



SPRING 2018 – Wednesday Schedule

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

February 14, 2018

LIFE@Elon 101

Kathryn Bennett and friends

Raise your LIFE@Elon IQ with this newly designed class! This first class of the spring semester will be different than any we have had in the past. It will be an opportunity to bring us all up to speed on what is happening with our program and to answer any questions you may have. We will take a walk down memory lane to see how much we have grown and changed in the seven years since the program was founded. The class will include information on our newly proposed mission statement as well as a welcome coffee with ice breakers to help us meet new friends. Most importantly, this will be a time to learn more about offerings around campus and ways you can become involved with our program to get the most from your membership. We will have door prizes and a few other surprises!

In March, Kathryn Bennett will be celebrating 10 years of employment at Elon. Over the last seven years, she has been privileged to coordinate LIFE@Elon, the lifelong learning program that began in 2011. She grew up in the Town of Elon and actually lives next door to her parents, on the lot where her treehouse was when she was a little girl. She graduated with a B.A. in Psychology from UNC-G in 1989, but she feels more like an Elon alum since she has been around to see the incredible growth of the university over her lifetime. She is married to Clark, an Elon alum, and they have two daughters, Emerson and Kennedy, and an eleven year old Shih Tzu named Charlie. Kathryn has a heart for Haiti and just completed her second mission trip to the beautiful country.

February 21, 2018

Assessing America After Charlottesville: What Does a Civil Society Look Like?

Dr. Jeffrey Pugh

How do we think about civic institutions (police, local government, federal government) after August 12, 2017 in Charlottesville? How does the second amendment impact free speech if everyone comes armed to the debate? These and other issues will be presented and opened for friendly discussion.

Jeffrey C. Pugh is Maude Sharpe Powell Professor of Religious Studies and Distinguished University Professor at Elon University. The author of six books and numerous articles, he has spent his career studying Christianity and the Holocaust and Christian theologians under Hitler. After a thirty-two year career at Elon, he is retiring at the end of spring semester 2018 to start his next chapter in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he will live with his wife, Jan Rivero.

February 28, 2018

The Brand YOU - Principles of Advertising and Marketing Communications

Hal Vincent

Why do principles of advertising and marketing communications matter? How do they help us achieve personal and professional goals in our lives? Marketing and advertising do not only apply to items that line the shelves of stores: they apply to YOU. Whether we are aware of it or not, each decision we make influences our personal brand – and our brand determines the direction of our life. Join us to learn about how you can achieve your goals and take control of your life by building your personal brand.

Hal Vincent is a lecturer of communications and the faculty director of Live Oak Communications at Elon University. His professional expertise centers around advertising/PR strategy & agency management, non-profit communication, and media planning. Hal received his B.A. from the University of Richmond, and his M.S. from Virginia Commonwealth University. Vincent joined Elon in 2013, after serving as the interim director of the Zimmerman Advertising Program at the University of South Florida, and working for more than 12 years with advertising agencies that included brands such as Nabisco, Tropicana, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the Florida Aquarium.

March 7, 2018

Wilderness and Adventure Therapy

Dr. Rodney Parks

Adventure based learning continues to be a growing area of study at Elon University. Outdoor education and adventure therapy can be seen to constitute a population-wide health intervention strategy given the impacts of technology on our daily lives. Whether in educational or therapeutic settings, the intentional use of contact with nature and adventure provides a unique approach in the promotion of health and wellbeing for the general population, and for individuals with identified health vulnerabilities. This session will provide an overview of adventure therapy as a discipline and showcase how the field is taught in a college setting.

Dr. Rodney L. Parks is the University Registrar and Director of Summer College at Elon University where he has served since 2013. Dr. Parks also serves as an Assistant Professor of Human Service Studies and Sociology. Parks earned his Ph.D. in Counseling from the University of Georgia and has published numerous studies and book chapters focused on unique student populations and their challenges navigating higher education. He is also a veteran of the US Navy, having served in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm in the early 90s.

March 14, 2018

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 United States 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 United States 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 (Virginia), Davidson College (North Carolina), and in 1997 received his M.F.A. 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 3,500 performances in all 50 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.

March 21, 2018

NC as Seen Through the Pages of *Our State* Magazine

Amy Jo Wood Pasquini

Travel and events director of *Our State* magazine, Amy Jo Wood Pasquini, delights audiences with a brief history of the magazine, travel ideas, and stories about her favorite personalities she's encountered across the state. She will also share how the magazine is produced – from story ideas to newsstand sales.

