

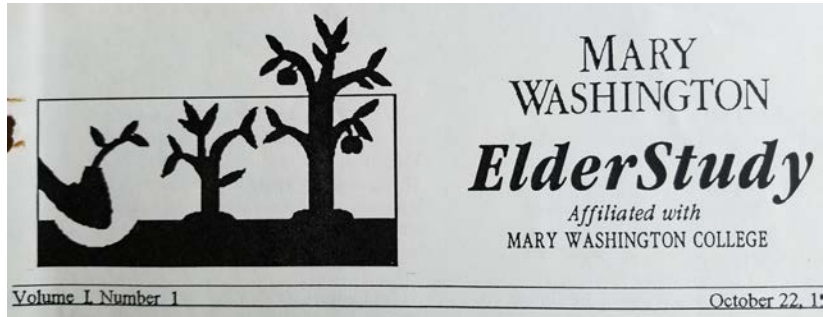


25th Anniversary Celebration

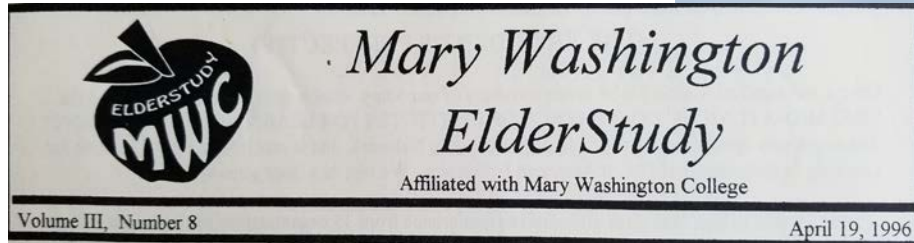
1993 - 2018

We, the people of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and the surrounding area, in order to assist lifelong learners to continue growing in mind and emotion do, voluntarily, ordain and establish this constitution.

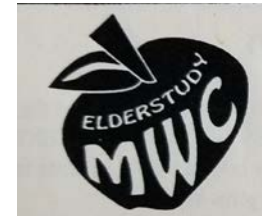
The name of this organization shall be Mary Washington ElderStudy.



1993 - 1995



1996 - 1998



**MARY WASHINGTON
ELDERSTUDY**

Affiliated with Mary Washington College

1999 - 2005

UMW
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**MARY WASHINGTON
ELDERSTUDY**

Affiliated with UMW
and Elderhostel Institute Network

2006 - 2011

Where We Met and Where We Meet Now



Chandler Hall



Dodd Auditorium



duPont Hall



Klein Theatre



South Building, Stafford Campus

Programs 1993 – Our First Program

Restructuring Our Schools

Wednesday, 22 September 1993

10:00-12:00 noon

Dodd Auditorium



Brenda Vogel

Brenda E. Vogel, UMW professor of education and director of education programs, became a member of the university faculty in 1977. Vogel served as chair, coordinator of teacher education services and director of field experiences for Mary Washington's Department of Education prior to her 1999 appointment as director of education programs at the Stafford campus. Vogel has played a central leadership role in the development of the university's wide array of graduate education offerings, which include the Master of Education and teacher licensure programs, as well as a variety of education certificates, license renewal courses and National Board Certification support. Also, she serves as director of field experiences and coordinator of public education services. Vogel has chaired or served on numerous university-wide committees. Over the years, she has had extensive involvement in the community, including as co-founder of the area's Phi Delta Kappa chapter, and as a volunteer active in local classrooms, on numerous school accreditation visiting teams and as speaker at professional gatherings.

Milestones - Programs

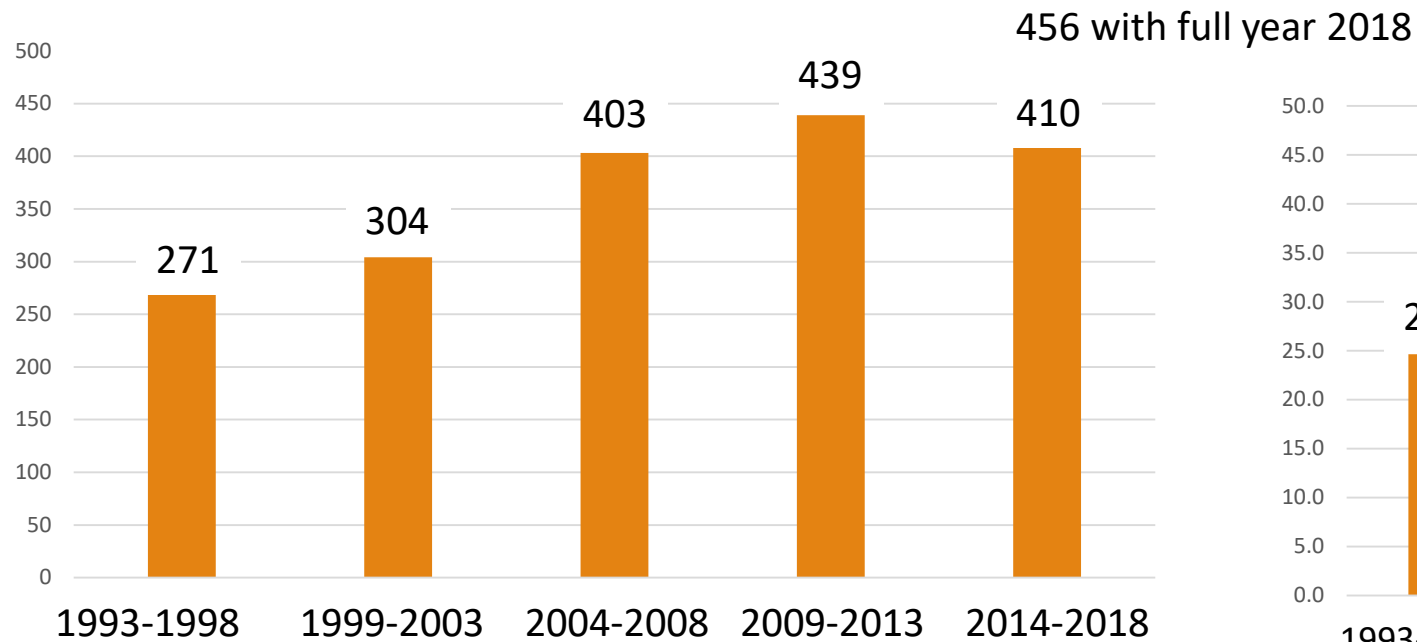
50 semesters from Fall 1993 to Spring 2018

Program Number	Semester	Speaker	Program
1	Fall 1993	Brenda Vogel	Restructuring Our Schools
100	Fall 1995	Steven Czarsty	Motor Homes as an Alternate Lifestyle
500	Spring 2003	Pam Lowery	Windows – Managing Your Computer
1000	Spring 2009	Joe Romero	Forgotten Cities – Ancient Pompeii
1500	Fall 2014	Margaret Nydell	The Significance of the Events in Syria

