

# A.L.L. MONDAY LECTURE SCHEDULE

## Fall 2019 (July- November 2019)

*ALL Lectures are held two Monday afternoons a month, at 2 p.m., usually the first and third Mondays, in the UWP Student Cinema. The sessions (including questions) normally end by 3:30 p.m. Our goal is to provide a variety of topics of broad interest or importance. Your Lecture Committee is made up of Edward Bowden, Linda Flashinski, Al Locke, Moreau MacCaughey, Doris Nice, John Stutt, and Michael Thompson. Chairs are Meredith Clubb and Larry Gregg. Names of the Committee members who set up each lecture are shown in italics. If you have suggestions for possible future lectures, please contact one of us.*

### **July 1. Physical Therapy – Parkinson’s disease and other elder issues**

Kris DeCant, DPT, NCS (*Mike Thompson*)

Kris DeCant practices Physical Therapy in Kenosha and lectures and teaches in the field, in which she has 37 years of experience. Born and raised in Illinois, she studied at Northwestern University and graduated in 1982 from Boston University’s Sargent College of Allied Health Professions, which has been rated as the top PT school by the American Physical Therapy Association. She also studied (with a scholarship) at St. Edmund’s College of Oxford University, England, and received a Doctorate in Physical Therapy with distinction from Arcadia University.

Kris is trained in Total Motion Release, a patient-guided pain reduction exercise program, and in Parkinson's Wellness Recovery. She has spoken at clinics around the country and has worked in a variety of Physical Therapy settings, including neurological and orthopedic rehabilitation, which have helped her develop her varied clinical skills and abilities. She’s known for her “skilled expertise, compassion, and warm, friendly, caring manner”.

### **July 15. Industrial History of Kenosha – from Farms to Plants**

Chris Allen, Executive Director, Kenosha History Center (*Meredith Clubb*)

Chris Allen first became interested in Kenosha history in 2009, while a student at Carthage College, when he received a two-year internship at the Museum. Chris used the museum’s archives to research Kenosha’s “lost industries” starting with the Simmons Company. After graduation, Chris worked for a few years in the mortgage industry. He rejoined the History Center in 2014 as Marketing and Events coordinator. He became its Executive Director on Jan. 1, 2017. To keep busy, Chris also serves as Head Boys Volleyball Coach at Kenosha Tremper High School. Chris will chronicle Kenosha’s variegated industrial progress, which has included its rather amazing recovery from its days as a “one horse” (well, one car - Nash/American Motors) town.

### **August 5. Political Cartoons and Cartooning**

John Hambrook. (*Al Locke*)

John Hambrook grew up in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the youngest of 3 boys of a working family. In high school it was not cartooning that first grabbed his interest, but science, more specifically, marine biology. But as he labored through high school, various events drew his interest toward the arts. After studying at Indiana University, he earned a degree in Graphic Design from the Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida.

John's path included employments at a few small and mid-sized design firms. After he started his own business in industrial advertising, packaging and print design, the passion for cartooning began to take hold. It became a reality when he married Anne, a high school friend. She provided the force that helped John realize a life dream. Those living in the Kenosha area may know the ending ... those of us who open the Kenosha News, turn to the comic section, and wrap ourselves with delight while reading the cartoon, "The Brilliant Mind of Edison Lee" – a John and Anne Hambrock production.

### **August 19. The Cognitive Science of Magic**

Anthony Barnhart, Ph.D. (*Ed Bowden*)

Recent years have seen widespread interest in a "science of magic" that learns from the psychological insights and methods of magicians, who in fact are informal cognitive scientists, testing their hypotheses in the real world. Renowned magicians have authored papers meant to be read not by magicians, but by scientists who study attention and perception. In his presentation, Dr. Barnhart will discuss the long history of interaction between psychologists and magicians. Along the way, using live performance and video, he will introduce some of the techniques and theories from the world of magic (including his own) that have inspired research in laboratories around the world.

