

# Winter Catalogue for Jan 13 to Feb 7, 1992

## Learning in Retirement Institute

### at George Mason University

Membership Information & Registration Form

11 discussion groups & special events

#### The Basic Concepts

University level education

Membership management and operation

Members learn, teach and volunteer

"Off-campus" trips and special events

Informal social activities

\$ 200 a year to participate

Having succeeded in at least one career and being interested in the changing world we live in, LRI members keep learning in a comfortable setting with other active adults. Seminars reflect the experience and knowledge of the members.

Organize your expertise, share your insights, improve your intellect, and advocate solutions.

Located at George Mason University, the Learning in Retirement Institute is part of a national association of teaching, studying, and travelling adults.

On- and off-street parking is available. Metro buses are two blocks away. CUE bus stops at the front door. For the GMU main campus down the street you may get a \$2 parking permit for the day at the booth to visit the library or bookstore. Day permits are free to those over 60 years.

Learning in Retirement Institute is an independent educational corporation qualified by the IRS as a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

The Learning in Retirement Institute is open during the winter term Tuesday through Thursday. Classes are scheduled for one meeting a week of an hour and a half duration for four weeks.

We'll close for legal holidays and bad weather. If the Fairfax County schools, as announced on local media, are closed or have late openings, LRI will close. Classes at other times or locations are arranged with the instructor.

Keep posted on LRI activities by stopping by the Bulletin Board even when you don't have class. We are glad to talk over ideas for our development. Read and keep handy the almost-monthly newsletter, or call 385-1593 to record a message.

Donations are a good idea. We keep a lengthening list of what we need. Ask. Contributions are deductible.

Food and drink are part of our lives. Bring and share refreshments or bag lunches. You can have "free" coffee for \$5 a year or a two-pound can. Clean up after yourself. Room 215 is popular for a brown-bag lunch and open discussions from 1 to 2 daily.

**Socializing** is in the curriculum.

The classes are small so that we all get to know each other. Please introduce yourself as you prefer to be addressed. There is plenty of time and opportunity to continue friendly conversations between classes.

The members run things and do the work. Please come to the committee meetings to shape what LRI is, and to be in on things. Your skills are needed in our activities of administration, publicity, budgeting, planning, and membership services. You will be working with people who appreciate your contributions.

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**George Mason University**

Telephone 703 -385 -1593

Welcome back.

4085 University Drive, Room 215,  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030-4444

Membership is \$200 per year.

\_\_\_ check enclosed.



If presently a member, list the month paid. \_\_\_\_\_ Refreshments \$5 a year.

Registration for classes is done on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Please circle your course numbers & indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for us in the last column. Mail registration only, by December 30.

preferred title	first name and middle initial	last name	telephone with area code
address		city, state, zip code plus four digits	

day of week	time	course	short course title	teacher	preferred choice #
Tuesday	9:30	202	Income Tax Preparation Workshop	Swoboda	-
	11:30	803	Applied Political Theory	Schaflander	-
	2:00	102	Smithsonian: Behind the Scenes	Panel	-
Thursdays	9:30	201	Economic Policy Issues	Panel	-
	11:30	604	A New Look at Elizabeth I	Jerome	-
	2:00	405	China in the World	Kassel	-

**LRI Special Events:** circle as many as you wish to attend.

- 1001 Thursday Jan 16 1:00 Notes from *Tosca*
- 1002 Wednesday Jan 22 10:00 Mastering Good Health
- 1003 Thursday Jan 30 1:00 Northern Virginia Issues
- 1004 Monday Feb 3 9:00 Trip to Richmond
- 1005 Saturday Feb 15 2:00 Vienna Clock Collection

If you are a new member, please tell us how you heard about LRI/GMU, and what features of our program are most important to you.

Please send in a description of a new course that would interest you.

We are always seeking new talent to lead study groups. The Curriculum Committee will help you develop a study proposal.

Learning in Retirement Institute is IRS section 501(c)(3) qualified for tax deductible contributions for 1991.

Donation enclosed : \_\_\_ \$ 50  
\_\_\_ \$ 100 \_\_\_ \$ 250 or more

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### 405 China in the World: from Middle Kingdom to Communism's Last Bastion

A combination lecture and seminar presenting an overview of events in China leading up to the 1949 Revolution, the period between the rise of communism in China and the unseating of Taiwan from the U.N., the Tienanmen tragedy, and current events.

No prerequisites. A recommended reference is John K. Fairbanks, *United States & China*, 4th edition, enlarged. Sources and other reading presented in class. Students are urged to take an active part in the sessions.

**Bert Kassel** is a retired naval officer with expertise in international relations, with emphasis on the Soviet Union and the Far East. He is the author of numerous articles on naval and economic subjects.

### 604 A New Look at Elizabeth I

The course will include the viewing of two films, *Anne of a Thousand Days*, and *Elizabeth I*. Discussion of the period will cover political and literary points of view. The objective is to stimulate general interest in the history of this period and in the plays of Shakespeare which were an important part of this era. No prerequisites.

**Margaret E. Jerome** was a teacher in Fairfax County schools and has taught English literature in the Fairfax County Adult Education program.

