

# SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30AM MONTHLY PROGRAM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30AM – SMT15 (H) Drain Commissioners Today  1:00PM – HUM12 (C) Moral Decision-Making	<b>9</b> 9:30AM – HUM04 (H) Radical Reformation  1:00PM – HUM04 (H) Radical Reformation	<b>10</b> 9:30AM – SOC07 (H) The Third Branch  1:00PM – SMT13 (H) Emergency Management	<b>11</b> 9:30AM – HUM08 (H) Hope-Western Prison Education	<b>12</b> 9:30AM – ART05 (C) Verplank Film Series <i>Mother of Mine</i>	<b>13</b>
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30AM – SOC02 (H) War of 1812, Indigenous Tribes  1:00PM – ART04 (C) Martin McDonagh & Dark Comedy	<b>30</b> 9:30AM – SOC17 (H) The Russian Conundrum  1:00PM – SOC16 (H) Holland Dept of Public Safety Comedy				
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<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>9:30AM – SOC08 (H)</b> Trump II and the Constitution  <b>1:00PM – SMT11 (H)</b> Magic of US Electrical Grid	<b>7</b> <b>9:30AM</b> <b>MONTHLY PROGRAM</b>	<b>8</b> <b>9:30AM – SOC05 (C)</b> Grief, Bereavement, and Stress  <b>1:00PM – HUM11 (H)</b> Adventurous Aging	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>9:30AM – ART05 (C)</b> Verplank Film Series <i>Maria</i>	<b>11</b>
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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>9:30AM – HUM05 (H)</b> Religion in America 1830- 1940  <b>1:00PM – SMT17 (H)</b> Pleasant Hill Blueberry Farm	<b>28</b> <b>9:30AM – SMT04 (H)</b> Sustainable Energy Development  <b>1:00PM – ART03 (O)</b> Art and Biodiversity	<b>29</b> <b>9:30AM – SOC12 (H)</b> Holocaust Denial  <b>1:00PM – HUM07 (H)</b> Travel - Cons and Pros	<b>30</b> <b>9:30AM – SOC15 (H)</b> Serving 1st-Gen Hope Students  <b>1:00PM – SMT02 (H)</b> Managing EV Battery Lifecycle	<b>31</b> <b>9:30AM – ART05 (C)</b> Verplank Film Series <i>Ghostlight</i>	
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30AM – HUM05 (H) Religion in America 1830-1940  1:00PM – SOC14 (H) Finding Your Gear	<b>4</b> 9:30AM MONTHLY PROGRAM	<b>5</b> 9:30AM – SMT08 (H) Aging Ears, Enhancing Hearing  1:00PM – HUM07 (H) Travel - Cons and Pros	<b>6</b> 9:30AM – SOC10 (H) Evil and Human Suffering  1:00PM – SMT03 (H) Public Safety - Fire Training	<b>7</b> 9:30AM – HUM06 (C) Big Read - <i>I Cheerfully Refuse</i>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30AM – HUM05 (H) Religion in America 1830-1940  1:00PM – ART08 (O) Diversity Matters	<b>11</b>  1:00PM – SMT09 (C) Abstract Algebra, Group Theory	<b>12</b> 9:30AM – ART07 (C) Making Altoid Tin into a Book  1:00PM – ART07 (C) Making Altoid Tin into a Book	<b>13</b> 9:30AM – SOC10 (H) Evil and Human Suffering  1:00PM – SMT09 (C) Abstract Algebra, Group Theory	<b>14</b> 9:30AM – HUM03 (H) Pacifist Faces WW II	<b>15</b>
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### **SMT15 Not Your Grandparents' Drain Commissioner**

Ottawa County has miles and miles of drains. However, there is so much more that the Water Resources Commissioner and his department do to protect the county's natural resources, including protecting the watershed, maintaining stormwater infrastructure, and ensuring water quality. They also address water table issues and harbor management. Come learn what the Water Resources Commissioner is doing on our behalf.

***Joe Bush** has been Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner since 2013; he also served as president of the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners for three years. Previously, he worked for the Ottawa County Road Commission and served on the Olive Township Board of Trustees. Bush has a BS from Cornerstone University.*

Date: MONDAY, September 8  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Jane MacPherson

### **HUM12 – Moral Decision Making: What Kant, Aquinas, and the Sermon on the Mount Teach Us**

Brian Piecuch will discuss the moral theories of philosophers Immanuel Kant and Thomas Aquinas as they relate to moral decision making, comparing their teachings with what Jesus teaches in the Sermon on the Mount. We will examine both contemporary and biblical decisions to gauge whether they were “moral.” Finally, course participants will be asked to make a hypothetical moral decision; working in groups, they will fashion a scenario that checks all the boxes of “doing the right thing.”

*Three years ago and after a five year course of study, **Brian Piecuch** was ordained a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church, and he now serves at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Holland. He also works as the development director and program coordinator of the Saint Benedict Institute which serves Hope College and the wider community. Piecuch and his family have served as missionaries in the Central African Republic and Peru. He has a BA from Wartburg College.*

Date: MONDAY, September 8  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: CLASSROOM  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Mark Rider

## HUM04 – The Radical Protestant Reformation

Martin Luther, John Calvin, and perhaps Ulrich Zwingli are the names that come to mind upon mention of the Protestant Reformation. Phil Harrington will introduce you to others, Christian leaders and activists who believed that the better-known reformers did not go far enough. What were these radicals' theological and social concerns? What was their fate? And did their efforts lead to changes that are still visible today?

**September 9, 9:30am:** After noting the forerunner work of Peter Waldo, we will meet Conrad Grebel, Michael Sattler, Balthasar Hubmaier, and others in a movement that began in Switzerland.

**September 9, 1:00pm:** Along a trail of persecution and migration, we will encounter the likes of Menno Simons, Anna Hendryks, and Maeyken Wens. Finally, we will recognize those belonging to the radicals' present-day legacy and consider the overall impact and significance of the Radical Reformation.

*HASP member **Phil Harrington** received a BA in English literature from The George Washington University and later an MA in religion and the arts and an MDiv from Pacific School of Religion. He spent 10 years in pastoral and other work in the Mennonite Church before beginning a pastorate in the United Methodist Church. Harrington's interests include the liturgical and biblical dimensions of life, particularly as they interact with the arts.*

Dates: TUESDAY, September 9  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am and 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$10.00  
Coordinator: Barry Bandstra



### SOC07 – The Third Branch: Current Issues Facing the Judiciary

The judiciary, often referred to as the “third branch” of government, plays a critical role in our democracy. Retired judge Kathleen Kennedy will take a close look at several important third-branch issues.

**September 10:** We will consider (1) judicial selection in the states (including Michigan in particular) and the federal system; (2) the pros and cons of (a) appointing and electing judges and (b) term limits for judges; and (3) the financing of judicial elections.

**September 17:** Kennedy will focus on (1) judicial ethics, including recusal and discipline; (2) judicial security; (3) judicial independence; and (4) the politicization of the judiciary.

*HASP member **Kathleen Kennedy** was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, in 1996 and served as a judge for 20 years. Previously, she was a law clerk for both a state appellate judge and a federal trial judge, and she worked as a government lawyer representing abused and neglected children. Kennedy has a law degree from Northwestern University.*

Dates: WEDNESDAYS, September 10 and 17  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$10.00  
Coordinator: Fran Hackney

### SMT13 – Building Community Resilience: Fundamentals of Emergency Management

Have you ever wondered where the Office of Emergency Management fits in public safety response? In today’s world, emergencies and disasters seem to be more prevalent and larger in scale than ever before. From severe weather to hazardous materials releases, and from cyber-threats to active shooters, Emergency Management works to ensure coordination among all the response disciplines, including police, fire, and emergency medical services. Learn how Emergency Management fosters community resilience in five key phases: prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

***Lou Hunt** has been director of emergency management for the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Office for the past five years. Previously, he spent 26 years in the Kent County Sheriff’s Office as a crime scene investigator/team leader and as emergency management coordinator. Hunt has a BS from Michigan State University, an MS from Central Michigan University, and a professional emergency manager designation from the Michigan State Police.*

Date: WEDNESDAY, September 10  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Susan Couch

## HUM08 – The Hope-Western Prison Education Program

A 2023 course on the Hope-Western Prison Education Program (HWPEP) focused on the question, “What is transformation, and how can education play a role in bringing it about?” Two years later, Hope College’s Kary Bosma and Western Theological Seminary’s David Stubbs will offer fresh perspectives on this question as the first cohort of HWPEP students at the Muskegon Correctional Facility graduates with a BA degree, a new tutor program is launched, and the first “inside-out” class is scheduled for this fall. Learn more about how this program is helping not only those incarcerated but also the Hope and Western communities “visit the prisoner.”

