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Mornings with the Professors
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1. ART AND ARCHITECTURE IN ANCIENT ITALY
January 21, 28, February 4, 11 (Thursdays)
9:30-11:00 am
Enjoy an overview about art and architecture in ancient Italy, from the predecessors of the Romans through the birth of empire. Instead of broad surveys, this course will dive into selected topics that will illuminate how the peoples of ancient Italy saw themselves, their families, their gods and their government.

January 21  In the Beginning: An exploration of Etruscan Italy
January 28  Emperors and Architecture: The Birth of Propaganda
February 4  Pompeii: The Homes and Gardens of Roman Italy
February 11 Mosaics and Kinesthetic Address: Research at Oplontis

Lea Cline, Associate Professor of Art History, Affiliate Faculty of Women’s & Gender Studies and Assistant Director of the European Studies program, Illinois State University

2. WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE
February 16, 23, March 2, 9 (Tuesdays)
1:30-3:00 pm
Celebrating the Diverse and Complex Activists of the 19th Amendment
Tuesday, February 16
During 2020, a flourish of museum exhibits and new books celebrated the centennial of the passage of the 19th amendment. This highlighted the incredible diversity of people involved in woman suffrage. Their activism shows the willingness by suffragists to breach the boundaries and helps to complicate the conversation surrounding the diverse positions of voting activists. This session acknowledges the persistence of segregation and brings voice to little studied activists who challenged that segregated environment.

Kyle Ciani, Associate Professor of History and Core Faculty in Women’s & Gender Studies, ISU

The Federal Suffrage Movement: Hazle Buck Ewing’s Fight for All Women’s Equality
Tuesday, February 23
Hazle Buck Ewing passionately supported many causes over her lifetime. She joined the women’s suffrage movement in 1915, devoting the next four years to working with local, state and national leaders to help secure voting rights for women. Hazle was a lifelong member of the Bloomington League of Women Voters, encouraging women to be informed and active citizens in government.

Toni Tucker, Associate Director University Advancement, Director Ewing Cultural Center, ISU and

Closer to Home: A Conversation About Sarah Raymond
Explore the life and times of Sarah Raymond; the nation’s first female school superintendent, Bloomington IL. As an early graduate of Illinois State Normal University, a teacher, principal, and superintendent, Raymond challenged issues like progressive pedagogy, gender and race. In 1892 she experienced first-hand women voting in school board elections.

Monica Noraian, Associate Professor and Director of the History-Social Sciences Education Program, Department of History, ISU

Womanly Liberty and Home Protection: How Frances Willard Promoted Suffrage
Tuesday, March 2
In 1874, when the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) was formed, woman suffrage was definitely not part of its platform. This presentation shows how reformer (and Illinoisan) Frances Willard persuaded a reluctant WCTU to endorse suffrage and become a surprisingly powerful force in the national women’s rights movement.

Janet Olson, Archivist, Frances Willard Memorial Library and Retired Archivist, Woman’s Christian Temperance Union Archives, Evanston

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No virtual single-session option available.
Ahead of Their Time: A Brief History of Woman Suffrage in Illinois  
Tuesday, March 9
When the 1870 Illinois Constitutional Convention refused to give the franchise to women, the state’s distaff sex worked to gain equal rights and protections by championing individual laws. Through the efforts of determined women, Illinois allowed females to vote in all local and state education-related elections in 1891. Learn of the battle Illinois suffragists fought in 1913 to become the first state east of the Mississippi River to allow women to vote for the President.

Mark Sorensen, Retired Assistant Director, Illinois State Archives

3. HISTORY & COMPETITION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

March 18, 25, April 1, 8 (Thursdays)  
1:30–3:00 pm
The Horn of Africa is one of today’s global hotspots. U.S. troops conduct operations in Somalia, U.S. drones fly from Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, and U.S. naval forces monitor piracy along this critical waterway. The Americans aren’t the only ones with a growing presence in the region; China, Russia, Turkey, the U.A.E. and others are positioning themselves in the Horn as well. This class steps back from current events to learn more about the history of the region, the way modern boundaries have emerged and the growing international interest in the countries of Eritrea, Ethiopia, Djibouti and Somalia.

