



# ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Academy of Lifelong Learning  
University of Delaware

October 13, 2008

## CALLAHAN LECTURE

University of Delaware Professor Emeritus of History Raymond Callahan will present the Fifth Annual Callahan Lecture on Friday, October 17, at 1 p.m. in Room 105, Arsht Hall.

The title of this year's lecture is "Shadows of Empire: Kipling's North West Frontier from the Great Game to the Taliban."

Professor Callahan elaborates on the subject: "When long-lived empires die, their influence rarely vanishes. We still live, after all, with the legacy of Rome. When the greatest work of European empire-building, the British Raj in India, came to an end sixty one years ago, it left a basket of legacies to its successors. One of the most problematic was "frontier policy" and the belt of rugged terrain with even more rugged inhabitants that is now Pakistan's "Federally Administered Tribal Areas." What are they? Why was the Raj able to control the North West Frontier? Why can't anyone else?"

Professor Callahan's presentations to the Academy are always a well received treat. Don't miss out on this opportunity on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The lecture is free and open to the public. Please bring your friends



## SUMMER SESSION 2009

Now that you have settled comfortably into fall classes at the Academy, it is time to begin thinking about next summer. As you read in the last newsletter, we had a terrific four weeks of classes last summer. Next July 7 – 30, 2009, is the perfect time right smack in the middle of summer to get your brain working and to meet new friends. The atmosphere of small classes and more discussion within the classes make for a rewarding time in the middle of the long summer break.

Planning is beginning for summer courses 2009 with course proposal forms available on October 16 in the Academy office. Also on Thursday, October 16, a meeting is planned at noon in Arsht 216 for prospective instructors and those entertaining the idea of becoming an instructor. We will discuss ideas for new courses or improving courses already developed. We can address questions about using PowerPoint, slide projectors, and other aids to augment the presentations we may have given for a number of years in our areas of interest. Bring a sandwich and join us on Thursday, October 16,

The deadline for the first call for summer session courses will be Wednesday, November 26.

Deborah Haskell  
Co-chair, Summer Courses

## SPRING SEMESTER 2009

Course proposals for Spring Semester 2009 are in process. Since the October 9 deadline, Area Coordinators and the Academy office staff are busy planning the schedule of courses to begin February 9. Many new courses will be offered along with continuing favorites. Make your plans for spring and invite a friend to come to the Academy as well.

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**Schedule for the *Academy Newsletter***

| <u>Submittal deadline</u> | <u>Issue date</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Mon. Oct. 20              | Mon., Nov. 10     |
| Thur., Jan. 15            | Mon., Feb. 9      |

Submit articles to [rehlich@udel.edu](mailto:rehlich@udel.edu), or place in the Newsletter mail slot on the rear wall in the Reception Area.

**WALTER ABATH**

For the first time in fourteen years, Walt's name is not on the above list. Walt was long-time Newsletter editor and recruited and trained the current editor, continuing to critique each issue. His long time interest was travel and he collapsed on his way to a travel committee meeting. We are indebted to Walt for his service to the Academy.

**HALLOWEEN BREAKFAST**

The annual Halloween Breakfast will be held on Halloween, Friday, October 31, 2008, from 8 to 10:15 a.m. Chef Dave Brown will have a breakfast special available. Also individual items will be available if you do not want the whole breakfast special. Costumes are optional, but why not join the fun, and wear something funny or weird or scary? There will be prizes for most unusual costume. However, costumes are not necessary to attend the breakfast. Just come and have a nice morning with friends and fellow Academy members. No tickets will be sold in advance. Just come on the day and pay as you go in the Cafeteria. Breakfast items will be available anytime during the Halloween breakfast period.

Linda Miller and Nancy Smith  
Co-Chairs, Luncheons

**ACADEMY-PTTP BUS TRIP**

Good News! After being dark for a year while auditioning and recruiting the Class of 2011, the Professional Theatre Training Program (PTTP) is up and running again. Classes, training, and rehearsals have begun, and the performance schedule for the year is ready.

Better News!! The University has announced that a new professional acting company joins our nationally acclaimed graduate conservatory. In conjunction with the incoming PTTP graduate class, we will enjoy the work of the Resident Ensemble Players (REP)," a resident professional acting company consisting of some of America's most experienced and respected stage actors."

