

Weekly Update Fall Session B October 20- October 24, 2025

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Monday, October 20, 10:00 AM - NOON: GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Coordinator: **Debi Jackson**

Each week two MICL members share their unique life stories. As you listen you may connect to something in your own life experiences. These might be birthplace, school, employment, sports or family. It is these connections and the presenter's story that makes this five week series so enjoyable.

Presenters: Don Doud; Margaret Olson

Monday, October 20, 1:00 to 3:00 PM - OVERVIEW OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

Coordinator: **Scott Griffin**

Last week Professor Davis used the Haber-Bosch synthesis of ammonia to illustrate reversible reactions and how they can be driven to completion. He then showed the stepwise mechanism of the Wöhler synthesis of urea from ammonium cyanate. This week we will briefly review the hybrid orbitals of carbon and sigma and pi bonds. Professor Davis will discuss acid-base chemistry in relation to organic acids and bases. In the food science series Dean Russin will go into the chemistry of the Maillard reaction which leads to browning of meats and gravies as we observed in last week's cooking of a chicken dinner.

Tuesday, October 21, 10:00 AM - NOON: THE MONGOL EMPIRE

Coordinator: **Betty Stewart**

The Mongols in Russia - the Golden Horde.

Did the Black Death start with the Mongols?

Travels of Marco Polo in the Mongol Empire.

What impact has the Mongol Empire had on Russia both in the past and today?

Tuesday, October 21, 1:00 to 3:00 PM - YOUR DECEPTIVE MIND

Coordinator: **Bob Droual**

Science versus Pseudoscience

Many claims label themselves as scientific-but are they really? Break down the concept of pseudoscience by exploring some of its most prominent features (or warning signs), including its tendency to work backward from desired results, its shifting of the burden of proof onto others, and its bold claims that go beyond evidence.

The Many Kinds of Pseudoscience

Deconstruct several specific examples of pseudoscience to see how its various features work. You'll investigate the pseudoscience behind iridology (the idea that our irises reflect our health), photographs that claim to capture ghosts, psychic abilities such as precognition, spontaneous human combustion, and more.34 min

Wednesday, October 22, 10:00 AM – NOON: WHITE NATIONALISM AND HOW WE MOVE FORWARD

Coordinator: **Bruce Clifton**

The following topic was listed for last week, but was delayed. In the first hour, we'll study examples of how the actual intentions of our Founding Fathers and their political decisions were re-written to convince the public that the United States was founded as a Christian nation. In the second hour, we'll dive deeper into revealing the sleight-of-hand techniques used to propagandize and spread the "Christian nation" message to this day.

Wednesday, October 22, 1:00 - 3:00 PM: WRITERS AND READERS

Coordinator: **Joyce Starkey**

If you like to write, bring anything you've written to share with the group. It can be memoirs, poetry, non-fiction, fiction, an editorial, a travel piece, etc. We'll enjoy hearing it and discussing it.

If you like to read, when you come across something you feel to be especially good - like a descriptive phrase, or how the book was started - bring it in to share. You can also bring a favorite poem or share something from a favorite author. If what you want to share is in a printed format, taking a photo of it with your phone is a quick and easy way to capture it.

We hope you come and share with us on Wednesday afternoons.

Thursday, October 23, 10:00 AM – NOON: CURRENT EVENTS

Coordinator: **Dorothy Winke**

CURRENT EVENTS: 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 23, 1:00 - 3:00 PM: LONDON IN THE 60s/TRIUMPH OF THE BEATLES

Coordinator: **Bob Droual**

The Summer of Sgt. Pepper's

Go inside the invention of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, an experiment in everything that was untried and risky that allowed the Beatles to start over as a different group. From "A Day in the Life" to "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds," consider the album's surreal, psychedelic appeal—both then and now.

Hello, Goodbye: The End of the 1960s

In their last years together, all four of the Beatles seemed headed in new directions as they grew up—and apart. Nevertheless, witness how these final years brought a range of sounds, including protest songs, mystic melodies, anthems of friendship, and an iconic double album called simply, The Beatles, but better known as the “White Album.”

Friday, October 24, 10:00 AM - NOON: Friday at the Movies

Coordinator: **Noel Russell**

Start your weekend with a film, related to our current classes, that will carry you away to other times and places. After the movie, those who wish gather at a local eatery for lunch and discussion. The movie details are posted in the Weekly Up-date on the prior Friday.

The Big Hit

A beleaguered hit man's professional and domestic woes collide when he's tricked into kidnapping the goddaughter of his boss. A simple summary can't do justice to this frenetic farce, which might even be a recruiting film for bad behavior. (91 minutes)

Future MICL events

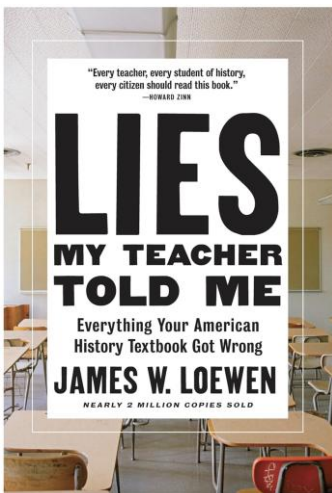
Thursday, October 30, 11:30 PM - 1:00 PM – POTLUCK

Thursday, October 30, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - MICL BOOK CLUB

Coordinator: **Arleen Allsup**

Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong by James W. Loewen

Tenth Anniversary Edition*



What started out as a survey of the twelve leading American history textbooks has ended up being what the San Francisco Chronicle calls “an extremely convincing plea for truth in education.” In Lies My Teacher Told Me, James W. Loewen brings history alive in all its complexity and ambiguity. Beginning with pre-Columbian history and ranging over characters and events as diverse as Reconstruction, Helen Keller, the first Thanksgiving, and the My Lai massacre, Loewen offers an eye-opening critique of existing textbooks, and a wonderful retelling of American history as it should—and could—be taught to American students.

*A completely revised edition of James W. Loewen’s classic retelling of American history, based on six new textbooks and including an all-new chapter on the recent past. Features a new introduction by the

author.

Saturday, November 15 - MICL Field Trip to The Million Dollar Quartet Christmas - see flyer below

Friday, November 21, 1 PM - MICL BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON



We will gather at Mimi's on November 21st at 1 PM. Let Dorothy Winke know you are coming by sending 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.

MICL FIELD TRIP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th
2:00 P.M.



SEATS ARE \$30 EACH

SIERRA REP Theatre, 13891 MONO WAY SONORA CA. 95310

Deadline to pay: October 20 th

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Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley come together again to celebrate the holidays in a knock-out Holiday musical experience! Please join us !

NOTE: Dinner at Standard Pour – 4:30 p.m.

CALL Dan Gorman if you want to be included in the dinner reservations. 209-404-3799