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# SPRING 2026 CLASS SCHEDULE

April 13 – May 22, 2026

Classes • Special Events • Field Trips

Priority enrollment begins Monday, March 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.



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# Shared Interest Groups or SIGs

Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) are a way for SOAR members to take a deep dive into areas of common interest. SIGs are intimate (limited to 25 active members), hosted by a SOAR volunteer (or team of volunteers) and typically meet once a month on Zoom to discuss a book, film, or issue. SOAR SIGs are a **free benefit of SOAR membership** and are a wonderful way to connect with other SOAR members and promote friendship and fun! SIG meetings generally last 90 minutes.

Reach out to Sharon O'Brien ([aa9938@wayne.edu](mailto:aa9938@wayne.edu)) for more information or to connect with each SIG's organizer.

## SOAR's Book Club

SOAR's first SIG remains one of the most popular. The award-winning fiction and non-fiction books chosen are selected by members of the SOAR Book Club who take turns moderating discussions. The SOAR Book Club meets the third Friday of each month at 1:15 p.m. This SIG is organized by Bonnie Cousens.

## History Book Group

Launched in 2020, the books read by this group focus on literary, nonfiction books which highlight a particular historic event or era. Books are nominated by members and the group meets on the second Friday afternoon of each month at 1:30 p.m. This SIG is organized by Sharon O'Brien.

## SOAR's Literary Society

Literature lovers unite! Introduced in 2020, this book club delves into the author's and the book's themes, styles, and messages. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. This SIG is organized by Connie Silver.

## The Detective Novel Club

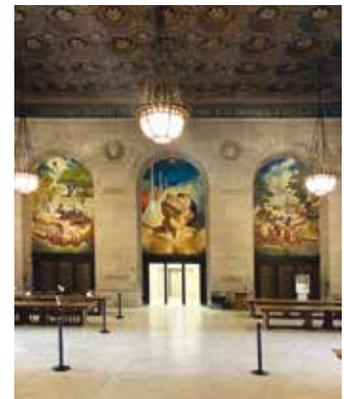
This SOAR book club explores the many types of detective novels, from the classics to the pot-boilers, to the novels of today. This SIG meets the second Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m. This SIG is organized by Sharon O'Brien.

Have an idea for a new SIG that you'd like to lead, reach out to Sharon O'Brien or the office to discuss it.

## On the Cover

Featured on our cover is the triptych mural titled *Man's Mobility 1855* by painter John Stephens Coppin (1904-1986). Paying homage to the progression of transportation, Coppin considered the mural his greatest accomplishment as an artist. Donated to the Detroit Public Library by the friends of the Detroit Public Library on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary in 1965, the outstretched hands hold in their palms the past eras as depicted in modes of transportation.

*Man's Mobility 1855* is in the Adam Strohm Hall on the third floor of the Main branch of the Detroit Public Library. Photo by SOAR member Gerald Morgan.



# Welcome from Debra Yamstein, SOAR LLI Executive Director

Wow! Another winning term is coming. I am continually impressed with the Curriculum, Special Events, and Field Trip Committees and all the volunteers that produce such great content for SOAR members. SOAR could not operate without their time and contributions. Please thank them when you see them.

This term has so much to offer, 53 individual classes taught by 49 different members of the SOAR faculty; 19 of whom are new to SOAR. We have 3 wonderful Special Events, 3 exciting field trips, an opportunity to learn Chinese Mahjong, a chance to participate in the Great Michigan Read, and our engaging Shared Interest Groups. I hope that you will take advantage of all that we have to offer.

This term our Art and Exploration series will continue with a class and a trip focused on the art of the Detroit Public Library. The library, which is more than 100 years old, was designed by Cass Gilbert and is considered an Italian Renaissance Masterpiece. Our trip to the library will include a buffet lunch at a slightly less attractive but possibly a culinary “masterpiece”, Shield’s Pizza. It’s sure to be a delightful afternoon for all of the senses.

This term’s Special Events highlight other artistic endeavors. Luke Pisani, a young violin superstar, a special ballroom dance performance and lesson, and an opportunity to visit the Farmington Player’s Barn for an encore presentation of some of the one-act plays produced for their annual festival.

Volunteers on our committees have been busy planning a term that you are sure to love. If you want to be a part of the magic, please consider joining a committee and offering your contribution to SOAR. There are committees that meet once a quarter and committees that work intensely for short bursts of time. However you want to be involved, we have an opportunity for you. Please reach out to the office.

I am looking forward to seeing you all this Spring and learning together.

*Deb*



Debra Yamstein, SOAR LLI Executive Director

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## The Play's the Thing

*The Farmington Players present  
3 new one-act plays*

**The Farmington Players** will entertain SOAR LLI with an "encore version" of their One-Act Festival. 3 one-act plays will be presented as well as an opportunity to hear more from the playwrights, actors and directors who form this event. **This engaging theatrical evening will take place at the Farmington Players' Barn Theater.**



**Thursday, May 21, 2026**

7:00 PM

32332 W 12 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills

\$10 members/\$20 non-members



## Luke Pisani: Emerging Artist Spotlight

Discover violin excellence with Luke Pisani, a dynamic award winning musician. Pisani will perform with a piano accompaniment as well as share his background and plans for his future. Luke has earned accolades from national violin competitions and has played as a concert soloist with orchestras across New York and beyond. He is currently pursuing a degree in violin and jazz piano at the University of Michigan. This is a rare opportunity to see a young musician who blends the rigor of classical violin with the freedom of jazz piano. Not to be missed.

**Friday, April 17, 2026**

1:00 PM

Harrison Hall

\$10 members/\$20 non-members



## An Afternoon of Ballroom Dancing

Enjoy the music and beautiful moves of ballroom dancing during this delightful afternoon. The program includes in-person professional dance performances, ballroom dance history, and clips from the engaging documentary, *Mad Hot Ballroom*. Instructors will lead attendees in line dancing and a group lesson that features rumba basics. Come join us! Ballroom dance experience is not required.