Amy Jo Wood Pasquini is currently the Travel and Events Director for Our State magazine and has been with the company for more than 20 years. She is the Executive Producer of Content for Our State, a sixteen-time, Emmy-Award winning, television show produced by UNC-TV. Born in Atlanta, Amy grew up in North Carolina. She obtained her B.A. in journalism from Georgia State University. She has written many articles for Our State, and is the author of Life Between Azalea Festivals, a collection of essays about her time in Wilmington. She lives in Kernersville with her husband John where they enjoy sampling pimento cheese recipes from across the state.

March 28, 2018

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.

April 4, 2018

Choral Music of Finland and the Baltic States

Dr. Allan Friedman

Come explore the choral music of Finland and the Baltic states. Allan Friedman will lead our class in an examination of the linguistic, historic, and cultural factors that helped to shape this unique repertoire, and in turn, how this music shaped the history of these countries. We'll listen to and talk about the music of Paert, Rautavaara, Sibelius, Tormis, and others. The ability to read music is not a prerequisite for enjoying this lecture; it is sure to have something that leaves everyone walking away enriched.

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.

April 11, 2018

Planning for Care in Advance: Make Your Wishes Known!

Shannon Pointer

This course will focus on a theme related to expression of our wishes in relationship to the care we would like to receive and talking about what is most important to us, both now and as we plan for care in advance. We will begin our journey with a discussion on advance care planning including education on health care powers of attorney, living wills, and FIVE WISHES documents. We will continue with discussion and education on out of facility medical orders, such as the DNR and MOST forms. We will discuss and clarify myths and fears related to some programs that can help along the journey, such as palliative medicine consultations and hospice services. Overall, participants will have a better understanding of why it is so important to express their wishes and to plan for care in advance.

Shannon Pointer is the Community Educator for Hospice & Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell, a non-profit hospice and home health agency that is proud to serve Alamance, Caswell, Orange and surrounding communities. The agency's mission is to care for those with serious illnesses or conditions, and their families, to help them live as fully and comfortably as possible. Shannon has had over 17 years of experience in nursing. She has worked in a variety of clinical and community settings. Shannon completed a graduate certificate in Nursing Education and a Master of Science in Nursing with a major in Nursing Systems/Populations and concentration in Community and Public Health Nursing from The University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She obtained her undergraduate B.S. in Nursing from

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her A.D.N. from Alamance Community College. She is passionate about her work as Community Educator and strives to help patients and their families with accessing the right care, at the right time, in the right way.

April 18, 2018

**Elon Students Present Their Research
Various Students**

Do you want to study harder? Dig deeper? See the world from a new perspective? Ask these questions to an Elon student conducting undergraduate research and the answer will undoubtedly be, "Yes!" Join us to learn what pushes these students to work hard and go the extra mile to see the world from a new perspective. You will also learn about a variety of fascinating topics as they share their research.

At each LIFE@Elon session, three Elon students will present their research from various fields across the University. Each class will feature different student presentations, as their class schedules and availability all vary. No matter which students speak to your class, the presentations will be compelling!

April 25, 2018

**Hindu Goddesses in Myth, Image, and Ritual
Dr. Amy L. Allocco**

This session will introduce several of the most important Hindu goddesses and will describe how they are represented, characterized, and embodied in textual, performance, visual, and ritual traditions. Together we will explore select goddesses' diverse theologies and personalities, and examine their multiple forms and manifestations. In order to shed light on how textual sources and narrative traditions shape how Hindu goddesses may be approached in Hindu worship, ritual practice, and festival celebrations, we will focus on a particular goddess myth drawn from the sixth-century Sanskrit text, the *Devī-Māhātmya*, which extols her beauty and power and narrates her triumph over a fierce buffalo demon.