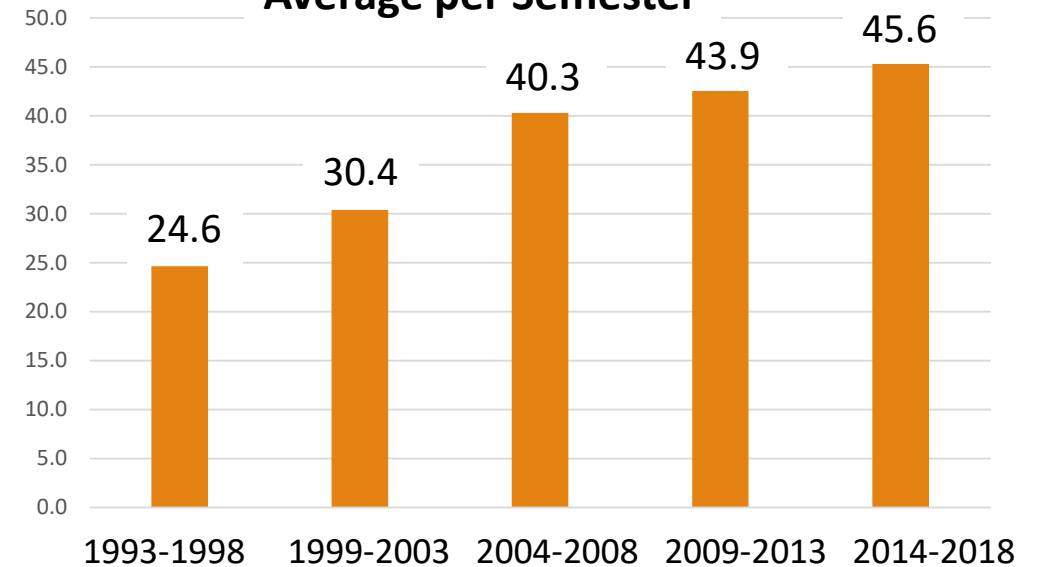
Milestones - Programs

50 semesters from Fall 1993 to Spring 2018

Number of ElderStudy Programs per Five Year Interval

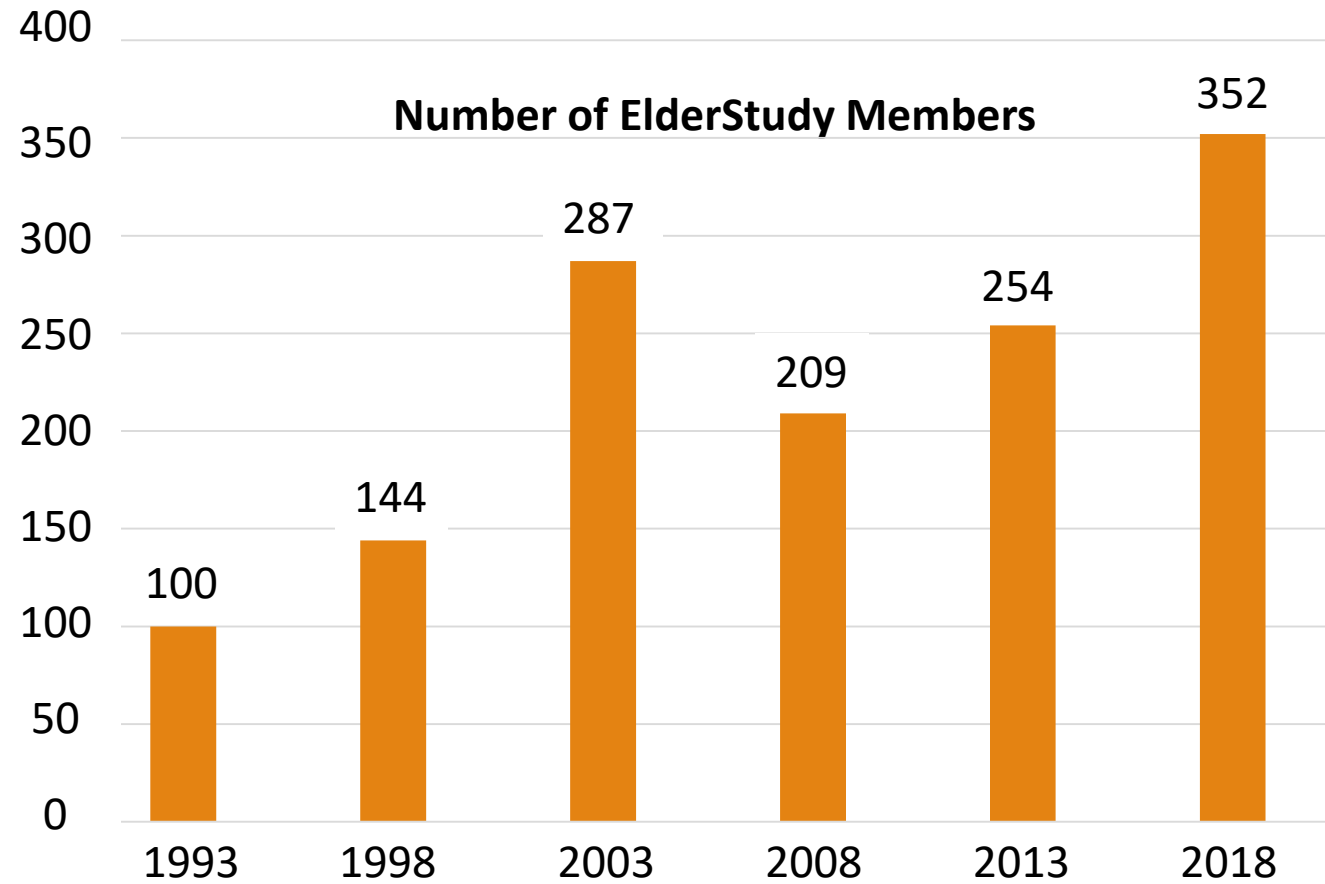


Average per Semester



Milestones - Members

50 semesters from Fall 1993 to Spring 2018



Frequency of Program Topics by Number of Semesters

50 semesters from Fall 1993 to Spring 2018

Current Program Topic

Program Topics	Frequency	Program Topics	Frequency
Tours, Galleries & Museums	47	Law, Government & Economics	30
History & Politics	45	Travel & Dining	30
UMW, Fredericksburg & Virginia	45	Civil War	20
STEM	43	Ethics	10
Book Group	41	Religion	9
Medicine & Health Care	36	Genealogy	6
Entertainment	34	Great Decisions	3
Literature & the Arts	34	Invention & Innovation	2

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Spring 1994 – Literature and the Arts

Date	Speaker	Topic	Description
Monday, 24 January	Catherine Sentman	Music For All Times	A professional opera singer from Washington DC will discuss and sing several selections.
Thursday, 3 February	Susan Onderdonk	Liturgical Music and Its History	The director of music from St. George's Church will describe and perform liturgical music.
Tuesday, 15 February	David Berreth	The Art of Gari Melchers	The director of Belmont will talk about Gari Melchers background and art plus walk-around.
Thursday, 24 February	Susan Onderdonk	Renaissance and Elizabethan Madrigals	The director of music from St. George's Church will describe and play recordings of music.
Wednesday, 2 March	Forrest McGill	The Art of Mary Sutton	The director of the MWC galleries will lecture and exhibit Mary Sutton's art.
Thursday, 17 March	Stephen May	American Art at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair	Art critic and writer from Washington DC will lecture on America Art. The public is invited to attend.
Mid-April	Berreth McGill or Catron	American Art and art of Melchers, Sutton	Bus trip to Washington DC galleries

Programs 1995

VIRGINIA

Opera

RIGOLETTO

Carpenter Center, Richmond
Sunday, October 29 at 2:30 pm



TRIP TO LONGWOOD GARDENS IN PENNSYLVANIA

On September 21, we will take a bus trip to Longwood Gardens, near Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Longwood Gardens has 1,050 acres and 20 indoor Gardens and the historic Pierce-duPont House. This trip will be during the summer “Festival of Fountains” and music is also promised.



Programs 1995 – Our 100th Program

Motor Homes as an Alternate Lifestyle

Each weekend during the fall, thousands of football fans sporting colorful hats, shirts and face paint pour onto college campuses to cheer their favorite team to victory. But these followers do more than just see the game. They are there to participate in the social phenomenon known as tailgating - almost as big as the game itself, with participants and their equipment becoming more sophisticated. Today's savvy tailgaters come prepared with a variety of meats sizzling on the grill, chili simmering in a Crock-Pot and all types of side dishes and munchies spread upon the tables. A growing number of these enthusiasts have discovered that the best vehicle to accommodate their mobile parties is a motorhome.

Steve Czarsty Sr. was one of the original members of the Clemson chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA). Clemson was FMCA's first tailgating chapter. Czarsty will highlight how motorhomes arrive at Clemson's Memorial Stadium as early as Thursday night and do not leave until Sunday afternoon -- the group traditionally hosts a prime rib dinner for the coaches' wives, organizes an away-game caravan and attends a spring rally to support athletic activities at the school.



Programs 1999

VIRGINIA

Opera

OTELLO

Carpenter Center, Richmond

Sunday, October 17

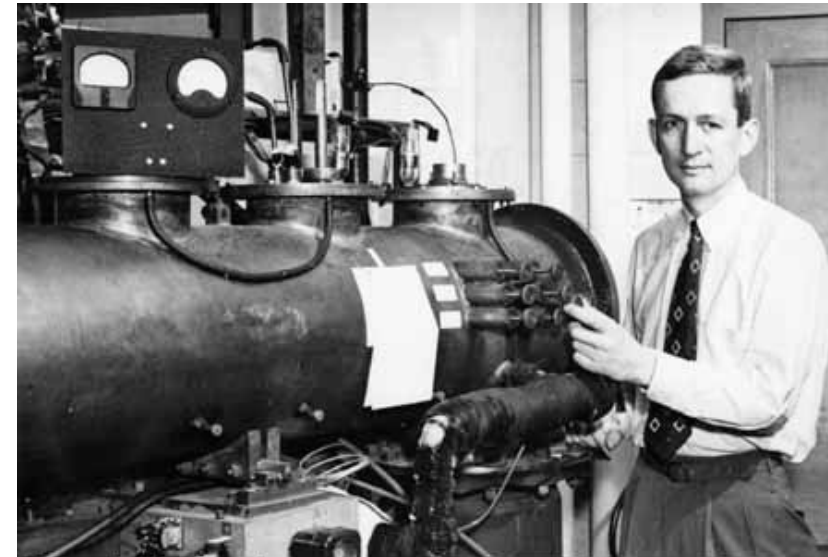
Lecture at 1:00 pm

Opera at 2:30 pm



EXPLORING THE UNIVERSE WITH THE ATOMIC CLOCK

ElderStudy members are invited to a special program by Dr. Norman Ramsey, Professor Emeritus at Harvard. Awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for the invention of the atomic clock. Dr. Ramsey will present “Exploring the Universe with the Atomic Clock” on Friday, November 5 at 10:00 am in Klein Theatre, duPont Hall.



