

Weekly Update Spring Session C April 22 - April 26, 2024

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Most of our classes will be held in person, with the exception of Social Hour/Social Zoom. See "Friday" below for the link to enter the Zoom Session. If you are unable to enter the session, please call Annette Olsen at (916) 215-6967.

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

Monday, April 22, 10:00 AM - NOON: TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD

Coordinator: **Arleen Allsup**

1st Hour Presenters [Jerry Jackman and Sandy Wilson - Tsunami Vagabonds](#)

During their 20 years of marriage Jerry Jackman and Sandy Wilson have taken five journeys across the Pacific. [The second long trip was along the Indian Ocean periphery of South and Southeast Asia in 2006.](#) They will reminisce about these travels in a selection they call "Tsunami Vagabonds".

They will use a previously recorded DVD.

Monday, April 22, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: THE RISE AND FALL OF CHINA

Coordinator: **Jerry Jackman**

Tension has been building for years! Xi Jinping has lit the fuse for an attack on Taiwan. He also has designs on Arunachal Province in NE India which the CCP calls "little Tibet". China drew a line in the South China Sea and declared its sovereignty. What's going on? With the help of YouTube videos and expert analysis, we will analyze this dangerous game. This is the grand finale of our year-long "Fall and Rise of China" class. It's now or never.

Tuesday, April 23, 10:00 AM - NOON: EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT WELFARE... BUT NEVER KNEW WHAT OR WHOM TO ASK!

Coordinator: **Richard Cato**

1st Hour: Presenter: [Angelique Altamirano](#)

Instead of Christen Rocha presenting on Medi-Cal part 3, there will be a discussion regarding community partnerships. The presenter will be [Angelique Altamirano, Manager III](#), discussing the Community Services Agency's community partnerships established within the county to better assist families."

2nd Hour: Presenters: [Jose Michel, Ana Tejada, Hilario Ramirez](#) - Adult Protective Services & Home Safe Program

A discussion around elder abuse and the Adult Protective Services (APS) Program administered by the Community Services Agency, and also the newest addition to the APS program, Home Safe.

Home Safe is a sub-program of APS, but the scope of home safe is to address the growing number of older adults that are falling into homelessness.

Tuesday, April 23, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: THE JOY OF GARDENING

Coordinator: **Anita Young**

1st Hour: Advanced Gardening Techniques - Composting and Companion Planting

2nd Hour: “Pest Management in Vegetable Gardens,” with Master Gardener Program Director Anne Schellman

Wednesday, April 24, 10:00 AM – NOON: CANADA

Coordinator: **Ron Rutschman**

In recent years MICL Members have learned a great deal about two Asian countries, Russia and China. This spring we will examine a country a little closer to home. Canada has ten provinces and three territories that are subnational administrative divisions under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Constitution. In the 1867 Canadian Confederation, three provinces of British North America—New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and the Province of Canada (which upon Confederation was divided into Ontario and Quebec)—united to form a federation, becoming a fully independent country over the next century. We intend to explore both Province and Territory including their history, geology, major cities and politics.

Wednesday, April 24, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: WRITING IT DOWN

Coordinator: **Joyce Starkey**

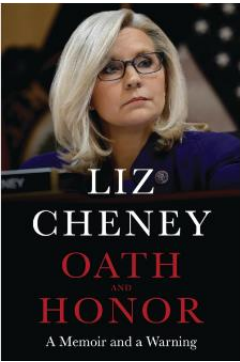
Do you like to write? Do you have family stories you want to share with your grandkids? Do you like to write poetry? If you answered yes to any of these questions, come join our writing group. Write anything you like at home and bring it to class when you are ready to share. We will enjoy what you wrote 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, April 25, 10:00 AM – NOON: CURRENT EVENTS

Coordinator: **David Froba**

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. We are very careful to respect the rights of all to express their opinions.

Thursday, April 25, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: MICL BOOK CLUB



Coordinator: **Arleen Allsup**

Oath and Honor by Liz Cheney

In the aftermath of the 2020 presidential election, Donald Trump and many around him, including certain other elected Republican officials, intentionally breached their oath to the Constitution: they ignored the rulings of dozens of courts, plotted to overturn a lawful election, and provoked a violent attack on our Capitol. Liz Cheney, one of the few Republican officials to take a stand against these efforts, witnessed the attack first-hand, and then helped lead the Congressional Select Committee investigation into how it happened. In *Oath and Honor*, she tells the story of this perilous moment in our history, those who helped Trump spread the stolen election lie, those whose actions preserved our constitutional framework, and the risks we still face.

Friday, April 26, 10:00 AM – NOON: FRIDAY AT THE MOVIES

Coordinator: **Noel Russell**

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.

The Constant Gardener

Based on the novel by John Le Carre.

“In a remote area of Northern Kenya, activist Tessa Quayle is found brutally murdered. Tessa's companion, a doctor, appears to have fled the scene, and all the evidence points to a crime of passion.” (129 min.)

Friday, April 26, 11:00 - 2:00 - FIELD TRIP - **see flyer below for details**

Friday, April 26, 3:30 to 4:30 SOCIAL ZOOM

Coordinator: **Diana Sicard**

We are resuming Social Zoom on Fridays from 3:30 til 4:30 (giving ourselves permission to talk longer if we haven't finished at 4:30!) If you haven't joined us--or it has been a while--please give us a try. It's like sitting around the lunch table and talking about whatever suits us at the moment. We have come to know our fellow "Zoomers" better, in a way that is different from seeing them in class. Unlike in the past, we are going to be using one zoom invitation that will be good all year long. You won't need to wait until just before the meeting to get the invitation. The following is the information you need to join. Join Zoom Meeting here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89193079434?pwd=VTF1YStmbDgwNVExdnRQK3psdkVIZz09>

Meeting ID: 891 9307 9434 Passcode: 720691

FUTURE MICL EVENTS

TUESDAY, MAY 7, ANNUAL INSTALLATION LUNCHEON *NO POTLUCK

At the end of C Session, we forgo the potluck for our Annual Installation Luncheon, more details to come. At this luncheon we will review the past year, give out awards, and install the new board members. There will also be presentations by the class coordinators about each class in the upcoming session.

Payment Deadline is this Tuesday, May 23rd

Splash and Engage in Knowledge!



MICL Annual Luncheon 2024

MJC West Campus
Mary Stuart Rogers Building
(Cafeteria Building)



Tuesday, May 7, 2024
11:00 am



Buffet Lunch

Lemon Pepper Herb Chicken Breast, Vegetarian Lasagna,
Tossed Greens and Spring Veggies with Champagne Vinaigrette,
Rice Pilaf, Roll with Butter, Dessert.

Cost is \$28.00 per person, and guests are welcome.
Payments must be received by April 23, 2024

Send checks (payable to MICL) to:
Debi Jackson, 2376 Valentine Court, Turlock, CA 95382



MICL FIELD TRIP
Garden Tours
Friday, April 26, 2024



(PLEASE BE ON TIME)

Itinerary: Meet at the following locations:

**Tour # 1 – La Loma Native Garden – (Est. 2017) – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1805 Encina Avenue, Modesto CA 95354**



**Tour # 2 – 12:30 -2:00 p.m. - Modesto Home of Richard Anderson and Lynn Hansen
915 Melinda Lane, Modesto CA 95350**

BRING YOUR OWN SACK LUNCH & LAWN CHAIR / WATER PROVIDED

RSVP TO: rogjaxn@me.com if you are planning to attend

Some people want a
big house, designer clothes,
and an expensive car.



Others **create a garden** where
they can escape those people.