



SENIOR UNIVERSITY

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SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

JUNE 9-13, 2008

OLIN HALL, ROOM 105

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

\$30 Registration Fee for the Series

(includes up to 10 lectures)

Current Senior University Membership Required

Monday, June 9

9 - 10 am

"Texas Rangers Then and Now"

Robert Utley, Ph.D.

This lecture surveys two centuries of this world-famous law enforcement agency, beginning with citizen-soldiers called up periodically to fight Indians, followed by the decades as Old West lawmen, and transitioning into the 20th century, when the most shameful period of Ranger history took place during the decade of the Mexican Revolution of 1910-20. The emphasis will be on the development of the modern Rangers following the creation of the Department of Public Safety in 1935, culminating in the episodes of the Branch Davidians in 1993 and the standoff with the Republic of Texas militia in the Davis Mountains in 1997.

Robert Utley began his career in history at Custer Battlefield National Monument. He was a historian with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, both as an army officer and civilian. He then returned to the National Park Service where he served as Regional Historian of the Southwest Region in Santa Fe, New Mexico and Chief Historian in Washington D.C. He was also the Director of the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation and was Deputy Executive Director of the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Upon his retirement, he has devoted himself to historical research and writing. His specialty is the history of the American West.

10:30 - 11:30 am

"Legacy of Imperialism: Ancient Athens, Great Britain, and the American Revolution"

Mary Lou Lustig, Ph.D.

An imperialist path is usually irresistible to growing nations, despite the lessons from the past summed up by Thucydides more than two thousand years

before the American Revolution. Knowledge of the Athenian failure did not stop Great Britain from its own pursuit of empire or from the loss of its first empire. This talk will explore some of the similarities of the imperial experience for Athens and Great Britain.

Mary Lou Lustig is fast becoming one of Senior University's most popular lecturers and has created quite a following amongst the students. She is Professor Emeriti of History at West Virginia University and has taught at Pace, Seton Hall and New York universities. She holds a Ph.D. from Syracuse University and her field is Anglo-American colonial and revolutionary history.

Tuesday, June 10

9 - 10 am

"Kid Stories"

George Wagner

A lecture will be presented on the "unseen population" of Georgetown. These various stories will cover the lives of several young people living in and attending various Georgetown schools. Some of the subjects to be covered will be Kid Discrimination, The Never Ending Quest for Learning and Living, Do I Have a Future?, Four Kids Scared for Life, How Deep are the Scars?, Not Included - Left Out, Where is He When I Need Him?, and A Dad, A Son and Baseball - And No Apple Pie.

George Wagner was raised in New York City, one of seven children. After spending three years in the Marine Corp, he graduated from New York University, courtesy of the G.I. Bill. He joined 3M Company and held several management positions throughout his career in New York City, St. Paul, Minnesota, Chicago, Illinois, Houston and Dallas, Texas. He is currently mentoring and tutoring in Georgetown, and is on his second term on the Board of Directors of Georgetown Partners in Education. He was a counselor with the American Cancer Society and participated in Camp Discovery for children and teens that are cancer survivors for two summers, and attended a summer camp for Hospice as a counselor for children who have lost a parent or sibling within the past year.

10:30 - 11:30 am

"Representing Nature in Music"

Paul R. Lehman, Ph.D.

For centuries composers have turned to nature for both inspiration and subject matter. They have sought to represent and portray living creatures, familiar and exotic settings, and a broad array of natural phenomena, and they have done so using a wide variety of approaches and techniques. This lecture will provide an overview of

these efforts by means of a large and diverse sampling of brief musical excerpts.

Paul R. Lehman has been one of our most popular faculty participants as he has presented a number of courses in music, most recently six weeks of Gilbert & Sullivan in the Spring Semester. Dr. Lehman was formerly the Senior Associate Dean of the School of Music at the University of Michigan.

Wednesday, June 11

9 - 10 am

"Airbus 380, Super Jumbo"

Charles R (Pat) Patton

The new giant Airbus 380 is built to carry 1000 passengers and is competing with the Boeing B787 Dreamliner. It is possible to configure the plane for luxury accommodations or for maximum numbers of passengers. The lecture will review the construction of the giant plane and the ways that it is being employed.

Pat Patton is a 10 year resident of Sun City and has been a guest lecturer in Senior University Classes. His experience includes 20 years as Professor of Marketing at the University of Texas. Aviation has been an active hobby since his first flight in the Philippines in 1945.

