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WINTER/SPRING 2023 CATALOG AND REGISTRATION

ALL registrations will be MAIL-IN ONLY and will be processed based on the date they are received at the ALI office. Confirmation slips including class information will be mailed to registered students. Mail your registration form (one for each person) to Adult Learners Institute, PO Box 134, Chelsea, MI 48118, with a check made out to **ALI of Chelsea, MI, Inc.** If you have questions, call 734-292-5540 to leave a message.

IN-PERSON classes will be limited by location space and will follow all COVID-19 safety measures, along with following the governor's guidelines, **therefore, these classes are subject to cancellation or possibly change to Zoom.**

ZOOM classes can be connected by using your smart phone or computer. Information will be provided by email to **registered students only** prior to the beginning of the class.

Registrations will be accepted as long as there is availability.

TWO FREE classes are being offered with our partners, the Chelsea District Library and the Chelsea Senior Center. Consult the catalog for the class descriptions, dates, locations, and times. Registration for the Chelsea Senior Center must be made by calling the CSC directly (734-475-9242). Registration for the Chelsea District Library class must be made by calling the CDL directly (734-475-8732 ext 219).

Additional catalogs and registration forms can be printed from the ALI website at www.adultlearnersinstitute.org **AND** will be available at the Chelsea Senior Center and Chelsea and Dexter Libraries, along with other public locations in Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, Grass Lake and Stockbridge.

The Adult Learners Institute is grateful for the continued support of the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation, the Chelsea Senior Center, and the Chelsea & Dexter District Libraries, the Cedars of Dexter, Chelsea Retirement Community, St. Mary Church and Silver Maples for their partnership in ALI's Spring 2023 semester. We also thank previous supporters First United Methodist and St. Paul churches.

Adult Learners Institute Winter/Spring Classes, 2023

Many great courses are scheduled from February through May, 2023. A scholarship fund is available for those needing assistance with administration fee.

The Adult Learners Institute (ALI) located at 5 HEALTHY TOWNS OFFICES in the Chelsea Wellness Center, provides a diverse selection of quality community-based learning experiences and camaraderie for adults. ALI is a nonprofit (501c3) Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) affiliated with Road Scholar Institute Network, a group of similar organizations.

ALI is always looking for additional volunteers to help fulfill its mission. Examples include: audio-visual, class assistants, curriculum planning, catalog editing, and one-day events. The ALI Board is also looking for new Board members. Board members attend a once-a-month Board meeting.

For more information: call 734.292.5540 to leave a message. Our website is www.adultlearnersinstitute.org.

Many Adult Learners Institute courses are conducted in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College.

**PLEASE NOTE: ALI classes are cancelled when Chelsea District Schools are closed due to inclement weather [Call 734.433.2275 for information].
This applies to In-Person classes only.**

19th CENTURY AMERICAN WOMEN

Susan Nenadic

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

3 Thursdays, February 23, March 2 & 9
1:30 to 3:30 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Way, Dexter*

19th century women are probably the most misunderstood of any era. Novels and film have created a stereotype that does not reflect real life. This course will utilize power point to cover women's health including both physical and mental health. We will also discuss marriage and intimacy. Other topics will include both female crime as well as legitimate occupations. But nothing brought changes to women's lives like higher education which opened the professions to women.

Susan Nenadic taught history and English often combining the two. Now retired, she has published two books and is working on the third. She has taught lifelong learning classes for a dozen years as well as serving on several historical boards and committees. At present, Ms. Nenadic leads a non-profit, Friends of Amoru, which she founded to build a high school in Uganda.

BIOLOGY 101

Charlie Taylor

3 Wednesdays, April 5, 12, & 19
1:00 to 3:00 pm

IN-PERSON OR ZOOM CLASS - *Chelsea Retirement Community, Dancey Building, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea*

Biology is everywhere...But what does "life" mean? Is a cut onion alive? A dormant seed? Is a person whose heart stopped alive? What's a virus? This class will explore the basics of biology: Do all living things evolve? What is a cell and how does it work? What is DNA? What would extraterrestrial life look

like? Did Darwin know about genes? How do scientists think life began? How do plants and animals (and fungi and bacteria) differ? Come join us! There will be tons of photos, a few demonstrations and plenty of discussion.

