



FALL 2018 – Tuesday Schedule

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

September 11, 2018

The Scott Family Collection

Peggy Boswell

In 1971, the Scott family of Hawfields donated 48 acres of land along the Haw River in Alamance County, on which Alamance Community College stands today. In 1999, the Scott Family Collection was established and was opened formally in 2005. Today, the Collection includes a gallery of permanent displays, space for temporary installations of themed exhibits, a workroom, and archival storage. Scott family members, friends, businesses, and neighbors have donated the items held in the Collection to demonstrate the impact their leadership has had on the county, region, and state. This talk will highlight Scott family contributions in the fields of education, business, medicine, agriculture, public service, and religion, particularly emphasizing how these contributions affect the community and region.

A native of Alamance County, Peggy Boswell is the founding curator of the Scott Family Collection. Previously, Peggy served as the founding executive director of the Alamance County Historical Museum, where she directed the restoration of the L. Banks Holt Home. She is a former chair of the Mebane Historical Society, where she also served as a founder and interim director of the Mebane Historical Museum. Peggy earned her B.F.A. in Art History from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee. She also holds a Certificate in Historic Preservation Technology from Durham Technical Community College in Durham, North Carolina, and has pursued additional studies in oral history at UNC-Chapel Hill and textile research at the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. A co-founder of the roots, rhythm, and world music ensemble Mebanesville, Peggy lives with her husband and musical collaborator, Larry Vellani, in Mebane, North Carolina, where they raised their two children.

September 18, 2018

The Christmas Tree Industry in North Carolina

Avery Barr

Getting us in the holiday spirit, Avery will explore the growth and cultivation of the centerpiece of the Christmas season, the Christmas tree. Focusing mainly on the North Carolina Fraser Fir, this journey will begin as the seed is harvested and planted, and will continue until the tree is tagged and harvested for the Christmas season. Throughout this journey we will explore many of the different ways trees can be grown and harvested, and the ways farmers are trying to help protect and sustain the tree industry. We will also look at some issues in the tree industry and current research that will help propel the industry forward.

Avery Barr is a third-generation Christmas tree farmer at Barr Evergreens in West Jefferson, North Carolina. He graduated from the UNC-Chapel Hill in 2016 with degrees in Biology and History. He is the current chairman of the North Carolina Christmas Tree Association's Fraser Fir Promotional Board Public Education Committee, and last year he participated in a national campaign to promote real trees. He also plays the guitar, mandolin, and upright bass, and enjoys playing golf and coaching football.

September 25, 2018

The Brand YOU: Principles of Advertising 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 you are aware of it or not, each decision you make influences your personal brand – and your brand determines the direction of your 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.

October 2, 2018

The Past is a Region

Terry Roberts

Join Terry Roberts for a discussion about how “the past is a region,” much like a geographical setting. Setting provides the novelist with a specific place and time related to the ideas that drive a narrative. Roberts will discuss the historical and geographical setting for each of his three novels: *A Short Time to Stay Here*, *That Bright Land*, and *The Holy Ghost Speakeasy and Revival* – with an emphasis on how setting creates dramatic tension and narrative intensity.

Novelist Terry Roberts is a native of Western North Carolina who now lives in Asheville. He has written two award winning novels: That Bright Land and A Short Time to Stay Here. Both are set in the Hot Springs/French Broad River, western North Carolina mountain area. They are situated in different historical contexts: 1) Madison County with conflicts that remained after the Civil War, and 2) World War I German internment camp at the Hot Springs Hotel. A third novel is forthcoming in August 2018, The Holy Ghost Speakeasy and Revival, which is set during Prohibition. In each book, Roberts builds a fictional narrative around actual historical facts. His writing grows out of a base of thorough historical research.

October 9, 2018

A French Nobleman and the American Revolution

Charles Wissinger

Marquis de Lafayette, a young French nobleman, sympathized with the colonialist under British control and came to America in 1777 to help protect the rights of the common man. Even though the fledgling colonial government could not pay him, Lafayette agreed to serve without pay. He was named a Major General and served with General Washington. Lafayette was given command of the troops, fought in many battles, and ultimately helped with the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia. Lafayette returned to France in 1787 and stormed the Bastille in 1789, which began the French Revolution.

Charles Wissinger is the Principal of Richmond Discoveries, a company in Richmond Virginia with a description of "Living History: Educating through Entertainment." Wissinger portrays Lafayette and other historic characters in full costume.

