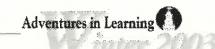
# Adventures in Learning

Winter 2003 Course Offerings

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, November 29

Colby-Sawyer College New London, New Hampshire



## Adventures in Learning Winter 2003

Welcome to the winter 2003 term of Adventures in Learning. Once again, we are extremely pleased to offer ten wonderful course selections for the winter term, which begins Jan. 20 and continues through March 14, 2003. As always, we are delighted to introduce our four new winter term study leaders: Barbara Beskind from Norwich, Vt., Sheldon Boege from New London, N.H., LoriAnne Freeman from Springfield, N.H., and Nancy Schlosser from Wilmot, N.H. We eagerly look forward to their educational contributions.

To enroll in one of the courses described in this term catalog, please complete the application form on the back page and send it, along with a course enrollment fee of \$30 per person and an annual membership fee of \$35 (if you've not already paid one for the 2002-2003 academic year) to Laura Powers in the Adventures in Learning Office. Registration for the winter 2003 term begins on Monday, November 11, and runs through Friday, November 29, 2002.

Due to the high number of registrants each semester, Adventures in Learning has adopted a lottery policy for oversubscribed courses. If there are more applications than available spaces, the lottery system will be put into effect for those particular courses only. In the event that an applicant does not gain entry into any of his/her first three course selections, the enrollment fee will be returned. As always, if you know in advance that you will not be able to attend the majority of the class meetings, we suggest that you do not sign up for the course. After the registration period closes, on Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, if an applicant wishes to participate in more than one study group (at no additional charge), he/she may do so on a first-come, first-served basis as space permits.

Books for courses are selected by study group leaders and will be available for purchase from the Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London. Photocopied materials used in lieu of textbooks may be purchased from the Adventures in Learning Office. The total cost of books and/or photocopied materials will not normally exceed \$35 per each course.

The Adventures in Learning Office is located in Seamans Alumni House on the Colby-Sawyer College campus. Program Coordinator Sharon Ames is available afternoons only or through e-mail at <a href="mailto:adventures@colby-sawyer.edu">adventures@colby-sawyer.edu</a>. Program Assistant Laura Powers is available Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to handle term registrations. Laura will be happy to answer course-related questions, assist in the application and registration process, and generally serve as registration contact person. She can be reached at 526-3690 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:lpowers@colby-sawyer.edu">lpowers@colby-sawyer.edu</a>.

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## Adventures in Learning

### THE WINTER 2003 TERM AT A GLANCE

This schedule is offered as a convenient way to review the semester.

#### **MONDAYS**

2 - 4 p.m.

**The Arab-Israeli Conflict / William Sullivan**Beginning Jan. 20 at Tracy Memorial Library

#### TUESDAYS

10-12 noon

Literature of the Lost Generation / Jim Bowditch

Beginning Jan. 21 at Lake Sunapee Bank

10 - 12 noon

Yoga and Meditation to Enrich Your Life / Nancy Schlosser

Beginning Jan. 21 in the Colby-Sawyer Library Archives

2 - 4 p.m.

The Wars of the Roses / Deniza Martin

Beginning Jan. 21 at the New London Town Office Building

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

10 - 12 noon

Making the Connection / Mac Plante

Beginning Jan. 22 at Tracy Memorial Library

10 – 12 noon

Cooking Should be Fun / LoriAnne Freeman

Beginning Jan. 22 at St. Andrews Church Kitchen

1 - 3 p.m.

Issues in Town Government / Hilary & Cotton Cleveland

Beginning Jan. 22 in the Colby-Sawyer Library Archives

2 - 4 p.m.

The Habsburgs / Joe Kun

Beginning Jan. 22 at the New London Town Office Building

#### **THURSDAYS**

10 – 12 noon

A World of Energy / Sheldon Boege

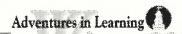
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2 - 4 p.m.

The Russian Avant-Garde and Beyond / Barbara Beskind

Beginning Jan. 23 at Tracy Memorial Library

ALL FACILITIES ARE FULLY ACCESSIBLE



## The Arab-Israeli Conflict

Study Group Leader: William Sullivan Location: Tracy Memorial Library

Mondays, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. 8 weeks beginning January 20, 2003

This course will examine the Arab-Israeli conflict from the beginnings of the Zionist movement in the late 19th century to the present. Geographic, economic, and ethnic factors will be examined as background. Initially, we will develop an understanding of the conflict terminology as a basis for study (e.g., what is a "settlement" or what is meant by "land for peace").