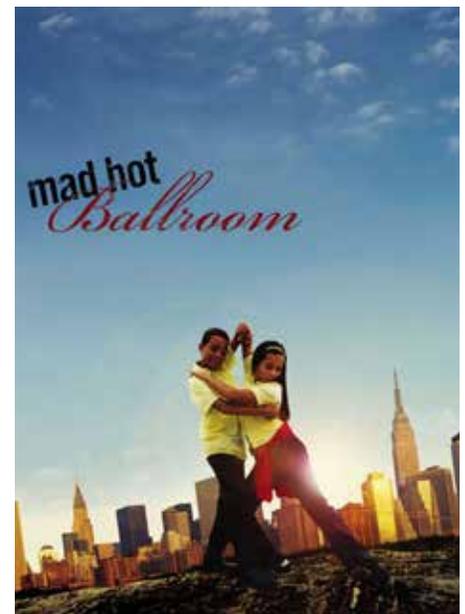


**Friday, May 8, 2026**

1:00 PM

Black Box Theatre at the Hawk

\$10 members/\$20 non-members



## Habatat Gallery Field Trip

Habatat, established in 1971, is the oldest and largest art gallery in the U.S. showcasing contemporary glass art by artists working exclusively with glass as their medium. The field trip will take place during the Gallery's 54th Annual Glass Invitational, featuring hundreds of works by artists from across the globe.



Habatat

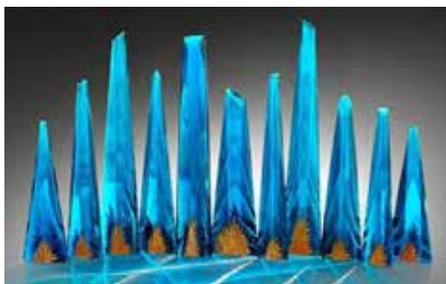
**Friday, May 1, 2026**

Bus leaves Hawk 12:30 PM

Bus returns to Hawk about 4 PM

\$10 Members

Capacity: 50 people



## Art and Architecture at Detroit Public Library

*with Lunch at Shield's Pizzeria*

Art in a library? You bet! Art in the main branch of the Detroit Public Library? Come see for yourself! Experience a guided tour of the spectacular artwork and architectural marvel of the Detroit Public Library's historic Main Library. Buffet pizza and salad lunch before the tour at Shield's Pizzeria, directly across the street from the Library.

Combine this field trip with the Art and Architecture of the Detroit Public Library class held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 1:00pm. Be sure to register separately for the class.

**Friday, May 15, 2026**

Bus leaves Hawk 12:15 PM

Bus returns to Hawk about 4 PM

\$30 Members, includes lunch and bus

Capacity: 50 people



A generous gift in memory of Skip and Beverly Siegel has enabled SOAR to establish The Lewis "Skip" and Beverly Siegel Art Exploration and Transportation fund.

Transportation for the Detroit Public Library field trip, as well as other SOAR field trips, has been heavily subsidized by the fund. SOAR thanks the Siegel's children for their thoughtful gift.



## Michigan Labor History Bus Tour

Join the Michigan Labor History Society on a guided bus tour of important labor sites around the city. This narrated tour will visit the Ford Rouge Plant, site of the 1937 Battle of the Overpass, various labor memorials, UAW Local 600 and the Ford Piquette Plant to name a few. This interesting, local history filled tour is sure to teach you something about the city that you did not know.



**Friday, April 24, 2026**

Bus departs at 12:15 PM

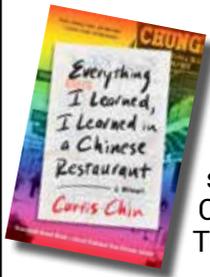
\$10 Members

Capacity: 50 people



## Great Michigan Read

Join Readers across the state as we once again participate in Michigan Humanities, Great Michigan Read.



Copies of *Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant* are available for loan in the SOAR office. A class discussion with a special appearance by the author, Curtis Chin, is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th.

This event is part of the Great Michigan Read program. The 2025–26 Great Michigan Read is presented by Michigan Humanities. Additional support is provided by national, statewide, and local partners, including the Library of Michigan and MSU Federal Credit Union.



Save the Date

## 2nd Annual Spring Celebration

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More information to follow



## Learn to Play Chinese Mahjong

In the United States, Mahjong is most often played by "American" Mahjong rules. However, there are many versions of Mahjong especially throughout Asian countries. Join Elizabeth Urban for this series in order to learn how to play Mahjong the original Chinese way. Mahjong is a wonderful mix of strategy and luck of the draw. Learn Mahjong history, the Chinese game basics, how to buy the right set and where to go online for useful information. Once you learn the standardized Mahjong Competition Rules (MCR) you'll be ready to play any version of the game. No experience necessary.



2:45-pm to 4:15 pm Tuesdays,  
April 21 & 28, May 5 & 12

Cost: Members-\$20/Non-members \$35  
Class limited to 12 participants  
Bring a Mahjong set if you own one

## SOAR Baker's Brigade

*After a successful launch in Fall 2025, the Baker's Brigade will continue.*

**Are you a person that likes to bake?  
Are you eager to feed others? Do you  
love a sweet treat with your coffee?**

We know you enjoy a cup of coffee during class, and we thought you might like a sweet treat to go with it. If you are a person that likes to bake or even likes to shop for baked goods, we hope that you will sign up to bring treats to class. Each person that signs up should plan to bring 2 – 3 dozen of whatever it is that you like to snack on.

Simply scan the QR code to sign up.



## Archaeology/Anthropology

### S2601 – Archaeology: From the Stone Age to the Space Age

Archaeology has been called “the past tense of Cultural Anthropology,” meaning that archaeologists attempt to answer the same questions about past societies that anthropologists ask of living people. In our attempts to answer these questions, archaeologists have turned more frequently to advanced technologies, using cutting-edge tools and methods borrowed from natural sciences. This class will explore some of the ways archaeologists have harnessed technology to glean otherwise unobtainable insights into the lives of past people.

*Will Pestle is an anthropological archaeologist specializing in the lifeways of the ancient Indigenous peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. His research focuses on topics including subsistence, human-environment interaction, mobility, exchange, and the emergence of social complexity, resulting in over 90 publications.*

*In addition to conducting fieldwork in Tunisia, Israel, Greece, Puerto Rico, and Chile, Pestle has held a variety of museum roles, from collections-based research on four continents to collections management and exhibitions curation.*

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

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*Wendy Evans is an art historian with advanced degrees from Oxford University and Wayne State University (WSU). She taught art history at WSU and the Detroit Institute of Arts and is a long-time volunteer at the DIA. She has given presentations at SOAR every year, except 2020, since 2006. For more information go to <https://www.art-talks.org/talksgiven.htm>*



Wednesday, April 29, 2026 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

In Person at the Hawk - Not Recorded 

### S2603 – The Detroit Public Library: An Architectural Gem

Opened in 1921, the Detroit Public Library (DPL) on Woodward Avenue stands as a remarkable architectural and artistic landmark. This class explores the vision behind the building, focusing on architect Cass Gilbert and the noted artists and artisans who shaped its interior, including Gary Melchers and Mary Chase Perry Stratton. Participants will also learn about other significant projects these creatives produced throughout their influential careers, gaining deeper insight into their lasting impact on American architecture and art.

