



FALL 2017 – Tuesday Schedule

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

**September 12, 2017**

**The Story of a Vietnam War POW**

**Porter Halyburton**

Porter Halyburton was one of the longest-held POWs of the Vietnam War – captured after parachuting from a Navy Plane on which he was navigator. For a year or more, he was believed to have been killed in the crash of his plane. The story he will share is one of torture, loneliness, and hunger – and also one of compassion and lifelong friendship with his cellmate of another race. It is a compelling story in its detail – and in lessons learned from his experience.

*Porter Halyburton grew up in Davidson, NC, attended Sewanee Military Academy, and graduated from Davidson College in 1963. He joined the Navy and finished flight training in 1965. He deployed for Vietnam with VF-84 flying F4B Phantoms aboard the USS Independence. After flying 75 combat missions, Porter's aircraft was shot down over North Vietnam and he spent seven and a half years as a POW. Initially declared Killed in Action for a year and a half, his family learned that he was alive in 1967. He was released with the first group of POWs on February 12, 1973. Porter retired from active service in 1984 and served as Professor of Strategy on the faculty of the Naval War College in Newport, RI until his retirement in 2006. He and his wife Marty have three married children, and now live in Greensboro, NC.*

**September 19, 2017**

**Fake News**

**Dr. Anthony Hatcher**

"Fake news" is a term that is being used over and over by President Trump and many conservative critics of the news media. This session will fascinate you as you learn about what "fake news" means from a communication and journalist point of view. This session discusses definitions of the phrase, why such accusations occur, and offers an inside view of the journalistic and news gathering process.

*Anthony Hatcher has been an associate professor of communications at Elon University since 2002. As a journalist, Hatcher worked at The Winston-Salem Journal, The Thomasville Times, The Daily News (Jacksonville, N.C.), and was editor of The Clemmons Courier. He is also a former Faith & Values correspondent for The Charlotte Observer. Prior to teaching at Elon, he chaired the Communication Studies Department at Pfeiffer University. Hatcher is co-editor of a textbook, Mass Communication in the Global Age. His primary areas of research are issues in journalism and the intersection of religion, media, & culture. He is currently working on two books, one a media writing textbook and the other a study of religion and media. He earned his*

*B.A. in English and M.Ed. in Speech Communications at UNC-Greensboro, and his Ph.D. in mass communications research at UNC-Chapel Hill.*

**September 26, 2017**

**Anatomical Gift Program at Elon University**

**Dianne Person**

Elon University has launched an Anatomical Gift Program to serve as a resource for students in undergraduate science courses and students in Elon's School of Health Sciences as they learn about the human body and train to be physical therapists and physician assistants. The program will provide an ethical, moral and self-sufficient future for anatomy education at Elon. Dissection and study of the human body constitutes an invaluable and indispensable part of healthcare education. Each year at Elon University, bodies are needed for the teaching of undergraduate biology, graduate programs in physical therapy (DPT) and physician assistant curricula (PA). The principal source of bodies is private donation. The need for donations is great and the gift is highly valued and honored. Choosing to donate your body for the purpose of healthcare education and research is a supremely compassionate and altruistic humanitarian gesture. With this priceless gift, you can provide an unprecedented legacy of learning and a foundation for the education and training of healthcare professionals. The Anatomical Gift Program is the official entity for procurement and final disposition of donated bodies for anatomy education in the School of Health Sciences.

*Dianne Person, as the Founding Director of the Anatomical Gift Program (AGP) at Elon University, is the public relations expert on anatomical donation that advances the institutional interests and acts in the best interest of the donor(s) and their family. She has been directly involved in the field of anatomical donation since 1999 and has successfully completed graduate courses in Death, Dying and Palliative Care. Dianne has been a member of the American Association of Clinical Anatomists' Anatomical Services Special Interest Group since 2005 where she has recently been elected to serve as a member of the Anatomical Services Committee and the 'Abstracts Review Committee'. She has contributed to 'Best Practices for Willed Body Programs' and the creation of a 'Checklist for Institutional Self-Review of an Anatomical Gift Program'. Dianne is recognized nationally among Willed Body Program Directors for her years of dedication to the field. Her commitment positions Elon University's Anatomical Gift Program as one that is beyond reproach for its sensitivity and caring, humanity and respect. Ms. Person is greatly responsible for the development of the program.*

**October 3, 2017**

**Getting to Know Lewis Carroll**

**Charlie Lovett**

A recognized scholar of the life and works of Lewis Carroll, the renowned 19th century Victorian writer, Charlie Lovett will discuss Carroll's influence on society and culture in the US and around the world. In addition to being a gifted writer and scholar, Charlie is a witty, animated and engaging speaker. As LIFE@Elon program participants, we join a noteworthy group of learners as Charlie has lectured on Lewis Carroll in the US and Europe at places such as the Smithsonian Institution, Harvard University, UCLA and Oxford University. In 2015, the

150th anniversary of the publication of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, he curated a major exhibit entitled *Alice Live!* at The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center in Lincoln Center.

