SPRING 2018
COURSE GUIDE
AND SCHEDULE
Registration begins March 6
From our first breath, we are learners. The world around us shapes how we think, how we feel, and how we react. And as we add to our body of experiences – through work, play, and education – we further strengthen our status as “lifelong learners.”

The Learning Enrichment Institute (LEI) is an opportunity for individuals 50 years of age and older to broaden their experiences through a schedule of short-term, non-credit courses that promote creativity, free thinking, and personal growth and development.

LEI combines the educational resources of Marion Technical College, The Ohio State University at Marion, other community organizations, and dozens of volunteers to offer two terms (fall and spring, each lasting approximately five to seven weeks) of programming that meet the diverse needs and interests of adults 50 and older.

LEI is a community service/outreach effort modeled after more than 600 successful “lifelong learning” programs across the country.

Course offerings and cost/registration information can be found on the next few pages. If you have additional questions, please call 740/725-6340.

go.osu.edu/LEI
Raymond Chandler: Exploring the World of the Hard-Boiled Detective

April 9, 16 • 6–7:30 PM
Instructor: Jean Smith

Bogey and Bacall, Stanwyck and Hitchcock, all played roles in the life of novelist Raymond Chandler. Best known for creating hard-boiled private eye Phillip Marlowe, Chandler was also an essayist, poet, and screenwriter. In this class, we will explore his novels, short stories, and movies, as well as investigate the elements that make up a detective novel.

Jean Smith is an English teacher at Pleasant High School. In addition to teaching, she directs and produces the fall play and is the advisor to the student council.

Tour of Alloway Laboratory

May 14 • 1–3 PM
Instructors: Rhonda Morris, Erin Hohman

Alloway is a full-service environmental laboratory specializing in analyses of drinking water, wastewater, and solid and hazardous waste. In its three locations in Ohio, including Marion, Alloway employs more than 75 people. The company continues to add new analytical capabilities and services to meet changing needs in environmental testing and maintains its certification through the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program and more than a dozen state and federal agencies. We will take a tour of the Alloway lab in Marion and learn more about what Alloway does to help protect our health and environment.

Rhonda Morris is the laboratory manager at Alloway’s Marion lab. Erin Hohman is a project manager for Alloway in Marion.
**Recycling in Ohio: Programs and Opportunities**  
**April 3 • 9–11 AM**  
**Instructor: Chet Chaney**

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) and local solid waste management districts are responsible for implementing Ohio’s solid waste management plan through statewide waste reduction, recycling, recycling market development, and litter prevention programs. In this class, we will focus on Ohio EPA’s grant program and how it provides opportunities for local governments, businesses, and non-profit organizations to establish programs, develop markets, expand processing facilities, and improve infrastructure for recycling and litter prevention. In addition, we will explore the types of successful recycling activities funded by the agency.

*Chet Chaney, an environmental supervisor for Ohio EPA, has responsibility for managing the agency’s grant program, with its annual budget of over $5 million.*

**Voodoo Hysteria!**  
**April 3 • 12:30–2:30 PM**  
**Instructor: Dr. Sara Crosby**

After the Civil War, the U.S. was swept by a strange wave of hysteria. With its interracial, human-sacrificing, sex-cult horrors, “voodoo” terrorized the nation and threatened to destroy so-called “Anglo-Saxon civilization.” Not really, of course, but that is what many people imagined and believed. This class investigates why this phenomenon happened and why (in some ways) it continues. The potential answers are odder than you might think and concern the creation of our most fundamental modern structures of resource extraction. Texts surveyed will extend from the newspaper wars over the infamous priestess Marie Laveau to H.P. Lovecraft’s classic tale “The Call of Cthulhu” to Jordan Peele’s new hit horror film, *Get Out.*

*An associate professor of English, Dr. Sara Crosby is a native of Louisiana and author of two books on poisonous women in American culture. She is currently working on a book about why the U.S. has allowed south Louisiana to wash away. (Hint: Voodoo hysteria is part of it.)*
THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF OHIO’S NATIVE AMERICANS

April 10, 17, 24  •  10–11:30 AM
Instructor: Dr. Richard Shiels

This class will provide a comprehensive look into Ohio’s Indians. In the first week, we will explore the pre-contact period and Native American earthworks in Ohio. Then, we will focus on the period from 1492 to 1843, and we will be introduced to Blue Jacket, Tecumseh, and other historic native leaders. We will also learn about their daily life and culture in Ohio and the eventual Indian removal from the state, ending with the Wyandots in 1843. In the final week, we will discuss Ohio’s Indians in Oklahoma today and how they are returning to help preserve and interpret their sites for their children and for the rest of us.

