

Summer  
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# Adventures in Learning

# Horizons

*Learning Later Living Greater*

## *Adventures in Learning 20th Year*

### **Faculty Lecture Series to honor AIL— Colby-Sawyer College Partnership**

A special lecture series this fall will commemorate Adventures in Learning's 20th year and the long-standing partnership with Colby-Sawyer College. Since its founding in 1998, Adventures in Learning has become a respected and integral part of the community. Sponsored by Colby-Sawyer College, AIL provides compelling lifelong learning experiences in the greater Lake Sunapee region for adults with an interest in the world of ideas and who wish to continue their intellectual growth in an informal setting.

AIL's mission of "providing lifelong learning experiences for adults" fits closely with and extends Colby-Sawyer's mission of "providing undergraduate and graduate educational programs ... designed to prepare students for their lives of ongoing education."

Titled "A Fistful of Faculty," the lecture series will feature five college faculty members who will draw on their areas of expertise to share an intellectual or academic passion. The lecture series will be held in Clements Hall each Monday afternoon from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., starting on September 18. It will be moderated by Professor Randy Hanson,

Chair of Social Sciences and Education.

Susan D. Stuebner, Colby-Sawyer President and member of the Social Sciences and Education faculty, will lead off with a talk on "Leadership and Presidential Power at Private, Regional Liberal Arts Colleges." Jon Keenan, Professor of Fine and Performing Arts, will follow a week later with "From Kearsarge to Kathmandu: Updates on Cross-Cultural Engagement and Service Learning."

On October 2, Pat Anderson, Professor of Humanities, will address "Understanding Movies: The Art of Film." The two final speakers will be Kate Turcotte, Professor of Sociology and Lynn Garrioch, Professor of Psychology. Professor Turcotte's topic is "Not so Fast: The Uncertain Fate of Alaska's Climate Change Refugees," while Professor Garrioch will discuss "The Saga of the Exonerated."

John Ferries, AIL President, said, "This powerful faculty lecture series represents another important milestone in our growing partnership with Colby-Sawyer. It also creates a special opportunity for the AIL community to become more engaged with the college."

~Morris Edwards

*"Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death."*

*— Albert Einstein*



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You are invited to an AIL hosted event...

## The History and Music of the Johann Strauss Family

With David Bisno, M.D.

**T**wo generations of Viennese produced some of the most memorable music of the 19th century. Hundreds of instantly recognizable, enduring melodies were enjoyed in the marble palaces and the wine bars of the Viennese woods. This was a talented family riven with tension, feuds and jealousy, living in a city that was desperate but not serious, in a country that sparkled with waltzing but was unraveling. Through the personal and political chaos, the Strauss family composed hundreds of waltzes and polkas as their country hurtled towards the First World War and oblivion.

**September 22, 2017**

Clements Hall, Ivey Science Center, Colby-Sawyer College  
Free of Charge. Call the AIL office to register at (603) 536-3434



David Bisno

**David Bisno**, retired ophthalmologist with degrees from Harvard, Dartmouth and the Washington University School of Medicine, has been leading discussion groups on a myriad of topics within institutes for lifelong learning in this country and overseas for 24 years.

## AIL Annual Meeting

**T**he annual meeting began with a photo retrospective of the year by Joan Eaton of the Public Relations Committee and ended with the Barn Playhouse's Junior Interns entertaining us with song. In between, President John Ferries conducted the annual business meeting. He introduced Colby-Sawyer's new academic vice president and dean of faculty, Laura Alexander, who received AIL's donation of \$15,000 to the Colby-Sawyer Fund and thanked AIL for its generosity and partnership. Then the members voted on upcoming Board members and learned about AIL's accomplishments in the past year and



PHOTO: J. Eaton

the future as envisioned by the new Vision 2021 plan.

After the meeting, attendees



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perused the art show of original paintings by AIL members, which was organized this year by Fran Wilson and Nancy Marashio. Attendees also mingled with friends and enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres and wine.