*Charlie Lovett, born in Winston Salem in 1962, was educated at Summit School, Woodberry Forest School (VA), Davidson College (NC), and in 1997 received his MFA in Writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts. He is an author and an educator who, as Writer-in-Residence at Summit School, wrote children's plays; nineteen of them having been published and seen in over 3500 performances in all fifty states and 20 foreign countries. His work includes three major best-selling novels, a Christmas book and five books about Lewis Carroll. As an antiquarian book collector, he has amassed a collection of rare (and not so rare) books and other materials relating to Lewis Carroll, author of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, with his most prized item being Lewis Carroll's own 1888 typewriter! He has served as president of the Lewis Carroll Society of North America and editor of the London based Lewis Carroll Review.*

**October 10, 2017**

**Jail, no Bail: The Story of the Friendship Nine**

**Dr. Kenn Gaither**

This is the story of nine young African-American men who sat at a whites only lunch counter at a segregated McCrory's in Rock Hill, South Carolina in 1961. The men spent 30 days in jail and gained national prominence for following a "jail, no bail" strategy. Told through the son of one of the Friendship Nine, their heroic act gained national attention again several years ago when the original charges against the men from more than five decades ago were vacated.

*T. Kenn Gaither, Ph.D. is an associate dean and professor at Elon University in the School of Communications, where he teaches courses in public relations and mass communications. Gaither has more than nine years of professional public relations agency experience and has authored or co-authored three books on international public relations. He has lived or taught in China, Brazil and Ghana and participated in nine Semester at Sea voyages, visiting more than 25 countries as a staff and faculty member. He served as president/CEO of the Semester at Sea program from 2014-2015.*

**October 17, 2017**

**Hearts Divided: Poems of Civil War**

**Dr. Lynn Veach Sadler and Dr. Emory Sadler**

Hear her Civil War poetry buttressed with his historical facts. Meet people (and animals, e.g., a blockade-running ratter) you may not know about. Find out if Spielberg's Lincoln really was authentic . . . . The Civil War poems of Dr. Lynn Veach Sadler may introduce you to historical figures you do not know. She will include, for example, contributions of minorities, those "left behind," slaves, and animals. As a playwright, she has most of her protagonists/personae speak dramatically in their own voices, shows the agony of families and friends divided, and provides accompanying pictures. Roy Parker, Jr., Military Columnist, The Fayetteville Observer says, "These are poems of tough love and strong conviction about our ancestors . . . and, above all, in the examples of courage they set in the context of history."

*Former college president Dr. Lynn Veach Sadler pioneered/consulted in computer-assisted composition and is widely published in academic and creative writing. She taught a National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar for College Teachers on “The Novel of Slave Unrest” and is a playwright. Currently a writer and an editor, she publishes two newspaper columns on history and was North Carolina’s Central Region Gilbert-Chappell Distinguished Poet.*

*Dr. Emory Sadler, a native North Carolinian, has degrees in Product Design, Computer Science, and Psychology and was a Department Chair and a specialist in Pain Management. His side interests are history and kayaking (e.g., the entire Hudson River). He and his wife have voyaged around the world five times.*

**October 24, 2017**

**The Lives and Art of George and Ira Gershwin**

**Dr. Allan Friedman**

The Gershwins have played a vital role in the music of America over the last 100 years. Opera, Jazz, Broadway, and popular music have all been highly influenced by the music and words of these two men. This class will talk about the origins of the two men, their working life, and the ways they shaped a variety of musical traditions in America.

