



UT OLLI SAGE

Spring 2020 Seminars

MONDAYS March 30 – May 4, 2020

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Registration Dates: March 16 – April 6, 2020

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UT OLLI SAGE Spring Session 2020

Winter seminars will meet for six Mondays, March 30 - May 4, 2020. The UT OLLI SAGE curriculum committee has approved 10 seminars for the Spring 2020 session. Seminars will meet on Mondays at the Thompson Conference Center (TCC). The room numbers for all seminars will be posted in the lobby. Rooms do change so please check the lobby reader board daily.

Seminar registration begins Monday, March 16 at 9:00 am. Seminar registration is done on a first come, first served basis, and the number of registrants is limited based on classroom size and instructor preference. Volunteers for class assistant or a/v tech receive priority in seminar selection.

If you do not plan to attend any seminar in a given time, period, please DO NOT SHOW ANY CHOICES. LEAVE THE SLOT BLANK AND MOVE TO YOUR CHOICES IN THE NEXT TIME PERIOD. Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices within each time slot THAT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. When there are limited spaces available for a seminar, out of respect for fellow members, please be certain of your interest in the topic and your commitment to consistent attendance before you register.

Code	Time	Name	Directors	Contacts
CE20002H	09:30AM- 10:45AM	Hasidic Tales and Their Relevance Today	Sandy Kress	Marsha Kelman
CE20007A	09:30AM- 10:45AM	Jane Austen in Video	Rose Ann Roth	Margaret DuMont
CE20007G	09:30AM- 10:45AM	In Defense of Freedom – The Future of your U.S. Army		Jeff Robinson
CE20007C	11:00AM- 12:15PM	Great Decisions		Mark Houston
CE20007D	11:00AM- 12:15PM	Rational Optimism	Stephen Benold	Darrell Hanshaw
CE20007F	11:00AM- 12:15PM	More Innovations in Healthcare		James Guckian Kenneth Shine
CE20007H	01:00PM- 02:15PM	The Wide World of Science		Margaret DuMont
CE20007I	01:00PM- 02:15PM	Our Amazing Austin Writers!		Marsha Kelman Judith Sims
CE20007J	01:00PM- 02:15PM	Turning Points in the History of Christianity	Keith Stanglin	Debby Burns
CE20007E	02:30PM- 03:45PM	Russian History, World War II to Present	Anthony Triola	Sharon Dockery
CE20007L	02:30PM- 03:45PM	Austin Popular Music Series		Eric Hopkins

Monday 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Hasidic Tales and Their Relevance Today CE20002H

An exploration of this largely spiritual Jewish movement that arose in Europe in the 18th century. Who led it? What difference did it make? And, most important, how might its wisdom prove to be remarkably relevant to us in modern times?

Week 1: Introduction into Hasidic Wisdom with a Focus on Balance, Simplicity, and Joy

Week 2: The Importance of Authenticity, Duty, and Self-Control Week 3: The Glory of Living in the World and Its Realities

Week 4: Beware the Evil Urge!

Week 5: The Heavy Weight of Words, Bureaucracy, and Other Unneeded Burdens

Week 6: Living with Others, Love of Fellows, and Wrap-up

Presenters



Sandy Kress, JD

Sandy Kress has a long career in law, politics, and education at the State and Federal government levels. Over the past ten years he has studied, written, and taught on religious matters, especially interpreting ancient texts and wisdom.

Jane Austen in Video

CE20007A

Seminar

Several versions of Jane Austen's 6 books have been produced for TV or film. We will get to know Jane Austen as a person and compare/contrast the video versions of her books.

Week 1: Getting to Know Jane (1775 -1817)

Week 2: Jane's Life in Film and Her Earliest Published Novel

Week 3: She Hits It Big: Pride & Prejudice and Death at Pemberly

Week 4: Mansfield Park 1814 and Emma 1815

Week 5: Northanger Abbey 1816/1818, Persuasion 1816/1818, Short

Story Lady Susan 1805,

Week 6: Unfinished Works, Jane Fictionalized in Film and Fun with Jane



Rose Ann Roth

Rose Ann Roth retired from IBM in 2004 and was a charter member of UT Forum. She's served on the Forum Seminar Co. and is a past chair of the Executive Co. She has taught for Forum, Quest, Nova and Sage.

In Defense of Freedom – The Future of your US Army CE20007G

Week 1: The U.S. Army, the Future and the Best and Brightest! - LTC Dougald MacMillan II

Week 2: Religious Support to Others and Why We Have a Chaplaincy - Chaplain (CH) Khallid M. Shabazz

Week 3: Fight Tonight! Fighting the Logistics Battle of a Two Front War - Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Michael F. Hammond

Week 4: A Duck below the Surface: Psychological Operations in the Great Power Competition - Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Eric Kreitz

Week 5: The U.S. Army Futures Command – Colonel (COL) Matt Gill (retired)

Week 6: The National Guard, the Constitution and the Law - Colonel (COL)

Douglas L. Simon



Jeff Robinson, SAGE Coordinator

Monday 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Great Decisions CE20007C

Seminar

"History is to the nation much as memory is to the individual. The individual who loses his memory doesn't know where he came from or where he's going and he becomes dislocated and disoriented. Similarly, a nation that forgets its history is disabled in dealing with the present and the future." A.S.

- Week 1 Climate Change and Global Order
- Week 2 India and Pakistan
- Week 3 Red Sea Security
- Week 4 U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle
- Week 5 China's Road into Latin America
- Week 6 Artificial Intelligence and Data

Presenters



Mark Houston, Ph.D.

