

ADVENTURES IN LEARNING

Horizons

Learning Later, Living Greater

Summer 2019

Exciting Fall Course Offerings

Adventures in Learning has 14 courses lined up this Fall. There are three history courses: one spanning a century in Manchester, NH, one focusing on a single year, and the third examining the years between the World Wars.

Joanna Henderson will teach **Amoskeag**, a course on the history of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, at one time the world's largest textile plant. Gene Lariviere is leading

And the Walls Came Tumblin' Down: 1989 and the Year That Changed the World on the dramatic events that occurred 30 years ago. In their lecture series, **The Interwar Years: A World in Disarray**, Julie Machen and Morris Edwards will guide course participants through a look at France, U.S. foreign policy, the British Empire's "last hurrah," Germany, the Soviet Union, and China. In addition to Julie and Morris, lecturers include John Ferries and Colby-Sawyer College professors Randy Hanson, Kraig Larkin, and Eric Boyer.

Larry Hicks will teach a course on the basic principles of our legal system in **Our Legal Legacy, Can It Endure?** Richard Hesse is offering **The Supreme Court: The Least Dangerous Branch**. Putting aside current

politics, the course will explore how the court has evolved and how it relates to the other legal and political institutions of government. Considering politics closer to home, Randy Foose and Robert Odell will teach **Political**

Consensus and Cooperation in New Hampshire, looking at historical and contemporary state politics. Guest speakers will include current legislators Karen Ebel and Dan Wolf.

Sage Chase will lead a thought-provoking discussion group on **Confronting Unconscious Racism**. Her course description provides a list of books on this topic.

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*The Fall 2019 Course Catalog
will be mailed in mid-July.*

Registration begins Wed., July 31



Photo: Skip Wareham

*Save the date! ALL members will march in the
Hospital Days Parade, August 3*

*The excitement of learning separates youth from old age.
As long as you're learning you're not old.*

Rosalyn Sussman Yalow

President's Letter

As AIL begins its third decade, I welcome four new Board members (see picture below) and thank not only our recently retired Board members, David Bashaw, Betsy Boege, Julie Machen, John Roberts and Brenda Watts, but all of those who have gone before.

AIL's growth in membership and courses offered has been extraordinary and in many ways we have reached our "sweet spot" but we count on you, our membership, to help keep us on track. Please contact me or any other Board member with concerns or suggestions about how we may all make AIL even better.

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

Happy Summer and watch for the Fall catalog coming to you soon,

– Mary Doyle, President

P.S. To those of you who have made donations to AIL in addition to your membership fees, we are most grateful. Any donations are used entirely to enhance programming opportunities.



New Board members, L to R: Ginger Milord, Scott Rappeport, Pat Stewart, and Ken Tentarelli



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Remember to renew your membership for 2019-2020 so you don't miss any AIL news. Annual membership runs from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Colby-Sawyer College's 2019 Community Award

Colby-Sawyer College President Sue Stuebner presented Sheldon and Betsy Boege with the 2019 Community Award at the May 17 meeting of the President's Community Forum. This award recognizes the Boeges' noteworthy contributions to the college.

Sheldon and Betsy moved to New London in 2001 and soon became involved with Colby-Sawyer College and AIL. They have served on the AIL Board, on committees, and as Study Group Leaders. Sheldon has taught or participated as a lecturer in more than 15 courses. This winter they collaborated with Professor Jon Keenan on a course on the preservation of Japanese art from the Meiji period.

They have also been generous in their support of college programs. In 2018 they made a significant gift to fund exhibitions and artists who visit the Center for Art + Design and to establish the Ernest F. Fenollosa Endowed Fund to support art-related internships for Colby-Sawyer students. In 2019 they invested in an important academic priority: field studies courses that allow students to apply what they learn in the classroom in hands-on environments.

At the President's Community Forum, VP of College Advancement Dan Parish said, "Sheldon and Betsy Boege exemplify the unique relationship that Colby-Sawyer enjoys with community members. We are so fortunate to benefit from their expertise, energy and support, and we are grateful for all they have done for Colby-Sawyer and AIL over the past 18 years." Congratulations, Sheldon and Betsy – and thank you!



Photo: Abby Hutchinson

Sue Stuebner with Betsy and Sheldon Boege

Annual Meeting Highlights

The 2019 Annual Meeting on May 23 began with Joan Eaton's slide show, *Through the Lens: Adventures in Learning, 2018-2019*, with 225 photographs set to music. John Ferries provided a recap of the year and led the business meeting, which included the election of four new Board members. John also shared a tribute to Van Crawford, a former Curriculum Committee chair, who passed away in April. Entertainment was provided by Evans Haile, General Manager of Opera North, whose performance at the piano was enhanced by his guest on stage, AIL member Sharon Kenrick. Evans asked if there were any members present who had never taken piano lessons. Sharon joined him at the piano and her one-note contribution to their duet received enthusiastic applause. A cocktail reception followed to celebrate the end of a successful year.



Photo: Joan Eaton

Sharon Kenrick and Evans Haile

David Bisno's Presentation, *Fascism: A Warning*

Adventures in Learning has added occasional and timely special presentations to its many opportunities for its members to embrace continued learning. The most recent event, which was also open to community members, was a 2 ½-hour program by Dr. David Bisno entitled **Fascism: A Warning**, inspired by Madeleine Albright's bestselling book on fascism. It proved to be enlightening, scary, and energizing.