Programs 2003 – Our 500th Program

Windows – Managing Your Computer

Pam Lowery, UMW Director of Technology Professional Development and Human Resources Analyst will explain the ins and outs of Microsoft Windows.

New features with Windows 2003:

- Internet Information Services 6.0
- Improvements to message queuing
- Improvements to Active Directory – run multiple instances of directory server
- Improvements to Group Policy handling and administration
- Provides a backup system to restore lost files
- Improved disk management
- Improved scripting and command line tools
- Manage Your Server - allows an administrator to choose what functionality the server should provide
- Support for a hardware based watchdog timer, which can restart the server if the operating system does not respond within a certain period of time



Programs 2004

RIVERSIDE THEATRE

Man of La Mancha

by Miguel de Cervantes

Program at ElderStudy: Bobby Gordon



GROWING UP IN IOWA



Rose Reif will present life lessons from Iowa:

1. Always be prepared
2. No substitute for hard work
3. In Iowa, many fields of opportunity
4. Treat others the way you like to be treated
5. Money can't buy happiness
6. There is no pork like Iowa pork
7. Rivalries can be fun
8. It's not the cold, it's the wind chill
9. Community is important
10. Be grateful for what you have
11. Keep the best things secret



Mozart – Boy Genius

Dr. Kevin P. Bartram has been director of the UMW Philharmonic Orchestra since 2002. He was previously assistant professor and orchestra director at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania and orchestra director at the high school level in Maryland. Bartram received his doctor of musical arts in music education from Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Winchester, Virginia, and he has degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia in orchestral conducting and Northwestern University in music education. In 2000, the Grammy Foundation named Bartram's music program to be among the top 100 in the nation.

Dr. Bartram will outline the prodigious talent of music's master composer and performer. Several of Mozart's compositions will be featured.



KEVIN BARTRAM – 7 SEPTEMBER 2008

How Does Judaism Differ

Rabbi Devorah Lynn from the Fredericksburg Beth Shalom Temple will explore if there is really a Judeo-Christian Ethic? Why does Judaism survive? How does Judaism approach its sacred texts? Who is a Jew anyway in the modern world? Rabbi Lynn will explore these questions through Judaism's ancient texts. (Sponsored by Dave Hill)



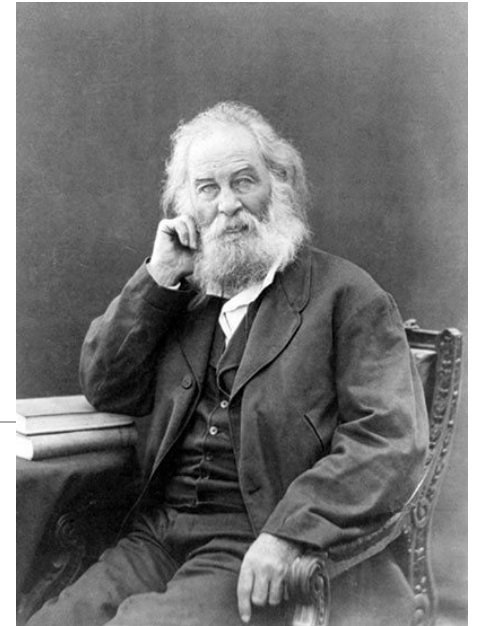
DEVORAH LYNN – 30 OCTOBER 2008



Walt Whitman

Mara Scanlon, UMW professor of English, received her PhD and MA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a BA from the University of Virginia. Her teaching and research interests include poetry and poetics, modernism, women's literature, literature of the Great War, ethics and literature, Asian American literature and digital humanities.

Dr. Scanlon will discuss the nineteenth-century rebel Walt Whitman is frequently cited as the father of American poetry and the voice for our young democracy. In addition to getting a sense of Whitman's life, including his visit to Fredericksburg during the Civil War, we will closely examine some of his writing, considering, among other things, how his vision for our nation applies some 150 years later.



MARA SCANLON – 5 MARCH 2009



Forgotten Cities – Ancient Pompeii OUR 1000th PROGRAM

Joe Romero, UMW professor of classics, philosophy and religion, will discuss Pompeii, buried in volcanic ash in AD 79. Pompeii and numerous coastal settlements were preserved as they were that day until first thieves, then archaeologists, started burrowing into the settlements from the 18th century onward. Joe will survey the life and material remains of this costa bella getaway, meet the neighbors, visit various private and civic institutions such as temples and brothels and attend Pompeii through her final hours.



JOE ROMERO – 10 MARCH 2009

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Depression and Prosperity on the Family Farm

From the diary of a midwestern farm wife, May Lynford Davis, during the Great Depression. "98° at noon, no sign of rain & oh! So dry and dusty." "Banks are not open as predicted." She recorded in her diaries and farm ledgers the pain of the Great Depression and the prosperity that preceded it. This talk will explore the economics of a midwestern family farm in the early 20th century.

Dr. Carrie A. Meyer was raised on an Illinois farm and is now an associate professor of economics at George Mason University. She completed a PhD in economics at the University of Illinois where her research has focused on economic history, technology, institutions, rural development and issues of environmental politics and economics in Latin America. Dr. Meyer has published three books: *Days on the Family Farm: From the Golden Age through the Great Depression*, 2007; *The Economics and Politics of NGOs in Latin American*, 1999 and *Land Reform in Latin America: The Dominican Case*, 1989. (Sponsored by Dennis Van Derlaske)



CARRIE MEYER – 11 FEBRUARY 2010



The Global Financial Crisis - Some Views from the International Monetary Fund

Steven T. Phillips, senior economist, Pacific Division, in the IMF's Western Hemisphere Department and PhD from the University of California at Berkeley will explain how did trouble in the U.S. mortgage financing industry lead to an international financial crisis and a global recession? What were the shortcomings in economic policy, financial regulation, and international cooperation that allowed this to happen? What can be done to prevent or better contain, such crises in the future? (Sponsored by Miriam Phillips)



STEVEN PHILLIPS – 8 SEPTEMBER 2010

KLEIN THEATRE

Seascape

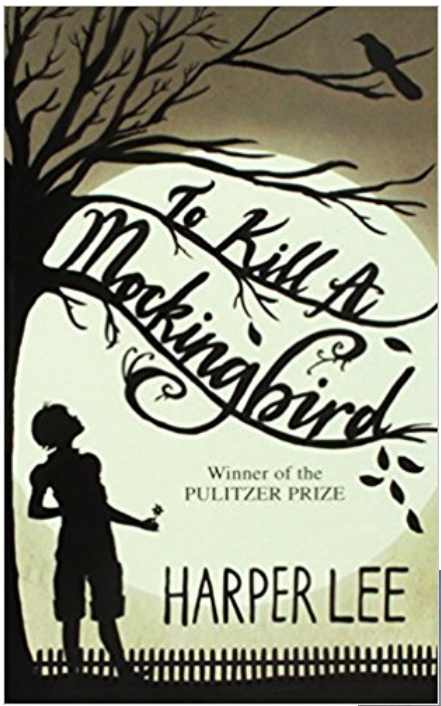
Program at ElderStudy: 9 February

Play Dates: 10-12, 13, 20 February

Two couples, whiling away the afternoon on a beach, engage in a lively conversation about the precarious nature of the life they've lived and the uncertain future before them. As they reveal their vulnerabilities, their differences become acute and challenge their ideas of what is possible in life and in love. Moving, tender and uproariously funny, the Pulitzer prize-winning *Seascape* is Edward Albee at his best: surreal, intelligent and deeply human. (Sponsored by Bob & Carole Hanus)



HELEN HOUSLEY – 9 FEBRUARY 2011



Mockingbird at Fifty

Panel discussion of UMW professors: Claudia Emerson, approaching the novel through the lens of gender; Jim Goehring, commenting on the Christ imagery of the film adaptation; Chris Foss, analyzing the novel through the lens of contemporary disability studies; Gary Richards, assessing the novel and film adaptation via sexuality studies; Danny Tweedy, responding to the novel through discourses of race. (Sponsored by Peg Johnson)



Claudia Emerson



Jim Goehring



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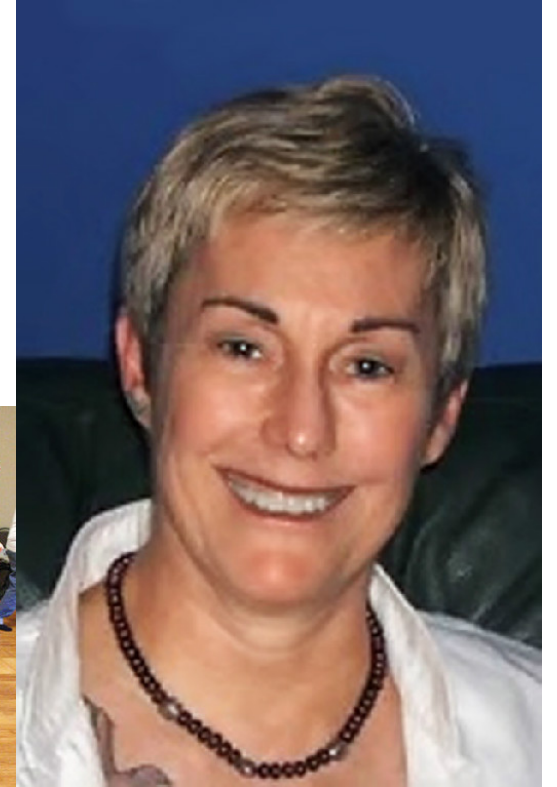


