Industrializing America* (1991, U Mass Press) as well as *Miami: A Tropical Crossroad* (1996, Prentice Hall, with Arva Moore Parks McCabe). He is now President of Nature Links Maine (naturelinksmaine.org), an organization he founded in Miami in 2007.

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Wednesday Classes Continued

Shedding Some Light on Evil

Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

6 weeks: January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15

4 – 12 students

Site: The Undercroft of St. John Episcopal Church, 315 Main Street, Southwest Harbor

What is evil? Does it have an existence of its own? Does evil exist in nature? We will explore a number of approaches to understanding evil, from the approach of psychology, to that of philosophy, to that of theology or religion/spirituality. In addition to our text, *The Science of Evil* by S. Baron-Cohen, we will use other essays and articles to broaden our understanding. The course will consist primarily of readings and discussion.

Instructor: William Bigelow has a MDiv degree from Andover-Newton Theological School and studied for five years at the C. G. Jung Institute, Boston. For thirty years, he served as minister and pastoral counselor for several churches on Mount Desert Island. This course is his eleventh for Acadia Senior College.

Food and Foodways: Highlights from Prehistory to the 19th Century

Wednesdays, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

6 weeks: January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15

5 – 15 students

Site: Machias Savings Bank, 96 Cottage Street, Bar Harbor

This course follows the development and characteristics of Western foodways beginning with the paleolithic diet. Topics for discussion will include the origins of agriculture and foodways in classical Greece and Rome and the medieval period. We will discuss days of abstinence, the increasing need for fish and the demand for salt and spices, involving the Columbian Exchange and globalization of food. Finally, we will consider the emergence of a scientific approach to nutrition during the 19th century. Other topics may include gluttony, famine, seeds and seed vaults, beverages, food representation in Western art, and food fraud and adulteration.

This course draws on information on food and food history that was a part of David's interdisciplinary, non-majors Food for Thought course that he taught eleven times at Hamilton College in New York.

Instructor: David Gapp has a BS and MA in Biology from College of William and Mary, received his PhD from Boston University, and conducted postdoctoral research at the Jackson Laboratory. David was a Biology Professor at Hamilton College where he taught Biology of Reproduction, Food for Thought, Vertebrate Physiology, General Endocrinology, and Integrative Animal Biology courses for 40 years. David taught a previous course for Acadia Senior College in April 2022.

Wednesday Classes Continued

Comfort Bird Carving

Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

4 weeks: January 11, 18, 25, February 1

4 – 10 students

Site: Wendell Gilley Museum, 4 Herrick Road, Southwest Harbor

A comfort bird is a small, simple hardwood bird carving meant to fit in one's pocket. Comfort birds are sanded very smooth and not painted so they feel very good in the hand. The comfort birds we will make are of Butternut, a tree related to Black Walnut, that is relatively soft and easy to carve. After sanding with several increasingly fine grits of sandpaper until a very smooth surface is achieved we will finish our carvings with Watco oil to bring out the natural luster of Butternut. This is a beginning carving class to learn the basics of carving with a knife so the design has limited details.



Instructor: Steve Valteau is the artist-in-residence at the Wendell Gilley Museum, a job he has held for more than 35 years, combining his college degree in biology with his love of the natural world and his talent for bird carving, an art form he started learning at the age of 11.

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Thursday Classes

Russia's War in Ukraine

Thursdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

6 weeks: January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16

10 – 25 students in-person; plus up to 15 students on Zoom

Site: Mellon Room, Northeast Harbor Library, 1 Joy Road, Northeast Harbor; also on Zoom



We begin with history - Kievan Rus a thousand years ago; the empire of the Tsars; Ukraine in Soviet times and after independence. Then we move on to Putin, his way of ruling Russia, his worldview and Eurasian ideology, and the origins of the present war. We consider the events of the war and its military, diplomatic, economic, and propaganda dimensions. Finally, what have we learned and what are the prospects for peace?

Participants will add their voices to the discussion. By week, our topics will be:

1. Is Ukraine really a nation? Some history.
2. Ukraine in Soviet times. The Soviet hangover: corruption and politics after independence.
3. Putin's Russia. Putin's hostility toward the West. His aim to restore "The Russian world". How Putin created the Ukrainian nation by not recognizing its existence.
4. The war. Russian miscalculations and Ukrainian resistance. Western sanctions and NATO military aid. Ukraine's victories and Russian escalation. The Russian home front.
5. The economic front. Russia's energy weapon. Will cold kitchens and energy prices break Western unity and sanctions? Policy in Germany, the EU, and the United States. Blockade and world food supply. Influence and attitudes of China, India, and other emerging countries.
6. The situation as of February 16, 2023. Peace initiatives. Lessons. Possible outcomes.

