

Summer 2018 Course Descriptions

V-1, 4/18/2018

- Check the PLATO web site (www.platomadison.org) for schedule changes or updates.

<p style="text-align: center;">Monday</p> <p>10 am - 12 noon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 4 – 25 (4 sessions)</p> <p>Madison Senior Center</p>	<p>Sea Monsters of the Great Inland Sea & The ‘Lost World’ of Laramidia</p> <p>Professor Alan Capelle is back this summer with a great journey back in time to the Cretaceous Age when strange and formidable creatures ruled the earth! Join with me as we explore the unique marine sea monsters of the great Kansas Ocean, and the ‘lost continent’ of Laramidia with its unique mix of newly emerging dinosaurs! Prepare to be amazed!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinator: Alan Capelle alandcapelle@gmail.com 215-9632 ▪ Class size limit: 30. Contact the course coordinator about enrollment status. ▪ Some reading/discussion expected.
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday</p> <p>1:00 – 3:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 25 – August 27 (10 sessions)</p> <p>Madison Senior Center Crafts Room</p>	<p>Exploring Creativity</p> <p>No experience needed! We meet together to learn techniques for creative expression, sharing knowledge and ideas. I will demonstrate some techniques. I will be available for helping you to create art, offering insight into color theory, composition, and other aspects of art making. I encourage people to discover and develop personal art-making goals, and exchange knowledge and offer (always gentle) feedback. Above all, we gather to just enjoy a gathering of folks to play with art materials. A donation of \$10 is requested to help pay for art supplies provided, as I do bring project materials for some classes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinator: Diane Hughes rubyslipper1949@hotmail.com 205-2667 ▪ No class size limit; no pre-enrollment required (just come to the first class session). ▪ High participation with assignments and/or presentations by participants.
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday</p> <p>10 am – 12 noon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 5 – August 7 (9 sessions)</p> <p>The Gardens, Independent Living</p>	<p>Short Stories and Essays</p> <p>For those who love reading and discussion, this is the perfect entertainment. One hour each session is devoted to a short story and an essay. There is always a lively, opinionated, and friendly atmosphere with a welcome for all participants. Come join us as we delve into the ever-fascinating world of short stories and essays created by some of the best writers who have put pen to paper. Our opening day’s reading is: E.L. Doctrow, <i>All the Time in the World: New and Selected Stories</i> (Random House 2011). [No class Tuesday, July 3]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinator: Irv Klibaner irwinklibaner@gmail.com 274-4089 ▪ No class size limit; no pre-enrollment required (just come to the first class session). ▪ High participation with assignments and/or presentations by participants.