Danny Tweedy

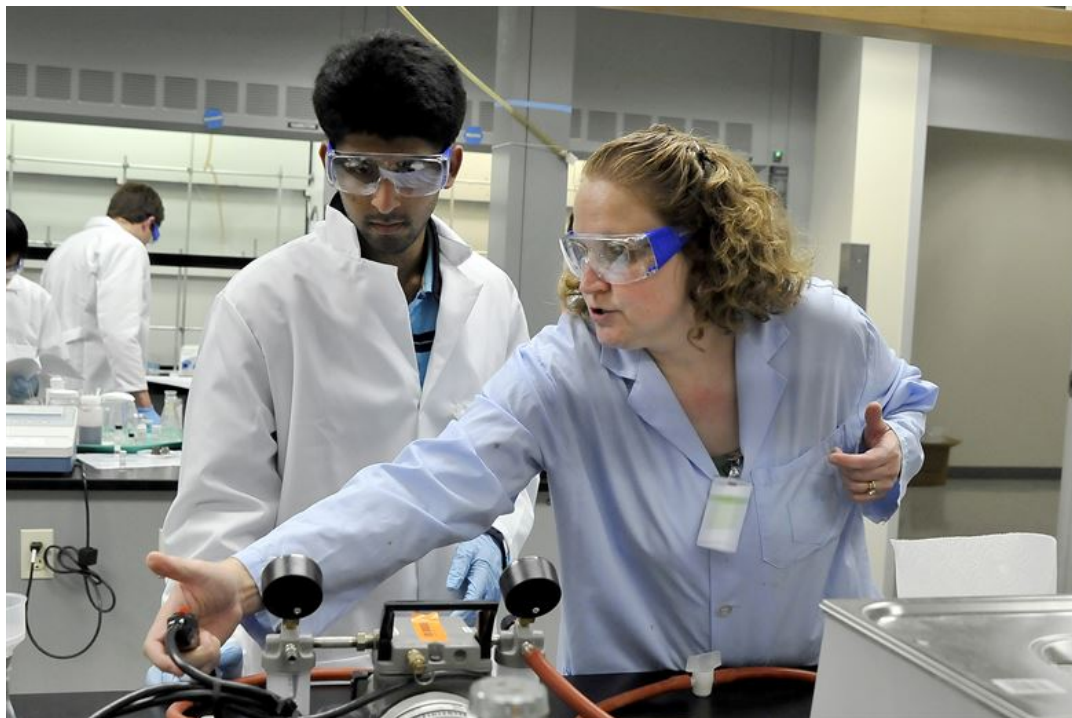
PANEL DISCUSSION – 19 OCTOBER 2011

Tai Chi

Germann professor of physical education, Donna Frelick, our Sensei, our teacher, will demonstrate an energizing form of exercise for both mind and body, Tai Chi is easy on the joints, but builds core strength, flexibility and balance while lowering blood pressure and stress. You will be introduced to the basic Tai Chi skills of breathing, empty-and-fill and moving from the center. Then you will put these skills into practice with a few simple postures. You will see how these principles work in a common Tai Chi form - the 37 posture Yang style short form and learn how they relate to the older health arts of Chi Gung. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Appropriate for all fitness levels. (Sponsored by Suzanne Willis)



DONNA FRELICK – 16 JANUARY 2013



Dr. Kelli Slunt with New York native Tayyab Shah, 17,
at the Air Force Academy Camp

Chemistry Olympics

Kelli Slunt, UMW professor of chemistry, the honors program, academic engagement and student success, will discuss her experience as a college mentor for the International Chemistry Olympiad. The Olympiad is an international high school competition involving theoretical and practical examinations covering advanced chemistry topics. Each year approximately 10,000 students participate in the local section exam and from those over 900 students are selected to take the national exam. Twenty students are invited to the study camp at the US Air Force Academy and a team of four, plus two alternates, is selected to represent the US at the international competition.
(Sponsored by Phil Hall)

KELLI SLUNT – 7 FEBRUARY 2013

The Celebrate 20 and Membership Committees worked together to mark ElderStudy's 20th Birthday. President Phil Hall welcomed the 80+ attendees to the fete and asked founder and current member Peggy Johnson to introduce the 9 founders who were able to attend.



- The founders in attendance were Patricia Drake, Larry Glasco, Bobbie Gordon, Ann and John Massaro, Winifred Relyea, Rose Marie Schlemm, Larry Valade and Peggy Johnson. Larry Glasco shared interesting and humorous insights into the beginnings of Mary Washington ElderStudy.
- Peggy also read a letter sent by Dr. Stanley L. Groppel, former Dean of Graduate Education at MWC and current Dean Emeritus, who was instrumental in the founding of ElderStudy.
- Mary Johnson offered a beautiful prayer of gratitude before lunch.
- Dennis Van Derlaske led us in singing Happy Birthday before our dessert of birthday cake was served.
- Margaret Williamson encouraged members to record their favorite ElderStudy classes, and she and Suzanne Willis read them to our group.
- Larry Turner read an original poem he composed for this occasion.
- Bob Pfile entertained us with wonderful selections. Bob plays the dulcimer and Bill Wemmerus joined him for a song.

The Celebrate 20 Committee was co-chaired by Mary Ann Stana and Eugenia Jones

20TH ANNIVERSARY AND POTLUCK LUNCH – 16 MAY 2013

Chancellorsville and *The Red Badge of Courage*

John Hennessy, chief historian for the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park and one of our favorite speakers will look at the connections between Stephen Crane's legendary book and the battle he based it on. He will pay special attention to Crane's descriptions of the experience of Henry Fleming, comparing Fleming's experience and Crane's words with those of men who fought at Chancellorsville 150 years ago. Hennessy will examine how literary historians view Crane's connection with Chancellorsville and which, if any, specific units he based his work upon. (Sponsored by Alan Zirkle)



JOHN HENNESSY – 5 SEPTEMBER 2013



The Significance of Events in Syria – OUR 1500th PROGRAM

Dr. Margaret Nydell, professor of Arabic at Georgetown University, will discuss the civil war in Syria that has cost over 100,000 lives and created millions of refugees. It has wider implications for the entire Middle East, due to political and military support from other Sunni or Shia nations who are jockeying for regional power. Conflicts will spill over into Iraq and Lebanon, and possibly Jordan. The result will very likely be new borders between regions, which were originally determined in the 1920's by European powers for their own convenience. (Sponsored by Rose Reif)



MARGARET NYDELL – 6 NOVEMBER 2014

Aging and the Decline of Memory

Wayland Marks, M.D., will present a discussion of forgetfulness as we age: is it "benign" or a sign of early dementia? On 7 November 2012, Partners in Aging awarded its first annual Gratitude Award to Dr. Wayland Marks. Dr. Marks has always had a passion for providing care to the older members of our community, and he was one of the first physicians to obtain the American Board of Internal Medicine Certificate of Added Qualifications in Geriatrics. (Sponsored by Alan Zirkle)



WAYLAND MARKS – 20 JANUARY 2015

Mildred and Richard Loving v. Virginia

Bernard Cohen, Washington attorney, with his partner Philip Hirschkop argued the historic 1967 U.S. Supreme Court decision *Loving v. Virginia* which held that prohibiting interracial marriages was unconstitutional. Bernie Cohen will discuss his work on that case and its legal ramifications, seen in the recent same-sex marriage decision. Mr. Cohen will also describe his career as an environmental lawyer and a long-time Delegate in the Virginia General Assembly where he saw more than 100 bills that he introduced become law. Among these were provisions for living wills and advance medical directives, long-term care insurance and limitations on smoking in public places. (Sponsored by Barbara Barrett)



Bernie Cohen (left) and Phil Hirschkop, the Lovings' Washington lawyers, were recent grads of Georgetown Law when they took the case pro bono

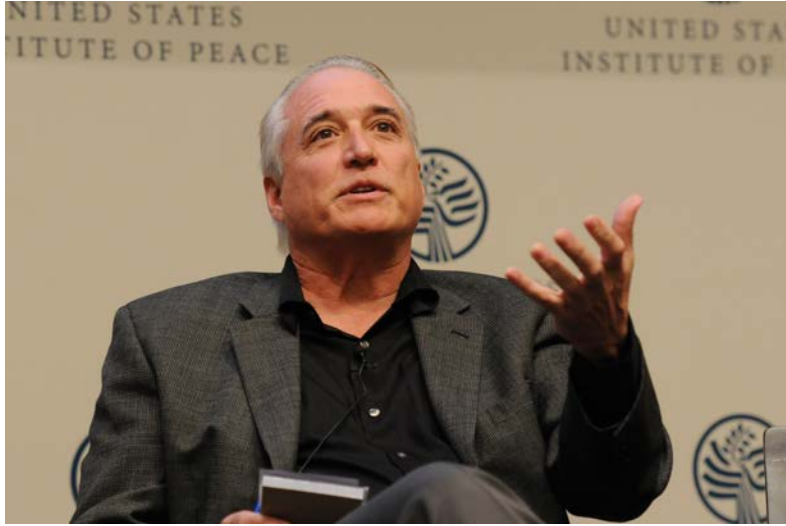
BERNARD COHEN – 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