This class is part of the **Lewis “Skip” and Beverly Siegel Art and Exploration Experience**. Made possible through a generous gift from the Siegel estate, SOAR members will have an opportunity to learn about a topic and then get out and explore it.

**This class is paired with a tour of the DPL on May 15th. Separate registration for the trip is required.**

*Susan Goren Kalisky is a lifelong Detroit resident and proud graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University. Kalisky retired from school librarianship and continues to stay active in her field. She is an avid reader (@suekalisky), a history buff, a community volunteer, and a huge fan of the City of Detroit, where she was born.*

*Susan is a wife, mother and, most importantly, she is grandmother to Liv and James, for whom she is over the moon in love.*

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hybrid (In-person with a Zoom option) -

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## Art/Architecture

### S2602 – Experiencing the Spiritual Through Art

Across cultures and throughout history, people have found the sacred expressed through art and have used creative works to inspire spiritual reflection and meaning. This presentation explores artwork from a variety of religious traditions as well as secular pieces, highlighting how art can evoke contemplation, connection, and transcendence. Participants will be introduced to practical ways of viewing and engaging with art more intentionally, encouraging deeper personal insight and a richer experience of the spiritual dimensions that art can offer.

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## S2604–History of Ford World Headquarters

Join this visual tour of Ford Motor Company's World Headquarters over the years, highlighting architectural innovations and cutting-edge technologies of each era. Participants will also learn about notable world leaders who visited these iconic buildings and how their interactions influenced the automotive industry. Through images and stories, the class provides a unique perspective on the evolution of Ford's headquarters and its impact on business, design, and industry leadership.

*Robert C. Kreipke is Ford Motor Company's Corporate Historian Emeritus. Kreipke has authored five international books—Ford Motor Company, the First 100 Years, The Model T, Faces of Henry Ford, The Ford Model A, and 50 Years of Ford F-150. In addition to being Ford's Corporate Historian emeritus, Kreipke has directed various nationally recognized films, including award winning documentaries shown on PBS. Robert C. Kreipke lectures around the country relaying Ford's colorful heritage.*



Tuesday, May 19, 2026 1:00 PM-2:30 PM  
In Person at The Hawk - Recorded  

## Business and Finance

### S2605–Crypto: Navigating the Risks and Rewards of Digital Currency

An introduction to crypto assets, focusing on Bitcoin and Ethereum. Participants will learn key concepts such as proof of work versus proof of stake, blockchain fundamentals, and smart contracts. The session also highlights crypto assets to avoid, including certain altcoins and NFTs. In addition, attendees will explore the pros and cons of using and investing in crypto for transactions or as part of a portfolio, gaining practical insights to navigate the evolving world of digital currency.

*Tom Shohfi is an associate professor of finance at the Mike Ilitch School of Business at Wayne State University. Before his role at Wayne State, he was a financial economist at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Economic and Risk Analysis. Earlier, Shohfi was an assistant professor of accounting and finance at the Lally School of Management and Technology*



*at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Mr. Shohfi is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and New York University.*

Friday, April 17, 2026 10:00 AM-11:30 AM  
In Person at the Hawk - Not Recorded 

## Current Events

### S2606–The Upside Down, Sideways Evolution of Legalized Cannabis in Michigan, Shared by an Insider

Explore the evolution, beginning in 2008, of the legalization and regulation of medical marijuana and 10 years later, adult recreational use of cannabis. Participants will learn about the roles of advocates and corporate interests, and how their goals often conflict. The session also examines the rise of intoxicating hemp, recent Congressional actions, as well as the influence of greed and profit in shaping Michigan's cannabis market, now the second largest in the U.S.

*Kevin McKinney has more than 44 years of experience in the legislative and political process.*

*McKinney previously worked for the state Senate Majority Leader/Minority Leader and established his own lobbying and consulting firm, McKinney & Associates, in 1991. McKinney was named as one Crain Detroit's 50 Names to Know in Lobbying 2020 and recently presented at the MJBizCon in Las Vegas, the largest cannabis conference in the world.*



Monday, April 13, 2026 10:00 AM-11:30 AM  
In Person at the Hawk - Not Recorded 

### S2607–Will Democracy Survive? The Midterm Elections of 2026

In all of American history, we have never had a president or an administration like the current one. How did this happen? What's likely to happen in the midterm elections this November, at both the state and federal levels? And can we ever restore our understanding of Democracy in America as it used to be?

*Jack Lessenberry has been a writer for many publications, including Vanity Fair and The New York Times. He is a contributing editor and columnist for the Toledo Blade and is co-author of "The People's Lawyer: The Life and Times of*

Frank J. Kelley,” and author of “Reason vs. Racism: A Newspaper Family, Race, and Justice”, and “Thinking About the Other Fella: Avern Cohn’s Life and the Law”. He lives in Huntington Woods and Charlevoix, with Elizabeth and their Australian Shepherds, Rusty and Chet.



Tuesday, April 14, 2026 10:00 AM-11:30 AM  
 In Person at The Hawk - Harrison Hall - Not Recorded 🚫

## S2608–Bridging the Divide: An Introduction to Braver Angels

Braver Angels is leading the nation’s largest cross-partisan, volunteer-led movement to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic. This class will be an introduction to how to use curiosity to seek further understanding and common ground with those who hold different political views. We will also engage in a brief activity that will serve as a preview to some of the more in-depth skill building activities offered in some of our formalized workshops. No policy prep needed, just bring your curiosity!

Hilary Young is the new Co-State Coordinator for Braver Angels Michigan. She has been a volunteer workshop moderator and ambassador for the organization since January of 2021. Young’s passion for helping others to be seen and heard has been the driving force behind traveling all over the state to facilitate workshops and give presentations to further the relational healing work of Braver Angels.