**Kary Bosma** directed the Calvin Prison Initiative for eight years before becoming co-director of the Hope-Western Prison Education Program. She has an undergraduate degree in criminal justice from Calvin University. **David Stubbs** is co-director of HWPEP, professor of ethics and theology at Western Theological Seminary, and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He holds BS and MS degrees from Stanford University, an MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a PhD from Duke University.

Date: THURSDAY, September 11  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Doug Brouwer

## ART05 – Laura Verplank Film Series

In HASP's early years, Laura Verplank pioneered presenting an ongoing series of introducing, presenting, and discussing films. Jack Hyde has continued this tradition, offering insightful background and analysis of the selected works. If there is a theme in the following series, it has to be perseverance and salvation in lives interrupted by war, trauma, disease, and death. Fear not: It is more cheerful than it sounds.

**September 12:** *Mother of Mine* (Finland and Sweden with English subtitles, 2005, 104 minutes)

During World War II, about 70,000 Finnish children were evacuated over land, water, and air to Sweden. HASP member John Tammi was one of them. He will share his recollections of that time and of a later meeting with the film's director, Klaus Harö.

**September 19:** *The Hiding Place* (United States, 1975, 102 minutes)

After hiding over 800 Jewish refugees from the Nazis, members of the ten Boom family were arrested and sent to concentration camps where Corrie ten Boom's father and sister Betsie died. Corrie survived and, a few years later in California, she bounced HASP's Milton Nieuwsma on her lap while visiting his family. Nieuwsma will present this film – but he will not sit on anyone's lap.

**September 26:** *Driveways* (United States and Canada, 2019, 83 minutes)

A single mother and her eight-year-old son take a road trip to upstate New York to clean out and sell the home of her recently deceased sister. They meet an interesting neighbor.

**October 3:** *Sugarcane* (Canada and the United States, 2024, 107 minutes)

In this documentary, an investigation into abused and missing children at a Canadian native residential school ignites a reckoning on the nearby Sugarcane Reserve.

**October 10:** *Maria* (2024, 124 minutes)

This multinational film dramatizes the last seven days in the life of the great bel canto opera singer, Maria Callas, as she comes to terms with her true identity.

**October 17:** *Jacqueline du Pré – Genius and Tragedy* (United Kingdom, 2025, 85 minutes)

This documentary, introduced and narrated by cellist Yo-Yo Ma, tells the story of Jacqueline Mary du Pré, widely regarded as one of the preeminent cellists of the 20th century. Although her career was curtailed at age 28 by multiple sclerosis, du Pré's artistic influence continues some 40 years after her death.

**October 24:** *Thank You Very Much* (United States, 2023, 90 minutes)

This documentary recounts the story of comedian/performance artist Andy Kaufman, who blazed a new trail in performance during his short life which ended at age 35 from lung cancer.

**October 31:** *Ghostlight* (United States, 2024, 75 minutes)

A dysfunctional family finds redemption through participation in local theatre.

*Jack Hyde has been presenting this and other film series in recent years. He has been a high school special education teacher, a writer, and an editor. He is also an avid film buff.*

Dates: FRIDAYS, September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31  
Time: 9:30am - 12:00pm  
Mode: CLASSROOM  
Cost: \$5.00 per session  
Coordinator: Elsa Hyde

## **ART08 – Diversity Matters: Hispanic American and Native American Works in the Kruizenga Art Museum Collection**

The Kruizenga Art Museum (KAM) opened ten years ago with a mission to educate, engage, and inspire its visitors by exhibiting art from a broad range of cultures and chronological periods. In support of this mission, KAM has made special efforts to collect artworks that reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of contemporary American society.

**September 15:** In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15), KAM Director and Curator Charles Mason will present and discuss works by Hispanic American artists in the KAM collection.

**November 10:** To recognize Native American Heritage Month (November), Mason will present and discuss KAM collection works by Native American artists.

***Charles Mason** is the director and Margaret Feldmann Kruizenga Curator at Hope College's Kruizenga Art Museum. Before coming to Hope, he served variously as director and curator at museums in California, Ontario (Canada), Florida, and Ohio. Mason has a BA and an MA from Cambridge University in England and an MA from the University of California.*

Dates: MONDAYS, September 15 and November 10  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am (September 15); 1:00pm - 2:30pm (November 10)  
Mode: OFFSITE (The Kruizenga Art Museum is located at 271 Columbia Ave. on the Hope College campus.)  
**Limit: 20 enrollees per session**  
Cost: \$5.00 per session  
Coordinator: Deborah Bissonnette

## **SMT10 – From Seed to Cup: The Story of Coffee**

Coffee expert Braydon Booher will tell the story of how a small seed planted halfway across the world makes its way into the cup in your hand. Touching on the history of coffee throughout the world, he will discuss biology, agriculture, and the production of coffee, as well as logistics and coffee roasting.

***Braydon Booher** is an education and training specialist with Stovetop Coffee Roasters based in Holland. With a BS in horticulture from the University of Cincinnati, he has worked at various botanical gardens in Cincinnati and Washington, DC, and utilized his plant science background to understand and communicate the intricacies of coffee growing and production. Booher also has certifications in green roofing and sustainable landscape design.*

Date: MONDAY, September 15  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: CLASSROOM  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Russell Dykstra

## HUM01 – Non-Fiction Books

HASP members choose recent non-fiction books of interest and take turns leading lively discussions. Participants are expected to read the chosen book before the class. (Note: Books are available from Reader's World in downtown Holland at a 20% discount, at your local library, or from an on-line source, in various formats.)

**September 16:** *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America*, by Heather Cox Richardson (2023). A well-known podcaster and widely read historian who writes the newsletter "Letters from an American," Richardson examines how elite minorities have "made war on American ideals" and the danger of false history.

Discussion Leader: Tom Arendshorst

**October 14:** *Humanly Possible: Seven Hundred Years of Humanist Freethinking, Inquiry, and Hope*, by Sarah Bakewell (2023).

Blakewell takes a look at the immense variety of humanist thought over a 700-year history.

Discussion Leader: Debra Williamson

**November 18:** *Everyone Who is Gone is Here: The United States, Central America, and the Making of a Crisis*, by Jonathan Blitzer (2024).

The author connects the dots between United States foreign policy in Central America and the migrant crisis.

Discussion Leader: Susan Bohlander

**December 9:** *A Wilder Shore: The Romantic Odyssey of Fanny and Robert Louis Stevenson*, by Camille Peri (2024).

In the words of the author, this book opens "an intimate window into how the Stevensons lived and loved – a story that is at once a travel adventure, a journey into the literary creative process, and an inspiration for anyone seeking a freer, more unconventional life."

Discussion Leader: Kathleen Kennedy

Dates: TUESDAYS, September 16, October 14, November 18, and December 09

Time: 9:30am - 11:00am

Mode: CLASSROOM

**Limit:** 35 enrollees per session

Cost: \$5.00 per session

Coordinators: Betsy Snider and Barb Springer Selig

## **HUM02 – Homecor: Non-profit Construction and Renovation of Affordable Homes in Historic Holland**

Whether upgrading a shabby but worthy older house, finding a lot on which to build an affordable home, or helping homeowners afford repairs, non-profit Homecor brings skill, energy, and funds from private donors to Holland's historic neighborhoods. Homecor executive director Amy Alderink will discuss the scope and outcomes of the agency's work.

**September 16:** We will learn how homes are selected, upgraded, and resold through Homecor using private funds rather than tax dollars. Before and after photos will tell a story of neighborhoods enhanced.

**September 23:** Alderink will provide a step-by-step review of a recent project involving two homes – one from 1896 and, next door, new construction on a vacant lot. She will also discuss Homecor's grant program which enables qualified homeowners to make repairs.

*Since 1996 Amy Alderink has been executive director of Homecor, a non-profit founded by local philanthropists. She lives in Holland and has been preserving and improving homes near downtown Holland for over 20 years. Alderink is a graduate of Calvin University and a licensed realtor.*

Dates: TUESDAYS, September 16 and 23  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$10.00  
Coordinator: Linda Walvoord

## **SOC03 – Artificial Intelligence in Education: Navigating Opportunities and Challenges**

Artificial intelligence (AI) has become commonplace in many aspects of everyday life. In this course, Dave Tebo will explore the integration of AI into educational settings. Drawing upon his extensive experience in design thinking and project management, Tebo will delve into the transformative potential of AI to foster innovation and personalize learning for students. He will also address potential pitfalls associated with the use of this remarkable and powerful technology in educational environments.

