

Welcome back to the Center for Lifelong Learning, Room 210, of the UMW Stafford Campus!
 All Fall 2021 sessions will be available in the CLL. Speakers will be either in-person in the CLL or on ZOOM. ZOOM sessions will be projected onto the CLL screen so that ES members in the CLL can watch and participate in the session. Simultaneously, at home members will be able to use ZOOM on their personal device to participate in most sessions. The ZOOM LINK for each session is available on the ES website calendar.
Only Tours and Special Events require advance registration using the ES website calendar SignUp button.
Because sessions no longer require a Session SignUp, a Reminder email will not be sent on the day of a session.
ElderStudy will observe the UMW and health restrictions in effect at the time of a session or tour.
 Please see the August newsletter and the ElderStudy website calendar for details or for any changes to the schedule.

As of August 1, 2021

SPEAKER LOCATION	Day Date Time	Title	Description
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Pratt Park Stafford	Tuesday 31 Aug 2021 9:30 - 11:30	Fall Semester KickOff and Get Together	After 16 months of social distancing, ElderStudy is once again able to meet in person. Rain or shine , please join your fellow ES members for a Fall Semester Kickoff and Get-Together in John Lee Pratt Memorial Park at the covered pavilion. Catch up with old friends and meet new ones. The Java Jim Coffee Truck will be available for the purchase of coffee and pastries. We can finally gather together again. Let's celebrate! Sponsors: Donna Lewis and Carolyn Sulima
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	Monday 6 Sep 2021	LABOR DAY	
TOUR	Tuesday 7 Sep 2021 10:00 - 12:00	TOUR - RSVP Allan Town - Who Knew? Hanover Street Walking Tour	TOUR - RSVP Stroll with the Tourmaster Scott Walker of Hallowed Ground Tours through one of the city's premier and historic neighborhoods, centered on Hanover Street, to the edge of the old city. Tour is limited to 35 members in each session. Members only. Sponsor: Mary Ann Stana and Carol Wachter You MUST SIGNUP for the TOUR. Attendance is strictly limited to registrants only. DIRECTIONS: Meet in Hurkamp Park at the corner of William and Prince Edward Streets.
CLL	Wednesday 8 Sep 2021 1:00 - 3:00	CLL Preservation in FXBG and the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc.	Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc. (HFFI) was formed in 1955 as a grassroots organization dedicated to saving historic properties in downtown Fredericksburg. Today, HFFI works to champion historic preservation in the community, working with a large group of volunteers to advocate for preservation and foster appreciation for the cultural landscape of the city. Join Gretchen Pendleton, HFFI's Director of Operations, as she discusses the history of the organization, the saves and losses in the built environment of Fredericksburg through the years, and the work that HFFI continues to do in support of its mission. Sponsor: Carol Walker
CLL	Thursday 9 Sep 2021 1:00 - 3:00	CLL Book Group - It Began With a Dream by Gladys West, PhD	This book is the story of Dr. Gladys B. West, PhD, who played an integral role in the development of the Global Positioning System (GPS) as a mathematician with the Navy. Born in 1930, she rose from poverty despite segregation, The Great Depression, and Jim Crow laws, to become one of the first professional black women hired at the Dahlgren (Va.) Naval Proving Grounds. Dr. West takes us on her incredible life journey in this heartwarming and unforgettable memoir. Though previously not recognized for her groundbreaking work in STEM, her contribution to GPS impacts almost everyone throughout the world. She is clearly a legend. Discussion Host: Midge Vittoria Sponsor: Mary White
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UMW Klein	Wednesday 15 Sep 2021 10:00 - 12:00	UMW Klein Theatre Play Discussion Nickel and Dimed	Marc Williams, Assistant Professor of UMW Theatre, welcomes ES members and guests to Klein Theatre to discuss Nickel and Dimed by Joan Holden, based on the book <i>Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America</i> by Barbara Ehrenreich. Nickel and Dimed reveals more than the ups and downs of the good people who struggle to make ends meet—it affirms the necessity of grit and the power of joy in making a living. Play Dates: Sept 16 - 26 Sponsor: Carole and Bob Hanus