Anthony (Tony) Barnhart is an Assistant Professor of Psychological Science at Carthage College. He received his Ph.D. in Cognitive Science from Arizona State University. He has published research examining the processes underlying handwritten word perception, a domain that psychologists have ignored until recently. Tony is also a part-time professional magician with over 25 years of performing experience. His insights on the science of stage magic were featured in a 2010 book, *Sleights of Mind: What the Neuroscience of Magic Reveals about our Everyday Deceptions*. He has appeared on the CBC's long-running popular science television program, "The Nature of Things with David Suzuki." As a performer, Anthony Barnhart employs psychological principles to elevate his magic's impact and increase the audience's sense of wonder. Attend this lecture and see what might happen to others – or to you?

### **Sept. 16. Travels In South America – to Patagonia and back**

Tom Rutkowski (*Moreau MacCaughey*)

Tom Rutkowski taught English in Racine high schools for thirty years, first at Horlick and later at Walden III where he helped to establish the Walden III Green School. During summer vacations he traveled the world and brought back stories of exploring different cultures and natural wonders to his students. When he retired five years ago, Tom and his wife Natalie began studying Spanish - mostly for the challenge, but also as a key to open new areas for discovery. In 2018 Tom and Natalie decided to put this study to the test by visiting a continent new to both of them - South America. After some language study in Buenos Aires, they fulfilled a life-long wish to visit Patagonia in Southern Chile and Argentina, hiking the famed "W" route in Torres del Paine National Park. From there they traveled up the east coast of South America, enjoying the vibrant street art of many cities along with famous historical sites and unique natural settings. You'll see these sights in Tom's modern (digital) "slide show".

In retirement, Tom currently serves as chair of the Southeast Gateway Group of the Sierra Club. He has worked on energy and climate matters for many years and is waiting hopefully for a Green New Deal. He still also uses his teaching skills to help others in the community appreciate the world of reading and writing.

### **Sept. 23. Ranger Vision: The State of Parkside Athletics**

Andrew Gavin, Director of Athletics, UW-Parkside (*Al Locke*)

How do you offer an effective college athletic program without a “big budget” operation? Andrew Gavin, Director of Athletics, will discuss what happens at UW-Parkside. His presentation will include an overview of NCAA Division II and the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Mr. Gavin will also discuss the current state of Parkside Athletics after two years of his leadership and a vision for the future.

Andrew Gavin has served as the Director of Athletics at UW-Parkside since August 2017. He has also worked in sports and sports administration at UW-Green Bay and his alma mater, Centre College in Kentucky. At UW-P, he leads the Rangers’ athletics department and its 15 varsity sport programs. As a member of the Chancellor’s Cabinet, he also oversees intramurals and recreation and the operations of the Sports & Activity Center and other athletics facilities. He has undertaken various initiatives, including a sports medicine partnership with Aurora Sports Health, which has provided for Parkside’s first full-time strength and conditioning coach.

### **October 7. Homeless in Racine – from Street Outreach to Permanent Housing**

Gai Lorenzen, Scott Metzel, and Seth Raymond (*Linda Flashinski*)

Representatives of three service providers will discuss homelessness in Racine County, services being provided by their organizations, and some information about statewide efforts and collaborations and taking place.

Gai Lorenzen is currently the Executive Director of Racine’s Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO). Before joining HALO in March 2017, she was the Managing Attorney of Legal Action of Wisconsin’s Racine office for 20 years. She also served as Director of Racine County Child Support and worked in private practice in Racine and Tucson, AZ. She holds a B.S. degree in Vocational Rehabilitation from UW-Stout and received her J.D. from the University of Arizona (Rogers) College of Law. Gai has been a frequent speaker and trainer on child support, domestic violence, homelessness and housing issues at national, state and local events.