10:30 - 11:30 am

"Alfred, Lord Tennyson : Celebrity Poet"

Cynthia Guidici

This lecture will examine Tennyson's celebrity status as Poet Laureate of the later Victorian period, discuss such important poems as "Ulysses" and consider their impact on the reading public.

Ms. Guidici earned her PhD in Victorian Studies at the University of North Texas. She is a writer and editor residing in Georgetown.

Thursday, June 12

9 - 10 am

"The Election Campaign of 1860"

George Murray

Does anything really change? Is politics a contact sport? In 1858 the country was living at the edge of great economic prosperity and being torn apart by moral issues. We had two political parties that were clearly out of step with the population and at a state of grid-lock. It was time for a new political party and several were forming. There were several great, prosperous, and experienced men ready to take the lead in one of the new parties. Why did an unexpected country lawyer pass the rest over and get the party's nomination? Was he really

the country lawyer they thought? What made him the only logical choice? Who engineered the campaign? How did they manage the ugly press? Why did we need to have the resulting war? What did it really change? We'll explore all of this and more.

George Murray graduated from the Detroit College of Business in 1976 with a B.S. in Business Administration. He served in the U.S. Army and Air Force in the field of hospital administration until his retirement from the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 1998. He spent thirty years in the pharmaceutical industry in marketing and sales management, retiring from Schering-Plough as a Regional Director of Sales. From 2002 until 2004, he taught 9th grade algebra at Bay High School in Panama City, Florida. Growing up in a politically active household, George developed an early interest in politics, history, and economics that produced a large collection of books that he and his wife have moved all over the country. He combines these three areas of interest into his lecture.

10:30 - 11:30 am

"How Do I Help My Depressed Friend?"

Knoel Babin and Heather Ledbetter

It is estimated 19 million American adults live with major depression. Friends and family of those with depression worry whether they can make suggestions to get help without risking losing the friend, by discussing the symptoms they observe. This seminar is offering hope that by your speaking up with care and concern, you will ensure a friend's safety, wellbeing and RECOVERY. We offer this opportunity to review the latest facts on depression: diagnostic tools, newest research, medications and psychological counseling needed for comprehensive care. We'll cover all types of major depressions, bipolar disorder, and best practices for treatment today.

Knoel Babin, RNC, BSN, has been a psychiatric RN for twenty nine years. She is presently Administrator of St David's Pavilion, now Austin Lakes Hospital. The Pavilion's geriatric psychiatric inpatient and intensive outpatient programs in Austin have been clinically renowned for the past 18 years. The Pavilion has grown steadily in reputation, outreach & coordination of services, via increased awareness by media, the public and all medical/seniors' entities & agencies under Knoel's direction.

Heather Ledbetter, LBSW graduated from the University of Texas, School of Social Work and has been a licensed social worker for 14 years. Her areas of practice include mental health and long term care. Heather has also held positions as an assisted living administrator and the Marketing Director for Hospice Austin.

Friday, June 13

9 - 10 am

"Why Writing?"

Adam Blatner and Steven T. Bett

Writing: Mankind's greatest invention? Although attributed to the gods, the technologies of writing may be the inventions that have had the greatest impact on the way we see ourselves in the world. Adam Blatner and Steve Bett will describe more lore of the foundations of one of the first technologies that made civilization possible. Most "primitive" peoples in the world didn't even know that spoken language could be "captured." Some of the issues associated with alphabets and writing systems will be presented.

Another popular Senior University faculty member, Adam Blatner, M.D. is deviating from his normal areas of psychology and aspects of philosophy to present this new and interesting lecture. Steven Bett, Ph.D., has a background in mass communications and has been on the faculty of several universities over the last twenty years, teaching journalism and applied linguistics. He is the editor of an online Journal of the Spelling Society - a 100 year old philological society, and has presented at international societies.

10:30 - 11:30 am

"The Fed"

Stephen Benold, M.D.

Everyone who reads a newspaper or magazine knows that the Federal Reserve Bank sets interest rates and manages monetary policy. But, what exactly is monetary policy? And, how does the Federal Reserve actually set interest rates? This brief talk will cover the history of our central bank, its main responsibilities, and several powers that it possesses with which you may not be familiar.

Stephen Benold, one of Senior University's most popular faculty members, will close out the 2008 Summer Lectures. He has been teaching economics for Senior University for ten years. His undergraduate degree was in economics from Rice University, where he was the Hayden Honor Scholar in economics. He is currently employed as the Medical Director of the Williamson County EMS, and has a private financial planning practice.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2008 Fall Semester

September 29 through November 4

Watch your email in August for the complete course schedule and registration form...