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Spring 2020 Seminars and Lectures

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS  
March 24 – April 30, 2020




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March 10 – March 31


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Seminars: Thursday 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

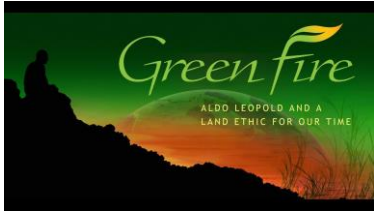

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Seminar	Presenters
<p><b>Brought to You By: The History of U.S. Broadcasting</b> CE20010A</p> <p>This seminar covers the development of the broadcast industries (radio, television, podcasting, streaming) in the United States, from early radio dramas and sitcoms to contemporary crime podcasts and Netflix shows. In addition to looking at popular texts and formats, industrial strategies, and audience reactions, we'll focus on the role of the advertising agencies and the U.S. government in their development.</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p><b>Lesley Willard</b> Lesley Willard is a doctoral student in the RTF Department at UT-Austin. She has taught at UT Austin and has been published in academic journals on the subject of film.</p> </div> </div>
<p><b>Bad Girls II – Even Bigger and Badder</b> CE20010B</p> <p>How you define the term "Bad Girl" depends on your gender, your religious/cultural/political beliefs, your sense of humor, your upbringing and life experiences, your age, and the prevailing societal viewpoints of your times. This seminar traces the lives and influences of six remarkable women who stepped outside societal norms and left an impact on all of us.</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p><b>Martha Wofford, Ph.D.</b> Martha is a retired audiologist who researches many and varied subjects, presenting programs to all OLLI groups.</p> </div> </div>
<p><b>Tales of the Texas Coast</b> CE20010C</p> <p>Story of Galveston Island and environs The Golden Triangle – Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Orange – changed the world. Matagorda Bay – cradle of Texas history – LaSalle, Alsatians, and Germans. Dreams and Heartbreak – Padre Island and the Lower Rio Grande Valley.</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p><b>Myra McIlvain</b> Myra Hargrave McIlvain is a UT graduate who has spent most of her career working in some capacity as a Texas historian.</p> </div> </div>



### Seminars: Thursday 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

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<p><b>The Truth About Facts</b> CE20010D</p> <p>With an avalanche of information at our mouse-clicks, we face the problem of what is trustworthy. This seminar explores the meaning of facts, evidence and knowledge.</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p><b>Mark Houston, Ph.D.</b> Retired geoscientist, 30+ years in international E&amp;P service companies, Asst. Prof at Rutgers and research scientist at UT. PhD.-geophysics Rice, MA-oceanography Johns Hopkins, AB-physics Cornell University.</p> </div> </div>



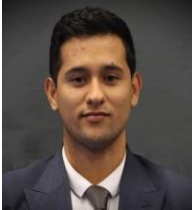


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<p><b>Preserving the Hill Country</b> CE20010E</p> <p>A program dedicated to Aldo Leopold, Conservation, Land Ethics and Preservation of the Hill Country. Over the 6-weeks you'll hear from the TX Parks &amp; Wildlife; Hill Country Alliance; Austin Chapter Native Plant Society of TX and the Comal County Conservation Alliance</p>		<p>Clarence Reed, QUEST coordinator</p>
<p><b>Medical Specialists Encountered by Seasoned Adults</b> CE20010F</p> <p><b>Week 1</b> – Diagnostic Medicine: Why so many tests? – Dr. Robert Bryan  <b>Week 2</b>- Getting value for health care dollars – Prof Scott Wallace  <b>Week 3</b> – 2 topics: Comprehensive Gynecology and What is Urology? – Dr. Christina Salazar and Dr. J. Stuart Wolf  <b>Week 4</b> – To be announced  <b>Week 5</b> – Old Joints, New Joints: How do we keep moving and enjoying life? – Dr. Karl Koenig  <b>Week 6</b> – Lung cancer: From Hopeless to Hopeful – Prof. Laura Chow</p>		<p>Bart Jennings, QUEST coordinator</p>

### Lectures: Tuesday 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.




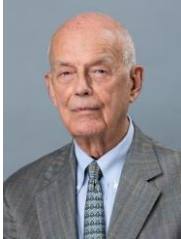

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<p><b>Assuring Optimal Health for All Older Adults in Austin</b></p> <p><b>March 24</b></p> <p>As Associate Dean for Health Equity at the Dell Medical School, Dr. Mullen will address the barriers to health care access, especially for older adults, and describe efforts to improve coordination between the community, public health and health care systems.</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p><b>Jewel Mullen, M.D.</b></p> <p>Board certified in internal medicine, Mullen received her BA and MA of Public Health from Yale University where she also completed a post-doctoral fellowship in psychosocial epidemiology. She graduated from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, MPA from Harvard's JFK School of Government.</p> </div> </div>
<p><b>Challenges in Forecasting Central Texas' Weather</b></p> <p><b>March 31</b></p> <p>David Yeomans (KXAN Meteorologist) will discuss Central Texas' varied climate zones and the challenges presented in predicting local weather day-to-day. After experiencing a very warm winter, he will look toward what to expect through the coming summer.</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p><b>David Yeomans</b></p> <p>David Yeomans is an Austin native &amp; graduate of Westlake HS. He is the KXAN (NBC) weekday morning meteorologist since Jan. 2012. He has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Meteorology from the University of Miami in 2013.</p> </div> </div>