Tuesday, April 21, 2026 1:00 PM-2:30 PM  
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## S2609–Investigation of and Prosecution of Unsolved Homicide Cases

Every jurisdiction has unsolved crimes, and when investigations stall, these cases become “cold.” Led by an assistant prosecuting attorney with 28 years of experience, participants will examine cold case homicides and the unique challenges they present. The instructor will discuss investigative techniques, legal strategies, and courtroom trials, highlighting four cases that were successfully

prosecuted despite having reached cold-case status. Attendees will gain insight into how persistence, evidence, and legal expertise can bring resolution to long-unsolved crimes.

Steven Kaplan, an assistant prosecuting attorney with 28 years’ experience, is an honors law school graduate. Following his admission to the State Bar, he served as a judicial staff attorney for judges at the Michigan Court of Appeals, and U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. Kaplan was the chief cold case prosecutor at the Macomb County Prosecutor’s Office and is an adjunct law professor at two Michigan law schools. Kaplan has held local political office for 28 years, including eight years as the West Bloomfield Township Supervisor.



Friday, May 1, 2026 10:00 AM-11:30 AM  
 Hybrid (In-person with a Zoom option) - Not Recorded 🚫 🏠

## Detroit/Michigan

## S2610–Rebuilding the Motor City: The Story of Decline, Renewal, and Blight Busters

An exploration of the decline of Detroit and the key economic, social, and political factors that contributed to it. Participants will examine the city’s early rebirth and the events that sparked its turnaround. George will share how the decline inspired a grassroots response that grew into Detroit Blight Busters, highlighting its impact on neighborhoods and community pride. The session concludes with an update on where Blight Busters stands today and its ongoing role in Detroit’s continued revitalization.

John George is a lifelong Detroiter who still lives in the Old Redford Community. In 1988, out of concern for his children living around drug activity, George gathered his neighbors and boarded up the vacant home that was being used to sell drugs at night. When the drug dealer came back, they couldn’t get in the house, so they left. This inspired John to quit his insurance job and start what is now Detroit Blight Busters Inc. a nonprofit 501c3 organization.



Wednesday, May 6, 2026 10:00 AM -11:30 AM  
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## S2611—Local Government and Tax Dollars: Serving the Community

This overview explains the roles of elected officials, budgeting basics, and the services supported by the county government in Oakland County. Participants will also learn practical, nonpartisan ways to stay informed and get involved—attending meetings, contacting representatives, and using public resources. Strengthen civic understanding, ask questions, and discover how community involvement supports a transparent, helpful, and trustworthy local government.

*Prior to being elected to the County Commission in 2020, Charlie Cavell worked as a housing advocate at a homeless shelter, a counselor at Detroit Public Schools, and as a policy staffer. While in office Cavell has championed the creation of Oakland County's Attainable Housing Trust Fund, Oak Gov's Childcare Scholarship, erasing the medical debt of 80,000 residents, student loan forgiveness for up to 172,000 households and numerous criminal justice reforms. Personally, Charlie seeks to cook his wife, Caitie, an edible dinner 6 nights a week.*



Tuesday, May 19, 2026 10:00 AM-11:30 AM  
In Person at the Hawk - Not Recorded 

## S2612—Farmington Hills: Behind the Scenes

Farmington Hills is Michigan's 13th largest city, featuring 84,000 residents that speak 55 languages in their homes. Hear an update from Mayor Theresa Rich of recent city achievements and plans in the works to move the city closer to its vision of being a safe, vibrant destination that welcomes all. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

*Theresa Rich, PhD, was elected Mayor of Farmington Hills in 2023 and 2025 and is a former city council member. Rich is a probate attorney and small business owner who teaches part time at Wayne State University. Following a three-decade corporate career, Mayor Rich's focus has been public service. She recently convened the Fueling Farmington Hills task force to bring together people in the*



*nonprofit, faith, government, and education communities. Her focus is to make Farmington Hills even more of a vibrant destination while promoting joy, optimism, and resilience.*

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hybrid (In-person with a Zoom option) -

Not Recorded  

## Film

### Film and Philosophy

This film series will explore how films create (ideal) viewers in and through cinematic techniques like narrative style, plot, editing, scene sequencing, dialogue, and emotional response. Films are powerful means of evoking thought, emotion, and judgement around representations of different social and political issues: legal and political culture, crime, punishment, intimacy, race, identity, gender, sex, sexuality, ethnicity, dignity, and value, e.g., Film has become an essential form of cultural activity that either challenges us to interrogate dominant norms and practices or deepen our uncritical allegiance to them. Each session incorporates a discussion and viewing of the film.

## S2613A—Vermiglio

Written and directed by Maura Delpero  
(2024, 119 minutes)

In 1944, two Italian men—Attilio and Pietro—have deserted their army posts in Germany and come to Attilio's home in the remote mountain village of Vermiglio in Northern Italy seeking refuge. The village has a one-room schoolhouse, run by the patriarch and teacher, Cesare (Attilio's uncle). Cesare and his wife Adele have just had their 9th child, but the baby boy dies in infancy. Lucia—their eldest daughter—falls in love with Pietro, who is of Sicilian origins. Lucia, becomes pregnant by Pietro and they agree to marry. Situations about Cesare's running of the school, Pietro's prior marriage to a woman he met in Sicily, Catholic traditions, Lucia's siblings and the difficulties Adele faces trying to raise and feed a large family with little money or support from the patriarch Cesare are presented.

Monday, May 4, 2026 12:30 PM-3:00 PM

In Person at the Hawk - Not Recorded 

## S2613B–The Hours

Directed by Stephen Daldry based on the novel (*The Hours*) by Michael Cunningham (2002, 114 minutes)

The lives of three women separated in time yet bound by the experience of extreme unhappiness and Virginia Woolf's 1925 novel, *Mrs. Dalloway*. In 2001 New York, Clarissa Vaughan (Meryl Streep) prepares an award party for her AIDS-stricken friend and poet, Richard (Ed Harris). In 1951 California, Laura Brown (Julianne Moore) is a pregnant housewife in an unhappy marriage. In 1920s England, Virginia Woolf (Nicole Kidman) battles with depression while writing *Mrs. Dalloway*. Is there something else these three women share?