Governor's Mansion and Virginia State Capitol

We will travel to Capitol Square in Richmond for a guided tour of both the Governor's Mansion and the Capitol building. The Governor's Mansion has been the official residence of the Governor of Virginia since 1813. The Capitol building was designed by Thomas Jefferson and the first General Assembly was held here in 1788. (Sponsored by Donna Lewis)



VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL – 29 OCTOBER 2015



College Sexual Assault

An estimated one in five women and one in twelve men suffer sexual assault during their college years. In this presentation, UMW professor of Psychology Dr. Kilmartin analyzes the causes of this violence and describes evidence-based strategies for responding to and preventing it, including initiatives at the University of Mary Washington. (Sponsored by Janet Wishner)



CHRIS KILMARTIN – 9 MARCH 2016

Meadowview Biological Research Station, Pitcher Plant Preserve and Nursery

Phil Sheridan and Richard Curzon will lead us on a tour of the Meadowview Biological Research Station in Caroline County. We will learn about their work to preserve our natural bog heritage by returning the endangered native carnivorous pitcher plants and other rare plants, to their historic ranges in Virginia and Maryland. Plants will be available for sale. (Sponsored by Randy Fennemore)



MEADOWVIEW – 25 MAY 2016

The Arab-Israeli Conflict

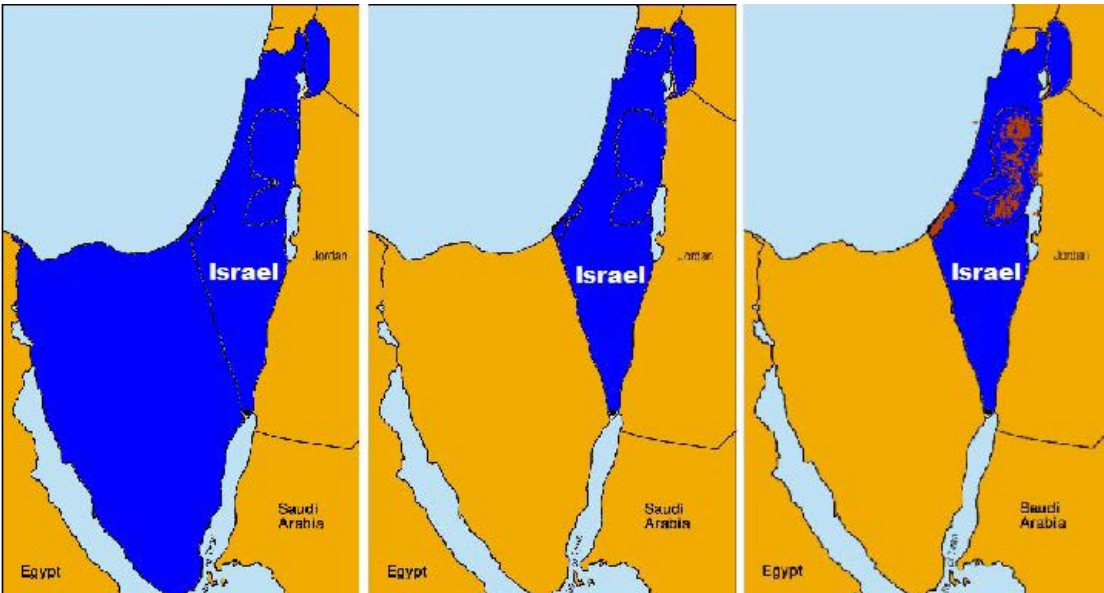
UMW professor of History and American Studies Nabil Al-Tikriti will summarize his course entitled "The Arab-Israeli Conflict." In the course of this discussion, he will survey political maps over the decades, major political treaties and trends and the international relations dimensions of the conflict. (Sponsored by Dave Hill)



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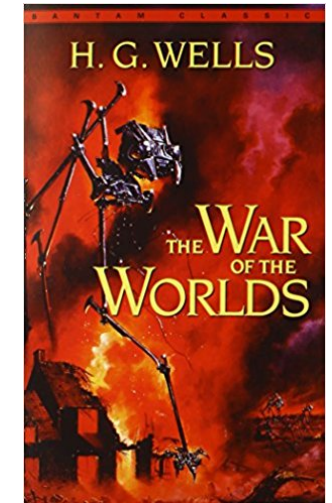


NABIL AL-TIKRITI – 21 SEPTEMBER 2016

Those Nettleesome Aliens - A Look at Orson Welles' 1938 *War of the Worlds* Broadcast



ElderStudy member Dennis Van Derlaske will discuss the famous 1938 broadcast. Bring your lunch. The actual broadcast will be replayed at 12:30. (Sponsored by Dennis Van Derlaske)



DENNIS VAN DERLASKE – 27 OCTOBER 2016

Architecture at the Scottish Border

Images and commentary from a tour my wife and I enjoyed this past May. We visited castles, manor houses, gardens, abbey ruins, historic sites, and enjoyed the incomparable Scottish Countryside. (Sponsored by Phil Hall)



PHIL HALL – 15 NOVEMBER 2016



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Elder Study Leadership

ISIS

Dr. Ranjit Singh, UMW professor of Political Science and International Affairs, will discuss the rise of the Islamic State and its historic and ideological origins.
(Sponsored by Margareta Williamson)



RANJIT SINGH – 7 FEBRUARY 2017

American History Through Folk Music

Part 3 - An American Sampler

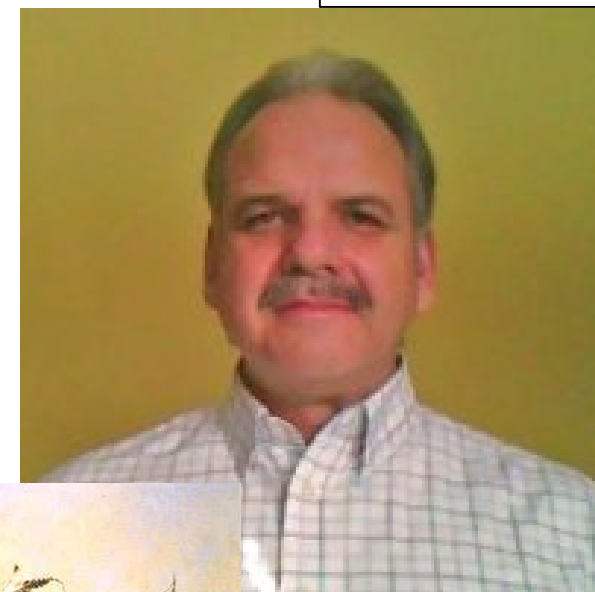
This will be a live musical performance featuring ElderStudy members Karen Scanlon, Dennis Van Derlaske and Bill Wemmerus. The songs and stories behind them, often humorous, represent different periods of American history. Instruments used will be guitar, banjo, octave mandolin, lap dulcimer and pennywhistle. (Sponsored by Bill Wemmerus)



BILL WEMMERUS – 27 APRIL 2017

American Indian Religions – A Brief Introduction

UMW professor of Indian Studies and ElderStudy member, Greg Gagnon will introduce some of the common tenets of most traditional American Indian religions and offer commentary on current religious views. Origin traditions, world views, selected ceremonial functions and cultural varieties will be described briefly. He might even tell some traditional stories and describe his experiences. The audience is reminded that describing Indian religions is a bit like describing Christian religions - not an easy task. (Sponsored by Chuck Johnson)



GREG GAGNON – 5 SEPTEMBER 2017



Ten Inventions That Changed the World

ElderStudy member and student of history Joe Alfred will explore ten inventions from the dawn of time to today that changed the way we live and moved mankind forward on the path of progress - from the numbering system and the scratch plow to the internet and the smartphone and beyond.
(sponsored by Joe Alfred)



