



Fall 2015 Tuesday Schedule

Morning Class: 10:00 – 12:00 and Afternoon Class: 1:30 – 3:30

September 15, 2015
Lost in the Limelight
Jared Allen

Based on the life of a fictional character created by Charlie Chaplin, *Lost in the Limelight* is a one-man show that brings to life the turbulent career of a lauded Vaudeville comedian of the 1920s and 30s. The original show portrays the major events of the character's life, including eight separate people who influenced the course of his career. Due to the constraints of Johnston Hall as a performance space, Jared has modified the show into an engaging exploration of Vaudeville, bringing in some of the characters and performances from *Lost in the Limelight*. Even new characters will appear! Expect an amusing presentation.

As an actor, singer, saxophonist, violinist, and dancer, Jared Allen entered Elon University as an Honors Fellow but not, at first, into the theatre program. Yet he tenaciously followed his dream and after another audition was accepted into this competitive program. For his Fellows research project, he traveled to Italy to study at the Cineteca di Bologna, where he was inspired to write his one-man show, Lost in the Limelight, in tandem with a research paper on the decline of Vaudeville in the early twentieth century.

September 22, 2015
Stories of Baseball People
Jack McKeon

Baseball has been in the fabric of American life since before the turn of the 20th century. The sport has given us heroes, “goats”, huge wins, disappointing losses, glorious memories, scandals, racial issues that turned into triumph, and a management and business community that is often as interesting as the game itself. Over the years, this mosaic of divergent influences developed an almost endless parade of interesting people. Jack McKeon is one of these characters and during his career he was a witness to many others. He will share some of his more amusing experiences from his baseball career that lasted over five decades.

In 1930, Jack McKeon was born in New Jersey. His early years in baseball were in the minor leagues where he learned the game and developed a network of associates. Jack moved into scouting and got his first major league manager job with the Kansas City Royals in 1973. During the next 38 years, Jack managed 5 major league teams (the Marlins twice), was General Manager of the San Diego Padres for 9 years, won the World Series with the Florida Marlins in 2003 (the oldest Manager to accomplish this feat) and became the second oldest manager in baseball history in 2011 when he again took the reins of the Marlins. He lives in Elon with Carol Isley, his wife of 61 years.

September 29, 2015
Religious Diversity in America
Richard McBride

Many of us now have a neighbor, friend, or business associate who is Buddhist, Muslim, or Hindu. The United States has been called “the most religiously diverse nation on earth.” In this class, we will look at how and why this diversity has accelerated over the past fifty years. Although we face religious tensions in the United States, so far something in the American character has prevented the religious wars of other nations.

The Reverend Richard McBride, Chaplain Emeritus, spent the last twenty-five of his thirty-nine years in campus ministry at Elon. He also served at Wake Forest and Gardner-Webb Universities. Before that, he taught high school English. A native of Virginia, he graduated from the University of Virginia and prepared for ministry with degrees from Union Theological Seminary in New York City and Duke Divinity School. He and Wendy live in Hillsborough and have four children and nine grandchildren.

October 6
Lessons I Learned From Maya Angelou on the Power of Inclusion
Barbee Myers Oakes

“I’ve learned people will forget what you said; people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” ~ Maya Angelou

This quotation from my Mentor, the late Maya Angelou, has greatly impacted my commitment to the valuing of “Others”. From the news to social media, we are constantly bombarded with tales of the harmful impact of unconscious bias. Too often we are unaware of the ways we exclude others. While exploring nuggets of wisdom gleaned from Dr. Angelou, we will engage in interactive exercises that build your awareness of how to include others as well as hone your interpersonal communication skills.

*Dr. Barbee Myers Oakes is the Chief Diversity Officer for Wake Forest University. She develops strategic initiatives that help cultivate an environment which fosters access, inclusion, equity, and engagement of people from diverse constituencies. Dr. Oakes established a leadership infrastructure that is transforming the institutional culture. Her other key focus areas have been expanding cultural competence education; employing innovative strategies to recruit and retain a diverse faculty, staff, and student constituency; and bridging domestic and international diversity. She was recognized by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education Magazine* as one of the Top 25 Women Making a Difference in Higher Education in 2012.*

October 13, 2015
Mona Lisa in the Garden of Earthly Delights
LD Russell

Does the earth belong to us or do we belong to the earth? One of the perennial questions asked, explicitly or otherwise, in every age of human history is, “What is our relationship to nature and the other living beings with whom we share our planet?” Not surprisingly, the nature of this relationship is also one of the core issues addressed by each of the major religious traditions. This presentation as an

opportunity to ponder and explore what it means to be human, to dwell in a physical world, and to hold some responsibility for that world and its future.

