



# TELOScope

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2017 FALL QUARTER

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## A fall harvest of new learning

Reflecting the bounty of the autumn season, the fall class schedule for TELOS is a harvest of new learning and friendship opportunities. More than 70 class sessions are offered this quarter in a number of different areas of study including history, stage and screen, politics, arts and literature, philosophy, nature and current events.

Classes start the last week of September and those registering for TELOS courses will again have several days and times from which to choose: classes on weekdays (Monday through Friday) at each of three class times (10:00 to 11:30 a.m., 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m., 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.)

Some of the topics being offered this quarter include ...

**Art and History** – Intro to Drawing – Intro to Watercolor – Intro to Acrylics II – Mixing Colors to Make Mandalas – Art Workshop – Renaissance Art – Contemporary Art in Post Colonial India – Six Transitional Works of Art –

Realism and the Birth of Modern Art – Arts Out and About – Exploring Landscape with Versatile Acrylics

**Stage, Screen and Music** – Duke Ellington – Early Radio – Crossover Composers in Classical Music – Readers’ Theater – Dance on Stage & Film – Bluegrass Music – Gangster and Crime Film – Mel Brooks; Funniest Man Alive – All the News Fit to Film

**History** – Ancient Egypt – American Colonies – Russian History (Part E) – Homefront in WWII – History of Israel (Part E) – History Buffet (Part C) – Early Medieval History

**Politics** – Great Decisions in Foreign Policy – Age of Trump – the Red Scare in America – Bill of Rights, Supreme Court and You – Social Justice

**Philosophy and Religion** – Socrates in the Digital Age – American Muslim Women, Culture vs. Religion – Max Weber’s Greatest Hit – Greek and Roman Mythology – Reality, Facts, Lies & Beliefs

**Interactive** – Views of the News

– “Ideas Worth Spreading” – Tai Chi for Beginners – Effortless Walking

**Sport and Athletics** – Baseball: A Past Time in Perspective – History of Sport and Society – Outdoors: Up Close and Personal

**Literature** – William Shakespeare’s King Lear – Creative Writing – James Joyce’s Ulysses

**Cultural Understandings** – Native American and Contemporary Issues – Understanding Self for Understanding Others – Story Everywhere

**Science and Technology** – Barnstorming the Solar System – Elements, Minerals and Rocks Oh my! – Human Anatomy and Physiology – Personal Cybersecurity

Course information and registration opportunities will be available online by Thursday, August 3rd. Catalogs with all class listings will be available shortly after that.



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### Important Reminder to TELOS Students!

Please park only in marked spaces. Do not park in the drive areas. Parking in the drive areas makes it impossible for emergency vehicles to enter.

## TELOS mixes it up in Summer Quarter

By Sandi Medendorp

Class offerings in the TELOS program always “mix it up” for students—keeping many favorites but always adding new spices to our curriculum stew.

For example, you can always find *Views of the News* (discussion groups focused on current topics) but in Summer quarter we added new moderators and times. Another ongoing favorite is “*Ideas Worth Spreading*” based on the ever popular TED talks. The presentations and

topics are organized in bite-size gulps and come accompanied by great group discussions. *History Buffet* repeats again this quarter with new history selections for constant learning. Two more favorite courses on history are *Russian History* (now into Part D) and *Israel and Middle East* (up to Part E).

One more never ending class focus is Shakespeare. Summer quarter offered “*Romeo and Juliet*” with a field trip to the play in Seattle, directed by

the instructor. Then in September onto a new play to study by the bard.

At the same time, we spiced up the TELOS program with new offerings like “*Bubbles, Nodes & Ties: How Social Networks Work*”, “*The Life and Art of Stephen Sondheim*” and “*Gentle Yoga*”.

When you receive your next copy of the course schedule, be sure to read it from front to back to find your old favorites and your new spicy offerings.

## Tales of the B17 “Flying Fortress”

By John Bishop

As citizens of the 21<sup>st</sup> century our memories of WW2 are dominated by movies, documentaries and books. Mercer Island resident, Dick Nelms, reignited and sharpened those images during a recent TELOS presentation when he recounted his experience as a veteran USAAF combat pilot with the 447<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, operating from Eastern England during 1944.

The group flew B17 ‘Flying Fortress’ aircraft which were primarily involved in a daylight precision strategic bombing campaign against German targets. Dick’s 35 missions included

supporting the invasion in Normandy, notably the breakthrough at Saint-Lo, and bombing



Munich and Berlin against a background of heavy and persistent flak, drawing the attention of Luftwaffe fighters. Flying up to ten hour missions in a close defensive formation and subzero temperatures required concentration and fortitude. Dick balanced

these stories with descriptions of everyday life at his Suffolk base and experiencing recreation in London against the threat of German V1 and V2 rockets. After his presentation, the 94-year-old received a spontaneous standing ovation.