The New London Barn Playhouse Junior Interns, a group of local Junior and Senior High School students, sang songs from last year's Children's Theater Series. Their

leader, Josh Feder, gave a preview of the upcoming summer productions and talked about the goals for this year's season.

This is the second year the Junior "Barnies" have entertained the AIL membership at the annual meeting. Bringing parts of the community together, which normally do not get to interact with AIL members, is important for both groups and enlightens the whole community. The young performers were warmly welcomed by the members.

~Joanna Henderson

Harry Tether, Vision Task Force Chair, presented the new Vision 2021 plan. Vision 2021 projects AIL's aspirations and addresses the challenges of remaining relevant to the AIL constituency. Our principal goal is to provide a high quality experience to members seeking to become lifelong learners, whether it is adding learning to an existing knowledge base, acquiring new skills or pursuing a curiosity. Following the presentation, Harry took questions from the audience. Suggestions were recorded and will be reviewed.

## Vision 2021

# Fall 2017 Courses

It's never too soon to start thinking about Adventures in Learning's fall term and some courses you may find of interest. The fall catalog is planned to be out in late July. Course registration begins on Monday, July 31 and concludes at noon on Friday, September 1, 2017. Here is a list of the courses to be offered in the fall:

- **Traitor to His Class: The Career of Franklin Delano Roosevelt** with Gene Lariviere
- **Anniversary Lecture Series: Fistful of Faculty** with Professor Randy Hanson; Sue Stuebner, President, Colby-Sawyer College; Professor Jon Keenan; Professor Pat Anderson; Professor Kate Turcotte; Professor Lynn Garrioch
- **Lecture Series: Great Explorers** with Morris Edwards, John Roberts, John Ferries, Ken Tentarelli, Brenda Watts, Sheldon Boege, Joanna Henderson, Randy Hanson
- **Church and State: A Brief Overview** with Christine Marbach Kellett
- **Thorny Conversations: Principles and Practice** with Susanna Schweizer
- **King vs Parliament in Stuart England** with Kent Hackmann
- **From Inspiration to Creation and Beyond** with Nancy Marashio
- **Patty Hearst** with John Ferries
- **Patient Safety for Patients and Their Families: Avoiding the Problems** with Bradley T. Truex, M.D.
- **Remembering the Holocaust: Memory and Prevention** with Thomas White

## Save the Date

### ***Members Only Tour: New Center for Art + Design***

**October 17, 2017 6 p.m.**

Join Professor Jon Keenan, Chair of the Fine and Performing Arts Department, and Professor Bert Yarborough for an AIL members only private tour of Colby-Sawyer's new Center for Art + Design. Socialize with other members, peruse the exhibit of works from the collection of Beverly Stearns Bernson '55, and enjoy complimentary wine and cheese.



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# Great Explorers in History

In his book *Consilience. The Unity of Knowledge*, the social biologist E.O. Wilson mused about exploration: "...We dream of the insoluble, of unattainably distant places and times. Why should we so love the unknown? The reason may be the Paleolithic environment in which the brain evolved. In our emotions, I believe we are still there..." What has changed over the years is the extent of the known world. Leading the charge to expand the boundaries are the great explorers in our history. An eight-part lecture series in the fall will center on individuals who ventured forth in each of the past eight centuries for different reasons, but had in common their obsession to explore the unknown.

John Ferries, President of AIL, will lead off with an account of the 13th century Venetian, Marco Polo, who at age 17 embarked on a journey along the perilous Silk Road that became a 24-year adventure in the Far East. His tales of serving in Kublai Khan's court and visiting far-flung parts of China continue to captivate.

The following week, Ken Tentarelli will trace the ups and downs of Christopher Columbus, from Admiral of the Ocean Sea to being marooned, imprisoned and facing rebellions in later voyages. Although his expeditions heralded the extraction of immense wealth from the Americas, Columbus never received the title and full amount of reward he was promised.

Brenda Watts will invite John Smith, the "Admiral of New England," to share his remarkable adventures as soldier, sailor, explorer, author and colonist. What impact did he have on the New World, which he described as "the fittest place for an earthly Paradise"? What legacy did he leave to us here in New England? And, what about Pocahontas?