LD Russell received his bachelor of arts in English from Furman University, his masters of divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and his master of arts in Religion from Wake Forest University. He has taught in the areas of World Religions and Religion and Culture at Elon University since 1993. He is currently Faculty Advisor for Theta Alpha Kappa, the Religious Studies Honor Society, and for Students for Peace and Justice. He also serves on the Peace and Conflict Studies Minor Advisory Board, the Global Neighborhood Association, and the Faculty Athletics Committee. He is a member in good standing of the American Academy of Religion and the Southeastern Conference for the Study of Religion.

October 20, 2015

**The Future of Healthcare Delivery: Implications of the Affordable Care Act and Private Market Forces
Robert (Bob) E. Byrd**

Salient features of the controversial Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as ObamaCare, will be discussed, especially those little known features that impact seniors, along with the rationale behind the ACA's development. Learn how the ACA and other market forces have the potential to transform our healthcare delivery system from a "sick care" system to a true "health care" system, with better outcomes for our residents and at lower cost to our society. Examples of how our local Cone Health system is proactively responding to these forces will be given.

Bob Byrd, was Senior Vice President, Strategic Management when he retired from Cone Health/Alamance Regional Medical Center (ARMC) after a 35½ year career on the senior executive staff at this local hospital. For the past several years at ARMC, Bob was responsible for strategic planning, business development, physician network development and physician recruitment, and community health initiatives. He holds a Master of Health Administration degree from Duke University and is a Life Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (LFACHE). He served as president of the ACHE's Triad Chapter in 2009. After serving on many local community agency boards in leadership roles, Bob is now continuing his community service as an Alamance County Commissioner, having been elected in the fall of 2014 for a four year term.

October 27, 2015

**Space Weather and Why You Should Care
Hugh Comfort**

What are the similarities and differences in space weather and earth weather? Physical differences in earth and space environments cause the differences in their "weathers". Space weather is affected by processes that vary on spatial scales ranging from the very small (atomic scale) to the very large (solar system) and on time scales ranging from days to decades. News accounts of space weather events frequently use uncommon terminology, so we will define and illustrate these terms to make them generally accessible. This broad overview of the "big picture" will provide a framework for the remainder of the discussion. Information about large space weather events will be shared.

Dr. Hugh Comfort is Emeritus Professor of Physics at the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) where he was on the physics faculty for 27 years, teaching and researching in space physics. He

received his degrees in physics from Harvard (AB) and UAH (MS and PhD). While in Huntsville, he served in the Army at Redstone Arsenal, worked in the aerospace industry and was a post-doc at NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center, prior to joining UAH. During his latter years on the UAH faculty, he also directed the Center for Science Education which piloted the Alabama Mathematics, Science and Technology Initiative for improving the teaching of science and math in K-12 schools statewide.

November 3, 2015
Guilford Court House and the True Price of Freedom
Jim Kirkpatrick

The Battle of Guilford Court House was fought on March 15, 1781, during the American Revolutionary War, at a site which is now in Greensboro. A 2,100-man British force under the command of Lieutenant General Charles Cornwallis defeated Major General Nathanael Greene's 4,500 Americans. The British Army, however, sustained such heavy casualties that the result was a strategic victory for the Americans. Despite the relatively small numbers of troops involved, the battle is considered pivotal to the American victory in the Revolution. The two parts of this program consist of the Road to Guilford Court House followed by information about the Road to Yorktown and Victory.

Jim Kirkpatrick is a native of Greensboro and a graduate of Wake Forest University. After serving in the Marine Corps, Jim began a 40 year career at Merrill Lynch from which he has retired. He has been active in the community, serving as Greensboro City Councilman and Mayor pro-tem as well as Guilford County Commissioner. Jim is a founder of the New Guilford Battleground Company and served as president from 1983 till 1999. He is currently Honorary Chairman of the Board of the Company. Jim lives with his wife Jane in rural Guilford County half way between Guilford Battleground and The Troublesome Creek Ironworks site where Greene camped after the battle on March 15, 1781.