*Dave Tebo is director of innovative services for the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District in West Michigan. Previously, he spent 15 years as a district school superintendent, and he has also been an elementary teacher and principal. Tebo has a BA from Spring Arbor College and an MA from Eastern Michigan University.*

Date: THURSDAY, September 18  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Barbara Kidd

### **SMT05 – The Life of Stars: From Dust Clouds to Black Holes**

Like people, stars have a life cycle. Born out of dust and gas, new stars form every day. What does their life cycle look like? How do stars come into existence, and how do they generate life out of all the chemical elements they form? What happens when a star dies and ends up as a white dwarf, a neutron star, or even a black hole? And of even greater importance, how and by what means do we know all this? Karl Rijkse will share his insights as we seek to answer these and other questions.

***Karl Rijkse** is a retired chemist. He studied organic and analytical chemistry at the University of Amsterdam, and he received an MBA from Henley Management College in London. Fascinated by astronomy and related sciences from a young age, Rijkse has been a member of several astronomy clubs in various locations. Currently, he is vice president of the Shoreline Amateur Astronomical Association based in West Michigan.*

Date: MONDAY, September 22  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Louis Morel

### **ART02 – The Art of Arrangement: Taking Musical Ideas from One’s Head to the Stage**

Composer Greg Scheer is known to HASP for the Holland Symphony Orchestra’s “Music Unites Us” (MUU) program. This year he returns to discuss his work on the 2025 MUU program and the process of taking a musical idea from one’s head to the stage. Scheer will also talk about choosing songs with Grupo Super Nova’s Garcia brothers, the joys and challenges of working across musical cultures, and his approach to arranging and orchestrating music.

***Greg Scheer** is a composer, author, and speaker known for his work in both contemporary and classical music, as well as his expertise in worship and music leadership. He has composed over a thousand pieces of music in a dizzying variety of styles. Scheer’s sacred music appears in hymnals and choral catalogs, and his classical music has been commissioned by the Holland Symphony Orchestra, Baylor University, the St. Cecilia Music Society, and other organizations. Scheer’s symphonic rock group, the St. Sinner Orchestra, has released three albums.*

Date: TUESDAY, September 23  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: CLASSROOM  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Pat Eldean

## **SOC06 – Is It (Third-) Party Time? Critiquing the Current State of Our Two-Party System**

Despite historical levels of disapproval for their respective brands, neither of the two major parties in America seems interested in doing what it takes to build a durable, broad-based majority governing coalition.

**September 24:** Hope College's David Ryden will offer a deeply critical appraisal of both parties in their present iteration, and he will argue that national-level politics cannot achieve an acceptable measure of performance without drastic changes to the parties.

**October 1:** Ryden will consider an array of possible reforms across the American party system, including ways of opening up the current duopoly to more serious third-party and independent challenges. He will also suggest how such reforms might be realized in the current environment.

*David Ryden joined the Hope College political science faculty in 1994. He has published numerous books and articles on the Supreme Court, the electoral process, religious liberty, and other topics at the intersection of religion and politics. Ryden has a BA from Concordia College, a law degree from the University of Minnesota, and a PhD from The Catholic University of America.*

Dates: WEDNESDAYS, September 24 and October 1  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$10.00  
Coordinator: Barbara Kidd

## **SMT18 – The Holland Board of Public Works Anaerobic Digester**

The Holland Board of Public Works recently completed a major improvement project at its Holland Area Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF). The centerpiece of the project is an anaerobic digester, which uses microorganisms to break down biodegradable material in the absence of oxygen, significantly reducing wastewater solids and at the same time generating biogas which allows the WRF to produce electricity and heat. Theo VanAken will discuss the drivers of this important project, engineering design and technology selection, and construction and commissioning of the processes, as well as emerging issues such as the presence of PFAS (known as “forever chemicals”) in wastewater.

*Theo VanAken has been with the Holland Board of Public Works for eight years and is currently the superintendent of the Holland Area Wastewater Reclamation Facility. Previously, he was a planning engineer responsible for engineering activities and project management for HBPW capital projects. VanAken has a BS in biosystems and agricultural engineering from Michigan State University and is licensed as a professional engineer by the State of Michigan.*

Date: THURSDAY, September 25  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Louis Morel



**SOC02 – Great Lakes Indigenous Tribes, Part II:  
The War of 1812 and the Black Hawk War of 1832**

Following the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, the expansion of the United States into the Great Lakes region increased dramatically. Jacob Ryan will discuss how this affected the region's indigenous tribes, the roles played by the tribes in such major conflicts as the War of 1812 and the Blackhawk War of 1832, and the consequences of those encounters.

*Jacob Ryan has had a lifelong interest in the cultural and societal life of indigenous people in the Midwest, having grown up on a Mississippi River town that was once populated by members of the Sac and Fox Nation. He earned BA and BS degrees from Olivet Nazarene University and an MS from Illinois State University. Ryan's undergraduate work focused on Chief Black Hawk and the Black Hawk War of 1832, and his graduate studies included additional tribes in the greater Midwest. He is a branch librarian at the Herrick District Library in Holland.*

Date: MONDAY, September 29  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Barbara Kidd

**ART04 – “It was all going fine until he chopped off all his fingers.”:  
Martin McDonagh and the Dark Comedy**

Reagan Chesnut will explore the films of Oscar-winning playwright and director Martin McDonagh through the lens of dark comedy. Examining the films “Six Shooter,” “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri,” “In Bruges,” and “The Banshees of Inisherin,” she will demonstrate how comedy functions among themes of violence, isolation, and abjection.

*After graduating from Hope College, Reagan Chesnut earned an MPhil in theatre and performance from the University of Dublin's Trinity College, focusing on playwriting and the work of Martin McDonagh. She is currently an assistant director in the Computing and Information Technology office at Hope. Chesnut is also an adjunct faculty member and stage management supervisor in the Department of Theatre, where she will be teaching playwriting in the spring of 2026.*

Date: MONDAY, September 29  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: CLASSROOM  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Jean Martin

### SOC17 – Putin’s Russia: An Economic Conundrum

Under Vladimir Putin’s leadership, Russia represents a real conundrum for American economic policy and diplomacy. His actions have created numerous problems across the political and economic landscape, nationally and worldwide: inflation, chronic shortages in many industries, and economic instability. What else does Putin have in store, what might be the likely consequences, and how should the United States respond? Join Robert Kunnen as he delves into these and other critically important economic and diplomatic issues.

*A student of the Russian economy for more than 30 years, HASP member **Robert Kunnen** spent ten years in higher education teaching in both graduate and undergraduate programs, primarily in business and economics. He later worked for 30 years in the investment management field and managed several oil-related funds. Kunnen received a PhD from the University of California San Diego/Walden University.*

Date: TUESDAY, September 30  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Richard Frost

### SOC16 – Community Policing: An Overview from Holland Public Safety

Captain Keith Mulder will provide an overview of the work of the Holland Department of Public Safety (HDPS), with an emphasis on community policing and the role that we, as residents, play in keeping our city and homes safe. Particular attention will be paid to how HDPS engages the community and the strategies it employs to build relationships, understand community needs, and collaborate with the community to reduce crime and improve the overall quality of life.

***Keith Mulder** joined the Holland Department of Public Safety as a 21-year-old cadet and has risen through the ranks, being promoted to captain in 2016. He currently heads the patrol division and is responsible for community policing, crisis negotiation, and numerous other units. Mulder earned a BA in psychology from Calvin University before graduating from the police academy at Grand Valley State University.*

Date: TUESDAY, September 30  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Richard Frost

## HUM11 – Adventurous Aging Between Retirement and Death

As we navigate the sometimes-choppy waters between retirement and death, what can we learn from literature, from psychology, and from each other?

### **October 1:** Seeking Wisdom from Three Poems and an Essay

Judy Parr will read and lead discussion on poems about living and aging; selected poets include E. E. Cummings, William Shakespeare, and Robert Frost. She will also read and guide discussion about “The Back Yard,” an essay by John H. Timmerman, professor of English *emeritus* at Calvin University and author of 26 books. Discussion will focus on the reactions of HASP members to the works read: Feelings? Thoughts? Experiences? Memories?

