



TELOScope

EXTRA

News & Events from the TSO
November, 2015

Exciting Quarter Break Seminars **December, 2015**

Your TELOS Student Organization is again bringing you the opportunity to attend exciting new seminars in the break between quarters this December.

Birds in Winter

Master birder and teacher Connie Sidles wants to open one of nature's most spectacular windows on winter for you this December. In a two-part seminar we will explore how birds cope with the adverse conditions we too face in winter: cold, relentless rain, and frozen ponds. Birds can't come inside and put their feet up near the heater when winter storms strike, as we can. They must somehow find ways to stay warm, dry, and fed, no matter the conditions. How they do this is wonderful to behold. Among the most skilled survivors are the waterfowl that come down to our area from the north to spend the winter. For them, we are the balmy south, and they fill our lakes and ponds in vast flocks. Learning to identify each species and knowing their natural history will add enormous pleasure to your own winter experience.

Tues, Dec 8 (10-12) *"Birds in Winter: How birds cope with adverse conditions"*

Thurs, Dec 10 (10-12) *"Waterfowl of Winter: Life is just ducky"*

Planning for "The Big One" and More

You've heard about the recent articles in the New Yorker and Seattle Times which focused on our potential vulnerabilities during a major earthquake. Stuff happens—beside earthquakes there are floods, thunderstorms, tsunamis, winter storms, wildfires, landslides, extreme heat, extreme cold, volcanic eruptions, and terrorist attacks. As a boomer/senior, are you prepared to take care of yourself without any assistance during an emergency? Do you know how long you should be prepared for? One of the important gifts we can provide our loved ones is for them to know we are prepared for emergencies which may arise. Sophia Le, City of Bellevue, and Kayla Grayson, Bellevue College Public Safety Department will present current information regarding how our local governments are preparing for such events and how we can take care of ourselves.

Fri, Dec 11 (10:30-12) *Emergency Preparedness*

PLEASE TURN FOR MORE EXCITING QUARTER BREAK SEMINARS →

Exciting Quarter Break Seminars

(Cont'd)

The American Polity: The philosophical roots of our political and cultural disputes

America was born in dissent and revolution. This mini course with popular TELOS instructor Dr. James Maynard will examine the historical basis for our current ideological divisions, beginning with the distrust of over arching government that fomented the revolution and the federalist/anti-federalist controversy that marked our constitutional development. It will also look at the Enlightenment philosophic foundations for both our political structure and our economics.

We will also examine the meanings of freedom and equality within the context of our basic rights and obligations, as well as our views about redistributive justice. Using the principle of one person/one vote as the cornerstone of ideal democratic participation, we will evaluate the degree of democracy afforded by our political structure.

The role of the Supreme Court and constitutional interpretation will be examined with regard to concerns about free speech and the electoral process. We will also look at how political parties represent our current ideological differences and how the press, television and the Internet filter important information concerning the relevant issues. Finally, we will evaluate the influence of wealth on our governance, as well as the impact of economic inequality on our well being as a nation.

Mon, Dec 14 (10-12) *"The American Polity," Part A*

Tues, Dec 15 (10-12) *"The American Polity," Part B*

In order to take advantage of any of these seminars, you need to email info.telosso@gmail.com starting November 9 indicating which of the seminars you would like to attend.



Bellevue College does not discriminate on the basis of race or ethnicity; creed; color; national origin; sex; marital status; sexual orientation; age; religion; genetic information; the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability; or veteran status in educational programs and activities which it operates. Please see <http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/about/equal> for more information.