Charlie Taylor received a PhD in Neuroscience from University of California, Berkeley in 1980. He has authored many scientific articles and presented at scientific meetings. He was a drug discovery scientist for Parke-Davis and Pfizer from 1982 to 2007. He has lived in Chelsea since 1983 and has a wife (Jill) and three grown children. He taught undergraduate neuroscience classes at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 2011-2013. He has taught ALI classes on mostly science topics since 2009.

CHELSEA and DEXTER: How Architecture Can Tell Us About Chelsea and Dexter's History

Grace Shackman

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

4 Mondays, May 1 & 15 (In-Person)
May 8 & 22 (Field Trip)

1:30 to 3:30 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter*

We will look at the history of Dexter and Chelsea in relation to the architecture that is still there. The original use will tell us about the founding, while later uses will be clues to the towns' development.

Grace Shackman has been studying local history since 1979, starting with her own neighborhood, Ann Arbor's Old West Side. She got interested in Chelsea's history when she worked as a reporter for the *Chelsea Standard* in the 1980's. She has written about Chelsea's history in the *Community Observer* and taught it in adult education classes at Washtenaw Community College and Adult Learners Institute (ALI).

**PAULINE CUSHMAN: Spy of the Cumberland
Bill & Glenna Jo Christian**

1 Friday, March 3

1:00 to 3:00 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Chelsea Senior Center,
512 E. Washington St., Chelsea, Building 100*

In 1853 a young Michigan woman left home to pursue an acting career in New York City. During the next forty years she was the star of her own drama including a checkered stage career, intrigue and danger as a spy for the North during the Civil War, followed by adventure in the Arizona Territory and later years in San Francisco. Cushman was a free-spirited woman of the Nineteenth-century who experienced three marriages, three children's birth and deaths, and interactions with other strong personalities. During the class, participants will act as theater critics evaluating her life.

Bill and Glenna Jo Christian, live in Chelsea. They are members of the Chelsea Area Historical Society and the Michigan Photographic Historical Society. Bill's biography of Cushman, *Pauline Cushman: Spy of the Cumberland*, was published in 2009 by Edinborough Press. Bill has interests in several Civil War regiments. One in particular, the Seventeenth Michigan Infantry, has been the focus of thirty-five years of ongoing research. He and Glenna Jo transcribed and annotated a large collection of documents belonging to a Connecticut family having three of five sons in several Connecticut units.

**DAZZLING BUTTERFLIES: Dance with the
Monarch**

Brent Crain, Ph.D.

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DISTRICT LIBRARY AND THE ADULT
LEARNERS. YOU MUST REGISTER BY CALLING
THE CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY AT
734-475-8732**

1 Wednesday, April 12

6:00 to 7:30 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Chelsea District Library,
221 S. Main Street, Chelsea*

In this course, we will learn about monarch butterflies and discuss the recent developments that landed the migratory monarch on the Endangered Species List. We will explore options for helping monarchs, and evaluate which actions help and which can actually hinder the survival of this species. We will delve into the lifecycle and behavior of monarchs and other butterflies, and view beautiful photos and videos of butterflies from around the world. Prepare to be dazzled and amazed by these magnificent creatures, and motivated to protect the world in which they --- and we --- live!

Brent Crain is a Michigan State University Extension educator specializing in consumer horticulture. He completed his Ph.D. degree in Horticulture at Michigan State University. Since completing his Ph.D., Brent has worked as a post-doctoral scientist and in private industry.

**DEVELOPING A NEW CANCER DRUG FROM
BENCH TO BEDSIDE**

Jack Secrist

1 Thursday, March 16

1:30 to 3:30 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Silver Maples,
100 Silver Maples, Chelsea*

This class will focus on the discovery and development process for a cancer drug from the point of view of a medicinal chemist working at a not-for-profit institution. I will use the above-mentioned FDA approved drug for treatment of leukemia in children and adults as an example. I will probably note differences between developing an anticancer drug and an antiviral drug.

