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Revised 9/9 - **8 New Lectures added - see pages 6-7 - Available for enrollment on Thursday, September 24th.**

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FALL 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS.	FRIDAY
7 LABOR DAY	8	9	10	11
14 10:00 AM #101 Election 2020 and American Politics Dr. Susan Herbst CLOSED	15	16	17 10:00 AM #401 The Tower of Babel Dr. Joel Baden	18
21 10:00 AM #102 The Music Man Dr. Dan Egan	22	23 10:00 AM #301 An Important Topic - Dr. Kevin Buterbaugh CLOSED	24	25
28 YOM KIPPUR	29 10:00AM #201 Michael Stern and the Stamford Symphony Michael Stern	30	OCTOBER	
			1	2 10:00AM #501 The Rise of the Virtuoso Dr. Gil Harel

OCTOBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS.	FRIDAY
5 10:00 AM #103 Celebrating 500 years of Leonardo at the Louvre - Dr. Page Knox CLOSED	6 AM	7 10:00 AM #302 Understanding Indonesia: The World's Fourth Largest Country - Wayne Forrest	8 AM	9 AM
12 AM	13 10:00 AM #202 Important Contemporary Black Artists You Want To Know About - Dr. Beth Gersh- Nešić	14 AM	15 10:00 AM #402 Parting Of The Ways - Robert Abrams	16 AM
19 10:00 AM #104 Japan: Possible Futures- Dr. Alexis Dudden	20	21 10:00 AM #303 Economic Transformations Arising from the Coronavirus Pandemic - Dr. Mark LeClair CLOSED	22	23
NEW LECTURES				
26 10:00 AM -#105 Changing Perceptions of <i>Tosca</i> - Dr. Daniel Egan	27	28 AM	29 10:00 AM #403 Alchemy of Italy - Carla Gambescia	30 AM

NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS.	FRIDAY
2 AM	3 10:00 AM #203 - Spinoza, Bad boy of the Jewish World - Andrée Brooks	4 AM	5 AM	6 10:00 AM #502 ArtScapades: American Vistas: From The Hudson River To Uncharted Territories - Robin Hoffman
9 AM	10 AM	11 AM	12 10:00 AM #404 Shakespeare In A New Way - Michael Langlois	13 10:00 AM #503 A NEW Current Important Topic - Dr. Kevin Buterbaugh CLOSED
16 10:00 AM #106 Polling And Election Results - Jeffrey Plaut	17 AM	18 10:00 AM #304 The Beatles: in My Life -Dr. Brian Torff	19 AM	20 AM



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LEARNING IN RETIREMENT, INC. is a non-profit organization that provides education and enrichment for retired and senior citizens.

NEW THIS SEMESTER: Due to Covid-19, classes will be Online ZOOM Webinars until further notice. Class fees are \$5.00 for the LIR ZOOM Webinars

Registration:

- Go to our website www.lirstamford.org for instructions on creating your unique account and registering online, for viewing our full current catalog, and for connecting to our online registration site.
- **DUE TO COVID signing up is now a three-step process:**
 - 1) **Enroll** for classes from our website and wait for email confirmation from LIR.
 - 2) **Register** for each ZOOM webinar by clicking within that confirming email on the unique link for every class. You will receive emails confirming successful registration for each class.
 - 3) Just before your class is to begin, open its email confirming registration and follow the instructions “Click Here to **Join**”.
- There are no waiting lists when classes are fully subscribed
- No refunds for missed classes
- You will be notified if a lecture is rescheduled or cancelled
- Registration is limited for all classes
- Create a unique account on our registration site

Communication:

- The LIR office is closed this semester.
- Please leave phone messages at 203.595.0398
- Check our website, <https://www.lirstamford.org>, where you can find the latest LIR Catalog

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How to Create an Account

- **Click Create Account on top right of Home Page**
 - Enter all required information (**including Apt #**)
- **USERNAME:** If you have a **unique** email address, we suggest that you use it as your Username; **if you share** an email address, **each** of you must create a unique Username (e.g., gsmith, bsmith). PLEASE remember/make note of your chosen Username.
- **EMAIL ADDRESS:** Use the email you currently have (if you share an email, it can be used more than once).
- **PASSWORD:** Create your Password (**password is case sensitive and must be at least 8 characters with 1 capital letter and 1 numeral.**) PLEASE remember/make note of your chosen password.
- Click on *Agree and Create Account* to proceed (you must agree to our Registration Policy to continue)
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- ALL red asterisk items must be filled in.