*Amy Allocco is Associate Professor of Religious Studies and also directs Elon's Multifaith Scholars program. Allocco earned her Ph.D. from Emory University in 2009 and also holds degrees from Harvard Divinity School and Colgate University. Her research focuses on everyday Hinduism, especially gender, ritual traditions, narrative, goddesses, and women's religious practices in contemporary South India, where she has been studying and conducting fieldwork for two decades. Allocco's current project, *Domesticating the Dead: Invitation and Installation Rituals in Tamil South India*, is an ethnography of the ongoing ritual relationships some Hindus maintain with their deceased kin.*

May 2, 2018

**Tour Elon's History through Video and Audio
Linda Lashendock**

Elon's video and audio collection is a study of historical information about traditions, events, and interviews. These videos record memories of past events and have been preserved in Belk

Library Archives for future generations. Join LIFE@Elon to view and listen to a variety of video and audio clips from the 1950s to the present, with interesting discussions.

Linda Lashendock is the Video Archive Technologist in the Belk Library Archives. She came to Elon in February of 2003 as the Coordinator of Elon Television. Prior to her beloved Elon, she was a production manager with CNN in Washington, D.C. She has earned several awards for her corporate and academic productions, including an Edward R. Murrow Award, several Emmy's (both at CNN and Elon University), while traveling to 68 countries with three U.S. Presidents. Linda holds an A.A. degree in Medical Assisting from Green Mountain College, Vermont; a B.S. degree in Education/Art from Michigan State University, Michigan; and a M.A. in Liberal Arts from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. She describes herself as a person who has transformed living her life from defining herself by her former position at CNN to loving her work in preserving Elon's analog tapes with hardy metadata descriptions for Elon University. Personally, her creative passion in life is to live life to its fullest because her life is not a dress rehearsal. She adores her animals, especially her Soft Hair Wheaten Terrier, Chelsea. She also loves her spirituality, listening to music, painting, walking, meeting friends, and riding her bike. Linda describes herself as a person with a passionate positive energy who is honored and humbled to be sharing Elon's Belk Library Archives video and audio historical story at LIFE@Elon.

*Presenters and topics for the weekly classes are subject to change.
Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will not be made up.*

Additional Offerings

Special Seminars

More details and sign up information for both special seminars will be shared at class.

Shakespeare's Sexy Language and Why We're Still Learning Lessons from the Elizabethans Thursday, March 1, in Johnston Hall 10:00 a.m. – noon

As Elon prepares to mount a production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, please join us as Dr. Susanne Shawyer and Professor Kim Shively (both of the Performing Arts Department) share intriguing insights into the Elizabethans as well as tips and tricks for playing Shakespeare to a contemporary audience. (Please see the Cultural Calendar for more information about the actual performance and the date the tickets go on sale. We will not be offering discounted tickets to this show.)

Estate Planning and the New Tax Code

Thursday, March 22 in Johnston Hall 10:00 a.m. – noon

An expert in the field will lead a discussion on the basics of estate planning including a discussion of new changes to the tax code.

Discounted tickets (\$5) will be offered to the following cultural events:

Tuesday, February 13

Carrie Newcomer with Gary Walters, piano

McCrary Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Elon University Lyceum Series

Newcomer is a folksinger and Grammy Award winner who toured with Alison Krauss in Europe, and Nickel Creek recorded her song "I Should've Known Better." With more than a dozen recordings of original music to her credit, Newcomer is recognized as an influential artist who cuts across secular and spiritual boundaries. Gary Walters, an active musician working in a variety of genres, is a long-time collaborator and will accompany on piano. Tickets are already available at the Center for the Arts Box Office – tell them you are with LIFE@Elon. For information, call 336-278-5610. (If you have already purchased tickets for this event, they will refund you the difference at the box office.)

Thursday, February 22

The Mountaintop

McCrary Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Elon University Lyceum Series

April 3, 1968 was the day before Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis. He spent his last night in Room 306 at the Lorraine Motel. Katori Hill's The Mountaintop imagines what that night might have been like. L.A. Theatre Works touring production is directed by Shirley Jo Finney and performed by Karen Malina White and Gilbert Glenn Brown. Note: contains mature language. Tickets will be available February 1 at the Center for the Arts Box Office – tell them you are with LIFE@Elon. For information, call 336-278-5610.

Wednesday, April 11

Jill Lepore, "The Rise and Fall of the Fact"

Whitley Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

James P. Elder Lecture

Jill Lepore is a staff writer at The New Yorker, where she writes about American history, law, literature and politics. Lepore is the David Woods Kemper '41 Professor of American History at Harvard University and an affiliated faculty member at Harvard Law School. Tickets will be available March 21 at the Center for the Arts Box Office, or at one of our classes. For information, call 336-278-5610.

