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HILL Registration Info:

- Make checks payable to Bethlehem Central School District.
- Mail check(s) 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 15, 2017**.

CLASS NOTES

- Each HILL class meets 6 times a semester.
- Starting dates and times differ for each course. See descriptions.
- **REGISTER EARLY.** Courses can be closed based on class size.
- **REGISTRATIONS ARE NOT CONFIRMED.** You will only be notified if course registration is closed (registration checks are not cashed until after the semester begins.)
- 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 at (518) 368-7029. For more information, visit the BCSD Adult & Continuing Education page at www.bethlehemschools.org/community/adult-education.

MONDAY A.M.

Judeophobia: The Ancient Origins of Anti-Semitism

Starts: September 25
 Time: 10:00 -12:00 noon
 Place: Delmar Reformed Church

INSTRUCTOR: Steven Stark-Riemer,
Community Educator & Independent Researcher of the Archaeology, History & Religion of Ancient Israel

This course will consider whether the Jews in the ancient world were just one of many minority groups against whom the dominant majority expressed xenophobia, or if they were singled out because of their unique beliefs and practices within a largely polytheistic society. To do so, we will study the earliest history of violence against Jews during an 800-year era from 410 BCE through 387 CE, including the first recorded anti-Jewish demonstration in southern Egypt as well as antiquity's most violent eruption of anti-Jewish sentiment 400 years later at Alexandria in northern Egypt. Evidence from archaeology, ancient papyri, the later histories of Egypt, Hellenistic and Roman writings as well as the 380 CE edict of the Emperor Theodosius I declaring Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire, and the denouncement by early church leaders of Gentile Christians who observed the Torah, will form the background for our consideration. The course will attempt to distinguish between the antipathy of early Christianity toward Judaism as a threat to Christian identity, and the later irrationality of the Middle Ages accusing Jews of ritual murder, defiling the wafer of the Mass, and well poisoning.

HILL COMMITTEE

Bruce Bushart	Barry Isenberg
Tom Clash	Allen Israel
Maryanne Gridley	Wendy Jordan
Polly Hartman	Henry Peyrebrune

MONDAY P.M.

Fairy Tales: From Folklore to the Magic Kingdom

Starts: September 25
 Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
 Place: Delmar Reformed Church

INSTRUCTOR: Jil Hanifan, *Lecturer, Department of English, UAlbany*

Stories have their own stories, it seems. In the 1700s tales that were originally shared orally around a hearth or campfire were collected and repurposed by authors such as the Brothers Grimm or Washington Irving as children's literature and reframed as popular exemplars of ethnic character. By the 20th century, these stories took on new life as common cultural referents, sanitized by Disney, analyzed by Freudians, and politicized by feminists and others. This course will invite participants to analyze and discuss a selection of common fairy tales and their transformations from hearth-side entertainment to blockbuster movies and marketing platforms. This analysis should help us to understand what about these stories makes them so long-lived, and what they tell us about our history and ourselves. Specific tales to be considered will include different versions of the timeless "Beauty and the Beast," "Snow White" and "Cinderella", and will include an introduction to important scholars of fairy tales, folklore and media studies, such as Vladimir Propp, Bruno Bettelheim, Maria Tatar, and Jack Zipes.



Dick Ramsey	Donna Sawyer
Debra Renner	Sandra Shapard
Barbara Richer	
Martha Rozett	

TUESDAY A.M.

American Immigration Policy and Politics in the 21st Century

Starts: September 26
 Time: 10:00-12 noon
 Place: Delmar Reformed Church

INSTRUCTOR: Robert Turner, Associate Professor of Political Science & Director of Environmental Studies Program, Skidmore College

Immigration is one of the most important political, economic, and social forces reshaping American society today. President Trump has promised to radically change America's immigration policy. This course will examine immigration from an interdisciplinary perspective incorporating ideas from economics, sociology, demography, and political science. Our goal is to better understand the big questions. How have the demographics of immigration changed? Why is the U.S. welcoming to immigrants at some periods and hostile at other times? What happens if we build a wall? Do immigrants take our jobs? Are the new immigrants "becoming American," and if so, what do we mean by this term and how do we know? Finally, what is President Trump doing, and what are the likely impacts of his policies?

TUESDAY P.M.

JAZZ 101

(HILL is pleased to be able to offer this special course from Swing University, Jazz at Lincoln Center)

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

INSTRUCTOR: Seton Hawkins, Director of Public Programs & Education, Swing University, Jazz at Lincoln Center

This special course, from Jazz at Lincoln Center's Swing University, explores the great American art form that is jazz. Whether you already love jazz or simply want to learn more and gain a greater appreciation for jazz, this course will provide an overview of this musical form. Jazz 101 will help you to develop your ears to better hear the many details and intricacies that make this music so endlessly fascinating. It will also guide you through the history and development of the many jazz styles. No musical training or knowledge is required.

WEDNESDAY P.M.

China: Tradition & Transformation

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

INSTRUCTOR: Jenny Huangfu Day, Assistant Professor of History, Skidmore College

This course will examine the emergence of modern China including its turbulent and violent transition from an imperial dynasty to a communist nation-state. We will focus on how internal and external crises precipitated reforms and revolutions, and how people shed their old identities and took on new ones. We will also examine how China's political leaders engineered campaigns and movements, often with disastrous effects, and how this history has been remembered, reflected upon, and remolded by the Chinese people themselves.

Fall 2017 HILL Registration Form

This form is for HILL classes only.

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:

- Judeophobia # registering ____ Name(s): _____
- Fairy Tales # registering ____ Name(s): _____
- American Immigration Policy # registering ____ Name(s): _____
- Jazz 101 # registering ____ Name(s): _____
- China # registering ____ Name(s): _____