



The MI CL Letter

January 2021

Spring Session A

Message from our President - Judy Moore

Adventures In Learning

As we motor along our “Adventures in Learning” for the Spring Semester, I’m continually amazed at our talented MI CL members and guests. How could we have continued on this journey without our committee chairs, coordinators, speakers, technical crew, and communication leaders? A special thank you as well to our greeting card team. Of course, we couldn’t have had such great experiences without them. It would be like embarking on a road trip without GPS, gas stations, companions, and a camera to record those experiences. It simply would not happen (or be nearly as fun!). I am so grateful for this group of MI CL members who make our learning so rich. We will continue to spend a large part of this life adventure at home, and MI CL will be there to provide knowledge, entertainment, and socialization. We have a great lineup of places to “visit”, so please check out the course list. Of course, we have returning favorites, and I’m especially excited to see new topics, such as “Family Interviews and Reunions”, “The History of Language” and Yay!! We get to “Travel”! Have a wonderful holiday season, however you celebrate, and we’ll see you in January.

Judy Moore, MI CL president



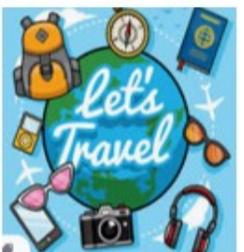


FIELD TRIPS:

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

SESSION A Classes:

**January 11 thru
February 12**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 to 9:30 AM					
10 am to NOON	 Family Interviews and Reunions	 Great Ideas in Philosophy	 When 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	 Travels	

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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:
Betty Stewart



FAMILY INTERVIEWS AND REUNIONS: Want to make a record of your grandchildren as they grow up so you and they can see the changes? Or do you want them to interview you or that elderly uncle with wonderful stories to tell? You can learn how to create a “living” history of your family that can be passed to the next generation in this class on interviewing. Record your family history while you still can and before it is lost. I will be using clips from an Amazon series and personal DVDs. Getting family members together for a reunion celebrates your unique family makeup and history and can be loads of fun. Many of you who have already done this can contribute what you’ve learned to help others in the process. How does one get started in planning a family reunion? What are the steps? Let’s put our heads together to share our experiences and make it easier for others in this important family activity.

1/11 - 2/1 I will illustrate how the interviewing is done.
2/8 - Planning Family Reunions

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

1:00 PM T 3:00 PM

Coordinators:
Wayne & Diana Sicard



SOCIAL HOUR: A session 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?

- 01/12 **#10:** Can Mystical Experience Justify Belief? **#11:** Is Faith Ever Rational?
- 01/19 **#12:** Why Is There Something Rather Than Nothing? **#13:** What Is God Like?
- 01/26 **#14:** How Could God Allow Moral Evil? **#15:** Why Would God Cause Natural Evil?
- 02/02 **#16:** Are Freedom and Foreknowledge Compatible? **#17:** Do Our Souls Make Us Free?
- 02/09 **#18:** What Does It Mean to Be Free? **#19:** What Preserves Personal Identity?

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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



WHEN DID JESUS BECOME A 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?

- 01/13 **1:** Jesus-The Man Who Became God **2:** Greco-Roman Gods Who Became Human
- 01/20 **3:** Humans as Gods in the Greco-Roman World **4:** Gods Who Were Human in Ancient Judaism
- 01/27 **5:** Ancient Jews Who Were Gods **6:** The Life and Teachings of Jesus
- 02/03 **7:** Did Jesus Think He Was God? **8:** The Death of Jesus-Historical Certainties
- 02/10 **9:** Jesus's Death-What Historians Can't Know **10:** The Resurrection-What Historians Can't Know

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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:
Diedre Bush



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.

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Coordinator:
Richard Anderson



TRAVELS: Join our intrepid MICL World Explorers on a far-flung, mask-free explorations to lands like Germany and the Czech Republic, to Nicaragua and beyond. The details for each week's travels will be posted in the Weekly Update, every Friday.

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- 01/14 To be announced
- 01/21 To be announced
- 01/28 To be announced
- 02/04 To be announced
- 02/11 To be announced

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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!

“THE RECKONING” BY JOHN GRISHAM Moderated by Rita Matthews

Pete Banning was Clanton, Mississippi’s favorite son—a decorated World War II hero, the patriarch of a prominent family, a farmer, father, neighbor, and a faithful member of the Methodist church. Then one cool October morning he rose early, drove into town, and committed a shocking crime. Pete’s only statement about it—to the sheriff, to his lawyers, to the judge, to the jury, and to his family—was: “I have nothing to say.” He was not afraid of death and was willing to take his motive to the grave.

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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.

01/15 - “Deadly Dressers” A Netflix documentary, hosted by Betty Stewart

01/22 – “Before Midnight” The last of the Richard Linklater trilogy we began in Nov.

01/29 – “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid” Paul Newman, Robert Redford, Katherine Ross

02/05 – “Tootsie” (for John Stott) Dustin Hoffman

02/12 – “Amadeus” (for Dorothy Winke) Tom Hulce, F. Murray Abraham, (the Mozart Story)

EVENT SCHEDULE

Session A Starts	Jan 11, 2021		
Curriculum Committee	Jan 12	3:15 pm	
Board Meeting	Jan 13	3:15 pm	
Book Club	Feb 11	1:00 pm	
Session A Ends	Feb 12, 2021		



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