Dr, Mark Houston is a retired geoscientist, 30+ years in international E&P service companies, Asst. Prof at Rutgers and research scientist at UT. He earned a PhD. In geophysics from Rice, MA in Oceanography Johns Hopkins, and a BA in physics from Cornell University.

Rational Optimism

CE20007D

This seminar will examine the progress of humanity since prehistoric times, and why that progress was inevitable, and why future progress will be equally inevitable.

- Week 1: The Collective Brain An Idea Is Not Diminished By Sharing It
- Week 2: Agriculture and the Neolithic Revolution The Rise of Civilization
- Week 3: Trade and Commerce
- Week 4: Rapid Progress From Cheap Abundant Energy The Fossil Fuel Era
- Week 5: The Industrial Revolution and the Phenomena of Sustained
- Week 6: Two Current Major Pessimisms and Why They May Be Wrong

Stephen Benold, M.D.

Stephen Benold is a family physician and the former medical director of the Williamson County EMS. He also has a private financial planning practice.

More Innovations in Healthcare CE20007F

- Week 1: CBD Oil-What's all the buzz about? John Jobby, PharmD
- **Week 2:** Vaccines, health recommendations, and why can't doctors and organizations agree? Dr. David Lakey
- **Week 3:** Vitamins and dietary supplements Nathan D. Pope, PharmD Clinical Associate Professor UT Austin College of Pharmacy
- **Week 4:** Discarding a Dysfunctional Definition of Health Dr. Clay Johnston, Dean UT Dell College of Medicine
- **Week 5:** Current trends in the practical medical approach to management of dementia: Dr. Peggy Russell and Dr. Michael Kroll.
- **Week 6:** 21 st Century Medical School Curriculum Dr. Sue Cox, UT Dell Medical School



James C. Gluckin, SAGE Coordinator Kenneth Shine, SAGE Coordinator

Monday 1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

The Wide World of Science

Seminar

CE20007H

Week 1: The Old Stone Bones of Machu Picchu - Dr. Pat Dickerson, Geologist and visiting research fellow with the Jackson School of

Week 2: Adventures in Robotics - Norman Morgan, District Coordinator, and students of the award-winning Westlake High School Robotics.

Week 3: The Critters in Your Backyard: Reptiles and Amphibians of Central Texas - Dr. Travis LaDuc, Curator of Herpetology at Biodiversity Collections,

Week 4: Waste Deep: Recycling and Disposal in 2020 and Beyond - Greg Behl, Sustainability and Diversion Coordinator for Texas Disposal Systems

Week 5: Caves of Central Texas - Dr. Jay Banner, Professor of Geological Sciences and Director of the Environmental Science Institute at UT Austin.

Week 6: Artificial Intelligence: Its Past, Present, and Future in Our Lives -Keith Goolsbey, chief software architect and inference engine programmer of the Cyc system for Cycorp

Presenters



Margaret DuMont, SAGE Coordinator

Our Amazing Austin Writers! CE200071

Week 1 - Tom Zigal will discuss his latest novel, "Outcry Witness".

Week 2- Ruth Pennebaker and Marian Henley with present their book,

Week 3 - H.W. Brands will discuss his newest book, "Dreams of El Dorado."

Week 4 - Stephen Harrigan on "Big Wonderful Thing", an epic history of

Week 5 - Lara Prescott on "The Secrets We Kept"

Week 6 - Laura Furman will talk about the short story and why she loves them.



Marsha Kelman, SAGE Coordinator **Judith Sims, SAGE Coordinator**

Turning Points in the History of Christianity CE20007J

Week 1: Fall of Jerusalem Week 2: Council of Nicae Week 3: Rise of Islam

Week 4: Coronation of Charlemagne Week 5: Protestant Reformation Week 6: American Revolution



Keith Stanglin, Ph.D. and M.DIv.

Keith Stanglin is Professor of Scripture and Historical Theology at Austin Graduate School of Theology, where he is coordinator of the master's degree program and editor of the faculty journal, Christian Studies.

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Monday 2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

Seminar **Presenters** Russian History, World War II to Present **Anthony Triola** CE20007E Retired military intelligence officer and Week 1 - The Great Patriotic War: The Battles, the Generals and Stalin; instructor in Russian and military history. Consolidation of territories following WWII He taught Russian History and Military Week 2 - The 1950s - 5 March, 1953 - Stalin's death and the power History at the Regional Intelligence struggle; Rise of Khrushchev; Korea and the Bomb Training Facility, RAF Molesworth, Week 3 - The 1960s - Cuban Missile Crisis; The Space Race; Vietnam and England 2009-12. He also served 33 other proxy wars; Rise of Brezhnev months in combat: 6months Operation Week 4 - The 1970s - The Brehznev Era; Detente; Economic Desert Storm, 27months Operation Iraqi Stagnation; Afghanistan Freedom. Week 5 - The 1980s - Reagan and the Soviet Union; Death of Brezhnev, Andropov, and Chernenko Week 6 - Final Act - Gorbachev Policies of Perestroika, Glasnost; Withdrawal from Afghanistan; The August Coup; Fall of the USSR **Austin Popular Music Series Eric Hopkins, SAGE Coordinator** CE20007L Austin is known as the Musical Capital of the World and many famous artists have found their start here. But what is it really like to come here, survive & thrive in the popular music scene? Six different speakers will talk and tell stories about their experiences and some will even perform!