### **October 8:** Aging Wisely, Aging Well

Tom Ludwig will explore the challenges and joys that people typically experience in the second half of life, as well as perspectives on how to approach age-related changes thoughtfully and effectively, so as to maximize wellness and wholeness within the mystery of human flourishing.

*HASP member **Judy Parr** earned a BA from Hope College and MA and PhD degrees from Ohio State University. Interested in literature and Christianity, she has taught or co-taught 30 HASP courses and currently chairs the Curriculum Committee.*

***Thomas Ludwig**, the John Dirk Werkman Emeritus Professor of Psychology at Hope College, joined Hope’s faculty in 1977. Over the next 40 years, he taught courses in developmental psychology, adult development and aging, psychology and religion, and neuroscience. Ludwig also served as an adjunct faculty member at Western Theological Seminary, as Hope’s faculty exchange professor at Meiji Gakuin University in Tokyo, and as interim president of Trinity Lutheran Seminary. He has a BA from Concordia College, an MA from Christ Seminary SEMINEX, and a PhD from Washington University.*

Dates: WEDNESDAYS, October 1 and 8  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$10.00  
Coordinator: Steve Norden

## SMT16 – Ask the Doctors, Part II: A Panel Discussion

In a repeat of a 2023 course, a panel of physicians and a dentist will address participants' questions on health and medical issues. The goal is not only to educate the audience on matters of concern to them, but also to empower them to be their own health-care advocates. Note: The session is unscripted and will be moderated by John Kobs. Questions will be submitted on a card and presented to a member of the panel.

*Panelists will include HASP member **Richard Swanson** (rheumatology; MD from Creighton University School of Medicine); **Brian Drozdowski** (internal medicine; MD from Wayne State University and specialty in internal medicine from the University of Michigan); **Bryan Huffman** (ophthalmology; MD from the University of Michigan with eye training at the University of Florida); HASP member **Jane MacPherson** (family practice and palliative care; MD from Michigan State University); and HASP member **David Van Appledorn** (dentistry; DDS from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry).*

Date: THURSDAY, October 2  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: John Kobs

## SOC08 – Trump II and the Constitution: Problematic, Constitutional Crisis, or Existential Threat?

The second Trump presidency is proving to be a stress test for constitutional norms and practices, the likes of which this country has never seen. David Ryden will explore the most significant constitutional questions raised by the frenzy of activity in the administration's opening months.

**October 6:** Ryden will offer a historical backdrop, legal analysis, and likely outcomes in the slew of cases the administration's actions have triggered.

**October 13:** We will consider the capacity of the federal judiciary (and in particular the Supreme Court) to weather the constitutional onslaught and serve as an effective check on the administration, and we will reflect on how basic constitutional values might be revitalized.

***David Ryden** joined the Hope College political science faculty in 1994. He has published numerous books and articles on the Supreme Court, the electoral process, religious liberty, and other topics at the intersection of religion and politics. Ryden has a BA from Concordia College, a law degree from the University of Minnesota, and a PhD from The Catholic University of America.*

Dates: MONDAYS, October 6 and 13  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$10.00  
Coordinator: Andrew Bissonnette

### SMT11 – The Magic of the United States Electrical Grid

Where does the electricity in an outlet come from, and how does it get there? How is electricity distributed throughout a community? What is the history and future of sources of electricity, and what are renewables all about? How does the Holland Board of Public Works system work? How do the many electric companies in the United States work together, and how does the electrical grid function? If you have ever wondered about these (and perhaps other) questions and would like to know more about our country's electrical system, this course is for you – and you don't need to be an electrical engineer!

*HASP member **David Couch** served for 22 years as senior vice president and chief information officer for SpartanNash Corporation, where he was responsible for all business systems, technical infrastructure, and communication technology. He has over 50 years of experience in information technology in retail, wholesale, and manufacturing organizations. Couch holds BA and MA degrees from the University of Arizona.*

Date: MONDAY, October 6  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Susan Couch

### SOC05 – Grief, Bereavement, and Stress

The loss of a loved one is among life's most stressful events, often causing a major emotional crisis, yet there are many other losses that one grieves. Steve Norden will examine the relationship between grief and stress, some of the myths about grief, as well as the emotional, spiritual, cognitive, and behavioral reactions that can occur during the grieving process. He will also explore both self-care and care for others who are grieving, and suggest helpful support resources. Note: Due to the sensitive nature of the subject, participant confidentiality is important and expected.

*HASP member **Steve Norden** is a minister in the Reformed Church in America, serving pastorates from 1978 until his retirement in 2022. He has also served as a volunteer law enforcement chaplain for 35 years in a local agency (1990-2022) and in a federal agency (2011 – present). Norden received a BA from Hope College and an MDiv from Western Theological Seminary.*

Date: WEDNESDAY, October 8  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: CLASSROOM  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Kit Leggett

### **SOC01 – Peleliu: The Controversial World War II Pacific Battle**

John Kobs will provide an in-depth review of the Battle of Peleliu which took place in the fall of 1944 on the island of the same name during the Pacific Theater of World War II. This battle between forces of the United States and Japan was a critical component of the US military's attempt to retake the Philippines, and it is widely considered to have been the most brutal encounter in the Pacific. Although the United States eventually prevailed, many military historians think that the battle was not militarily necessary and should never have taken place.

*HASP member and past president **John Kobs** is a retired periodontist who practiced in Holland from 1977 to 2017. He received a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, a DDS from the University of Iowa, and an MS with specialty certification from the University of North Carolina.*

Date: MONDAY, October 13  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Andrew Bissonnette

### **SOC04 – The Holocaust: It Didn't Begin with Auschwitz**

When we think of the Holocaust, we often focus on images of concentration (death) camps: the barbed wire, barracks, gas chambers, and crematoria, together with thousands of emaciated prisoners in filthy, striped uniforms. All of these horrible scenes reflect the end stage of a process that unfolded over several years. Join Hope College's Janis Gibbs as she examines the political, legal, and social developments in Germany that led to the events which are the subject of the iconic images.

Note: At the request of the presenter, this class will not be recorded.

*A member of the Hope College faculty since 1996, **Janis Gibbs** is an associate professor of history, a co-advisor of the college's Fulbright Program, and a faculty member in its Vienna Summer School. Her research concentrates on sixteenth-century Germany, and her teaching interests include the modern Middle East and the history of civil liberties in wartime. Gibbs earned a JD from the University of Chicago Law School and an MA and a PhD from the University of Virginia.*

Date: TUESDAY, October 14  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Kit Janssen Leggett

## **HUM10 – Is the Pen Mightier than the Sword? Poetry as Resistance, Protest, and Empowerment**

Cindy Prah will examine how poetry is uniquely positioned as a vehicle for protest, resistance, and social change. Through readings and group discussion, we will explore poets and poems that expressed dissent, challenged oppression, advocated for liberation, and brought about social change. Various poetic forms and techniques will be considered, together with the historical and political conditions that shaped them, and their real-world impact.

*HASP member **Cindy Prah** is a native of Chicago who relocated to Holland four years ago. She is trained as a life coach and is a retired human resources and management professional, having spent most of her career in the financial services sector. Prah attended Loyola University Chicago and the University of Illinois Chicago from which she has a BS in psychology.*

Date: WEDNESDAY, October 15  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: CLASSROOM  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Jean Norden

## **SMT14 – Weaponizing Apple Orchards to Combat Climate Change**

One of the best ways to celebrate fall in West Michigan is to visit an orchard and enjoy the colors and tastes of the state's largest and most valuable fruit crop: apples. Did you know that apple orchards are not only carbon neutral but may also provide opportunities to further sequester the release of carbon? Kevin Postma will discuss his research which is focused on the role apple orchards play in carbon sequestration, methods used to increase carbon sequestration over the lifespan of an orchard, and the conversion of woody biomass into "biochar," another form of carbon sequestration.

***Kevin Postma** taught high school science for 26 years, and in 2020 he joined a Michigan State University study on the impact of apple orchards on climate. Postma has a BS from Miami University and an MA from the University of Mississippi. At MSU he is currently pursuing a PhD in entomology and the impact of agroecosystems on climate.*

Date: WEDNESDAY, October 15  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Jane MacPherson

## ART01 – Editing Reality: The History of Manipulated Photography

At its inception in 1839, photography was viewed as a way to capture mechanically more precise and detailed images of the world than could possibly be created by an artist with a pencil or paintbrush. Yet almost from the moment of its creation, photographers began manipulating their work – and reality – for various purposes.