The first play by the PTTP students will be William Shakespeare's "As You Like It", one of the Bard's funnier and more memorable comedies. It is "a mischievous romance of mis-identities and missed opportunities", including the wonderful clown, Touchstone, and one of the best put-downs to be heard on stage - Rosalind's speech to Phoebe (III-5),"For I must tell you, friendly in your ear, sell when you can, you are not for all markets."

The Academy will sponsor a bus trip to Hartshorn Hall to see "As You Like It" at the matinee Saturday, November 22, 2008. The bus will leave the upper parking lot here at the Academy at 1 p.m. for the 2 p.m. curtain and return immediately after the performance (about 5:30 p.m.). For those preferring to drive, parking is available in the parking garage across the street from the theatre. Costs are \$8.00 for the performance and \$9.00 for the bus (transportation costs are climbing). Tickets go on sale here at the Academy at noon on Monday, October 27, continuing through the week. We have reserved forty seats. Matinees for PTTP are almost always sold out so sign up during the week of October 27 if you want to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of theatre.

Irv Engleson

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Please silence your cellphones in the classrooms.

## INFORMATION SEMINAR FOR PROSPECTIVE INSTRUCTORS

The Academy is always seeking new instructors. Have you ever considered teaching?

On Wed., October 29, at 2 p.m. in Room 216, a seminar will be offered for anyone interested in learning more about teaching at the Academy in the future. Current instructors will discuss their teaching experiences and answer your questions. Members of the Curriculum Committee will also answer questions about submitting course proposals.

The seminar will last about one hour and fifteen minutes. Please come and learn how you can become an Academy instructor.



Halloween Breakfast 2007

### ACADEMY CITED

U.S. News and World Report (09/29.08) in the article "10 Retirement Faves From Our Readers" includes Wilmington with its Academy of Lifelong Learning in a contribution from Academy member, Paul Steyermark.

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Please wear your name tag.

## "LISTENERS REQUESTS" REQUESTED

For the Spring, 2009 semester, Ted Wilks will present a course with the above title. This is strictly for "classical music," please – no pops, jazz, easy-listening, rock, Broadway, etc. Within the "classical" genre, you may request anything from Gregorian plainchant to 21st century. Also, no music by Mahler please – we are planning a "Mahlerfest" in 2010 to celebrate the sesquicentennial of his birth.

This is your chance to participate! Requests may be submitted either by telephone (302-999-1135), on paper (please put them in my Academy mailbox), or by email to tedwilks@comcast.net. Please include: (1) your name, (2) phone number or email address, and (3) whether you have a CD of your request. Please submit as **soon as possible** so that the weekly spring programs can be organized and program notes prepared for listeners.

## COMPUTERS AT THE ACADEMY

This past summer was a time to bring the Academy computers up to date. New PC computers were installed in Room 202. Memory was added to the computers in room 214. Both labs are now equipped for teaching both the Microsoft XP and Vista operating systems. The MAC laptops were updated with the Leopard operating system.

Those not taking a computer course this semester are not left out. They may attend the users groups. A PC users group meets on Tuesdays, starting at 2 p.m. The Macintosh Users Group (ALLMUG) meets Tuesdays at 3:20 p.m.

As an Academy privilege provided by the University, members may obtain Internet dial service. Information is available at the Reception Counter and in the Academy Office. Even if you have a broadband service, the University account is useful. With this account, a member may download free software such as McAfee antivirus. The account also gives a member access from home to restricted resources at the University Library.

## BECOME A MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE OF ONE

The Academy of Lifelong Learning has about 2100 members each semester. We lose and gain approximately 300 members a year. Surveys tell us that members leave for a number of personal reasons such as relocation, physical disabilities, family care, or maybe a long winter away in a sunny climate. Almost no one leaves because they are unhappy with the Academy's program or for financial considerations.

New members bring new ideas and energy to the Academy. The health and programming of the Academy is very dependent on membership since 94% of our budget comes from membership fees. Contrary to the beliefs of many, the Academy gets no direct budgetary support from the University.