CLL	Thursday 16 Sep 2021 10:00 - 12:00	CLL Understanding Money Laundering 101	Currently adjunct professor at the George Washington University Law School, Tom Lasich was a special agent and manager with the IRS Criminal Investigation Division. Tom will give us insight into Understanding Money Laundering 101, both here in the United States and internationally. Learn the meaning of asset forfeiture, shell companies, trusts, and tax havens. Have questions? Just "asking for a friend"? Tom is giving you the opportunity to ask, anonymously, in advance. Please send any questions you may have to MWESZOOM@gmail.com with the Subject: Money Laundering by September 9, 2021. They will be "washed" before forwarding to Tom, who will provide answers at the presentation. Sponsor: Michelle Esbenshade
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ZOOM	Tuesday 21 Sep 2021 1:00 - 3:00	ZOOM Sea Creatures Great and Small	Dr. Steve Cohen, small animal veterinarian, will return to ElderStudy with a look at the wide variety of ocean life ranging from the size smaller than a fingernail to whales. He will explore the topic using underwater video he shot from Cuba, Sea of Cortez, Islas Revillagigedos, Mexico, Fiji and Indonesia. Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske
ZOOM	Wednesday 22 Sep 2021 10:00 - 12:00	ZOOM Experiences of a Psychological Sleuth	Trained psychologist and behavioral analysis specialist, Dr. Mary Ellen O'Toole will discuss her role as an FBI profiler of those committing violent crimes and how that led to her current job as director of the newly created Forensic Science Lab at George Mason University. One of only 8 such labs in the country, students and law enforcement are trained to use science to collect evidence and solve crimes in a simulated setting. Sponsor: Donna Lewis
CLL	Thursday 23 Sep 2021 10:00 - 12:00	CLL The Richmond Bread Riot	Angry women looting stores! During the Civil War in 1863 a crowd of women took to the streets in Richmond, breaking into stores and looting. Order was restored only when troops came out. Historian Robert Dunkerly discusses the causes of the riot, its course, and its lasting significance. Sponsor: Carolyn Sulima
CLL	Thursday 23 Sep 2021 1:00 - 3:00	CLL The Life and Music of Franz Liszt, Classical Music's First Rock Star	Dr. Robert Wells of the UMW music department will discuss the many dimensions of 19th-century composer, piano virtuoso and innovator Franz Liszt, whose contemporary influence can be heard everywhere from the concert hall to Bugs Bunny cartoons and progressive rock. Sponsor: Ellen Brown.
CLL	Tuesday 28 Sep 2021 1:00 - 3:00	CLL Medicare Options Explained	Turning 65? Retiring this year? Want a better understanding of Medicare and the various supplemental plans available? Dr. Thomas A. Janus, Chief Medical Officer, Mary Washington Medicare Advantage, and Chris Skowronek, Vice President, MA Market Operations, will present current information about various Medicare options. Following CMS guidelines, they are not permitted to endorse a plan or speak about specific benefits offered by a plan until after October 15th. Therefore, the MW ElderStudy group can feel confident this is not a sales pitch, rather purely informational. Sponsor: Carol Wachter
CLL	Wednesday 29 Sep 2021 10:00 - 12:00	CLL Making the Most of Your ElderStudy Experience	Join us for an informative session on how to make the most of your membership in ElderStudy. Our goal is to help you understand the general operations and get answers to your questions such as "How do we select our session topics? How do I sign up for a session or a tour using the website? What do the committees do? How does the Book Group operate? How can I get more involved?" Sponsor: Donna Lewis
ZOOM	Wednesday 29 Sep 2021 1:00 - 3:00	ZOOM It Began With a Dream - The Story of Dr. Gladys West	Gladys B. West, PhD, the "hidden figure" who helped invent GPS, will participate in a special Q & A session sponsored by the ES Book Group. Her recently published memoir, <i>It Began With a Dream</i> , takes us on her incredible life journey from a 1930's poor farming community in Virginia during the Jim Crow era to become one of the first professional black women hired at the Dahlgren (Va.) Naval Proving Ground (now the Naval Surface Warfare Center). Though previously not recognized for her groundbreaking work in STEM, her contribution to GPS impacts almost everyone throughout the world. You are encouraged to read her memoir prior to the session. Sponsor: Mike Redding