### **October 16:** Before the Digital Age.

Long before digital photography and Photoshop, early photographers began “doctoring” their photographs to address the limitations of fledgling photographic technology. But they quickly learned to manipulate photographs for other purposes. At what point did correction give way to propaganda, entertainment, commercialism, and art?

### **October 23:** In the Digital Age and Beyond.

As photography moved out of the darkroom and into the computer, the process was democratized and the ability to “doctor” an image, or even create one using artificial intelligence, became one of clicks. Merriam-Webster even added the verb “photoshop” to its dictionary in 2008. With the proliferation of these tools, is photography now dead?

Note: At the request of the presenter, these sessions will not be recorded.

***Rodney Martin** is a retired lawyer. He has a BA in political science and economics from Kalamazoo College and a JD from the University of Michigan Law School. Martin is also an amateur photographer whose published and publicly exhibited work focuses primarily on landscapes and nature.*

Dates: THURSDAYS, October 16 and 23  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$10.00  
Coordinator: Mary Jo O'Connor



## **SMT12 – The Ecology and Restoration of America's River**

Molly Van Appledorn will survey the history and ecology of “America’s River,” the Mississippi, with a focus on what makes it so special. How has its system provided critical habitats for animals, plants, and humans over time? What threatens the river system’s health and resilience, both now and into the future? Particular attention will be paid to the Upper Mississippi River Restoration Program, the first environmental restoration and monitoring program undertaken on a large river system in the United States, and what we have learned from over 30 years of scientific monitoring and research.

***Molly Van Appledorn** is a research ecologist with the United States Geological Survey. Her work focuses on relationships between flooding dynamics and ecological patterns and processes, especially in the forests of the Upper Mississippi River System. She received a BS from the University of Michigan, an MS from Utah State University, and a PhD in geography and environmental systems from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.*

Date: THURSDAY, October 16  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: CLASSROOM  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: David Van Appledorn

## **SOC09 – Unlikely Heroes: The Amazing Story of the American Center for Relief in Marseille, 1940-41**

The June 1940 German occupation of northern France left few escape routes for persecuted Jews. Still, the courageous and resourceful staff of the Centre Américain de Secours (American Center for Relief) in Marseille saved several thousand artists and intellectuals in a little more than a year. Alice Lincoln Ward will focus on certain ACR workers who facilitated these escapes, including Mary Jayne Gold, whose family’s Marigold Lodge is a landmark in Holland. Finally, we will reflect on the meaning of these events for today.

***HASP member Alice Lincoln Ward** is a retired French instructor who taught at the high school, community college, and university levels, most recently at Central Michigan University. She holds a BA in English and French from the University of Michigan and a master’s in linguistics from Stanford University, with additional graduate study at Northwestern University and Université Grenoble Alpes.*

Date: MONDAY, October 20  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: George Ward

### **HUM09 – Toward a More Just Society in Honduras**

For the last 27 years, the Association for a More Just Society has worked in Honduras on some of the most intractable problems facing Honduran society, including poverty, violence, policing, healthcare, education, corruption, and more. Kyle Meyaard-Schaap will discuss the motivation, methodology, and results of almost three decades of justice work in one of the world's most challenging environments.

***Kyle Meyaard-Schaap** is executive director of Association for a More Just Society and leads operations in the United States. He has spent the last 13 years working with Christians at the intersection of justice, faith, and action, especially in the areas of climate change and environmental justice. He has a BA from Calvin University and an MDiv from Western Theological Seminary, and he is ordained in the Reformed Church in America. Meyaard-Schaap is the author of Following Jesus in a Warming World: A Christian Call to Climate Action.*

Date: TUESDAY, October 21  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Doug Brouwer

### **SOC13 – Evergreen Commons: Celebrating 40 Years of Service to Seniors**

Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, Evergreen Commons has been a model for older adult centers around the state and the nation. Evergreen's mission – to inspire older adults to live their fullest lives – is furthered through a variety of exercise opportunities, social activities, and creative classes designed to improve health and well-being. Come learn about Evergreen's early history and its growth in services through its wellness and day centers.

***Jill Ver Steeg** has been president/CEO of Evergreen Commons since 2022. Previously, she served in various capacities, including as COO, with the Reformed Church in America. Ver Steeg received a BA from Northwestern College, an MDiv from Western Theological Seminary, and a DMin from Fuller Theological Seminary. **Amy Vande Poel** is director of physical wellness at Evergreen, where she has worked in several different roles for over 20 years. She is certified as both a precision nutrition coach and as a personal trainer and group exercise instructor. Vande Poel has a BA in kinesiology and exercise science from Hope College. **Suzanne Sholes** is director of the Evergreen Commons Day Center and caregiver support services. She has been with Evergreen Commons since 2010. Sholes has a BA in psychology and a master's in counseling/gerontology from Western Michigan University, and she is a certified dementia practitioner.*

Date: TUESDAY, October 21  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Frances Hackney

## **SOC12 – Holocaust Denial: The History and Destructive Legacy of a False Narrative**

Even before World War II ended, malevolent fabricators were claiming that the Holocaust had been a hoax. Their sinister motivations intersected neatly with the racist ideology that had given rise to the systematic persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazis and their collaborators between 1933 and 1945.

**October 22:** Hope College's Fred Johnson will examine the origins of Holocaust denial conspiracies and the early efforts of American and international organizations and individuals to repudiate the false narrative.

**October 29:** Johnson will offer an analytical assessment of the destructive legacy of Holocaust denialism since WWII and its corrosive effect, both within and outside the United States, as the nation has struggled to realize its vision as a pluralistic democracy.

***Fred Johnson III** is the Guy VanderJagt '53 Endowed Professor of History at Hope College, where he has been a faculty member since 2000. He has a BA from Bowie State University, an MA and a PhD from Kent State University, and an MDiv from Western Theological Seminary. Johnson's primary field of study is nineteenth-century US History, specifically the Civil War. His other areas of expertise are twentieth-century US history, US military history, and African history.*

Dates: WEDNESDAYS, October 22 and 29  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$10.00  
Coordinator: Kit Janssen Leggett

## HUM07 – Travel: The Case Against It and How Travel Can (Sometimes) Change Us

Travel is a critically important part of human history. From the beginning, people have been setting out and going places. Sometimes travel is voluntary; other times it is reluctant or even forced. With Doug Brouwer as our “guide,” we will explore the larger story of travel, examine the case against it, and then discover ways to make travel more than it often is.

**October 22:** Introduction – Travel, as a multi-disciplinary area of study, is far more complex than we often realize. Voluntary or not, people have been setting out and going places for thousands of years.

**October 29:** The Case Against Travel – Does travel do for us what we often claim? The answer, sadly, is no. Travel is not only bad for the earth and the places we visit, but sometimes it merely confirms our prejudices and biases about other cultures. Some well-known travel writers provide examples.

**November 5:** Travel Can (Sometimes) Change Us – We will explore several ways travel could be more than it often is, perhaps even life-changing.

*HASP member and world traveler **Douglas Brouwer** has journeyed extensively throughout his life – with large groups and alone. He has led mission trips, study tours, and pilgrimages, and three times he has lived abroad for extended periods. Brouwer’s latest book, The Traveler’s Path, is a reflection on those experiences and a guide for making travel better than it often is. He received a BA from Calvin University and MDiv and DMin degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary.*

Dates: WEDNESDAYS, October 22, 29, and November 5  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$15.00  
Coordinator: Cindy Prah

### **SMT19 – What the Frack is Fracking?**

In recent years, the American oil and gas industry has experienced a boom due in significant part to the successful exploitation of unconventional reservoirs through a process known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. Hope College's Sarah Dean will explain the mechanics and process of fracking, its benefits and drawbacks, and how fracking affects us. She will also discuss the importance of understanding the geology of reservoirs (porosity, permeability, and rock type) to be used for fracking, and the process of obtaining leases and mineral rights, as illustrated by case studies from the Permian Basin in Texas and other active basins.

***Sarah Dean** is an assistant professor in the Department of Geological and Environmental Science at Hope College. Her current research focuses on salt and shale tectonics, especially in the Gulf of Mexico. Prior to her appointment at Hope, Dean worked as a production geologist for Shell Exploration and Production Company in Texas. She holds a BS in geology from Hope and a PhD in earth science from Rice University.*

Date: THURSDAY, October 23  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Linda P. Fulton

## HUM05 – Religion in America: From the Civil War to World War II

In a continuation of his series on American religious history, James Bratt will cover the era in which the United States became a consolidated, urban-industrial nation marked by high levels of European immigration. People of faith responded to the radical changes brought about by this transformation in markedly different ways. Religious participation had never been higher, nor religious anxieties more acute, nor religion's impact more diffuse than in this fascinating era.

