



Fall 2016 Class Descriptions and Instructor Biographies

1. **Theft Prevention** (1 session)

By Kevin Crawford

Wednesday, Sept. 7; 10:00am-11:30am

UNT Union Room #382

This program is designed to teach you how to protect yourself from being victimized by common theft offenses. Upon completion you will know how to keep your property as yours and not a thief's.

Corporal Kevin Crawford is a police officer with the University of North Texas Police Department and currently serves as the department's Community Relations and Crime Prevention Officer. As the Community Relations and Crime Prevention Officer, he has been responsible for overseeing the department's public safety programs which include topics such as Active Shooter Response, Handling Disruptive Person(s), Theft Prevention, ID Theft Prevention, Emergency Readiness, and Personal Safety. While in this position, he was selected by his peers for Officer of the Year in 2015. Prior to his current position he worked in the patrol division for eight years. Before Corporal Crawford began a career with UNT, he served in the U.S. Army Military Police Corp for six years.

2. **A Postage Stamp Window into Texas History** (1 session)

By Tom Davis

Wednesday, Sept. 7; 11:45am-1:15pm

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An illustrative journey of Texas History as portrayed and represented through U.S. Postage Stamp Commemoratives issued between 1852 and today.

Tom Davis is a successful business consultant, architect, and lecturer, who has been collecting stamps for over 40 years. Lately, he has been conducting research for his historic novel project, which is set in the U.S. Revolutionary War period. Tom is married to Susan Davis and resides on his ranch property outside of Aledo, Texas.

3. **Biblical Figures in the Koran (2 sessions)**

By Greg Hawk

Thursday, Sept. 8; 10:00am-11:30am & 1:00pm-2:30pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

For Muslims, Jews and Christians are "People of the Book," the Book being the Bible. All three faiths flow from Abraham. Many of the main figures in the Old and New Testaments are also found in stories in the Koran. These lectures will compare and contrast how figures like Adam, Noah, Moses, Mary, and Jesus are portrayed in the Bible and the Koran.

Greg Hawk is a frequent Emeritus College presenter of lectures on the intersection of science and religion. His lifelong interests have included the origin and evolution of ideas due to the discovery of new knowledge. He holds a B.A. in psychology from Moorhead State College and a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin. He is currently the Director of Environmental Services of Scientific Consulting Laboratories in Farmers Branch, Texas.

4. **The Historical Jesus: The Secret Unlocked, Jesus Through The Prism Of The Ancient Jewish Mystical Tradition (1 session)**

By Leonard Scott

Thursday, Sept. 8; 2:45pm-4:15pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

Through the prism of the Ancient Jewish Mystical Tradition this course will explain Jesus' mission to establish the Kingdom of God in Israel prophesied by Isaiah and his wish to teach Jews, and others drawn to him, how to attain righteousness, or a higher state of consciousness, or enlightenment so as to enjoy a wonderful afterlife. In addition, this course will provide plenty of time for questions and answers as well as lively discussion covering topics ranging from: (1) How Jesus performed his miracles; (2) Why he failed in his attempt to establish Isaiah's Kingdom of God in Israel; (3) Ruach haKodesh, The Holy Spirit, or enlightenment; (4) The use of the Tetragrammaton and other names of God in the Ancient Jewish Baptismal Rite, in Jewish meditation, and in performing miracles; (5) Plus much more!

Leonard Scott's educational credentials include a B.S. in Economics from the University of Illinois, Master's credentials in Economics from Northwestern University, and Ph.D. course work in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University. His professional career includes top consulting and corporate human resources positions at firms such as Firestone, Union Carbide, and Ernst & Young. Clients of his own consulting firm, Leonard Scott & Company, include IBM, Rand McNally, Nestle Beich, Baptist Hospital System, Nextlink Telecom, and Healthy Woman Medical Practice. In recent years on moving into semi-retirement, Leonard Scott has taught secular subjects in the Dallas Orthodox Jewish Educational System at the Texas Torah Institute and Messorah High School for Girls. He has published a number of books and articles on business and spiritual topics. His Historical Jesus course has grown out of twenty-five years of research using Ancient Jewish Mystical Tradition sources. He presented this Historical Jesus course in the University of Texas at Austin Continuing Education Program where it received superlative ratings.

5. **Sanctuary, Exile, and Outlawry in Medieval England** (2 sessions)

By Peter Johnstone

Monday, Sept. 12 and Monday, Oct. 24; 10:00am-11:30am

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This class will explore the immunities that existed for felonious clerics in England during the late Middle Ages. Using examples obtained while researching a recent book on the topic, Peter will share with the class how priests, bishops, abbots, and monks flouted the criminal law to gain immunity from prosecution and, if they failed, how they ran to the sanctuary of churches and swore their guilt on oath before exiling the realm forever.

Peter Johnstone is a Professor of Criminal Justice at UNT. Originally from the UK, he holds degrees in law and history and has authored more than 15 books.

6. **Photography in the 19th Century** (1 session)

By John M. Neal

Monday, Sept. 12; 11:45am-1:15pm

UNT Union Room #382

This presentation covers the invention and progression of photography during the 1800s. Uses of the camera obscura, descriptions of early photographic processes, and the beginnings of photojournalism, 3-D photography, and motion pictures will be covered. The contributions of scientists and photographers of the time will be included.

Dr. John Neal taught journalism at the college level for more than 30 years and also taught courses in Photography, Graphic Design, and English. Since retiring, he has continued to teach part-time. While in graduate school at The University of Texas at Austin, he worked in the Photography Collection of the Harry Ransom Center and wrote his thesis about stereoscopic photography during the 1850s.

7. **Billy the Kid and the Lincoln County War of 1878-1879** (1 session)

By David Higgins

Tuesday, Sept. 13; 10:00am-11:30am

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

The Lincoln County War was a conflict between rival cattle barons in southern New Mexico. In 1877 John Tunstall, a wealthy 24-year old English cattleman and banker, partnered with lawyer Alexander McSween to establish a well-outfitted rival store. They allied with rancher John Chisum, who owned more than 100,000 head of cattle. The Murphy-Dolan group did not welcome the competition and resolved to do something about it. Friction between the factions became overt war when John Tunstall was murdered by members of the Murphy-Dolan group. Fighting and subterfuge raged thereafter. Tunstall had been good to young William Bonney, who never had the guidance of a father. William sought to avenge the murder. He became known as Billy the Kid, and his actions led to an iconic fusion of fact and myth about the old west. We will describe the events of the Lincoln County War and Billy's remarkable role in it. Photographs of 1880s Lincoln and its surroundings aid in placing the characters in the story.