## Latest “leaks” on TELOS seminars

Because we always want to provide our readers with the “newest news” about the TELOS program, we are going out on a limb this time! Here is a list (as of “press time”) of potential TSO seminars we hope to offer in the late summer/fall. *All will be confirmed to TSO members by email.*

August:

- 18: Dr. Andy Lai, "Seniors and Sex"
- 22: Andrew Baze, "Cybersecurity"
- 23: Anne Thurley, "Downsizing"
- 31: Jerry Bunce, "Blue/Green Game"

September

- 12: Jennifer Capasso, "The Refugee Crisis"
- 13: Marie Marquart "Metro Transit" 10-11:30, 12:30-2
- 19 & 20: Alessandro Reggio---Fundraiser
- 21: Chris Moore, "Washington Trust for Historic Preservation"
- 22: Shane Liston, "Sculptures of George Tsutakawa"

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# Alessandro Regio joins the TELOS team

In May of this year, BC Continuing Education staff was excited to announce that Alessandro Regio was joining the team as the assistant program manager for TELOS. As such, he is in charge of planning and programming all TELOS classes. That includes managing instructors in the program, recruiting new instructors, evaluating course proposals, and generally working to improve the TELOS experience for students and instructors alike. He is looking forward to making the TELOS experience more streamlined and expanding the program as much as possible.

Alessandro Regio is already well-known to many around TELOS, having earned a very positive reputation as an instructor in several classes and seminars in the program. He received a B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy from the University of Washington before earning an M.A. in International Policy Studies and a Certificate of Terrorism Studies from the Monterey Institute. His academic focus has been on International Relations, International Security, and Political Theory. He is a strong advocate of student-first teaching and aims to continue that tradition working for the TELOS program.

TSO is happy to extend a “Welcome and thank you for joining our team” to Alessandro.



## TELOS Inspiration: One Father’s Story

Often TSO students describe finding inspiration in classes, seminars and even the other people they meet at TELOS. This was especially true on July 17th when Al Lewis, acting Co-President of Bellevue College gave an inspiring talk entitled “One Father’s Story”. He shared with those attending how he came to his position in academia after being raised by a father with only a third grade education.

The eldest of nine children, Al was taught by his father, a rubber factory worker, the value of education, how to work hard and to respect the value of money. From there, Al learned by observation, making everyone he met a mentor by always asking questions.

With this approach, Al steadily advanced as he moved through his life



journey. After receiving a B.A. in Communications from Marshall University, Al went into broadcasting. Next he moved into sales, then journalism where he became owner of a newspaper and finally into education.

In 1997, while working in student affairs and recruiting, Al started seeking an answer to the question “What can a community college do for its community?” In his response to that question, Al currently leads the workforce and economic programs of the largest continuing education program in the Washington State Community College system.

Al is working on his doctorate and looks forward to taking on the role of a full time college president in the future. The most important thing he has learned working in education is that he is always ready, able and willing to learn and that there is always more to learn; a philosophy very similar to those of us who seek that continual learning at TELOS.

## Reading suggestions for fall

Elizabeth MacDonald: *Plot Against America* by Philip Roth

Jerry Moroney: *A Hillbilly Elegy* by JD Vance

Jean Hall: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

Mike McBeth: *Dark Money* by Jane Mayer

Peggy York: *Thinking Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman

Dottie Kelly: *On Saudi Arabia* by Karen Elliott House

Dee Koger: *Gene* by Siddhartha Mukherjee

Ingela von Haartman: *Sapiens* by Yuval Noah Harari



# SAVE THE DATES!



## TSO Annual Business Meeting and Summer Picnic

**August 19 From 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

North Bellevue Community Center  
4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98009

RSVP to [info.telosso@gmail.com](mailto:info.telosso@gmail.com)

## TSO Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

**December 6 From 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

at the VFW Hall in Redmond  
4430 148th Ave N.E., Redmond, WA 98052



## Reviews of recent TELOS/TSO seminars

### Get your library card ready

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, those who attended the TSO between quarter seminar learned about the amazing services available from King County Library. During the presentation, Wendy Pender dared us to discover three new services from KCLS and here are even more:

Free museum passes at the Bellevue Arts Museum

Electronic Newsletters on a variety of topics

Events (Monthly Calendar) for adults such as computer coaching, book clubs, ancestry/genealogy research

Print up to 75 black/white or 25 color pages per week for free

Directory of opportunities for volunteering

Movies, TV, music and comics to view for free on your computer/mobile devices

Go to the home page for kcls ([kcls.org](http://kcls.org)) and spend some time exploring what is available to you.

### The REAL work of criminal defense lawyers

Despite what TV shows us, it takes much more than an hour to solve a murder. On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Everett attorney, Peter Mazzone, walked us through a real murder case in which he defended a man accused of triple homicide.

We spent a riveting hour and a half re-living the details and process of how an accused person is defended. Peter started with the discovery of the murders and how the connection was made to a man who had possession of some items stolen from the scene of the crime. He was accused, arrested and held in solitary confinement for a year before a more in-depth investigation (interview of a neighbor that police had previously failed to contact) and serious discovery led to the release of the man. Opinions that were widely published suggested the judge, DA and Yakima Sheriff's Dept. negatively impacted this case through incompetence and misbehavior.

This discussion provided real insight into the reason that criminal defense lawyers are necessary and how difficult the job may be. Pete was an excellent speaker who kept us on the edge of our seats for the entire presentation.

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