**October 27:** The coming, conduct, and consequences of the Civil War, including the emergence of independent black churches (1850-1880).

**November 3:** The “new” immigration of people from southern and eastern Europe, transforming the existing American Roman Catholic and Jewish communities and arousing fears in the hearts of Protestants (1885-1915).

**November 10:** The emerging divide between so-called mainstream/liberal and evangelical/fundamentalist Protestants (1875-1905).

**November 17:** The rise of the Progressive Movement, the shattering impact of World War I, and the fierce culture wars of the 1920s (1900-1930).

*James Bratt earned a BA from Calvin University and a PhD from Yale University. He taught at the University of Pittsburgh and at Calvin, where he focused on the intellectual and religious history of early America. Bratt is the author of eight books and numerous articles, a Fulbright Scholar, and the recipient of Calvin University's Presidential Award for Exemplary Teaching.*

Dates: MONDAYS, October 27, November 3, 10, and 17  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$20.00  
Coordinator: Doug Brouwer

### **SMT17 – Regenerative Agriculture at the Pleasant Hill Organic Blueberry Farm**

Inspired in the 1970s by Wendell Berry's *The Unsettling of America: Culture and Agriculture*, Joan Donaldson and John Van Voorhees converted their family's fruit farm to organic methods. Today, Pleasant Hill Farm is one of the oldest organic blueberry farms in the state. Whether training oxen, planting miles of hedgerows, or welcoming you-pickers and plein-air painters, the couple works to nurture a relationship among the farmers, their customers, and the land. Pleasant Hill Farm is also known for the four-acre poppy field planted each year in memory of their late son, who died in service to his country.

*Joan Donaldson is the granddaughter of a fruit farmer, and John Van Voorhees is a third-generation farmer who cultivates bushes planted by his grandfather. They both earned degrees in geology from Hope College, and Donaldson later received an MFA in writing from Spalding University. She is the author of six books and was recently interviewed by the BBC about her latest historical novel, Ae Fond Kiss. Donaldson has led writing workshops, and The Christian Science Monitor has published several of her agrarian essays.*

Date: MONDAY, October 27  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Susan Ryan

### **SMT04 – Prioritizing Safe and Sustainable Energy Development**

Although significant progress has been made in the development of sustainable clean energy (such as solar, wind, hydro, and nuclear power), reliance on fossil fuels remains dominant. Detailed integrated basin analysis (IBA) is a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach used to understand the geological evolution of sedimentary basins; this is key to identifying hydrocarbon prospects and, importantly, formations suitable for CO<sub>2</sub> capture. Using case studies from the Gulf of Mexico and the Niger Delta, Uzonna Anyiam will explain how IBA works and how energy development coupled with carbon capture techniques can help us move toward cleaner energy.

*Uzonna Anyiam is an assistant professor of geophysics and environmental science at Hope College. He received a bachelor's degree from the Federal University of Technology Owerri (Nigeria), an MS in geology from Oklahoma State University, and a PhD in geophysics from the University of Science and Technology of China. His research interests include the study of subsurface reservoirs in geologically complex settings and identifying sustainable energy sources.*

Date: TUESDAY, October 28  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Linda Fulton

### **ART03 – Red Alert! Art about Biodiversity**

Come to the Outdoor Discovery Center and explore the wonder and urgency of biodiversity – the rich variety of life on Earth essential for a healthy planet – through a unique art exhibit by local artist Joel Schoon-Tanis. The exhibit includes vivid artwork and hands-on experiences designed to educate visitors and highlight the importance of protecting biodiversity.

*Joel Schoon-Tanis has been a working artist for over 30 years. He has painted all over the world, and his work has been shown across the United States and as far away as Kenya. Schoon-Tanis has painted murals in many schools, churches, and children's hospitals – locally, in Africa, and in the Middle East, including Palestine. He is a graduate of Hope College.*

Date: TUESDAY, October 28  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: OFFSITE (The Outdoor Discovery Center is located at 4214 56th Street, Holland.)  
**Limit:** 50 enrollees  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Pat Eldean

### **SOC15 – The Unique Challenges and Opportunities in Serving First-Generation College Students**

A significant increase in the number and diversity of first-generation students attending Hope College poses unique challenges and requires specific strategies designed to ensure their success. Hope's Kasey Stevens will discuss the complexity of "first-gen" identities, the challenges these students both face and present, and the array of tactics employed to engage them and develop pathways for their success.

*Kasey Stevens is associate dean of integrative learning and director of the Phelps Scholars Program at Hope College. He has a BA from Central Michigan University and a master's from Grand Valley State University.*

Date: THURSDAY, October 30  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Richard Frost



## **SMT02 – Smart EV Battery Management: From Use to Renewal**

Maximizing the use of advanced chemistry batteries and ensuring the recovery of key materials are critical components of the energy storage ecosystem. Kris Hunter will discuss how comprehensive battery lifecycle management practices (including second-use and recycling) provide a framework for sustainability in this important field.

***Kris Hunter** is a battery industry consultant with THCCx Consulting, which is dedicated to advancing a circular battery economy. She previously served as a director of business development at ATC Drivetrain, a global battery service provider. Hunter has a bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University and an MBA from DePaul University.*

Date: THURSDAY, October 30  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Bill Wells

## **SOC14 – Finding Your Gear: Old Bones, Young Spirit**

At the age of 66, John McShea cycled solo around Lake Michigan, raising money for an epilepsy-related charity, and then wrote a book, *Old Bones, Young Spirit*, about the experience. McShea will share his fascinating story, encouraging others to find their higher gear and take the road less traveled.

***John McShea** received a BA from Winona State University and an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He worked on Wall Street in institutional fixed income for close to 30 years, and for 11 years was a professional actor in film, television, and commercials. McShea is an avid mountain climber, sailor, and cyclist.*

Date: MONDAY, November 3  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Tom Glover

### **SMT08 – The Aging Ear: Enhancing Hearing, Understanding, and Quality of Life**

Although anatomy and physiology play a key role in our ability to hear, our capacity to understand what we hear is affected by many different things, especially as we age. Audiologists Jennifer Smart and Shawn Castillo will explore hearing loss and changes in the auditory processing abilities of older adults, including those with relatively “normal” hearing. They will also discuss current treatments and rehabilitation options that can enhance a person’s ability to both hear and understand, leading to an improvement in quality of life.

***Jennifer Smart** is an associate professor and director of audiology in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Grand Valley State University. She teaches diagnostic audiology and auditory processing, and her research interests include the diagnosis and rehabilitation of adults and children with auditory processing disorders. Smart has a BA in speech pathology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a PhD in clinical audiology from James Madison University.*

***Shawn Castillo** is a member of the clinical affiliate faculty in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at GVSU, where she has developed an evidence-based curriculum for aural rehabilitation. She is also a practicing audiologist. Castillo has a BA from Michigan State University, an MA from the University of Connecticut, and a doctorate in audiology from Salus University.*

Date: WEDNESDAY, November 5  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Jane MacPherson

## **SOC10 – How is God at Work in the World? The Problem of Evil and Human Suffering**

The problem of evil and human suffering has plagued humanity since the beginning of time. Popular Christian theology, culture, and language continue to struggle with this dilemma. Steven Hoogerwerf will examine various responses to the dilemma of evil and human suffering, and he will offer some ways of reimagining God's involvement in human affairs.

### **November 6:** The Problem of Evil.

Hoogerwerf will provide an overview of the enduring dilemma of evil and suffering in the world if it is governed by a good and all-powerful God. Attempts to resolve this dilemma, typically called theodicies, often take the form of comfort phrases. We will consider how many of these phrases seek to explain and defend God in the face of evil and suffering.

### **November 13:** How is God at Work in the World?

In the face of evil and human suffering, many questions are posed: How is God at work in the world? Is God in total control, so that everything that happens is part of God's perfect plan? Or did God create a world that operates with some independence, so that God is not controlling everything that happens? We will explore a few ways theologians in the Judeo-Christian tradition have re-imagined God's power and providential care, and suggest how practical responses to evil provide an alternative to traditional theodicy.

