

**L.I.R. at The University of California, Riverside  
Palm Desert Graduate Center  
75-080 Frank Sinatra Drive at Cook Street**

**TOPIC DESCRIPTIONS**

*Fall, Semester, October 13, 2008 to December 18, 2008.*

**Ten sessions**

- 501 **CINEMA --** Monday, October 13, 1:00 – 3:30 PM. Auditorium. *Mike Herbst*  
A series of international films selected by Mr. Herbst. As in previous semesters, emphasis will be on subject, message, art and techniques. *Cinema passes will be required for admission.*
- 502 **I LOVE A MYSTERY -** Tuesday, October 14, 9:00-11:00 AM. Rm. B-120 *Arnold Meltsner*  
The class will read and discuss recent British mystery stories and well-known writers such as James Thurber, Edith Wharton and Patrick O'Brian. We will be using two books: 1) The *Best British Mysteries IV* and 2) *Murder and Other Acts of Literature.*
- 503 **BIOGRAPHIES OF FAMOUS COMEDIANS** Tue. Oct. 14, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Rm.B-120 *Irwin Weintraub*  
A class in which members will make presentations using books, videos, photos, relating to comedians classifying their type of comedy, what was behind their comedy, and did the comedy wear well. Among those discussed will be: Lucile Ball, The Marks Bros., Carol Burnett, Jack Benny, Sid Caesar, Bill Cosby and others.
- 504 **GREAT BOOKS** Tuesday, October 14, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, Rm. B-120 *Peter Hinrichs*  
We will have peer led discussions of the readings in *Great Conversations 3*. Included will be selections from the works of Beauvoir, Anderson, Borges, Crane, Paley, Chaucer, Foucault, Shelly, Hume, Balzac, Tolstoy and Kipling. *Text: Great Conversations 3, ISBN 1-880323-17-6.*
- 505 **COMPUTER CONFIDANCE** (for P.C. and MAC) – Wed., Oct. 15, 9:00 – 11:00 AM, Computer Lab *Al Slor*  
An elementary course for seniors, emphasizing simple word processing, the Internet, e-mail, maintenance and security procedures to prevent your computer from crashing. Content will be tailored to the needs of the class members. A course for those who have a computer but are uncomfortable using it.
- 506 **A HISTORY OF EUROPEAN ART –** Wed., Oct. 15, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Rm. B-200 *Lisa Herbst*  
The development of the arts in Europe from the Middle Ages to the modern era. A survey course in the landmarks of a visually stunning story. Augmented with audio-visual media.
- 507 **HISTORY OF ANCIENT EGYPT –** Wed., Oct. 15, 2:00 – 4:00 PM Rm. B-200 *Michael Birch*  
In this course, we chronologically survey the full 3000 years of recorded ancient Egyptian history. Egypt was the most advanced of ancient civilizations, yet Egypt remains one of the most mysterious civilizations in history. Augmented with audio-visual media.
- 508 **OPERA --** Thursday, October 16, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, Rm. B-200 *Gerald Salomon*  
A course on opera using videos and recordings of complete scenes and performances. There may be a number of different programs, including excerpts and full acts or entire operas, as well as selections by individual artists.
- 509 **RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE MIDDLE EAST, 1914 TO 9/11**  
Thursday, October 16, 11:30 AM -1:30 PM. Rm. B-200 *Marvin Feinstein*  
It took less than a century for the Middle East's opinion of the United States to go from benign to extraordinarily complex. We will study the factors that led to this transformation.
- 510 **HOTNEWS/HOT VIEWS –** Thursday, October 16 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Rm. B-200 *Steve Manning*  
We live in an interesting world where news-making issues come up on a daily basis. Take the opportunity to discuss breaking local, state, national and international issues with similarly curious and knowledgeable colleagues. The class leader will select topics from current events and will provide background information.

**\$25 per person for any two topics**

***Discounted textbooks will be available in class.***

**Walk-in registration - Monday, October 6, 9 AM to 3 PM.**

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