Rediscover Learning

The Learning in Retirement program is part of Carleton University’s Centre for Initiatives in Education. The Centre offers alternative access to education for students of all ages and backgrounds, by providing diverse opportunities and learning supports.

What is Learning in Retirement?

Learning in Retirement (LinR) is a non-credit education program intended for retired and semi-retired individuals, but available to all who are interested in life-long learning.

The program provides an opportunity to learn for personal satisfaction, while participating in a community of life-long learners who enjoy acquiring knowledge about new topics, discussing issues of common interests, and sharing life-stories.

Most LinR lectures and workshops are held at Carleton University, with occasional off-site offerings.

Learning in Retirement Sessions

The Learning in Retirement program currently offers six sessions every year, each four to six weeks in length. Two sessions are offered in the fall (September - December), one in the winter (January - February), two in the spring (March - May), and one in the summer (June).

Each session features a number of unique lecture series and workshops, taught by experts in their field. Topics offered include art history, music, science, politics, history, religion, social studies, philosophy, memoir writing, and more.

One-time evening lecture presentations complement the program’s regular sessions.
Evening Lecture Details - May 2018

- Ten one-time, 2-hour evening lectures offered throughout May.
- Lectures range in size from 15 to 55 participants.
- There are no prerequisites and no exams.
- Cost:
  - Evening lecture fee (HST included): $30.00 for each evening lecture
  - On-campus parking fee (HST included): $6.00 for each evening lecture

Parking Details

For the May 2018 Evening Lectures, Learning in Retirement participants can purchase parking passes for parking garage P18 at Carleton University. This parking lot is close to where on-campus classes are held.

Parking passes can be purchased at the time of registration.

Please see map on page 8 of this brochure for building and parking locations.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Learning in Retirement program sells e-gift certificates! Available in any denomination and with no expiry date, our e-gift certificates make a great gift!

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Learning.in.Retirement@carleton.ca

or

613-520-3699
EVENING LECTURE 1

Keywords & Calligraphy

Lecturer: H. Masud Taj  
Day: Tuesday, May 1st, 2018  
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Location: Room 124, Leeds House Building

As pessimism saps energy in the twilight of our lives lived in the twilight of a civilization, what is the antidote? This lecture will probe the power of positivity encoded in words. Following an introduction to the keyword “Resiliency”, discussion will follow, with participants contributing keywords that engender resiliency in ourselves and in society. The instructor/calligrapher will then calligraph all the participants’ keywords onto a large 2.5 foot by 8 foot composition. The artwork will be a continuation of RIA (Research in Art) 2018 theme Keywords for Change by Petra Halkes.

Lecture, discussion, visual presentation, film clips, and audience contribution

Cost: $30.00 (HST included)  
Enrollment capacity: 40 participants

EVENING LECTURE 2

All the Gold You Dreamed of

Lecturer: Dr. Peter Watson  
Day: Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018  
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Location: Room 124, Leeds House Building

The observations of the collision of two neutron-stars on August 17th is probably the most important single astronomical event since Galileo first saw Jupiter’s moons in 1608. This talk will tell the (sometimes confusing) story of the lead-up to the event, what we learned, where we go from here, and where your wedding-ring came from!

Lecture and visual presentation

Cost: $30.00 (HST included)  
Enrollment capacity: 55 participants
**EVENING LECTURE 3**

**Spirituality and Religion: What are They? What’s the Difference?**

**Lecturer:** Dr. Tom Sherwood  
**Day:** Thursday, May 3rd, 2018  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Room 124, Leeds House Building

What does it mean when someone says, “I’m spiritual but not religious”? How do Spirituality and Religion overlap? How are they different? What is Spiritual But Not Religious (SBNR)? And what is the future of “Religion”? Tom Sherwood reviews some of the history and current use of the terms, and suggests some of the ways that both religion and spirituality may influence our lives and our society in the next generation.

*Lecture, discussion, and visual presentation*

**Cost:** $30.00 (HST included)  
**Enrollment capacity:** 55 participants

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**EVENING LECTURE 4**

**War Art or War Memorial? What exactly is Canada’s War Art?**

**Lecturer:** Dr. Laura Brandon  
**Day:** Monday, May 7th, 2018  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Room 124, Leeds House Building

This lecture explores Canada’s official First World War art as art history and war memorial. Better known and recognized as an accessible and meaningful visual record of the conflict, over the past 100 years, Canada’s official art has struggled to retain any substantive position in Canadian art history. Does it matter?

*Lecture, discussion, visual presentation, and film clips*

**Cost:** $30.00 (HST included)  
**Enrollment capacity:** 55 participants
EVENING LECTURE 5

Religious Landscape in China and East Asia

Lecturer: Dr. Liyong Dai
Day: Wednesday, May 9th, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Room 124, Leeds House Building

The key concern of most East-Asian religions, contrary to Abrahamic religions, is not about identification. Therefore, statistic methods of religious phenomena require a different approach. More attention should be given to practices rather than identification. By introducing alternative categories, we can better map the religious phenomena in China and East Asia. An asymmetrical concave curve is developed through the observance and analysis of population and tension across different religious/spiritual niches. Then, a comparison can be made between the asymmetrical concave curve and the bell-shaped curve, the hypothetical distribution of tension across religious niches in the West.