CLL	Thursday 30 Sep 2021 10:00 - 12:00	CLL NoVA LLI- The US and the UN	ElderStudy members Joe & Siham Alfred will discuss significant United Nations Security Council and General Assembly resolutions as they pertain to Palestine and Israel from 1947 to the present day. The focus will be on the position of the United States. The ZOOM LINK for this presentation will be supplied by NoVA LLI; registration is required in order to use the ZOOM LINK. Sponsor: Joe & Siham Alfred
ZOOM	Thursday 30 Sep 2021 1:00 - 3:00	ZOOM The Science of COVID What's Next?	Swati Agrawal, UMW Assistant Professor of Biology, will present a comprehensive review of the profound impact COVID has had on biomedical research, medicine, and public health. Scientific and technological knowledge and resources have been leveraged globally to perform COVID-19 research at warp speed. Professor Agrawal will discuss pandemic-related research that could guide our response to future crises, offering strategies to balance multiple novel approaches and provide high-quality, time-efficient, cost-effective research and treatment. This will be the complete version of the UMW Life After COVID class in June 2021, which was abbreviated due to lack of time. Sponsor: Carolyn Sulima

CLL	Tuesday 5 Oct 2021 10:00 - 12:00	CLL Frank Sinatra's 1950s Comeback	In the early 1950s, Frank Sinatra was a celebrity has-been. Without a record contract, no longer a teen heart-throb, divorced from a devoted wife, quickly (and scandalously) marrying Ava Gardner, one of the hottest stars of the day—only to be humiliated as she left him... these were bad times for someone accustomed to being a success and the center of attention. Brooks Kuykehdall, Professor and Chair, UMW Music, will examine Sinatra's sudden comeback as an Oscar-winning screen actor and Capitol Records artist again at the top of the charts (with a series of distinctive "concept albums")... an impersonation of the American dream. Sponsor: Carol Wachter
ZOOM	Tuesday 5 Oct 2021 1:00 - 3:00	ZOOM A Brief History of Jazz Piano, Part 2 (1945-Present) From Bud Powell to Herbie Hancock	The second of a two-part history of jazz piano, continued from Spring 2021. Allen Morrison is a music journalist, jazz critic, lecturer on jazz history and pianist. Using rare film and audio clips, he will examine the development of modern jazz by sampling the work of the great modern jazz pianists including Bud Powell, Thelonious Monk, Oscar Peterson, Bill Evans, Dave Brubeck, Herbie Hancock, and other giants of the keyboard. Sponsor: Keith Morgenheim
ZOOM	Wednesday 6 Oct 2021 9:30 - 11:00	ZOOM LLI/NOVA Forum	NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME. The Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia invites MWES members to participate in its online monthly meeting. We will meet for socializing at 9:30 and enjoy the monthly Forum presentation at 10 a.m. The LLI/NOVA Forum features a speaker who addresses an issue of widespread interest and significance. There is a short question and answer period after the speaker has finished. You must register for the session IN ADVANCE using the special link on the ES calendar. Sponsor: The Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia
ZOOM	Wednesday 6 Oct 2021 1:00 - 3:00	ZOOM James L. Farmer, Jr Celebrating a Legacy	Dr. Marion Sanford, Director of James L Farmer Multicultural Center, and Christopher Williams, Assistant Director, will share an overview of the life of Dr. Farmer and his journey to Fredericksburg, Virginia, including being a visiting professor in the Department of History and American Studies at UMW. They will discuss how his legacy within the civil rights movement and as an educator inspired the creation of the James Farmer Scholars program at UMW. Similarly, they will provide information on the various initiatives of the Farmer Legacy 2020 celebration and the current mission and work of the James Farmer Multicultural Center. Sponsor: Donna Lewis
ZOOM	Thursday 7 Oct 2021 10:00 - 12:00	ZOOM A Covid Update - SARS-CoV2 Where are we now?	Dr. Lynn Lewis, Chair of the UMW Biological Sciences Dept., will review the virus and the disease, and discuss what we know about "long Covid," treatments and vaccines. Sponsor: Ellen Brown.