The Academy has a very active marketing committee that seeks to bring in new members each semester and their efforts have been very successful. In addition, our outreach groups market the Academy through their performances, while providing Academy information to audiences. Yet after a decade of steady growth in the 1990s, our overall membership has been flat for the last seven years. New members tell us that a majority of them have joined the Academy after talking to a current member. By the time you read this article, the Academy will have completed another "Bring a Friend Week" and we will have gained a few more members this semester. If you played a role in this effort I thank you.

However, our collective efforts in membership recruitment are not enough. Our 2007 strategic plan tells us that the Academy should be growing slowly and we have more than enough capacity to absorb new members. I ask each of you to think of your time at the Academy, and the joy and fulfillment it brings to your life. I then would like to challenge each of you to transmit your love for the Academy to a friend or family member who currently is not a member, and ask them to join you and share the joy. It's never too late to introduce a prospective member to the Academy. Don't

assume committee efforts or your fellow member's actions in membership recruitment will be enough. We collectively gain by the addition of new members. All of you can play a vital role in this recruitment effort. Become a "Membership Committee of One" and take an active role in supporting the membership needs of the Academy now and on a continuing basis.

Steve Dombchik  
Chair, Academy Council

## GARDENING POTPOURRI

Academy members are invited to attend individual programs by these guest speakers that interest them. The class meets Tuesdays at 2 p.m. In Room 108

October 14 Class Plant Exchange: unclaimed plants are available until 3 p.m. to Academy members.

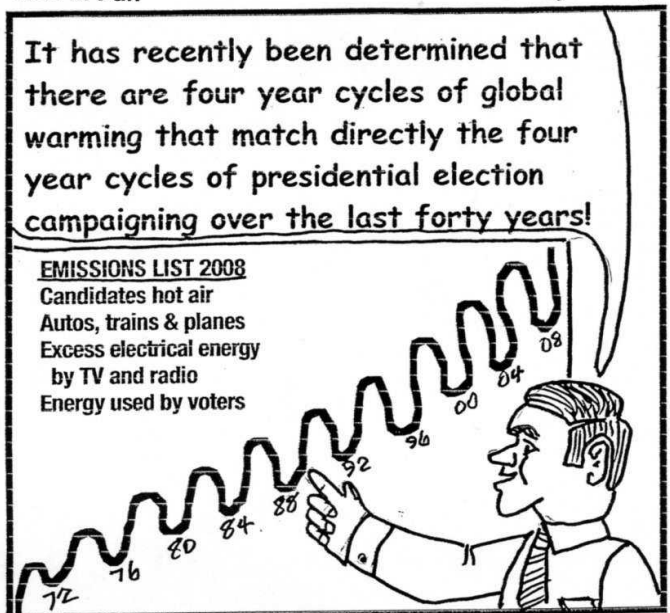
Oct. 21-David Onn-"Deterring Deer Without a 10 foot high Deer Fence"

Oct. 28-Sherry L. Kito, Dept. of Plant and Soil Science, UD "Transgenic Plants and Tissue Culture"

## ELECTION FEVER

ALL in Fun

by Bolt



## SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS PROGRAM NOTES

Room 105 from 12:45-1:45 p.m.

### **Oct. 15** Jan Ting **Reflections on National Politics & the 2008 Campaign**

Jan Ting is a professor at the Temple University Law School and a Senior Fellow of the Foreign Policy Research Institute. Join Jan for an insightful discussion of the national political scene and the impact of the financial crisis. There will be ample time for a question and answer period so issues important to the audience can be discussed.

### **Oct. 22** John Snyder **The Bible as Literature**

Academy instructor John Snyder's presentation is not theology or Bible history or Bible study, but instead a brief introduction to some of the great literature of the Old and New Testaments. John will focus on the poetry of the Psalms, Isaiah, and the Song of Solomon; the wisdom of the book of Proverbs and the letters of Paul; and the psychological depth of the Gospel of Luke.

### **Oct. 29** Mark Miller **Immigration & Future of United States**

Mark J. Miller is the Emma Smith Morris Professor of Political Science and International Relations at UD. Although our democracy is not perfect, it still attracts immigrants from all over the world. Mark will address our challenge to regulate this immigration properly and to find the means to benefit from the integration of this flow of varied immigrants into our society.

