

Weekly Update Fall Session October 3 - October 7, 2022

WEBSITE: micl-online.org

Most of our classes will be held in person, with the exception of Social Hour/Social Zoom and MICL Book Club, which will be held via Zoom, and you will receive an email invitation before each Social Zoom session. You will wait in a waiting room until the host lets you into the group. If you do not receive an email invitation, please call Annette Olsen at (916) 215-6967.

FACEBOOK: Enter MICL in search field then at site click on +Join Group.

Monday, October 3 - 10:00 AM – NOON: UNDERSTANDING RUSSIA - A CULTURAL HISTORY

Coordinator: **Betty Stewart**

Join us as we try to understand what it means to be “Russian.”

1st Hour: The Russian Orthodox Church

2nd Hour: Peter the Great and a European Empire

Plus: Interesting facts about everyday Russian life and customs

Monday, October 3 - 1:00 PM 3:00 PM: BRIDGE

Coordinator: **Ron Rutschman**

This is a long-standing class that is finally returning, now that we are back in-person. As always, this class serves both experienced players and members who have never played bridge and want to learn something new.

Tuesday, October 4, 10:00 AM – NOON: YOSEMITE, JOHN MUIR, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT

Coordinator: **Anita Young**

1st Hour Presenter: Jeff Olson, Yokuts Group of the Sierra Club: Hiking in Yosemite and other wild areas.

2nd Hour Presenter: David Froba: the Audubon Society.
Dave Froba, long time local Audubon activist, will describe Audubon from three perspectives. One, the man: John James Audubon, a painter and the first prominent American naturalist. Two, the National Audubon Society, the first major American environmental organization. Three, the local Stanislaus Audubon Society, an example of the vibrant local chapters that are the strength of National Audubon.

NOTE: The Haggin Museum in Stockton is featuring an exhibit on Yosemite, titled Yosemite People, through October 16. <https://hagginmuseum.org/exhibitions/yosemite-people/>

Tuesday, October 4, 1:00 PM 3:00 PM: SOCIAL ZOOM

Coordinators: **Wayne and Diana Sicard**

If you're missing your friends during these days of social distancing, consider joining our MICL Zoom social hour. It's fun, and it will lift your spirits more than you might imagine. Time spent talking and hanging out with people will lift your mood! Please join us!

Wednesday, October 5, 10:00 AM – NOON: WORLD WAR I

Coordinators: **Hugh Brererton and Wayne Sicard**

Our Presentation on World War I is being presented by volunteer members of MICL with an interest in history. You will not learn “all about World War I”, but rather specific topics chosen by the individual members, including the Start of the War; Aviation; Propaganda; the War Years of 1917 and 1918; and Versailles where the Treaty was signed.

Wednesday, October 5, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: WRITING IT DOWN

Coordinator: **Joyce Starkey**

Do you like to write? Do you have family stories you want to share with your grandkids? Do you like to write poetry? If you answered yes to any of these questions, come join our writing group. Write anything you like at home and bring it to class when you are ready to share. We will enjoy what you wrote and offer friendly feedback. Don't worry, sharing is always voluntary! If you are not sure, come and listen to check it out. Come and join our writing community of writers and listeners.

Thursday, October 6, 10:00 AM – NOON: CURRENT EVENTS (formerly What in the World)

Coordinator: **Duane Nelson**

Have you ever watched TV or read a newspaper article, opinion, or letter to the editor and really wanted to discuss or react to what you read? “Current Events” 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 our collective expertise.

Thursday, October 6, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: THE BIG BANG AND BEYOND

Coordinator: **Diedre Bush**

B Session of The Big Bang and Beyond is a continuation of the Course that began in A Session. We explore the idea that the Big Bang model may not apply to regions outside the observable universe. In some, the Big Bang happened earlier or later than ours and their

evolution might be very different, have different particles and forces and may not even be three-dimensional like ours.

1st Hour: From the Big Bang to the Universes Fate

2nd Hour: The Future of Early Cosmology

Friday, October 7, 10:00 AM – NOON: FRIDAY AT THE MOVIES

Coordinator: **Ed Padilla**

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.

Carnival of Souls - 1962- Horror -- Unrated

The plot follows Mary Henry - a young woman who is disturbed after car accident. She finds herself unable assimilate with local society and becomes drawn to an abandoned carnival. Cult Classic.

FUTURE MICL EVENTS AND CLASSES

MICL Field Trip - Tuesday, October 11, 2022. John Muir National Historic Site, Martinez, CA. REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED. No Social Zoom that afternoon.

POTLUCK SESSION B 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, October 27, 2022

BOOK CLUB - October 27, 2022 has been canceled for this one meeting only. Our next meeting will be December 8, 2022, IN PERSON In the Classroom after the potluck. We have selected a book that is 400 pages so we hope many of you will take the time to read with us and join us at our first IN PERSON class since the dreaded covid had reared its head.

Session C:

“THE BOOK OF LOST NAMES”, BY KRISTEN HARMEL

December 8, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

Inspired by an astonishing true story from World War II, a young woman with a talent for forgery helps hundreds of Jewish Children flee the Nazis in this historical novel. As a Polish-Jew graduate student in 1942, Eva was forced to flee Paris. She begins forging identity documents for Jewish children so they can flee to neutral Switzerland. Erasing people comes with a price, and Eva decides she must find a way to preserve the real names of the children who are too young to remember who they really are. The records kept in The Book of Lost Names will become even more vital when the resistance cell helping is betrayed.