David P. Higgins earned his doctorate in financial management and investments from the University of Texas at Austin. He served on the faculties of Arizona State University, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Dallas. His specialty areas are the keys to financial performance, the creation and maintenance of business value, effective working capital management, treasury management, business economics, and investments. David is author of *Essentials of Treasury Management*, 2nd Ed.

8. **Why Doesn't Food Taste Like I Remember?** (1 session)

By Jo Anne Cassell

Tuesday, Sept. 13; 1:00pm-2:30pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

Nearly everyone over the age of 60 has heard or said this phrase. We know a regular, well-balanced intake of food and drink is an essential part of maintaining our health. And, by and large, our consumption of food and beverages is a pleasant experience. But not always. The most common complaint of a person in a hospital, rehab facility, retirement community, even a fancy restaurant is: "The food doesn't taste good," and because the taste of food plays such an important role in our food intake, we will look at some of the physical changes of aging that alter our taste buds. We will also consider some positive steps we can take to increase the pleasures of mealtime.

Dr. Cassell is a nationally known speaker and writer on nutrition science, food habits, food history, and food-related topics. She is a retired faculty member of the Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences at TWU. Dr. Cassell has written three books, published articles for scientific journals, written nutrition-related articles for newspapers, and prepared many web pages and instructional materials for industry, government, and non-profit health-related organizations. She has been a speaker for national, state, local organizations, and professional groups, as well as a frequent guest on both local and national radio and television.

9. **The History of Rock in Ten Songs** (1 session)

By Louis DeGiulio

Tuesday, Sept. 13; 2:45pm-4:15pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

Rock music evolved from Rock and Roll, originating in the southern United States in the 1950s. Over the years, rock has spawned numerous musical sub-genres and powerful cultural changes. This class analyzes ten songs which represent the milestones in the development of rock. The class incorporates historical lecture and listening to the selected recordings.

Louis DeGiulio is a retired information technology manager with a lifelong interest in cultural history, especially the history of music. A musician and writer, Louis has a B.A. and M.A. from the University of California, Berkley.

10. **Tennessee Williams: Three Classics** (3 sessions)

By Alex Pettit

Wednesdays, Sept. 14, 21, and 28; 10:00am-11:30am

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In this class, you will read and discuss *Glass Menagerie*, *Streetcar Named Desire*, and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* – greatest hits of Tennessee Williams.

Dr. Alex Pettit, Professor of English and University Distinguished Teaching Professor, joined UNT's faculty in 1991. Originally a scholar of 18th-century British literature, he now devotes himself to the study and teaching of modern drama.

11. **Scene Study: Tennessee Williams** (3 sessions)

By Paul Meltzer

Wednesdays, Sept. 14, 21, and 28; 11:45am-1:15pm

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In coordination with Dr. Alex Pettit's Tennessee Williams discussions, we will study and prepare a few scenes from the Tennessee Williams plays *Glass Menagerie* and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* for performance before other Emeritus College students. This is an acting workshop but no previous performance experience is required, just a willingness to be open to the experience and accept guidance. We will investigate concepts such as character, motivation, emotion, and sensory memory in order to bring the scenes to life and gain deeper insight into how they work. Students should have read both plays prior to the first meeting. Scenes and assignments will be determined in the first meeting.

Paul Meltzer is a film and TV actor trained at HB Studio in New York. He currently appears in programs for Travel Channel, Investigation Discovery, and in national commercials.

12. Tories and the Revolution (2 sessions)

By David Shields

Thursday, Sept. 15; 10:00am-11:30am & 1:00pm-2:30pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

The Tories were a neglected group of colonists mostly because they were not on the “right side” of the Revolutionary War. Who were they and why did they either not support or actively oppose the Revolution? How were they treated before and during the war, and what happened to them afterward? What can we learn about the limits of free speech and political dissent from this experience? This course will explore these and other issues including how they relate to modern “anti-government” movements.

David Shields is a retired Presbyterian Minister. Following retirement, he served as an Interim Pastor in St. Paul, MN. Since moving to Argyle, he has taught classes in Science and Theology and the Reformation at his home church, Trinity Presbyterian, and a course on Religion in the Public Square for the Emeritus College and First United Methodist Church.

13. Rx for Angst: Aging in America - Why Extended Care Planning Matters (1 session)

By Paige Peterson

Thursday, Sept. 15; 2:45pm-4:15pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

One of the biggest myths in America is that nursing home and in-home care are provided by Medicare, Medicaid, or other health or disability insurance. This course will dispel the myths and explain the choices and risks when you need care because of aging, accidents, and ailments. Topics include the reality of what, when, how, where, and cost of caring.

Paige Peterson has over 25 years of experience in founding companies involved in senior health, extended care and retirement planning, as well as advancing medical technologies including emergency medicine, cardiac rehabilitation, and stem cell therapies. She attended Texas A&M University, holds a B.S. in education, a M.Ed., and has graduate training in medicine and public health. She is certified as a Long Term Care Specialist and AHIP Certified Medicare Specialist, and is currently completing the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ (CFP®) program at New York University.

14. History of Sound Recording (1 session)

By David Huff

Monday, Sept. 19; 10:00am-11:30am

UNT Willis Library 4th Floor

This class combines an overview of the history of sound recording formats and their playback devices with demonstrations of both, utilizing the UNT Music Library's collections. Special emphasis will be given to phonograph cylinders, shellac 78rpm discs, and reproducing player piano rolls. Attendees will learn about the confluence of factors which drove these technological developments and enjoy vintage music reproduction.

David Huff is a musician and sound engineer who has worked in the DFW area since 1996. His work includes freelancing as a bassist and vocalist as well as live sound and recording. He is the Sound Preservationist for the University of North Texas Music Library, where he performs digitization and restoration of legacy media sound recordings in the library's collections. David is also a doctoral candidate in music theory at UNT's College of Music and is currently completing a dissertation on the analysis of electroacoustic music.

