



Institute for Learning in Retirement
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR FALL 2023 – TCC & ZOOM

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PLEASE NOTE: COVID restrictions may have changed the availability of some Opportunities mentioned below.

The Institute of Learning in Retirement is a group of retirement age active seniors who are committed to life-long learning. Based at the Virginia Beach campus of Tidewater Community College, we enjoy intellectually stimulating lectures, discussion groups, social events, and trips. For a yearly membership fee, you will receive quarterly schedules of our activities. Classes, trips, discussion groups, and socials require registration and payment.

There are over 300 such college-sponsored institutes and centers in the U.S., and we are one of the largest in Virginia. Our ILR began in 1993 with 15 interested members, and has had as many as 900 active members from Virginia Beach and surrounding cities. We are housed at the Virginia Beach campus of Tidewater Community College and are in partnership with the Virginia Library system.

Membership

ILR membership is open to all who have reached retirement age without regard to race, religion, gender, color, or national origin. Volunteers interested in enriching their retirement years run the organization, with the help of one employee who sees to the business of operation.

What does it cost?

ILR members pay an *annual membership fee of \$25*. The cost of *each selected class is \$15* per two-hour session. The ILR social, membership, and travel events are priced accordingly.

Programs

The schedule for classes and trips is offered by quarters (Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, Jul-Sep, Oct-Dec). Members can register for programs as soon as the schedule is mailed or posted on the ILR website. (ilrvb.org > current forms & flyers)

Members register for the classes and activities that interest them. Topics are drawn from the arts, social issues, science and technology, history and world affairs, and health-related subjects. ILR also has special interest groups that organize as members express interest, such as Siteseers, who discuss international travel, the ILR Book Group, and Great Decisions. Call the office for contact information about these groups.

Our classes are usually two-hour presentations. Each calendar quarter, ILR offers 15 to 20 different classes planned by our Curriculum Committee. Classes meet Monday through Thursday in either the morning (10-12) or afternoon (1-3). Area college and university faculty teach many of our classes, but area experts and our members deliver others. **All classes are taught on the TCC Virginia Beach Campus and/or Zoom** unless otherwise specified. (See Registration form for Location details.) Specific room numbers are provided immediately prior to the class date.

Social and Travel Opportunities

Socializing is an important aspect of ILR. The Social Committee plans luncheons, visits to museums, and holiday events. The Membership Committee organizes periodic Lunch & Learn gatherings and New-Member Get-Togethers. The Travel Committee plans both day and overnight bus trips.

Class Cancellations

If a member cancels a class by phone or email *at least 4 business days in advance*, during business hours (9:30-3:30p.m., M-F), the member may choose either a full-value account credit or a refund check minus a \$2 administrative fee. For trips, the refund will vary according to the individual trip policy. (The \$2 administrative fee also applies.) The member will receive a refund check. If the ILR cancels a program, the member may choose a full refund or account credit.

TCC Closures and/or Inclement Weather

When TCC is closed or delayed, check your email for class status; it may be changed to Zoom Only instead of cancelled. **Closing and Delay Information:** Local radio and TV stations (3, 10 & 13); Notification on www.tcc.edu; Campus info center: (757) 822-1122; ILR Office Phone: 756-4861; ILR website: ilrvb.org.

Sign up for TCC Alerts: [Go to TCC Alerts FAQ page](#)

Parking at TCC

Parking is free. For Pungo Building F DRIVE TO Parking Lot 1 (closest to Princess Anne Rd.) Map will be included with class notification emails. **Parking info for other possible class locations will be provided as needed.**

Dear ILR Members,

We are happy to continue offering classes both at the Tidewater Community College-Virginia Beach Campus and via Zoom. Please be aware of the following:

COVID Protocols: ILR will be following all CDC, State and TCC COVID protocols that are applicable at the time of the classes. We are now using the Pungo Building (F) Auditorium, (F-133) which is large enough to allow plenty of social distancing and TCC will do COVID-level cleaning between classes. Your health is our primary concern and we will provide email updates as they become available. **Currently, mask use is optional.**

Types of Class Presentations: ILR offers the following class presentation options, based on the speaker's availability. To determine how your chosen class will be presented, check the "Location" line of the class descriptions given in this schedule. Also, on the Registration form, the "Location" column will show either "TCC-Z", "TCC" or "Zoom Only". TCC classes held in F-133, Pungo Aud.