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ZOOM	Tuesday 12 Oct 2021 1:00 - 3:00	ZOOM Storytelling through Artifacts and Inference Bringing Light to African American History at Stratford Hall	Dr. Kelley Fanto Deetz is the Director of Programming, Education, and Visitor Engagement at Stratford Hall and a Visiting Scholar in the Department of African American Studies at U.C. Berkeley. Join us to hear about the ways in which she has changed the narrative of Stratford Hall, the birthplace of Robert E. Lee. Sponsor: Randy Fennemore
CLL	Wednesday 13 Oct 2021 10:00 - 12:00	CLL Terrorism Financing	ElderStudy Member Keith Fennell will discuss the various means that global terrorist groups use to fund their activities and how the international community tries to curtail this funding. This presentation will build on the September 16th presentation on Money Laundering. Keith will also discuss the similarities and differences between Terrorist Financing and Money Laundering. Sponsor: Keith Fennell
CLL	Thursday 14 Oct 2021 1:00 - 3:00	CLL Book Group - Winesburg, Ohio by Sherwood Anderson	Re-read a classic! Ranked No. 24 in the top 100 English language books of the twentieth century, Winesburg is an easy, but thought provoking read. Twenty-three interrelated stories about an eclectic mix of people in a small Ohio town, exposing human emotions and revealing deep insights into human behaviors that are a relevant and insightful today as they were one hundred years ago. I still remember school discussions of this book in my youth, and I'm curious what the discussions will be like 50-60 years later among more mature and life experienced adults. Discussion: Michael Millard Sponsor: Mary White
CLL	Tuesday 19 Oct 2021 1:00 - 3:00	CLL Is honor still relevant to academic integrity? Academic integrity, honor codes, and higher education	David Rettinger, PhD, Professor of Psychological Science and Director of Academic Integrity Programs at UMW, will discuss how academic misconduct poses an existential threat to higher education. Misconduct thwarts our learning objectives and calls the value of students' credentials into question. In order to help our students achieve authentic learning it is useful to understand the individual, situational, and cultural factors that influence a student's willingness to "cheat." In turn, we can take actions at the institutional, individual faculty, and societal level to make learning most effective for students. Sponsor: Carolyn Eldred
CLL	Wednesday 20 Oct 2021 9:30 - 12:00	CLL Opening Act A Walk through the Website General Membership Meeting	In the CLL, refreshments will be served at 9:30 am. At 10 am, join us for a fun-filled Opening Act. At 10:30 am, A Walk through the Website will guide you through the ElderStudy Website. Want to contact another ES member? There's a roster! What's happening today? Check the calendar! Trouble logging into the website? We can help! At 11 am, the General Membership Meeting 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. Sponsor: Donna Lewis.

TOUR	Thursday 21 Oct 2021 10:00 - 12:00	TOUR - RSVP Fredericksburg Hauntings	TOUR - RSVP Our tour guide, Kim Harmon, will explain why people say that Fredericksburg has the most history, battles and ghosts in America. Tales of lives and events, famous and infamous, will engulf participants on this leisurely-paced walk. History is incorporated into paranormal tales. Tour is limited to 15 members in each session. Members only. You MUST SIGNUP for the TOUR. Attendance is strictly limited to registrants only. DIRECTIONS: Meet at the Fredericksburg Visitor Center, 706 Caroline Street. Street parking or the parking garage is available. (NOTE: Since this tour can accommodate only 15 ES members, a second tour on October 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm is available.) Sponsor: Mary Ann Stana and Carol Wachter
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CLL	Tuesday 26 Oct 2021 10:00 - 12:00	CLL A Perspective on Environmental Education and Sustainability	ElderStudy member Carol Walker takes a look at historical and theoretical definitions of environmental education and sustainability. She will examine the thought provoking and often biased influences of native Americans, Henry Thoreau, Aldo Leopold, Walt Disney, and Dr. Seuss. Current events such as the Yellowstone fires and volcanic eruptions will be explored. Sponsor: Carol Walker
