## Mary Washington ElderStudy

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| January |  | CLL-UMW Center for Lifelong Learning - also known as SCS 210 |
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| Thursday January 16 1pm-3pm CLL | Curriculum Committee Meeting I | Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester. (Chaired by Bill Wemmerus) |
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| Friday <br> January 17 <br> 2pm-5pm | Game Afternoon at the Parkinsons | Come and play board or card games. Limited to 15 participants; contact Pat Parkinson to register, at (540) 903-3526 or parkinson.pm6@gmail.com. Bring a game to share and have fun. 6306 Forest Grove Drive, Fredericksburg 22407. (The entrance has seven steps up.) (Sponsored by Pat Parkinson) |
| Tuesday January 21 10am-noon CLL | The Culture of Japan from WWII to the Present: Documentary Film and Lecture Steve Rabson | This presentation will describe the tumultuous changes in Japan from widespread devastation and foreign occupation at the end of World War II to affluence, technological leadership, and one of the world's highest longevity rates today. (Sponsored by Margareta Williamson) |
| Thursday January 23 10am-noon CLL | Olmsted in the South: A Landscape Journey Broken by War Lucy Lawliss | Frederick Law Olmsted, before becoming the country's first "landscape architect," traveled through the South on the eve of the Civil War. He wrote reports of the landscape conditions and was keen to return after the war to establish himself and his firm in a place struggling to recover. The work of Olmsted and the firm is an important planning and design record of the late and early 20th century South and their work continues to reverberate today. (Sponsored by Alan Zirkle) |
| Tuesday <br> January 28 <br> 1:30pm-3pm <br> Ridderhof Gallery | Spring UMW Gallery Tour I Rosemary Jesionowski | Begin at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery with "Mid-Atlantic New Paintings", and continue with "New Works by Clint Bagwell" at the duPont Gallery. Note unusual start time. <br> (Sponsored by Peg Johnson) |
| Wednesday <br> January 29 <br> 10am-noon <br> CLL | Elder Fraud <br> Bill Neely and Thomas Shia | Mr. Neely is the Commonwealth's Attorney for Spotsylvania County. He and his deputy will discuss the new Virginia statute dealing with Elder fraud and other related topics and problems. (Sponsored by Dave Hill) |

## February

| Tuesday <br> February 4 | Genealogy Group <br> 1pm-3pm | Aill Toomey informative discussion on organizing, researching, and compiling your ancestors' family |
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$\left.\begin{array}{lll}\hline \begin{array}{l}\text { Thursday } \\ \text { February } 6 \\ \text { 10am-noon }\end{array} & \text { The Growing Military Presence of China } & \begin{array}{l}\text { A look at how China is asserting itself militarily in the western Pacific. Professor Larus has } \\ \text { cLL }\end{array} \\ \text { spoken with us several times on different aspects of China and its relationship with the rest } \\ \text { of the world. (Sponsored by Mel Wright) }\end{array}\right]$

| Tuesday February 25 10am-noon CLL | Moral Dilemmas Don Lundry | Aristotle believes the purpose of politics is to promote and cultivate the virtue of its citizens. And those who contribute most to the purpose of the community are the ones who should be most rewarded. But how do we know the purpose of a community or a practice? How does Aristotle address the issue of individual rights and the freedom to choose? If our place in society is determined by where we best fit, doesn't that eliminate personal choice? (Sponsored by Stew Engel) |
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| Tuesday February 25 $1 \mathrm{pm}-3 \mathrm{pm}$ CLL | Administrative Committee Meeting I | This committee develops policies and plans for operating the organization. It reviews governing documents, updates the Procedures Manual, monitors finances and projects future needs, proposes an annual budget and annual fees. Members are always welcome to attend Committee meetings. (Chaired by John Thompson) |
| Wednesday February 26 1:30pm-3pm CRRL Rm 2 | Membership Committee Meeting I | This committee handles publicity, the newsletter, maintaining the web site and planning social events. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings. Meet at the Headquarters Library downtown. Note unusual start time. (Chaired by Suzanne Willis) |


