

ALL Virtual Lecture Series, Spring 2021

Your Lecture Committee has set up a virtual lecture schedule for January-May 2021. Below is a brief description of the lectures. (*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. The full list with the links can also be access on our website at: https://www.uwp.edu/connect/friends/all_lectures.cfm

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*)

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April 19: “How the Medical Research Community Responded to Covid-19”

Our speaker, **Dr. Renren Wen**, is an associate investigator at the Blood Research Institute (BRI) of the Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee Medical school and did post-doctoral work at the St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, focused on Immunobiology. She will talk about the work of BRI, and about her work there. The Blood Research Institute (BRI), located on the grounds of the Milwaukee County Medical Center, is a premier facility for the investigation of blood-related diseases and conditions such as hemophilia and sickle cell disease. Since 1947 the BRI has advanced scientific breakthroughs that have helped patients suffering from heart disease, stroke, cancer, immune system disorders, blood diseases and (recently) COVID-19. Dr. Gilbert White, BRI’s recently retired director of research, has spoken to us. He also hosted an ALL tour of BRI a few years ago. We are fortunate to have such a facility nearby. *(Mac MacCaughey)*

May 3: “Abraham Lincoln and the Election of 1860”.

The election of 1860 was the most significant in U. S. history since it resulted in a civil war which almost destroyed the country. **Doug Daumann**, the Director of Education at the Civil War Museum in Kenosha, has presented lectures to ALL in the past. For this talk, he will review the election, including information that is interesting but usually not covered on Lincoln’s personal activities during the campaign. *(Meredith Clubb)*

May 17: “Racine County’s History of Invention and Innovation: A Guided Tour of the Racine Heritage Museum”

Executive Director of Racine Heritage Museum **Christopher Paulson** has served in his current position since 1999. He previously served as Assistant Director since 1989. He earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology-Anthropology from UW-Parkside, and his Master’s Degree from the University of Oklahoma. He lives in Racine with his family and (at least at the time of his submission of information) has been sharing his office with his 8-year old daughter. Chris will speak from the Museum, and will highlight its settings, as well as Racine County history. *(Linda Flashinski)*

Watch for the Summer edition of the Lecture Schedule to be coming out in April or May 2021.