



The MI CL Letter

February 2021

Spring Session B

Message from our President - Judy Moore

Adventures In Learning

We've had quite an adventure so far in the Spring Semester—challenging, educational, and just plain fun!

For B session, our journey continues with many returning classes from A Session; it's not too late to join in. Please check the class schedule for those favorite stops.

Of course, no trip would be complete without something new and unexpected along the way. A new Great Decisions class on Critical Global Issues is a stopover on Thursday afternoons, and a light-hearted look at English grammar and spelling, "English is Stupid" is planned for Monday mornings, beginning February 22.

Want to learn more about these classes? We'll make a stop for "lunch" and an introduction to our B Session classes on Thursday, February 11th at noon via Zoom.

A big thank you to our technical team and our presenters. The format may have changed from previous years, but the same quality programs remain. We've gone from horse and buggy to self-driving cars on this adventure!

Judy Moore,

MI CL President



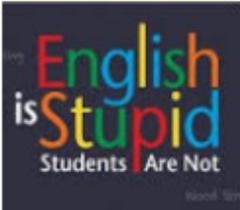


FIELD TRIPS:

**No Field Trips Scheduled at this time
We will advise when we are able to resume**

SESSION B Classes:

**February 15 thru
March 19**

Spring B Session 2021					
February 15 – March 19, 2021					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 to 9:30 AM					
10 am to NOON	 English is Stupid	 Big Ideas in Philosophy	 How Jesus Became GOD	 What in the World?	 Friday at the Movies
1 pm to 3 pm	 Social Hour	 The History of Language	 Writing it Down	 Great Decisions	

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ALL CLASSES ARE HELD

ON ZOOM

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

DURING FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
Judy Moore



ENGLISH IS STUPID: How many times have we heard that- either from our children, our students, or you might have even uttered this yourself!

Why does English grammar and spelling have so many rules, yet just as many exceptions to the rules? Find out the answers (well, maybe some answers) in this light-hearted, educational, fun session!

12:00 NOON TO 1:00 PM **BREAK**

1:00 PM T 3:00 PM

Coordinators:
Wayne & Diana Sicard



SOCIAL HOUR: Social Zoom is a free-ranging social gathering of fellow MICLites. The format and discussion is intended to remind us of gathering around the lunch table in the break room between morning and afternoon classes and just sharing stories or concerns. Now, during our enforced isolation the camaraderie of our group can be even more important in maintaining friendships and social interactions. We hope you will join in on Monday afternoons in A session. Please join us!

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
Jim Pack



GREAT IDEAS IN PHILOSOPHY: Philosophy is the love of wisdom and the pursuit of truth. In this course, we will consider many of the most significant questions in philosophy: What is the nature of truth and knowledge? Does God exist? What is morally right and wrong? What is the meaning of life?

02/16 **#20:** Are Persons Mere Minds? **#21:** How does the brain produce the mind?

02/23 **#22:** Are you really you? **#23:** How does the brain produce the mind?

03/02 **#24:** What do minds do, if anything? **#25:** Could machines think?

03/09 **#26:** How does God define the good? **#27:** Does happiness define the good?

03/16 **#28:** Does reason define the good? **#29:** How ought we to live?

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Coordinator:
David Froba



THE HISTORY OF LANGUAGE: We will use the Great Courses videos for this fascinating 10-week topic. Questions like: When did language begin? (About 50,000 years ago... but how and why?)

How did Latin become French, Italian, etc. (Gradually, but predictably) Are the major languages, English, Spanish, etc. more complicated than the minor ones like Navajo or Apache? (Simpler) When was language first written? (About 6000 years ago) When was the first alphabet created (3800 years ago at Wadi el-Hol in Egypt, and all alphabets are derived from it.)

Is there one language from which all others came? (Maybe. Experts disagree.) How did the Indo-European languages spread?

Hint: not by conquest.) Can you easily learn to speak any sound in any language just by consciously putting your mouth, tongue, and voice box in the right configuration? (Yes. But learning a whole language as an adult is near impossible.) You got more questions, this course has the answers.