Dr. Richard Shiels is an emeritus professor of history at The Ohio State University. He is working with Ohio’s removed tribes to win inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List for American Indian earthworks in several Ohio counties.

YOUR MARION PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15  •  6–7:30 PM
Instructors: Program Directors at Marion Public Health

The mission of Marion Public Health is to protect the well-being of the Marion community and to improve the quality of life of our residents by preventing disease and creating and promoting opportunities for good health. In this class, we will hear from each member of the Marion Public Health leadership team about population health programs, services, and partnerships that aim to improve the welfare of all Marion County residents and to create an environment where healthy options are accessible to everyone.

Marion Public Health was established in 2010 with the merger of the City of Marion Health Department and the District Board of Health, Marion County. Governed by a seven-member board, the agency has operated at the current Main Street location since late 2012.
TRAVEL ACROSS OHIO
April 24 • 2–3:30 PM
Instructor: Alicia Turner
With rising gas prices and potential international travel disruptions, people are looking for getaways that are closer to home. Plus, short trips can be fun! In this class, we will explore several different destinations that are no more than one tankful of gas away from central Ohio. Some may be places you remember from childhood, while others will be far from what you expect to see so close to home.

Alicia Turner joined AAA Ohio Auto Club in 2007. A certified travel agent and destination specialist, she is currently the manager of the Marion AAA office.

HISTORY, JEWELRY, AND FASHION OF OHIO’S PRESIDENTIAL FIRST LADIES
May 8 • 1–3 PM
Instructor: Dr. Mari Halkovich
Seven Ohio women have become First Ladies of the United States. Each had her own style and interests. This PowerPoint program profiles each woman and features the jewelry owned and worn by them, with photos of the jewelry, which is not on public display. In addition, Dr. Halkovich will bring antique jewelry and displays - all from the time periods we will study. Class members will examine the jewelry and displays. Class members may each bring one item of jewelry, to be examined by the instructor.

After retirement as a school district superintendent, Dr. Mari Halkovich transformed her passion for antique jewelry into a second career, establishing Vintage Vanities Antique Jewelry, LLC. She travels extensively, buying, selling, and appraising jewelry, and sharing her expertise.
Honda Plant Tour and Honda Heritage Center™
May 15 • 1–3:30 PM
Instructor: Honda Heritage Center
The Honda Heritage Center highlights the successes Honda has had in North America over the past half century with an array of historical, current, and future products, each of which has its own unique story. These exhibits showcase the spirit that has driven the company to overcome challenges and make a positive impact on the community, the environment, and its customers. In addition to a tour of the Heritage Center, we will also have a guided tour of the auto plant itself, seeing Honda manufacturing in action.

The Honda Heritage Center opened in 2015 to feature Honda vehicles and other products. The museum details Honda’s 55-year history in North America, with primary focus on its history in Ohio.

PLEASE NOTE: Participants will need government-issued photo identification (driver’s license, passport, etc.) for check-in upon arrival. The plant tour entails walking and standing for about an hour and may include stairs. Sandals, open-toed, or open-back shoes are prohibited. Skirts or shorts must be knee-length or longer in the plant.

ALSO PLEASE NOTE: Transportation to the Honda Heritage Center is the responsibility of the participant. We encourage carpooling.
Honda Heritage Center™
April 4 • 2–3:30 PM
Instructor: Honda Heritage Center

This class does not include a tour of the plant.
The Honda Heritage Center showcases the company’s history of innovation, as it continues to rank as one of the world’s most innovative mobility companies. The center highlights the successes Honda has had in North America over the past half century with an array of historical, current, and future products, each of which has its own unique story.

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Unsung Heroes: Bees, Butterflies, Wasps, and More
April 11 • 3–5 PM
Instructor: Gale Martin

They are unsung heroes: the bees, butterflies, wasps, flies, and other organisms that play a crucial role in pollinating and fertilizing many plants. Nearly one-third of our staple food crops rely upon such insects. Imagine a world without coffee, chocolate, apples, and many other foods that are part of our daily lives. Without pollinators, that world would likely become reality. This class will help you understand why these creatures are so essential to our environment and why, beyond agriculture, they are keystone species in most terrestrial ecosystems. Learn the role of pollinators and what we can do to help ensure their survival.