JOE ALFRED – 7 SEPTEMBER 2017



From Sicily to Fredericksburg

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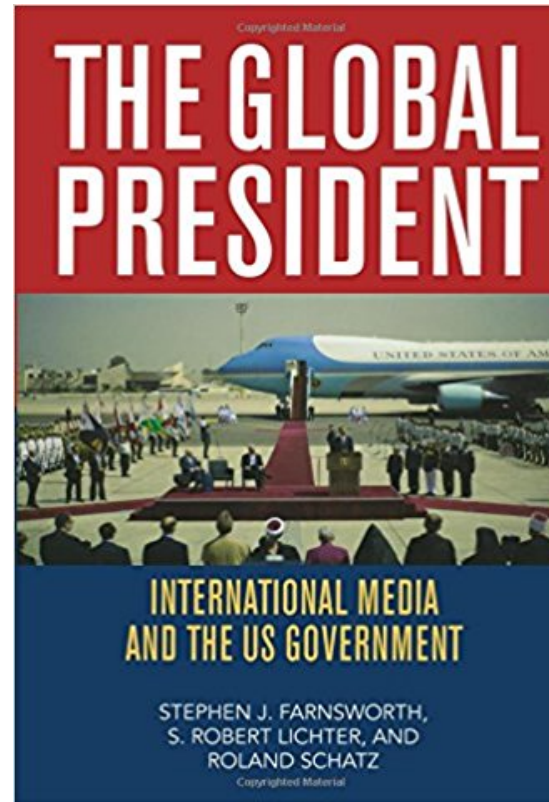
Local restaurateur Danilo Orofino will share his story with us. Danilo grew up in Palermo, Sicily where he studied the culinary arts. With no knowledge of the English language, he bravely left for America to follow his dream of opening his own restaurant. Join us to learn how that dream led him to Fredericksburg and the opening of a very popular Italian restaurant. Danilo will also conduct a cooking demonstration during the second hour of his presentation. (Sponsored by Donna Lewis)

DANILO OROFINO – 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

Upcoming Virginia Election and the Trump Presidency So Far

Stephen Farnsworth, UMW professor of Political Science and International Affairs, will discuss two topics. During the first hour, he will focus on the upcoming Virginia elections for Governor and House of Delegates. He will discuss the election's possible impact on Virginia and what trends the Virginia election might indicate heading into the 2018 general election.

During the second hour, Professor Farnsworth will give his views on President Trump's administration. (Sponsored by Phil Hall)



STEPHEN FARNSWORTH – 27 SEPTEMBER 2017

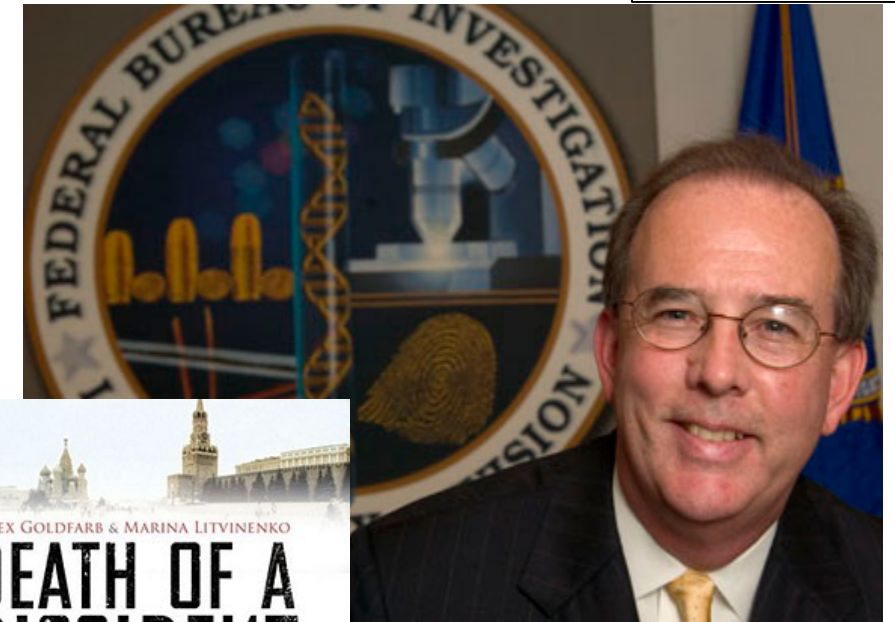
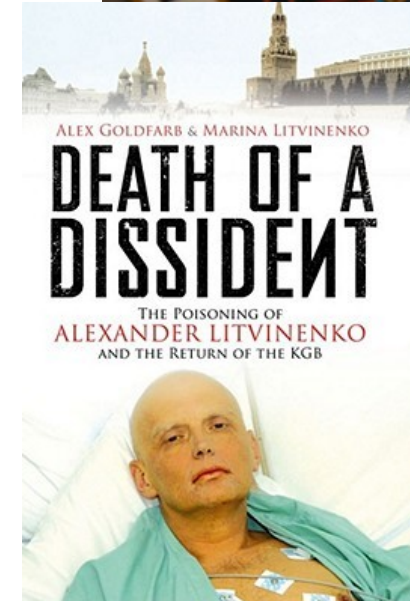
Topics by Semester Spring 2016 – Spring 2018

Topic	Spring 2016	Fall 2016	Spring 2017	Fall 2017	Spring 2018	TOTAL
History & Politics	6	4	8	9	11	38
Tours, Galleries & Museums	8	5	4	7	8	32
UMW, Fredericksburg & Virginia	6	8	3	3	4	24
Book Group	5	4	5	4	5	23
Literature & the Arts	7	3	5	3	3	21
Entertainment	3	5	3	2	2	15
STEM	2	3	3	2	2	12
Medicine & Health Care	2	1	1	2	6	12
Law, Government & Economics	1	3	1	2	1	8
Religion	2	3	1	2		8
Invention & Innovation			1	4	1	6
General Topics	2	4	4	3	5	18
Total	44	42	39	43	48	217

International Intrigue

The Polonium-210 Poisoning of Alexander Litvinenko

Ben Garrett, a retired FBI scientist, will discuss the strange case of the polonium-210 poisoning of Alexander Litvinenko, a former Soviet KGB, Russian FSB agent, who defected to Great Britain in 2000. In 2006, Litvinenko was administered a lethal dose of polonium 210 by two Russian citizens, who may have been under the direction of someone at the most senior levels of the Russian government. (Sponsored by Chuck Johnson)



BEN GARRETT – 3 OCTOBER 2017

The Great War and the United States

Porter Blakemore, UMW professor of history, will look at the European origins of the Great War, the role of the United States before 1917 and the reasons why the country entered the conflict in April of that year. He will also discuss the personality of Woodrow Wilson and his foreign policy views at the time of the U.S. entry. He will detail America's economic and military contribution to the allied victory in 1918, including John J. Pershing's role.

Professor Blakemore will also provide a sidebar look at the wartime exploits of the young George S. Patton, Jr. and the successes and failures of the Paris Peace Conference of 1919, the pivotal role of Woodrow Wilson and the legacy of the war. (Sponsored by Carolyn Sulima)



PORTER BLAKEMORE – 25 OCTOBER 2017

The Economics of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade

The trans-Atlantic slave trade was a complex international system of commerce whereby goods and services were exchanged for the labor and lives of African people. This exchange, which spanned five centuries, would leave in its wake immeasurable destruction, suffering and pain, but would also usher in the modern day world in which we live.

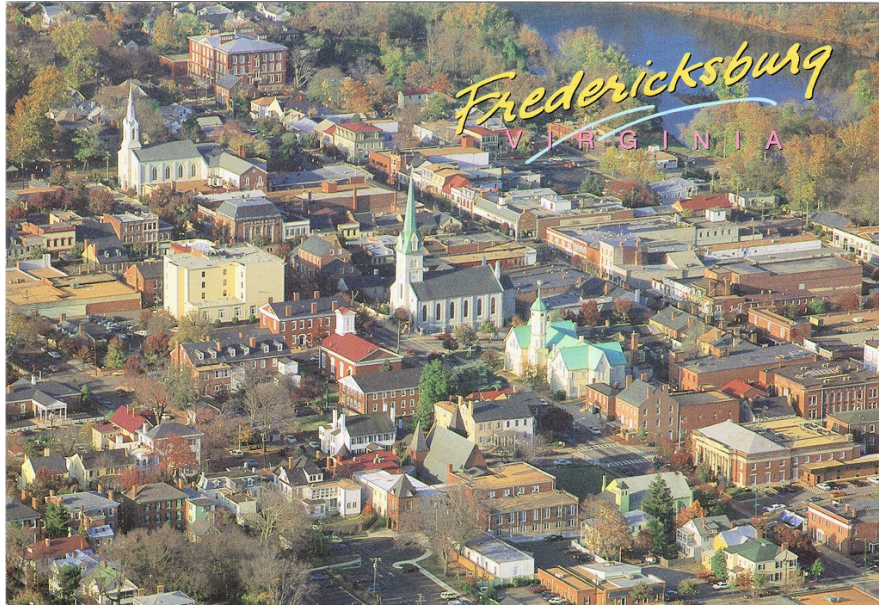


In this lecture, we will explore the economics of the trans-Atlantic slave trade in order to better understand its origins, development, decline and enduring impact.

