

McCALL

Montreat College Center for Adult Lifelong Learning.

2021 Winter Term Classes

Tuesday Classes: January 12 – February 16, 2021

Wednesday Classes: January 13 – February 17, 2021

Thursday Classes: January 14 – February 18, 2021

All classes will be held in the Assembly Room at Givens Highland Farms (200 Tabernacle Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711)

Tuesdays

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

The ABCs of Law, Part II – Robert Castellani

Part II of the ABC's of Law considers additional basics of law in the following areas: constitutional law, criminal law, and criminal procedure. What should everyone know about our constitution and how do our state and federal constitutions mesh. What are the elements of a crime, how do we initiate and resolve criminal charges, why does the system sometimes fail and what its prime objectives are. We will also discuss how to apply what we learn to our daily lives. Time will be given during class for discussion and questions. Part I of ABC's of Law is not required.

Robert Castellani served as a trial judge in Atlanta for 30 years, primarily as a superior court judge in the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit. Prior to becoming a judge, he was a trial lawyer with experience in both civil and criminal cases, prosecution and defense. He has argued in the United States Supreme Court, the Georgia Supreme Court, federal and state appellate courts and all levels of the state and federal trial courts.

He worked in the state of Georgia attorney general's office as the head of the civil division, was the first assistant U.S. Attorney for the northern district of Georgia, a federal magistrate for the northern district of Georgia and the trial attorney partner of a private law firm in Atlanta. Bob has taught law at Emory University School of Law after retiring from his judgeship, has taught OLLI classes at Emory's adult education program and taught law at the National Judicial College and Georgia's Continuing Judicial Education programs for judges.

Wednesdays

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Traveling Towards Home: Faulkner and Hurston – Margaret Whitt

William Faulkner, a Nobel Prize for literature winner and arguably the South's leading literary genius, wrote *As I Lay Dying* in 1930. Five children of Addie and Anse Bundren, and assorted others tell the story of Addie's death and her family's challenges in getting her to her final resting place in Jefferson. Each chapter begins with a character name and tells a bit of the story through that character's point of view. To some degree, all the characters are unreliable narrators. But their promise to the dying is honored. Their journey is confusing and unsettling as we come to understand that we can only understand by reading the book and then reading it again...and again. (Faulkner has a way of layering a sentence with such nuance that you delight in those second and third readings.)

Zora Neale Hurston, one of the leading lights of the Harlem Renaissance, not widely celebrated while she lived, buried in an unmarked grave in southern Florida, wrote *Their Eyes Were Watching God* in 1937. Today, she is recognized as having written one of the most important works in 20th-century American literature. Both novelist and folklorist and considered Florida's greatest writer, Hurston tells the story of Janie as she travels south through three marriages and deeper into the muck of the Everglades. Hurston was part of the celebratory school of African-American writers; her characters marvel in the lives they live. But when Janie finally finds the love of her life, she must kill him to save her own life and finds it "the meanest moment in all eternity." Then she must return home – and tell about it.

Ninety years ago, a white male writer imagines the death of a white woman and the family's response. A black female writer imagines the death of a black man and his family's response. Both books offer us, ultimately, a kind of peace. We will spend three weeks on each novel. A syllabus with specific readings will be emailed to class participants.

Required Texts: ***As I Lay Dying***, William Faulkner (ISBN 0-679-73225-X) AND ***Their Eyes Were Watching God***, Zora Neale Hurston (ISBN 978-0-06-083867-6). Participants must order these texts in advance of the course.

Margaret Whitt, Professor Emerita of English, taught at the University of Denver for 27 years (1981-2008). She taught various courses in American literature, but an always-favorite was any course that included writers from the American South. She has published books, book-length articles, and articles on Flannery O'Connor, Gloria Naylor, Zora Neale Hurston, Carson McCullers, among others. While at the University, she was the recipient of the Driscoll Master Teacher Award (1990), the University's Distinguished Teaching Award (1993), and co-recipient of the United Methodist University Scholar-Teacher Award (2007). This is her fifth course for the McCall program—after Faulkner, O'Connor, Capote, Naylor, it seems appropriate to return to Faulkner and pair him with Hurston.

Thursdays

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

O Canada! – Dr. James Aydelotte with Diplomat Ken Scott Jr

Too many Americans are woefully ignorant about our northern neighbor - other than blaming it for our cold weather. European settlement started in Canada just one year after Jamestown in Virginia. Americans three times sent armies to annex Canada - and thought about doing it several other times. But Canada has steadfastly maintained its independence (though some think it is still governed by Britain). Join this illustrated course (maps, pictures, videos) and learn the real history of Canada: forging a vast nation bounded by three oceans, conquering a bigger West than ours, instituting what some regard as a superior form of government, providing universal Health Care, becoming our largest trading partner and trusted NATO ally, opening its borders to refugees and immigrants, and developing into a respected force for peace and civility in a war-weary world.

James Aydelotte, a long-time resident of GHF, has earned four degrees, including a PhD from the University of Iowa, and taught European history at several colleges. While his specialty is Tudor-Stuart England, he has read widely about Canadian affairs, and has often taught McCALL courses.

Ken Scott Jr is a retired senior Foreign Service Officer with 25 years' experience in Africa, India and Sri Lanka, as well as in Washington's Bureau of African Affairs in the U.S. State Department. After Davidson College, Ken earned a Master's in International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh. He has taught several McCALL courses, often with Dr. Aydelotte.

Due to COVID-19, the following restrictions are being applied to all courses:

- **Enrollment will be limited to 25 people for each course, on a first-come, first-serve basis.**
- **Registration will be limited to GHF residents and instructors only.**
- **Participants must wear a mask and social distance for the duration of each class.**
- **There will be NO breaks during the duration of classes.**
- **The Assembly Room will be disinfected before and after each class.**

Please send your registration form to Ashley Bond, Special Events Coordinator for Montreat College, at the address shown on the bottom of the registration form. Courses are \$30 each. Should you choose to register for 2 or more courses, each additional course will be \$20. Downloadable course descriptions, class schedules and registration forms are available online at montreat.edu/mccall.