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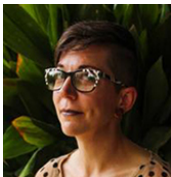
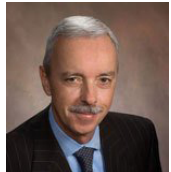
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**April 1 – May 6, 2020**



## Seminars

Code	Time	Name	Presenter	Contact
CE20005A	09:30 AM	World War II in Six Easy Lessons	Richard Brook	Bertha Miller
CE20005B	09:30 AM	Disability in the Modern World	Nick Winges-Yanez, <i>et.al.</i>	Steve Saltwick
CE20005C	09:30 AM	Personal Finance and Investment Planning	Carl Stuart	Robert Coffey
CE20005D	11:00 AM	The Philosophical Origins of our Perplexity (ENROLLMENT LIMIT: 80)	Marshall Missner	Bertha Miller
CE20005E	11:00 AM	Navigating World Events - an Analysis	Rodger Baker, <i>et.al.</i>	Bernie Mayoff
CE20005F	11:00 AM	The Divine Art of Meditation for a Healthy Mind, Body & Soul (ENROLLMENT LIMIT: 40)	Farnaz Masumian	Kathleen Wicoff
CE20005G	11:00 AM	The Songs, Dances & Comedy of Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers	Jerry Conn	Sharon Roberson

**9:30–10:45 a.m.**

<b>Seminar</b>	<b>Presenters</b>
<b>World War II in Six Easy Lessons</b> CE20005A An in-depth look at the course of World War II, from the Nazis' rise to power in 1933 through Germany's surrender in May 1945. This seminar examines little known details of the politics behind the war, the development and role of the atomic bomb, and the Germans who stood up against Hitler.	 <b>Richard Brook, B.Sc., MBA</b> An engineer and owner of a company in the semiconductor industry, Mr. Brook has visited hundreds of war battle sites and historical centers.
<b>Disability in the Modern World</b> CE20005B What are the dimensions, challenges, and success stories of disabilities in the modern world? What are some local stories from Austin? What does the future hold for those in Austin, in Texas, and in the world with disabilities?	 <b>Nick Winges-Yanez, Ph.D., LMSW</b> Ms. Winges-Yanez is adjunct asst. professor at the Texas Center for Disability Studies (TCDS) through the Steve Hicks School of Social Work at UT Austin.
<b>Personal Finance and Investment Planning</b> CE20005C Carl Stuart will cover the three components of financial planning: Estate Planning, Risk Management, and Investment Planning, with an emphasis on investment planning and strategy	 <b>Carl Stuart</b> A Registered Investment Advisor, Mr. Stuart is past president of the Headliners Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Peoples Community Clinic & YMCA of Austin.




**11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.**

<b>Seminar</b>	<b>Presenters</b>
<b>The Philosophical Origins of Our Perplexity [ENROLLMENT LIMIT: 80]</b> CE20005D We will consider the problems raised and solutions provided. by six Modern Era philosophers. We aim to engage the ideas of these thinkers and examine them together in discussion and perhaps come to some conclusions about the cogency of their ideas.	 <b>Marshall H. Missner, Ph.D.</b> Marshall Missner is a professor emeritus from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where he taught philosophy for 38 years.
<b>The Divine Art of Meditation for a Healthy Mind, Body, &amp; Soul [ENROLLMENT LIMIT: 40]</b> CE20005E Students will learn about the benefits of meditation and will be introduced to thirteen meditation and visualization techniques.	 <b>Farnaz Masumian, B.A., M.A.</b> Ms. Masumian has been teaching World Religions at the higher education level since 1992 and has published four books in the field.
<b>Navigating World Events – an Analysis</b> CE20005F The world's leading Geopolitical Intelligence Platform, Stratfor provides objective geopolitical intelligence and analyses that reveal the significance and implications of emerging world events. This seminar will explore how Stratfor does its work and provide analysis of current major issues and policies.	 <b>Rodger Baker</b> Mr. Baker leads Stratfor's strategic thinking on global issues and future trends. As the firm's senior analyst, he guides its analytical process, to include the development of international analyst teams.
<b>The Songs, Dances, &amp; Comedy of Fred Astaire &amp; Ginger Rogers</b> CE20005G Their partnership was the most magical dance team in the history of stage or screen. This class will trace the separate early lives of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers as vaudeville performers and their storybook partnership as Hollywood's fabulous dance team.	 <b>Jerry Conn</b> Jerry Conn has combined journalism, public relations, and teaching at the college level. He specializes in classic pop music of the 20s-50s in classes and musical cabaret shows.

# Lectures

1:00–2:30 p.m.

Lectures are open to all UT OLLI NOVA members; no registration is necessary.

Lecture	Presenters	
<b>Texas All-Stars: Make Native Plants a Part of Your Life</b> <b>April 1</b> Who doesn't love Texas wildflowers in the spring? Have you wondered how to grow beautiful native plants in your own garden? Join us as we learn how to bring this beauty into our own environment.		<b>Andrea DeLong-Amaya</b> is director of horticulture at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. She writes for a variety of publications and teaches classes in native plant horticulture. She received a bachelor's degree in Geography from UT Austin.
<b>A journey through Time - How the Internet Solved the Mystery of a 125-Year-Old Piano</b> <b>April 8</b> The story of a 125-year-old piano, its original owner, and their role in the surprisingly vibrant musical history of a pre-WWI midwestern city.		<b>James Kerkhoff</b> From his decades long experience in technology and the Arts, Jim has created an entertaining and interesting journey through the history of today's most innovative discoveries.
<b>The Police Force: Gender, Race, and Use-of-Force Training April 15</b> How police hiring and training practices contribute to the patterns of racist violence that have captured the nation's attention.		<b>Samantha Simon</b> is a Ph.D. candidate in Sociology at UT Austin. Her dissertation work provides evidence of the organizational practices of law enforcement that lead to racist use of force.
<b>How Biotechnology Can Help Diagnose Disease in Resource Poor Settings</b> <b>April 22</b> PROF. Ellington's work centers on the development of nucleic acid circuitry for point-of-care diagnostics.		<b>Andrew Ellington, Ph.D.</b> is the Wilson M. and Kathryn Fraser Research Professor in Biochemistry, College of Natural Sciences, UT Austin. Prof. Ellington received his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1988.
<b>How Rural Electrification Changed the American Farm Family</b> <b>April 29</b> Many adults today may not be aware of the history of electrification and the social and domestic changes that would improve the comforts and efficiency of home life.		<b>Marilyn McCray</b> is a member of Hays County Master Gardeners Speakers Network with 40 years' speaking experience. She is the author of <i>Canning, Pickling and Freezing with Irma Harding</i> , (2014) Octane Press.
<b>The Broken Spoke: Austin's Legendary Honky-Tonk</b> <b>May 6</b> Legendary tales, pictures, and music from Austin's iconic Honky Tonk: The Broken Spoke		
		<b>Donna Miller</b> is author of the book, <i>The Broken Spoke: Austin's Legendary Honky-Tonk</i> . <b>James White</b> has owned the Broken Spoke since 1964. He named it, he built it, and he's still running it! <b>Ben Stafford Rodgers</b> is an all-around cowboy musician/singer/actor.