Home Create account | Calendar | Login

The screenshot shows a registration form with the following fields, each marked with a red asterisk to indicate it is required: First Name, Last Name, Username, Password, Confirm Password, E-mail Address, Confirm E-mail Address, Street Address, City, State, Zip, and Home or cell phone. A blue arrow points from the text 'Include Apt #' to the Street Address field.

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How to Register for Classes Online

Once you have an Account you can return to browse through classes by clicking on Home at the top right of the screen

- The first screen you see will be the **Home Page** where you can search for classes in different ways:
 - Using the search bar for a **specific class** or a **specific instructor**
 - Searching through the **categories** on the left hand side (Subject, Day of Week)
 - Using the **date fields** ('to' and 'from')
 - Using the **calendar** on the top right of the screen
- For more information about the class, *click* on the **Course name**. There will be a detailed description of the class, date and time and the instructor's name with a picture and a brief bio
- Once a class is chosen, add it to your cart by clicking **Add to cart**
- Continue adding classes to your cart
- When all your classes have been selected, *click* **Checkout** to go to the checkout screen
- **At this point you will be asked to login**
- **First time users:** create an account (**see How to Create an Account process**)
 - Enter all required information (your name, address, phone # and email address)
 - Click on *Agree and Create Account* to proceed (you must agree to our Registration Policy to continue)
 - Create your Username and Password
- **Already have an account?**
 - Log in using your Username and Password (**password is case sensitive**)
- All your classes and the total price are listed
- To delete a class *click* the "x" (for 1) or "empty cart" (to cancel all). To continue, *click* **Checkout**
- **Review the classes** you have selected to ensure that the classes selected are correct (remember, **LIR does not issue refunds**, unless the course is cancelled by LIR)
- *Click* **Proceed to Payment** to continue
- **Choose a payment option:**
 - **Credit card:** (we do not store your credit card information) Select "Credit Card" in the "Payment methods" drop down box, then *click* **Place Order Now**; you are now **registered** and will be taken to the Order Receipt page where, if you wish, you can print the receipt for your records (**you will also receive a confirmation email**).

Check: Select "Check" in the "Payment methods" dropdown box, then *click* **Place Order Now**; you are now **enrolled**, **but we must receive your check payment prior to your first class in order to be fully registered**. You can print the receipt for your records but the **confirmation email that you will receive needs to be printed and enclosed with your check payable to "Learning in Retirement."** Please mail both to: LIR, c/o Temple Beth El, 350 Roxbury Road, Stamford, CT 06902

Fall 2020 Classes

8 New Lectures added – see pages 6-7

MONDAY 10 -11 – WEBINAR Session – September 14

Tuition \$5.00

101 - ELECTION 2020 AND THE STATE OF AMERICAN POLITICS

UCONN Professor Herbst will discuss the current state of national politics, bringing a variety of tools and theories from Political Science and Sociology. Depending on the nature of political activity in September, she will focus on particularly important aspects of the presidential election in progress as well as the state of the presidency. There is no question that we are living in one of the most uniquely divisive and fraught moments in American politics, and behavior of our elected officials has been idiosyncratic.

THURSDAY 10-11 - WEBINAR Session – September 17

Tuition \$5.00

#401 - THE TOWER OF BABEL

In this session Yale Professor Dr. Joel Baden will look at the story of the Tower of Babel – only nine verses in the book of Genesis, but verses that have resonated in art and the popular imagination for millennia. What was the Tower, where did this story come from, and what does it mean?"

MONDAY 10 -11 - WEBINAR Session – September 21

Tuition \$5.00

#102 -"OH, THERE'S NOTHING HALFWAY": MEREDITH WILLSON'S *THE MUSIC MAN*

Yale Professor Dr. Daniel Egan returns to LIR to discuss Meredith Willson's *The Music Man* as a well-nigh perfect portrait of small town America and how we sometimes discover our best selves even as we resist change and insist on staying put. In anticipation of the show's revival on Broadway, we will explore the music, the characters and the message of this classic piece of American Musical Theater.

WEDNESDAY 10-11 - WEBINAR Session - September 23

Tuition \$5.00

#301 - AN IMPORTANT TOPIC

Dr. Kevin Buterbaugh, professor of Political Science at Southern CT State College, defers his choice of topic until near presentation time when he will select an important current event.