*Dr. Allan Friedman has earned music degrees from Duke, UNC-Chapel Hill, and Boston University. He is the Music Director at Judea Reform Congregation in Durham, the Artistic Director of Women’s Voices Chorus, and the Founding Director of SONAM. He also composes and teaches at a variety of places in the Triangle.*

**October 31, 2017**

**The World War I Experience Exhibited at the NC Museum of History**

**Jackson Marshall**

World War I was a monumental historical event that left a lasting impact on the world that is largely misunderstood or forgotten. The causes of the war were complicated and the results were devastating. Here we will explore how the North Carolina Museum of History has touched on the larger story of the war without overwhelming people with too much information, in a way that would be moving but not traumatizing, in the creation of its WWI centennial exhibition as an engaging experience for visitors.

*Jackson Marshall is a native North Carolinian with degrees in history from Wake Forest University. He has been with the North Carolina Museum of History for 30 years and is currently the museum’s deputy director. Marshall is a published historian on North Carolina’s role in World War I. His book, *Memories of World War I*, is based on his interviews with WWI veterans in the 1980s. He has taken numerous trips to France and Belgium to study WWI battlefields. Marshall served as the museum’s curator and project manager of North Carolina in World War I, a 6,500-square foot exhibition that commemorates the centennial of the war.*

**November 7, 2017**  
**Forty Years behind the Badge**  
**Gary Hastings**

From his early days as a university police officer, to his job as a Greensboro police officer, Gary has spent an exciting career filled with interesting and exciting stories. He will share lessons learned from his years in one of the most difficult professions today. Although he continues to lead a cold case homicide unit in North Carolina, he has also become a successful author and has published five books.

*Gary Hastings retired from the Greensboro, North Carolina Police Department as an Assistant Chief of Police. During his distinguished career, he worked in many areas of the department including patrol, investigations, and police administration. He spent a significant amount of his career in the Criminal Investigation Division, where he served as a detective and was the commanding officer for many years.*

**November 14, 2017**  
**The Joy of Four Paws**  
**Valerie Chaffin, JD**

Stress is everywhere! 43% of all adults suffer from adverse health effects from stress. 75% - 90% of all doctor's office visits are for stress-related ailments and complaints. Drug use to manage issues associated with stress is on a steady increase. This presentation will discuss a more holistic approach to stress management – pet ownership. We will see how pet owners over the age of 65 make 30% fewer visits to their doctors than those without pets. Heart attack patients with pets survive longer than those without pets. We will discuss how pets help you make healthy lifestyle changes and will see examples of how pets have enriched lives to the point of life-saving. Sometimes a best friend can be on four paws instead of two legs.

*Valerie G. Chaffin received her BS degree in Elementary Education from East Carolina University in 1979. She received her Juris Doctor degree at the Appalachian School of Law and then her LL.M. degree in Alternative Dispute Resolution at the University of Missouri. She received graduate certificates in Nonprofit Management and Grantmanship from the Truman School for Public Affairs at the University of Missouri. In 2010, Second Chance animal rescue, a 25-year-old non-profit animal rescue organization in Columbia, Missouri, hired Valerie as their first Executive Director. From 2010 to 2015, Valerie directed a volunteer Board of Directors in creation of their first budget, long range plan, donor structure and fundraising plan, and guided them through their first audit. During her tenure, Second Chance rebranded the organization, became a state employees funded charity, was voted the Best Charity in central Missouri, and saved more than 3,000 dogs, puppies, cats and kittens for adoption into the community. At the end of 2015, Valerie left Columbia to come back to North Carolina and assumed the duties of District Administrator for the Alamance County Guardian ad Litem (GAL) program.*

**November 28, 2017**  
**The Importance of Social Media**  
**Adam Constantine**

Social media has become an integral part of today's society, being used by everyone from presidents to family members. For better or worse, it seems that we hear about it every day. The question is simple: why? During his time with LIFE@Elon, Adam will answer this deep and important question.

*Adam Constantine, a 2010 alumnus, is the current social media manager at Elon University. After graduation, Adam played professional basketball in seven different countries in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. He came to Elon following his work at Live Work Play, a downtown Raleigh digital marketing firm, where he worked as social media director. In that role, he raised the profile of downtown businesses by helping them build their brands and engage their audiences via social media channels. Adam spends most of his day curating content for platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat, as well as answering questions about how tall he is.*

**December 5, 2017**  
**Telling a Story in a Video World**  
**Bob Buckley**

Whether a major news event or a touching human interest story, whether on Facebook or national TV, telling a story electronically is a major 21st Century art form. Award-winning TV journalist Bob Buckley will share experiences in getting the story, writing, merging audio and video techniques, and examples of story-telling in a changing world.