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## S2613C–Parallel Mothers

Directed by Pedro Almodovar (2022, 120 minutes)

The film centers on photographer Janis (Penelope Cruz) and Ana (Milena Smit) who both give birth on the same day in a hospital where a caring bond forms between the women. For observational purposes, the babies are kept in the neonatal unit. Slowly emerging, Janis and lover, anthropologist Arturo, begin to question her daughter's biological heritage. As the film explores their evolving relationships with their children, it engages Spain's unresolved history, particularly the painful legacy of the Spanish Civil War (1936 - 1939) and the search for missing bodies in a certain mass grave.

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*mark wenzel has been in the Wayne State University Philosophy Department since 1998 and holds classes in Global Ethics, Contemporary Moral Issues, Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of Arts and developed a course in Classical Indian Philosophy for Fall 2023. mark has held classes (twice) in Feminist Philosophy at the Huron Valley Women's Prison. This Fall WSU College in Prison Program began its first semester at Macomb Correctional Center!*



## S2614–Black Women in Silent Film

Early filmmaking began with short, silent, black-and-white documentaries, emerging during a time when America grappled with race and gender inequality. This presentation examines how Black women brought vital creativity and perspective to the early film industry. Divided into two parts, it highlights behind-the-scenes pioneers such as Zora Neale Hurston, Eloyce Gist, Alice Mischeaux, and Madam C.J. Walker, and explores the careers of influential actresses including Eslanda Goode Robeson, Maria P. Williams, Anita Bush, and Louise Beavers.

*Jennifer Evans serves as vice president of exhibitions at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. She has 15 years' experience in exhibition and collections management. Currently she is a PhD student in Communications at Wayne State University. Evans continues to work in the museum industry focusing on teaching history through visual art.*



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## S2615–The Fabulous Baker Boys

*The Fabulous Baker Boys* (1989) deals with two talented jazz-piano-playing brothers, Jack and Frank Baker, played by Beau and Jeff Bridges, who make a living performing bland lounge music. Their act is transformed when they hire Susie Diamond, played by Michelle Pfeiffer, a brassy, soulful singer whose magnetic charm revitalizes their trio and stirs up tension between the brothers. Blending sharp wit, and emotional complexity, the film explores ambition, family loyalty, and the complex chemistry of creative partnerships. The film will be shown followed by a discussion.

*Ralph Stromberg is chair of the SOAR Winter Term Committee, co-leader of the SOAR First Friday Movie SIG, and serves on the SOAR Board. Stromberg's interest in film began when he paid his first dime to enter his local movie theater. He enjoys the opportunity to share films with SOAR members.*



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## Health/Medicine

### S2616–Pathways to Fulfilling and Healthy Aging and Avoidance of Financial Exploitation

Two interconnected topics are presented: pathways to healthy, fulfilling aging, and vulnerability to financial exploitation. Participants will learn what research reveals about physical, mental, and cognitive health, as well as the impact of societal ageism and personal beliefs about aging. The session also examines elder financial exploitation, including common frauds, risk factors, and strategies to protect oneself. Dr. Lichtenberg will highlight his own research on aging, financial capacity, and exploitation, providing practical insights to promote well-being and safeguard financial security in later life.

*Peter A. Lichtenberg, Ph.D., ABPP is the former Director of The Institute of Gerontology (1999-2024) and a Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Gerontology at Wayne State University.*

*Dr. Lichtenberg, one of the first board certified Clinical Geropsychologists in the nation, has made contributions to the practice of psychology across a variety of areas and is a nationally recognized expert in the areas of financial capacity and financial exploitation among older adults and the impact of early memory loss and dementia on financial decision-making, financial exploitation, and financial capacity.*

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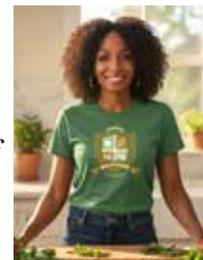
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### S2617–Lifestyle Medicine Launch: Your Playbook for Feeling Great

Lifestyle Medicine uses simple, powerful, evidence-based changes to prevent the most common chronic diseases and to treat, slow, and even reverse their progression. This engaging session introduces the 7 Pillars of Lifestyle Medicine, practical and realistic strategies you can use right away. Participants will learn doable tips to add or adjust to daily life, helping create sustainable habits and the well-being we all want.

*Robin Huff is the Founder of Help Food Academy LLC and a Cultural Wellness Consultant specializing in Lifestyle Medicine and the African Heritage Diet. Huff has over 15 years of experience in holistic wellness as an educator, writer, and researcher. She holds executive education certification in Lifestyle Medicine from Harvard Medical School and professional training in clinical nutrition and weight management from Blue Heron Healing Arts & Science.*



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### S2618–Cardiovascular Conditions in the Older Adult

This class explores common cardiovascular conditions that affect older adults, including strategies to reduce risk both before and after diagnosis. Participants will learn how these conditions develop, the symptoms to watch for, and the basics of evaluation and treatment. Topics include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, coronary artery disease, atrial fibrillation, congestive heart failure, and aortic stenosis. The session provides practical, evidence-based information to help adults understand, manage, and support heart health.

*Diane Klingler, RN, MSN, ANP-BC. Cardiac nurse practitioner works at Henry Ford Health Cardiology Clinic West Bloomfield Hospital. Klingler has worked for Henry Ford Health for her entire nursing career from bedside nursing on the cardiovascular floor and ICU and then returned to the cardiovascular floor following graduate school working as a nurse practitioner. Klingler then transitioned to the clinic setting where she has worked for 22 years with some intermittent time taken off for other projects. She is married and has two young adult children.*



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## S2619—Understanding the World of Therapy Dogs

Therapy dogs provide support in many settings. Participants will learn the differences between service, therapy, and emotional support dogs, as well as the training, testing, and certification required. The session highlights the benefits of therapy dog visits, the remarkable abilities dogs naturally possess, and the importance of the bond between dog and handler. Attendees will gain a deeper appreciation for these incredible animals and the positive impact they have on the people they serve. There may be therapy dogs in attendance.

*Diane Schuler has many years of experience with dog rescue, training, and general handling. She has had 3 therapy dogs of her own and has been involved in Therapy Dog work for 25 years. Schuler now teaches therapy dog classes and is a certified evaluator for The Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs.*



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## S2620—Pursuing the Best Care Possible at the End of Life

Conversations around facing end-of-life are exceptionally difficult for patients and their families. They are so often filled with emotion, anxiety and sometimes regret. This class will explore many of the options available in approaching end of life, including the decision to opt for palliative and hospice care. Topics will be presented, and questions will be encouraged.