After 13 years as director of the Marion County Historical Society, Gale Martin, owner of Natives in Harmony Nursery, retired in 2017 to devote more energy to the education and support of her customers and the public in land-use decisions.
Diversifying Your Bookshelves
May 2, 9, 16, 23 • 10 AM–12 Noon
Instructors: Gary Branson and Marion Public Library Staff
Diversity is a hot topic in the publishing world. While most of the books published in the U.S. are by white authors, there are many other voices out there. Join us in learning about authors with diverse experiences and backgrounds. We will explore works by people of color, members of the LGBTQ community, and those of other minority groups.

Gary Branson is the director of the Marion Public Library. He has a master’s degree in library science from Kent State University.

Discovering Ohio Architecture
April 18, 25 • 7–9 PM
Instructor: Barbara Powers
Discover the richness and diversity of Ohio’s architecture. The story of Ohio, from early settlement through industrial expansion to modern times, is reflected in its landmark buildings, urban centers, small towns, and the work of specific architects and builders. In this two-part class, we will discuss broad architectural trends and the characteristics of specific styles, examined within the context of nineteenth and twentieth century Ohio. Understanding and appreciating historic architecture is key to its preservation. Learn how you can identify, evaluate, and protect Ohio’s historic places.

Barbara Powers, an architectural historian, oversees the National Register of Historic Places program in Ohio. She is the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for Inventory & Registration at the Ohio History Connection.
**Compost Happens!**

*April 19, 26 • 6–7:30 PM*

**Instructor:** Carol Kelly

Not only do environmentally concerned gardeners choose composting as a way to keep yard waste out of landfills, they also know compost is the best soil amendment one can provide for plants. In this class, students will learn that, contrary to doubting family and neighbors, a properly constructed compost pile is odorless and relatively easy to maintain even in a small yard or apartment. In addition to reviewing the basics and some of the many options for constructing an active compost pile, we will also get up close and personal with redworms when the instructor brings her worm bin and explains the joys of vermicomposting.

*Carol Kelly* is a “retired” Master Gardener with 45-plus years of gardening experience in a number of states, including Ohio. She has given numerous presentations, helps tend several local gardens, and may be heard bi-weekly on WZMO radio.

**The Vietnam War: A Global History**

*April 5 • 2–3:30 PM*

**Instructor:** Dr. James Genova

Most of us lived through the Vietnam War; we are aware of the impacts it had on us, our families, our friends, and our country. But what of Vietnam in a global context? Where does it fit in a broader framework of world history? In this class, we will examine the history of the Vietnam War from an international perspective, looking at the nature of the conflict, its cultural impact, and the long-term global legacy of the struggle for sovereignty in Southeast Asia.

*Dr. James Genova* is a professor of history and coordinator of the history program and film studies program at Ohio State Marion. His research interests include imperialism and decolonization, African cinema, and globalization.
**Introduction to Mammals**

*April 26 • 10 AM–12 Noon*

**Instructor: James Anderson**

There are over 5,000 species of mammals that presently inhabit the Earth, including the largest animals on the planet, the great whales. But mammals can also be small, like the bumblebee bat, at less than 2 inches long. Although many mammals are terrestrial quadrupeds, others are adapted for life in the sea, in the air, in trees, underground, or on two legs. So, what makes a mammal different from other forms of life? In this class, we will learn about three groups of mammals, their similarities and differences, their sensory capabilities, and much more.

*A graduate of Hocking Technical College and Rio Grand University, James Anderson is the park naturalist for the Marion County Park District. He has seven years of experience as a naturalist.*

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**Behind the Scenes: Marion Flower Shop**

*May 3 • 10–11:30 AM*

**Instructor: Ann Baker**

How does a flower shop operate? Where do the flowers come from and how are they ordered? What goes into designing those beautiful bouquets we all enjoy? In this class/tour, we will get a look at what happens in a flower shop beyond the showroom door. Watch the everyday operations at Marion Flower at a time when the greenhouses and garden center will be fully filled with lovely plants before the Mother’s Day rush.

*Ann Baker is a floral specialist at Marion Flower Shop. As a newer team-member of three years, her focus is heading up the product-personalization segment of the shop as well as assisting in the daily operations regarding customer service.*
Looking for Wonderful Wildflowers
May 10, 17 • 10–11:30 AM
Instructor: James Anderson

Want to learn about and identify the wildflowers that grow in Marion County? Join this two-session class and search for examples at the Terradise Nature Preserve and the Marion Tallgrass Trail. Although separated by less than 25 miles, the habitats in these two parks are quite different and should yield a plethora of species. It is a wonderful time to be outside and learn the stories the flowers have to tell.

