Welcome to MSU Texas and your new home on our beautiful campus. It is wonderful to open the doors to the Lifelong Learning Center’s inaugural year at the very same time as we welcome the Centennial Class of 2022. This year’s incoming class is scheduled to graduate as we celebrate our 100th year, and your beginning in this auspicious year offers an important symbol of our continued growth and creativity.

The LLC is also a symbol of our gratitude to this community that has so loyally supported us as first a community college, now as the premier residential university in Texas, as the state’s only public liberal arts university. Like you, our students are lifelong learners, able to appreciate the thoughts of the past alongside the skills of the future.

You have been here for us through our challenges and our celebrations, and we proudly offer you this new opportunity to stay connected with the life of this vibrant university. As you study and learn within these halls, as you engage in important conversations in the various rooms of this facility, please know you have created this opportunity through your dedication to MSU.

Here’s to all we will learn together as we engage in the timeless life of the mind. We are so very pleased to welcome our lifelong learners as the newest addition to our campus!

President Suzanne Shipley

About MSU Texas

Midwestern State University (MSU Texas) is located in Wichita Falls, Texas, midway between Oklahoma City and the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. MSU's 255-acre campus is nestled among the city's residential area, and comprises 70 buildings, numerous playing fields, and an outdoor recreational facility near Sikes Like.

Founded in 1922 as Wichita Falls Junior College, MSU Texas has grown into a four-year liberal arts university with more than 6,000 students. Those attending MSU Texas choose from 45 undergraduate majors and 27 graduate programs. MSU Texas students represent 44 states and 54 foreign countries.

In addition to the quality education students receive at MSU Texas, they also have opportunities to participate in various undergraduate research and study abroad programs, complete internships, and engage in the campus and local communities through 100 student organizations offered to enrich the college experience.
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FROM THE COORDINATOR

More and more, I realize my greatest regrets are not over things I did (though those regrets are legion and not all attributable to youthful exuberance). No, most involve things I didn’t do: I didn’t stick with the piano lessons my mother scrimped to pay for, nor take my children on that long-promised expedition, nor volunteer when raising my right hand would have made a difference, nor reveal how much I owed a beloved teacher until I spoke at his funeral. Some regrets are irredeemable, at least in this life. But others are not. As regards the piano (and other things), I can still learn. We all can.

Our motto is, “I Am Still Learning,” a translation of the Italian phrase Ancora Imparo, traditionally ascribed to 87 year old Michelangelo. Our Center will offer an abundance of classes from exciting, gifted teachers—classes requiring neither homework nor grades (the double banes of most youthful education). Instead, we will share the exhilaration of growing in wisdom and insight through classes, trips and a deep, civil exchange of ideas. Come join other eager learners in a beautiful home provided by the University. Ancora Imparo! Come learn with us!

Dr. Dave Hartman, Coordinator of MSU Lifelong Learning Center

Founding Council

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Dr. Suzanne Shipley, the visionary behind this endeavor, and to the members of our Founding Council, composed of individuals from the community and the university. Thank you all for your faithful labor, wisdom and insight in making this vision of the Lifelong Learning Center a reality.

Dr. Suzanne Shipley

Mr. Darrell Coleman       Dr. Pam Morgan
Mr. Henry Florsheim       Mrs. Pat Thacker
Dr. Todd Giles           Dr. Samuel Watson
Dr. Dave Hartman          Mr. David Wolverton
Mr. John Hirschi          Mr. Newman Wong
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Ms. Rhonda McClung        Dr. Kathy Zuckweiler

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ABOUT THE LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER

The Lifelong Learning Center at Midwestern State University is a member-driven community of learners dedicated to inspiring and enriching the minds and spirits of Texomans over the age of 50.

Learners from all backgrounds and education levels are welcome to be members of the Lifelong Learning Center. Our classes are taught by qualified individuals in our community as well as current and retired MSU faculty. These non-credit classes are divided into two semesters (Fall and Spring) and explore topics in the fields of health, history, culture, science, law, and the arts.

A Lifelong Learning Center is about more than taking classes. It’s also about developing a community of older adults who want to socialize and discuss intellectual topics with peers outside of the classroom. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful home that MSU has provided for us at 2527 Hampstead Lane where our members can gather.

Under the guidance of President Suzanne Shipley, we’re building a thriving community of lifelong learners.