Lecture, discussion, visual presentation, and film clips
Cost: $30.00 (HST included)
Enrollment capacity: 55 participants

EVENING LECTURE 6

Ballet Laughs: The Surprising Comic Side of a Classical Art

Lecturer: Katherine Barber
Day: Thursday, May 10th, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Room 124, Leeds House Building

“Canada’s Word Lady”, bestselling and award-winning author and founding editor of the Canadian Oxford Dictionary, a Canadian bestseller for over a year, Katherine Barber, is an authority on English usage, particularly in Canada. She is known to legions of fans for her knack for making word histories lively and entertaining, and her books Six Words You Never Knew Had Something to do With Pigs, a captivating romp through the history of the English language, and Only in Canada You Say, were Canadian bestsellers. An ardent and knowledgeable ballet fan, she teaches very entertaining ballet appreciation courses and takes ballet lovers on ballet-themed holidays around the world. Visit her popular blog about language at: katherinebarber.blogspot.com.

Visual presentation and film clips
Cost: $30.00 (HST included)
Enrollment capacity: 55 participants
EVENING LECTURE 7

World Travels and Travel Writing:
Turning One Passion Into Another

Lecturer: Laurie Gough
Day: Monday, May 14th, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Room 124, Leeds House Building

Do you have a passion for both travel and the written word? Many people want to write about their travels but don’t know where to begin. To be an effective travel writer you must lead the reader into the wonder of the place you’re describing, always remembering that your experience can only be conveyed through details. We’ll discuss ‘finding’ the story and how this isn’t something you can anticipate before leaving; travelling for a story as opposed to travelling for travel’s sake; and how to craft your stories using techniques borrowed from fiction – dialogue, description, and character development. Learn how the ‘quest’ makes for a good travel story; the various types of travel writing; how to begin your stories to catch the reader’s (and an editor’s) attention. Finally, we’ll discuss publishing tips in today’s changing market. Bring a notebook and pen for some writing exercises.

Lecture, discussion, hands-on learning
Cost: $30.00 (HST included)
Enrollment capacity: 55 participants

EVENING LECTURE 8

Montreal’s Black Stone:
Cultural Significance and Lost Histories

Lecturer: Emily Guy
Day: Tuesday, May 15th, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Room 124, Leeds House Building

At a time when monuments and historic spaces figure prominently in public discourse, some sites exist in relative obscurity. Montreal’s Ship Fever Monument, or the Black Stone, is a poignant example of this. One of Canada’s oldest monuments, this site commemorates thousands of Irish Famine migrants who died as a result of the 1847 Typhus Epidemic. This site, however, does not have any official designation and lies, unbeknownst to many, on a busy highway. Regularly threatened by municipal development, its complicated history helps illustrate the issues around how we commemorate, what is prioritized, and what is forgotten.

Lecture, discussion, and visual presentation
Cost: $30.00 (HST included)
Enrollment capacity: 55 participants
EVENING LECTURE 9

English Schminglish: Hebrew and Yiddish Words in English

Lecturer: Katherine Barber
Day: Thursday, May 24th, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Room 124, Leeds House Building

Hebrew and Yiddish words have enriched the English language for much longer than you may think, and continue to do so. From messiah to maven, sabbath to schnook, English wouldn’t be the same without its Jewish heritage. Whether you are familiar with Hebrew and Yiddish or not, this lecture will open your ears to an important source of English vocabulary.

Lecture, discussion, and visual presentation
Cost: $30.00 (HST included)
Enrollment capacity: 55 participants

EVENING LECTURE 10

Is There Still Hope for a 2-State Solution?

Lecturer: Dr. Peter Larson
Day: Wednesday, May 30th, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Room 124, Leeds House Building

In a dramatic departure from historic policy, US President Donald Trump recently declared the USA is no longer tied to a 2-state solution to the Israel/Palestine conflict. He said he would be open to “any solution” which would satisfy the two parties. For the last 25 years, the international community has assumed that the only hope for resolution of the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians has been a peace process leading to two independent states – one for Jews and one for Arab Palestinians. It is also the policy of the Canadian government (and all of Canada’s federal political parties). But on and off discussions between Israel and the Palestinians, under American auspices, have failed repeatedly. Many feel that that the continuous construction of Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories has put the “2-state solution” in imminent danger. Is there still hope for a two-state solution? And even more importantly, could such a solution bring peace to the region?

Lecture
Cost: $30.00 (HST included)
Enrollment capacity: 55 participants
Room 124, Leeds House Building

Enter the building through the main entrance and take the elevator to level 1. Room 124 is opposite of the elevator. Alternatively, enter at the tunnel entrance, turn right and follow to the end of the hallway and through the glass doors.

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Additional Information

Please visit our website at carleton.ca/linr for lecturer biographies and updated information.

Please note that evening lectures with fewer than 15 registered participants may be cancelled.

Withdrawal Policy

If you have registered and paid for an evening lecture but cannot attend, please contact our office to discuss your withdrawal and credit options.

There are no refunds.

For a detailed listing of all policies, please visit our website at carleton.ca/linr or call us at 613-520-3699.

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If you would like to be added to our electronic mailing list and receive notifications of upcoming sessions and special events, please e-mail or call us.

Registration

Registration begins
Tuesday, January 30th at 9:00 a.m.

You can register by:

- On-line registration & payment system (carleton.ca/linr/registration)
- Mail (send in the enclosed registration form)
May 2018
Evening Lectures

Please check (√) the classes you want to enroll in.

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$30.00 per each evening lecture

TOTAL: $

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$6.00 per each evening lecture

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How did you hear about this Learning in Retirement session?

- I am a previous participant
- Other: ________________________

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