Dr. Jack Secrist has a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Illinois. He was a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University, a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry at the Ohio State University, and joined Southern Research Institute in Birmingham, Alabama in late 1979, retiring as President/CEO in 2013. He has been president of two international scientific societies, he has published around 175 scientific papers, he has over 50 patents, and he is still the editor of a scientific journal. Dr. Secrist's research team over the years focused on the development of new anticancer and antiviral drugs, in work largely supported by the National Institutes of Health. He and a colleague(John Montgomery) are co-inventors of an FDA-approved drug for the treatment of leukemia in children and adults.

DOWNSIZE, MINIMIZE & SIMPLIFY

Stephanie Merkel

1 Tuesday, March 7

1:00 to 3:00 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Chelsea Senior Center,
512 E. Washington St., Chelsea, Building 100*

In this class, you will learn tips and techniques to downsize, minimize and simplify, and stress less while doing it! Whether it's one box or one room at a time. We will discuss the options for donating and selling everyday/household items that you may have an abundance of.

Stephanie Merkel is a lifelong Chelsea resident. She also is the owner of Chelsea Consignment, which opened its doors in 2014.

DUTCH OVEN BAKING ... OUTDOORS

Ann Beyer

1 Thursday, May 11 (Rain Day– May 12)

11:00 am to 2:00 pm (3 hours)

IN-PERSON CLASS - *North Lake Church, 14111 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea*

Dutch ovens can be used for making soups, stews, braised meats, and baked goods, both indoors and outdoors. Most things you bake in your oven, you can also bake outside in a Dutch oven. The Dutch oven can be the cooking pot or the oven. This session will teach you what you need to know about baking outdoors using a Dutch oven as the oven. Let's have some fun baking outside and enjoying some home-made goodies, baked in a Dutch oven. YUM! We will be outside, so dress appropriately. There will be a rain date alternative. (A \$5 supply fee will be added to class fee)

Ann Beyer is a retired educator who held positions as a mathematics teacher, gifted and talented coordinator, mathematics coordinator, staff development specialist, and college instructor. As a historical re-reenactor, Ann has been Dutch-oven cooking and baking over 20 years.

FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH AMENDMENTS

Peter Van Hoek

2 Tuesdays, February 21 & 28

1:30 to 3:30 pm

IN-PERSON & ZOOM CLASS - *Silver Maples, 100 Silver Maples Drive, Chelsea*

This class will discuss three of the most important, and more litigated, amendments to the United States Constitution-the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth. We will detail the protections provided by these amendments, and the basic principals that are applied by courts in ruling on claims made under the amendments. The class will cover topics including search and seizure, the privilege against self-incrimination, equal protection under the law, the right to jury trial, and the right to counsel.

Peter Van Hoek, J.D. received his BBA from the University of Michigan, in 1973. In 1976 he received his J.D. from Wayne State Law School, J.D. Law clerk in Michigan Court of Appeals 1976-1978. Staff Attorney at Michigan State Appellate Defender Office 1978-1990, 1992-2018. Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law at University of Michigan Law School. Adjunct Professor of Law at Wayne State Law School and Cooley Law School. Argued Michigan v Bryant, 562 US 344 (2011), in United States Supreme Court.

THE HISTORY AND USE OF KILTS

Bill O'Reilly

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1 Wednesday, March 15

1:00 to 3:00 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 E. Washington St., Chelsea, Building 100*

The Kilt - Its history, use and the many parts which make up a modern-day kilt as well as how they tie to Clans. Bill O'Reilly (don't let the name fool you, one grandmother was a McIntosh and the other a MacCauley) is the Michigan Clan Commissioner for Clan MacAulay. Bill will walk you through the history of this piece of clothing, as well as sharing its variations. He'll show off his own MacAulay kilt - which appropriately, like his grandmothers, was made in Ontario from materials imported from Scotland. Bill will also touch on the history and variations of Scottish Clans. The presentation will also include a brief recap of Bill's 6, and counting, trips to Scotland - with a special focus on the Clan Gatherings.

Bill O'Reilly currently serves as Executive Director of the Chelsea Senior Center; and is past President of the Chelsea Area Historical Society. He's also the past President of the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan; and is the Michigan Clan Commissioner for Scotland based Clan MacAulay. He founded and leads the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County's new Special Interest Group on Ireland and United Kingdom Genealogy.