15. The Performing Set: The Broadway Designs of William and Jean Eckart (1 session)

By Andy Harris

Monday, Sept. 19; 11:45am-1:15pm

UNT Union Room #382

Bill and Jean Eckart were stage designers and producers at the peak of musical theater, and their designs revolutionized Broadway productions. An Eckart set became part of the performance on stage, equal at times to an actor. They were best known for their designs for *Damn Yankees* (1955); *Once Upon a Mattress* (1959), in which Carol Burnett made her Broadway debut; and *Mame* (1966) with Angela Lansbury. Andrew B. Harris uses production stills and the Eckarts' sketches from every show they worked on to illustrate (with more than 500 color illustrations) the magic behind an Eckart design.

Andrew B. Harris, professor in the Department of Dance and Theatre at the University of North Texas, is the author of the award-winning *Broadway Theatre* and a stage director, playwright, and producer. He has chaired theatre departments at Columbia University, Texas Christian University, and Southern Methodist University, where he met William and Jean Eckart. He lives in McKinney, Texas.

16. Fun with the Presidents and their Ladies (1 session)

By Tom Tweeddale

Tuesday, Sept. 20; 10:00am-11:30am

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

In this new presentation, attendees will learn about the first "first lady," the youngest first lady, the first woman representative, senator and governor; not to mention the president who married one of his teachers and which woman reporter sat on the clothes of a president while he skinny dipped, to force him to grant her an interview.

Tom Tweeddale is a former dance instructor and private pilot ground school instructor with UNT. He was a pilot for 36 years. He presents American and Texas history lectures to college, library, and retirement center audiences.

17. Rise and Fall of the Republic of Texas (1 session)

By Andrew Torget

Tuesday, Sept. 20; 1:00pm-2:30pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

This class will trace the dramatic rise and fall of the Republic of Texas, from its unlikely birth in 1836 to its near collapse in 1844 and 1845. Focusing on the presidencies of both Sam Houston and Mirabeau Lamar, the class will explore the challenges that surrounded the Republic, its fight for international recognition, and the conditions that ultimately led Texas to seek annexation to the United States.

Andrew J. Torget is a historian of nineteenth-century North America at the University of North Texas. An award-winning speaker and scholar, Andrew has been featured at Harvard, Stanford, Rice, Duke, Johns Hopkins, and the Library of Congress. In 2016, he won UNT's J.H. Shelton Excellence in Teaching Award. His most recent book is *Seeds of Empire: Cotton, Slavery, and the Transformation of the Texas Borderlands, 1800-1850* (University of North Carolina Press, 2015), has won eight major awards and prizes and Texas Monthly called "the most nuanced and authoritative rewriting of Texas's origin myth to date."

18. The Canterbury Tales (1 session)

By Don Vann

Tuesday, Sept. 20; 2:45pm-4:15pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

In this session, we shall look at a half dozen of the stories of the masterful storyteller, Geoffrey Chaucer, widely regarded as "the Father of English Literature." Ranging from the sublime to the bawdy, the stories are all entertaining and provide a window into the world view of England in the late 1300s.

Dr. Don Vann is Emeritus Professor and Regent's Professor, Retired. He is also author/editor of eight books, as well as scores of articles and reviews.

19. The Battle of Sabine Pass, September 1863 (1 session)

By Richard B. McCaslin

Thursday, Sept. 22; 10:00am-11:30am

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

Texans commemorate three Confederate victories within the state during the Civil War. In chronological order, these are Galveston, Sabine Pass, and Palmitto Ranch. All of these victories involved smaller Confederate forces defeating more numerous Federal invaders, but Sabine Pass was the most lopsided, and most decisive, Southern victory. In September 1863, less than sixty Texas Confederates in a small earthen fort turned back a landing attempt by thousands of Union troops supported by transports and gunboats. This triumph earned the official thanks of the Confederate Congress, and it is memorialized with several monuments dedicated to the Davis Guards, who manned the Southern guns that day, and their commander Lt. Richard W. Dowling.

Dr. Richard B. McCaslin, a professor at the University of North Texas, is the author of *Tainted Breeze: The Great Hanging at Gainesville, Texas, October 1862*, which won the Tullis Prize and an AASLH commendation. He also wrote *Lee in the Shadow of Washington*, which received the Laney Prize and the Slatten Award, and was nominated for a Pulitzer. Another book, *At the Heart of Texas: One Hundred Years of the Texas State Historical Association, 1897-1997*, earned the Award of Merit from the Texas Philosophical Society. He also produced *A Soldier's Letters to Charming Nellie and Fighting Stock: John S. "Rip" Ford in Texas*, which received the Pate Award and the Bates Award. His most recent book is a brief history of Washington-on-the-Brazos.

20. Fall Vegetable Gardening (1 session)

By Barbara Brown

Thursday, Sept. 22; 1:00pm-2:30pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

Fall is a great time to grow a small vegetable garden in North Texas. The class will cover: soil preparation, selecting plants, when to plant, plant care, and harvesting. There will be a brief overview of adding herbs to the garden, using season extenders, and container vegetable gardening.

Barbara Brown has been growing vegetables and herbs in North Texas for over 20 years. She is a Denton County Master Gardener and past president of the association.

21. A New Definition of Healthy (1 session)

By Jo Anne Cassell

Thursday, Sept. 22; 2:45pm-4:15pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has announced their intention to redefine the word "healthy" for use on food labels. Healthy has always been difficult to define and consumers are rarely sure what it means on a food label. This change has major implications because it will change both labeling and marketing of food products. Currently, "healthy" may appear on a food label only if the product meets nutrient criteria set by the FDA. Salmon and avocados may not be labeled "healthy," but it is an acceptable word on fat-free puddings and some sugary cereals. The agency will solicit public comments on the proposed changes and consumers are encouraged to respond.

Dr. Cassell is a nationally known speaker and writer on nutrition science, food habits, food history, and food-related topics. She is a retired faculty member of the Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences at TWU. Dr. Cassell has written three books, published articles for scientific journals, written nutrition-related articles for newspapers, and prepared many web pages and instructional materials for industry, government, and non-profit health-related organizations. She has been a speaker for national, state, local organizations, and professional groups as well as a frequent guest on both local and national radio and television.