To Register or for Catalog updates go to: <https://www.lirstamford.org/>

TUESDAY 10-11 - WEBINAR Session - September 29

Tuition \$5.00

#201 – MICHAEL STERN AND THE STAMFORD SYMPHONY

Michael Stern, new Music Director of the Stamford Symphony will share his vision of the role of the modern symphony in the community. He will discuss his experiences as well as his plans for programming and community engagement.

FRIDAY 10-11 - WEBINAR Session - October 2

Tuition \$5.00

#501 - THE RISE OF THE VIRTUOSO

Frantz Liszt-Paganini-Rachmaninoff-such names are intertwined with performance genius. During this program, musicologist and music theorist, **Dr. Gil Harel** will discuss the intricacies of what constitutes a “virtuoso”, and what separates composers from true performers. In looking at this repertoire, we will listen to some of the most difficult music ever written. Playing such works requires a special type of musician-one whose impact on audiences is (with the aid of social media) arguably more profound than ever.

MONDAY 10 -11 - WEBINAR Session – October 5

Tuition \$5.00

#103 – CELEBRATING 500 YEARS OF LEONARDO DA VINCI AT THE LOUVRE

In this lecture Columbia University Adjunct Professor **Dr. Page Knox** offers a virtual tour of the extremely popular exhibition celebrating the 500th anniversary of Leonardo da Vinci’s death at the Louvre. Shattering attendance records, the show was a tour de force, as it brought together over 100 paintings, sculptures and drawings by Leonardo along with radiographs of all of his major works, and resulted in many new interpretations of some of the most beloved works in the history of art.

WEDNESDAY 10-11 - WEBINAR Session - October 7

Tuition \$5.00

#302 UNDERSTANDING INDONESIA: THE WORLD’S FOURTH LARGEST COUNTRY

AICC President **Wayne Forrest**, President of the American Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and one of America’s foremost experts on Indonesia will help us understand the world’s fourth largest country. Indonesia is home to much of the world’s rain forests, most active volcanoes and creatures such as the orangutan and the Komodo dragon. It has the largest population of Muslims in the world. He will introduce us to Indonesian culture.

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TUESDAY 10-11 - WEBINAR Session - October 13

Tuition \$5.00

#202 - IMPORTANT CONTEMPORARY BLACK ARTISTS YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT

Dr. Beth Gersh-Nešić, Director of the New York Arts Exchange will discuss Black artists from the US and abroad who are creating some of the most exciting art inside and outside traditional exhibition venues. This slide lecture with video clips offers you a chance to learn about three: Kara Walker (US), Kehinde Wiley (US-President Obama National Gallery portrait) and Yinka Shonibare (UK-Nigeria).

THURSDAY 10-11 - WEBINAR Session – October 15

Tuition \$5.00

#402 - PARTING OF THE WAYS

About two thousand years ago, Judaism and Christianity began separating and pursued the path to become two different religions. This Parting took place amidst specific political, social, and spiritual environments. We'll examine the historical circumstances that underlie the Parting to gain a deeper understanding of the relationship between these two religions. **Robert Abrams** is a Jewish studies educator in the Greater Fairfield County area.

MONDAY 10 -11 - WEBINAR Session – October 19

Tuition \$5.00

#104 - JAPAN: POSSIBLE FUTURES

Japanese society is more deeply divided today than at any point since the end of WWII. This talk will consider various competing interests often masked in international coverage. **Dr. Alexis Dudden**, History Professor at UConn, Storrs and the author of several books, has lived in Japan and South Korea

WEDNESDAY 10-11 - WEBINAR Session - October 21

Tuition \$5.00

#303 - ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATIONS ARISING FROM THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Dr. Mark LeClair of Fairfield University will address the significant economic changes brought about by the shutdown of the U.S. economy in March due to the spread of the Coronavirus. While some economic transitions will be temporary, others are likely to persist into the medium- and long-term, including a boom in distance-learning, a reversal of the trend towards urbanization, declining ridership on public transportation, and a rethinking of supply-chain management. In addition to having major impacts on employment, these changes will cause major disruptions to public policy, international trade and how businesses operate.