HOW MICHIGAN BECAME MICHIGAN

John Daly

1 Tuesday, March 21

1:00 to 3:00 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 E. Washington St., Chelsea, Building 100*

Learn how an inaccurate 1755 map led to Michigan's boundaries, gave us Isle Royale National Park and started the Toledo War. The most comprehensive map of eastern North America in the colonial era was the *Mitchell Map*. Negotiators used the map to establish boundaries of the new United States of America and plan state borders under the Northwest Ordinance. The map's inaccuracies led to a heated border dispute between Michigan and Ohio, illustrating how maps shape history.

John L. Daly spent much of his career training corporate financial professionals. He is the author of *Pricing for Profitability*, published by Wiley and Sons, a novel, *Tool & Die*, eight one-act plays and numerous professional articles. He has had a life-long interest in history and most recently appeared in *Michigan History Magazine* as the author of *The Misleading Mitchell Map: Isle Royale and the Toledo War*.

INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS MEDITATION: A Tool for Personal Transformation

Bilha Birman-Rivlin

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

5 Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

May 3 (4:00 to 6:00 pm),

May 10, 17, 24 & 31 (2:00 to 4:00 pm)

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Way, Dexter*

Mindfulness is a gateway to a lasting personal change and growth. In this class, you will learn about mindfulness and concentration in a kind and supportive environment as you take the first steps toward establishing your own meditation practice. There will be a strong emphasis on cultivating an open heart as you experience the full benefits of mindfulness. All are welcome; suitable for beginners and anyone seeking to refresh their practice.

Bilha Birman-Rivlin is a long-time practitioner of Insight Mindful Meditation (IM) and has been teaching meditation practices and Buddhist philosophy over a decade. She is part of Still Mountain Buddhist Meditation Center's Teachers Council. Bilha has been a theatre professional for over 30 years as an actress, director, puppeteer, storyteller, and teacher. She earned her PhD from the Theatre Department at Wayne State University, where she wrote her dissertation on the creative process and the path of transformation.

LET'S TAKE MY LIMOUSINE: Hollywood's Portrayal of Wealth and Social Status in Film 1935-1955

Edwin Hoffman

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

2 Mondays, April 10 & 24

2:00 to 5:00 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Way, Dexter*

This class will discuss the impact of American and European notions of aesthetics and social status on filmmakers during Hollywood's Golden Age. What were the norms, the artistic preferences, and how accurate were their depictions in such classics as *Holiday*, *The Four Feathers*, *Dodsworth*, *My Man*

Godfrey, *Swing Time*, *Kitty Foyle*, *The Philadelphia Story*, *Now, Voyager!*, *Mildred Pierce*, *A Place in the Sun*, *To Catch a Thief*, and others? How did wealthy Easterners-turned-producers influence the "look" of films during the 1930s-50s through their own experiences and by marshalling a coterie of sophisticated directors, scriptwriters, designers and cinematographers? We'll find out.

Edwin Hoffman has broadcast his radio program "Speaking of Art" for the past 17 years on WAAM 1600 AM and 92.7 FM. He crafted his lively on-air journey through art history from his background in museum administration, art auctions and appraisals, and fundraising for the arts in Washington, DC. As a result, his focus is on relevance for his listening audience, who tune in from throughout southeastern Michigan, including Detroit, and by live stream. A central aim is to spark the creativity of listeners and their participation in the cultural life of the community. Ed emphasizes the social and historical contexts in which artists and art movements thrive as well as provides the often colorful backstory of how a work of art came into being.

MICHIGAN AVIATION ARCHAEOLOGY-101: Every Wreck Tells a Story

David Trojan

1 Thursday, May 4

1:30 to 3:30 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Silver Maples, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea*

This class will be an introduction to the study of specific Aviation Archaeology sites related to Michigan. The study of Aviation Archaeology explained. Focus on investigations of selected Aviation Archaeology sites in Michigan including P-35s Midair Tawas, 1938; Ford Built B-24 crash Almont, 1944; Oscoda Bombing Range-F-80, 1948 and P-51, 1949; Martin B-26 Glennie, 1944; and Japanese Balloon Bombs in Michigan 1945. Exploring historic military aircraft crash sites can have a tremendous impact on one's awareness and understanding of a time period and can provide information, history, and education.