October 16, 2018

Legacy of Louis Armstrong

Gary Hastings

Gary traces the life of this great American trumpeter, singer and composer from his boyhood days in New Orleans until his death in 1971. He highlights Armstrong's influence on modern music and the incredible success of his career. Known as "the Father of Jazz," Louis Armstrong is one of the most important figures in American musical history. Gary combines recordings of original Louis Armstrong performances with his own authentic interpretations of the classic tunes made world-famous by Louis. Using a keyboard player and his own trumpet playing and singing, he brings an entertaining and educational program that should delight, inform, and entertain.

Gary Hastings is an accomplished jazz trumpeter who is a respected authority on the music of Louis Armstrong. He has traveled throughout the world playing traditional jazz and presenting concerts of the music of Louis Armstrong.

October 23, 2018

A Hero's Journey: What Does It Mean to be Human?

Freebird McKinney

Freebird McKinney currently has the distinction of being named the 2018 North Carolina State Teacher of the Year. He describes himself as a "Village Teacher" who engages his students in a "Hero's Journey," helping them to understand our collective purpose and its meaning. He uses history, philosophy, anthropology, and sociology to uncover each person's individual story, connecting it to what it means to be human. Join Freebird to explore the Hero's Journey and what exactly it means to be human – just like his students.

Freebird McKinney believes literally and figuratively that HE WAS BORN TO BE A TEACHER! According to him, it is his calling, his destiny, and his purpose. Learning and teaching are defining aspects in his life. He has had the self-described blessing and honor of educating and inspiring countless young men and women inside and outside of the classroom, both in public high schools (14 years) and at the University level. He is currently at Walter M. Williams High School in Burlington, North Carolina and at Elon University as a School of Education adjunct professor. He is a graduate of UNC- Chapel Hill (B.A. in Anthropology) and UNC-Greensboro (B.A. in History and a M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction- Social Studies). History and Philosophy have long been his passions and favorite subjects to teach.

October 30, 2018

**Finding a Story: The Art of Showing and Telling.
Jill McCorkle**

Jill McCorkle, an award-winning Southern writer, will talk about how we can use the images and facts of our daily lives to stimulate our imaginations. She will take us through the Writing Process from the beginning of an idea to publication with emphasis on the surprises and discoveries that revision brings.

Jill McCorkle has the distinction of having her first two novels published on the same day in 1984. Of these novels, The New York Times Book Review said, "One suspects the author of The Cheer Leader is a born novelist, with July 7th, she is also a full grown one." Since then she has published three other novels and four collections of short stories. Five of her books have been named New York Times notable books, and she is a member of the Fellowship of Southern Writers. Four of her stories have been tabbed for Best American Short Stories and several have been collected in New Stories from the South. McCorkle has taught at UNC-Chapel Hill, Tufts, and Brandeis, where she was the Fannie Hurst Visiting Writer. She was a Briggs-Copeland Lecturer in Fiction at Harvard for five years where she also chaired Creative Writing. She currently teaches creative writing in the M.F.A Program at NC State University and is a core faculty member of the Bennington College Writing Seminars. She is a frequent instructor in the Sewanee Summer Writers Program. She lives with her husband, photographer Tom Rankin, in Hillsborough, North Carolina.

November 6, 2018

**Medieval Cathedrals
Meike Cryan**

Join Meike as she leads discussion about the architectural development of church building from about 400 A.D. through the Gothic 15th Century. Meike developed a course on Medieval Cathedrals and has taught it several times at Duke University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and various other adult learning venues, one of which was at Twin Lakes, where she has been a resident since 2010.

Meike grew up in Germany and eventually came to New York City where she lived and met her husband. After marriage she earned a B.A. in Art History and a Master's Degree in Library Science from the State University of New York. She served as Director of Liberty Public Library in Liberty, New York for 16 years. She currently serves as the Librarian for the Twin Lakes Community Library.

November 13, 2018

Go Flight! The Unsung Heroes of Mission Control

Rick Houston

At first glance, it looks like just another auditorium in just another government building. But among the talented men (and later women) who worked in mission control, the room located on the third floor of Building 30 – at what is now Johnson Space Center – would become known by many as “the Cathedral.” The members of the space program were the brightest of their generations, making split-second decisions that determined the success or failure of a mission. The flight controllers, each supported by a staff of specialists, were the most visible part of the operation, running the missions, talking to the heavens, troubleshooting issues on board, and, ultimately, attempting to bring everyone safely back home.