22. Nigeria, A Country of Promise and Interesting Politics (1 session)

By Fred Busche

Monday, Sept. 26; 10:00am-11:30am

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This will be a discussion that covers the history, government, natural and human resources, problems, misconceptions of Nigeria, and why we should be interested in closer relationships with the country.

Dr. Fred Busche has a Ph.D. in Geochemistry from the University of New Mexico that concentrated upon the study of meteorites, lunar samples, and the potential presence of life on celestial bodies other than our own. His work history includes work supported by a grant from NASA, exploration as a geologist with Shell and Westinghouse, working as a research manager for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and 10 years with IBM concentrated on the use of Discovery Based Mathematical Algorithms to understand why people do what they do. He is currently the CEO of WinTechGeo, a small business that concentrates on consulting associated with Microbiological Enhanced Oil Recovery.

23. An Introduction to Oral History (1 session)

By Amy Hedrick

Monday, Sept. 26; 11:45am-1:15pm

UNT Union Room #382

Oral history is a vibrant, growing discipline that employs interview techniques to document historic events from an interviewee's point of view, including his/her perceptions of and reactions to those events. It is increasingly used by historians, genealogist, curators, and countless others to generate fuller, more inclusive, and more complete histories. This lecture will introduce the practice of oral history by exploring the history and development of the discipline. It will cover what oral history is (and is not), why it is practiced, the development of the UNT Oral History Program, and the benefits of oral history outside of the university setting.

Amy Hedrick is a doctoral candidate in the Department of History at UNT, focusing on women in the U.S. military. She is also the administrative assistant for the UNT Oral History Program and project coordinator of the UNT Oral History Program's Community Partner.

24. New Technology in Forensic Science, and Issues for Transition (1 session)

By Guido Verbeck

Tuesday, Sept. 27; 10:00am-11:30am

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

As technology grows at a staggering pace, it seems that forensics is stuck in the past. These are issues that often arise from the fact that high reproducibility and trust in results is paramount, since this technology will be used to prosecute. This creates a great many problems when trying to create new instrumental techniques and methods. Within this seminar, we will look at 3 hurdles that are presented when trying to implement new techniques from the chemistry lab to the field application, or practitioner's hands. These will be shown with three new mass spectrometric instruments developed in the lab and define these within the scope of the law. In conclusion, we will make the case for a quality control lab where these new tools can be tested against the industry standards and help move new technology.

Dr. Guido F. Verbeck, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, is an expert in mass spectrometry, specifically instrument design and development. Dr. Verbeck received his Ph.D. as a Proctor & Gamble fellow in chemistry at Texas A&M University. Dr. Verbeck has developed ion cyclotron resonance, time-of-flight, and ion trap mass spectrometers over the past 17 years, and has been a member of the analytical community for 22 years. Among this design portfolio, Dr. Verbeck has developed a miniature ion trap mass spectrometer at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, 3 preparative mass spectrometers for combining new materials and catalysts, and a number of novel analytical applications for single cell and forensic analysis. Dr. Verbeck's appointment is currently at the University of North Texas.

25. Denton's African American Quakertown Story (1 session)

By Karyn Blucker

Tuesday, Sept. 27; 1:00pm-2:30pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

Survey the history and development of Denton's Quakertown district. This Quakertown Story will chronicle the African-American experience in Denton both before and after the displacement of Quakertown residents, paying tribute to the courage and enduring resilience of Denton's remarkable citizens of color.

Karyn Blucker is a retired school teacher who taught in Denton ISD for 21 years. She taught 5th and 6th grades, mostly language arts and social studies. She has been a volunteer for 3 years with the Denton County Office of History and Culture.

26. Seven Threats to Your Estate Plan (2 sessions)

By Richard M. Barron

Tuesday, Sept. 27 and Thursday, Sept. 29; 2:45pm-4:15pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

The seven threats most common to your estate plan and how to avoid them. A journey into the world of a lawyer to explain complex legal issues with easy to follow and understand short stories.

Richard M. Barron holds a B.B.A. from SMU and his J.D. from Texas Tech. He is a member of the Texas Bar Association since 1981, and is an accredited attorney with the Department of Veteran Affairs. He is a Veteran of the Vietnam War.

27. The Oceans, Their Basins, and Circulation Drivers (1 session)

By Fred Busche

Thursday, Sept. 29; 10:00am-11:30am

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This will be a discussion that covers the oceans, their biological components, physical relationships and dependence upon the atmosphere, and the continents as partners and circulation drivers. A discussion will also be presented that addresses how the oceans will be impacted by climate changes with respect to the impact upon the ocean biosphere as well as the impact of those changes that alters the weather that is experienced on the continents of the world.

Dr. Fred Busche has a Ph.D. in Geochemistry from the University of New Mexico that concentrated upon the study of meteorites, lunar samples, and the potential presence of life on celestial bodies other than our own. His work history includes work supported by a grant from NASA, exploration as a geologist with Shell and Westinghouse, working as a research manager for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and 10 years with IBM concentrated on the use of Discovery Based Mathematical Algorithms to understand why people do what they do. He is currently the CEO of WinTechGeo, a small business that concentrates on consulting associated with Microbiological Enhanced Oil Recovery.

28. My Favorite Dickens Characters (1 session)

By Don Vann

Thursday, Sept. 29; 1:00pm-2:30pm

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I want to introduce you to the characters from Dickens's novels who have given me the most pleasure. This presentation is the product of six decades of reading the great Master of the English novel. The characters are mostly quirky and hilariously comic. The presentation will be accompanied by slides of the characters, mostly from the original editions of the novels. This is important, for Dickens oversaw the illustrations and wanted to make sure they were precisely as he had imagined them. Laughter is guaranteed.

Dr. Don Vann is Emeritus Professor and Regent's Professor, Retired. He is also author/editor of eight books, as well as scores of articles and reviews.

29. Global Security Challenges for the Next President (1 session)

By Michael Greig

Monday, Oct. 3; 10:00am-11:30am

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The next president will be confronted by an increasingly difficult array of global challenges ranging from transnational terrorism, to a rising China, to an aggressive Russia. This class will explore the scope of these global security challenges and discuss potential policy options.

