075 | Michelangelo: His Life and His Art  
Instructor: Allen Reamer  
Cost $28  
2 sessions: Mondays, July 6, 13  
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
In this newly revised and expanded talk about the Late High Renaissance master Michelangelo, we will follow his life, a seeming soap opera of epic proportions. We will discuss why he said later in life that he felt he wasted his youth, the Sistine Chapel in detail, and learn how he expressed his feelings about having to paint frescoes. We will also learn what authorities did to express their displeasure with his work. In addition, we will discuss, compare, and contrast the three Davids, by three master sculptors, from three eras, in three art styles. This lecture will cover Michelangelo’s life, his works of art, and the historical context in which he worked.

076 | Was the Civil War a “Total War”?  
Instructor: Dr. Adrian Brettle  
Cost $14  
1 session: Monday, July 6  
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  
Some scholars believe the Civil War began with fighting between soldiers, but later engulfed citizens, and eventually triggered massive social, political, and economic change. Others contend the conflict remained a rather restrained 19th century struggle that never approached the status of a “total war.” Does “total war” mean unrestricted war against civilians, or does it mean that the experience of war hit civilians very hard in many areas as well as exacted a huge toll on soldiers? Come hear both sides of this conversation, as well as the implications behind “total wars,” specifically the Civil War.

077 | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
Instructor: Dr. Guy Whatley  
Cost $28  
2 sessions: Tuesdays, July 7, 14  
10:30 a.m. – noon  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791) was an Austrian composer. He composed music in several genres, including opera and symphony. His most famous compositions included the motet Exsultate, Jubilate, K 165 (1773), the operas The Marriage of Figaro (1786) and Don Giovanni (1787), and the Jupiter Symphony (1788). Today, he is widely considered one of the greatest composers in the history of Western music. We will take a deep dive into the life and times of Mozart from his early childhood, through guidance from his father Leopold, and into his last years. Join us as we learn about the man, the time period he lived through, and his music.

078 | Of Dogma and Desire: Saying What You Believe About the First Amendment  
Instructor: Robert McWhirter  
Cost $28  
2 sessions: Tuesdays, July 7, 14  
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  
Studying the First Amendment focuses on not just our right to speak, but on our right to believe; speech and religion clauses are more connected than we think. The beliefs and practices of Persians, Greeks, Hebrews, Romans, and Puritans show that not only have our rights of speech and creed grown, but also the concept of Freedom. We will cover many topics, including: Are we a Christian nation? Is God in the Constitution? Do we really know obscenity when we see it? What are symbols of religion and speech? What does speech protection look like in times of war?

079 | Generals of World War II  
Instructor: Ken Sorensen  
Cost $14  
1 session: Wednesday, July 8  
10:30 a.m. – noon  
World War II was a defining military conflict in world history. As expected, such a cataclysmic event brought the sharpest military minds, on all sides, to the attention of the whole world. This presentation covers the senior military commanders serving the Allied forces, the United States of America, Britain, and Russia, and the Axis powers, Germany, and Japan. How did their lives intersect, and what was their perception of one another? Come hear the stories of their lives and the battles they engaged in to determine the future of the world.

080 | The Plight of the Wolf: Demonized, Hunted, and Re-Emerging  
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Donovan  
Cost $14  
1 session: Thursday, July 9  
10:30 a.m. – noon  
In the late 1800’s, the United States government waged an all-out war to eradicate the wolf from the lower 48 states. It was a successful venture. As more information and support has grown, the importance of this apex predator has drawn national attention regarding its reintroduction efforts. Despite this, illegal poaching and misinformation has continued. As we celebrate 20 years of recovery efforts for wolves, we will take a look at some of the history behind these efforts and learn about the history of the gray wolf as well as the more specific history of the Mexican wolf here in the southwestern part of the United States.
081 | Cleopatra: The Last Pharaoh of Egypt
Instructor: Dr. Sarah Bolmarcich  Cost $14
1 session: Monday, July 13
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Cleopatra VII ruled Egypt in her own right as a female Pharaoh. Today, she is more widely known for her affairs with two prominent Romans, Julius Caesar and Marc Antony. In films and novels, and on TV, Cleopatra is shown as a sultry, oversexed seductress. In fact, she was a queen desperately struggling to keep her throne and preserve her kingdom’s independence from Rome. This class looks at the “real” Cleopatra behind the glossy Hollywood image.

082 | Altered Trajectories: The Stories of Hitler and Stalin
Instructor: Ken Sorensen  Cost $14
1 session: Wednesday, July 15
10:30 a.m. – noon
Their very names invoke hatred, fear, and loathing. Come hear the stories of these two rulers with remarkably similar backgrounds, Hitler and Stalin both grew up in abusive situations, with mothers who wanted them to become involved in the Church. Instead, they became iron-fisted rulers who ordered their citizens and others to be killed, and both will go down in history as horrific examples of demeaning their country’s citizens. Join us as we compare and contrast these two leaders, and learn how they became who they were.

083 | This Can’t Be Real, Can It? Identifying Online Scams
Instructor: Dr. Kristy Roschke  Cost $14
1 session: Wednesday, July 15
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
We’ve all received our fair share of scam and chain emails over the years. But as more people use social media and text messaging to communicate, scammers have many different ways to trick unsuspecting consumers. In this session, we will learn more about the common techniques scammers use to fool people, how to identify scam texts, emails, and social media posts – and what to do if you think you have received one.

084 | Regulating Conflict: What Americans Should Know About the Law of War
Instructor: Dr. Daniel Rothenberg  Cost $14
1 session: Thursday, July 16
10:30 a.m. – noon
For all of human history, people have come up with ways to regulate war. For nearly a century and a half, we have relied on a body of rules known by various terms – including the “law of war” – to formally manage the devastating impact of armed conflict. This element of international and national law is universally accepted and provides a foundation for how the U.S. military operates. However, while our country has been at war for nearly two decades, few Americans know much about the “law of war” – this creates many misunderstandings and much confusion. This talk provides an overview of the key principles, rules, concepts, and practices of the “law of war” based on the idea that this knowledge is essential for making sense of our complex and contested world.

085 | Arizona Woodpeckers and Wrens
Instructor: Kathe Anderson  Cost $14
1 session: Thursday, July 16
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Both woodpeckers and wrens are ubiquitous and easily seen in Arizona, although some more visible than others. Learn about what distinguishes woodpeckers and wrens from other families of birds. Discover identification tips, including habitat preferences, for five species of each family of birds.

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