

# ALL Virtual Lecture Series, January – June 2021

Your Lecture Committee has set up a virtual lecture schedule for January-June 2021. Here is a brief description of the Lectures through April 5. More details, and topics for later in the “semester” – through June (*as there will not be a Week of Learning in 2021*) will come after the new year and when the individual Lectures draw near. (*Lecture coordinators’ names are given at end of the descriptions*).

Lectures will continue to be held on Mondays at 2pm (See below for dates). We will also continue using the online platform Collaborate Ultra to broadcast the lectures. The lectures will be announced via email the week before and then the morning of with details on the talk, AND with the LINK and instructions for accessing them.

## **Jan. 11: “Wisconsin Courts – Justice in a Time of Pandemic”**

When the pandemic upended all of our lives, the Wisconsin court system, like other institutions, was challenged to develop strategies to keep functioning safely and effectively, while staying within its Constitutional and legal limits. How has that gone? Since her retirement in 2018, **Racine County Reserve Judge Emily Mueller** has been active in judicial education as a frequent speaker and Associate Dean of the Wisconsin Judicial College. She is a past chair of the board of Gateway Technical College. She currently serves on the board of The Racine Theatre Guild - and has also performed on their stage! (*Linda Flashinski*)

## **January 25: "A Journey through America's National Park System"**

A virtual tour of some of the most interesting of the 419 US National Park Service units presented by **David Kroese**, a public speaker and author of the first book to provide a narrative of all those sites. Mr. Kroese is one of less than fifty people who has visited all the national parks and has presented many lectures on his travels, including to lifelong learning groups at Rock Valley College and Beloit College. His book, published in 2019, is titled "The Centennial: A Journey through America's National Park System." Be prepared to ask questions about parks you may want to visit once we can travel again. (*Meredith Clubb*)

## **February 1: "After the Election - Prospects in a Post (?) Trumpian Republic"**

The 2020 presidential election was unique in multiple ways, from its high levels of polarized engagement, the pandemic context in which it played out, and the modality with which votes were cast, to the rhetorical and legal conflicts of the interregnum. **What now?**

**Professor Jerald Mast**, Chair of Political Science at Carthage College, has been teaching public policy, American Government, and environmental politics at Carthage since 2002. His most recent publication is *Climate Change Politics and Policies in America: Historical and Modern Documents in Context*, Volumes 1 and 2, in ABC-Clio / Greenwood Press, 2018. Dr. Mast has spoken to us twice before, including a talk in early 2017, after Mr. Trump’s election. (*Larry Gregg*)

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## February 15: “Understanding the Rainbow - the LGBTQ+ Community”

**Barb Farrar**, Executive Director of the LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin, and **Carl Hubbard**, Board President of the Center will give us some “training” – with short videos, vocabulary, and tips on understanding and supporting the Community. Barb Farrar has been leading the Center since July of 2018 and comes from a Human Resources background. She currently sits on the Affirmative Action and Human Resources Committee of Racine. Carl Hubbard is a retired SC Johnson technical writer and has represented the community on numerous boards and committees in Racine, most recently the Affirmative Action and Human Rights Committee and the Police Commission for the city. Both are out members of the LGBTQ+ community. (*Doris Nice*)

## March 1: "The Kenosha Public Library – Books and (MUCH) More"

The modern library has dramatically changed since we were in school, and now uses modern technology, along with 30 other community groups, to improve student success, as well as provide opportunities for others to both learn and enjoy leisure activities available for free. **Barbara Brattin**, the director of both the Kenosha Public Library and the Kenosha County Library System, will talk to us about all the library has to offer - electronically, including Kindle, Roku, Chromecast, and Alexa - as well as DVDs, CDs, records, and, of course, Books. She'll explain how we can use what's available, including classes, book clubs, and other activities. It's an opportunity to enjoy some mind-improving benefits of your tax dollars. (*Meredith Clubb*)

## March 15: “SPARKing Creativity”

*SPARK!* is a free cultural engagement program for people with memory loss and their care families offered by the Racine Art Museum. Developed to provide a stimulating, yet non-threatening atmosphere, these creative experiences encourage the person with memory loss to actively engage in the moment and gain a feeling of accomplishment and worth. **Tricia Blasko** is the Curator of Education for the Racine Art Museum (RAM) and RAM's Wustum Museum and manages one of the largest museum studio arts programs in Wisconsin. She has developed many new and innovative arts engagement programs for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities -- including *SPARK!* As an artist, designer, educator, community activist, and event planner, Tricia passionately believes in the power of art and imagination. You'll learn about *SPARK!* – and you might even get to participate in an activity or two! (*Linda Flashinski*)

## April 5: "The Present and Future of the City of Kenosha"

Kenosha Mayor **John Antaramian** and Retired Kenosha Chief of Police **John Morrissey** will discuss the recent past, present status, and future plans for Kenosha. Mayor Antaramian, a University of Parkside graduate, served in the Wisconsin State Assembly for ten years until becoming mayor of Kenosha in 1992, serving until 2008 when he retired to start a consulting business. He was re-elected mayor in 2016. John Morrissey has served as City Administrator since June of 2019. This should be a very informative lecture on the city of Kenosha. (*Meredith Clubb*)

As we fill more dates we will send out an updated version. Stay tuned! Or check online anytime at [https://www.uwp.edu/connect/friends/all\\_lectures.cfm](https://www.uwp.edu/connect/friends/all_lectures.cfm)