*Rabbi Joseph H. Krakoff is the President and CEO of the Jewish Hospice and Chaplaincy Network (JHCN). Serving the metro Detroit community since 1998, Rabbi Krakoff offers spiritual care and emotional support daily to individuals diagnosed with life-limiting and terminal illnesses. Krakoff is the author of Never Long Enough: Finding Comfort and Hope Amidst Grief and Loss and the forthcoming book that will be released in Spring 2026, The Best Day.*



*Mark Christopher Navin, PhD, HEC-C, is Professor and Chair of Philosophy at Oakland University (OU-Rochester, MI), Lecturer at OU William Beaumont School of Medicine, and Clinical Ethicist at Corewell Health. His research is primarily in clinical ethics and public health ethics. His books include Values and Vaccine Refusal: Hard Questions in Ethics, Epistemology and Health Care (Routledge, 2016) and, with Katie Attwell, America's New Vaccine Wars: California and the Politics of Mandates (Oxford University Press, 2023).*



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## History

### S2621—"Give Me Your Huddled Masses": Episodes In Xenophobia and Chauvinism In U.S. History

Despite the welcoming words on the Statue of Liberty, many immigrants in American history faced discrimination and hostility. They were denied employment, subjected to violence, and targeted by groups such as the Know-Nothing Party, the American Protective Association, and the Ku Klux Klan. Restrictive laws, including the Chinese Exclusion Act and the biased immigration legislation of the 1920s, further limited opportunities and rights. The challenges immigrants faced and the social and political forces that shaped their experiences in the United States will be examined.

*Dr. Thomas C. Sosnowski is a native of Detroit with a B.A. from the University of Detroit and Ph.D. from Kent State University (KSU). Sosnowski taught at KSU's Stark Campus in Canton, Ohio for 41 years. He studied French at Quebec's Laval University and has traveled extensively. Sosnowski's primary research has been on 17th and 18th century French history. Dr. Sosnowski was honored by Kent State with its Distinguished Teaching Award.*



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## S2622—China 50 Years After Mao: Enter the Dragon

It has been 50 years since the death of Mao Zedong, the architect of Communist China. Today's China would be unrecognizable to the founder of modern China, but his legacy is nonetheless indisputable. Explore the rise of China through various leaders since Mao, culminating with Xi Jinping and the ascension of China as one of the leading economies, militaries, and geopolitically significant nations in the 21st century.

*Saeed Khan is Associate Professor of Near East & Asian Studies and Global Studies at Wayne State University, where he is also Director of the Center for the Study of Citizenship. He is also host of the Deadline Detroit News Roundup Podcast, The Week that Was.*



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## S2623—What Studying the American Revolution Has Taught Me About Human Nature and Life

What seemed improbable in 1776 became one of the most significant events in world history. In a lifetime of studying history, the American Revolution stands out. Through it, the instructor discovered the complexity, uncertainty, and unpredictability of human events. Despite being a minority, a small group of Americans drove the colonies toward independence. 250 years after the Declaration of Independence, this class explores what lessons we can draw from that struggle, revealing the challenges, contradictions, and human dynamics that shaped the birth of the United States.

*Leonard Zucker was the co-founder and CEO of the 1/2 Off Card Shops, a chain of 58 greeting card and party supply stores. He has been passionate about American History his whole life and is now launching a site dedicated to American history titled [americanhistoryin3d.com](http://americanhistoryin3d.com)*



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## S2624—Beyond the Fiddler: the World of the Shtetl

An introduction to Jewish life in the Shtetl: the tapestry of Jewish communities in the small towns of Eastern Europe. These communities were a mishmash of tradition and innovation, of continuity and change, where Jews often struggled to make a living and faced the challenge of balancing the world of Jewish tradition with the changing world at the turn of the 20th century Russia and Poland.

*Professor Howard Lupovitch is a fourth-generation Detroiter and a graduate of Hillel Day School, the University of Michigan, and Columbia University, where he earned a PhD in History. He is currently Professor of History and Director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University. He is the author, most recently, of Transleithanian Paradise: A History of the Budapest Jewish Community and recently completed a history of the Jews of Detroit since 1967.*



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## S2625—The Great Crash

The 1920s are often remembered as the Roaring Twenties, a decade of wealth and excess—but many Americans lived near the margins, and some in extreme poverty. That prosperity came to a sudden halt in 1929, plunging millions into hardship. President Hoover largely denied the nation's suffering, contributing to his overwhelming defeat in 1932. Franklin D. Roosevelt won the presidency on a promise to confront the crisis, marking a turning point in American history and the federal government's role in the Country.

*Since 1983, Bruce Zellers has taught history at Greenhills School in Ann Arbor and taught at Oakland University for more than 20 years. His interests range widely in American history, and he lectures frequently on topics from the Colonial Era to the present. A particular interest has been American military history; his book reviews in this area can be found in "The Journal of Military History," "The Michigan War Studies Review," and elsewhere.*



Friday, April 24, 2026 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

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## S2626–The Forgotten Tankers

During WWII, the enormity of conflict obscured the diligent, courageous work and achievements of warriors like the African American soldiers of the 761st Tank Battalion. Their contributions on the battlefield were significant, but the struggles they endured in fighting to get into the fight demonstrated the nature and quality of the valor they displayed against their nation's enemy.

*Fred L. Johnson III is the Guy Vander Jagt Professor of History at Hope College. Prior to his career in higher education, Dr. Johnson served in the United States Marine Corps followed by working in the automotive, telecommunications, and aerospace industries.*



Friday, May 8, 2026 10:00 AM-11:30 AM  
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## S2627–The World That The United States Created After World War II

In response to perceived mistakes after World War I and the threat from Soviet Russia, the United States implemented a series of bipartisan policies that helped create one of the most prosperous and peaceful eras in human history. This class explores that period of globalization, highlighting the economic growth, social progress, and relative peace experienced by most Americans. Participants will also examine how many of these achievements have been reversed in recent decades, often across party lines, and consider the lessons this history holds for our present and future.