The course will cover the origins of Zionism, World War I and its consequences, the Israeli struggle for independence, post-independence conflicts between Israel and its neighbors, Palestinian Nationalism, internal Israeli and Palestinian political dynamics, and the quest for peace. The format will emphasize active group discussion to the maximum extent possible. To facilitate this, participants will be given reading assignments before each session.



Bill Sullivan

#### Bio:

Bill Sullivan is a retired U.S. Army military intelligence colonel. He graduated from Georgetown University in 1964 and has an M.A. in history from the University of Kansas. He is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. His military assignments included tours in Vietnam, Germany, Pakistan, Nepal, and Israel.

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## Literature of the Lost Generation

Study Group Leader: Jim Bowditch Location: Lake Sunapee Bank Community Room

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 noon 8 weeks beginning January 21, 2003

World War I, which many hoped would make the world safe for democracy, had been anything but glorious, despite the patriotic songs and banners that sent off American troops. Instead, it involved trench warfare behind barbed wire, mustard gas, and the first airplane bombings. Nor had the Spanish Civil War, in which a number of idealistic future American writers took part, changed the world for the better. Franco, with Nazi help, won a decisive victory; World War I ended in a stalemate which led Germans to accept the Versailles Treaty. Out of this debacle emerged a new generation of American writers who, disillusioned by war and the American dream, flocked to Paris, the perceived center of European culture, where they produced some of the best writing of the 20th century. Gertrude Stein, who lived in Paris after World War I, called these American expatriate writers "The Lost Generation."

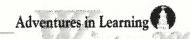
We will look at a few of them: Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ezra Pound, and T. S. Eliot, each with their "take" on the period. The emphasis will be on the works as literature, though some attention will be paid to the historical, literary, and personal contexts.



Iim Bowditch

#### Bio:

Jim Bowditch received a B.A. in English and Humanities from Stanford University and a Ph.D. in American Studies from Harvard University. He taught at Ripon College in Wisconsin for eight years and then became the head of Francis W. Parker High School in Chicago. He spent the years between 1974 and 2000 overseas as headmaster of such institutions as the America Overseas School of Rome; the ACAT School in Torino, Italy; and the International School in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. For the past 15 years, he served as professor of English and history at John Cabot University in Rome. Now retired, Jim is the author of four books of poetry, essays, and a novel, as well as eight unpublished novels.



## Yoga and Meditation to Enrich Your Life

Study Group Leader: Nancy Schlosser Location: Colby-Sawyer Library Archives

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon 6 weeks beginning January 21, 2003

We make life choices and take action using only a small part of the resources within us. This course will help remove the blocks, providing a quiet space to begin accessing your deepest knowledge and passion and to reach deeper levels of personal awareness.

In the workshop, we will do stretching and breathing exercises, using time-honored yoga principles. With guided visualization to loosen up your imagination, we will use journal writing to identify your underlying life themes and bring your best ideas to the surface. We will also learn techniques for meditation to heighten a deep state of relaxation.

Participation in this course will help you achieve a healthier, more flexible mind, body, and spirit. Stretching contracted muscles can help relieve nagging, even debilitating pain, anywhere from the neck to the feet, and we'll focus on relaxing these chronic areas of tension. You'll face your physical limitations, and move beyond them. This course focuses on practical and specific ways to deal with stress, and to help you discover what you want out of life.



Nancy Schlosser

#### Bio:

Nancy Schlosser graduated in 1968 from Wheaton College (Mass.) with a B.A. degree. She spent two years of graduate study in dance at the Boston Conservatory. From 1973 through 1982 she taught dance and yoga at St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H., Proctor Academy, the University of New Hampshire, and Colby-Sawyer College. She has been a co-director and ski instructor at Norsk Cross Country Ski Center in New London for 24 years and has taught yoga locally for 27 years.

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## The Wars of the Roses

Study Group Leader: Deniza Martin

**Location: New London Town Office Building** 

Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6 weeks beginning January 21, 2003

For more than 30 years the Houses of Lancaster and York battled each other for the Crown of England. Through Alison Weir's history of the wars, we learn about the knights, bishops, lords, kings, and queens who schemed and fought bitterly, and we will track the fascinating tales of their quarrels and their frequently changing alliances. In the end, feudalism was shattered, the monarchy was weakened, and Britain moved on toward mercantilism and a government controlled by Parliament.

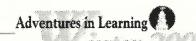
There were numerous fascinating people in that period of England's history. Participants may choose a subject for further study for an in-class report or contribute their learning to class discussion. We will read approximately 70 pages each week for discussion in class.



