

Campaign for Sustainability

This fall, LLI at Virginia Tech is launching a campaign for future sustainability. Now in its seventh year, LLI has become an important part of the quality of life for 50+ adults and retirees in the New River Valley and beyond. We have come to cherish the lively lectures, passionate instructors, and great conversations with other members. Our goal now is to make sure that these opportunities continue into the future.

While VT Continuing and Professional Education (CPE) provided partial financial support as we launched LLI, we are expected to fully cover our costs, including the costs of services provided by CPE. We have met this expectation in the last several terms by reducing costs of catalog printing and rental of venues, and depending heavily on volunteers. While volunteers will always be a part of LLI, we need to chart a path that leads to more professional staffing if we hope to sustain and grow a vibrant program.

To achieve long-term sustainability, the LLI Board has launched a two-pronged strategy this fall: recruiting business sponsors and creating an annual member campaign for charitable gifts. The Finance Committee has already successfully recruited our first ever sponsors for 2021-22. We are heartened by their interest and commitment to LLI and its members! They are listed below – please thank them and support their businesses.

Soon you will hear more about the member fundraising campaign after Fall classes begin. We hope that you will invest in our future by making a contribution to the LLI Members Annual Fund each year.

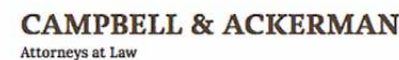
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FEES

Fall term membership: \$50. You **must** be a member to register for a course and/or sign up for special events.

LLI courses: \$35 per course. One- and two-session classes are \$15 and \$25 respectively. Some courses require an additional materials fee or purchase of a textbook or supplies.

Special events are free to members.

FALL 2021 REGISTRATION

There are three ways to register this fall beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept 7:

- Online with a credit card ****best option****
- On the phone using a credit card
- Walk-in or mail-in registration with paper form and check or credit card

Registration details are available on the LLI website. Please contact CPE Registration at 540-231-5182 if you need help.

Please note that many classes have limited seats available. Early registration is recommended.

FEE WAIVERS

The Lifelong Learning Institute is committed to accessible and affordable educational opportunities for NRV residents. Requests for fee waivers should be addressed to the LLI Registrar, phone 540-231-4364. All requests are confidential.

GUESTS

LLI members are asked not to share Zoom access links for courses or events with any unregistered person.

REFUNDS

Membership fees are not refundable. However, if LLI cancels a course for any reason and the member has not enrolled for any other activity, the membership fee and the course fee may be refunded.

A member must cancel enrollment one week prior to the first session of the class to receive a refund of the course fee.

CONTACT INFORMATION

LLI registrar, 540-231-4364, heidi1@vt.edu
General Registration Phone: 540-231-5182
Website: www.cpe.vt.edu/lifelonglearning/
Email: lifelonglearning@vt.edu

Fall 2021 CALENDAR

Visit www.cpe.vt.edu/lifelonglearning for details and updates

Week of	Detailed course and event descriptions available on LLI website		
Aug. 9	Catalog in pdf format available for viewing or download	Aug. 31	In-person and Zoom Preview of Fall Program, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration requested.
		Sept. 7	Online and walk-in registration opens at 10:00 a.m.
		Beginning Sept. 13	Classes phased in over several weeks

