



**SENIOR
PROFESSIONALS**
Illinois State University



HYBRID CLASSES

Fall 2023 / Winter 2024

Academy of Seniors & Mornings with the Professors

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ACADEMY OF SENIORS

1. SUSTAINABILITY: BEYOND THE BUZZWORD

September 11, 13, 18, 20 (Mondays/Wednesdays)
1:30-3:30 pm

Sustainability has become a buzzword for companies, organizations, universities, cities, and communities, but what IS sustainability? What does sustainability mean at ISU, in our community and across the world? How do we know when we ARE sustainable? This class will introduce three pillars of sustainability: the planet or environmental aspects, the people or social responsibility side and the profits or economic factors. By taking a more holistic look at sustainability, participants will have a better understanding of the term while also learning practical ways to live sustainably and promote sustainable practices.

September 11: What is Sustainability?

September 13: Environmental Pillar

September 18: Social Pillar

September 20: Economic Pillar

Elisabeth Reed, Sustainability Director, Illinois State University

Christine Bruckner, Sustainability Assistant Director, ISU

2. THE FRENCH REVOLUTION & THE MODERN WORLD

September 14, 21, 28, October 5 (Thursdays)
1:30-3:30 pm

The French Revolution of 1789 is often considered the beginning of “modern” history, having destroyed an old regime based on absolutist monarchy, the confessional state, privilege and feudalism and having implemented a new regime based on Enlightenment rationality, national sovereignty, equality and universal human rights. This course will explore the origins and significance of the Revolution while seeking to understand why the Revolution was difficult to end, why it drifted into Terror and how Napoleon Bonaparte rose to power in 1799.

Anthony Crubaugh, Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, ISU

FORMS OF PARTICIPATION:

1. **Attend in-person** at ISU's Alumni Center, 1101 N Main St, Normal
2. **Watch online** via Zoom.

FEES:

- **\$35 for Senior Professional members**
- **\$45 for non-members**
- **\$15 for single-session** (in-person only, payable at door).

For in person, pricing is **per person**.

For ZOOM, one registration **per household**.

Price includes:

- Four 2-hour sessions (one Academy of Seniors class)
- or**
- Six 2-hour Mornings with the Professors lectures

Register online at seniorprofessionals.ilstu.edu or call (309) 438-2160.

Zoom participants will receive a Zoom link a week prior to the class(es) for which they've signed up and again on the day of each class session.

3. UNDERSTANDING THE GILDED AGE IN AMERICA AND MCLEAN COUNTY

October 17, 24, 31, November 7 (Tuesdays)
9:30-11:30 am

Was There a Gilded Age?

October 17

Learn how Americans in general and United States historians in particular came during the 1920s-30s to regard the late 1800s as a distinct period labeled the Gilded Age. Hear common arguments for and some arguments against the use of this term to set those decades apart. If the Gilded Age existed as a separate period, historians argue it is due to how industrial capitalism in an urbanizing society became intertwined with the headlong incorporation of the West into the country's political economy.



**SCAN TO VIEW CLASS
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An Era of Cultural Ferment

October 24

A paradox of the Gilded Age is that critiques of the era and the social and political reform movements emerged from the cultural and intellectual ferment of the late 1800s itself. This class examines changes in popular culture, publishing and journalism, the visual and performing arts, architecture and design, education and the professions that created the foundation for the U.S. as a significant influence on world culture in the twentieth century.

A Struggling Political System and the Crisis of the 1890s

October 31

Most experts doubt that the political system in the Gilded Age actually was, as the stereotype suggests, shortsighted and corrupt by comparison to other eras. Instead, accusations that politicians had grown self-serving and ineffective represented widespread dissatisfaction with government's ability to address the deep problems left over from the Civil War and Reconstruction. This class examines politics in the late 1800s and traces critiques and insurgent movements, culminating in the turmoil surrounding the Populist movement and the depression of the 1890s.

The Gilded Age in McLean County

November 7

Enjoy an illustrated lecture on how the betrayal of the Republican ideal of Free Men and Free Soil supported the economic and labor transition of independent producers and crafts people into employers and farm tenants. It will detail the resistance to such change in the words and lives of those who struggled for personal freedom. Dr. Lessoff's lectures provide an ample base for the much larger context of these issues.

Alan Lessoff, *University Professor of History, ISU (October 17, 24, 31)*

Greg Koos, *Executive Director Emeritus, McLean County Museum of History (November 7)*

4. THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF LONGEVITY

January 17, 19, 24, 26 (Wednesdays/Fridays)

9:30-11:30 am

This class will cover some key insights regarding social determinants of health and longevity and how these factors play out across the United States and internationally.

January 17: Introduction to the powerful ways in which our social surroundings impact our health and longevity. Begin to explore how economic inequality affects people in surprising ways, both in the U.S. and internationally.

January 19: Health follows wealth, and ill health follows poverty. But sometimes things are even worse than we might expect, and average longevity reveals the impacts of both contemporary and historical conditions. Glasgow, Scotland illustrates this in fascinating ways.

January 24: Leveraging insights from the United Kingdom, travel to Central Appalachia to find similar patterns of lost jobs and shortened lives. Deaths of despair exist alongside creative efforts by public health workers to stand in the gap.

January 26: Conclusions are drawn at the macro and micro levels to better understand how economic conditions and psychosocial factors shape both population-level health and individual health experiences.