- ❖ **TCC-Zoom:** These classes will be offered in-person at TCC AND on Zoom simultaneously. The speaker will be at TCC. Zoom participants will be able to see the speaker's slides and hear the speaker. The speaker may walk away from the limited scope of the camera, so their face may not be visible all of the time. Questions may be asked through Zoom or in-person. The Zoom link will be sent to **all** who register. **Each Member** may decide which method of class attendance is preferred. You do not need to notify the office of your choice, simply plan to be either at TCC or at your computer before class begins.
- ❖ **TCC:** These classes will **only** be offered in-person on the TCC-VB campus.
- ❖ **Zoom Only:** These classes will **only** be offered via Zoom. Registered members will be sent a Zoom link to access the class.

Guest Policy: ILR waives the membership requirement for a particular person to attend an event with a member once per year. A member may invite multiple guests per year, but each may attend one event. The event fee must be paid.

The views, information, or opinions expressed during the class are solely those of the individuals involved and do not necessarily represent those of the Institute for Learning in Retirement or TCC. All videos, content and materials are the property of the speaker. Participants are prohibited from making, copying or distributing all or part of any audio or video recordings of programs.

Photography: The ILR reserves the right to take photographs or videos during the operation of any program or part thereof and to use them, whether taken by a representative of the ILR or by other participants, for promotional purposes. By enrolling in an ILR program, participants agree to allow their images to be used in such photography; participants who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to program staff and the photographer at the commencement of their program.

Amazing Classes Await. Let the Fun Begin!!



Course Title: The State of Public Education in America

Date and Time: Monday, October 2, 2023, 10:00 – 12:00

Location: TCC VB - Pungo Auditorium and ZOOM

Course Description: This will be a brief history of public education in America, which will also include current times. Why is public education so important? How is it being used as a political football?

Speaker: Clair Berube has a Ph.D. in Urban Studies/Education from Old Dominion University and teaches education courses at Virginia Wesleyan University where she is also an alumna. A lover of psychology, she explores how people learn and what role psychology has in learning. She is dedicated to helping college students maximize their potential in the teaching profession.



Course Title: Virginia Beach Mass Shooting: Inevitable

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 10:00 – 12:00

Location: TCC VB - Pungo Auditorium and ZOOM

Course Description: The speaker will go over the facts and evidence and will explain why he thinks the Virginia Beach mass shooting was inevitable, but no one will be held accountable. The basis for his conclusions is in his more than 20 years of analyzing and writing about mass shootings, as well as his more than two years on the *Governor's Commission to Investigate the May 31, 2019, Virginia Beach Mass Shooting*.

Speaker: David Cariens is a retired CIA officer with a 40+-year career. In this capacity he wrote for all levels of the U.S. government, from the President to the working level analysts and policymakers. He taught Intelligence and Crime Analysis for the FBI and the Treasury's Financial Crime Center (FinCEN) among many other positions. He is the author of eight books, including his own memoir, *Escaping Madness*.



**Course Title: Hurricanes, El Nino, Tornadoes:
What They Are and What We Can Expect**

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 10:00 – 12:00

Location: TCC VB - Pungo Auditorium and ZOOM

Course Description: How do hurricanes form and develop? What is El Nino and what effect will it have on the remainder of the 2023 hurricane season? What information did we see from the recent tornado? We will discuss all the above and what weather we can expect for the upcoming winter season in Hampton Roads.