*HASP member **Steven Hoogerwerf** is a senior research professor and an associate professor of religion emeritus at Hope College, his undergraduate alma mater. He has an MDiv from Western Theological Seminary and a PhD in theology and ethics from Duke University.*

Dates: THURSDAYS, November 6 and 13  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$10.00  
Coordinator: Kathleen Kennedy

### **SMT03 – When Seconds Count: Fire Training in Michigan and Locally**

Anthony Arminiak will describe how the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education provides training services statewide – in homeland security, fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and other areas – in a safe and controlled environment. David Wolffis will discuss the fire-training services that are practiced in the Holland area as well as the size, scope, and services of the City of Holland Fire Department.

*Anthony Arminiak recently retired from the Wayne County Community College District where he served as regional campus president of the Downriver Campus (which houses the Michigan Institute for Public Safety, Education) and the Ted Scott Campus. He has a BS from Siena Heights University and an MS from Central Michigan University.*

*David Wolffis was hired as a firefighter in 2018 and currently serves as training officer for the City of Holland Fire Department. He has an associate's degree in fire science from Muskegon Community College and a bachelor's from Grand Valley State University.*

Date: THURSDAY, November 6  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Randall Miller

### **HUM06 – Big Read Lakeshore: Leif Enger's *I Cheerfully Refuse***

Join Hope College's Michael Van Dyke for an engaging discussion of this year's Big Read book, Leif Enger's *I Cheerfully Refuse*, a lyrical and haunting novel set in a near-future America unraveling under environmental and societal collapse. Together we will explore themes of resilience, resistance, and quiet defiance through the eyes of Rainy, a former musician on a river journey shaped by loss, music, and unexpected hope. Come ready to reflect, connect, and consider what it means to navigate darkness with imagination and grace.

*Michael Van Dyke is a visiting associate professor of English at Hope College, where he has been teaching since 2023. He has BA, MA, and PhD degrees from Michigan State University, and his academic interests include the intersection of literature, political life, and faith in American culture. Van Dyke is the author of Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Radical Integrity.*

Date: FRIDAY, November 7  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: CLASSROOM  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Barry Bandstra

## SMT09 – Hands-On Math: Abstract Algebra and Group Theory

Instead of just learning about mathematics, participants in Tim Pennings' latest course will be *doing* mathematics. Some have defined mathematics as the study of patterns. Group theory, sitting at the heart of mathematics, allows students to discover patterns which, although interesting in their own right, are also used by chemists and physicists to describe and understand nature.

**November 11:** Each participant will have a square with numbered corners on each side. By manipulating (twisting and flipping) the square and recording the results, participants will (hopefully) discover patterns.

**November 13:** The same procedure will be followed, this time with a triangle. We will discover which patterns remain the same as with the rectangle, and which differ. We will then define a group as any collection of objects which satisfy certain properties discovered by manipulating the rectangle and triangle.

**November 18:** It turns out that many well-known collections of numbers are groups. We will explore several of these and again discover new patterns of numbers.

**November 20:** A key idea for much of group theory and other mathematics is that of equivalence classes. This deep mathematical concept, which Pennings learned in his 8th grade English class, will serve as the basis for this session.

*For 35 years, HASP member **Tim Pennings** has taught and/or chaired mathematics at Hope College, Kalamazoo College, Davenport University, and Calvin University. He is perhaps best known for his paper "Do Dogs Know Calculus?" Pennings performs and supervises undergraduate research in mathematical modeling, the infinite, and chaos theory. Among his diverse current involvements, he mentors two prisoners with the Prison Mathematics Project.*

Dates:	TUESDAYS, November 11 and 18; and THURSDAYS, November 13 and 20
Time:	1:00pm - 2:30pm
Mode:	CLASSROOM
Cost:	\$20.00
Coordinator:	Louis Morel

### **ART07 – Tiny Tales: Crafting Altoid Tin Mini-Books**

Good things really do come in small packages. We will each create a little book – a family history, a photo album, or simply a collection of lovely images – out of a tiny Altoid tin. Lorma Freestone will provide all the necessary supplies (tins, papers, charms, trims, and trinkets), and participants are encouraged to bring photocopies of family pictures, favorite quotes, and poetry (all small enough to fit into an Altoid tin) to make this book really personal.

**November 12, 9:30am:** Selecting and cutting things to put into the little book.

**November 12, 1:00pm:** Assembling the pieces and installing them in the book.

*Lorma Freestone has been involved with the West Michigan arts community since 1973. Her professional and artistic pursuits include graphic design and illustration, developing a banner design business, and serving as executive director of the Holland Area Arts Council since 2006. Freestone continues to curate area art exhibitions, serves on the City of Holland's Public Art Commission, and coordinates the Tulip Time Festival poster competition. She holds a BA from Hope College.*

Dates: WEDNESDAY, November 12  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am and 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: CLASSROOM  
**Limit:** 30 enrollees  
Cost: \$10.00  
Coordinator: Donna Bogle

### **HUM03 – A Pacifist Faces World War II: Carl Verduin’s Memoir**

When Japan bombed Pearl Harbor in December 1941, plunging the United States into World War II, Carl Verduin, a farmer’s son, was a junior at Hope College. He applied for Civilian Public Service (CPS) and became a conscientious objector (CO). His memoir, written in 1999 when he was 72, describes his induction into the CPS and his 33 months in camps in Michigan, Oregon, and Virginia. (Note: Registrants will receive a link to the memoir and should read it before the first session.)

**November 14:** We will discuss the memoir’s context, Carl Verduin’s youth, the background of and Hope-based grounds for his CO status, and the war’s early years.

**November 21:** We will consider how the WWII years influenced Verduin’s later life and explore the insights his memoir provides about that period of American cultural memory.

*HASP member **Linda Walvoord** has a BA from Hope College and a PhD from the University of Chicago. She taught English and writing in several colleges before retiring from the University of Cincinnati in 2014, and she has a keen interest in both autobiography and nonviolent resistance. A niece of Carl Verduin, Walvoord recalls visits and conversations with him during his long life.*

Dates: FRIDAYS, November 14 and 21  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$10.00  
Coordinator: Jean Norden

## **SOC18 – Fatal Crossing: The Mysterious Disappearance of Northwest Flight 2501**

On June 23, 1950, a Northwest Airlines DC-4 with 58 people on board was en route from New York's LaGuardia Airport to Seattle, with a planned stop in Minneapolis. As the plane began crossing Lake Michigan it encountered a furious squall line, and air controllers lost radio contact with the airliner. By the next morning, it became clear that the plane had gone down, probably in the lake, in what was at the time the worst aviation accident in United States history. However, no wreckage was ever found. Over a half-century later, a team from the Michigan Shipwreck Research Association, led by Valerie van Heest and accompanied by world-famous author and shipwreck hunter Clive Cussler, attempted to locate the long-lost plane and solve the mystery of its disappearance. The group's efforts revealed that answers are sometimes found in unexpected places.

*Valerie van Heest is an award-winning author and underwater explorer who holds a BA from Loyola University. She is a co-founder and director of the Michigan Shipwreck Research Association, whose mission is to research, discover, and interpret Lake Michigan shipwrecks. Van Heest's 2013 book, Fatal Crossing: The Mysterious Disappearance of NWA Flight 2501 and the Quest for Answers, chronicles this disaster and the recovery efforts.*

Date: MONDAY, November 17  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Kit Janssen Leggett

## **SMT07 – Hearing Loss and Cognitive Decline: Let's Talk About It**

Recent research, including several large-scale studies, has focused on untreated hearing loss as a contributing factor in dementia. Jennifer Smart and Kara Hotaling will discuss the research surrounding hearing loss and cognitive decline, and they will offer advice about steps people with hearing loss can take to improve their quality of life.

*Jennifer Smart is an associate professor and director of audiology in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Grand Valley State University. She teaches diagnostic audiology and auditory processing, and her research interests include the diagnosis and rehabilitation of adults and children with auditory processing disorders. Smart has a BA in speech pathology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a PhD in clinical audiology from James Madison University.*

*Kara Hotaling joined the faculty of GVSU in 2010 and currently serves as senior affiliate faculty and clinical education coordinator in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Her teaching interests include aural rehabilitation, audiologic counseling, and pediatric and clinical audiology. Hotaling has a BS from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh, an MA from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and an AuD from the University of Florida.*

Date: WEDNESDAY, November 19  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Jane MacPherson



## SOC11 – Art Adorns the Paths of Life: Detroit’s William Wright Company

For 80 years, the Detroit-based William Wright Company decoratively painted and furnished beautiful Michigan structures, from the State Capitol to a Boblo boat (which ferried passengers to Boblo Island's amusement park in the Detroit River) to the Grand Rapids Fountain Street Church. In 2018, descendants of Wright Co. designer and foreman Christian Weidemann donated over 200 pieces of art, including dozens of decorative ceiling and wall designs, to the State Capitol. Join the Capitol’s team to learn the story of the Wright Co. and see the beautiful interiors it created across the state and beyond.