Deniza Martin

#### Bio:

Deniza Martin received a B.A. in history from The George Washington University while continuing her full-time career as a housewife and mother. She worked in the Freshmen Dean's Office at Harvard University and the Admissions Office at The George Washington University. She has been a student of English history for more than 50 years, and has toured England, Wales, and Scotland many times — each time following a specific historical theme.



## **Making the Connection**

**Study Group Leader: Mac Plante Location: Tracy Memorial Library** 

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon 6 weeks beginning January 22, 2003

This course makes the historical journey from the invention of the telegraph to today's instantaneous worldwide voice, data, and TV communications. Participants will become familiar with the biographies of the personalities and the genius that made all that progress possible in the last 150 years.

The course deals with some technology, but will be understandable for students with minimal or no technical background. Familiarity with secondary school physics (no matter how rusty) is helpful, but not required. Anyone with an "historical bent" and curiosity about the wonders of electrical communications should find the course enlightening and, with its liberal use of factual anecdotes, entertaining.

Class time will be divided into 80 percent lecture and 20 percent Q&A and discussion.



Mac Plante

#### Bio:

Mac Plante has spent his entire career in the field of telecommunications, beginning with the U.S. Navy during World War II. For most of his nearly 33 years with the Bell System, he was engaged as a design and development engineer with Bell Laboratories on a diversity of transmission systems. He retired from the Bell System in 1981.

Plante then joined Wang Laboratories, where he managed a telecommunications equipment compliance laboratory, interfacing with the FCC and international regulatory agencies. He was Wang's representative to the Telecommunications Industries Association, dealing with domestic and international regulatory issues.

Following his retirement from Wang in 1992, he was associated for several years with the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), where he was responsible for assessing telecom measurement laboratories for NIST accreditation.

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## Cooking Should be Fun

Study Group Leader: LoriAnne Freeman Location: St. Andrews Church Kitchen

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon 6 weeks beginning January 22, 2003

This course will require no reading, homework, debates, or in-depth discussions on philosophy, politics, or religion. Instead, the group will gather for hands-on learning of menu planning, easy cooking techniques, and stress-free recipes to impress friends and family. Participants are asked to bring a \$10 materials fee to the first class. They should feel free to bring an apron as well as containers to take home samples of class creations. A recipe guide will be provided.

#### Bio:

LoriAnne Freeman has spent years catering events for friends. She received a certificate from the Division of Business, Health and Public Service from Macomb College in Warren, Mich., upon completion of the culinary arts program. She also earned a certificate from the National Restaurant Association, interned for the Food Network On-Tour Program, and worked as garde-manager at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix, Ariz. Lori is currently co-owner and chef of the Hide-Away Inn in Springfield, N.H.

## **Issues in Town Government**

Study Group Leaders: Hilary & Cotton Cleveland Location: Colby-Sawyer Library Archives

Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 6 weeks beginning January 22, 2003

The participant will gain a deeper understanding of state and local government structure; develop a sense of history of the state and area towns; meet a variety of elected and professional officials in order to gain their perspectives; understand critical issues in town government; and become better educated and energized for participation in a citizen democracy. This course will include readings, lecturettes, panel discussions with invited officials, action assignments, individual reflection, and group discussion. The action assignments will consist of attendance at the January Kearsarge School Meeting; February Budget Committee meetings, League of Women Voters Candidate Forum, and voting/attending the Town Meeting in March.

#### Bios:



Hilary Cleveland



Cotton Cleveland

Hilary Cleveland received her B.A. from Vassar College and completed her graduate work at the Institute of International Relations in Geneva, Switzerland. She has taught at Colby-Sawyer College since 1955, currently as an adjunct professor of political science, and has taught courses in Far Eastern history. Hilary was New London town moderator for 18 years.

Cotton Cleveland is president of Mather Associates, a New England-based consulting firm, specializing in leadership and organizational development for corporate and not-for-profit organizations, founded in 1981. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire Whittemore School of Business and Economics in 1974. She was elected in 2000 as moderator for the town of New London and moderator for New London/Springfield Water Precinct. Cotton serves on the boards of the National Grange Mutual Insurance Company, Northeast Utilities and Ledyard National Bank. She was co-chair of the Governor's Commission on the 21st Century, served as an incorporator of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundations and as a member of the New Hampshire Public Television Board of Governors. Cotton currently serves on the board of the New Hampshire Center for Public Policy.

