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TELOScope

LIFELONG LEARNING 2021 FALL QUARTER

Taking New TELOS Roads

Fall often brings with it the urge to take to the road to gain new experiences. The Bellevue College TELOS program can provide an easy way to find that route to adventure. **Taking** classes from this inventive program will allow you to investigate new topics, open yourself to stimulating ideas and information while warm social enjoying a others environment with who also seek lifetime learning. Many different

worlds are waiting for you at TELOS this fall. Here are some of the topics that will be offered.

History, Culture & Current Events – Views of the News, Stories from Eastside's Past, A People at War: The Homefront During World War II, U.S. - Mexico Borderlands: History, Culture and Identity, Early Medieval History, COVID19 Pandemic in South Asia, Discover Washington,



Introduction to Buddhism, Great Foreign Policy Decisions, Ancient Egypt: Queens & Women

Literature, Stage, Screen & Music – Roots of Rock & Roll 1950s-60s, Roots of Rock & Roll 1940s-50s, Creative Writing, Self-Publish Your Writing, Golden Age of Broadway: 1950s, The "New Yorker" Discussion Group

Health & Well Being – Ballet for Balance, Food

After 50, Ballet: Blurring Boundaries, Gentle Yoga and Pilates, Recover from and Prevent Injury, Self-Defense 101

Visual Arts - Intro to Drawing, Intro to Watercolor, Phone Photography: Composition, Photostyle: The Art of Arranging, The Art of the Cinematographer

Science & Technology - The Science of Astrobiology, Computer-Based Family History

To register for TELOS classes ...



- Online Registration at Bellevue College Continuing Education website (for detailed class information)
- Phone–In Registration by calling 425-564-2263. Please have your Visa or MasterCard number and expiration date, and course item number to register.
- In Person Registration North Campus, 14673 NE 29th Place, Bellevue, WA 98007
 For further information on registering, see a step by step description at https://studentweb.bellevuecollege.edu/telos-tso/how-to-register

What Wondrous Seminars!

By Linda Wilson

Thank you to all of you who find these Seminar presenters. You are doing a marvelous job at keeping our brains going through the break between Quarters. While I could not attend all of them, I've heard nothing but good things about the ones I missed.

The History and Art of Bonsai by Bruce Williams was entertaining and so well organized and included the correct pronunciation, "bone sigh". Bonsai is a tree in a pot, stylistic and refined. Federal Way is the location of the Pacific Bonsai Museum which is well worth the drive. Easy to Google for hours and directions. Note that a bonsai is not a dwarf or miniature tree, but is achieved by carefully restricting root growth and pruning using specific fertilizers.

If you missed Cleaning Up Puget Sound: How Tires, Toxic Stormwater and Salmon Don't Mix by Stephanie Blair and Alyssa Bariton from Puget Soundkeeper Alliance, Google Puget Soundkeeper or www.naturesscorecard.com for additional information.

Storm Warnings: Historic Weather in the Evergreen State by Feliks Banel was a trip down the weather memory lane. His favorite storms are wind, rain, and snow. Don't we all have stories to tell about those events? Even Lewis and Clark commented on the horrible weather in 1805. The Big Winter of 1861-1862 must have been big! Next there was The Big Snow of 1880 when four feet of snow fell on Seattle. We have all seen the film of the 1962 Columbus Day Storm and we remember the 1983 Thanksgiving Day Storm by whether we had already cooked our turkey, grilled our turkey, or had thrown them out. And we will end on the 1990 Big Snow when we were home for days watching roofs collapse.

Ice Age Floodscapes of the Pacific Northwest by Bruce Bjornstad was fascinating. Amazing what water can do! Bruce had aerial photos so we could easily see how rushing flood waters carved the earth. Seeing the water caused ripples in the hillsides and water eddies creating large holes and moving very large rocks for miles, sometimes all the way to the Willamette Valley is impressive. Bruce has several books and YouTube videos to satisfy your curiosity. Check them out!!

