

## **Weekly Update Fall Session A     September 18 - September 22, 2023**

WEBSITE: [micl-online.org](http://micl-online.org)

Most of our classes will be held in person, with the exception of Social Hour/Social Zoom, 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, September 18, 10:00 AM - NOON: TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD**

Coordinator: **Jerry Jackman**

In this class we bring in MICL members and friends of members to tell us about their trips, near as well as far and wide. You can expect lots of great pictures, perhaps videos, and most of all, stories about the trips. In addition to the experience of virtually going along on these trips, you will learn how the trip was planned and other background information. For good reason, this course has consistently been the MICL class with the largest attendance.

MICL travel comes to opposite ends of North America this week. First hour Betty Stewart presents Molokai, a lesser-known island of Hawaii. Second hour Jerry Jackman, the class coordinator, will show and tell about a campervan trip from Martha's Vineyard up the New England coast and across in search of Fall colors.

### **Monday, September 18, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: THE ART OF THE DOCUMENTARY**

Coordinator: **Betty Stewart**

An often-overlooked art form, documentaries cover a wide range of subjects - people, strange events and places and things you would normally never learn about. Join us for a diverse collection of documentaries, followed by discussion.

1st Hour - Werner Herzog

2nd Hour - The Early 1900's -The Seeds of Progress

### **Tuesday, September 19, 10:00 AM - NOON: THE FALL AND RISE OF CHINA**

Coordinator: **Jerry Jackman**

China is a world in transition, a civilization represented by a nation state. In area, China is Half the size of Russia, but its population is 1.45 billion compared to that of Russia at 145 million. With the Chinese Community Party's aggressive counterintelligence and espionage actions against the US, are they the biggest threat to our democracy? On the heels of our Russia course, join us in this comprehensive look at China to decide for yourself.

The Manchu Empire is in pathetic decline as it contends with decadence within and Barbarians without. Professor Baum's lectures continue with "Hundred days of reform and the Boxer uprising" followed by discussion and breaktime. Second hour brings us to "The End of Empire, 1900 to 1911". We'll have a lot to talk about.

### **Tuesday, September 19, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: SOCIAL ZOOM**

**Coordinator: Diana Sicard**

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

### **Wednesday, September 20, 10:00 AM - NOON: LAW SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE- CRIMINAL LAW**

**Coordinator: MICL Legal Team**

LAW SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE

Presenter: Martha Carlson Magaña

This week attorney Martha Carlson Magaña will apply her 47 years of experience as a criminal defense attorney in explaining the following two topics.

#### 1st Hour: DUE PROCESS AND THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL

In the modern era of criminal procedure, due process and effective legal assistance are considered fundamental rights, guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution to defendants in all criminal proceedings, state and federal. But this wasn't always the case. This lecture examines the development of the law in this area, including the shift in constitutional interpretation that allowed the U.S. Supreme Court to change the way states handle criminal cases.

#### 2nd Hour: GOVERNMENT SEARCHES AND PRIVACY RIGHTS

In this lecture, you'll explore the fascinating history behind the Fourth Amendment. You'll also look closely at the amendment's scope, examining in particular, the terms "search" and "seizure." These terms define the nature and extent of the Fourth Amendment's privacy protections, and greatly influence how the police investigate crimes.

### **Wednesday, September 20, 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, September 21, 10:00 AM – NOON: CURRENT EVENTS**

Coordinator: **Dorothy Winke**

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? This class allows and encourages you to do just that. We discuss all kinds of issues and happenings, local, regional, statewide, national, worldwide, and occasionally universe-wide. You bring in the topic, introduce it, and we all discuss it with the help of our considerable collective expertise. We are very careful to respect the rights of all to express their opinions.

## **Thursday, September 21, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: ROME IN MOVIES**

Coordinator: **Duane Nelson**

Our ideas of Ancient Rome are based on portrayals from Hollywood movies. Emperors, Roman armies, slaves, gladiators, Christianity, downfall of Rome, evolution into the modern Western world. In this 4-week course, we take a look at 8 most famous/memorable movies about Roman Antiquity. An historian of ancient Rome discusses each of the 8 movies, and we comment. History or fiction?

- 1) The Life of Brian: The Roman World's Funny Place
- 2) Gladiator: The Historical Epic Revived

## **Friday, September 22, 10:00 AM - Noon: FRIDAY AT THE MOVIES**

Coordinator: **Noel Russell**

Start your weekend relaxation with a film that will carry you away to other times and other places. Discussion encouraged but not required.

**To Live** (2:13) "After Fugui and Jiazhen lose their personal fortunes, they raise a family and survive difficult cultural changes during 1940s to 1970s China."