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Coordinator:
Jim Pack



HOW JESUS BECAME GOD?: We will uncover the extraordinary story behind an idea that has shaped our civilization: the Christian belief that Jesus of Nazareth was none other than God the Almighty. This course addresses the question of how that happened. How did the rejected Jewish preacher who ended up on the wrong side of the law and was crucified for his efforts, come to be thought of as Lord and creator of all things? How did Jesus become God?

- 02/17 **#11:** What history reveals about the resurrection **#12:** The Disciples' visions of Jesus
- 02/24 **#13:** Jesus's Exaltation-Earliest Christian Views **#14:** The Backward Movement of Christology
- 03/03 **#15:** Paul's View-Christ's Elevated Divinity **#16:** John's View-The World Made Human
- 03/10 **#17:** Was Christ Human? The Docetic View **#18:** The Divided Christ of the Separatists
- 03/17 **#19:** Christ's Dual Nature-Proto-Orthodoxy **#20:** The Birth of the Trinity

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Coordinator:
Millie Starr



WRITING IT DOWN: Be inspired to share your writing efforts in an encouraging and supportive classroom setting. Class members write at home about anything they want, and they share what they write in class when they are ready.

The goal of the class is to support one another in the writing process and learn by doing. Come join our writing community as a writer or listener.

10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
Dorothy Winke



WHAT IN THE WORLD?: Have you ever watched TV or read a news paper article, opinion, or letter to the editor and really wanted to discuss or react to what you read? *What in the World?* is just the class for you. We discuss all kinds of issues and happenings from your neighborhood, local, regional, state, national, and world news. You bring in the topic, introduce it, and we all discuss it with the help of a new class facilitator each five week session. A number of class members have real expertise to lend to a number of discussions. Learn something new every day. Join the camaraderie.

12:00 NOON TO 1:00 PM **BREAK**

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Coordinator:
Richard Cato



GREAT DECISIONS: Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Here are the topics for this year's discussion:

- 02/18 Global supply chains and national security: by Jonathan Chanis
- 02/25 Persian Gulf security issues: by Lawrence G. Potter
- 03/04 Brexit and the European Union: by Harris LaTeef
- 03/11 Struggles over the melting Arctic: by Stephanie Pezard
- 03/18 No Class

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Coordinator:
Carol Sullivan



BOOK CLUB: We meet the last Thursday of each Session. We read a nonfiction book one month and a fiction book the next month. The book is suggested and selected by the group and will be moderated by the person that suggested the book title. Our group is open to everyone, even if you have not read or have previously read the book. Please feel free to join the group for any of the meetings. Keep Reading!

March 18, 2021:

“THE OTHER BENNETT SISTER”, BY JANICE HADLOW Moderated by Lila Bradshaw

Mary, the bookish ugly duckling of *Pride and Prejudice’s* five Bennet sisters, emerges from the shadows and transforms into a desired woman with choices of her own. What if Mary Bennet’s life took a different path from that laid out for her in *Pride and Prejudice*? What if the frustrated intellectual of the Bennet family, the marginalized middle daughter, the plain girl who takes refuge in her books, eventually found the fulfillment enjoyed by her prettier, more confident sisters? This is the plot of Janice Hadlow's *The Other Bennet Sister*, a debut novel with exactly the affection and authority to satisfy Jane Austen fans.

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
Ron Rutschman



FRIDAY AT THE MOVIES: Start your weekend relaxation with a film classic or foreign film (subtitled in English, of course) that will carry you away to other times and other places. Discussion encouraged but not required. Details of the movies are posted just before the semester starts.

- 02/19 - “The Graduate”
- 02/26 - “The Princess Bride”
- 03/05 - “Mister Roberts”
- 03/12 - “Pride and Prejudice”
- 03/19 - “Contact”, Hosted by Richard Anderson

EVENT SCHEDULE

Session B Starts	Feb 15, 2021		
Curriculum Committee	Mar 02	3:15 pm	
Board Meeting	Feb 10	3:15 pm	
Book Club	Mar 18	1:00 pm	
Session B Ends	Mar 19, 2021		



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