Greg Shaw, *Professor of Political Science, Illinois Wesleyan University*

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CLASSROOM JOURNEY



Pullman National Historical Park on Chicago's Southside

Wednesday, October 11 | 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Visit the newest National Park. The Pullman National Historical Monument on Chicago's southside reflects five stories: industrialization, railroads, a planned community, labor organizing and civil rights. Visit the newly opened National Park Service with its Visitors Center and Pullman interpretation. The Historic Pullman Foundation (HPF) has a new exhibit highlighting 50 years of neighborhood restoration and revitalization. Walk the factory grounds and see the 1880s row houses George Pullman built for his workers. HPF board member and local historian, **Mike Matejka**, will join us on the trip and assist with the tour. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, Lexington Betty Smokehouse, known for its famous BBQ.

\$100 for members | \$115 for non-members

Cost includes transportation, snacks, lunch and site fees.

The bus will depart from ISU's Office of Parking and Transportation lot, 709 N. Main St, Normal.

MORNINGS WITH THE PROFESSORS



**September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3
(Fridays) 9:30-11:30 am**

CULTURES OF SCIENCE: A HISTORICAL SURVEY OF THE VARIED WAYS OF KNOWING

September 29

Science is inseparable from culture. For the last 150 years, the history of science has worked to explain and analyze that connection. As current debates rage about the reliability of scientific data, the growing reliance on digital technology and the political biases of scientists, one of the best tools for contributing to the debate is historical context. During this session, we will explore three case studies in the history of science from the Middle Ages (Astronomy), the early Modern period (Botany), and the Victorian Era (Physics) that will help provide context and encourage an appreciation for the sociocultural intricacies embedded in science.

Nathan Kapoor, *Assistant Professor of History, ISU*

IS THE SUPREME COURT IN PERIL?

October 6

With public opinion plummeting for the Supreme Court's decisions and justices mired in ethics controversies, can the Supreme Court still be a pillar of democracy and a guardian of liberty? Is the Supreme Court an unbiased referee of legal disputes? Does the Court still dispense equal justice under the law? Does this Court situation differ from former crises? These and related questions will be discussed.

Robert Bradley, *Professor Emeritus, Politics and Government, ISU*

THE ILLINOIS SAFE-T ACT AND ITS IMPACT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE COURTS AND OUR COMMUNITY

October 13

The Illinois SAFE-T Act (and its component Pretrial Fairness Act) was adopted as part of an intended reform of the criminal justice system. Its impact has been wide-reaching, and the legislation has had both strong proponents and vocal critics. Notwithstanding the intentions of the General Assembly that adopted it, does the SAFE-T Act truly make our community more safe? This presentation will educate attendees about the material provisions of the Act, provide initial data and commentary on the Act's effect on community safety concerns and describe the Act's practical impact on the day-to-day operations of police agencies, the courts and other criminal justice system stakeholders.

**Chief Judge Casey Costigan and Associate Judge
Scott Kording**

LIFE 3.0: DELVING INTO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

October 20

What is Artificial Intelligence (AI)? How does it affect us? Learn of work done by computational science researchers, specifically Max Tegmark and colleagues' book on *Life 3.0: Being Human in the Age of Artificial Intelligence*. Discover the current state of AI applications in areas such as healthcare, media and judicial system and implications thereof for citizens. What do the outlook into the near future and the challenges and opportunities from this new wave of digital transformation look like?

Elahe Javadi, *Associate Professor of Information Technology, ISU*

WHITE TALK, PRIVILEGE AND IGNORANCE

October 27

You have likely heard white talk. It sounds like this: *I'm not a racist. My ancestors never owned slaves. I have Black and Latino friends. I don't see color. I'm from a poor white family and you don't hear us complaining. People of color make everything about race. All lives matter.* It's no accident that these responses are often the first words out of white people's mouths when talking about race. This class will examine the spoken, embodied and performative nature of white talk. Consider not what white talk says, but what it does; that is, how do these utterances function to maintain white comfort and privilege?

Alison Bailey, *Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, ISU*

THE WORLD WE LIVE IN: DEMOCRACY RETREATS, AUTHORITARIANISM SURGES

November 3

In the past decade and a half, the world has experienced a dramatic decline of democratic countries and meteoric rise of autocratic rulers in various parts of the world. Analysis shows that the level of democracy for the average global citizen by 2022 is back to 1986. This presentation examines the state of democracy, causes of and conditions for the global trend of democratic backsliding, roles of various international actors and future trajectories of democracy.

Ali Riaz, *Distinguished Professor of Political Science, ISU*

*Classes will be held at Illinois State University's
Alumni Center, 1101 N Main St, Normal*

*A limited number of scholarships are available.
To inquire, call (309) 438-2160 and ask for Laura.*

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ON-SITE: Conference Services, Illinois State University Alumni Center,
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REFUNDS: To receive a full refund for MWP or Academy classes, your registration must be cancelled no later than one week prior to the start date of each class; a \$10 processing fee will be charged after that date.

To receive a full refund for the Classroom Journey bus trip, cancellations must be received no later than one week prior to the trip unless there is a wait list and another individual can fill the seat.

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Senior Professionals is an organization open to persons of retirement age. No prior affiliation with ISU required. Members select their level of involvement, with opportunities to get involved in a variety of ways, including socializing at special events, attending classes, mentoring students, conducting mock interviews, reviewing resumes and planning programs.

The cost to join is an annual tax-deductible donation of \$125.00 made payable to ISU Foundation. Monies go to support program offerings, expenses and student scholarships. Members are eligible to receive a Redbird Card, which allows use of Milner Library, Tech Zone computer services, a technology help line and more.

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