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Watching TV on the Internet

Friday, January 29, 1:00–2:30pm
(1 session)

Allan Hide is a management analyst for the Fairfax County Department of Cable and Consumer Services.

Today's TVs, computers, and mobile devices offer "over-the-top" options to watch movies and TV programs via streaming video over the Internet. Services such as Netflix, Hulu, YouTube, Amazon, Sling TV, and Apple TV provide new alternatives. The presentation will discuss the benefits and limitations of these choices.

Lessons, Positive and Negative, from the 2020 Presidential Election Process

Friday, February 12, 1:00–2:30pm
(1 session)

Helen Desfosses is a public policy professor, a former City Council President in Albany, NY, and a consultant on international development.

The American presidential election process can highlight many negative forces swirling around, among them unscrupulous candidates, media outlets, both traditional and social, and candidates themselves that can try to make the election process undemocratic. Within this electoral maelstrom, America is fortunate that credible presidential candidates continue to emerge.

Independence Corrupted: How America's Judges Make Their Decisions

Tues, Feb. 9–Feb. 16, 11:50–1:15pm
(2 sessions)

Judge Charles Schudson graduated from Dartmouth College and Wisconsin Law School.

Judge Schudson knows how judges really make their decisions. He brings us behind the bench to probe judicial minds analyzing actual trials and sentencings of abortion protesters, murderers, sex predators, white supremacists, and others. Most significantly, he exposes the financial, political, personal, and professional pressures threatening judicial integrity as never before. This course is for all concerned about judicial independence and the future of America's courts.

The Impeachment of Andrew Johnson

Weds, Jan. 27–Feb. 17, 11:50–1:15pm
(4 sessions)

Heather Dudley taught history, economics, and psychology at Gonzaga High School for 20 years.

After President Lincoln's assassination, Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president. No man could have been more ill-suited to lead the nation during Reconstruction. Johnson's impeachment in 1868 involved issues limited to his time, but in the last 50 years we have confronted the impeachment of a US president three times.

Genes, Destiny, and Aging

Thurs, Jan. 28–Feb. 18, 2:15–3:40pm
(4 sessions)

Catherine Weir, studied and taught experimental psychology at the University College London and at Colorado College.

Behavior geneticists have shown it is possible, within limits, to disentangle the effects of genes and environment on our cognitive, social, and physical abilities. This course will cover what research has found about topics such as language learning, intelligence, memory, stress, personality, social attitudes, and disorders such as alcoholism and depression. Attendees will be invited to try out some methods used in the research to help in considering genetic and environmental influences operating on your own behavior and attitudes.

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