## **Friday, September 22, 1 PM - MICL BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON**



We will gather at Mimi's on September 22nd at 1 PM. Let Dorothy Winke know you are coming, by sending an email to [dorothywinke@gmail.com](mailto:dorothywinke@gmail.com), a text message to her at 209-499-2129, or easier still, tell her in person at MICL. Be sure to remind her if it is your birthday month so you can receive a free dessert provided by Mimi's.

## **FUTURE MICL EVENTS**

**Thursday, September 28, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM: Session A Potluck**

**Thursday, September 28, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Session A Book Club**

**NOTE:** At the meeting after the potluck, we will select the two books for Section B and C. Please send me your suggestions and I will have the list posted before class meets on the 28th. It can be a classic, your current favorite or a Pulitzer winner you've always wanted to read.

I will also be leading a class in Session C which is a discussion class of our favorite books. If you would like to discuss a book, please email me at [cjsullivan28@comcast.net](mailto:cjsullivan28@comcast.net). Your discussion time will be 40 minutes with time for discussion. **I need 8 wonderful volunteers.** Thanks.

CODE BREAKER BY WALTER ISAACSON  
IN CLASSROOM (OFFICE)

We will be finishing the second half of the book, and **SELECTING TWO BOOKS FOR SESSIONS B and C. One fiction, one nonfiction.**

**Nobel Prize winner Jennifer Doudna and her colleagues launched a revolution that will allow us to cure diseases, fend off viruses, and have healthier babies.**

When Jennifer Doudna was in sixth grade, she came home one day to find that her dad had left a paperback titled *The Double Helix* on her bed. She put it aside, thinking it was one of those detective tales she loved. When she read it on a rainy Saturday, she discovered she was right, in a way. As she sped through the pages, she became enthralled by the intense drama behind the competition to discover the code of life. Even though her high school counselor told her girls didn't become scientists, she decided she would.

Driven by a passion to understand how nature works and to turn discoveries into inventions, she would help to make what the book's author of *Double Helix*, James Watson, told her was the most important biological advance since his co-discovery of the structure of DNA. She and her collaborators turned a curiosity of nature into an invention that will transform the human race: an easy-to-use tool that can edit DNA. Known as CRISPR, it opened a brave new world of medical miracles and moral questions.



**Shopping**

**Dinner**

**Cocktail Cruise - "ALIVE AFTER 5"**

**OLD SACRAMENTO RIVER CRUISE and *TIME FOR SHOPPING* \$\$**

**OCTOBER 20, 2023**

**12:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**\$55.00 (non-refundable)**

**Make Check out to MICL: Mail to Roger Jackson, 2376 Valentine Court, Turlock, CA 95382**

**Payment due: August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**DINNER (on your own) BEFORE THE CRUISE - Restaurant to be determined**



**Leave EL Capitan – 12:00 noon**

**Arrive Old Sacramento 1:30 p.m. – SHOPPING TIME**

**Dinner 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. (on your own) at Joe's Crab Shack or Rio City Café or??**

**Board River Cruise – 5:30 p.m.**

**Leave boat dock – 6:00 p.m. Return to dock 7:30 p.m.**

**Return to Modesto – 9:00 ish....**

Head out on City Cruises' ALIVE **AFTER 5 - Cocktail Cruise**, the only party you can't find on land! Sip on some drinks from the bar and take in the fresh river breezes and sounds from the DJ, as you cruise under the Tower Bridge and past the Sacramento city lights.

## MICL – Field Trip to Sacramento

**Immersed in the Arts**

**December 1, 2023**

**\$65 - includes lunch (non-refundable)**

**ONLY 26 SPOTS AVAILABLE**

**Due: November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Mail a check payable to: MICL**

**Send to Roger Jackson, 2376 Valentine Court, Turlock, CA 95382**



### **Enjoy the Art of Cooking**

**Café Napoli** was founded on October 13, 1992, by Hassi Sadri. It has been the place to go-to for mouth-watering gourmet dishes and for the best event caterings.

You will be sure to enjoy this cooking experience! This is the Disneyland ride of cooking classes. You will experience the wonderful talents of the funny Chef Hassi and his fellow culinary experts.

You'll learn priceless cooking tips and great traditional recipes, sample many foods, get hands-on experience making your own food that you get to eat and bring home. Full bar is available as well. Desserts for purchase! You don't want to miss this **FUN** experience!



**The Crocker Art Museum** features the world's foremost display of California art and is renowned for its holdings of European master drawings and international ceramics. The Crocker serves as the primary regional resource for the study and appreciation of fine art and offers a diverse spectrum of exhibitions, events, and programs to augment its collections, including films, concerts, studio classes, lectures, children's activities, and more.

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#### **Itinerary:**

Depart the El Capitan - Modesto 8:30 a.m.

Arrive at Napoli Culinary Academy – 10:15 a.m.

Culinary Experience – 10:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Crocker Museum 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Arrive Modesto – 7:30 p.m.