Fall 2021 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

LLI Fall 2021 Courses at a Glance

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11:00 - 12:30, 6 weeks Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 TED Talks (limit 20) Dean Spader Zoom	9:00 - 10:15, 7 weeks Sept 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov 2 Sampler (Unlimited) Molly McClintock, Coordinator Zoom	9:00 - 10:30, 5 weeks Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 20 (skip Oct. 13) Beginning Genealogy (limit 20) Rebecca Novy CRC, 1880 Pratt Dr, Suite 2018	9:00 - 10:30, 6 weeks Sept 30, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4 Global Change VI: Remediating Change – Water, Land & Energy (limit 50) Anne McNabb and Don Mullins, Coordinators Zoom	9:00-11:30, 6 weeks Sept 17, 24, Oct 1, 8 15, 22 En Plein Air (limit 25) Jesi Pace-Berkeley Outdoors
11:00 - 12:30, 6 weeks Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 Radical Civics: Individual Rights in the First Amendment (limit 20) Alan Graf CRC, 1880 Pratt Dr, Suite 2018	11:00 - 12:30, 4 weeks Oct 5, 12, 19, Nov 2 (skip Oct 26) Photographic Creations: Creating Calendars (limit 15) Diana George, Sandy Hagman, Carolyn Meier Zoom	11:00 - 12:30, 6 weeks Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov 3 Islam in the Modern Middle East, 1945-2021 (limit 50) Bill Ochsenwald Warm Hearth Village Center, Tall Oaks Room	11:00 - 12:30, 6 weeks Sept 23, 30, Oct 7, 28, Nov 4, 11 (skip Oct 14, 21) Supreme Court and the Fourth Amendment (limit 20) Jack Call CRC, 2000 Kraft Dr, Suite 2100	10:00 - 11:30, 5 weeks Oct 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov 5 Exploring Regional Chinese Cuisines (limit 15) Anne McNabb Zoom
1:00 - 2:30, 6 weeks Sept 20, 27, Oct 18, 25, Nov 1, 8 (skip Oct 4, 11) US-EU Relations & World Order (limit 25) Yannis Stivachtis CRC, 1880 Pratt Dr, Suite 2018	1:30 - 2:45, 2 weeks Oct 26, Nov 9 Bringing Neglected Stories of Montgomery County to Life (limit 24) Sherry Joines Wyatt, Becky Novy, Jenny Nehrt Blacksburg Community Center, Community Room	1:30 - 3:30, 2 weeks Sept 29, Nov 10 Creating Beautiful Glass Flowers for Your Garden (limit 15) Paula Golden, Susan Lockwood Blacksburg Community Center, Community Room	1:00 - 2:30, 5 weeks Sept 23, 30, Oct 7, 21, 28 (skip Oct 14) Improvisational Games (limit 15) Stephen Owen Hillel at VT, Sanctuary Room	11:00 - 12:30, 5 weeks Sept 17, 24, Oct 1, 8, 22 (skip Oct 15) Memoir and Essay Writing (limit 15) Richard Gilbert CRC, 1880 Pratt Dr, Suite 2018
1:00 - 2:30, 3 weeks Oct 4, 11, 18 Taste of Technology (limit 35) Carolyn Meier, Sandy Hagman, Diana George, Coordinators Zoom	1:30 - 3:00, 4 weeks Sept 14, 21, 28, Oct 12 (skip Oct 5) The Odyssey Today (limit 16) Peter Graham CRC, 2000 Kraft Dr, Suite 2100	2:00 - 3:30, 2 weeks Oct 6, 13 Sherlock Holmes: The Books and Beyond (Unlimited) Dan Sherman Zoom	1:00 - 2:30, 1 week Sept 17 Cutting the Cable: Streaming Television (limit 35) Tim Lockridge Zoom	1:00 - 2:30, 6 sessions Free Friday Lectures (Unlimited); register for each separately Zoom
3:00 - 4:30, 6 weeks Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8 Introduction to Readers' Theatre Performance (limit 10) Victoria Cochran & Molly McClintock Warm Hearth Village Center, Woodland Studio	1:30 - 3:00, 4 weeks Oct 19, 26, Nov 2, 9 The Best of Ernest Hemingway (limit 16) Mike Squires CRC, 2000 Kraft Dr, Suite 2100	3:00 - 4:30, 4 weeks Sept 16, 23, 30, Oct 7 Robots, Aliens, and Other Thought Experiments: the Science Fiction Short Story (limit 25) Rebecca Weaver-Hightower Zoom	3:00 - 4:30, 4 weeks Sept 16, 23, 30, Oct 7 Robots, Aliens, and Other Thought Experiments: the Science Fiction Short Story (limit 25) Rebecca Weaver-Hightower Zoom	
3:00 - 5:00, 6 weeks Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1 Appreciating Wines of New Zealand and Australia (limit 25) Randall Horst Vintage Cellar	3:00 - 4:30, 5 weeks Sept 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, 19 Famous Engineering Disasters – and Lessons Learned (limit 50) Tim Pratt, Coordinator Warm Hearth Village Center, Tall Oaks Room	3:00 - 4:30, 3 weeks Oct 28, Nov 4, 11 Appalachian Foodways (limit 15) Jean Haskell, Coordinator Blacksburg Community Center, Community Room	3:00 - 4:30, 3 weeks Oct 28, Nov 4, 11 Appalachian Foodways (limit 15) Jean Haskell, Coordinator Blacksburg Community Center, Community Room	

LLI at Virginia Tech, Fall 2021

LLI courses for Fall 2021 will be offered online (10 courses) OR in person (16 courses) – something for everyone! Online learning offers an opportunity to hear and see better, join classes while you travel, and participate from home. But many of us have been longing to gather together in person – you now have a chance to do that too. Course titles and format are listed on the class schedule. See the LLI website for full course and event descriptions: www.cpe.vt.edu/lifelonglearning.

Special Events - A Free Member Benefit

Free Friday Lectures by Zoom provide special guest speakers and a chance to learn from home or at a distance. And check out the additional free special events available this fall, some in person and some by Zoom. You may sign up for as many of these events as you plan to attend.