Dave Trojan is an Aviation Archaeologist, Aviation Historian, Air Crash Detective, Writer, and Explorer/Adventurer. He is a finder of lost and forgotten aircraft, abandoned airfields, aircraft crash sites and historic aviation-related properties. Dave served 21 years in the Navy and retired in 2000. For more than 30 years, Dave has been researching, locating, and documenting historic aviation sites. To date, he has been to over 500+ military aircraft crash sites dating from 1918 to the present in more than 15 different states and in several foreign countries. He has written over 50 published articles for military base newspapers, *Naval Aviation Magazine*,

Warbirds International magazine, *WWI Aero* magazine and many local newspapers across the country. He was featured on the worldwide Armed Forces Radio and Television Network where he presented the military's policy on the protection and preservation of historic sites. He has given lectures to the Civil Air Patrol, FAA, Professional Pilots Associations, American Aviation Historical Society, and university students concerning Aviation Archaeology and Aviation History. He has led many expeditions to explore and document historic aircraft wreck sites. His goal is to educate the public about aviation history and tell the stories that go with each site.

MOVIES, MUSIC AND MEMORIES

Hank Muir

3 Fridays, March 10, 17 & 24

1:00 to 3:00 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 E. Washington St., Chelsea, Building 100*

About a third of the songs in the Great American Songbook were written for movies, some of them by people who are not well known. The studios liked to promote and publicize their actors, not their songwriters. In this class we will learn about movie songwriters, some famous and some not-so-famous. We'll see dozens of their songs performed as they were introduced in the movies, which was sometimes quite different from the way we have come to know them. We will also explore the way movies have influenced our attitudes and our thinking, using *12 Angry Men* as an example, and we will meet and learn about the eleven supporting actors who played Henry Fonda's fellow jurors in that movie.

Hank Muir is a retired teacher and medical practice administrator. He has a bachelor's degree in Social Studies from Graceland College, a Master's in history from the University of Nebraska, and he is a Fellow in the American College of Medical Practice Executives. Hank has lived in Chelsea since 2003 and is a collector of books, records and movies.

MUSIC OF THE 1960s

John Hauger

1 Friday, April 28

1:00 to 3:00 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 E. Washington St., Chelsea, Building 100*

The 1960s in the United States was a collage of violence, political upheaval and a culture shift. Music of the '60s reflected much of these radical changes. The British Invasion, as it was called, brought several new music groups to the forefront, including The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Jefferson Airplane and others. These gained massive

popularity in the U.S. There was Folk Rock with the Mamas and the Papas; Joan Baez and Bob Dylan sang together during the Civil Rights March on Washington in August, 1963. Join us and explore some of the music that helped to define this part of our history.

John Hauger is retired from Consumers Energy where he worked in Information Technology. He entered data processing and the computer field in 1957 and has witnessed the amazing evolution of IT over the past decades. He loves history and music. Noting how music reflects on history and affects our culture, he has presented a number of programs that bring these together. John and his wife, Dr. Garnet Hauger, a retired mathematics professor, live in Spring Arbor, Michigan. They have been married 45 years and have 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

OUR EUROPEAN ANCESTORS

Katherine Willson

2 Wednesdays, March 15, (skip 22), & 29

10:00 am to 12:00 noon

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Chelsea Retirement Community-Dancey Building, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea*

Session #1: Voyage to America

Learn about your immigrant ancestors' voyage from Europe to the United States, including preparations, restrictions & quota laws, ticket costs, journey length, and accommodations.

Session #2: They Didn't All Come Through Ellis

Island: Finding Your European Immigrant Ancestor's Passenger List. Learn about the multiple points of departure from Europe, ports of entry into the U.S., how to find passenger lists online, and how to analyze these lists as a means of filling in your ancestors' life stories.

These sessions address voluntary immigration, and does not cover the African slave trade nor the voyage of indentured servants.

