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## Comfort and exhilaration in the new season

With a slight crispness in the air and autumnal shades of red and gold in view, fall announces itself again. With it comes the recognition of a familiar range of more comfortable temperatures punctuated with the potential of new experiences and friendships.



That combination of the comfort of a familiar environment with the exhilaration of new learnings and relationships is what the TELOS program at Bellevue College offers those seeking continuous learning. Some of the topics that are being offered this Fall Quarter include the following ...

**Literature, Stage, Screen and Music** – Creative Writing / Free Verse Poetry: A Survey / Introduction to Drawing / Introduction to Watercolor / Rock Year

by Year: 1954-1959 / American Drama: Eight Great Plays / Creative Nonfiction / 120 Years of Dance in the Movies / Famous Artists Through Time

**Science and Technology** – Basic Photography Principles / Photostyle: The Art of Arranging / Planets, Stars and

Galaxies / Earthquakes! / Master Your Mac / Discover Your iPad / Discover Your iPhone

**History and Current Events** – Egyptian Voices: Art and Architecture / Uncovering Europe's Castles / Views of the News / American History 1800-1860

(Please see the TELOS website for the most recent details on classes at [www.bellevuecollege.edu/ce/retiree-programs/](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/ce/retiree-programs/))

### 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.

For further information on registering, see a step by step description at <https://studentweb.bellevuecollege.edu/tepos-tso/how-to-register>

# New class a perfect fit for TELOS

By George Liu

In the spring of 2023, I embarked on a remarkable journey as the instructor for **"US-China Relations"** at TELOS. The timing couldn't have been more opportune, coinciding with the U.S. downing a Chinese spy balloon, which instantly brought attention to the bilateral relations. With a background in journalism, communications, and business, I had the privilege of witnessing the dynamic nature of US-China relations firsthand.

Hailing from China's vibrant landscapes and educated both in China and the U.S., my upbringing and extensive work experience immersed me in the cultural tapestry, socioeconomic intricacies, and political dynamics of both nations. Teaching the accomplished and experienced TELOS students has been an absolute delight, as their unwavering motivation fuels riveting discussions. But it's not just confined to the classroom – the thought-provoking email exchanges and camaraderie over coffee hours enrich our exploration.

Together, we unravel over five decades of captivating bilateral interactions, intricately weaving together cultural archetypes, political systems, and their impact on businesses, social change, and the geopolitical landscape across the Pacific.

Our immersive course on "US-China Relations" delves into the role of the Party, its evolving global influence, the complex Taiwan question, and the dramatic transformation of the US-China relationship. Through our exploration, we unlock the intricacies, painting a vivid portrait of the past while sketching the contours of the future trajectory.

TELOS is a sanctuary for lifelong learners, a place where knowledge and community intertwine. It is an honor to partake in this vigorous discourse, eagerly anticipating the thrilling educational odyssey that awaits us. Buoyed by the positive feedback from my students, my imagination ignites, propelling me to craft more engrossing topics tailor-made for this exceptional community.

For more detailed information about new TELOS instructor, George Liu, scan this QR code with the camera on your smart phone.



## Iran: Past & Present

Sandi Medendorp, TSO Council Member

On June 14th, David Fenner, affiliate faculty member at UW Middle East Center spoke about Iran. He covered the past, the geography, the long history of the area, how this became an empire, effects of Islam and oil on the people, how it suffered interference from the West (yes, USA), had revolution and patriarchy, where it is today: Jin Jiyān Azadi! (Woman Life Freedom).

There is so much to understand about this country and we do not seem willing to learn about it. Mr. Fenner gave us so much to consider in the US – Iran relations. We have invited him to return in December. I hope you will watch for his seminar and try to attend. You may encounter enlightenment.



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## Message from the President

Greetings and Salutations my fellow TELOSians. The fall quarter is fast approaching and there are more courses and even some new instructors. There are zoom classes for those of you not quite ready to come back to the classroom. For those of you, like me, who thirst for in-person classes, we are back. I am excited to see all my old friends and thrilled to meet new classmates.



I am excited to start rebuilding our learning community of curious lifelong learners. Let's fill up those classes with the new instructors, sign up for a class with one of our veteran TELOS instructors. Check out the main campus and see young students taking their first college classes. We can even hang out in a lounge near our classrooms. I look forward to seeing your smiling faces on campus this coming quarter.

Jerry Bunce  
President of the TELOS Student Organization

## Love reading and talking about books?

By Donna Oberembt

I admit I am an avid reader. I regularly share reading lists with my friends and we talk about our favorites. These interactions broaden the scope of books I read—both fiction and non-fiction. I never was a book club member, probably because I didn't find one that suited me.