STAFF
Dave Hartman, Lifelong Learning Center Coordinator
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Dr. Kathy Zuckweiler, Director of Adult & Professional Education

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Address: 2527 Hampstead Lane, Wichita Falls, TX 76308
LLC Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 9am-3pm

Register online at www.msutexas.edu/lifelong-learning-center
**Member Benefits**

- **Access to the Lifelong Learning Center** during scheduled hours of operation
- Attendance at **ALL** Lifelong Learning Center scheduled classes and events
- **Free parking** in the lot next to the Lifelong Learning Center
- Opportunities to **volunteer** with the MSU LLC by participating in a committee or study group

**MSU Bookstore**

10% discount at the MSU Bookstore
(located in the Clark Student Center)
Members must present their LLC Name Badge to receive discount

**Redwine Student Wellness Center**

Discounted membership to the Redwine Student Wellness Center

**Moffett Library**

Access to Moffett Library through TexShare

Obtain a TexShare card from your local public library for use at Moffett Library or pay a $25 access fee.

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MEMBERSHIP

$100 Individual Semester Tuition    $150 Household Semester Tuition
($200 for the year)               ($300 for the year)

If electing a household membership, the two people must live in the same house as spouses/partners or a parent and adult child. All members must be at least age 50.

For a one-time semester or annual tuition payment, members can attend our convenient daytime classes throughout the entire semester or year without separate registration. Members can attend all of the scheduled classes or select those classes they find most interesting.

Previous affiliation with Midwestern State University is not required for membership.

Become a Member

Registration and Payment Information

- By Computer - Enroll using the secure online registration form located at: https://msutexas.edu/lifelong-learning-center

- By Mail – If you are paying by check or money order (payable to Midwestern State University with Lifelong Learning Center written on the memo line), print a copy of the text-only registration form, fill it out, and mail to:

  Midwestern State University
  Lifelong Learning Center
  3410 Taft Blvd., Hardin 104
  Wichita Falls, Texas 76308-2099

- By Phone - Call 940-397-4814, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday to register.

- In Person - Enroll at 2527 Hampstead Lane, Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Lifelong Learning Center will be open for in-person registration beginning September 12.

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Class Cancellation Policy
Weather-Related: If Midwestern State University is closed due to inclement weather, the Lifelong Learning Center will also be closed. Please check the MSU website (msutexas.edu) or Facebook page for closure notifications.

Non-Weather-Related: On a rare occasion, we may be forced to cancel class for a non-weather-related reason. Should this occur, members should expect an email from the LLC. Please make sure you provide us with the most up to date email address for this reason.

Guest Policy:
LLC members are allowed to bring one guest one time during the semester. Guests must be 50 years old or older. Please notify us by email to lifelonglearning@msutexas.edu at least 24 hours in advance so we can accommodate seating and a name badge for your guest.

Refund Policy:
An LLC member may receive a full tuition refund up to 14 days from the start of the term. Please see Cassie to request a refund.

Name Badges:
Once registered, a Lifelong Learning Center name badge will be made for you. You can pick up your name badge from Cassie after your registration is processed (usually the next day). Please wear your current semester name badge to all LLC classes and events and make sure your badge is visible when at the Lifelong Learning Center.

Give the Gift of Learning:
Lifelong Learning Center memberships make great gifts for birthdays, holidays, retirement or other special events. Gift certificates can be purchased online or at the LLC. Please visit our website or call 940-397-4814 for more information.

Teach a Class:
If you are current/retired MSU faculty or a local professional with a class topic in mind, we want to hear from you! You may teach in your area of expertise or on a subject you are passionate about. Please visit our website for more information. All class requests are reviewed by the Curriculum Committee.

Parking:
We gladly offer free parking in the lot next to the Lifelong Learning Center. Please see map on page 7 for location.

Volunteer & Leadership Opportunities:
Want to get more involved with the LLC? We are always looking for volunteers. Check with Cassie or Dave about current opportunities.

Lead a study or special interest group! Groups allow participants the opportunity to delve deeper into a specific topic. Study groups could be about a class that is offered during the semester, while special interest groups could be about books or gardening or any common interest.

Equal Opportunity Employer/American Disabilities Act - Midwestern State University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity educational institution and employer. Its students are selected and/or assigned without regard to their race, age, color, gender, religion, national origin, or disability consistent with Titles IV, VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Titles IV and IX of the Higher Education Act as amended by Executive Order 11375, Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 PL-93-112, and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

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DONATE

Your gift will make a difference as we begin this new initiative to provide learning opportunities for Texomans over the age of 50. Today's gifts provide financial stability for the fledgling program. As we grow, your support will allow us to keep tuition low and enhance our programs. You will have a meaningful impact on the Lifelong Learning Center and the community members we serve.