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CLL	Thursday 28 Oct 2021 1:00 - 3:00	CLL Green and Sustainability Efforts at UMW In practice and in the classroom	The University of Mary Washington has won a place on the <i>Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges</i> , a list of the nation's most environmentally conscious schools. From the recent launch of a conservation biology major and sustainability minor to pollinator gardens, LEED buildings, and sustainable dining practices to collaboration with community partners, UMW is learning and practicing sustainability. Professor Alan Griffith of the Department of Biological Sciences will discuss this important work, focusing on the outdoor green spaces across campus, and Conservation Biology student Olivia Black will discuss her work with Friends of the Rappahannock. Sponsor: Carolyn Eldred
CLL	Tuesday 2 Nov 2021 10:00 - 12:00	CLL Death Valley Days	ElderStudy member Mike Redding visited Death Valley National Park on a Road Scholar tour in December 2017. He will provide his impressions of the "Hottest Place on Earth" illustrated with his photographs. Sponsor: Mike Redding
CLL	Wednesday 3 Nov 2021 1:00 - 3:00	CLL Trial of the Infidel Scopes	ElderStudy member Dennis Van Derlaske will reprise his 2010 presentation on the 1925 Scopes Trial. We will learn about what really motivated the trial, the culture of small town Dayton, Tennessee in the context of the 1920's economy, and how Broadway and Hollywood expropriated the story via <i>Inherit the Wind</i> . Finally, we will review H.L. Mencken's lively and irreverent daily dispatches of courthouse proceedings to the Baltimore Evening Sun. Note: Significant new material including information that has recently been made public will be incorporated into this presentation. Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske
ZOOM	Thursday 4 Nov 2021 10:00 - 12:00	ZOOM A Little Bit of This, A Little Bit of That 400 Years of Architectural Designs in the 'Burg This is a ZOOM ONLY event.	Scott Walker from Hallowed Ground Tours will discuss the buildings that have been erected in what became "Fredericksburg" since the 1600s until -- well -- yesterday in this fast-growing area of Northern Virginia. To be clear, not many of the earliest structures remain but, in this talk, we will examine Fredericksburg's architectural details and stories from four different centuries, with prime examples from each era: the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st Centuries. As always, Scott will emphasize how some of the older ones are being preserved. Sponsor: Mary Ann Stana and Carol Wachter This is a ZOOM ONLY event.
ZOOM	Tuesday 9 Nov 2021 10:00 - 12:00	ZOOM Y-Buzz? Why not? Arthur Lessac and the Human Voice	Helen Housley, ElderStudy member, recently retired Vocal and Dialect Coach for UMW Theatre productions, and Certified Lessac Trainer, will present an overview of Arthur Lessac's life and the development of his vocal training work called Lessac Kinesensics. This training is a holistic approach to voice and body training that is now spreading globally, including such venues as South Africa, Brazil, Croatia, and South Korea, as well as all English-speaking countries. Sponsor: Carolyn Sulima
ZOOM	Tuesday 9 Nov 2021 1:00 - 3:00	ZOOM Hands-Only CPR	Deputy Fire Marshal Stephanie McKee will be covering the difference between heart attacks and cardiac arrest, signs and symptoms of a heart attack, how to perform hands-only CPR, and how to aid the patient and first responders if someone goes into cardiac arrest. Sponsor: Randy Fennemore
UMW Klein	Wednesday 10 Nov 2021 10:00 - 12:00	UMW Klein Theatre Play Discussion - The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Greg Stull, Professor and Chair of UMW Theatre, welcomes ES members and guests to Klein Theatre to discuss <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i> . Based on the blockbuster novel by Mark Haddon and the winner of the 2015 Tony Award for Best Play, <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i> is a coming-of-age-too-soon tale of parents, children, and the challenges of loving, being loved, and accepting who you are. Play Dates: Nov 11 - 21 Sponsor: Carole and Bob Hanus
	Thursday 11 Nov 2021	VETERAN'S DAY	
CLL	Thursday 11 Nov 2021 1:00 - 3:00	CLL Book Group - The Splendid and the Vile A Saga of Churchill, Family and Defiance During the Blitz by Eric Larsen	An intimate chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz - an inspiring portrait of courage and leadership in a time of unprecedented crisis, when in the face of unrelenting horror Churchill's eloquence, courage, and perseverance bound a country, and a family, together. Recognized by the NY Times and a number of other publications as one of the best books of the year. Discussion: Joe Alfred Sponsor: Mary White

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CLL	Tuesday 16 Nov 2021 1:00 - 3:00	CLL Prehistoric Dentistry in Virginia	Putting off seeing the dentist? Joe Blondino of the Dovetail Cultural Resource Group will discuss the excavation of two Native American burial sites in 2018 which revealed compelling evidence of prehistoric dentistry. This presentation will discuss the analyses and conclusions drawn from the studies, as well as potential avenues for future research. Sponsor: Randy Fennemore