When I retired in 2018 I started taking TELOS classes and joined the TSO student organization. I also looked at the other activities that TSO offered and noticed the TSO Book Club and scanned what they were reading. Was somewhat interested. Then I noticed that one book that was going to be discussed soon was "The News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. I had just finished reading it and LOVED it and wanted to hear the discussion about it. That's when I attended my first TSO Book club meeting and I was hooked.

This group of avid readers welcomed me and I so enjoyed the quality of the discussion and interchange of thoughts about the book. I then became a regular attendee. Pre-COVID the monthly sessions (always the 3rd Friday of the month at IPM-2:30 PM) were held in person. During COVID we had a hiatus but then resumed attendance on the Zoom platform which is how we meet today. There are over 50 members but generally we have 10-12 members join each month for the meeting, led by a member who volunteers to direct the discussion.

Mostly, the books we read are great. Sometimes there is a consensus that the book was a good read, other times there are mixed reviews. The group is always welcoming to the members views and often, someone who wasn't enthused about the book changed his/her opinion because of the book discussion. All opinions are respected.

How the club works—members recommend 3-4 books (fiction or non-fiction) for the club to read. A spreadsheet is prepared noting the book, author, # of pages and a brief review of the book. Then at the January meeting the members vote for the books they want to read for the year. Members then select the book and the month in which they will lead the discussion. A calendar is prepared and forwarded to members. The list of books is also posted to the TSO website.

I enjoy the book club for a number of reasons. I truly enjoy connecting with a wonderful group of like-minded readers who love reading as much as I do. Also, it broadens the variety of books I read, some of them I never would have selected on my own and would have missed out on a terrific reading experience. We always welcome new readers. Check us out! We meet the 3rd Friday of each month at IPM via Zoom. Our July read is "There is Nothing for You Here" by Fiona Hill.

## Please Note: Changes to Parking on Campus

(Here is information I received with the new parking rules at BC. It will be easier and allows us to do day parking in any student parking lot. But, it needs to be setup in advance on your smartphone. Payment information is not entered until you actually pay for a parking spot. This can be done from home before leaving to attend class. Jerry Bunce)

Bellevue College is implementing changes to parking procedures on main campus, specifically regarding the purchase and use of parking permits. Starting Summer Quarter 2023 (July 3, 2023) virtual parking permits will be required: Your license plate number will now serve as your parking permit. Gone are the days of physical permits and decals. Instead, a new user-friendly parking portal website has been launched where you can effortlessly manage your parking account online. This digital transformation aims to streamline the parking experience, improve sustainability, and enhance convenience for the campus community.

### Summary of Changes:

1. No more paper or windshield decal permits.
2. Your license plate number will become your permit.
3. Online account management: You will manage your

own parking account online and add up to two cars per permit.

4. Vehicle limit: Only one out of your two registered vehicles may be on campus at any given time.
5. Vehicle swaps: If your vehicle is undergoing maintenance and you have a rental or loaner vehicle, you can easily swap out the vehicle using the parking portal.
6. Online purchase of daily permits: Introducing Aims Mobile Pay (AMP)! You can now conveniently purchase daily permits online through the parking portal by selecting the "Visitor and Daily Parking" tile. You can also download the AMP App or visit [aimsmobilepay.com](http://aimsmobilepay.com) to purchase daily permits. Just type "Bellevue College" into the location search, select the lot you would like to park in, and make your purchase.
7. Cash purchases for daily permits can still be made via the parking meters located in parking lots 12, 16, the Public Safety Office, and the north side of the gymnasium. Just enter your license plate number and select your method of payment. That's it! You no longer need to display a permit on your dashboard.

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## Gathering random knowledge

By Sue Black

As those of you who participated in my "Ideas Worth Spreading" classes are probably aware, I am drawn to random knowledge. Perhaps not surprising, beyond the time I have spent watching marvelous Ted Talks, my streaming tastes lean toward documentaries. One evening I learn about archeological discoveries in Egypt, the next I am entertained by the details of Satchmo's childhood followed by the lessons learned from an octopus.

Lately I have discovered a new source of random information: Lists of "Top Ten" and "The Best Of ..." compilations. At some point, we have all probably been aware of the winners of the Oscars and the Emmy awards or the occasional news story covering the results of a popularity contest. However, today's technology provides many other insights into the preferences of various populations. For example, who knew that more people think Long John Silver's and Red Lobster restaurants create better fried fish than Bubba Gump's Shrimp Company. At the risk of starting passionate debates, another "Best of" list claims the coffee chain with the best cold brew coffee is Starbuck's (their Nitro Cold Brew specifically). Delving into attitudes that are not as easy to quantify as something that can be measured by its sales figures, a Top Ten list from Google indicates that things we learned in school that are no longer useful include "How to play the recorder," "Cursive writing," and "Memorizing the periodic table."