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<p><b>Do We Have to Choose? The Nexus of Conservation, Human Health and Social Equity</b></p> <p><b>April 7</b></p> <p>Laura Huffman of the Texas Nature Conservancy will explore how growing climate impacts have disproportionate impacts on different populations, examining the nexus of conservation, human health and social equity.</p>	 <p><b>Laura Huffman</b></p> <p>As Texas regional director of The Nature Conservancy, Laura Huffman is a leading voice for nature and plays a key role in tackling the most pressing challenges facing people and nature today.</p>
<p><b>Einstein's first wife: How much did she contribute to his work in physics?</b></p> <p><b>April 14</b></p> <p>Einstein was married twice. From 1903-1919 ending in divorce and from 1919 t 1936. It is the contributions of his first wife, Mileva Einstein-Maric that scholars still debate.</p>	 <p><b>Alberto A. Martinez, Ph.D.</b></p> <p>A San Juan, PR, native; Ph.D. in 2001 from the U. of Minnesota; author of Kinematics: The Lost Origins of Einstein's Relativity (2009).</p>
<p><b>The Guada-Loop Project in Austin!</b></p> <p><b>April 21</b></p> <p>Remember Elon Musk’s Hyperloop? Guess what “Austin” is thinking? SpaceX announced the Hyperloop Pod Competition in 2015. The competition’s goal is to support the development of functional prototypes and encourage innovation by challenging student teams to design and build the best high-speed pod. Competitions have been held in January 2017, August 2017, July 2018 and 2019. UT engineering student are now preparing to compete in 2020.</p>	 <p><b>Uriel Buitrago</b></p> <p>Uriel Buitrago is a senior mechanical engineering student at the University of Texas at Austin set to graduate in May 2020. As the Frame Lead at Texas Guadalupe he was tasked with managing a team to design, analyze, and manufacture a fully composite frame.</p>  <p><b>Gavin Nator</b></p> <p>Gavin Nator entered UT Austin in the Fall of 2018 and is an undergraduate. He works with the company Guadalupe (founded 2015) to discover and engineer innovative solutions to transportation problems.</p>
<p><b>Austin Bergstrom International Airport - what goes on, where it’s headed!</b></p> <p><b>April 28</b></p> <p>Want to get a high level view of what is happening at our Austin Bergstrom Airport without getting down into the weeds? Ramonika Carr, who has been with the airport for 21 years, will give us an overview of the 2040 Master Plan, Guest Services Programs, and highlight their Ambassador Volunteer Program.</p>	 <p><b>Ramonika Carr</b></p> <p>In her current role as the Airport Guest Services Manager, Ramonika leads a team in the day to day operations of assigned programs including Guest Services Programs, Ambassador Volunteer Program, Customer Relationship Management, and Community Outreach.</p>

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## Lectures: Tuesday 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

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<p><b>Innovative Transportation Technologies for Texas</b></p> <p><b>March 24</b></p> <p>A discussion of transportation innovation technology in general, followed by a look at the strategies TXDOT is exploring to meet the transportation needs of Texans over the next decade.</p>		<p><b>Darran Anderson, M.S.</b></p> <p>Mr. Anderson's responsibilities include leadership and strategic direction for the innovation and continuous improvement of people, processes and technology of the agency. He oversees the Strategic Planning, and Research and Technology Implementation divisions at TXDOT.</p>
<p><b>Just Estimates, Some Good, Some Bad: Evaluating Surveys During the 2020 Election</b></p> <p><b>March 31</b></p> <p>Faced with an ever-increasing number of polls, this talk will focus on how to evaluate the quality, and in turn, the likely accuracy, of public opinion polling in 2020 and beyond.</p>		<p><b>Joshua Blank, Ph.D.</b></p> <p>Joshua Blank is the Research Director of the Texas Politics Project. He is a native of New York City, with a bachelor's degree in political science from Boston University; and a Ph.D. in government from UT Austin.</p>
<p><b>Untold Stories of the LCRA and the Highland Lakes</b></p> <p><b>April 7</b></p> <p>The history and mission of the LCRA: How the LCRA got started, what it is and does, and how it does it</p>		<p><b>John Williams</b></p> <p>John Williams is an Austin-based writer, editor, author and historian. His decades of experience at the LCRA provided him a unique opportunity to witness many of the agency's key developments and made him LCRA's "go to" resident historian.</p>
<p><b>Global Threats and Concerns: Inman's View of the World</b></p> <p><b>April 14</b></p> <p>As prior Director of the National Security Agency and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Admiral Inman has keen insights into current global threats and concerns. He will take us on a virtual tour of the world, highlighting current affairs in global hot spots.</p>		<p><b>Bobby R. Inman, Admiral</b></p> <p>Admiral Inman is the LBJ Centennial Chair in National Policy at the LBJ School and former Director of the National Security Agency. He served in the US Navy from 1951-1982.</p>
<p><b>Elections in Travis County: machines, procedures, and security.</b></p> <p><b>April 21</b></p> <p>Elections in Travis County are handled by the County Clerk. Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir will talk about new election machines, procedures, and security. Two of the new machines will be available in the hallway for Quest members to try out.</p>		<p><b>Dana DeBeauvoir</b></p> <p>DeBeauvoir obtained a B.A. in sociology/social work from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1979. She obtained a master's in public affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin in 1981.</p>

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<p><b>Peace and Friendship in the Garden</b></p> <p><b>April 28</b></p> <p>Grandson of the creator of the Peace Garden in Zilker Park, Evan will tell us family history and significance of the garden, plus some history of broader Japanese immigration.</p>	 <p><b>Evan K Taniguchi, Architect</b></p> <p>Architect, Principal owner of Taniguchi Architects</p>
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