Michael Greig is Professor of Political Science and University Distinguished Teaching Professor at UNT. His work explores conflict management in the international system as a means of understanding how diplomatic and military interventions can transition conflicts toward peace.

30. Sensible Guide to Senior Fitness (2 sessions)

By Jean Seward

Monday, Oct. 3 and Wednesday, Oct. 5; 11:45am-1:15pm

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This class will explore the active functional level people wanted to achieve and provide guidelines to safely accomplish that goal. It will provide a roadmap or guide to exercise, walking, and nutrition for seniors. The roadmap will allow for the development of an individual program for each senior based on the physical measurements completed in class by a licensed physical therapist and registered dietitian. Participants will be tested with a standard procedure called the Functional(Senior)Fitness from California State University, which presently has a data base of 7000 people from 60 to 90 years who have taken this test. We provide a report card/nutrition assess to class participants which allows them to track their functional test scores and nutritional status. One class will include lecture/testing and one will review the results with instructions for exercise/nutrition, based on their individual scores.

Jean Seward is a Physical Therapist specializing in fitness and preventative care. She has been in practice in the Denton area for the past 30 years, owner and operator of a fitness facility for 11 years.

31. Origins of Civilization (4 sessions)

By Reid Ferring

Tuesdays, Oct. 4 & 11 and Thursdays, Oct. 6 & 13; 10:00am-11:30am

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15,000 years ago, all humans were hunter-gatherers who lived in small bands. Over the next 12,000 years, in several parts of the world, these bands evolved into complex societies – large, urban cultures with intensive food production, social stratification, state religion, specialized labor, monumental buildings, long distance trade networks, writing, and vast artistic traditions. In this class, we'll explore how those changes happened, what drove their progress, and what we can learn about ourselves from this inquiry. We'll explore this fascinating subject by comparing two worlds where civilizations evolved completely independently: the Near East and Mesoamerica.

Reid Ferring is a Professor in the Department of Geography and has been with UNT since 1978. His research has included archaeology and geography in the South Plains (U.S.), Israel, Portugal, Ukraine, and the Republic of Georgia, where he works at Dmanisi, a 1.8 million year- old site that contains the first evidence of humans outside of Africa.

32. Briefing on the 2016 Elections (1 session)

By Patti Richard

Tuesday, Oct. 4; 1:00pm-2:30pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

The class will address factors that influence the outcomes of presidential and congressional elections, such as party identification, party coalitions, turnout rates, the national economy, incumbent popularity, and for presidential elections, the Electoral College. These will be applied to the 2016 elections. In the spring semester, a second class will provide a debriefing on the actual outcomes.

Dr. Patricia Bayer Richard is a Trustee Professor Emerita of Political Science at Ohio University where she regularly taught a course on elections and campaigns.

33. Handling a Disruptive Person(s) (1 session)

By Kevin Crawford

Tuesday, Oct. 4; 2:45pm-4:15pm

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This training program teaches you proper communication and actions to take when confronted by a person being unruly.

Corporal Kevin Crawford is a police officer with the University of North Texas Police Department and currently serves as the department's Community Relations and Crime Prevention Officer. As the Community Relations and Crime Prevention Officer, he has been responsible for overseeing the department's public safety programs which include topics such as Active Shooter Response, Handling Disruptive Person(s), Theft Prevention, ID Theft Prevention, Emergency Readiness, and Personal Safety. While in this position, he was selected by his peers for Officer of the Year in 2015. Prior to his current position he worked in the patrol division for eight years. Before Corporal Crawford began a career with UNT, he served in the U.S. Army Military Police Corp for six years.

34. What is a Psychopath? (1 session)

By Craig Neumann

Wednesday, Oct. 5; 10:00am-11:30am

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The class will present a basic definition of psychopathy and then discuss the developmental, neurobiological, and clinical aspects of this personality disorder.

Professor Craig Neumann, with over 100 published scientific articles and chapters, has conducted research on mental disorders for over 25 years, and is internationally recognized for his research on psychopathic personality disorder. He has been a faculty member in the Clinical Psychology Training Program at UNT since 1997. He received his undergraduate B.S. degree in 1986 from the University Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Ph.D. in 1994 from Kansas University, Internship VAMC Mich., and post-doc at Emory U.

35. Oil and Gas: Where Does it Come From, How do We Retrieve it, and What is it Good For? (1 session)

By Gary Ring

Thursday, Oct. 6; 1:00pm-2:30pm

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Modern civilization could not exist in its current form without petroleum and the products made from it. This is an overview of the oil industry from the discovery of vast quantities of underground petroleum deposits to the making of products made from petroleum. Particular focus would be on the process and equipment used to drill for and recover oil and gas from underground reservoirs.

Gary retired from regular, day-to-day work in 2014, but still consults for the oil industry. His engineering career spanned 50 years. During that time he worked in the oil industry for 30 years. He spent 22 years with Mobil Exploration and Production Research at the lab in Dallas. His work there included research equipment design, research planning, and applied research. He retired from Mobil at the time of the Exxon merger. From 2006 to 2014, he worked as a consulting engineer at Blade Energy Partners. He has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington and an M.B.A. from the University of Dallas. He has several patents involving downhole logging tools and well design.

36. Exploring the Capitals of Texas (1 session)

By Diana Mason

Thursday, Oct. 6; 2:45pm-4:15pm

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One might think that this presentation is about the six capitals of the Republic of Texas before Austin was made the capital of the state of Texas, but it is much more. Did you know that over 70 capitals are recognized by the Texas Legislature? This presentation introduces you to all the legislated capitals and takes you on a few special virtual trips to discover unique, interesting and historical places in the Lone Star State.

Professor Emeritus Diana Mason retired from her position as the Director of the Chemistry Education Program at the University of North Texas (UNT) in August 2012 after over 30 years of teaching chemistry. During her tenure at UNT, she mentored 8 doctoral and 15 master's students in chemical education, and published over 80 manuscripts. She currently reviews journal manuscripts, is active in the Denton County Texas Exes, and serves as the newsletter editor for the local Denton DAR Chapter.