Ways to Give

There are several ways you can lend your support to the Lifelong Learning Center.

- Make a gift online at www.msutexas.edu/lifelong-learning-center

- Make a gift by phone by contacting Rhonda McClung at 940-397-4728

- Mail a check (payable to Midwestern State University with Lifelong Learning Center written on the memo line), and to:
  
  Midwestern State University
  Gift Planning and Development
  3410 Taft Blvd., Hardin 110
  Wichita Falls, Texas 76308-2099

- Give your time as a volunteer at the LLC. Ask Cassie or Dave about current volunteer opportunities.

Midwestern State University’s Lifelong Learning Center is grateful to

Hoegger Communications for creating the image for the Lifelong Learning Center.

We also would like to thank interior designer Patty Nabors for her expertise and guidance on making the interior of the Lifelong Learning Center so functional and inviting.

The Lifelong Learning Center welcomes partnerships with businesses interested in supporting learning opportunities for area residents.

Sponsorships begin at $1,000.

For more information, contact Rhonda McClung at 940-397-4728 or rhonda.mcclung@msutexas.edu

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**Navajo Indian Culture**  
**Thursday, September 13 & Thursday, September 20**  
10:00 am – 11:30 am  
**Instructor:** Rev. Terri Whitgrove  

The Navajo are the second largest among native peoples in the United States. Currently numbering some 300,000 individuals, most of whom reside in the Southwest states of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, the Navajo people have a distinctive cultural legacy. They are renowned for exquisite art, complex spirituality and military service, the last most famously represented by the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II.

Rev. Terri Whitgrove will be offering two sessions on the Navajo people and their legacy. **Session I** will address Navajo Arts and Culture as expressed through sand painting, hand woven rugs, pottery and jewelry. Authentic pieces will be on display. **Session II** will address Navajo Spirituality and Culture. As the history of the Navajo people is shared, students will learn more about their ancestral beliefs and their search for balance in their spiritual journey.

**Terri Hale Whitgrove** grew up in the deserts of northwestern New Mexico on the Navajo Indian Reservation. When her family moved to Wichita Falls, she attended Midwestern State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry. Following her graduation, she joined the Peace Corps and served in Costa Rica. Terri received a call to ministry and, upon her return to the United States, attended seminary at Southern Methodist University and received a Master in Divinity degree. After ordination, she served in a variety of ministry positions and has more than 24 years of ministry experience. Currently, she is the Director of Pastoral Care Services at United Regional Healthcare System. She is married to Leland Whitgrove and has 6 adult children.

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**Bee-Loved: My Romance with Italian Honeybees**  
**Thursday, September 13 & Thursday, September 20**  
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
**Instructor:** Robert K. “Kerry” Roach  

Every person has a bee story. What’s yours? How can you love something that stings? But there is more to the honey bee than its sting or the honey. How can such a small insect make such a big impact on our food on the dinner plate? How does a beekeeper keep bees?

**Robert K. “Kerry” Roach** began beekeeping upon retirement from his law practice 10 years ago by reading a “Beekeeping for Dummies” book given to him by his son for Christmas and got hooked. He became a member of the Red River Valley Beekeepers Association 9 years ago and was elected as its president. Roach served in that office for four years, retiring this year. He has done a lot of reading on the subject and has been an active beekeeper with up to 12 hives at a time. He sells honey and wax and makes mead.

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**“I’m Not Old, I’m Vintage!” Healthy Habits for Perennials**  
**Tuesday, September 18**  
10:00 am – 11:30 am  
**Instructor:** Claudine Farrell, RN, BSN  

This class will incorporate simple but mindful tips that promote health for the ‘perennial’ generation. Topics to include steps to avoid or control chronic diseases (such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity, heart disease). Focus on simple meal planning tips, how to read food labels in order to make ‘better’ choices, understanding physical changes to our vintage bodies so that we live the best life possible.

**Claudine Farrell** has a BSN nursing degree from Midwestern State University. She has over 36 years of experience at United Regional as Registered Nurse. Claudine has worked in ER, ICU, Diabetes Education, and is currently working as a Nurse Navigator to assist patients after hospitalization.
Understanding Vladimir Putin: Back to the Future

Tuesday, September 18 &
Tuesday, September 25
1:00 pm – 2:30pm
Instructor: Dr. Samuel Watson

As the leader of the Russian Federation since 2000, Vladimir Putin has continued a long tradition of puzzlement of the United States and its Western allies by the powers that be in the Kremlin. How is Putin similar and different from those who have come before him in Russian history? By discussing historical context and political culture, the class will attempt to better understand the words and deeds of the current Russian president.