*Leonard Zucker was the co-founder and CEO of the 1/2 Off Card Shops, a chain of 58 greeting card and party supply stores. He has been passionate about American History his whole life and is now launching a site dedicated to American history titled [americanhistoryin3d.com](http://americanhistoryin3d.com)*



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## S2628–Ancient Delphi: The Oracle and the Omphalos

As early as 5000 BC, ancient Greeks journeyed to Delphi for prophetic guidance, spectacle, and pleasure. From the time of earth mother Gaea to the god Apollo, their prophecies determined decisions both personal and political. Join Rochelle Forester to explore the myths, the symbols and the geologic features that identified Delphi as the sacred center of the ancient Greek world.

*Rochelle Rosenthal Forester has had a lifelong love of music, theater, and performance. A member of Actor's Equity and SAG, she frequently performed in local professional theater and opera productions. Now retired and ever curious, she enjoys researching and sharing her love of learning on a broad range of subjects in numerous adult ed programs around town. Forester is married and has an adult daughter.*



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## Law/Politics/Government

## S2629–The Civility Book: Building Bridges Across the Political Divide

Stephen and Nolan often disagree, yet they have discovered how to turn their differences into meaningful dialogue rather than conflict. In their book, they share the strategies that make this possible and provide guidance for others seeking to do the same. Their approach offers practical tools for respectful conversation and understanding lessons that are especially valuable today, as divisions and strife challenge communities and relationships across America. This class explores their insights and demonstrates how disagreements can become opportunities for connection rather than division.

*Stephen Henderson is a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist who comes at issues from the left side of the political spectrum. Nolan*

*Finley is the longtime editorial page editor of the Detroit News, and like the paper he leads, he comes at issues from the right side of the political spectrum. The work of Henderson and Finley in print, television and*



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radio has made each of them a fixture on the media landscape in southeast Michigan and beyond.

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## S2630–Pursuing Peace: An Antiwar and Antinuke Personal/Political Journey

Based on chapters from *Pursuing Peace and Justice*, this presentation shares the instructor's personal journey as an antiwar and antinuclear activist from the 1960s to today. Using a PowerPoint format, the session highlights key social movements and political trends over six decades, including the Cold War, the Vietnam War, conflicts in the Middle East, and the evolving threats posed by nuclear weapons and power. Participants will gain insight into both individual activism and the broader historical context that shaped efforts for peace and justice.

*Francis Shor is an Emeritus Professor of History at Wayne State University and author of six non-fiction books, one novel, and a memoir. His other extensive publications have appeared in scholarly journals and popular online sites. In addition to his academic work, he is a long-time peace and justice activist.*



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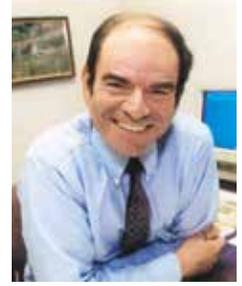
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## S2631–A Critique of Ethics in the Law & Media

This lecture examines serious ethical failings in both the legal system and the media—two professions that profoundly shape and influence American democracy. Drawing from Falbaum's recent book, *Truths About the Truth Seekers*, the session explores real-world examples that reveal how ethical lapses affect public trust and democratic institutions. The book has received endorsements from respected voices in law and journalism, including the renowned Cato Institute. Participants will be encouraged to think critically about ethics, accountability, and the pursuit of truth.

*Berl Falbaum has spent more than 55 years in the media. He was a political reporter for The Detroit News, an adjunct faculty member in the Wayne State University journalism department for 45 years and has given media seminars throughout*

*the country for corporations and a variety of organizations. He is the author of 13 books and has written political commentary for Spinal Column, Oakland Press; and the Jewish News. Presently, he writes political commentary weekly for 12 Michigan papers published by Detroit Legal News.*



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## Literature/Biographies

### S2632–Mapping Detroit in Literature II: Streets and Roads

Public transit and automobiles open new ways to explore a city, uncovering communities, people, and experiences. In Detroit, movement itself has inspired novelists and poets to find meaning in the city's streets. This session takes participants on a literary tour of Detroit routes, guided by the works of Joyce Carol Oates, Harriette Arnow, Lawrence Joseph, Philip Levine, Alice Randall, and Jeffrey Eugenides, revealing how travel through the city shapes storytelling and deepens understanding of its culture and history.

*A lifelong Detroiter, Frank Rashid is Professor Emeritus of English and a founding member of the Institute for Detroit Studies at Marygrove College (now the Marygrove Conservancy). He edits the online Literary Map of Detroit and has published on the poetry of Emily Dickinson, Robert Hayden, and Lawrence Joseph, and on Detroit literature, culture, and politics. He is co-editor of "Tiger Stadium: Essays and Memories of Detroit's Historic Ballpark."*



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## S2633–James Baldwin: Literature, Memory, and the Moral Imagination

This class invites participants into the powerful world of James Baldwin, one of America's most insightful writers and moral voices. Through his essays, novels, speeches, and interviews, we will explore how Baldwin confronts the great questions of life: How do we face history? How do we live with others? What do we owe to truth? Can love be a political force? Reading Baldwin is not an academic exercise; it is a conversation about life experience.

*Frieda Ekotto is a Lorna Goodison Collegiate Professor of Comparative Literature and Afro-American and African Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She has written on James Baldwin and other African American Writers. Ekotto is currently working on Global Blackness*



*Experiences, aiming to document the lived experience of Blackness in a global context in view of expanding the notion of Blackness in America.*

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## S2634–The History and the Literature: Horse

Historical novels tell interesting stories about a time, a place, and the people living there. Authors must do extensive research so their writing accurately reflects the history. Using *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks as the launching point, this class will offer a one-hour look at the history of the development of horseracing in America, with a focus on social, economic, cultural, and racial influences on the horses and the people around them. We will then spend an hour discussing the novel as contemporary literature. Readers and history buffs welcome! Participants should read *Horse* before class.

*Stan and Diane Henderson are avid readers—Stan reads history, Diane fiction. In other lives, they would have been history and English professors. Now they team up to share their passions with SOAR. Pre-retirement, Stan was the Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Life at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and Diane was an educational program planner and consultant. Both are currently failing retirement.*



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## S2635–Out of Africa's Karen Blixen: A Farmer in Africa and a Master Storyteller

Karen Blixen never did anything halfway. She had a farm in Africa from 1914 to 1932, and, using the pen name, Isak Dinesen, she became a successful writer from the mid-1930s until her death in 1962. Her legendary life was one of romance and love, loss and betrayal, success and failure, and wild adventure. Let's see what we can learn from the life and times of this extraordinary woman.

