

ANACORTES SENIOR COLLEGE

Winter Term, 2018
January 9 – February 15

Schedule of Courses

Classes meet on Tuesdays or Thursday afternoons, 3:30-5:30

at the

Anacortes Middle School

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TUESDAY AFTERNOONS **(3:30 – 5:30)**

Ice Age Floods in the Pacific Northwest

An overview of the Missoula Flood story, when ice dams in northern Idaho failed and sent over 550 cubic miles of water in a few days through the four-state area of the Pacific Northwest as recently as 15,000 years ago. The deluge raced through eastern Washington, into the Columbia River Gorge, and spilled violently into the Pacific Ocean. Amazing natural features such as the Channeled Scabland, Grand Coulee, and Palouse Falls owe their origin to the catastrophic flood events. Other ice age floods and local glacial history also described in this six-week class.

*Instructor: **Eugene Kiver**, Ph.D., R.G.*

Dr. Kiver graduated from Case-Western University in Ohio and later earned his doctorate in Geology from the University of Wyoming in Laramie. He taught Geology for 32 years at Eastern Washington University in Cheney and conducted an active research career that emphasized landforms and surface processes. One of his major interests is the Missoula Floods story that he has researched over 30 years. He has co-authored three books: "Geology of U.S. Parklands"; "On the Trail of the Ice Age Floods"; and his most recent book: "Washington Rocks!"

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Issues in Public Education

Anacortes School District Superintendent Mark Wenzel will cover a range of topics exploring public schools in 2017: social emotional learning; how schools prepare students for jobs yet to be created; the role of technology in classroom learning; early childhood education; trauma impacts on the brain/adverse childhood experiences; and examples of teaching and learning from Anacortes classrooms. Classroom learning will include short lectures, discussions, and small group work.

*Instructor: **Mark Wenzel**, Ed. D.*

Dr. Mark Wenzel has served as superintendent in Anacortes for five years. He previously served in the same role in Methow Valley School District. Mark earned his doctorate from the University of Washington in education leadership and master's degrees from UW (Asian Studies) and London School of Economics (political communication). His career includes teaching middle school, high school and college, as well as television journalism and travel reporting. Mark and his wife, Julie, have three children, two of whom attend Anacortes schools

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Getting Your Stuff in Order (3 weeks: 1/9, 16, 23)

Each new year you've planned to sort through your records to save what's important and discard the rest; this is your year! In this course you'll be inspired to finally put together your important documents and information so you can continue to sail through your retirement years. Also covered will be where to store your stuff, and what you should share with your family and trusted friends.

Instructor: Lexie Lamborn

Lexie is a nationally recognized guardian with over 30 years' experience assisting elders and their families. She received her Master of Public Health degree from the University of Hawaii. Ms. Lamborn has directed a major guardianship program in Los Angeles and was a Certified Professional Guardian and Care Manager in the Pacific Northwest from 1997 to 2013.

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Making Movies: How & Why (3 weeks: 1/30, 2/6, 2/13)

When you first saw *Casablanca*, or *The Graduate*, or *On the Waterfront*, images and dialogue stamped into your memory. For years, you have been able to see those scenes and quote from them. When you watch one of those movies again, it sweeps you away. Why is that, and how do filmmakers do it? You'll find out, with multiple examples shown each class.

Instructor: Mark Lundsten

*Mark dropped out of the graduate program in Creative Writing at UW after one quarter and went fishing in Alaska for 27 years instead. When he sold his fishing business, he learned to make movies. His recent film *The Bath* played in many film festivals and won a number of awards.*

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THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

(3:30 – 5:30)

Memoir Writing

Your life is unique. You can find meaning in your life from writing your story and sharing it in confidence with others who are writing theirs. Learn about writing tools and memory prompts to help you prime the pump. People who think they can't write will be surprised at how well they actually do, because they write about material that means so much to them. (*Class size limited to 10 students.*)

Instructor: Teru Lundsten

Teru began writing seriously in her thirties, in a class much like this. She belonged to an autobiographical writing group for 17 years, but also wrote in other genres, eventually becoming a journalist. She found her calling writing profiles of many different people, which led her to become a personal historian. For several years she helped people preserve their life stories by writing personal history books in the narrator's voice, and served as the WA chapter chair of the Association of Personal Historians. She has taught memoir-writing at several venues in Anacortes, mostly at the ASC, and is now editing her own early memoirs.

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Forestry in the Americas

We will first trace how forestry slowly developed from Mesopotamia, through Europe, and into North America. We'll discuss what happened to our federal domain and its forests and the future of forestry in the Americas. During this journey we will learn about temperate and tropical forest ecology, successional dynamics, forest-management, forest protection, and other associated disciplines.

Instructor: Robert Gara, Ph.D. [Professor of Forest Entomology, Emeritus]

Dr. Gara earned a BS in forest management at Utah State University and after a period in the armed services worked in East Texas as a sustained-yield forest manager. His graduate degrees are from Oregon State University. He headed a research lab for the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research in Texas, taught and led research in forest entomology at the State College of Forestry at Syracuse University, was a Fulbright Scholar in Venezuela and Ecuador, and, in 1968, came to the College of Forest Resources at the University of Washington. He retired to Anacortes in 2006.

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Metalworking

Metals have been worked by humans for over 5,000 years. Without metal tools, hardware, utensils, and weapons, civilization as we know it would be stalled in the Stone Age. The overall impact of metals on civilization, starting with copper, then bronze and finally iron, will be presented. Of all the metals, iron has had the most profound impact on our lives. Blacksmiths are the individuals who work iron into useful objects. This is the story of blacksmiths – their knowledge, skills, tools, and place in history.

*Instructor: **Paul Thorne***

Paul is a master blacksmith with over thirty years' experience in industrial, architectural, and artistic forge work. He currently teaches blacksmithing through group and private classes at his Anacortes studio. You can view his work at www.thornemetals.com.

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Understanding Religion

Religion impacts all of us every day: foreign policy, government decisions, social interactions, and the wars we fight. What is religion, why do people believe, where did it come from, and why don't most people talk openly about it? What are the similarities, the differences, and the benefits to followers of the major religions? What trends can we identify? These and other questions will be discussed as well as your own experiences with religion, in this "no-judgment" course.

*Instructor: **Jim Barrett** Ed.D.*

Jim received his BA from Western Washington Univ. and his masters and doctorate from the Univ. of Washington in Higher Education. He was employed by the UW for 32 years in several Health Science positions and retired as Director of the Dept. of Health Sciences Center for Educational Resources and as an affiliate professor in the Dept. of Medical Education. For the past five years he has researched and written on the subject of comparative religion.

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