Remember to take advantage of these free seminars! They are mind expanding!!!

Signs of a Post Pandemic World

By Sue Black

After more than a year of living life during the pandemic, most of us have yearned for the day when the limitations and restrictions are lifted and we can get back to "normal." We have eagerly watched for announcements from the CDC, local departments of health or government entities that have previously laid down the limits and orders for citizens to follow ... hoping for news of decreasing covid case numbers and rising proportions of the population that have been fully vaccinated.



But are there other ways to tell us that we are indeed moving into a "post pandemic world?" Yes, there are. Indications such as ...

Local produce from farmers' markets

A return to longer commutes, travel times

Hugs from grand kids and friends

The surprising need to fill up your gas tank

Remembering the names of neighbors

A trunk that is not filled with toilet paper every time you leave the store

Only a momentary panic when confronted with a crowd of strangers

Perhaps better than any legal definition or criteria that must be met for us to believe we are beginning to live in a Post Pandemic world is the recognition of that little burst of optimism for the future. I feel it. Do you?

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The TSO Calendar — A Vast Storehouse of Information on the TSO Website

By Sandi Medendorp

https://studentweb.bellevuecollege.edu/telos-tso/page-2/calendar-of-events/

Have you been to the TSO Calendar website lately? It has been updated and hopefully is much more useful. It now shows *Club Meetings*, *Seminars*, *Committee Meetings* and *Council Meetings*.

It provides details about the times and dates of *Club Meetings*. (See article below describing the clubs.) Between *Quarter Seminars* are shown by date, including seminar description and registration information.

Currently there are three active Committees for TSO: Curriculum, Events and Marketing. (Marketing is looking for a new chairperson – ask about volunteering to info.telosso@gmail.com.) Curriculum Committee (meets third Thursday at 3:30PM) organizes educational TSO Events (between quarter seminars) and helps to find instructors for TELOS. Events Committee (meeting third Friday at 11AM) determines which social events will be held and implements those events through coordination with the BCCE administration. Marketing Committee aims to realize our mission to build a lifelong learning community by reaching out for new students and supporting current TELOS curriculum.

Lastly, the *Council meetings* are shown – meeting once a month on the fourth Wednesday. All TELOS students are welcome as guests. Come to see your student government in action!

Visit the Calendar page on the TSO website. We work very hard to keep it current for your convenience.

TSO Clubs — the real community of TELOS

By Sandi Medendorp

https://studentweb.bellevuecollege.edu/telos-tso/social-activities/

TSO has registered six clubs for TELOS students. Information, including on how to register for meeting invites, please email **info.telosso@gmail.com**.

Book Club – probably the oldest club dating back to prior to 2012 – meets once a month on the third Friday of every month at IPM. Once a year the group selects the books for the following year. The selections are posted on the website so you will know the book well in advance of the meeting. Check out the Book Club on the Clubs and & Social Activities page to see what the reading is appetite might be for this group.

Movie Club – Usually meets the fourth Friday of each month but was suspended due to Covid. Now that theaters are re-opening, there is a need for a coordinator for this group. If you love movies and want to meet monthly with other folks who are like minded, please contact **info.telosso@gmail.com**.

Constitution Club – certainly the most active club in the TSO repertoire. This group discusses the Constitution every Friday morning at 9:30 (except the first Friday) under the guidance of an attorney, Ted Watts (our TSO president). Members discuss current events in relation to the Constitution. Discussion is always lively and informative.

Memoir Club - was recently formed by folks interested in writing their memoirs. It was suspended due to the resignation of the moderator. If you are interested in writing your memoir, please contact **info.telosso@gmail.com** for info on this club and how to get it going again. **(Cont'd on page 5)**

Explore Music History & Events with John Jensen

Bellevue College is excited to feature instructor John Jensen, a former radio broadcaster and audiophile. Drawing from extensive experience in the broadcasting industry, Jensen now teaches several courses on music and historical events.