(Sponsored by Chuck Johnson)

SAMUEL CASTILLA – 10 OCTOBER 2017

Join us as Fredericksburg's Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw will discuss the typical tasks of a mayor in a busy town. In addition to talking about operations of local government in the Commonwealth of Virginia, she will also share information about our sister cities. (Sponsored by Donna Lewis)



MARY KATHERINE GREENLAW – 8 NOVEMBER 2017



Academy Awards Best Pictures: Technology in the Home Transforms the Movie Business, 1995–1999

VHS, DVD, Netflix, TiVo all contributed to a changing dynamic in Hollywood during this period as huge conglomerates jumped into the film industry. Sony, Viacom, Comcast, General Electric, among others invested millions into the industry, realizing that films could be delivered over several platforms for enormous profits. Smaller, independent studios, including DreamWorks and Miramar, were equally successful in establishing a niche by focusing on smaller, cheaper films. The impact of this new business model was not lost on the Academy, as it recognized independent films such as *Jerry Maguire*, *Life Is Beautiful* and *Good Will Hunting* as Best Picture nominees. (Sponsored by Alan Zirkle)

GARY OLSEN – 21 NOVEMBER 2017



President Jack Allison



WINTER LUNCH – 7 DECEMBER 2017



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Can the Republic Survive? Higher Education in the Age of Accelerations

Dr. Troy Paino, President of UMW, will present his views on globalization, climate change and the microchip that have caused us to feel like we just cannot keep up. The speed of technological change alone has made it almost impossible for individuals and societies to adapt and absorb those changes. Digital technology is driving much of the change. The twin forces of the microchip and internet have introduced a form of communication that has destroyed the traditional institutional constraints on what can be said and when and where it can be said. This has created a world where it is increasingly difficult to discern what is true let alone what is important. Higher education is charged with preparing the next generation of citizen leaders amid this disruption in how we live, think and communicate. How is it doing? (Sponsored by Joe Alfred)



TROY PAINO – 9 JANUARY 2018

Election Fairness and the Constitution

Steve Bacon, UMW professor of Political Science and International Affairs, will discuss the problems surrounding the fairness of our elections. Dr. Bacon is a graduate of Stanford Law School and an experienced litigator who has argued cases in front of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the 9th District. He will include the Constitutional issues involved, focusing on:

- Citizens United v FEC (campaign finance)
- Gill v Whitford (partisan gerrymandering)

(Sponsored by Carolyn Sulima)



STEVE BACON – 10 JANUARY 2018

Alice Roosevelt and Dorothy Parker Two Women Who Challenged the Conventions of Their Time

Elaine Flynn has been giving fun and informative historical presentations for over a decade. The first hour, she will portray Dorothy Parker, who was the wittiest woman of the 1920's and considered a legend in her own time. Dorothy's accomplishments included: screenplay for *A Star Is Born*, writer of short stories, a best selling poet and columnist for *Vanity Fair*, the *New Yorker* and many other magazines. The second hour, Elaine will portray Alice, Theodore Roosevelt's eldest daughter. She will bring Alice to life as she presents "Scandals in the City." If the headlines of today's political scandals make you shake your head in disbelief, wait until you hear Alice "dish the dirt". (Sponsored by Carolyn Sulima)

ELAINE FLYNN – 16 JANUARY 2018



Frauds and Scams Against Seniors

Stafford County Deputy Jim Hamilton will explain current frauds and scams against seniors; Who is trying to get their hand in your wallet and their methods. The best ways to prevent it and what to do if victimized. Deputy Hamilton provided a website with updated information to avoid scams:

Staying Safe on Social Networking Sites

<https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST06-003>

(Sponsored by Charlie Fennemore)



JIM HAMILTON – 8 FEBRUARY 2018

Fighting for Their Freedom - The United States Colored Troops

Steward Henderson, a historical interpreter at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, will discuss the history of African Americans as soldiers in the Union army during the Civil War. His topics will include: The roles of black men before they were accepted as soldiers in the Union army; the recruiters for the US Colored Troops; the unusual story of the Louisiana Native Guard; the first units that were formed; the Bureau of Colored Troops; the 54th Massachusetts Infantry; the 23rd USCT; the 4th Division of the IX Corps; and the battles of Wilson's Wharf, Petersburg, New Market Heights and Nashville.

(Sponsored by Mike Redding)



STEWARD HENDERSON – 13 FEBRUARY 2018

Saving Monticello - The Levy Family's 89-Year Stewardship of Thomas Jefferson's 'Essay in Architecture'

4th Highest - 70

The noted historian, journalist and author Marc Leepson will present a lively account of Monticello's ownership after Thomas Jefferson's death. He will provide the fascinating details that surround Monticello's owners and how they twice saved the house from ruin.
(Sponsored by Charlie Fennemore)

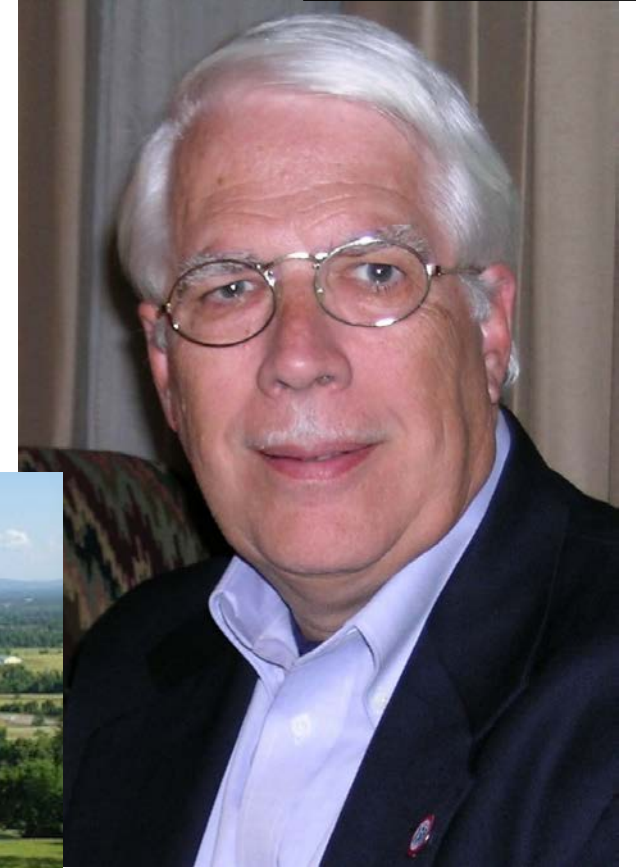


MARC LEEPSON – 1 MARCH 2018

From Tuscany to Virginia, Italians in the New World

5th Highest - 69

Most people think of Italian-Americans as entering this country, sailing by the Statue of Liberty, winding through health checks at Ellis Island into the cities of the industrial Northeast. This talk focuses on a group in the 1700s who came to Virginia to cultivate grapevines. Their ancestors are still here. Listen to the full story of this interesting slice of Virginia history. Wine and Thomas Jefferson are involved. (Sponsored by Mary Ann Stana)

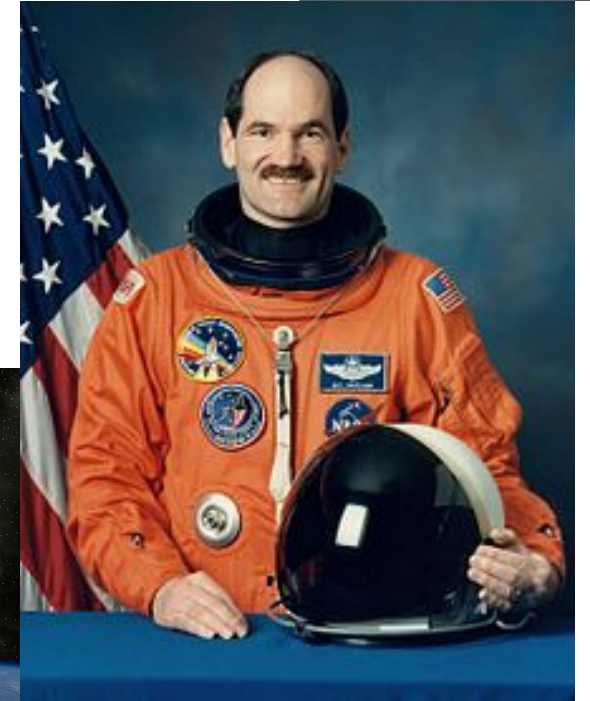


SCOTT WALKER – 6 MARCH 2018

What Is It Like To Fly In Space

3rd Highest - 73

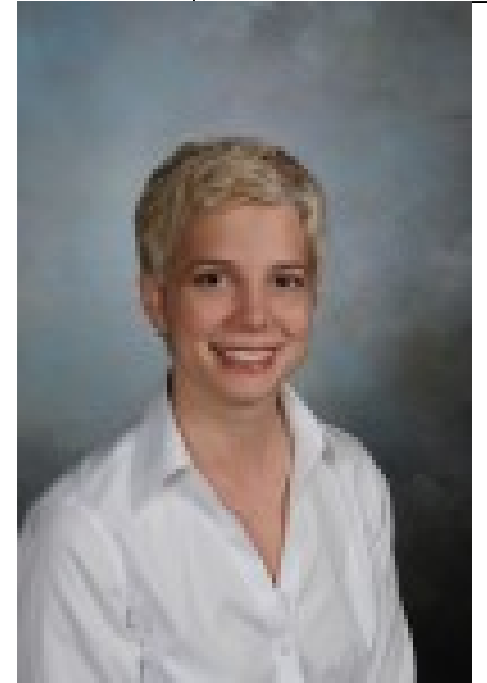
We will have a unique opportunity to hear former astronaut Guy Gardner take us into space. A graduate of the Air Force Academy, Guy began his career as an Air Force fighter and test pilot. As a NASA astronaut he was active in the development and support of the shuttle and space station. His two flights into space were as pilot of the shuttle. (Sponsored by Bill Wemmerus)