### **Nov. 5** Leslie Reidel **PTTP & REP (Resident Ensemble Players) Performing**

Leslie Reidel, director of this fall's *As You Like It* by William Shakespeare, will share with us the exciting news of UD's new class at the Professional Theatre Training Program (PTTP) and UD's new professional resident acting company, The Resident Ensemble Players (REP). This combination is designed to establish UD as a nationally important force in the performing arts. These actors will perform for our enjoyment!

### **Nov. 12** Ric Gillespie **Finding Amelia Earhart**

Ric Gillespie is the author of *Finding Amelia – The True Story of the Earhart Disappearance* and is expedition leader for and Executive Director of The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR). Ric will present an overview of TIGHAR's ninth archaeological expedition in 2007 to Nikumaroro where evidence suggests Earhart and Noonan landed and survived for a time. Ric will bring copies of his book for those who would like to purchase it.



One on One: Irene Farrance and Howard Hoffman  
Special Events Wednesday, Sept. 8

## ART SHOW

The All Academy Artists Show will be in Room 105 from Oct. 13 to Oct. 24. Some works are for sale with a percentage going to benefit the Academy.

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## A LITTLE COURTESY

Loud conversations outside a classroom door are distracting to those inside, trying to pay attention to the teacher or the classroom discussion. Please be considerate of those members on the other side of the door.



# Schedule of Events



## WEDNESDAYS AT THE ACADEMY 12:45-1:45 P.M. IN ROOM 105

Announcements at 12:40 p.m.

These Special Events Wednesdays are programs for all Academy members – there is no registration for these events.

Please note that the date of the Xiang Gao performance has been changed to Nov 26.

See page 5 for program notes on the programs through mid October.

- Oct 15 Jan Ting **Reflections on National Politics & the 2008 Campaign**
- Oct 22 John Snyder **The Bible as Literature**
- Oct 29 Mark Miller **Immigration & Future of United States**
- Nov 5 Leslie Reidel **PTTP & REP (Resident Ensemble Players) Performing**
- Nov 12 Ric Gillespie **Finding Amelia Earhart**
- Nov 19 Alan Fox **Politics and Religion**
- Nov 26 Xiang Gao Performs Violinist
- Dec 3 Academy Band, Paul Hess, Conductor
- Dec 10 Academy Chorus, Marilyn Haas, Director

## SOCIAL

Our second social of the semester is Wed., October 15, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lobby. This is a time for getting to know new people and for renewing old acquaintances. Our last social this semester will be on Thurs., November 13. If you like to bake, please sign up at the Reception Desk as a cookie baker.

Linda Miller and Barbara Golin  
Co-Chairs, Socials



- Thurs., Nov. 6 – Return Day, Georgetown
- Sat., Nov. 8 – New York, Radio City
- Tues., Dec. 16 to Thurs., Dec. 18 – Greenbrier Resort, West Virginia

## 2009

- Wed., Jan. 7 – New York, “Billy Elliott” matinee
  - Wed. Jan. 14 to Sat., Jan. 24 – Southern Caribbean on the “Norwegian Gem” (Norwegian Cruise Line)
  - Fri., May 1 to Sun., May 3 – Norfolk Festival of the Arts
  - Tues., June 9 to Thurs., June 11 – Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania
  - Sat., Aug. 22 to Sat., Aug. 29 – Canada-New England cruise
- For more information on these and other Academy travel opportunities, visit the Travel Desk in the Lobby, Monday through Thursday, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
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| ACADEMY CALENDAR               |                        |
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| <b>2008</b>                    |                        |
| Tues., Nov. 4.....             | Election Day           |
| .....                          | ACADEMY CLOSED         |
| Thurs., Fri., Nov. 27-28.....  | Thanksgiving           |
| .....                          | ACADEMY CLOSED         |
| Fri., Dec. 12.....             | Fall Semester ends     |
| <b>2009</b>                    |                        |
| Mon., Feb. 9.....              | Spring Semester begins |
| Mon., March 30-Fri., April 3.. | SPRING BREAK           |
| .....                          | ACADEMY CLOSED         |
| Fri., May 15.....              | Spring Semester ends   |

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