Making Strides: Exercise for Cancer Survivors
Essential evidence supports the safety and efficacy of exercise and ways to make strides toward healthy activity behaviors for those living with and beyond cancer.
Tuesday, January 23, 1:15 to 2:45
Victoria DeSceusa, Assistant Professor in Residence, Kinesiology, UConn

The Social Foundations of Entrepreneurship: Lessons from Experiences to Honor the Amazon, the Sahara, and the War in Ukraine
The speaker highlights how the structure of our society we live in shapes the entrepreneurial opportunities available to us, the process by which we organize new businesses to exploit these opportunities, and our chances of success in entrepreneurial endeavors. In doing so he weaves stories from his experiences working with entrepreneurs in extreme and quirky social contexts.
Wednesday, January 31, 1:15 to 2:45
Ryan Coles, Assistant Professor, Boston Management and Entrepreneurship Department, UConn

Acoustic Interactions in Rainid Frogs
American bullfrogs (Rana catesbeiana) and green frogs (R. clamitans) commonly co-occur in eastern North America. But bullfrogs have louder, longer mating calls than green frogs. This could effectively silence green frogs, exacting a heavy cost on their ability to attract mates to the pond. Nevertheless, in natural settings where these species co-occur, green frogs reproduce successfully and populations are stable. How is this possible?
Wednesday, January 24, 1:15 to 2:45
Susan Herrick, Associate Professor in Residence, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, UConn

The Ghosts of Sun Yat-sen: Mixed Legacies in China and Abroad
Sun Yat-sen (1866-1925), widely celebrated as the founder of the Chinese Republic, travelled around the world to raise money for China’s revolution to overthrow the Qing dynasty. This talk explains his enduring popularity despite his limitations as a political leader and looks at different ways in which his image is deployed in different countries, buildings, and museums worldwide.
Tuesday, February 6, 1:15 to 2:45
Victor Zosopotz, Associate Professor of History, UConn

Mansfield Tomorrow: Planning for Mansfield’s Future
The Town of Mansfield strongly supports balanced economic development efforts with sensitivity to preserving the town’s unique blend of rural character and college town amenities to create an attractive location for businesses, workers, and residents. The town has designated both Smart Growth Areas and Rural Conservation Areas to maintain the low-density rural landscape in most of the town while accommodating growth in walkable mixed-use centers, compact residential, and institutional areas.
Thursday, February 8, 1:15 to 2:45
Jennifer Kaufman, Director of Planning and Development, Town of Mansfield

The Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project
Twenty-five years ago, Aoife Nic Creig, an LGBTQ+ identified lesbian gym teacher in Houston, Texas realized that the stories of her older lesbian friends, including veterans of World War II, were at risk of being lost. She recorded and transcribed interviews with them, scanned their photos at Staples and spiral-bounded them into printed books. From there The Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project grew to 900+ interviews, of which the speaker has collected over 80.
Thursday, February 15, 1:15 to 2:45
Christine Pattee, PhD in Public Health from Yale University, has had a distinguished career in public health.

As Age Discrimination Becomes the New Normal in the Workplace
As more older workers populate the workforce, and as there are greater numbers of older workers in the American population, inevitably the number of age discrimination claims will increase over time. Age discrimination complaints account for 20% of the EEOC’s investigations into alleged workplace bias.
Wednesday, February 21, 1:15 to 2:45
Robert Bird, Professor of Business Law, University of Connecticut Extension Program, UConn

Connecting School Cafeterias to Locally Grown Food
UConn Extension members share their work leading a program that trains a cohort of K-12 school food service directors to purchase food from farmers and add these fresh products to school meals using seasonal recipes. The “Put Local on your Tray” program also maintains a farm directory to help connect farmers to school districts. In recent years the program has started working with early childhood centers as well.
Thursday, February 22, 1:15 to 2:45
Jeff Martin, Extension Educator, Extension Program, UConn

Forsging a New Marine National Monument off the Northeast US
The Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument was initially designated by President Obama in 2016, the result of years of scientific exploration research, public outreach, and the political will to protect a small part of our national heritage in the Atlantic Ocean. This talk recounts the science, collaborations, ensuring controversies, and ultimate protections for this biodiversity hotspot in the deep ocean.
Tuesday, February 27, 1:15 to 2:45
Peter Austur, Research Professor Emeritus, Department of Marine Sciences, UConn

In Genghis Khan’s Footsteps: Thirty Years of Geographical Research Amidst the Stunning Landscapes and Rich Nurturid Culture of Central Asia
As part of the large project ‘In Genghis Khan’s Footsteps’, the speaker shares his stories on an expedition to Mongolia and northern China and includes photographs of natural scenery.
Thursday, February 29, 1:15 to 2:45
Dickson Cunningham, Professor, Earth Science Department, ECSU