## The Habsburgs

Study Group Leader: Joe Kun

**Location: New London Town Office Building** 

Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6 weeks beginning January 22, 2003

Centuries before America was discovered, the Habsburg dynasty had already made its mark on Europe. Its history is closely connected with those of Austria, Germany, Spain, Hungary and other countries on the continent. It can be said that the history of the House of Habsburg was inseparable from the history of Europe. For better or worse, the Habsburgs put their stamp on European politics, society, and culture and, in spite of their many failings, will be remembered as one of the most remarkable ruling families of the last millennium.

This course was first offered in spring, 2000. This time the course will explore such subjects as the Protestant Reformation, the Catholic Counter-reformation, and the emergence of nationalism in the lands ruled by the Habsburgs.



Joe Kun

#### Bio:

Joseph Kun graduated from the University of Budapest and Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. He spent 27 years in U.S. government service both in Washington, D.C., and overseas. Since his earlier course on the history of the Habsburg dynasty, he has led Adventures in Learning courses on the origins of World War II, and the thousand-year history of Hungary and Transylvania. He has been a resident of New London for more than eight years.

## **A World of Energy**

Study Group Leader: Sheldon Boege

**Location: New London Town Office Building** 

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon 6 weeks beginning January 23, 2003

This six-session course will provide participants with a better-than-layman's knowledge of America's present energy supply and use, a consensus view of future growth in energy usage, and the options the country faces in fueling this growth. At the end of the course, participants will understand the scientific, economic, political and environmental challenges energy-led economic growth presents. They will gain an appreciation of the costs and benefits of personal lifestyle choices and will be able to analyze and explain state and regional issues concerning power supply, pricing of energy, and political decisions relating to various sources and transmissions of energy. In the last session, participants will prepare a personal energy usage profile.



Sheldon Boege

#### Bio:

Sheldon Boege has enjoyed a career of more than 30 years in international banking from which he says he is now "utterly retired." After graduating from Stanford University and earning a master's degree from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, he joined Citibank in New York. From there he went on to successive positions in the U.S., Philippines, Jakarta, Taipei, Saudi Arabia, in Europe and North Africa, and more recently, in Turkey and Jordan

## The Russian Avant-Garde and Beyond

Study Group Leader: Barbara Beskind Location: Tracy Memorial Library

Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 8 weeks beginning January 23, 2003

The Russian avant-garde represents a little known, yet powerful foundation for abstract art, a tradition overshadowed by World War I, the Russian Revolution, and the Soviet Regime. With the end of the Cold War, these unparalleled contributions to the development of non-objective (abstract) art may experience a Renaissance of public interest in this country and abroad. Only now are Russians learning about this rich legacy.

Those who are curious about these origins of abstraction, or who have traveled in Russia or plan to do so, will find a dynamic approach to this little-known subject. Enrich your awareness of avant-garde artists, develop a visual recognition of works by specific artists of the times, and select one or two for your own personal focus of interest, so you can become fully aware of them as people, of their times, and of their works.

Traditional and non-traditional methods of instruction will promote a lively learning experience. Lectures, slides, video, plus material from the study group leader's extensive personal library will provide rich resources for this course.



Barbara Beskind

#### Bio:

Barbara Beskind's 40-year professional career included 20 years as an occupational therapist in the U.S. Army. On retiring, she established the first free-standing occupational therapy clinic in the United States, located in Princeton, N.J. This clinic specialized in the treatment of children with learning disorders. There she conducted clinical research and authored a text-book on the subject.

Her broad range of interests includes creative non-fiction writing, handembroidered wall hangings of abstract design, and the study of abstract art and its origins. She was first attracted to "the art of geometry" as utilized by the Russian avant-garde. Her intense curiosity resulted in a recent trip to Russia to explore first-hand the work of this fascinating and powerful group of artists.

## <u>Notes</u>

## **Application Form** - Winter 2003 -Enclosed is my payment of \_\_\_\_\_\_\$35 for my 2002-2003 annual membership fee and \_\_\_\_\_\_\$30 for my course enrollment fee. If already paid, annual membership fee is not required. My selections are: FIRST Choice \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND Choice THIRD Choice NAME: ADDRESS: TOWN: STATE: \_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ Please make checks payable to Colby-Sawyer College and return this form by 4 p.m., Friday, November 29, 2002 to: Laura Powers, Adventures in Learning, Colby-Sawyer College, 100 Main Street, New London, NH 03257 NOTE: Each member of a family should send a separate application. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Powers at 526-3690. **Application Form for Second Person** - Winter 2002 -Enclosed is my payment of \_\_\_\_\_\$35 for my 2002-2003 annual membership fee and \_\_\_\_\_\$30 for my course enrollment fee. If already paid, annual membership fee is not required. My selections are: FIRST Choice \_\_\_ SECOND Choice THIRD Choice TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



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