

Single Classes



A Year in the Life of a Red Fox in Mansfield, CT

Although infrequently seen, red foxes are abundant in our town and across the state. Having the good fortune to live adjacent to an active den, the speaker has used photographs, videos, and the scientific literature to reveal the secret lives of these beautiful animals. Red foxes turn out to be surprisingly vocal and may be the reason we are not overrun with squirrels!

Tuesday, March 5, 1:15 to 2:45

Kurt Schwenk, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, UConn



Drivers and Patterns of Global Transformation in the Wine Industry

This talk shows how interrelations between the wine value chain’s different stages, the sector’s leading participants, and the evolutions of technology and external factors have shaped the dynamics of the global wine industry. This historical account highlights the drivers of the global transformation of the wine industry in three distinctive historical periods: mid-19th to mid-20th century, the second half of the 20th century, and the 21st century.

Thursday, March 7, 1:15 to 2:45

Emiliano Villanueva, Chair, Department of Business Administration, ECSU

Coventry’s Past Through Old Maps

This talk about Coventry’s history from the perspective of old maps looks at early land allotments, 19th-century maps, Root-Porter, and more. Do you own an old home in Coventry? Let’s find it on an old map!

Thursday, March 14, 1:15 to 2:45

John Holmy, Coventry Town Historian

The Future of Transportation in CT

This talk provides insight into the future of transportation from self-driving cars to ways of detecting impaired drivers. The Connecticut Transportation Institute conducts a wide range of services for the state Department of Transportation and is working to develop state of the art facilities at UConn to research driver behavior and to prevent fatal and serious-injury crashes.

Tuesday, March 19, 1:15 to 2:45

Eric Jackson, Executive Director of the Connecticut Transportation Institute



The Climate Crisis: Root Causes, Effects, and Policy Proposals

This seminar offers an overview of the historical and contemporary root causes of the ongoing climate crisis and explains its effects and how they vary among different countries, regions, and social groups within countries. The speaker also discusses the main climate solutions and their pros and cons, and concludes by sharing his research on the most controversial climate solution, that is, solar radiation management, which some have referred to as “solar dimming.”

Thursday, March 21, 1:15 to 2:45

Mark Urban, Chair and Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, UConn

2024 Winter Session Schedule

AM Classes 10:15 to 11:45		PM Classes 1:15 to 2:45	
Tuesday PM	Making the World Better by Rethinking What Kindness Is - January 16 Making Strides: Exercise for Cancer Survivors - January 23 Seeking Truth in the Age of Disinformation - January 30 The Ghosts of Sun Yat-sen - February 6 Forging a New Marine National Monument off the Northeast - February 27 A Year in the Life of a Red Fox in Mansfield, CT - March 5 The Future of Transportation in CT - March 19		
Wednesday PM	Acoustic Interactions in Ranid Frogs - January 24 The Social Foundations of Entrepreneurship - January 31 Transforming Urban Vacant Lots - February 14 Has Age Discrimination Become the New Normal? - February 21 Goddesses, Wives and Maids: Women in Homer's Odyssey - March 27		
Thursday AM PM	Memoir Group - Jan 11 to March 29 From Workers' Compensation to Medicare - January 11 AI in Education: the Panic and the Promise - January 18 Mansfield Tomorrow: Planning for Mansfield's Future - February 8 The Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project - February 15 Connecting School Cafeterias to Locally Grown Food - February 22 In Genghis Khan's Footsteps - February 29 Drivers and Patterns of Transformation in the Wine Industry - March 7 Coventry's Past Through Old Maps - March 14 The Climate Crisis: Root Causes, Effects, and Policy Proposals - March 21 Roundtable Book Discussion of Circe - March 28		

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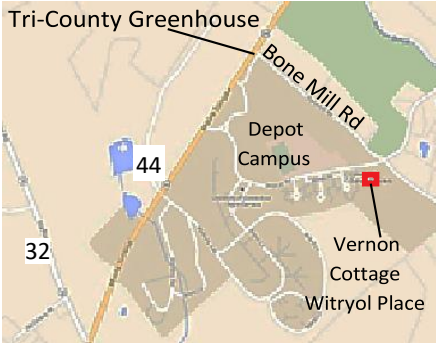
Lifelong Learning: CLIR
In collaboration with UConn Extension

UConn CLIR’s purpose is to provide intellectual stimulus for adults from all walks of life through informal classes and discussions. **There are no academic or age requirements.** Come join us in the Vernon Cottage on UConn’s Depot Campus, with free parking and access for the mobility-impaired. (GPS address: Witryol Place, Storrs, CT 06269)

In case of bad weather, CLIR follows the Mansfield Public Schools policy, announced on local radio and TV stations: If they cancel, we cancel; if they have late opening, we cancel morning class; if they have early closing, we cancel afternoon class. If in doubt, contact Mansfield Community Center at 860-429-3015 or the UConn information line at 860-486-3768.

For registration questions call 860-875-3331. For all other questions, email CLIR President Steve Kenton at clirpres@gmail.com.

The CLIR schedule is also available on the Web at <http://clir.uconn.edu>



Multi-Week Classes

Memoir Group

Write your memoirs to share in class. New members are welcome.

Jan 11 to March 29, 10:15 to 11:45

Facilitator: Cathy Belanger

Circe Week, March 27 and 28, based on the novel by Madeline Miller.
ESCU has donated 40 free copies for participants, available at Vernon Cottage.

Goddesses, Wives and Maids: the Roles of Women in Homer’s Odyssey

Inspired by Madeline Milller’s 2018 representation of the goddess Circe in her novel of the same name, this talk considers the various roles women play in Homer’s ancient Greek epic and compares the ancient Greek characters with their more recent takes by the likes of Margaret Atwood.

Wednesday, March 27, 1:15 to 2:45

Vincent Tomasso, Associate Professor of Classical Studies, Trinity College

Roundtable Book Discussion of Circe

Coordinated by Emily Todd, ECSU Dean of Arts and Sciences, and led by student participants in ECSU’s National Endowment for the Arts “Big Read” of Madeline Miller’s novel Circe

Thursday, March 28, 1:15 to 2:45

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From Workers’ Compensation to Medicare

How worker militancy and unions gave you the social insurance you value.

Thursday, January 11, 1:15 to 2:45

Robert Asher, Professor Emeritus of History, UConn