Jensen's fascination of music, movies, and radio broadcasts of the 1930s through the 1960s led to employment as an on-air personality and later as general manager of KMPX, a San Francisco radio station. During his time there, he produced and directed a radio broadcast heard over Armed Forces radio, starring, Bing Crosby, Mel Blanc, and a host of other film and radio personalities. In 1992 he directed the 50th Anniversary of Armed Forces Radio, heard world-wide. As an audio historian, he has also provided research and assorted media to widely recognized filmmakers including Frances Ford Coppola, George Lucas and Jack Haley, Jr.

With over five years as an instructor, Jensen enjoys sharing his experience in broadcasting and knowledge of music history with his students to create a fun and informative learning environment. "Each 90 minutes of class is not only informative but entertaining as well. The most enjoyment I get is when I'm able to share a back story on a certain well-known recording most people didn't know or play an alternate take that people hadn't heard before. Those "aha" moments are priceless."

Check out John's rockin' courses below. Available for registration this Fall!

Roots of Rock 'n' Roll 1940s-50s Begins October 5th Roots of Rock 'n' Roll 1950s-60s Begins October 4th

A People at War: The Home Front during WWII

Begins October 6th



A TELOS Take on It: Why Take Classes?

To be in a community of curious life long learners. To see my friends that I have met through the TELOS program and to make new friends. To learn something new. To learn something that I didn't know would interest me until exposed to it in a TELOS class. To have the chance to learn about something I always wanted to know but never had the time or opportunity in the past. To learn from some amazing instructors. To keep my mind active and curious as I age. To hang out with people who have incredible life stories. To let my inner ham emerge as an actor in Reader's Theater. It's just fun to be part of the TELOS community. See you in class.

Signed, Jerry Bunce

Book Review for "On Time and Water"

By Linda Wilson

If there is one climate change book to read, On Time and Water by Andri Snaer Magnason is it. The author provides the heart of the issue, while other books such as How to Avoid a Climate Disaster by Bill Gates is the science primer. The chapters in this book about Magnason's two meetings with the Dalai Lama are worth reading alone. Their understanding of the impact of glacier melt will move you from reader to activist. If that isn't enough, he explains the effects of ocean acidification and melting permafrost. The last chapter entitled 2050, is a "we act now or never" reflection on human survival. For me, this was the most important book I have read so far this year. Andri also has a short TED talk that gives you a flavor of the author and his subject matter.

TSO Clubs (cont'd)

Politics Book Club - meets the first Friday morning of every month. The books are selected a few months in advance. The book is always shown on the Calendar Page of TSO website. Current events have kept this group reading and talking up a storm.

American History Book Club - the newest club and focuses on books about American History. Books are selected "as you go" basis and this group meets at 11:15AM on the last Friday of each month. Book for discussion is posted on the Calendar page for TSO.

If any of these opportunities for community and discussion interest you, please email **info.telosso@gmail.com** with your questions and for information on how to register for the email list of any of the clubs.

News from the TSO Council

By Ted Watts, President

REAPING WHAT IS SOWED (by others)? While not nearly of Biblical proportions, the TELOS Student Organization has continued to face challenges in fulfilling its Mission of support of the Bellevue College TELOS program of lifetime learning. These challenges have been met by departing Council members: Paul Maffeo, Tim Hay, and Marcia Chase; and will be the challenge of new Council members: Bryan Leyton, Jerry Bunce, and Alan Stuard-Welcome! The Officers remain the same: Ted Watts, President, Chuck Kimbrough, VP, Jan Reha, Treasurer, and Alexa Munoz, Secretary. Many thanks to the retiring Council members for their service.

What is the "whirlwind" you ask. TSO has been meeting the challenge of the COVID pandemic and resultant need for online activities only, and also the personnel changes in the entire Community Education program which will continue to be a challenge in the next year. For example, today no one can say whether the return to in-person will begin in whole or in part in the Winter Quarter. No one today has an organizational chart for either CE or TELOS. No one knows what the lines of communication between TELOS and TSO will be.