37. Johannes Brahms and Claude Debussy (2 sessions)

By Max Morley

Monday, Oct. 10 and Wednesday, Oct. 12; 10:00am-11:30am

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The class on Monday, "The Music of Johannes Brahms and the Paintings of Academic & Victorian Classicism," will lead to the class on Wednesday, "The Music of Claude Debussy & Maurice Ravel and the Paintings of the Impressionists." The music of Johannes Brahms immediately preceded the music of Claude Debussy & Maurice Ravel. The paintings of Academic & Victorian Classicism immediately preceded the paintings of Impressionism. Dr. Morley will focus his discussion not on the artists' biographies, but on how the stylistic changes in these eras were caused by the musical and visual artists' reaction to the political, economic, religious, and philosophical forces that shaped their lives.

Dr. Max Morley retired from the School of Music at Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) in 2010. He held three positions at SFA: 20 years as trumpet specialist, 15 years in Arts Programming and Development, and five years teaching music history and literature. He holds the degrees, Bachelor of Music, Master of Music, and Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of North Texas.

38. Landscaping to Attract Birds and Pollinators to Your Back Yard (1 session)

By Cecil Carter

Monday, Oct. 10; 11:45am-1:15pm

UNT Union Room #382

Following the "tips" and "must-dos" explored in this workshop, you can increase the amount of birds and pollinators in your back yard by 100%. Landscaping your back yard is not difficult or expensive. Even in a small yard, the concepts discussed in this workshop will give dramatic results.

Cecil has been teaching classes at the Emeritus College for the past four years. Cecil is a Level III Certified Native Plant Landscaper. In addition, he is an avid birder. There are at least 100 different species of birds passing through his yard each year. Additionally, he has attended three colleges and works at Murray State College in Southern Oklahoma. He is the incoming President of the Native Plant Society of Texas [NPSOT] at the state level and has been president of his local chapter of NPSOT twice. Cecil is also a member of the Audubon Society. He has published articles on landscaping in your back yard, won nature photo contests, and traveled the state on birding trips.

39. Birds and Birding in North Texas (2 sessions)

By Scott Kiester

Tuesday, Oct. 11 and Thursday, Oct. 13; 1:00pm-2:30pm

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This class will cover a little bit of everything: Ornithology, Taxonomy and History; A Bit of Birdy Science, Bird Behavior and the Mystery of Migration; Birding 101: How to Decide What Just Flew By; and Common Birds of North Texas.

A certified Texas Master Naturalist since 2003, Scott is a lifelong birder and student of nature. He has worked on different conservation related projects and with conservation groups throughout Texas. Currently, he is active in the Elm Fork Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists, leads a monthly bird walk at the Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center near Denton, and coordinates the LLELA Amphibian Watch program. He is a retired geologist with an M.S. in Environmental Science.

40. The Lady Spy Who Tricked Hitler (1 session)

By E.R. Milner

Tuesday, Oct. 11; 2:45pm-4:15pm

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The subject of this course is a gorgeous, multilingual lady from Scotland (with a strong libido) who was married to a Hungarian diplomat stationed in the Hungarian Embassy in Berlin during the last two years of World War II. She first had an affair with Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels, and when she would get no information from him, moved on to SS General Hermann Fegelein. Her escape in the last days of the Battle of Berlin with the Gestapo closing in on her is straight out of Hitchcock.

Dr. Milner has 35 years of experience teaching in colleges and universities: at UNT as teaching fellow and later as adjunct, at Tarrant County College as Professor of History, Dept. Chair, and Editor of Tarrant County Historical Review in Ft. Worth, and at Mountain View College as a part timer while completing his Ph.D. at UNT.

41. The Way the World Views Our Election (2 sessions)

By Milan J. Reban

Monday, Oct. 17 and Wednesday, Oct. 19; 11:45am-1:15pm

UNT Union Room #382

No matter the party or politics, the 2016 presidential race has been one for the record books. In an increasingly interdependent world, the global response to this year's election affects U.S. standing with both friends and adversaries.

Session 1: What are the dynamic factors that influence our global standing? What does November's election portend for the United States' future role on the world stage?

Session 2: How are the signals the U.S. is sending with this election being received and interpreted in selected capitals around the globe? What does this mean for our short and long-term security/economy/stability?

Dr. Milan J. Reban, born in Czechoslovakia prior to WWII, fled the Communist system as a young man and settled in the United States. He received his undergraduate degree from University of Miami, Master's from Vanderbilt, and Ph.D. from Michigan State. Dr. Reban has taught comparative and international politics at UNT for more than four decades and has voted in every presidential election since 1956.

42. Classical Music Comes to America (3 sessions)

By Max Morley

Tuesdays, Oct. 18 & 25 and Thursday, Oct. 20; 10:00am-11:30am

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This class will focus on America's early exposure to European classical music and follow its growth in America through the 20th century. This is interesting history, and some of it is off the beaten path of typical music history classes. You are probably aware that Thomas Jefferson was an enthusiast for fine music, and he was an accomplished singer and violinist. The stories are linked together by Americans who wanted to bring musical quality and musical sophistication into their communities and into their lives. There was no mass movement and no master plan. Each instance happened in a very American way. And the impulse can be traced to the work and aspirations of dedicated individuals who gathered resources to make lives better.

Dr. Max Morley retired from the School of Music at Stephen F. Austin State University in 2010. He held three positions at SFA: 20 years as trumpet specialist, 15 years in Arts Programming and Development, and five years teaching music history and literature. He holds the degrees, Bachelor of Music, Master of Music, and Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of North Texas.

43. Caring for a Loved One with Alzheimer's Disease (2 sessions)

By Peggy Higgins

Tuesday, Oct. 18 and Thursday, Oct. 20; 1:00pm-2:30pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

There is a very good chance that you or your spouse will be a caregiver for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. Most of us have no knowledge of how to manage this gigantic task. With improved healthcare statistics we now know that 1 in 3 American senior dies with AD or dementia and that nearly two-thirds of the AD population are women. Thus, this is the first generation of a cadre of men who find themselves in a caregiving role. The first session will review the onset and progression of AD disease, caregiving research on successful strategies, and examine assistance such as in-home care, assisted living, and nursing home facilities in North Texas. Caregivers are at their best when prepared and have resources to call upon. The 2nd session will feature speakers from caregiver support organizations and will outline educational resources, both locally and online.