Dr. Samuel Watson has taught Russian politics at the university level for 28 years. He is also a former U.S. Intelligence officer.

September Special Event:
For the Love of Music

Wednesday, September 19
1:30 pm – 3:00pm
Instructor: Fouad Fakhouri

Fouad Fakhouri will share his passion for both music composition and orchestral conducting. He will discuss biographical information, to include his journey to becoming a professional musician. Music has provided him with great opportunities to meet and work with some remarkable people. Fakhouri will discuss his family’s long history with music and theater as well as the importance of art, specifically music, as a means of dialogue between cultures and societies. Finally, he will talk about the Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra, his artistic vision for the future of the organization and the importance that it plays in the cultural life of Wichita Falls and the broader region.

Fouad Fakhouri is known for his “musical accuracy” and “emotional intensity.” His performances have been celebrated for their broad, dynamic and powerful interpretations, which go beyond the score to capture both the essence and spirit of the music. In May 2017, he was named Music Director of the Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra. Internationally, he is a regular guest conductor of the Lebanese Philharmonic Orchestra. In addition to conducting, Maestro Fakhouri is an active composer of symphonic, chamber, choral and solo music. His works have been premiered and performed by the English Chamber Orchestra, the Bulgarian Symphony Orchestra, the Mediterranean Orchestra in Italy, and the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra, to name a few.

A First Freedom: the Freedom of the Press

Tuesday, September 25
10:00 am – 11:30am
Instructor: Deanna Watson

The first ten amendments to the Constitution, collectively known as “The Bill of Rights,” enumerate a list of freedoms guaranteed to the people of the United States. The most consequential amendment is the First, which declares: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances

From the founding of the nation, freedom of the press has been considered an irrevocable right, as well as a necessity for the republic’s survival. As Walter Cronkite observed, “Journalism is what we need to make democracy work.” But in the 21st Century, it is also the freedom most consistently under threat. This class examines the convictions and commitments that inspire brave and honest journalists to carry on, despite all challenges, as beacons of democracy.

Deanna Watson has served as editor of the Wichita Falls Times Record News for more than a decade. In addition to planning news coverage and overseeing major editorial projects, Deanna writes a weekly column on local and feature stories. She’s a Georgia native and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Georgia.
**Fit for Life**  
Thursday, September 27 & Thursday, October 4  
10:00 am – 11:30am  
**Instructor:** Angie Reay

Staying active and engaged in interesting activities can boost energy and increase well-being. Learn how to improve your lifestyle, reduce stress, improve heart health, nutrition, and more.

**Angie Reay** is the Director of Recreational Sports and Wellness Center. She has worked at MSU for over 10 years. Reay received her Bachelor’s and Master’s in Education at MSU. She met her husband, Christopher, while playing basketball here at MSU. They have two wonderful girls, Allison (6) and Katelyn (4). Reay loves educating others on health and wellness to help people live a fulfilling life.

**“Some Say the World Will End in Fire...” the History & Science of Firefighting**  
Thursday, September 27  
1:00 pm – 2:30pm  
**Instructor:** Ronnie James

All animals are instinctively afraid of fire. Hundreds of thousands of years ago, an archaic species of humans in sub-Saharan Africa, whom modern ethnologists named *Homo erectus*, were the first to control and direct its fearsome force. Fire warmed caves, then shelters, then homes, then cities. As humans also learned, to their great cost, fire could obliterate shelters, homes, cities...and countless lives.

We are still trying to control fire, which has been, historically, both the most life-giving and death-dealing of all the forces with which humankind contends. Ronnie James will provide a broad overview of the science and history behind firefighting, and describe the efforts, still ongoing, to ensure that fire remains a force for great good, and not the living’s most dangerous and implacable foe.

**Ronnie James** served 14 years as Fire Chief of the Wichita Falls Fire Department. Prior to that, he served with Dallas Fire and Rescue, rising to the rank of Deputy Chief. He also served for 13 years as a Specialist Instructor for Texas A&M’s Emergency Services Training Institute. He was appointed to Texas’ Commission on Fire Protection by both a Democratic and a Republican Governor and was elected President of the Southwest Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Ronnie has also been called upon to train, on behalf of the National Fire Academy, fire departments in Santiago, Chile and the Grand Caymans. He is married to Colleen James, the second woman to serve as a firefighter in Dallas.