The all-important committee chairs of TSO will largely continue for the new year and for that we are grateful. The committees are the "workhorses" of TSO and without them and their leadership the whole effort would wither. Donna Oberembt is chair of the Curriculum Committee and has by all measures done a great job in leading that committee to huge success. Replacing the recently retired Chris Steele in that role would be daunting for anyone, but Donna has shown herself worthy of the attempt. The Events Committee will continue with Steve Denison's wise leadership. Thank you, Steve, for the new Bylaws and Standing Rules effort and for the conduct of the recent (historic first) TSO online election. We can't say enough about Sandi Medencorp as Communications leader, Sue Black as TELOScope publisher and editor, and Eric Zocher as Webmaster. Thank you all.

Paul Schmid has retired as Marketing Committee chair leaving a vacancy for the membership and the new Council to fill. This recently established committee has shown promise in assisting the College in promoting the TELOS program to the community it serves. Without new students coming in, simple biology tells us that the TELOS program will wither on the vine in short order. Paul, fortunately, assures us that he will continue to teach his popular tech instruction programs for TELOS.

There is a lot more I can offer in the "Reaping the Whirlwind" discussion, let me close by offering that the TELOS Student Organization has not so much been the cause of the whirlwind as the recipient of its effects. We have adjusted and responded to the challenges, and I have no reason to doubt that TSO will continue to do so in faithfully carrying out its mission of support for the Bellevue College TELOS program that we value so much in our "senior" years.

We at TSO can bend, but we will not break

Important TELOS / TSO Dates* in September

Friday 9/2/21 9:30 AM TSO Political Book Club

Tuesday 9/7/21 10:00 AM Seminar "TSO Presents Taste of TELOS"

Wednesday 9/8/21 10:00 AM Seminar "The ABCs of an Effective Doctor Visit" with Robin Shapiro

Thursday 9/9/21 10:00 AM Seminar "TSO Presents Taste of TELOS"

Friday 9/10/21 9:30 AM TSO Constitution Club

Monday 9/13/21 10:00 AM Seminar "Advanced Care Planning" with Kate Greenquist

Tuesday 9/14/21 10:00 AM Seminar "TSO Presents Taste of TELOS"

Wednesday 9/15/21 10:00 AM Seminar "TSO Presents Taste of TELOS"

Wednesday 9/15/21 3:30 PM TSO Marketing Committee Meeting

Thursday 9/16/21 1:00 PM Seminar "Jazz (Topic TBD)" with Alex Dugdale

Thursday 9/16/21 3:30 PM TSO Curriculum Meeting

Friday 9/17/21 9:30 AM TSO Constitution Club

Friday 9/17/21 1:00 PM TSO Book Club

Tuesday 9/21/21 10:00 AM Seminar "Hanford Site Overview" with Coleen Drinkard

Wednesday 9/22/21 10:00 AM Seminar "Mindfulness in a Post Pandemic World" with Kate Casey

Wednesday 9/22/21 3:30 PM TSO Council Meeting

Thursday 9/23/21 10:00 AM Seminar "How Negotiation Works in the Timber Wars" with Susan Jane Brown et al

Friday 9/24/21 9:30 AM TSO Constitution Club

Friday 9/24/21 11:15 AM TSO American History Book Club

Tuesday 9/28/21 10:00 AM Seminar "Politics and American Governance" with Ted Watts and Richard Young

*Club details available at https://studentweb.bellevuecollege.edu/telos-tso/social-activities/ Email info.telosso@gmail.com for zoom invite to any of these meetings on line.

TSO TIDBIT of the **DAY**: In order to receive early notification on all things TSO (including seminar announcements), make sure your email address is in the TSO database by sending your name and email address to info.telosso@gmail.com. AND THEN, make sure the announcements from TSO do not end up in your SPAM.



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