Speaker: Jeff Edmondson has been Chief Meteorologist at WAVY-TV since 2019. He previously worked at WAVY-TV from 2012 to 2015 and returned to the Super Doppler 10 weather team after four years of working in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is a seasoned forecaster, having covered hurricanes, tornadoes, and snowstorms. Jeff studied Meteorology at Iowa State University and is also a Certified Broadcast Meteorologist by the American Meteorological Society (AMS). Jeff is also an amateur astronomer who loves to discuss anything we can see in the night sky.



Course Title: The Swamp Fox

Date and Time: Thursday, October 12, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00

Location: TCC VB - Pungo Auditorium and ZOOM

Course Description: This will be a repeat of one of Randy Flood's most popular classes. We will hear stories of one of the leaders of the Revolutionary War. The Swamp Fox stories demonstrate that battles can be won by seemingly invisible troops, the complete opposite of the British way of going to battle.

Speaker: **Randy Flood** is a historian and Co-founder of The *Real* American Revolution, a nonprofit organization established to educate citizens about the American Revolution. Professionally, Randy began his career by serving on the staff of the United States Senate and has taught courses about politics and the legislative processes at numerous colleges and universities in the Washington metropolitan area. Currently, he resides in Williamsburg, Virginia, where he is working with the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association to educate teachers, students, and communities about the national historic trail that Generals Washington and Rochambeau and their armies traveled to entrap Lord Cornwallis and his British Army at Yorktown.



Course Title: **Oysters: History on the Half Shell**

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 10:00 – 12:00

Location: TCC VB - Pungo Auditorium and ZOOM

Course Description: This will be an examination of the history of our East Coast mollusk that has been enjoyed by humans for thousands of years. The humble oyster has been around since the dinosaurs and oyster farming since the Romans. The written history of our local oyster began in 1585-86 when Englishmen in the New World first ate our amazing delicacy. We will follow its history from the settlement period to the oyster wars in the Chesapeake Bay to the almost complete exhaustion of a valuable resource to the restoration efforts today. The Lynnhaven River will be spotlighted, as this is our local oyster habitat.

Speaker: **Lillie Gilbert** is an author and a conservationist, who has studied oysters since her involvement with Lynnhaven River Now (LRN) in 2003. LRN has successfully brought back the Lynnhaven Oyster, which has had a prominent role in our local Tidewater history.



Course Title: **Artificial Intelligence: Exploring Data Science and Machine Learning**

Date and Time: Thursday, October 19, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00

Location: TCC VB - Pungo Auditorium and ZOOM

Course Description: In this engineering presentation, we will embark on a journey to explore the potential of data science and machine learning. Designed for senior professionals seeking a high-level understanding of these innovative technologies, this presentation will provide you with a broad overview of their concepts and applications. We will cover the following key areas: introduction to data science, machine learning essentials, and practical examples. You will then have a firm grasp of the fundamental concepts of data science and machine learning.

Speaker: **Dr. Murat Kuzlu** (Senior Member IEEE) joined the Engineering Technology Department at Old Dominion University (ODU) as an assistant professor in 2018. He received his B.Sc., M.Sc., and Ph.D. degrees in Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering in 2001, 2004, and 2010. Before joining ODU, he worked as a Research Assistant Professor at Virginia Tech's Advanced Research Institute. His research interests include smart cities, data science, machine learning, explainable artificial intelligence, and next generation networks.



Course Title: **The Dark Side of Cinema: An Exploration of Film Noir**

Date and Time: Monday, October 23, 2023, 10:00 – 12:00

Location: TCC VB - Pungo Auditorium and ZOOM

Course Description: On a dark, rain splattered street in an unnamed city, a guy is in love with a woman who will do him wrong. She will make him commit a crime he does not want to do...anything for love. After WWII, Hollywood was not all comedies and musicals. Movies having to do with the dark, cynical side of life started being released. Often on a very low budget with up-and-coming actors and directors, these movies showed how minor actions had unexpected consequences. You will see several film clips which show some of the best examples of Film Noir.

Speaker: **Bill Myers** retired from teaching Television Production for 16 years at Virginia Beach Tech Center. After receiving his degree from Marietta College in Ohio, he settled in the Hampton Roads area. His professional career included major radio and television production, including jobs at Channel 3, CBN, WNIS and TCC. He is a long-time movie fan.