Morris Edwards will show how Captain Cook epitomized the age of scientific discovery in his three voyages to the Pacific Ocean, bringing back beautifully accurate charts, specimens and drawings of newly discovered flora and

fauna, all the while testing new treatments for scurvy and maritime watches for finding longitude.

John Roberts will lead us up the Missouri River with Lewis and Clark to find huge land spaces and mountains populated by vibrant indigenous cultures interconnected by trading networks. They end by sighting and wintering by the Pacific Ocean, thereby laying claim to the northwest sector of their new country.

Sheldon Boege will follow Stanley and Livingstone in their search for the source of the White Nile, each for passions of their own, but both caught up in the struggle to stop the East African slave trade. Their role in the European imperialism of the time will be discussed.

Joanna Henderson will celebrate the life and accomplishments of globe-trekker Gertrude Bell, who turned her back on life as a wealthy socialite to become an archeologist, spy, linguist, author, photographer, and explorer. She transcended the restrictions of her gender in her times to become the most powerful woman of the British Empire.

Randy Hanson will anchor the series with the delightful story of Richard Halliburton, an early twentieth-century adventurist and travel writer, who retraced the paths of Ulysses, Hannibal and Cortez. Along the way, he swam the Panama Canal, slept atop the Great Pyramid, climbed the Matterhorn and circumnavigated the globe in an open-cockpit biplane.

Our speakers are all recognizable as popular study leaders of past courses. All will treat their chosen subjects for their individual achievements and legacies, but together they trace the history of exploration of parts unknown by the western world, at first for trading routes, later for acquisition of land and extraction of resources and currently tourism for fun. Caveat: the history of exploration as a serious endeavor has hardly ended; many more unknowns exist from the nano-worlds to the universe.

~John M. Roberts

## Membership

It is time to sign up for your annual membership. Adventures in Learning is a dynamic, indispensable lifelong learning organization providing a wide array of courses, activities, and other benefits relevant and responsive to the community interests. Whether you sign up for a course or not, we hope you will continue to become an annual member to support the long term sustainability of AIL and recognize the many benefits of having AIL as a significant asset to the community.



When you do become a member, in addition to supporting this vital organization, you also receive the following benefits:

- Access to all courses offered in the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer terms (course fees apply)
- Three free passes to the Hogan Sports Center (\$30 value)
- Invitations to Members Only events or lectures
- Borrowing privileges at the Susan Colgate Cleveland Library (\$35 value)
- Free admission to Lunch & Learn programs (\$10 for non-members per program)

# Community Relations: Woodcrest Village Program – 5th Year

This July Adventures in Learning will celebrate the fifth year of our popular outreach program at Woodcrest Village. Donna Baker-Hartwell, activity director at Woodcrest Village, said, "Over the past five years the Woodcrest Village community has been awed, inspired, humored and educated by the one-hour programs presented by Adventures In Learning. Every one of the 50 presentations has been 'top-notch'! Presenters have generously shared their time and knowledge on a wide variety of subjects. These afternoon programs have been very well-attended. Woodcrest and community members look forward to continuing the AIL Community Outreach and wish to thank those individuals who volunteer to make this happen."

The program has taken the audience on a wonderful journey of topics ranging from people (Ben Franklin, Emily Dickinson, Walt Disney, Benny Goodman, J.P. Morgan, Margaret Thatcher) to places (Ellis Island, Estonia, Antarctica, Planet Ocean, Isles of Shoals) to a

variety of subjects (the Arab Spring and Islam, Dummies Guide to Cricket, UFOs Demystified, and Birth of the U.S. Constitution).

Morris Edwards, a longtime study group leader for AIL, gave the first program in 2012 and the 50th this past May. This was fitting as he was the person who had the initial idea for community outreach at Woodcrest Village. "When we began thinking of additional ways to reach out to our community the idea was born of 45 minute presentations by AIL study group leaders at Woodcrest each month," said Morris. "Thanks to the coordination of Donna at Woodcrest and long standing AIL board member Betsy Boege, the outreach program has become an exemplar of how AIL continues to embrace and enrich our community."