NOTE: This is a hybrid class and will be offered in-person and on Zoom at the same time. When registering, please be sure to choose either the in-person or the Zoom section - they are listed separately on the website. The maximum number of in-person students is 25 and the maximum number of online students is 15. Preference for the Zoom section will be given to those away from MDI or who cannot attend a live session.

Instructor: Seth Singleton studied Russian history and literature at Harvard and international relations at Yale. He has worked at the Harvard Russian Research Center (now the Davis Center) and the Kennan Institute and was consultant on Soviet foreign policy to the US government. He has traveled to all parts of the former Soviet Union and lived in Russia in 1991 and 1992 as the Soviet Union collapsed.

Seth teaches at the University of Maine. Seth and Charlotte live in Hall Quarry and appreciate the vibrant and engaged MDI community.

Thursday Classes Continued

Shakespeare's "Othello" – Three Takes

Thursdays, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

6 weeks: January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16

10 – 15 students

Site: Clark Room, Southwest Harbor Public Library, 338 Main Street, Southwest Harbor

Othello is a Black man navigating a leadership role in a white world. This drama has it all: love, sex, violence, dishonesty, integrity, jealousy, race, class, passions of every sort. Shakespeare sets his story in Renaissance Italy. But what if Othello lived in our own time? What if he were the first Black police commissioner of London? Or a basketball star at an elite prep school in the American South? We will read and discuss the drama, then view three film versions, two of which are reimagined for our own era.

Instructor: Ann Caswell retired to Seal Cove after teaching English in Philadelphia public Schools for thirty years. She has served on the ASC Board and several committees and has taught courses in Shakespeare and Nature Writing.



MORE INFORMATION

- You must be an ASC member (or a member of another senior college) to register for courses.
- Your membership must be active through the end of the term (February 28, 2023).
- Registration is first come, first serve.
- You may register for more than one course.
- Tuition for the first course is \$60; additional courses are \$35 each.
- When registering online, you may pay with a credit card or choose to send a check.
- We strongly encourage online registration, but if you want to register by postal mail, please print and mail the form on the last page.
- Registration forms sent by postal mail and received prior to registration will be processed beginning at 10:00 a.m. on November 30th.
- When registering by mail, please fill out the registration form completely. You may list alternate classes in case your first choice(s) is/are filled.
- Registration requests received after December 9, 2022, will be honored with instructor approval. In these cases, students must purchase their own books, if applicable.
- If a class has an assigned book, it will be available for pick up at Sherman's in Bar Harbor one to two weeks before the start of the term. Books are included in your course fee.

Member of another senior college? Please call or email to register.

Instructor using a course credit? Contact ASC **before** registration so we can give you a credit. When you register, the credit will be applied automatically on the checkout page. If you haven't contacted us before registration, go ahead and register online as usual and choose "Pay by check." Then contact the office to confirm your registration.

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HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE

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and closes at midnight on December 9th**

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1. Log in to your ASC account.
2. Go to www.acadiaseniorcollege.org/courses.
3. Review the class offerings.
4. Click  **Enroll** below the course description. *Please note that the Enroll link does not display until registration opens at 9:00 a.m.*
5. Once you have enrolled in the class(es) you want, click the "Go to your cart" link in the upper right of the screen. This will take you to the Enrollments screen where you can choose to pay by credit card or by check.

IMPORTANT

You must know your username and password to log in and register for courses online.

Please take a moment to log in to the website before registration starts.

If you need help please call or email.

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MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM • WINTER 2023

Please use one form per member - make a copy if needed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

**Online registration opens
at 9:00 a.m. on November 30th**

**Registration forms sent by postal mail and received prior to registration
will be processed starting at 10:00 a.m. on November 30th.**

Course One: _____

Alternate Course: _____

Course Two: _____

Alternate Course: _____

Course Three: _____

Alternate Course: _____

Number of courses you are taking:

___ 1 Course: \$60

___ 2 Courses: \$95

___ 3 Courses: \$130

___ 4 Courses: \$165

***Please contact us about
scholarships***

Total Course Fees: _____

Annual Membership Fee: _____ (\$35 per year, or \$90 for 3 years)

Additional donation: _____

TOTAL DUE: _____

___ Credit Card ___ Check

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVC Code: _____

Name on Card: _____

Please make checks payable to Acadia Senior College and mail to:

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