<p>Wednesday</p> <p>9:30 am – 12 noon</p> <p>June 6 – 20 (3 sessions)</p> <p>Madison Senior Center</p>	<p>Fictional Detectives, Police and Private</p> <p>This summer we'll investigate 3 members of the "hard Boiled" school of American detective fiction: Sam Spade (Dashiell Hammett), Philip Marlowe (Raymond Chandler), and Lew Archer (Ross MacDonald). READ Dashiell Hammett's <i>The Maltese Falcon</i> prior to the first class. We'll watch a movie based on the story in class followed by a discussion of the case and the investigator's methods. The reading for the second week is Raymond Chandler's <i>The Big Sleep</i>, and the third week, Ross MacDonald's <i>The Moving Target</i>. There will be a movie and discussion each week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinator: Maurice Better mauricebetter@yahoo.com 255-3912 ▪ No class size limit; no pre-enrollment required (just come to the first class session). ▪ Regular reading/discussion expected.
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>10 am - 12 noon</p> <p>June 13 – August 22 (10 sessions)</p> <p>Madison Senior Center</p>	<p>Continuing Philosophy</p> <p>The Continuing Philosophy class will be reading and discussing <i>Did My Genes Make Me Do It: And Other Philosophical Dilemmas</i> by Avrum Stroll (2006 paperback ed., Oneworld Publications). The author explores the borders where science and philosophy meet wondering if science, philosophy, or religion can provide the answers to life's greatest questions in a series of chapters: Is Science the Answer? Is There Life After Death? Does God exist? Where Did the Universe Come From? and of course, Did My Genes Make Me Do It? According to one reviewer, "the writing is crystal clear and engaging." [No class Wednesday, July 4]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinators: Jim Halloran jp.hallo@tds.net 238-7201 and Ed Cothroll cothroll@tds.net 831-4493 ▪ No class size limit; no pre-enrollment required (just come to the first class session). ▪ Regular reading/discussion expected.
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>1:30 – 3:30 pm</p> <p>May 16 – August 22 (8 sessions; meets twice a month)</p> <p>Madison Senior Center</p>	<p>Reminiscence Writing – PM</p> <p>Participants write stories about their pasts and share them with the class. Sometimes they're funny; sometimes they're sad; and sometimes they're fleeting memories that we want to capture with our pencils. We choose our topics from our childhood, our family life and our careers to express who we are. No experience required!</p> <p>Class will meet twice a month on these dates: May 16, 30, June 13, 27, July 11, 25, and August 8, 22.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinator: Judy Havens judyandpeteh@charter.net 443-0777 ▪ No class size limit; no pre-enrollment required (just come to the first class session). ▪ High participation with assignments and/or presentations by participants.
<p>Thursday</p> <p>9:30 am – 12 noon</p> <p>June 14 – August 2 (8 sessions)</p>	<p>International Film Festival</p> <p>This summer we will feature an exciting mix of comedies and dramas from France, the USA, Japan, the UK, New Zealand, and China. Come join us in our around-the-world tour of international films.</p> <p>Free parking across the street from Capitol Lakes, treats during the break, and comments from Jim O'Brien and Bob Fry. Come early!</p>

<p>Capitol Lakes, Grand Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>International Film Festival (continued)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinators: Jim O'Brien jimrobr@gmail.com 271-2808 & Bob Fry bobfry40@hotmail.com 233-0622 ▪ No class size limit; no pre-enrollment required (come to any class session). ▪ Minimal or no reading/discussion expected.
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday</p> <p>10 am – 12 noon</p> <p>June 7 – July 12 (6 sessions)</p> <p>Oak Park Place</p>	<p>Mindfulness Meditation: Foundations For Practice</p> <p>The course provides practical training in mindfulness meditation with Buddhist origins. The focus is on the “nuts and bolts” of mindfulness, featuring substantial periods of meditation and discussion of experiences. Important components including mindfulness of body, emotion, thought and mind will be learned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinator: Craig Wille wille.craig@gmail.com 692-3163 ▪ No class size limit; no pre-enrollment required (just come to the first class session). ▪ Regular reading/discussion and regular periods of meditation at home, starting at 20 minutes per day.

COURSE LOCATIONS	
Capitol Lakes: 333 W. Main St.	Madison Senior Center: 330 W. Mifflin St.
The Gardens Independent Living: 602 N. Segoe Rd.	Oak Park Place: 718 Jupiter Dr.

COURSES BY START DATE			
Course Start Date	End Date	Day/Time	Course Name
May 16	August 22	Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 pm	Reminiscence Writing
June 4	June 25	Monday, 10 am-12:00 noon	Sea Monsters of the Great Inland Sea
June 5	August 7	Tuesday, 10 am-12:00 noon	Short Stories and Essays
June 6	June 20	Wednesday, 9:30 am-12:00 noon	Fictional Detectives
June 7	July 12	Thursday, 10 am-12:00 noon	Mindfulness Meditation
June 13	August 22	Wednesday, 10 am-12:00 noon	Continuing Philosophy
June 14	August 2	Thursday, 9:30 am-12:00 noon	International Film Festival
June 25	August 27	Monday, 1:00-3:00 pm	Exploring Creativity

PLATO IS A COMMUNITY OF INTELLECTUALLY CURIOUS ADULTS, TYPICALLY 50 & OVER, WHICH EXPLORES SUBJECTS OF INTEREST THROUGH MEMBER-LED DISCUSSION GROUPS, LECTURES, TRAVEL, & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

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