*Bob Buckley was born in Chicago and has a master's degree in broadcast journalism from University of Missouri. He became a sportscaster and spent the first of two jobs in that field in the Washington-Greenville area of North Carolina. Buckley switched his focus to news in 1994 and has become one of the most informed and informative journalists in the region. While his key specialty is politics, he sometimes anchors newscasts and demonstrates his overall "people skills" with sensitively-produced human interest stories. Away from work, he coaches youth soccer, occasionally plays the game, and enjoys time with his wife and their four children.*

Please note, presenters and topics for the weekly classes are subject to change.  
Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will not be made up.

*Additional offerings this semester will be announced in class as we get closer to the time of each event. We are planning a welcome coffee later in September as well as campus tours, a brown bag lunch seminar, special interest groups, and more throughout the semester. Please be on the lookout for announcements in class, by email, and on our Facebook page to join in the fun and learning!*

## ***LIFE@Elon Sponsors its First Event at Elon University***

Ambassador Cameron Munter, CEO and President of the EastWest Institute and former USA Ambassador to Pakistan, during the Osama bin Laden raid will lead two events at Elon on November 14. In the afternoon, he will speak to the Elon Core Forum for students and in the evening, he will speak in Whitley Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. This is the first event presentation undertaken by LIFE@Elon and we look forward contributing more such events for the Elon Community. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the LIFE@Elon general fund.

Admission: \$13 or free with Elon ID. Tickets will be available Tuesday, October 24 at the Center for the Arts Box Office and at our classes. Be sure to get your tickets promptly as we anticipate a full house and we want you to be a part of this special presentation.



*Ambassador Cameron Munter has been a career diplomat, serving in some of the most conflict-ridden areas of the globe. He served as U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan from 2010-2012, where he guided U.S.-Pakistani relations through a strained period, including the operation against Osama bin Laden. Whether as Ambassador to Serbia managing the Kosovo independence crisis or twice serving in Iraq, leading the first Provincial Reconstruction Team in Mosul (2006), Amb. Munter has a unique insider's view on key global events. Today, as CEO and president of the EastWest Institute ([www.eastwest.ngo](http://www.eastwest.ngo)), he leads one of the foremost international organizations working to reduce international conflict and addressing seemingly intractable problems that threaten world security and stability.*

## LIFE@Elon Book Club

New members are welcome to join our book club! The group reads two non-fiction books per semester and offers a choice of two discussion dates for each book. The location for each discussion will be in one of the conference rooms in Johnston Hall, the building where our regular classes are held. If you are already a member of the book club, there is no need to sign up again. To join the mailing list, please email Kate Hickey at [hickey@elon.edu](mailto:hickey@elon.edu).

### *Enemies: A History of the FBI*

by Tim Weiner

Monday, September 25th, 7:00 p.m.

Rudd Room in Johnston Hall

From J. Edgar Hoover to Robert Mueller, this book traces the rise of the FBI, an agency never formally authorized by Congress. Weiner, a Pulitzer Prize winner whose earlier books include histories of the CIA and the Pentagon, makes what could be a dry recitation read like a spy thriller.

### *The Immortal Irishman: the Irish Revolutionary who Became an American*

by Timothy Egan

Monday, October. 23, 1:30 p.m., OR Thursday, October. 26, 10:30 a.m.

Both discussions will be held in the Rudd Room in Johnston Hall and you are welcome to attend either session.

We have already read two books, *The Big Burn* and *The Worst Hard Time*, by award-winning historian Egan. Here he traces the amazing story of Thomas Meagher - little-known today but an international celebrity in the 19th century. His journey from Irish rabble-rouser to Governor of Montana Territory would be deemed unbelievable if written as a novel!

### *Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded, August 27, 1883*

by Simon Winchester

Thursday, December 7, 10:30 a.m., OR Monday, December 11, 1:30 p.m.,

Both discussions will be held in the Rudd Room in Johnston Hall and you are welcome to attend either session.

Winchester is one of our most admired history/science writers, with the ability to make the complex understandable and history come alive. His story of the enduring and world-changing effects of the catastrophic eruption of the Krakatoa volcano off the coast of Java reminds us of nature's awesome and unpredictable power.

The books for the spring discussions are listed here. The dates will be announced in late fall:

*One Summer: America 1927* by Bill Bryson - discussion in January.

*Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition* by Daniel Okrent - discussion in March.

*Untamed: The Wildest Woman in America and the Fight for Cumberland Island* by Will Harlan - discussion in late April/early May.