| March |  |  |
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| Tuesday <br> March 4 <br> 1pm-3pm | Genealogy Group <br> CLL | Bill Toomey |$\quad$| An informative discussion on organizing, researching, and compiling your ancestors' family |
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| Wednesday <br> March 12 <br> 10am-noon <br> CLL | "Her Struggles Were Almost Superhuman While Hanging in the Air": <br> African-American Women in the Post- <br> Civil War South <br> Tamika Richeson | The plight of incarcerated 19th century African-American women, including those sentenced to die, will be explored. This was a time in which there was hostility to black males in many parts of the country, but what about black women? What types of "crimes" did these women commit, and how did society and the press react to and treat these women? We will share the speaker's research on this topic, hearing stories of incarcerated black women of the time. (Sponsored by Dennis Van Derlaske) |
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| Thursday <br> March 13 <br> 1pm-3pm <br> CLL | Book Group The Idea Factory: Bell Labs and the Great Age of American Innovation, by Jon Gertner Chuck Watkins | Bell Labs was the R\&D wing of AT\&T, and was America's greatest incubator of technological innovation, in countless areas from lasers to cellular telephony from the 1920s to the 1980s. This riveting narrative traces the intersections between science, business, and society that allowed a cadre of eccentric geniuses to create the information age, offering lessons in management and innovation that are still vital today. <br> (Sponsored by Dot Meyers) |
| Tuesday <br> March 18 <br> 10am-noon <br> CLL | Moral Dilemmas Stew Engel | Communitarians argue that, in addition to voluntary and universal duties, we also have obligations of membership, solidarity, and loyalty. But what happens if our obligations to our family or community come into conflict with our universal obligations to humanity? Is patriotism a virtue, or a prejudice for one's own kind? If our identities are defined by the communities we inhabit, what becomes of universal human rights? (Sponsor: Stew Engel) |
| Wednesday <br> March 19 <br> 10am-noon <br> CLL | General Membership Meeting | This is the open forum designed to communicate directly with your fellow members, to better learn how ElderStudy works, to better understand the issues that are facing the organization, and to vote on those critical issues facing us. In addition, new members can meet and develop friendships with like-minded persons, and long-term members can renew old friendships. A delicious table of drinks and goodies makes the meeting even more enjoyable. (Chaired by Bill Toomey, President) |
| Thursday <br> March 20 <br> $1 \mathrm{pm}-3 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> CLL | Curriculum Committee Meeting III | Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester. (Chaired by Bill Wemmerus) |
| Friday March 21 | Game Afternoon at the Parkinsons | See the August 15 entry for details. (Sponsored by Pat Parkinson) |
| Tuesday <br> March 25 <br> 10am-noon <br> CLL | What does it mean to be an "Ethical Warrior?" <br> Lt. Col. Joe Shusko | Joe Shusko, Retired Lt Col, USMC is currently the Deputy Director of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Center of Excellence at Quantico. He is responsible for the training of all Marines in the Corps Martial Arts program, focusing on three disciplines: physical, mental and character development. He will discuss values, morals, and ethics, key concepts in the development of "an ethical Marine" and "an ethical person." (Sponsor: Chuck Johnson) |
| Wednesday <br> March 26 <br> 1 pm-3pm <br> CLL | Accountability and High Stakes Testing: Who Wins? Who Loses? <br> Dr. James Alouf | Teachers and students in Virginia's public schools are driven to pass high-stakes tests. Does high stakes testing create more problems than it's worth? Who benefits from this emphasis on testing? Who loses? What alternatives do we have? Come and join what will be a lively discussion about the future of education in Virginia. <br> (Sponsored by Mary Ann Stana) |


| Thursday | Itzhak Perlman | The conductor of the UMW Philharmonic will describe the life and career of violinist Itzhak |
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| March 27 | Kevin Bartram | Perlman, one of classical music's all-time greats. Perlman will perform the legendary |
| 10am-noon | Beethoven Violin Concerto with the UMW orchestra on Saturday, March 29. Beloved for |  |
| CLL | his charm and humanity as well as his talent, he is treasured by audiences throughout the |  |
|  | world who respond to his remarkable artistry, and to his irrepressible joy of making music. |  |
|  | (Sponsored by Phil Hall) |  |