November 10, 2015
Migrant Laborers in North Carolina
Lisa Fischbeck and Sam Laurent

Edward R. Murrow's film *Harvest of Shame* (CBS television, Thanksgiving, 1960) describes a season of migrant labor in mid-20th century America. Fifty years later, the film *Harvest of Dignity* (2012) examines whether significant changes in migrant labor conditions have occurred in North Carolina. The presenters will describe current efforts to address these local migrant issues through both activist and pastoral responses. "Excarnate Theology" will be defined and described as a possible means for uniting these alternatives.

Program presenters are The Reverend Lisa Fischbeck, Vicar of The Episcopal Church of the Advocate in Chapel Hill, and Dr. Sam Laurent, Episcopal Campus Minister to Duke University, and Durham Young Adult Missioner. Together they will share their pastoral experience and theological reflection on the subject.

November 17, 2015
Craft Breweries in North Carolina
Margo Knight Metzger and Erik Lars Myers

How did North Carolina become the top state for craft beer in the American South? Learn about the meteoric rise of craft brewing in the Old North State with a sudsy history lesson and a survey of the 120 breweries that make up the industry today.

Margo Knight Metzger is executive director of the NC Craft Brewers Guild. She previously directed the public relations program for VisitNC and also served as executive director of the NC Wine & Grape Council. She holds a B.A. in Journalism from UNC-Chapel Hill and serves on the board of directors for Pinecone, The Piedmont Council of Traditional Music. Erik Lars Myers is the President of the North Carolina Craft Brewers Guild, the author of North Carolina Craft Beer and Breweries, and the Founder and CEO of Mystery Brewing Company.

December 1, 2015
Life in China Today
Ed and Carolyn Christmas

Ed and Carolyn Christmas' unusual adventure started in the 1990's when they made several Chinese friends during Ed's three-year business assignment in Singapore, a country where the majority population is Chinese. When Ed retired in 2002, they began working with a Christian Missions organization. With Carolyn's retirement later, they increased their time overseas. Since 2011, they have spent up to four months in China, divided into two trips, allowing Ed to handle a job of teaching English in a school in the city of Sihong. Carolyn also has been involved in teaching, but now maintains their household and stays involved in community life. This Alamance County couple gives a fascinating perspective of day to day life on the other side of the world.

Ed Christmas is a native of Camden, South Carolina. He received his BS in Physics from Furman University and, except for two years in the United States Army, spent his work career with the DuPont Corporation. Carolyn is a Waynesboro, Virginia native who attended James Madison University and graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. Her professional career was in Interior Design, and she operated her own business in Burlington for more than 20 years. They live in Graham and are members of First Baptist Church in Burlington.

December 8, 2015
The History and Customs of the Moravian Church
Bob and Sara Peterson

The Moravian Church, which dates from 1457, is the oldest Protestant denomination still in existence today. Bob and Sara Peterson will share the history and customs of their denomination with special emphasis on the celebration of Advent and Christmas, including the Moravian lovefeast.

The Reverend Robert E. Peterson was ordained a minister of the Moravian Church in 1976 and has served congregations in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. He is currently pastor of Leaksville Moravian Church in Eden. Sara Paden Peterson has been an Elon staff member since 1993

and is presently the university's Director of Donor Relations. Sara served as an ex officio member on the LIFE@Elon Executive Board for two years.

Bob and Sara are both graduates of Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Bob earned a master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. Sara has a master's of library science from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Their son, daughter, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law are all Elon graduates. Two exceptional grandchildren complete their family.

LIFE@Elon Book Club Discussions

New members are always welcome! The location for each discussion will most likely take place in one of the conference rooms in Johnston Hall, where our classes are held.

The selection committee chooses non-fiction, history books.

Elephant Company: The Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals Who Helped Him Save Lives in World War II

by Vicki Constantine Croke

1:30-3:00 Wednesday, October 21

10:30-12:00 Thursday, October 22

Marti Lipsky, facilitator

Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a New America
by Gilbert King

1:30-3:00 Wednesday, December 9

10:30-12:00 Thursday, December 10

Helen Mackay, facilitator

Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919
by Stephen Puleo

1:30-3:00 Wednesday, January 20

Liz Gore, facilitator

Tuesday Dates – Spring 2016

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