Houston is a full-time writer who lives in Yadkinville, North Carolina with wife Jeanie, a district court judge, and their twin thirteen-year-old sons, Adam and Jesse. Rick worked under contract to the University of Nebraska Press to document the US Space Program. His third project, co-authored with longtime Shuttle Flight Director Milt Heflin, resulted in Go Flight! The Unsung Heroes of Mission Control, 1965-1992. Rick also worked as a co-author for Man on a Mission: The David Hilmers Story with the four-time Space Shuttle astronaut. In all, Rick has authored eight books, including several that focus on NASCAR.

November 27, 2018

North Carolina 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 also shares 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.

December 4, 2018

Audio and Visual Tour of Elon’s History

Linda Lashendock

Elon's video and audio collections are 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.

Additional Offerings

More details and sign up information will be shared at class.

Special Seminar: Overview of Medicare

Bob Godfrey

Thursday, October 25 in Johnston Hall, 1:30 p.m.

Class member Bob Godfrey, who specializes in Medicare in his benefits practice, will conduct an informational seminar on Medicare for interested LIFE@Elon members on October 25. An associate of his and long-time Medicare Specialist, Anita Hawkins, will help facilitate this special seminar. They will touch on Original Medicare, Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D, as well Medicare Complete and Medicare Supplement. More information and a sign-up sheet will be available at class later in September.

Fun Friday Campus Tours with Nicole

Many of you already know Nicole, one of LIFE@Elon's student workers. She has been with us for four years now, but outside of LIFE@Elon she is very involved across campus. This past summer she had the opportunity to work as a University tour guide, and she wants to bring her training to her favorite group of people on campus – LIFE@Elon members! Nicole will be offering several campus tours on different Fridays throughout the semester. Tours will start at Johnston Hall and last approximately an hour and a half, so make sure to wear comfortable shoes! Sign-up sheets will be located in the lobby during class so you can sign up for a date and time that is convenient for you. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to properly tour our growing campus and to let Nicole talk about her favorite place in the world.

LIFE@Elon Book Club

New members are welcome to join our book club! The group meets six times a year to discuss six different books. Commitment is minimal - you may read one book or all of them; you may come to as many or as few discussions as you wish. 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. The list of books and discussion schedule for the fall semester can be found below. Please note than members are responsible for locating their own copy of each book.

Monday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.

Trapped under the Sea: One Engineering Marvel, Five Men, and a Disaster Ten Miles into the Darkness by Neil Swiday (2014)

Monday, October 29, 1:30 p.m., or Thursday, November 1, 10:30 a.m.

The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey by Rinker Buck (2015)

Thursday, December 6, 10:30 a.m., or Monday, December 10, 1:30 p.m.

Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised our Nation by Cokie Roberts (2005)

Discounted and Free Tickets

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

Gina Chavez
Thursday, September 27, 7:30 p.m.
McCrary Theater

Multi-ethnic Latin pop songstress, Chavez is a nine-time Austin Music Award winner and her album, *Up.Rooted*, topped both the Amazon and Latin iTunes charts. Her passionate collection of bilingual songs takes audiences on a journey through the Americas, blending sounds and rhythms with tension and grace. Backed by a talented four-piece band, Ms. Chavez is winning audiences everywhere traversing cumbia, bossa nova, vintage pop, reggaeton and folk combined with dynamic vocals and sharp social commentary.

Tickets are not required for the following cultural events:

Dmitri Steinberg
Thursday, October 4, 7:30 p.m.
Whitley Auditorium

Dmitri Shteinberg is a Russian-born artist who began his musical training in Moscow. When his family moved to Israel, he continued training and received his degree in piano performance from Tel-Aviv University Academy of Music. He received his Doctoral degree from the Manhattan School of Music in New York. Equally adept as a recitalist and as a collaborative pianist, Shteinberg has performed extensively worldwide and is recorded on the Fleur de Son Classics label. Currently he teaches piano at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and is recognized as one of North Carolina's most renowned piano artists.

Elon University Fall Convocation and Inauguration of President Connie Ledoux Book
Thursday, October 18, 3:00 p.m.
Schar Center

The inauguration of Elon's ninth president, Connie Ledoux Book, will serve as the university's Fall Convocation ceremony. Book, who began her service as president on March 1, will offer an inaugural address during the formal ceremony in Elon's new Schar Center.

Please go ahead and mark your calendars for our spring semester dates.

The final spring schedules will be mailed in January:

February 12, 19, 26
March 5, 12, 19, 26
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30