**America in the Vietnam War**  
Tuesday, October 2 & Tuesday, October 9 & Tuesday, October 16 & Tuesday, October 23  
10:00 am – 11:30am  
**Instructor:** Col. William Miller

Between the Tonkin Gulf Resolution, enacted on August 10, 1964, and the signing of the Paris Peace Accords on January 27, 1973, the United States was at war in Vietnam. It was by far the longest war in American history prior to the current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. With the exception of the Civil War, Vietnam was also the most divisive war in American history. 2,709,918 Americans served in Vietnam, a number surpassed only by those who served during World II; and 57,939 names are inscribed on the Vietnam War Memorial. This class will offer an in-depth look at America in the Vietnam War, examining its genesis, the battles and negotiations of its duration, and its consequences in our country and the world today.

**Col. William Miller,** USAF [Ret], was born and raised in Pennsylvania. He holds BA and MA degrees in history, and another MA in International Relations. He served three tours in Vietnam, flying 125 combat missions as pilot of a B52D aircraft. Altogether, he has 4500 flying hours. His leadership positions have included Flight Commander, Squadron Commander, Commander and Professor of Aerospace Science (ROTC), Group Commander and Wing Commander. He has taught at Midwestern State and Wayland Baptist Universities. He is married, with four children, 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.
**Mind, Body, and Spirit Balance**

Tuesday, October 2  
Thursday, October 4  
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
**Instructor:** Rev. Mary Cantrell

With life pressures all around us it is easy to experience imbalance in our bodies, minds and spirits.....perhaps, longing for one thing, wishing things were different, experiencing long periods of dissatisfaction with one area or another of your life -- sometimes it is important to step back and self-reflect the state of one’s body, mind and/or spirit and seek ways to bring them into balance. This class will utilize a learning tool for self-discovery and some suggested ways to address particular insights you may discover with practical exercises addressing body, mind and/or spirit imbalance.

**Rev. Mary Cantrell** completed an undergraduate degree in 1997 at Midwestern State University. She then obtained a Master of Divinity from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in 2001. She has completed two units of Clinical Pastoral Education as well as two years of in-depth study of Family Systems Theory through the Mennonite Peace Institute. Throughout her educational and professional experience, she discovered balance to be an essential component to emotional and spiritual health. In 1991, Cantrell attended a seminar based on this topic and has continued to have a passion to teach about the importance of self-awareness and self-care, which include the components of our makeup -- body, mind and spirit.

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**Poetry for the Human Condition**

Tuesday, October 9  
Tuesday, October 16  
Tuesday, October 23  
Tuesday, October 30  
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
**Instructor:** Lynn Hoggard

We will study 15-20 of the greatest, most enduring poems of civilization in terms of their ideas, their emotional/intellectual resonance, and their poetic techniques.

**Lynn Hoggard** has a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the University of Southern California. She has taught poetry in many courses at MSU and, before that, at Texas Tech and USC. Hoggard has also recently published a collection of poems, *Bushwhacking Home* (TCU Press, 2017), which won first place in the 2018 Press Women of Texas poetry competition.

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**The Roots and Branches of Abraham: an Introduction to the Monotheistic Religions of Judaism Christianity and Islam**

Thursday, October 11  
Thursday, October 18  
Thursday, October 25  
Tuesday, October 30  
10:00 am – 11:30am  
**Instructor:** Dave Hartman

The three great monotheist religions all date their origins to the Biblical figure of Abraham. This study will examine the role of the Abrahamic covenant in the self-understanding of each religion, and the points at which they concur and differ. There will also be some attention paid to the broad diversities within the religions themselves: i.e. Orthodox, Conservative and Reform in Judaism; Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant in Christianity; Sunni and Shia in Islam.

**Dave Hartman** has a B.A. in history from Lynchburg College, a Master of Divinity degree from Vanderbilt University, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Lexington Theological Seminary. He also has over forty years of parish ministry, where he addressed religious issues on both a pastoral and scholarly basis. Hartman attained six hours of accredited post-doctoral work at the University of Oxford in the summer of 2012. He has been published in a variety of religious journals.

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**Google for the Ageless**

Thursday, October 11  
1:00 pm – 2:30pm  
**Instructor:** Julie Yandell

Note: Those who own or have access to a laptop are strongly encouraged to bring it to class.