There have been 30 different study leaders over the five years and Morris has led the charge presenting five different programs. Congratulations, gratitude, and continued success to everyone involved with this wonderful outreach program.

## AIL Science Pub

The popular and informal science conversation will continue this fall. Science and its related fields have an enormous impact on our lives and our future. Yet for many of us, understanding their complexity is a challenge. Join us this fall at Galligan's Pub in Lethbridge Lodge on campus ... another way to continue learning with AIL!

**September 14 / Alternate Facts: Improper use of statistics and data / Dr. George Wolford**

**October 19 / Re-seeding coral reefs in the Florida Keys / Dr. Cheryl Coolidge**

**November 9 / Remote Sensing: What is it and what does it tell us about the environment / Dr. David Lutz**

**December 14 / Oceans Rising / Dr. Charles Kellogg**

Each Science Pub will include a brief presentation at 6:00 p.m., followed by an informal Q & A session. Food and drinks are available for purchase. Reservations, on a first-come-first-served basis, are required and can be made by contacting the AIL Event Registration Line at (603) 526-3434.



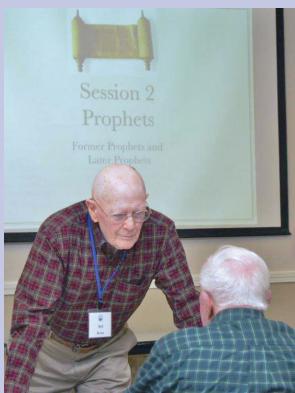
## AIL Spring '17 Term



Harte Crow shares some thoughts on "The Great Collectors" with class participants.



In "Nobel Literature Laureates", Nancy Marashio leads the discussion.



Art Rosen interacts with a member in "The Changing Concepts of God."

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Dick Hesse's dry wit is in evidence in "Founding Fathers, what were they thinking?"



"From Waterloo to WWI", Morris Edwards makes a point to the class.



Rev Dr. Kathleen Rusnak and class participant in "The Parables of Jesus."

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"Hamilton: Two Men and A Musical" with Joanna Henderson.



"Your Passport to Star Island and the Isle of Shoals" Brenda Watts with participant.

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Former CSC President Tom Galligan presents "The War to End All Wars – And Peace."



Class members are very engaged in "Discovering the Pacific Northwest" with Bob Koester.

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## New Study Group Leaders



Susanna Schweizer



Bradley T. Truex, M.D.



Kent Hackmann

Christine Marbach  
Kellett

**S**usanna Susanna is a conflict consultant and facilitator and co-founded Mediation Partners of New England. She has multiple graduate degrees and taught courses for several years, most recently at Osher@Dartmouth. Dr. Truex is a physician trained in internal medicine and neurology. He has been involved in patient safety for 30 years and writes a weekly column on patient safety for hospitals and healthcare workers.

Kent earned a B.A. in history from Yale University and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. He was a professor of history at the University of Idaho for 32 years. Christine is retired from a varied legal career including work in a public defender's office; as a town, county, and state attorney; and as the Chief Administrative Law Judge for the NY State Division of Human Rights.

## Thank you to Heidi Beckwith

The PR Committee of AIL thanks Heidi Beckwith for her 15+ years on the committee. Heidi was on the committee from the inception of the *Horizons* newsletter, formerly *Update*, and wrote for almost all issues. For many of those years, Heidi was an emeritas member, but was always the first to volunteer to write an article. She finally "retired" a year ago, but still cared passionately about AIL, attending every Woodcrest lecture and advocating for *Horizons* to return to hard copy. Betsy Boege saw Heidi a week before her passing. When Betsy told her that *Horizons* was being printed for its return debut, Heidi said, "I am so very pleased" and beamed.



## New Board Members



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(L to R) Les Norman, Deb Rucci, Joanna Henderson and Sheldon Boege all continuing or returning members to the AIL Board.





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## Save the Date

### New London Hospital Days

August 3 – 6, with parade on August 5th.



*The AIL Office will be closed for  
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Monday, September 4, 2017*