GUY GARDNER – 29 MARCH 2018

From Apples to Alchemy - The Inspirations and Insights of Isaac Newton

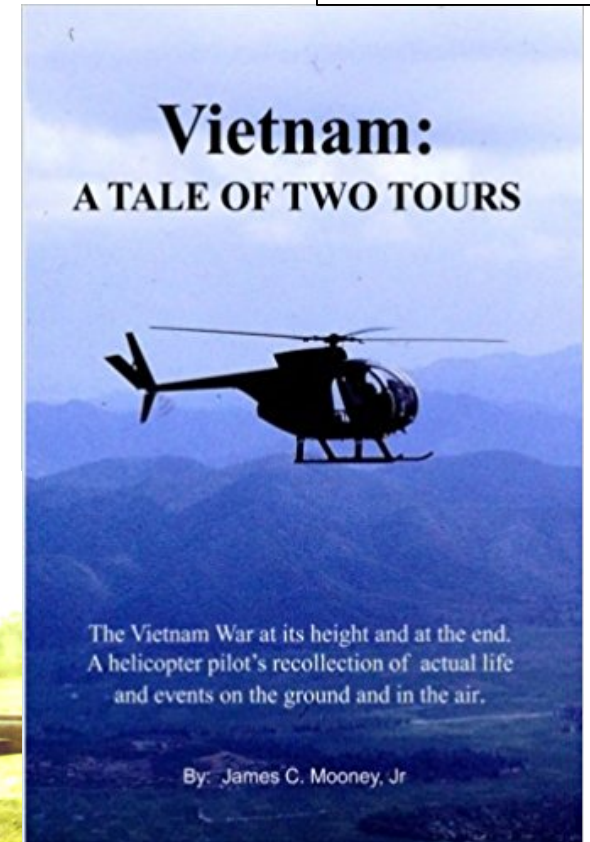
Leanna C. Giancarlo, UMW professor of chemistry, will discuss Sir Isaac Newton. He may “have seen further than others,” but it was not just by “standing on the shoulders of giants”. Newton had a keen scientific intuition, mathematical prowess and personal insecurities. A scientific revolutionary, Newton is best known for his ideas on forces and motion, especially his development of the law of gravity, and the establishment of the scientific method. Newton, however, was also a closet alchemist, and his dabbling in this illicit practice likely inspired his theories on the inner workings of nature. (Sponsored by Phil Hall)



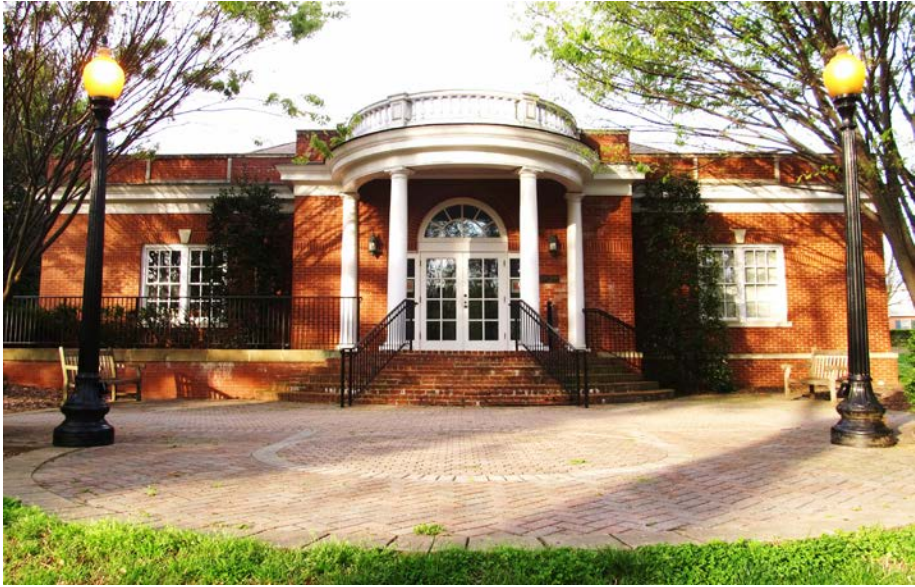
LEANNA GIANCARLO – 3 APRIL 2018

The Last to Leave Vietnam

Author, Chief Warrant Officer 4, US Army retired, James C. Mooney will discuss his book *Tale of Two Tours*. Jim was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam and on the last plane transporting ground troops out of Vietnam. Jim will explain his first-hand account of his Vietnam experience, the helicopter pilots and their training, and the operating characteristics and limitations of the helicopters used in the war.
(Sponsored by Donna Lewis)



JIM MOONEY – 10 APRIL 2018



Monitors – the face of the Galleries



Student Interns

The UMW Galleries are comprised of the Ridderhof Martin Gallery and the duPont Gallery. Art faculty members Gaetano Cecere, Dorothy Duggan Van Winckel, Julien Binford and Pauline King founded the original gallery in duPont Hall. The first major art exhibition at the college opened in 1956. It featured modern art by such notable artists as Milton Avery, Alexander Calder and Joan Miro. Professor Joseph DiBella became the first director of the Galleries in 1983 and reestablished the exhibition program, curating exhibits of alumni that had achieved local, national and international status. The Phyllis Ridderhof Martin Gallery opened in April 1992 to provide space for contemporary and historical art, while also allowing for the proper storage of the university's permanent collection. Today, the duPont Gallery hosts the student studio art exhibitions. (Sponsored by Mary Ann Stana)

DUPONT AND RIDDERHOF MARTIN GALLERIES – 11 APRIL 2018

TOUR – Kenmore Plantation

It is the eve of the American Revolution. Fielding Lewis and his wife, Betty Washington Lewis, are putting the finishing touches on a grand home in Fredericksburg. This home is packed with details meant to showcase their wealth—intricate plaster ceilings, wallpaper and ornately patterned carpets. But this display of extravagance is an artifact of what was a brief moment in time—one that is painstakingly documented in the newly refurnished Kenmore in Downtown Fredericksburg.

In recent years, efforts have focused on refurnishing the house, which has been an exacting process of researching wills, documents, letters, auction catalogs and other clues to identify and locate items that could have been placed in the house during the Lewis family's time there. Curator Meghan Budinger says the refurnishing is nearly complete, with work now focusing on Fielding Lewis's small study. (Sponsored by Michelle Esbenshade)

KENMORE PLANTATION – 9 MAY 2018





The ElderStudy Book Group meets monthly at 1:00 pm, on the second Thursday. Dot Meyers is at the helm, with various ElderStudy members facilitating the individual discussions.

Date	Book	Author
14 Sep 2017	<i>The President is a Sick Man</i>	Matthew Alegeo
12 Oct 2017	<i>Hidden Figures</i>	Margot Shetterly
9 Nov 2017	<i>Just Mercy</i>	Bryan Stevenson
14 Dec 2017	<i>Elon Musk: Tesla, Space X and the Quest for a Fantastic Future</i>	Ashlee Vance
11 Jan 2018	<i>A Piece of the World</i>	Christine Baker Kline
8 Feb 2018	<i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i>	Amor Towles
8 Mar 2018	<i>Destiny of the Republic</i>	Candice Millard
12 Apr 2018	<i>A Man Called Ove</i>	Fredrik Backman
10 May 2018	<i>Conclave</i>	Robert Harris

Front Row: Anne McGrath, Dot Meyers, Karen Morgenheim, Eugenia Jones, Jane Singley

Back Row: Phil Hall, Rose Reif, Margareta Williamson, Chuck Watkins, Kay McKinney, Michael Millard, Keith Morgenheim, Peggy Gratz, Connie Smith

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25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARY WASHINGTON ELDERSTUDY PROGRAM

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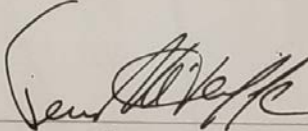
WHEREAS, more than 300 members benefit from an array of academic programs to stimulate continued learning; and

WHEREAS, helping others remain active and vibrant throughout their lives is a core value of the Mary Washington ElderStudy program; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia is grateful for the Mary Washington ElderStudy program, and thanks all members of this all-volunteer organization who provide excellent services to citizens in the area;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize the 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARY WASHINGTON ELDERSTUDY PROGRAM in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




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There's no Study like ElderStudy
We love learning new things
Astronauts and chemists, lawyers, journalists
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We show up rain or shine
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