### 1001 Notes on *Tosca*, Jan 17 only

Anticipate a grand opera coming to GMU Jan 19th. Enjoy excerpts from this opera and commentary on the historical background, plot, and the composer. Discuss grand opera and bring a lunch.

**Helen Layman**, an LRI member, is a long-time opera buff and a former opera singer. She has sung the role of Sacristan in *Tosca*, and has taught music on the college level as well as in high school.

### 1002 Mastering Good Health, Jan 22 only

Master wellness in a class on the latest research about health and fitness for people over 55. Topics covered will include behavior adaptations, medical research, bibliographies, diet and nutrition suggestions, health fraud, and insurance.

**Dianne Hennesey King** lectures on nutrition and behavior. She is a cultural anthropologist, chairperson of the Fairfax Nutrition Committee, and has a cable TV show on Channel 25 Wednesdays at 11:00.

### 1003 Northern Virginia Issues, Jan 30 only

Prior to the February field trip to Richmond come and discuss the important issues facing Northern Virginia and those coming before the state legislature this session. Join the group even if you cannot make it to Richmond. Bring a brown bag lunch.

**Katherine Hanley** is Fairfax County Supervisor for Providence District.

### 1004 Trip to Richmond, Feb 3 only

Enjoy a VIP tour of the Virginia Legislature. The trip includes a tour of the Governor's Mansion and the Capitol as well as a session of the Virginia General Assembly. Members will meet with Northern Virginia legislators as well as commonwealth officials.

Delegate **Kenneth R. Plum** (D. 36th) has made arrangements for this special tour. He was recently reelected, and serves on committees: corporations, insurance & banking, and conservation, and chairs the committee on nominations and confirmations. He is also the Director of the Fairfax County Office of Adult and Community Education.

Plan to carpool from LRI at 9:00 and return at 4:00. LRI may charter a bus if enough are interested.

### 1005 Trip to Vienna Clock Collection, Feb 15

Meet at the home of **Helen Read** to enjoy "hands on" experience in viewing a collection of grandfather clocks from Europe and early America. Learn about differences in brass and painted dials, corner spandrels, movements, calendar apertures, and moon dials. Examine the changes in style over the years in cases and hands. Also a large doll collection.

February 15th from 2pm to 3:30 at 10402 Hunt Country Lane, Vienna, telephone 938-8386. Directions available at LRI. Maximum of 15 members.

Call 385 - 1593 anytime to record a message asking for information or assistance.

201 Economic Policy Issues:

State, National, and International

This is a series of four related presentations on the state and character of the economy in 1992.

**Emilie Miller**, former Virginia State Senator, will discuss Virginia's economic condition and prospects.

**Economic Policy Choices for the U.S.** : is the U.S. condemned to recession and slow growth because of the federal budget deficit? **Lawrence A. Fox** will discuss the major U.S. macro-economic policy choices. He served as Undersecretary for International Trade at the U.S. Department of Commerce and Vice-President of the National Assn. of Manufacturers; is a member of the D.C. bar, and a consulting economist.

**George Bain** will discuss the World Bank group, which has worked for 46 years to improve the under-developed countries. He taught at the University of Toronto, and is a student of history and comparative politics.

**Carl Blackwell**, formerly Senior Advisor, Research Department, International Monetary Fund, will discuss the IMF's role in the world economy.

202 Income Tax Workshop

The purpose of the workshop is to assist in the preparation of 1991 federal and Virginia income tax returns. The course is for those who have not prepared their own returns previously, have prepared returns but are not sure how to proceed this year, or who have special tax problems such as sale of a home. This course is not intended to provide legal advice or estate planning or tax avoidance strategy. Members should know how to complete their returns by the end of the classes.

No prerequisites. Bring your own IRS and VA forms and personal information to first class. The basic text is *Your Federal Income Tax*, IRS publication 17 for 1991.

**Edward Swoboda** has been trained by the IRS as a volunteer tax aid specializing in the preparation of these returns. He is not connected with any fee based tax service.

803 Applied Political Theory

The course will show how political theory is reflected in current events of the U.S. Primary emphasis will be on the inter-relationships among the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the federal government. The goal of the course will be to provide a frame of reference so that events such as the nomination of Clarence Thomas can be objectively evaluated.

No prerequisites. Parts of several texts will be xeroxed and distributed to members.

**Gerald M. Schaflander** has taught at Boston University, Brooklyn College, and Harvard. He is the author of two books published by Little, Brown & Co.

102 Smithsonian Institution:

Behind the Scenes, How the Job Gets Done

Four Smithsonian scholarly lectures will give an insiders' look at the collecting, preserving, and archiving processes that go into making up our nation's attic.

**Archival Concerns** by **John Fleckner**, Chief Archivist, Archives Center, National Museum of American History;

**Curatorial Concerns** related to the forthcoming Columbus Quincentennial exhibition by **Richard Ahlborn**, Curator, Division of Community Life at the Smithsonian;

**Case Study of the Duke Ellington Collection** by **Marilyn Graskowiak**, archivist of documents, **Deborra A. Richardson**, archivist of music manuscripts, and **Reuben Jackson**, archivist of sound recordings and a music critic;

**Literature-Informed Music**, a lecture to illustrate the research use of the Ellington Archives by **Dr. Ted Hudson**, specialist in American and Afro-American literature.