It is impossible to overstate how much the internet has transformed the world by multiplying access to knowledge. For those old enough to remember the days when footnoting the assertions of a college term paper required browsing through massive library tomes like "The Readers Guide to Periodical Literature," one particular search engine has been so transformative that it is sometimes referred to as “The University of Google.” But it is more than a search engine. This class will cover the different components of the Google Suite—from G-Mail to Calendar, from Documents to Slides.

**Julie Yandell** taught English and reading for 17 years in every grade from 5th to 12th. She was the 2104 Teacher of the Year for the Wichita Falls Independent School District and now serves as Instruction Technology Facilitator for WFISD.

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October Special Event:  
**Oxford-Style Debate on Second Amendment**  
Wednesday, October 17  
1:30 pm – 3:00pm  
**Instructor:** Dr. Jeremy Duff  

“A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.” The two phrases and 27 words of the Second Amendment have caused more controversy than any other passage in the Constitution, never more so than at the current time. Is the first phrase referring only to a state militia, like the Texas National Guard? Does “well regulated” mean that governmental regulations, suitable to contemporary circumstances, may be applied to all firearms if doing so helps ensure the security of the state? Does the second phrase mean that the legal right for individual persons to keep and bear firearms shall not be “infringed” [i.e., diminished or violated] by any entity, including the state itself, at any time or in any way? How can such two seemingly incompatible propositions be reconciled?

**Dr. Jeremy Duff** is an Associate Professor of Political Science and the University Accreditation Liaison. He graduated from Texas A&M in 2002 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. In 2008, he graduated from Michigan State University with a Ph.D. in Political Science. Prior to coming to MSU, he was a visiting instructor at the University of Illinois. In 2016, he was elected to serve as a City Commissioner in Burkburnett. He is married to Tracy, and they have two children, Ryan and Lydia.

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**Lifelong Learning**  
Thursday, October 18  
1:00 pm – 2:30pm  
**Instructor:** Michael Olaya  

“Program or be programmed,” sounds like a dire warning, but it has become a growing reality in a world where technological knowledge and computing power grow exponentially. Join us for this crash course in computer programming where you’ll learn to think like a computer scientist, create your own algorithmic art and maybe even change how you view reality. The course will be facilitated by Dexter, a Wichita Falls, based technology company that develops tools and curriculum for schools across the planet.  
**Note:** Those who own or have access to a laptop are strongly encouraged to bring it to class.

**Michael Olaya** is an engineer, educator and entrepreneur. As the CEO and Founder of Dexter, a learning platform that’s rethinking education for the 21st century, he has inspired students from around the world with his creative approach to STEAM [Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics] communication. After working in the high-tech hotbeds of Austin, San Francisco and Seattle, he has brought his wisdom, knowledge, experience and initiative back home to Wichita Falls. Michael holds degrees in Mechanical Engineering (BSME) and Physics (BS) from Midwestern State University.

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**A Slice of Pie: Understanding Family Law in Texas**  
Thursday, October 25  
1:00 pm – 2:30pm  
**Instructor:** Diane Dockery  

This session will provide a brief overview of the various areas of law governed by the *Texas Family Code*, with an emphasis on laws and statutes specifically related to children.

**Diane Dockery** was born and raised in Dallas, but came to be a Wichita Falls resident by way of MSU. She received her undergraduate degree in Political Science before attending St. Mary’s University in San Antonio where she received her law degree. Upon graduation, she accepted a job offer and returned to Wichita Falls. She has been in private practice with local firms, has worked as an Assistant District Attorney for Wichita County, and served as an Assistant Attorney General before being appointed to the bench as an Associate Family Law Judge in 1992. She has served in this capacity for over twenty-five years, and has served as an Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Wichita Falls and an Associate Magistrate for Wichita County for over eighteen years. She has served on numerous community boards whose focus has been upon the arts, theatre, music, youth, area sports and general service to others throughout her thirty-three years in Wichita Falls.

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The Spiritual Journey of Abraham Lincoln & Thomas Jefferson
Thursday, November 1 & Thursday, November 8
10:00 am – 11:30 am
Instructor: Dr. Pamela Morgan & Dave Hartman

No American Presidents have spoken or written more memorably about God than Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln. What were the religious views of these two extraordinary figures? How did their faith evolve? And which of their written and/or spoken words have left the most indelible imprint on American history? In this two-part seminar, Dr. Pamela Morgan and Dave Hartman will explain the religious tenor of the times in which Jefferson and Lincoln lived, and describe how their singular religious insights have helped shape America itself.