Scott Metzel has served as the executive director of HOPES Center of Racine since 2014. HOPES, a member of the Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County, provides street outreach and housing services to people experiencing homelessness, as well as supportive services for those who have a serious mental illness. Scott is also the chairperson of the Point-in-Time work group that conducts semi-annual statistical counts of Racine’s homeless population. Before joining HOPES, Scott worked for Habitat for Humanity International in Africa for 25 years. He is fluent in the Lingala, Kiswahili, and Lontomba languages that are spoken in parts of central and east Africa.

Seth Raymond is the Executive Director at the Hospitality Center and Rector (Priest) of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Racine. The Hospitality Center (at St. Luke’s) provides direct service for guests whose experience includes homelessness, mental illness, addiction, trauma, and poverty. It provides hot meals, clothing, and daytime shelter. The Center also develops the whole person through connection to needed resources, volunteer opportunities, and chances to receive and give dignity. Seth has worked as an Episcopal missionary in Taiwan. He has degrees in Sociology, Music Education, Theology, and Nonprofit Management.

## **October 21. Legislating for Wisconsin's Future**

Representative Greta Neubauer

Legislators work to address the issues constituents face today, but what about the issues of tomorrow? How (given the current political atmosphere, which at least some consider to be “contentious”) can legislators and communities work together to develop proactive legislation to help our state grow? And how can we make an impact on global issues in our own backyards? To address these and other issues, State Representative Greta Neubauer, who represents the 66th Assembly District (which covers most of the City of Racine) will be joining us to discuss her view of the work of elected officials and how we can develop collaborative solutions to tomorrow’s issues here in Wisconsin. She will address the workings of State Government as well as specific issues and concerns she is targeting in the legislature, especially the pressing issue of climate change.

Representative Greta Neubauer was born and raised in Racine and was first elected in 2017. Greta (a Democrat) believes in building a bright future through collaborative, community-driven policymaking. Her policy interests center on family-supporting jobs for every worker, community-oriented justice initiatives, and addressing climate change. Greta utilizes a holistic approach to address critical issues facing the Racine community, working to address not just an immediate problem, but the root causes as well.

## **November 4. Honoring Grief ... and Finding Our Way Through the Holidays**

Melissa Minkley, MSW, CT *(Linda Flashinski)*

The holidays can be one of the most intense, foreboding and apprehensive times of the year for those who are grieving. This educational and supportive seminar for grieving adults will explore and honor the common and unique effects of loss, the power and impact of the grieving process, the significance of mourning in healing, and some practical strategies to help find our way through the holidays

Melissa Minkley, MSW, CT is the co-founder of Healing Life’s Losses, LLC an organization that is committed to offering services of education, training and support to those who are grieving and those who companion them. She is a social worker with over 25 years of experience in health care supporting individuals and families from diagnosis through end of life and bereavement. She has companioned adults and children in individual, support group, workshop and retreat settings, focusing on enhancing ones holistic well-being. In addition, she serves as the Executive Director for Healing Hearts of Waukesha County, providing grief support to children and families coping with an array of losses. Her personal experience of loss as a child and adult has given Melissa insight into the impact grief has on individuals, families and friends.

## **November 18. TRAINS – The Rise and Fall of Railroad Passenger Service in the USA**

Bill David *(John Stutt)*

This talk will investigate railroad passenger service in the United States, from its inception through its “golden age” to the near-fatal influence of the development of air travel, its current status, and possible future resurgence.

Our speaker, Mr. Bill David, who lives in Wind Point, was a banker by trade and did not work in the railroad industry, but he has been a lifelong “fan” of it. He has traveled on numerous passenger trains between Racine and the west coast and has visited various scenic and tourist railroads. He completed GP-9 Diesel Engineer training and has operated an excursion train at the Monticello, IL Railroad Museum. He enjoyed model railroading during his childhood years and re-discovered the hobby five

years ago. He has accumulated an extensive library on U. S. railroads and the railroad industry. He is currently a member and the secretary of the Lionel Railroad Club of Southeastern Wisconsin. ALL ABOARD for this lecture!

**December-** Watch for news of ALL's 2019 Holiday Gala