| April |  |  |
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| Tuesday <br> April 1 <br> 10am-noon <br> CLL | Navigating the Modern Medical Maze James Brooks | Many people are living longer now, but with chronic illnesses and disabilities. However, many ill people, their caregivers and even professionals still find navigating the modern medical maze very challenging. We will learn strategies to advocate effectively for ourselves or others, exploring patient advocacy styles, communication strategies, system navigation tips and ways to spark meaningful change. (Sponsored by Rose Wesson) |
| Tuesday <br> April 1 <br> $1 \mathrm{pm}-3 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> CLL | Genealogy Group Bill Toomey | An informative discussion on organizing, researching, and compiling your ancestors' family history with an emphasis on using a home computer and Internet resources. More information on specific subjects may follow. (Sponsored by Bill Toomey) |
| Wednesday <br> April 2 <br> 10am-noon <br> CLL | Schemer: The Life and Times of Charles Ponzi <br> Dennis Van Derlaske | P. T. Barnum's adage of "... a sucker born every minute, and two to take him" is ingrained in our culture. One person, Charles Ponzi, devised a scheme notorious enough to have his name associated with it, even today. We will learn about the man, the scheme and the times, and inquire as to whether endeavors labeled as "Ponzi Schemes" actually qualify as such. Society's reaction to him will be explored in the context of the question: Was he really a bad man? (Sponsored by Dennis Van Derlaske) |
| Thursday <br> April 3 <br> 1:30pm-3pm <br> Ridderhof Gallery | Spring UMW Gallery Tour II <br> Rosemary Jesionowski | Begin at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery with "Solo Photography Show by Jeff Nilan: An lowa Retrospective", and continue with "Annual Student Art Exhibition" at the duPont Gallery. Note unusual start time. (Sponsored by Peg Johnson) |
| Tuesday <br> April 8 <br> 10am-noon <br> TOUR-RSVP! | A Visit to the Port Royal Museum of American History <br> Cleo Coleman | Tour of the museum, in an old bank building at 506 Main Street in Port Royal and the oneroom schoolhouse next door. Collections include White House china. Do-it-yourself carpool meeting at the Food Lion at 10871 Tidewater Trail (River Club Shopping Center, Rt. 2) at $9: 15$. The tour has a limit of 40 people; you must register by April 1 with Peggy Johnson at peggyj888@gmail.com or 373-9102. (Sponsored by Peggy Johnson) |
| Wednesday April 9 10am-noon Klein Theatre | Play Discussion $>$ Aristophanes' <br> Lysistrata <br> Helen Housley <br> Members are encouraged to bring nonmember guests to this session | Translated by Dudley Fitts. Fed up with the never-ending conflict between Athens and Sparta, an Athenian housewife brings the warriors to their senses and to their knees when she convinces the women of both sides to stage a sex strike to force an end to the Peloponnesian War. Lysistrata is a sophisticated work with strong language and sexual imagery. Show dates Apr 10-12 and 17-19 at 8pm, Apr 13 and 20 at 2pm. <br> (Sponsored by Bob and Carole Hanus) |


| Thursday | Deliciousness: The Science of Food with <br> April 10 <br> 10am-noon <br> CLL | Cooking is science and often involves the phase behavior of ingredients. Join us for <br> lecture 3 of the Harvard Food and Science series with Michael Brenner and Bill Yosses, the <br> Jack Allison |
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| Thursday | White House pastry chef. (Sponsored by Jack Allison) |  |


| Wednesday <br> April 23 <br> 10am-noon <br> CLL | The Expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492 Lemuel Pierre | In 1492 Columbus discovered the New World, and the re-conquest of Granada occurred, reunifying Christian lands in Spain. And Spain expelled its Jews after a millennium and a half in Iberia. This lecture explains the facts and myths of that horrific event. <br> (Sponsored by Dave Hill) |
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| Wednesday <br> April 23 <br> $1 \mathrm{pm}-3 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> CLL | The Relevance of Marx After the End of Marxism <br> Craig Vasey | Karl Marx provided a philosophical analysis of modern society. Though the political system named for him is eclipsed, the concepts he introduced for understanding how capitalism works are still illuminating. We will also discuss the radical newness of Marx's idea of international political action. (Sponsored by Janet Wishner) |
| Thursday April 24 10am-noon | The Knox Family's Civil War Neighborhood (Rain Date) | This is the rain date for the April 22 tour. |
| Tuesday <br> April 29 <br> 10am-noon <br> CLL | The Process of Writing Books Jackie Richards | Our speaker has written three award-winning books: Charley Dog Two for children, A Most Uncommon Journey, the memoir of her amazing adventures at age 12, and The Pinnacle Seven which is a political mystery novel. She will reveal how she came to be a writer at age 60 and discuss the different processes for putting together each book for publication. (Sponsored by Rose Reif) |
| Wednesday <br> April 30 <br> 10am-noon <br> CLL | Gertrude Bell and the Creation of Iraq: An Upcoming Book by Nabil Al-Tikriti Nabil AI-Tikriti | Gertrude Bell was an English writer, traveler, political officer, archeologist, and spy who explored Iraq and played a major role in establishing the modern Iraqi state, using her unique perspective from her travels through the Middle East. She was esteemed by British officials and had an immense amount of power for a woman at the time. She was "one of the few representatives of His Majesty's Government remembered by the Arabs with anything resembling affection." (Sponsored by Dave Hill) |
| May |  |  |
| Thursday <br> May 1 <br> 10am-noon <br> CLL | George's Mother, Mary Washington: New Insights from the Archaeology of her Stafford County Home. <br> Laura Galke | Accounts in biographies of George Washington about his mother's role have rarely been neutral, reflecting popular ideologies of motherhood, women, masculinity, and the nature of success. Artifacts from Washington's boyhood home complicate these stories. The items, coupled with historical documents and new scholarship about the nature of eighteenthcentury life, reveal more details about the Washington family and the role of Mother Washington. (Sponsored by Randy Fennemore) |
| Tuesday <br> May 6 <br> 1pm-3pm <br> CLL | Genealogy Group Bill Toomey | An informative discussion on organizing, researching, and compiling your ancestors' family history with an emphasis on using a home computer and Internet resources. More information on specific subjects may follow. (Sponsored by Bill Toomey) |
| Wednesday <br> May 7 <br> 10am-noon <br> CLL | Fréjus, France: Our Sister City Bill Beck | When Bill Beck was mayor of Fredericksburg he visited Fréjus, a city on the French Riviera similar in size to Fredericksburg, and subsequently there have been many exchanges between leaders and citizens of the two cities. Bill will discuss Fréjus' history from being a major Roman fort in 49 AD up to the Allied landing in World War II. (Sponsor: Rose Reif) |


