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Fall 2016

MONDAY A.M.

The Elections of 2016

Starts: October 10
Time: 10:00 -12:00 noon
Place: Delmar Reformed Church

INSTRUCTOR: Bruce Miroff, Professor & Collins Fellow, Department of Political Science, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy

The fall campaigns promise to continue what has been one of the oddest and most intriguing election seasons in modern American history. This course will examine an array of factors that shape presidential and congressional elections, including candidate images, issues, media, money, grass-roots organizing, strategic coalition building and the impact of the economy. Each week's class will also report on and assess campaign developments in real time, including recent polls, debates and any emerging controversies. The 5th meeting will assess the state of play on election eve, and the final class will analyze the results and speculate on their political consequences.

NOTE: Later start date than other courses. Class will meet on Columbus Day (Oct. 10) and is timed to have last class on Nov. 14, after the elections.

Registration Info:

Make check payable to Bethlehem Central School District. Mail check and registration form to:
HILL Program, c/o Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054.

The registration deadline for HILL courses is September 16, 2016.

MONDAY P.M.

The Rights Revolution

Starts: September 26
Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Place: Delmar Reformed Church

INSTRUCTOR: Ryan Irwin, Assistant Professor of History, SUNY, Albany

This course will explore selected topics on post World War II America, and specifically, a number of important efforts to expand the rights of certain groups. We will consider how these various efforts directly challenged the "liberal consensus" that had emerged from the New Deal and the war. For example, we will examine the major strategies that black Americans developed during the civil rights movement such as the reliance on non-violence and their later efforts to promote black separatism and black power. We will also examine the student movement that started at Berkeley as a free speech movement and soon expanded across the nation in support of civil rights for various groups and opposition to the Vietnam War. Finally, we will consider how politicians and government leaders appropriated elements of these "rights movements" as conservatism grew in influence during the 1970s and 80s. We will conclude with an analysis that shows how Barack Obama's world view is in fact rooted in the "rights revolution" of the post-war era.

NOTE: No class Oct. 3 (Rosh Hashanah). Class will meet on Oct. 10 (Columbus Day). Last class will be November 7.

TUESDAY A.M.

Conquering a Musical Summit Previously Unknown: The Compositions & Career of Gustav Mahler

Starts: September 27
Time: 10:00-12 noon
Place: Delmar Reformed Church

INSTRUCTOR: Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz, Violinist & Director of Musicians of Ma'alwyck and Violinist for the Glimmerglass Opera

Leader of the Vienna Philharmonic, Metropolitan Opera, and the New York Philharmonic, composer of 9 monumental symphonies and several glorious orchestral song cycles, Gustav Mahler still remains an enigmatic figure. This course will narrate Mahler's life story through his symphonic repertory as well as his work as a conductor. We will listen to essential elements of his music as we also consider the impacts of his life on the music.

NOTE: Class will not meet on October 4 (Rosh Hashanah). Last class will be November 8.

HILL COMMITTEE

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FALL 2016 HILL COURSES

TUESDAY P.M.

Art, Nature and the Environment

Starts: September 27
Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Place: Delmar Reformed Church

INSTRUCTOR: **Louisa Matthew**, Professor of Art History, Union College

This course will explore human relationships with nature beginning with the end of the Roman Empire and ending in 19th century America. Each week we will investigate a different topic, focusing on the history of gardens, landscape and villa architecture, manuscripts, paintings, and other forms of representation, with a significant nod toward literature. Topics will include: pagan attitudes toward nature and the concept of "Arcadia"; the influence of Christianity and interactions with the natural world during the Middle Ages; the revival of the villa, relations between art and nature, and gardens as

personal statements during the Renaissance; the impact of the rise of romanticism; and, industrialization and the end of the American frontier in the late 19th century.

NOTE: Class will not meet on October 4 (Rosh Hashanah). Last class will be November 8.

WEDNESDAY P.M.

Latino/a Literature: Contemporary Voices

Starts: September 28
Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Place: Delmar Reformed Church

INSTRUCTOR: **Lisa Nevarez**, Professor of English, Siena College

As of the year 2015, Latinos comprised just over 17 percent of the United States population. With this rich infusion of Latino culture and Spanish language into the U.S., we welcome an accompanying body of literature. This course will celebrate

all things Latino by reading a selection of contemporary poetry, short stories, and essays. All readings will be in English. We will discuss these texts while grappling with questions and issues such as the terms Latino vs. Hispanic, bilingualism, machismo, and sexuality. Through this reading and these conversations we will focus on the diversity within Latino literature. Our writers will be from Cuban, Mexican, Dominican, and Puerto Rican backgrounds. They will include, but are not limited to, Julia Alvarez, Richard Blanco, Sandra Cisneros, Junot Diaz, Martin Espada, Lorraine Lopez, Ana Menendez, Pat Mora, Judith Ortiz-Cofer, and Pedro Pietri.

Instructor will provide readings (poems, short stories, essays, etc.) via email to attendees.

NOTE: Class will not meet on October 12 (Yom Kippur). Last class will be November 9.

CLASS notes

- Each HILL class meets 6 times a semester.
- Starting dates and times differ for each course. See descriptions.
- HILL observes Bethlehem Central School District's full-day weather cancellations. Check local stations, the district website (www.bethlehemschools.org) or call for closing information.
- Messages with questions about HILL courses should be left on (518) 368-7029. Refer to <http://bethlehemschools.org/community/adult-education/> for information about classes and special events.

HILL Fall 2016 Registration Form

Fee for each course is \$35. Seating is limited. Please provide all information (including telephone #) requested on this form and enclose **ONE CHECK FOR ALL HILL COURSES AND ALL REGISTRANTS ON THIS FORM.**

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Email Address (optional): _____

I've enclosed course fees for the following courses:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Elections of 2016 | # registering _____ | Name(s): _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Rights Revolution | # registering _____ | Name(s): _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gustav Mahler | # registering _____ | Name(s): _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art, Nature & the Environment | # registering _____ | Name(s): _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/a Literature | # registering _____ | Name(s): _____ | _____ |

This form is for HILL classes only.