Peggy Higgins, M.S. retired from teaching at UT Southwestern Medical Center as Assistant Professor of Health Care Sciences, School of Health Professions, and as the Director Of Education for the Alzheimer's Disease Center, Department of Neurology, UT Southwestern Medical School. As the ADC Education Director, Mrs. Higgins developed national programs for Alzheimer's awareness and conducted workshops with community leaders throughout the U.S.

44. Old Testament and Narrative Analysis: Letting the Stories Speak (1 session)

By Russell Gregory

Tuesday, Oct. 18; 2:45pm-4:15pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

This course introduces the characteristics of oral literature, the kind one finds in the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible). After that introduction, we will examine certain narratives, some very familiar and some not so familiar. Our goal will be to learn to "read closely," so that the structure of the narrative points to the significant episodes which allow for more cogent interpretation(s). Students will leave the class with a deeper understanding of the narratives studied and with a clearer understanding of how one can gain more from their "close reading."

Dr. Russell Gregory was raised in Oklahoma and planned to become a minister. In that mindset, he attended Oklahoma Baptist University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. There, at seminary, he determined that his vocation would be ministry but his career should be teaching. Dr. Gregory studied the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) at Vanderbilt University where he received a M.A. and Ph.D. He did take courses in New Testament. His first teaching assignment was a year appointment to Stetson University in Deland, FL. He then taught at Radford University for twenty-five years until he retired early. There Dr. Gregory taught Old Testament, Survey of World Religions, and Introduction to the Study of Religion. At his retirement, Dr. Gregory was awarded the rank of Emeritus Professor of Religious Studies. He continued teaching for several years as an adjunct. Recently, he moved to Double Oak, TX, and had a desire to teach again, particularly the type of student that he enjoyed when he taught in Elderhostel (now titled Road Scholars).

45. Vengeance, Forgiveness or Restitution after Tragedy (1 session)

By James Meernik

Wednesday, Oct. 19; 10:00am-11:30am

UNT Union Room #382

A look at how people deal with their adversaries after war and other tragedies. What paths do individuals take to regain control of their lives? How do they address the past and confront those who did horrible things to them?

James Meernik is Professor of Political Science and Director of the Castleberry Peace Institute. He studies transitional justice – the strategies societies use to confront the crimes of the past.

46. William Hoy: How a Deaf 19th Century Baseball Player Changed the Game (1 session)

By Nancy Churnin

Thursday, Oct. 20; 2:45pm-4:15pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

William Hoy, a 19th century deaf baseball player changed the game of baseball by introducing signals we still use today, so he could play the game he loved. The class will not only address Hoy's remarkable story, but also what he symbolizes for the deaf community, which experienced great prejudice during Hoy's life. Hoy was born in 1862 when Abraham Lincoln was president (he lived for 99 years until JFK was president). He was 18 when The Second International Congress of Education of the Deaf (led by Alexander Graham Bell) met in Milan, Italy in 1880, leading to a declaration that the deaf should be taught to speak and that sign language should be discouraged. Despite that, Hoy quietly taught sign language to all his teammates and umpires. Hoy lived independently and successfully and was beloved in the world of Major League Baseball for 14 years. He had a happy marriage with a deaf woman who he taught sign language to, and they raised his three hearing children and a nephew on a farm he bought with his baseball savings. There is a movement to get William Hoy into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. For many in the deaf community, it would be not only acknowledge a baseball hero who is deaf, but one who was proud of the deaf culture and deaf language while working happily and successfully in the hearing world.

Nancy Churnin is the author of a new children's book, *The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game*, published on March 1, 2016 by Albert Whitman and Company, the publishers of the Boxcar Children Books. The book has been the subject of multiple newspaper stories (The Dallas Morning News, Columbus Dispatch, The Shreveport Times), Ohio Public Radio, and is being sold in the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum. Nancy has also just accepted an invitation to present the book at National Baseball Hall of Fame on July 6, 2016. She is the theater critic of for the Dallas Morning News and a graduate of Harvard University, with a master's from Columbia University School of Journalism. She is a native New Yorker and lover of baseball who is happy to live in North Texas with her husband, Dallas Morning News arts writer Michael Granberry.

47. Play for Life: Increase Your Activity, Connectivity, Longevity & Vitality (2 sessions)

By Nancy Little

Monday, Oct. 24 at 11:45am & Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 10:00am-11:30am

UNT Union Room #382

Would you appreciate a healing alternative to the chronic stress that can consume our lives during times of significant life changes? Would you like a healing salve for the bumps and bruises that we all experience along our life journeys? Are you ready to create a more vivacious and joyous existence? If so, join Dr. Nancy Little, LPC for the PLAY for Life Playshop! Attendees will be encouraged and supported to:

- 1) Conceptualize play as a method to increase life satisfaction based on scientific research
- 2) Experience the healing aspects of play
- 3) Discover the meaningful bonds with “playmates”
- 4) Reveling in giving and receiving gifts that will be provided
- 5) Generate ways to engage consistently in the creative activity of play
- 6) Enjoy fun snacks and takeaway gifts

During Dr. Nancy Little’s 25 year tenure in higher education, she envisioned her role as supporting others to achieve their dreams. Whether developing a new campus, writing grants, serving as a trained mediator & diversity leader, teaching master’s counseling classes, or working one-to-one with at-risk students, Nancy excelled due to her deep connection with others. Dr. Little creates an impact by truly listening to people during their most significant life events by teaching the power of positive thoughts & affirmation and advocating for self-care & compassion to promote healing, harmony, and inner peace. She loves the Emeritus College students who are open to learning new ideas!

48. Planning Ahead for the Later Years (1 session)

By Kirsten Kaae

Tuesday, Oct. 25; 1:00pm-2:30pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

Planning ahead for known and unknown changes promotes peace of mind. Class discussion will include practical considerations about health, living arrangements, and end of life documents. Quality of life issues include: caregiver stress management, dealing with grief, understanding and preventing depression, and spiritual needs.

Kirsten Kaae is a Registered Nurse and Licensed Professional Caregiver with more than 20 years of experience in end of life care and grief support. She is currently providing in-home consultations, education and therapy, publishing monthly articles, and presenting workshops on a variety of topics related to aging. Her first book was published earlier this year.