*Valerie Marvin serves as the historian and curator of the Michigan State Capitol, a National Historic Landmark. In this capacity, she oversees the Capitol’s historical collections and conducts research on Capitol and legislative history, sharing her findings through publications, lectures, and social media. Marvin has a BA from the University of Michigan and an MS in historic preservation from Eastern Michigan University. Additional presenters from the Capitol include **Brian Page**, web coordinator and registrar; **Jacob McCormick**, photo archivist and educator; and **Shayla Croteau**, art registrar.*

Date: WEDNESDAY, November 19  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Mode: HYBRID  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Mike Economos

## ART06 – Brad, Burr, and Me

In the early days of television, Burr Tillstrom created “Kukla, Fran and Ollie,” enriching the lives of both children and adults. He received many awards, including five Emmys and a Peabody; he also influenced other puppeteers such as Jim Henson. In 1973, Hope Repertory Theatre produced a 25-year retrospective to honor Burr Tillstrom; this inspired Hope College student Brad Williams to earn an MFA in puppet arts at the University of Connecticut. John Tammi will focus on these two gifted artists and their serendipitous meeting at Hope.

*HASP member **John Tammi**, founding artistic director of Hope Repertory Theatre, directed more than 100 productions at Hope as well as “The Magic Man” starring David Copperfield in Chicago. His work history includes serving as dialect coach for two major motion pictures; starting an audio book company now part of Amazon; 20 years of May Term in Ireland; and numerous awards including a gold medallion from the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival. Tammi graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College, did graduate work at the University of Minnesota, and had a residency with the Swedish Television Theatre in Stockholm.*

Date: THURSDAY, November 20  
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am  
Mode: CLASSROOM  
Cost: \$5.00  
Coordinator: Peg VanGrouw



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COURSE TITLE	SESSIONS	DATES / TIMES	MODALITY	COST	PAGE	INTEREST?	INTEREST?
SMT15 - Drain Commissioners Today	1	MON, Sept 8 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$5.00	7		
HUM12 - Moral Decision-Making	1	MON, Sept 8 (1:00pm)	CLASSROOM	\$5.00	7		
HUM04 - The Radical Reformation	2	TUE, Sept 9 (9:30am AND 1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$10.00	8		
SOC07 - The Third Branch	2	WED, Sept 10 and 17 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$10.00	9		
SMT13 - Emergency Management	1	WED, Sept 10 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	9		
HUM08 - Hope-Western Prison Education	1	THU, Sept 11 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$5.00	10		
ART05 - Laura Verplank Film Series	8	FRI, Sept 12, 19, 26; Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 (9:30am)	CLASSROOM	\$5.00/session	11		
ART08 - Diversity Matters	2	MON, Sept 15 (9:30am) and/or Nov 10 (1:00pm)	OFFSITE	\$5.00/session	12		
SMT10 - Story of Coffee	1	MON, Sept 15 (1:00pm)	CLASSROOM	\$5.00	12		
HUM01 - Non-Fiction Books	4	TUE, Sept 16, Oct 14, Nov 18, and Dec 09 (9:30am)	CLASSROOM	\$5.00/session	13		
HUM02 - Holland's Homecor Renovations	2	TUE, Sept 16 and 23 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$10.00	14		
SOC03 - AI in Education	1	THU, Sept 18 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	14		
SMT05 - Life of Stars to Black Holes	1	MON, Sept 22 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	15		
ART02 - Taking Musical Ideas to Stage	1	TUE, Sept 23 (9:30am)	CLASSROOM	\$5.00	15		
SOC06 - Is it (Third) Party Time?	2	WED, Sept 24 and Oct 1 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$10.00	16		
SMT18 - Holland's Anaerobic Digester	1	THU, Sept 25 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	16		
SOC02 - War of 1812, Indigenous Tribes	1	MON, Sept 29 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$5.00	17		
ART04 - Martin McDonagh & Dark Comedy	1	MON, Sept 29 (1:00pm)	CLASSROOM	\$5.00	17		
SOC17 - The Russian Conundrum	1	TUE, Sept 30 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$5.00	18		
SOC16 - Holland Dept of Public Safety	1	TUE, Sept 30 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	18		
HUM11 - Adventurous Aging	2	WED, Oct 1 and 8 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$10.00	19		
SMT16 - Ask the Doctors	1	THU, Oct 2 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	20		
SOC08 - Trump II and the Constitution	2	MON, Oct 6 and 13 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$10.00	20		
SMT11 - Magic of US Electrical Grid	1	MON, Oct 6 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	21		
SOC05 - Grief, Bereavement, and Stress	1	WED, Oct 8 (9:30am)	CLASSROOM	\$5.00	21		
SOC01 - Battle of Peleliu	1	MON, Oct 13 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$5.00	22		
SOC04 - The Holocaust (class will not be recorded)	1	TUE, Oct 14 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	22		
HUM10 - Poetry As Protest, Empowerment	1	WED, Oct 15 (9:30am)	CLASSROOM	\$5.00	23		
SMT14 - Apple Orchards, Climate Change	1	WED, Oct 15 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	23		

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ART01 - Manipulated Photography (class will not be recorded)	2	THU, Oct 16 and 23 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$10.00	24		
SMT12 - America's River System	1	THU, Oct 16 (1:00pm)	CLASSROOM	\$5.00	25		
SOC09 - Unlikely Heroes	1	MON, Oct 20 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$5.00	25		
HUM09 - More Just Society in Honduras	1	TUE, Oct 21 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$5.00	26		
SOC13 - Evergreen Commons Celebrates	1	TUE, Oct 21 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	26		
SOC12 - Holocaust Denial	2	WED, Oct 22 and 29 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$10.00	27		
HUM07 - Travel - Cons and Pros	3	WED, Oct 22, 29, Nov 05 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$15.00	28		
SMT19 - What the Frack is Fracking?	1	THU, Oct 23 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	29		
HUM05 - Religion in America 1830-1940	4	MON, Oct 27, Nov 03, 10, 17 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$20.00	30		
SMT17 - Pleasant Hill Blueberry Farm	1	MON, Oct 27 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	31		
SMT04 - Sustainable Energy Development	1	TUE, Oct 28 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$5.00	31		
ART03 - Art and Biodiversity	1	TUE, Oct 28 (1:00pm)	OFFSITE	\$5.00	32		
SOC15 - Serving 1st-Gen Hope Students	1	THU, Oct 30 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$5.00	32		
SMT02 - Managing EV Battery Lifecycle	1	THU, Oct 30 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	33		
SOC14 - Finding Your Gear	1	MON, Nov 03 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	33		
SMT08 - Aging Ears, Enhancing Hearing	1	WED, Nov 05 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$5.00	34		
SOC10 - Evil and Human Suffering	2	THU, Nov 06, 13 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$10.00	35		
SMT03 - Public Safety - Fire Training	1	THU, Nov 06 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	36		
HUM06 - Big Read - <i>I Cheerfully Refuse</i>	1	FRI, Nov 07 (9:30am)	CLASSROOM	\$5.00	36		
SMT09 - Abstract Algebra, Group Theory	4	TUE, Nov 11 and 18 (1:00pm); THU, Nov 13 and 20 (1:00pm)	CLASSROOM	\$20.00	37		
ART07 - Making Altoid Tin into a Book	2	WED, Nov; 12 (9:30am AND 1:00pm)	CLASSROOM	\$10.00	38		
HUM03 - Pacifist Faces WW II	2	FRI, Nov 14, 21 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$10.00	39		
SOC18 - Fatal Crossing	1	MON, Nov 17 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	40		
SMT07 - Hearing Loss and Dementia	1.	WED, Nov 19 (9:30am)	HYBRID	\$5.00	40		
SOC11 - Wm. Wright Historical Art, MI	1	WED, Nov 19 (1:00pm)	HYBRID	\$5.00	41		
ART06 - Brad, Burr, and Me	1	THU, Nov 20 (9:30am)	CLASSROOM	\$5.00	41		