Janice Jayes, Instructional Assistant  
Professor, Department of History, ISU

4. THE EVOLUTION OF BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL: WHERE HAVE WE COME FROM, WHERE ARE WE GOING?

April 29, May 6, 13, 20 (Thursdays)  
1:30–3:00 pm
Freedom, Land and Community: A History of McLean County, Illinois  
1730–1900
Thursday, April 29
The story of McLean County is one of people defending their freedoms, as they understood it; living on the land for sustenance as they had the means to do so; and developing communities to sustain their dreams. This presentation is based upon Koos’ research and writing on the history of McLean County in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Greg Koos, Executive Director Emeritus,  
McLean County Museum of History

East Side, West Side, All Around Downtown: The Power and Challenges of Our Historic Neighborhoods  
Thursday, May 6
The heart of Bloomington is reflected in the historic neighborhoods surrounding downtown. While sprawl to the east and southwest has often overshadowed these neighborhoods, they are thriving and continue to be revitalized. What is working, what are the remaining challenges, and why does it matter?

Ruth Cobb, Retired Publicist and Local Historian
Karen Schmidt, Former City of Bloomington Alderwoman, Retired University Librarian, Illinois Wesleyan University

The Tale of Two Central, Core Business Districts  
Thursday, May 13
Uptown Normal has undergone major changes in the past 25 years. Learn how this transformation was accomplished and what’s in store in the future with Normal 2.0 and beyond. Downtown Bloomington has been in the cross-hairs of redevelopment for 50+ years. A major piece of commerce in downtown has been centered in the State Farm building, and now this iconic office building is on the verge of being reborn. Get an overview of the changes in downtown.

Mercy Davison, Town Planner, Town of Normal
Bill Kemp, Librarian, McLean County Museum of History

Our Community’s Growing Diversity  
Thursday, May 20
Hear from a panel of local residents from various minority ethnic groups and cultures who have diversified and enhanced the Bloomington-Normal community. Learn about their first-hand experiences of opportunities and challenges moving here, both the joys and pains, and how the community has changed in the past several generations in terms of acceptance, food, entertainment and more.

All winter/spring classes will be held virtually via Zoom. You will receive a link and information on how to enter the classes one week prior to the classes for which you’ve signed up and a reminder email with the Zoom link the day of the class.
A JOURNEY THROUGH AMERICA’S NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM
Friday, March 26
David Kroese embarked on a travel adventure of a lifetime. He will share his inspiration for visiting all 422 National Park Service units, a centennial project to say thank you to park personnel, and how the experience ended up in a book. Memorable recollections and visuals of the parks will illustrate systemwide themes and observations.

David Kroese, Author and Guest Lecturer

WHAT I LEARNED AT SHAKESPEARE CAMP FROM 1993 TO 2020
Friday, April 2
Artistic Directors of major Shakespeare Festivals often have backgrounds in acting, directing and even arts management but seldom do they come from the production/design side of the discipline. However, that has been Stark’s path. Learn what makes that unique and what makes the Illinois Shakespeare Festival his artistic home.

John Stark, Artistic Director, Illinois Shakespeare Festival

MARTIN LUTHER: SAINT OR SINNER?
Friday, April 9
Martin Luther famously described humans as being simultaneously saints and sinners. Luther was very much both, and he left an ambivalent legacy. Although Luther reformed the church, resolved an existential crisis and laid the foundation for the modern German language, he also split the Western church, subordinated the church to the state and was a vicious anti-Semite.

John Freed, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History, ISU

SPECIAL PROGRAM:
REFLECTING ON PRESIDENT BIDEN’S FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE
Wednesday, May 5
9:30-11:00 am
The first 100 days of a presidential administration is the time when a president’s power and influence are at their greatest strength. Also, this is when the president’s priorities are established. Dr. Bradley will assess President Biden’s first 100 days and what they likely reveal about the rest of his term.

Robert Bradley, Professor Emeritus, Politics & Government, ISU

No cost to attend but must register by submitting the digital registration form at bit.ly/2KrzWis.

A Zoom link and instructions on how to join the presentation will be emailed a week prior to Bradley’s talk. A reminder email with the Zoom link will be sent the day of the program.
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