Free Friday Lectures by Zoom, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. (1:30 - 3:30 on Oct 22)

6 sessions: Sept 24, Oct 1, 8, 22, 29, Nov 5 • Register for each one separately. Unlimited enrollment.

Sept 24. Independence Corrupted: How America's Judges Really Make Their Decisions

Judge Schudson understands how judges really make their decisions. In his book and teaching, he explores the personal, professional, and political pressures threatening judicial integrity like never before.

Charles Benjamin Schudson is a Wisconsin Reserve Judge Emeritus and law professor. He is the author of *Independence Corrupted: How America's Judges Make Their Decisions*, a nominee for the 2018 National Book Award.

Dwight Bigler, Virginia Tech Director of Choral Activities, has degrees in choral conducting and piano performance.

Oct 22 (1:30-3:30). Citizen Kane: What Makes It Great

This lecture describes the making of the great film, *Citizen Kane*, its creators, and the controversies behind it. You'll see many film clips, but watch it beforehand if possible!

Dan Sherman was a retired economist who found his passion in teaching adult education courses on theatre and opera to a wide variety of groups throughout the Washington D.C. area and Williamsburg.

Oct 29. Science and Cultural Heritage: From Michelangelo to Maya Blue

Giacomo Chiari's work is at the nexus of science, art, history, and culture. It has taken him around the world to explore and preserve some of its most important cultural artifacts. Join us to learn how he applies his scientific expertise to analyze and preserve ancient and valuable treasures.

Giacomo Chiari retired as Chief Scientist at the Getty Conservation Institute in 2013.

Nov 5. Virginia's Quilts

Follow the steps of Virginia quilt makers as we tour through the mountains, valleys and the Eastern Shore while viewing a sampling of the quilts and learning a little history along the way.

Paula Golden loves to share the history, techniques and art of quilting with students of all ages. She is a co-author of the *Quilts of Virginia: The Birth of America Through the Eye of a Needle, 1607 - 1899*.

More Special Events!

The following special events are free to LLI members; registration is required.

Sept 22. Enjoy Free Audio Books, eBooks, and Magazines on Your Devices

Two in-person sessions, choose one.

Wednesday, September 22

10:30 – 12:30 p.m. – **Apple** Devices

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – **Android** Devices

Blacksburg Library Community Room

200 Miller Street, Blacksburg

In-person – limit 10 per session

Redistricting in Virginia: The Challenge of Drawing Fair Maps

Wednesday, Sept 22, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom – limit 24

This event is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County and M-R-F Branch, NAACP

In 2020, Virginia Voters approved a Constitutional Amendment requiring the drawing of legislative districts by a nonpartisan commission of legislators and citizens. But drawing fair districts is harder than it might seem. Join us for a demonstration of the apps being used to map possible districts, then participate in small discussion groups to see potential districts that result from choices made.

PRESENTER: Peggy Layne is active in the League of Women Voters, monitoring the redistricting process.

Voter Suppression and the Future of Democracy

Thursday, Oct 7, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Zoom webinar – no limit

This event is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County and M-R-F Branch, NAACP

Widespread charges of voter fraud in 2020 led many state legislatures to enact laws that make voting harder, especially for certain groups of people, justifying these actions as enhancing election integrity. Join us for an update on voter suppression efforts and their impact on voting rights.

PRESENTER: Rebecca Green is co-director of the Election Law Program at the William and Mary Law School.

Giving Wisely: Making an Impact with Your Charitable Gifts

Friday, October 15, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Warm Hearth Village Center

In-person – limit 40

This event is open to Warm Hearth residents.

You don't have to be a millionaire to make a charitable gift that will have lasting impact on the community or to a cause that is important to you. Join us to learn how to make meaningful and strategic charitable gifts in ways that will reflect your interests and values and have greatest impact.

PRESENTER: Jessica Wirgau is CEO of the Community Foundation of the New River Valley.

From VAMC to VPI&SU: Transformative Presidents and Moments in Virginia Tech History

Wednesday, November 10, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Warm Hearth Village Center

In-person – limit 50

This event is open to Warm Hearth residents.

For nearly 150 years, Blacksburg history has been closely intertwined with the growth and development of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College (VAMC) into a major research university. Hear stories of pivotal moments and leaders who made the transformation possible.

PRESENTER: Hugh Campbell is author of *Blacksburg Drama: A History of Blacksburg in Three Acts*.



Want to know about course and event offerings? Don't miss the Fall Preview!

Tuesday, August 31, In-person (limited attendance) or by Zoom (no limit)

Coffee and conversation with sponsors begins at 10:00 a.m. at Warm Hearth Village Center

Program: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Register for the preview on the LLI home page.