**Course Title: International Criminal Law:
Challenges and Responses During War**

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 10:00 – 12:00

Location: TCC VB - Pungo Auditorium and ZOOM

Course Description: Over the past year, the world has watched with distress the impact of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. The impact has not just been on Ukraine’s military. Russian forces have attacked apartments, schools, and medical facilities, and tortured, raped, and killed civilians. Is there any legal recourse for these actions? We will consider the possibilities – and challenges – for international criminal law to play a role in the world’s response to the atrocities being committed.

Speaker: **Jeffrey Brauch**, received his J.D. with honors from the University of Chicago Law School and joined the Regent University Law faculty in 1994. From 2000 to 2015 he served as the law school’s dean. He helped create Regent’s Center for Global Justice and serves as the Center’s executive director. He has taught Foundations of Law, International Human Rights, International Religious Freedom, Torts, and other courses. He has published four books.



Course Title: Crows and Ravens: How Spooky Are They?

Date and Time: Monday, October 30, 2023, 1:00 - 3:00

Location: TCC VB - Pungo Auditorium and ZOOM

Course Description: This is a perfect lecture around Halloween, or anytime. Whereas these birds may seem spooky, many of them have interesting behaviors, and an exchange about their intelligence is never out of season. We will cover the basic biology of these wonderful birds, and ensure we can all identify the local species, as well as discuss the natural history of some spectacular species. We will chat about the ecosystem engineering of Clark’s Nutcracker to the mythos of ravens to the crows of your local dump.

Speaker: **Dr. Shawn Dash** is presently an Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences at Hampton University. He is highly engaged in outreach regarding natural history and helping his listeners enjoy nature and science.



Course Title: What to Expect From Government Intelligence

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 10:00 – 12:00

Location: TCC VB - Pungo Auditorium and ZOOM

Course Description: The speaker will describe what Intelligence organizations can and cannot do. He will draw on his nearly 50 years of working for U.S. intelligence agencies and try to dispel myths about intelligence organizations and to put their work in the proper perspective.

Speaker: **David Cariens** is a retired CIA officer with a 40-year+ career. In this capacity he wrote for all levels of the U.S. government, from the President to the working level analysts and policymakers. He taught Intelligence and Crime Analysis for the FBI and the Treasury’s Financial Crime Center (FinCEN) among many other positions. He is the author of eight books, including his own memoir, *Escaping Madness*.



**Course Title: Abraham Lincoln During the Civil War:
Welcoming Slaves in “The House Built by Slaves,”
and Destroying the Illegal Transatlantic Slave Trade**

Date and Time: Monday, November 6, 2023, 10:00 – 12:00
Location: ZOOM ONLY

Course Descriptions: The first hour we will explore the remarkable story of the relationship of how the racial color line was broken, as African Americans claimed the First Amendment right to petition the government. They now saw Abraham Lincoln as *their* president and at *their* people’s house. The second hour we will look at the extraordinary lengths taken during the war to forever stop the transatlantic illegal slave trade by various means, including the use of civil courts and even an international kidnapping scheme.

Speaker: Jonathan W. White is professor of American Studies at Christopher Newport University. He is the author of sixteen books which cover topics of civil liberties during the Civil War, the USS *Monitor*, and the Battle of Hampton Roads. He serves as vice chair of the Lincoln Forum; the Ford’s Theatre Advisory Council; and, in 2019, won the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia’s Outstanding Faculty Award, among many others awards.



Course Title: Benedict Arnold
Date and Time: Thursday, November 9, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00
Location: TCC VB - Pungo Auditorium and ZOOM

Course Description: Back by popular demand, Randy Flood will review the life and career of Benedict Arnold. Once again, we will hear about the significant contributions of this hero of the Revolution and the circumstances that lead to his being labeled a traitor.

