

ALL Virtual Lecture Series, Sept- Nov 2021

Lectures will continue to be held virtually online on Mondays at 2pm until further notice (See below for dates). We will continue to use the Zoom online platform. The lectures will continue to 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.

September 20: Newspapers and Community Journalism – What Then, What Now, What Next?

Pete Wicklund, Managing Editor, The Kenosha News

From his extensive and varied background, Mr. Wicklund will talk about Newspaper Journalism – perhaps a “threatened species” in the Twenty-first Century. Starting out in the 1970’s, he received an associate degree from William Rainey Harper College, Palatine IL, a degree in journalism from the University of Kansas, and did graduate studies in library and information science at Dominican University, River Forest IL. Since then, he has served as bureau editor and reporter for the Glenview IL Pioneer Press; business reporter and editor for the Arlington Heights IL Daily Herald; reporter and managing editor for Southern Lakes Newspapers of Burlington. For the (Racine) Journal Times, since 1999, he has served as reporter, page designer, columnist, photographer, and Assistant Managing Editor. He assumed his current position in 2020.

Pete Wicklund has also served on the City of Burlington Volunteer Fire Dept. and as a Somers volunteer firefighter/EMT. He was President of the Somers Fire and Rescue Association Inc. (2006-2012) and Treasurer (2012-2016). He is also a contributor and part owner of the Washington Island Observer. Pete plans to talk informally and encourages questions related to national, local, and community journalism. He hopes clarify (and perhaps to dispel some “myths”) about how the Kenosha News and Journal Times operate today. *(Coordinated by Larry Gregg)*

October 4: The Status of Women in Afghanistan. Elizabeth Brownson, Associate Professor of History, UW-Parkside

Women’s status in Afghanistan has fluctuated greatly over the last century. In what ways? Why? And what effect may recent, dramatic developments in the country prove to have on their status? This talk will examine Afghan women’s changing status under both progressive rulers and the Taliban.

Elizabeth Brownson is associate professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, where she has been a faculty member since 2012. After completing her undergraduate studies at Colorado State University, Brownson obtained her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California at Santa Barbara, from where she received a Fulbright-Hays fellowship to complete her dissertation. Her research focuses on Palestinian women’s status in Muslim family law since the British Mandate period, including current “MFL” reform. In addition to her book, *Palestinian Women and Muslim Family Law in the Mandate Period*, Brownson is the author of several peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Most recently, she is under contract for a chapter, “Muslim Women’s Religious and Social Activism in Palestine, Lebanon and Syria” in the *Oxford Handbook of Islam and Women* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming). *(Coordinated by Meredith Clubb)*

October 18: The Psychology of Creativity – Staying Creative and Inspired as We Age.

Darya Zabelina, Asst. Professor of Psychology, University of Arkansas.

Dr. Zabelina will discuss research on creativity and healthy aging. Studies show that participating in activities such as singing, acting, and visual art do support well-being in older adults, and even lead to greater longevity.

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Dr. Zabelina will also discuss meditation and other techniques as tools to improve creative and flexible thinking.

Dr. Darya L. Zabelina, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Arkansas. She obtained her Ph.D. in Cognitive Neuroscience from Northwestern University in 2015. She was a Research Associate at the University of Colorado Boulder from 2015 to 2017. Dr. Zabelina's work focuses on understanding creative cognition, imagination, and other related processes, and how these processes are linked with more traditional subfields of cognitive psychology, such as attention and executive functions. She also does work on mind-wandering, mindfulness, problem solving, and the influence of mobile technology on creativity and imagination. *(Coordinated by Ed Bowden)*

November 1: Twenty-First Century American Indian. Louis V. Clark III, Award-Winning Oneida Nation Storyteller, Poet, and Author.

Louis V Clark III, born and raised on the Oneida Reservation, turned to poetry and storytelling to continue the oral traditions of his tribe, The People of the Standing Stone. He wrote the following about himself and his "journey":

Through the blue smoked filled haze that drifted up from our kitchen table, our campfire if you will, I listened to the stories of my family, of my people, and came to understand the concept of the oral traditions passed down. These stories didn't align with what I was being shown on television, or taught in the schools, so I developed my own ways to deal with the world. I began to put my feelings to verse and to paper, which resulted in becoming a bit of an outcast - when we are all just attempting to "fit in."

I wrote about what I was experiencing as a 21st Century Indian but I kept my writing to myself. A chanced newspaper advertisement had me connect with James Parins of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock who published my chapbook, "Two Shoes." Eventually people began to notice my writing/stories. This continuing journey I will share with you from my two books, How to be an Indian in the 21st Century and Rebel Poet, which I have been honored to have published by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press. *(Coordinated by Mac MacCaughey)*

November 15: The Incredibly Difficult Process of Legal Immigration. Peggy James, Dean of the College of Social Studies and Political Science, UW-Parkside.

Ms. James submitted this about her talk: "The United States is one of the five most difficult countries to obtain residency or citizenship. In this discussion, we will examine the categories of immigration and the processes involved with each category of application. We will also review recent suggestions for reform, and how streamlining the legal process might impact the number of illegal immigrants to the US."

Peggy James obtained a PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in Political Science. At UW-Parkside, she is Professor of Politics, Philosophy and Law as well as serving as Dean. Her teaching interest include International Law and the International Criminal Court. Her teaching has been recognized by UW-P (as she has twice received the Stella Gray teaching award) and also by the UW System Regents Award in 2013. *(Coordinated by Meredith Clubb)*

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