Results of the lists that are available online can certainly be argued. One example involves a list of ending scenes in movies that have the best music. I don't doubt that the scores being played at the close of the *DaVinci Code*, *League of Their Own* or *Lion King* are impressive pieces of music. But, to not include the music from *Out of Africa* is a sign that the selection of the winners for this list has not been accomplished by people with my tastes.

For fun, you might want to wander down the Top Ten trail to see what others have named the "best of." Two easy sources are available from Google: [thetoptens.com](http://thetoptens.com) and [listverse.com](http://listverse.com) Just think of how entertaining you can be at the next neighborhood barbeque with all of the random information you have gained.

## TSO Reminder:



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](mailto:info.telosso@gmail.com). AND THEN, make sure the announcements from TSO do not end up in your SPAM.

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## Parking Changes on Main Campus (cont'd)

### Unchanged Procedures:

Online [parking portal](#) access: Entering information and purchase of permits will still be made online through the new parking portal.

1. Permit costs: The cost of student permits will remain the same.
  2. Pay or appeal parking citations (tickets): You will still have the option to conveniently pay or appeal parking citations online.
  3. Parking lot designations: The student parking lot locations have not changed.
- ADA parking placards: ADA parking placards can still be used to park in any student, employee, daily, or general parking lot without the need to purchase a parking permit.

### Important Dates and Reminders:

- Purchase of 2023-2024 annual parking permits: You can begin purchasing parking permits for the new academic year starting June 21, 2023.
- Effective date of new permits: Starting July 3, 2023, the new virtual parking permits will be mandatory, replacing the traditional permits. Remember, your license plate will serve as your permit once you complete the order process via the online parking portal.
- Expiration of current permits: Your current Spring Quarter 2023 permit will expire on July 3, 2023.
- When parking on campus, license plates must be clearly visible.

**For more information, FAQs, and the Bellevue College parking policy, please visit:**

BC Parking Portal: <https://bcparking.aimsparking.com/>

Parking Info and FAQ's: <https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/publicsafety/bellevue-college-parking/>

Parking Policy: <https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/policies/id-6200/>

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# Singing the praises of TELOS

By Linda Wilson

I had been thinking about the many friends that had come and gone during my life. The old Girl Scout song came bubbling up from my memory banks.

*“Make new friends, but keep the old.  
One is silver and the other is gold.”*

And since I was mentioning it in a newsletter, I researched its origin. It was originally a poem by Joseph Parry (1841-1903) and the poem served as the base for the song. I found several versions of the poem. Maybe some were meant for mature admirers as wine was mentioned. But I still love the original that I sang throughout my Girl Scout years. I was not able to find out anything about the tune and you are lucky that you won't be hearing me sing it.

Originally, I attended TELOS classes and joined TSO to keep my brain active and to make new connections. When we retire, our work friends are not seen every day. While we keep many friends made over the years, some move away and some leave us. TELOS has brought many new silver friends into my life that now have become gold. The best news is that the silver ones keep drifting in.

*Editor's Note: Other examples of songs that might relate to TELOS experiences could include “With a Little Help from my Friends” (Beatles), “Thank you for being a friend” (Theme from Golden Girls) or even “Friends in low places” (Garth Brooks). What are songs that remind you of TELOS?*

## Important TELOS / TSO Dates\* in September

**Thurs Aug 31** 10 :00 AM Taste of TELOS—Fall Qtr Preview (online)

**Fri Sept 1** 9:30 AM TSO Political Book Club

**Tues Sept 5** 10:00 AM “Advanced Care Directive“ with Kate Greenquist (online)

**Wed Sept 6** 10:00 AM “Return Home – Composting the body after death” with Brianna Smith (online)

**Thurs Sept 7** 10:00 AM Taste of TELOS—Fall Qtr Preview (online)

**Mon Sept 11** 10:00 AM “European Castles” (online)

**Tues Sept 12** 10:00 AM “De-Stress: Breath Work” with Kate Goldstein (online)

**Thurs Sept 14** 10:00 AM “Ranked Choice Voting” with Kit Muehlman” (online)

**Fri Sept 15** 1:00 PM TSO Book Club

**Mon Sept 18** 10:00 AM “Turning Your Photographs to Greeting Cards” with Ray Pfortner (online)

**Tues Sept 19** 10:00 AM “Cascade Media PBS” by Rob Dunlop (online)

**Wed Sept 20** 10:00 AM “James Shackleton” with Ted Watts (online)

**Thurs Sept 21** 3:30 PM TSO Curriculum Committee (online)

**Mon Sept 25** 10:00 AM “Excavating Dinosaurs in Montana with Gregory Wilson Mantilla (online)

**Thurs Sept 28** 3:30 PM TSO Council Meeting (online)

**Fri Sept 29** 2:00 PM TSO American History Book Club



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