Dr. Pamela Morgan is MSU’s Director of Academic Outreach & Distance Education.

Classical & Modern Physics for the Non-Scientist: Newton to Heisenberg to Einstein
Thursday, November 1
Thursday, November 8
Thursday, November 15
Thursday, November 29
1:00 pm – 2:30pm
Instructor: Dr. Jesse Rogers

Dr. Alan Lightman, the renowned MIT physicist who spoke at MSU a few years ago, made an essential point in his evocative book, The Accidental Universe: “All properties and events in the physical universe are governed by laws, and those laws are true in every time and place in the universe... We do not, of course, know all the fundamental laws at the present time. But most scientists believe that a complete set of such laws exist and, in principle, that it is discoverable by human beings...”

This class will offer insight into three renowned physicists and their understandings of the laws of the universe. Newton’s three “Laws of Motion” helped enable the Wright brothers to build the first airplane and NASA to send astronauts to the moon. The early 20th Century theoretical physicist Warner Heisenberg proposed the “Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle.” Albert Einstein developed the theory of relativity, one of the pillars of modern physics. This class seeks truth for the non-scientist, which, as Isaac Newton said, “…is ever to be found in simplicity, and not in the multiplicity and confusion of things.”

Dr. Jesse Rogers earned his Ph. D. in physical chemistry at TCU in 1967. That year, he became an Assistant Professor at MSU, teaching chemistry and physics and doing pioneering research in organic and inorganic electrochemistry. He enjoyed a distinguished career at MSU until his retirement in August 2015. He is married to Dr. Karen Rogers.

Assassins: The Nizari Sect’s Military and Political Voice
Tuesday, November 6 & Tuesday, November 13
10:00 am – 11:30am
Instructor: Hollie Gose Murphey

Marco Polo’s myth regarding the legendary Assassins is debunked with a historical look into two hundred years of Ismaili Nizari’s Fidayeen involvement in dictating political boundaries and resisting oppression. Discover the significance of Alamut, the birth of the Nizari sect, the truth behind the legendary Hasan-i-Sabah, the fall of the Fatimid Caliphate, the interchanging alliances during the Seljuk Empire’s civil war and the Crusades, and understand why the conquering Mongols feared the Fidayeen. The lecture’s core will enter on religion, assassination and shifting alliances.

No prior knowledge of Islam or the Ismaili Nizari sect is necessary.

Hollie Gose Murphey is one of Wichita Falls’ most perceptive young scholars on foreign affairs and international history. She holds a Master of Arts in History from Midwestern State University as well as a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and Political Science. Her Master’s thesis on the military and political motives of the 11th Century sect dubbed “Assassins” is not only a striking work of historical research, but also helps provide essential contextual understanding on the motivations of present-day sects who engage in acts of religiously motivated political violence.

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The Unintended Consequences of the U.S. Ban on Horse Slaughter
Tuesday, November 6
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Instructor: Dr. Kathryn Zuckweiler

The legal, humane slaughter of horses in the United States has been a highly-charged topic since 2007 when Congress, via the Farm Bill, effectively banned the practice. While horse slaughter is still an emotional debate for many, the economic and policy ramifications of the ban are increasingly difficult to ignore. This class describes the current state of the horse industry, analyzes the economics of horse slaughter, and explores policy recommendations to bolster the future of the horse industry.

Dr. Kathryn Zuckweiler is Dean of the Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School at Midwestern State University. She also serves as Associate Professor of Management in the Dillard College of Business Administration and as Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research. She is a life-long horse lover who combines her business research background with her passion for horses to examine the welfare of horses in the US since 2007.

Five Wishes: My Living Will and Palliative Care
Tuesday, November 13
Tuesday, November 20
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Instructor: Michelle Nelson

An integral concept for palliative care is having robust advance care planning discussions that involve the patient, family and the care team. An aging population and numerous chronic health conditions make these conversations even more important. Every person should create a document related to their wishes for health care and advance care planning priorities. There are numerous acceptable documents/processes that will legally meet this requirement. This course will utilize the Five Wishes Document and crosswalk it with the Texas Advance Directive document. The Five Wishes format is perfect for a conversation starter to be used with family members to clarify personal choices related to end of life care.