CLOSED

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8 New Lectures

MONDAY 10 -11 - WEBINAR Session – October 26

Tuition \$5.00

#105 - CHANGING PERCEPTIONS OF *TOSCA*

Puccini's *Tosca* has been a staple of the operatic repertoire for over a century, thrilling and moving audiences with each passing era. Join Yale professor, **Dr. Daniel Egan**, as he returns to discuss how perceptions of Puccini's masterpiece have changed over time. In particular, the current climate of social critique and the "me too" movement make this taut drama in music feel more urgent, pointed and at times more terrifying than ever.

THURSDAY 10-11 - WEBINAR Session – October 29

Tuition \$5.00

#403 - THE ALCHEMY OF ITALY

Carla Gambescia, an award-winning author, travel journalist and cultural expert, will explore the special alchemy of Italy and its multiple influences on the world, western civilization and popular imagination over the course of millennia. **Viva Italia!**

TUESDAY 10-11 - WEBINAR Session - November 3

Tuition \$5.00

#203 – BARUCH SPINOZA: BAD BOY OF THE JEWISH WORLD

Author, journalist and lecturer, **Andrée Brooks** will offer an in-depth look at the family heritage, upbringing, life and ideas of the much reviled, yet brilliant, Dutch philosopher.

What was the real story? Why was he so emphatically rejected and despised for so many years? What made him such a "bad boy"?

FRIDAY 10-11 - WEBINAR Session – November 6

Tuition \$5.00

#502 - AMERICAN VISTAS: FROM THE HUDSON RIVER TO UNCHARTED TERRITORIES

Robin Hoffman has been teaching art appreciation with ArtScapades in Connecticut since 1998. She will focus on the Hudson River School painters. The changes in art brought about by national pride, the westward expansion and the growth of travel will be discussed. She will include three Hudson River School artists: Thomas Cole, Frederic Edwin Church and Asher B. Durand.

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THURSDAY 10-11 - WEBINAR Session – November 12

Tuition \$5.00

#404 - EXPERIENCE SHAKESPEARE IN A NEW WAY

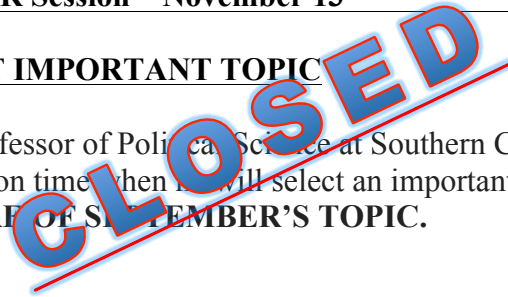
Acting Shakespeare is considered by many to be one of the most difficult challenges an actor can face. But many people do not know that the Bard left acting clues in all of his plays. Using lines from a variety of Shakespearean texts, producer, director and educator **Michael Langlois** returns to LIR to help uncover those clues in order to make the works of Shakespeare come alive in a new way---you may never read or watch a play by Shakespeare the same way again.

FRIDAY 10-11 - WEBINAR Session – November 13

Tuition \$5.00

#503 - A NEW CURRENT IMPORTANT TOPIC

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MONDAY 10 -11 - WEBINAR Session – November 16

Tuition \$5.00

#106 - POLLING AND ELECTION RESULTS

Founding member of Global Strategy Group, a leading public affairs and political research firm, **Jeffrey Plaut** will do a post-Election analysis; how did it all happen, President, senate, house — what does it mean going forward.

WEDNESDAY 10-11 - WEBINAR Session - November 18

Tuition \$5.00

#304 - THE BEATLES: IN MY LIFE

Professor of music, composer and bassist, **Dr. Brian Q. Torff** takes a sweeping look at the evolution of the Beatles from their early days in Liverpool and Hamburg, to the creation of their breathtaking catalog of original music that has influenced generations of musicians and artists around the world.

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REGISTRATION WORK SHEET – (Do not mail this form)

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#401	The Tower of Babel – Dr. Joel Baden		
#102	"Oh, there's nothing halfway": Meredith Willson's <i>The Music Man</i> – Dr. Daniel Egan		
#301	An Important Topic - Dr. Kevin Buterbaugh		CLOSED
#201	Michael Stern and The Stamford Symphony – Michael Stern		
#501	The Rise Of The Virtuoso - Dr. Gil Harel	\$5.00	
#103	Celebrating 500 years of Leonardo at the Louvre - Dr. Page Knox		CLOSED
#302	Understanding Indonesia: The World’s Fourth Largest Country Wayne Forrest	\$5.00	
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TOTAL COST			

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Online Registration will be open until **midnight** before each class.