*A graduate of Hocking Technical College and Rio Grand University, James Anderson is the park naturalist for the Marion County Park District.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** These locations are not handicap accessible as participants will be required to walk off trail on uneven ground. Restrooms are not available at these sites.

Safe Driving for Mature Operators
April 6, 13 • 9 AM–1 PM
Instructor: Mary Lou Gallimore

AAA’s Safe Driving for Mature Operators is a state-approved classroom program specifically designed for, but not limited to, those over the age of 55. The course serves to enhance the driving skills mature operators have developed over the years while it also builds awareness of the inevitable physical changes that occur as we age. It will also bring you up-to-date on the latest advances and risk-reducing driving techniques. We will discuss driving emergencies, the margin of safety, the effects of alcohol, medication, and emotion on driving, and more.

*Mary Lou Gallimore is the traffic safety program manager for the Ohio Auto Club and the certified instructor for the mature operators course for AAA Ohio Auto Club.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be a $10 per person fee for this class, payable to AAA at the first session.
Perspectives on Hinduism
April 6, 13, 20, 27 • 3–5 PM
Instructor: Rakesh Thaploo
Hinduism is a religion and way of life practiced in India and throughout the world. It is considered to be the first religious philosophy codified by mankind and is the world’s third largest religion. In this class, we will explore the original Hindu philosophy contained in ancient scriptures, the Hindu way of life and death, and its practices in ancient and in modern times. We will also discuss modern scientific thought and how it differs or aligns with Hindu philosophy and practices as ordained in Vedic scriptures. Finally, we will survey Hinduism’s origins and the historical perspectives and original philosophical views of this ancient faith.

Rakesh Thaploo is an active member of the Hindu community in central Ohio and represents the Bharatiya Hindu Temple in various interfaith and diversity groups. He is vice-president of a global consulting firm and a student of global cultures.

Economics Is Everywhere
April 20 • 10 AM–12 Noon
Instructor: Ed Lukco
Do you know the economics you’ve been missing? Economic principles can be found at play everywhere in our lives. We are exposed to these concepts every day and often do not realize it. In this class, we will investigate economic fundamentals through video clips, music, and activities.

Ed Lukco has been in business for over 30 years and in teaching for over twenty. Most recently, he has been an economics lecturer at Ohio State Marion, teaching Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics.
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**MAY 2018 CALENDAR**

- Memorial Day
- Mother's Day
CHECK COURSES FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO REGISTER

FEES:

FOR A $50.00 (Non-refundable)

FEE, LEI PARTICIPANTS MAY SIGN UP FOR AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF COURSES FOR THIS TERM.

MONDAYS
- Raymond Chandler: Exploring the World of the Hard-Boiled Detective
- Tour of Alloway Laboratory

TUESDAYS
- Recycling in Ohio: Programs and Opportunities
- Voodoo Hysteria!
- The History and Culture of Ohio’s Native Americans
- Your Marion Public Health Department
- Travel Across Ohio
- History, Jewelry, and Fashion of Ohio’s Presidential First Ladies
- Honda Plant Tour and Honda Heritage Center™

WEDNESDAYS
- Honda Heritage Center™
- Unsung Heroes: Bees, Butterflies, Wasps, and More
- Discovering Ohio Architecture
- Diversifying Your Bookshelves

THURSDAYS
- The Vietnam War: A Global History
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- Looking For Wonderful Wildflowers

FRIDAYS
- Safe Driving for Mature Operators
- Perspectives on Hinduism
- Economics Is Everywhere

All courses require a minimum of five participants to run. Notices of cancellations will be made.

Certain courses require additional fees or supplies, as noted in the course description.

REGISTRATION BEGINS ON March 6
TO REGISTER:

ONLINE registration can be done at go.osu.edu/LEI

PHONE registration and credit card payment can be made at 740/725-6340

MAIL a copy of this form and payment to:

Community Relations, LEI
The Ohio State University
1461 Mt. Vernon Avenue
Marion, Ohio 43302

A confirmation letter with room assignments will be mailed approximately one week before the beginning of classes.

REGISTRATION OPENS ON March 6
After March 27, please call for availability.

REGISTRATION • SPRING 2018 TERM

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ONLINE REGISTRATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED.

LEI registrations with credit card payments will be accepted online at go.osu.edu/LEI beginning on March 6.