As a career eye doctor in retirement, Dr. Bisno has become a noted lifelong learning advocate and teacher. He brought his two careers together on a Saturday morning in May when approximately 100 men and women heard his analogy of a four-part medical education to a study of the history of Fascism. He started with individual disease

recognition, as physicians study multiple diseases in detail, how they evolve, differ, and change over time, and their treatments, showing how the first step in identifying an issue is crucial. He compared this to analyzing the characteristics of different governments. He then turned to the hallmarks of Fascism and the current return and spread of fascist dogmas throughout the world, and to how due diligence can help stop the "disease" of Fascism in our own country. We were reminded of Franklin Roosevelt's inaugural remarks to America, "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

– Janie Webster



Photo: Joan Eaton

David Bisno speaking in Clements Hall on May 18

Fall Courses, cont. from p. 1

ALL members are invited to participate in two courses that will develop new skills or hone the skills they have: Wally Borgen will teach **Public Speaking**, said to be many people's greatest fear. Steve Priest has outdoor adventure skills in mind. He will be sharing ideas for year-round activities in **Outdoor Play "Fun 4 Seniors."**

Two courses are offered in the realm of religion: **The Holocaust and the Christian World** with Kathleen Rusnak will look at the ways Christian theology has evolved over the past 75 years. Rosa Lee Richards will lead **Love in the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament)** considering biblical stories that describe different aspects of love.

In science, Scott Rappoport's course **What Lies Beneath the Wave** will explore the mysteries of the ocean floor.

Lee Mayman will lead **Art Direction in Movies: A Film Series**, showing how fictional places are created that audiences perceive as real. A passionate poet and her work are the subjects of Gladys Dowd's course, **The Life and Art of Edna St. Vincent Millay**.

Science Pub Returns Sept. 12
Check the course catalog
for details on the programs
scheduled this Fall.

New Study Group Leaders, Summer & Fall



Photo: Abby Hutchinson

Three new study leaders are teaching Summer 2019 courses. L to R: Patricia Peters Martin, Pam Sanborn, and Janice Cundey

ALL welcomes five new Study Group Leaders for the Fall 2019 term:

Wally Borgen brings experience in education and entertainment to her course on public speaking. She has taught business and public speaking courses for over 40 years, and theater – creating shows, performing, and directing – has been a life-long passion.

Randy Foose also brings his experience in different fields to his course with Robert Odell on NH politics. His 30-year career in higher education administration was followed by four terms in the NH House of Representatives.

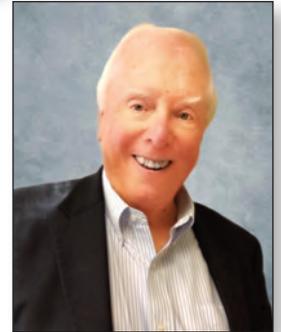
Larry Hicks is a lawyer and author whose expertise on legal issues is sought by businesses and professional organizations. His course will draw on his knowledge of our legal system and the guidelines established by the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights.

Lee Mayman, whose career in art direction includes theater, television, and movies, will offer a behind-the-scenes perspective on the film industry.

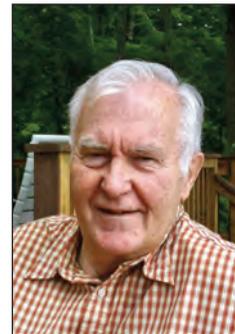
Following a career in information systems management and education, Steve Priest is an author and produces documentaries on outdoor adventures.



Wally Borgen



Randy Foose



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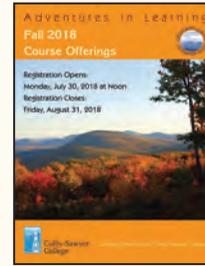
Lee Mayman



Steve Priest

Great Teamwork: ALL and Echo Communications

Congratulations to Echo Communications on their Award of Merit from PINE (Printing Industries of New England) for outstanding craftsmanship in the creation, design, and production of the Fall 2018 Course Catalog. The cover features Joan Eaton's stunning photograph of Mount Kearsarge.



Photos of Spring Term Courses



Top row, L to R: John Ferries as Albert Barnes, Beverly Marshall leading her film course, and Art Rosen talking about Medieval history. *Middle:* Participants in Jeannie Tucker's course and study leaders Susanna Schweizer and Leslie Smith. *Bottom:* Bud Rice teaching his wine-making course, Randy Hanson in Fistful of Faculty III, and Dianalee Velie in the course she taught with Ken Tentarelli on Roman/Italian poets.



Thanks to photographers Joan Eaton, who took all but four of these Spring course photos, Maureen Rosen (Art Rosen), Abby Hutchinson (Leslie Smith and Randy Hanson), and Harte Crow (Paul Etkind's class).

Top to bottom: Rick Stockwell with his Bonsai class, Paul Etkind leading a discussion on public health, John Lyons with his dwarf conifers class, and participants in Larry Crocker's Constitution course (left) and Robert DiClerico's course on Presidential impeachment (right).



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Fall Term at a Glance

MONDAYS

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. (*begins Oct. 8*)
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. (*begins Oct. 30*)
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. (*begins Sept. 26*)
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. (*begins Oct. 24*)
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. (*begins Oct. 17*)

FRIDAYS

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Classes begin the week of Sept. 16 unless otherwise indicated

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