49. Preservation of Your Family Heirlooms (1 session)

By Kim Cupit

Tuesday, Oct. 25; 2:45pm-4:15pm

Robson Ranch Main Clubhouse

Many people have family heirlooms that they wish to pass down to the next generation, but what is the best way to properly care for these items to insure that they will last for your children or grandchildren. This class will cover basic principles in caring for your family heirlooms. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions. Information will also be available on how to contact a conservator for more information.

Kim Cupit is the Curator of Collections for the Denton County Office of History and Culture, a position she has held since 1998. She is a native of Denton County having grown up in Little Elm. Kim graduated from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, with a degree in history. Her prior museum experience includes working at the Red River Historical Museum in Sherman, The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in Dallas, and The Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth. She is also the co-author of three books: *Images of America: Denton*, *Postcards of Denton County*, and *Denton: Then and Now*.

50. Victoria's Secret: How a Queen Quietly Changed the World (1 session)

By Christy Crutsinger & Lynn Brandon

Wednesday, Oct. 26; 11:45am-1:15pm

UNT Union Room #382

The 'Victorian' era of British history refers to the period of Queen Victoria's reign from 1837 to 1901. During the sixty year span, England experienced stability, peace, innovation, and staggering industrial progress. This session will explore the juxtaposition of the stereotypical prudish Queen Victoria and a society that experienced great expansion of wealth, power, and invention under her rule. In fashion and architecture, the Victorians left their mark in Great Britain and throughout the world. From crinolines and corsets to balustrades and buttresses, bring your calling card as we deconstruct Victorian design.

Dr. Lynn Brandon, associate professor in UNT's Department of Merchandising & Digital Retailing, serves as the program coordinator for the home furnishings program. Earning her doctorate in interior design from Virginia Polytechnic University, Brandon teaches courses in decorative accessories, CAD for interiors, and history and contemporary styles of home furnishings. Dr. Christy Crutsinger is Professor in the Merchandising & Digital Retailing Department and currently serves as Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. Prior to her recent administrative post, Crutsinger was the chair of the department, teaching fashion theory, trend analysis, and history of fashion. Under her leadership, the department received the ATMI Award for Excellence.

51. The Civil War Campaign for Vicksburg (1 session)

By Richard Lowe

Thursday, Oct. 27; 10:00am-11:30am

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A description and analysis of the Union's efforts in 1862-63 to capture Vicksburg, Mississippi, the key to control of the Mississippi River. After several failed attempts to approach the defenses of Vicksburg, General Ulysses S. Grant's Union army finally reached the city in May 1863, but could not break through the city's defenses. After a six-week siege, resulting in serious hardship and hunger inside the defenses of Vicksburg, the city finally surrendered on July 4, 1863. Many historians consider the fall of Vicksburg the most important turning point of the war.

Regents Professor of History (now semi-retired) at UNT and a member of the History Department since 1968, Lowe has written several books and numerous articles on the 19th-century United States. A recent visit to Vicksburg inspired this talk.

52. Traveling History with Bonnie and Clyde (1 session)

By Robin Cole-Jett

Thursday, Oct. 27; 1:00pm-2:30pm

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The story of Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow - their crimes and lives on the road - have captivated us for decades, but what is truth and what is fiction? Follow the trail of these outlaws in an interactive presentation that examines not just their lives, but their hideouts too. Class participants will leave with a travel itinerary that will take them to the regional locations of the famous Depression-era gangsters.

Robin Cole-Jett is a writer and historian from Denton County. For the past 15 years, her website, Red River Historian, has documented regional history of the Red River Valley in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. Author of several books, including: *Traveling History with Bonnie and Clyde*, *Traveling History up the Cattle Trails*, and *The Red River Valley in Arkansas: Gateway to the Southwest*. She also teaches history at North Texas Central College.

53. Special Collections at the UNT Music Library (1 session)

By Maristella Feustle

Monday, Oct. 31; 10:00am-11:30am

UNT Willis Library 4th Floor

This class shows highlights from the UNT Music Library's 115-odd special collections, from local and campus-related collections, to internationally known ones, from large to small, and from sublime to strange. Those collections include the orchestra libraries of Stan Kenton, Maynard Ferguson, and Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians; rare and unique sound recordings with unreleased material from Benny Goodman and Duke Ellington; and the papers and compositions of former faculty members and musicians in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. In addition to showcasing the intrinsic value of such rare materials, this class will show how our community accesses and uses them for original research, performance, and cultural enrichment.

Maristella Feustle is the Music Special Collections Librarian at the University of North Texas. She is the current chair of the MLA Preservation Committee and of the Texas Chapter of MLA. She is active as a jazz guitarist in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and her research interests include archival practice, digital humanities, and jazz history.

54. Why are the Irish Commemorating the Centennial of Doomed Rebellion this Year? (1 session)

By Rudy Ray Seward

Monday, Oct. 31; 11:45am-1:15pm

UNT Union Room #382

Irish worldwide are being asked this year to remember, reflect, and reimagine the 1916 Easter Rising. Why all the attention and centennial commemorations for a failed revolution conducted by a poorly armed, fatally disorganized, and ideologically incoherent band of rebels with little popular support? Many claim it's due to the birth of Irish independence, but the rebel declared 'Irish Republic' lasted only six-days and never controlled more than a few square miles in central Dublin. It was the British government's overreaction, especially the staggered executions of rebel leaders, which initiated a series of events bringing about Ireland's independence in 1922. The class will explore the context, consequences, and current celebrations of the Easter Rising including ambivalence about its significance.

Rudy Ray Seward has taught and researched family issues, and advised students at University of North Texas since 1973. After retirement in 2011, he was designated Professor Emeritus and continues his research. He completed graduate training at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, earning his Ph.D. in 1974 and undergraduate training at Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri. He has authored a book, book chapters, and journal articles dealing with family issues, including fathers, demographic history, work/life balance, and Irish families plus edited special academic journal issues on family issues. Currently he is researching cross-cultural differences in the impact of parental leave on fathering. Dr. Seward and Jean Ann Seward, P.T., have two sons and four grandchildren.