Katherine Willson of Dexter, MI is an engaging and dynamic genealogy lecturer at local, regional, and national events; a full-time genealogical researcher for private clients; and a genealogy educator for 20+ years. She is the founder & past President of the Virtual Genealogical Association, past President of the Michigan Genealogical Council, past board member for the Association of Professional Genealogists, and a course coordinator and instructor at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. Katherine authored *The Genealogist's Guide to Grand Rapids, Michigan*, as well as the *Genealogy on Facebook* list, a catalog of 17,000+ genealogy/history links on Facebook, found at SocialMediaGenealogy.com.

PANTANAL - A Wildlife Paradise in the Heart of Brazil

Rosangela Lawrence

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

1 Thursday, March 30

1:30 to 3:30 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Way, Dexter*

Everybody knows about the Amazon rainforest in South America, but not many people have heard about an area in the center-west of Brazil called Pantanal. Come learn about this flora and fauna sanctuary which has a unique cycle of life determined by the rainy and dry seasons, and one of the most diverse ecosystems of the planet.

Rosangela Lawrence is a native of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with language degrees in both Portuguese and English. She taught both languages in Brazil for several years. In the U.S., she has been working with the Portuguese language and Brazilian culture since 1995, teaching and writing her own courses at WCC and working with translation, interpretation and tutoring.

PSYCHIC DEVELOPMENT

Beverly Fish

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

2 Wednesdays, March 22 & 29

2:00 to 4:00 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS - *Chelsea Retirement Community-Crippen Building, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea*

Have you ever had an unusual experience that you felt was intuition or a coincidence? Everyone has some psychic or intuitive ability, but some have more developed ability. This class will look at the types of ability from being empathic to having mediumship ability. The first class will discuss these various forms and how we can use them to our advantage. The second class will focus on some simple exercises to increase that awareness and ability and how it is connected to your astrological chart.

Beverly Fish discovered her psychic ability when growing up in a house with a spirit person. Her mediumship ability aids her in house cleansings and psychic investigations. She later combined her ability with astrology and now gives psychic astrology readings at Evenstar's Chalice in Ypsilanti.

ROMANCE OF EGYPT AND JORDAN

Rhoda Perkins-Boyer

1 Tuesday, April 18

1:00 to 3:00 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS - *St. Mary Church, Knights of Columbus room, 14200 E. Old US-12, Chelsea* (Please enter through an outside door directly into the Knights room.) Follow ALI signs.

Join Rhoda as she travels through Egypt and Jordan. We will visit Cairo, old and new, with one highlight being the new Egyptian National Museum. We will enter at least one of the Pyramids of Giza and will be photographed between the paws of the Sphinx. A cruise on the Nile River is a must because of the spectacular views. We will also take a hot air balloon ride over Luxor hoping for fantastic photos. During part of our visit, we will be accompanied by Dr. Zahir Hawas, the premier archeologist of Egypt. At the end of this trip, we will spend a few days in Jordan with the main focus being Petra.

Rhoda Perkins-Boyer has been a media specialist and a media director in Ohio and Michigan public schools. She holds a B.S. ED from Bowling Green State University and a M.A. from the University of Kentucky. Rhoda and her husband, Joe Boyer, have traveled extensively, visiting nearly 40 countries. Rhoda shares their experiences with youth and adult audiences.

UNDERSTANDING US-IRAN RELATIONS

Moe Bidgoli

4 Wednesdays, February 15, 22, March 1 & 8

10:00 am to 12:00 noon

ZOOM ONLY CLASS - Zoom login information will be provided prior to class.

This class will review many issues regarding the country of Iran starting with the early U.S. missionaries in Iran, U.S. & Iran political & cultural relations during the Qajar & Pahlavi dynasties including WWI, Reza Shah, WWII, Mohammad Reza Shah, the 1953 coup, post-coup cooperation, cold war, and U.S. military assistance. We will also cover the Iran 1979 revolution... and Iran as well as current issues.

Moe Bidgoli graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He was professor of computer science and information systems for 35 years. He became Emeritus Professor of CS-IS in June 2018. He is married and lives in Ann Arbor, MI. His hobbies are reading history, watching documentaries, playing pickleball, gardening, travelling and working with OLLI program.