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ZOOM	Tuesday 23 Nov 2021 1:00 - 3:00	ZOOM 1 pm - Gasp! Amazing Stories of the Air We Breathe 2 pm - Caesar's Last Breath on Mars	Jon Malay, author, lecturer and consultant, will discuss two topics. 1 pm: Jon will discuss the familiar legend of how each breath we take might contain molecules of air from Caesar's dying breath. He will talk about the "discovery" of oxygen, laughing gas, radioactive isotopes, and other fascinating gasses we can't see but can't live without. 2 pm: In 2021, the Perseverance rover joined its older counterpart, Curiosity, on the Martian surface, along with landers from other nations. While all missions are sanitized before launch to prevent contaminating Mars with earth microbes, someday a capsule will land with our planet's most complex microbes... people! When they vent air into the Martian atmosphere, some of Caesar's last breath will surely be among the molecules. This talk will update what we've learned from all these recent missions to Mars and touch on the complicated issues of human exploration there. Sponsor: Randy Fennemore
ZOOM	Wednesday 24 Nov 2021 10:00 - 12:00	ZOOM Enchantment and Landscape in Ancient Greek Literature	We live in a world that is facing many crises associated with human encroachment and pollution of the natural world. Angela Pitts, UMW Department of Classics, Religion, and Philosophy, will discuss how the legacies of both Plato and Aristotle have provided the foundation for a world view in which humans dominate nature, and the Earth's flora, fauna and mineral resources are there for humans to extract for their purposes alone. Sponsor: Carolyn Eldred
	Thursday 25 Nov 2021	THANKSGIVING	
CLL	Tuesday 30 Nov 2021 10:00 - 12:00	CLL Jefferson & Marshall	ElderStudy member Joe Alfred will discuss two of our founding fathers, John Marshall, a Federalist, who became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and his frequent clashes with Thomas Jefferson, a Democrat, who was the President. Sponsor: Joe Alfred
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ZOOM	Wednesday 1 Dec 2021 1:00 - 3:00	ZOOM Virginia Election Analysis	Stephen Farnsworth, UMW Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, returns to ElderStudy to give us his analysis of the 2021 Virginia elections. Dr. Farnsworth is a sought-after political commentator on subjects ranging from presidential politics to the local Virginia congressional races. He has been widely featured in national media, including The Washington Post, Reuters, The Chicago Tribune and MSNBC. Sponsors: Phil Hall & Joe Alfred.
CLL	Thursday 2 Dec 2021 1:00 - 3:00	CLL 2021 Tax Review and 2022 Tax Prep	Linda Hill, ElderStudy member and IRS Enrolled Agent, will update ES members on the latest changes to the 2021 tax regulations and alert us to possible changes for 2022. Sponsor: Linda Hill
CLL	Tuesday 7 Dec 2021 10:00 - 12:00	CLL The Making of Emily Dickinson	Mara Scanlon, UMW Professor of English and Associate Director of the Honors Program, will present a retrospective of the reclusive New England poet Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) who shared her poems through letters to friends and literary figures but avoided traditional print publication. At her death, her astonished sister found a chest with over 1700 poems. Although posthumously Dickinson was understood to be one of the greatest of all American poets, her path to that canonization and to full publication has been complicated. This presentation, rooted in discussion of both biography and poetry, will discuss Dickinson's development as a poet and the tangled story of access to her work. Sponsor: Mary Ann Stana and Carol Wachter

UMW Stafford University Hall	Wednesday 8 Dec 2021 11:00 - 1:30	Holiday Luncheon	Join other ES members for our annual Holiday Lunch at University Hall in the North Building Stafford Campus 121 University Boulevard Fredericksburg, VA 22406. Look for further details in the October Newsletter. Sponsor: Carolun Sulima
CLL	Thursday 9 Dec 2021 1:00 - 3:00	CLL Book Group - Dirt - Adventures in Lyon as a Chef in Training, Father, and Sleuth Looking for the Secret of French Cooking by Bill Buford	Bill Buford turns his inimitable attention from Italian cuisine to the food of France. He begins what becomes a five year odyssey by shadowing the esteemed French chef, Michel Richard, in Washington, D.C. Realizing that study in France is necessary, he goes to Lyon, the gastronomic capital of France. Buford becomes a man obsessed with proving himself on the line. Bill Buford has written what is sure to be the food-lover's book of the year. Discussion: Peggy Verdine Sponsor: Mary White
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