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| Thursday <br> May 8 <br> 10am-noon <br> CLL | Global Warming: Two Opposite Viewpoints Kermit Woodcock | Two extensive reports have recently become available on global warming/climate change. One by the United Nations Intergovernment Panel on Climate Change and the other by the independent Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change. Each has been "peer reviewed" and present significantly different views on the climate change issue. These reports will be discussed, compared and contrasted. (Sponsored by Kermit Woodcock) |
| Thursday <br> May 8 <br> 1pm-3pm <br> CLL | Book Group The Right-Hand Shore, by Christopher Tilghman <br> Pat and John Parkinson | This novel confronts the dilemma of race, family and forbidden love after the Civil War. It takes place in 1920 on a plantation on the north side of the Eastern Shore. Access to Baltimore is still by steamboat. The author is a creative writing professor at the University of Virginia. (Sponsored by Dot Meyers) |
| Tuesday <br> May 13 10am-noon TOUR | College Avenue Walking Tour Michael Spencer | One-hour walking tour highlighting the rich history of College Avenue from before the Civil War and long before UMW. Fredericksburg's early water supply and its poor house (now a residence, after being moved twice!) are among the locations described. Meet in the small parking lot between Combs Hall and William Street (first lot on College Avenue after turning from William Street). The tour will end at the General Store Restaurant. Rain date May 14. (Sponsored by Mary Ann Stana) |
| Wednesday <br> May 14 <br> 10am-noon | College Avenue Walking Tour (Rain Date) | This is the rain date for the May 13 tour. |
| Wednesday <br> May 14 <br> 1pm-3pm | (Preparation for Potluck Luncheon) | Volunteers are needed to prepare the dining space for our potluck luncheon. Please contact Eugenia Jones at eugenia13812@yahoo.com or 786-8987 if you can help. |
| Thursday May 15 11:30am-2pm | End of Year Potluck Luncheon | Join your colleagues for our annual end of year potluck luncheon at the First Christian Church, 1501 Washington Avenue in Fredericksburg. Further details will be provided. (Coordinated by Eugenia Jones) |
| Friday <br> May 16 | Game Afternoon at the Parkinsons | See the August 15 entry for details. (Sponsored by Pat Parkinson) |
| Tuesday May 20 TOUR | Tour of the National Cathedral Charles Fulcher | We are attempting to arrange a tour of the National Cathedral in Washington, and have been informed that it cannot be finalized until approximately three months before we goi.e. February or March. Details will be provided when available. <br> (Sponsored by Peg Johnson, Donna Lewis, and Pat Parkinson) |


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| Wednesday June 4 <br> 10am-noon <br> CLL | Board of Directors Meeting | Board meetings are open to all ElderStudy members. Come and witness firsthand the decision making process that ensures ElderStudy is meeting its objectives. This is a chance for all members to suggest new ideas for the organization directly to the Board and to Committee Chairpersons. (Chaired by Bill Toomey, President) |
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