Michelle Nelson has 32 years of experience as a Registered Nurse. She has worked at United Regional for 25 years, holding numerous positions with increasing management responsibility. She began development of the Palliative Care program at United Regional working with the Center to Advance Palliative Care resources (CAPC) and the Palliative Care program started in 2009. Nelson has presented at state and national conferences on topics related to community resource networks for unfunded and uninsured populations and effectively integrating hospital readmission strategies with value-based care. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Nursing from Midwestern State University and is also a certified ELNEC instructor (End of Life Nursing Education Consortium).

November Special Event: The Greatest Generation Speaks
Wednesday, November 14
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Instructor: Dave Hartman

Those who were born during the first quarter of the 20th Century arrived in a time of extraordinary change, with the advent of airplanes, radio, telephones and the First World War. The 1920s commenced with a roaring economy, Prohibition and women’s suffrage, and concluded with the onslaught of the Great Depression. The desperate decade of the 1930s featured staggering rates of unemployment, massive hunger, widespread environmental disasters like the Dust Bowl and the rise of powerful warmongering tyrannies. The 1940s encompassed World War II – the greatest catastrophe in human history. This Greatest Generation, as they’ve come to be called, won the war, transformed the country, advanced the cause of liberty, and even strode upon the moon.

There are not many of them left. Over 16 million Americans served in World War II. Fewer than 500,000 remain alive today. On Wednesday, November 14, three days after Veterans Day, we will gather with some of them – both those who served and those who supported – and learn what they most want us to know.
Art and Spirituality
Thursday, November 15 &
Tuesday, November 20
10:00 am – 11:30am
Instructor: Kali Walker

Over the course of two lectures, students will gain a nuanced view of the connection between visual arts and spirituality. Historically, how have the five major world religions inspired artists and reacted to their work? How have Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism used the visual arts to communicate spiritual messages and censor imagery they regard as unholy?

Outside of the traditions of organized religion and beyond the artistic language of portraits and scenery, how do abstract artists communicate spiritual messages? How is the viewer’s spirituality enriched by a canvas filled with only planes of contrasting colors, monochromatic grids, or loose, gestural brushwork? We will investigate the history of religion and art in the first session, which will serve as the foundation for our discussion of abstract art and spirituality in the second lecture.

Kali Walker is a graduate of Rider High School and St. Edward’s University. During her time in Austin, she interned in the educational and curatorial departments of The Contemporary and was a curatorial assistant at Co-Lab Projects. Kali is currently a working artist in Wichita Falls with a focus on printmaking and metals.

The Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls – a Tale of Intrigue, Greed, Happenstance, Professional Jealousy, Ultimately a Momentous & Happy Ending
Tuesday, November 27 &
Thursday, November 29
10:00am – 11:30am
Instructor: David Wolverton

The existence of the Dead Sea Scrolls is well-known to almost all adherents of Judaism and Christianity and to millions in other faith traditions, yet few know much about the scrolls and fewer still know the unlikely story of their discovery. That tale will be the principal focus of this short two-session course. We will also discuss the scholarly process that tells the stories of the scrolls and what they mean to believers and scholars today.

Who wrote the scrolls? Why were they written? Why were they hidden away centuries ago? Questions abound. We’ll not come up with definitive answers, but we will discuss some intriguing possibilities. And finally, we’ll take a brief detour to another desolate place called Nag Hammadi, in Egypt, to visit the world of the Gnostics and alternative gospels.

David Wolverton served almost thirty years in banking, including twenty-two as president and CEO of First Wichita National Bank and its successors. From 1995 to 1999, he served as chief financial officer of Wichita General Hospital, and then became president and CEO of The Priddy Foundation, from which he retired in December 2017.

A native of Vernon, Texas, he has lived in Wichita Falls since 1965, following service with the U.S. Army, after educational stints at New Mexico Military Institute and The University of Texas (Austin), where he acquired bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business administration. He and his wife, Pat, have been married for nearly 57 years.

Images from the Ends of the Earth
Tuesday, November 27
1:00 pm – 2:30pm
Instructor: David Spencer, M.D.

David Spencer has long been enthralled by photography. As a young adult, he photographed trains from around the world. Rising security concerns in all realms of transportation led him to direct his eyes and lenses to the world’s most imposing and majestic landscapes. From Iceland to Patagonia, from Scandinavia to Vietnam and sub-Saharan Africa, David will offer an array of his stunning photographs of majestic landscapes in far-flung destinations. He will also talk about the art, challenges, and joy of traveling the world to visually capture its spectacular beauty.

David Spencer, M.D., acquired his first camera when he was in sixth grade and served as a photographer for his high school and college annuals. A practicing radiologist for over 35 years, he retired from the medical field three years ago.

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