Speaker: Randy Flood is a historian and Co-founder of The *Real* American Revolution, a nonprofit organization established to educate citizens about the American Revolution. Professionally, Randy began his career by serving on the staff of the United States Senate and has taught courses about politics and the legislative processes at numerous colleges and universities in the Washington metropolitan area. Currently he resides in Williamsburg, Virginia, where he is working with the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association to educate teachers, students, and communities about the national historic trail that Generals Washington and Rochambeau and their armies traveled to entrap Lord Cornwallis and his British Army at Yorktown.



**Course Title: The Impact of the Depression, WWII, and
Post-WWII on Universities**

Date and Time: Monday, November 13, 2023, 10:00 – 12:00
Location: TCC VB - Pungo Auditorium and ZOOM

Course Description: “For the Duration” was the phrase signaling the resignation that we were going to war. But universities have just barely survived the Depression when some students lived in their cars or run-down boarding houses and took odd jobs to earn money for meals. Then Pearl Harbor hit universities hard as they struggled to find their mission and stay open. After the war, the biggest change happened when vets returned to campus. This changed higher education forever, not just “For the Duration.” We will discuss the lives on campus during each of these three unique segments in history.

Speaker: Dr. Robert Baxter is a native of Tidewater Virginia and currently a volunteer Contact Ranger & Historical Interpreter with False Cape and First Landing State Parks, and the Virginia Association of Parks. He holds a Dr. of Education & Master of Education degrees from UVA, and a BA in History from ODU. Half of this graduate work was in History. His postdoctoral work at the University of Dayton was in educational technology. He was Asst. Dean & Instructor at UVA. He was formerly VP of a local technology company serving a variety of

clients including NASA, DoD, State of NC, FEMA, Disney, and CMS. As Principal of Baxter Warner Assoc., he is also a historical interpreter on the Nature Bus of Norfolk.



**Course Title: Old Brick Churches in the Tidewater Area
During Colonial Times**

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00

Location: TCC VB - Pungo Auditorium and ZOOM

Course Description: During Colonial times in Tidewater Virginia, people of various communities built a number of church buildings, most of them made of wood, which deteriorated quickly. Some of the wealthier communities built their churches of brick and many of these are still in use. These structures today are a treasure within our reach, and today we will review some examples of these magnificent structures.

Speaker: Dr. Richard Brown is a native of Norfolk. He is a graduate of Maury High School and the University of Richmond. He received his MD degree from the University of Virginia, and a degree in Tropical Medicine and Public Health from Harvard University. Most of his career was spent in Africa where he developed programs to combat tuberculosis, malaria, and AIDS. At present, he is retired from medical practice, but he keeps active as a Master Docent at the Chrysler Museum of Art.

ILR Special Interest Groups



Interested in joining the **ILR Book Group**?? The group meets at TCC the 3rd Friday of most months, starting in Sept., at 1:00 p.m. Contact Laura Beckwith for more information.

Email: laurasutherland.2016@gmail.com Home phone: 757-689-2144 Cell Phone: 774-364-2801



Siteseers: This ILR special interest group is made up of members who enjoy learning about or sharing experiences and helpful tips with others concerning independent travel near and far.

It's free and fun!

Please contact Nancy McWilliams for information concerning the group meeting schedule or to be added to the participation list. nancym0907@yahoo.com

This group is not related to the ILR Travel Committee, which plans day and overnight trips specifically for ILR.

Artists Wanted!

Let's pull out our paints, pencils, cameras, fabrics, thread, carving tools or whatever is your pastime and passion.

ILR would like to celebrate the talents of our members with an in-person art show. So who will step up?

Please contact the office or email Fran Scott at franscott3@cox.net if you are interested in showing off your work in a fall event.

Also spread the word to any friends who might join ILR to display their work and meet other artistic seniors.

During the pandemic, we had a virtual art show that you could still see by clicking a link the blue tab for Current Forms and Flyers on the website.

The ILR Art Show is scheduled to be held at the Virginia Beach Joint Use Library, Friday, November 3rd - Wednesday, December 6th.