*Sharon O'Brien is the Founder of SOAR LLI, the Society of Active Retirees. She taught English, General Studies and Women's Studies at Siena Heights University for more than 20 years and was the first director of the Wayne State University Oakland Center where SOAR's first classes were offered. O'Brien was also the Assistant Dean for Off-Campus Sites at Wayne State University.*



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## Nature/Environment

### S2636–River Realities - The Detroit River

The Detroit River is not a river. It's actually a strait. Call it what you want, the natural history and cultural history along its 29-mile run is nothing short of incredible. Join Paul Cypher, an interpreter for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, to take a look at some of the fantastic histories that are in it, over it, and under it. Don't worry - no one gets wet.

*Paul Cypher has been an interpreter with the Huron-Clinton Metroparks for over 30 years. His entire career has been spent at Marshlands Museum at Lake Erie Metropark. In addition to a biology degree from Eastern Michigan University, he has a master's degree in Historic Preservation. Outside of work, he can often be found birding with wife, Natalie, or tinkering on their one-acre homestead.*



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## S2637–The Circumpolar Arctic - A Fascinating Look at the Far North

This class explores the Arctic, home to eight countries and 40–90 languages, and its complex, interconnected ecosystems. Participants will learn how the Arctic Ocean’s circular currents distribute nutrients, supporting wildlife such as polar bears, walrus, whales, muskox, Arctic foxes, reindeer, seals, fish, birds, and invertebrates. The session also examines the relationship between the land, water, ice, flora, fauna, and human populations, as well as the global interest in the region’s resources. Discover the intricate balance of life in one of the planet’s most extreme and dynamic environments.

*Denise Landau has dedicated her life to working in both polar regions-the Arctic and Antarctic; creating strategies for conservation and preservation of the Arctic ecosystems. Landau is a founding board member of Linking Tourism and Conservation, a board member of the American Polar Society, the South Georgia Heritage Trust, a fellow of the Canadian Royal Geographical Society, and President of the Friends of South Georgia Island. She combines her love for science, adventure, and strategic policy. Landau has a B.S. from Michigan State University.*



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## Performing Arts/Music/Dance

### S2638–Designing Costumes for Outdoor Theatre

Explore the fundamentals of costume design for theatrical productions, with special attention to the unique challenges of outdoor venues. Using Royal Oak’s Shakespeare in the Park production of Macbeth as a case study, participants will view design renderings and learn how a clear visual concept guides costume choices. The class will also address practical considerations such as materials, durability, weather, budget, and construction needs when designing costumes for a specific show.

*Mary Copenhagen recently retired after teaching for 36 years in Wayne State University’s Theatre and Dance Department where she taught Costume Design and Construction, Theatrical Makeup and Puppetry. She also designed costumes for*



*numerous productions both at WSU and a number of various regional theatres.*

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### S2639–Words by Johnny Mercer

Johnny Mercer was one of the most renowned lyricists of all time. After an introduction to Mercer and a review of his life, through slides and videos we will listen to songs that he wrote in collaboration with a variety of composers. For example, we’ll hear Lazy Bones written with Hoagy Carmichael, I Thought About You written with Jimmy Van Heusen, Laura written with David Raskin, and Charade written with Henry Mancini, and many others. Mercer’s music has been performed by countless artists all over the world.

*Stuart Johnson’s modest record collection runs the gamut from ABBA to ZZ Top, but the vast majority is some form of jazz. Johnson has presented his programs at libraries and other venues all over the Metro Detroit area and beyond as an outreach of the Michigan Jazz Record Collectors (MJRC.) His mission is to share his love of jazz and other types of music from the 1920s to the 1960s with his audiences. He has been giving presentations to SOAR since 2008.*



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### S2640–The Gospel(s) According to John...Lennon, That Is

John Lennon founded the greatest band of all time. With and beyond The Beatles, he also represented some Gospel-like messages. We will listen to, and study, some of his greatest songs--such as “All You Need Is Love,” “Imagine,” “Across the Universe,” and “Mind Games.” The way he died--by assassination or, some would say, martyrdom--is also significant.

*Brian Murphy had a 35-year career in the English Department of Oakland University (in Rochester, MI), which included a 17-year term as Director of the University’s Honors College. A former film critic, Murphy taught many film courses and helped found the University’s Cinema*



*Concentration. His publications include a novel, The Enigma Variations, and a study of the fiction of CS Lewis. The Medicine Show Theater in New York has presented Staged Readings of several of his plays.*

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## Philosophy/Religion/Psychology

### S2641 – Transgender 2026; Focus on the Family

As more people live openly as transgender, many wonder how to show support and acceptance for friends or relatives whose gender identity may differ from what they expected. This class provides practical guidance for navigating these situations with care and respect, helping participants understand how attitudes and small acts of support can make a meaningful difference. By fostering understanding, compassion, and inclusion, we can improve the well-being of transgender individuals and strengthen our communities—learning to live better, together.

*Thora Hanses was born in the 1950s. She has known since she was a young child that she was not the gender she was assigned at birth. In the 1950s, there was no support. Now, 70, she has endured a bumpy late transition and is healthy and at peace. She lives with her dog and her garden.*



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### S2642 – The Amazing Human Mind

From neural chemistry to quantum fields, this class will explore the far edges of the mind and the connection between how our minds work and the reality that unfolds before us. Attendees will discuss how our minds can dictate the outcomes of events in our lives and how we can influence these outcomes intentionally. We have the power within us to take control of many of our experiences; this class will help you figure out how by learning how our brains work, and what consciousness isn't and is.

*Stanley Nunn is an inspirational speaker whose focus is helping others to open new doorways to knowledge of self. As a United States Marine,*

*Nunn utilizes the discipline and inner strength learned in the Corp to help others discover that same power within themselves. He serves as a motivational and spiritual leader in his community, helping to build organizations that continue to serve those in need.*



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### S2643 – Nature vs. Nurture: What Shapes Us Most?

There is a long-standing debate about the relative contributions of nature vs. nurture in the development of character and the causes of behavior of children, teens, and adults. Dr. London will explore current thoughts about this age-old debate. In addition, we will discuss the concept of “good-enough” parenting related in part to Dr. London’s previous talk about the psychology of siblings.

*Jeff London practiced Psychiatry in the Detroit area for over 40 years, retiring in 2020. He enjoys giving talks in the community on psychological topics, usually injecting his talks with humor, and offering opportunities for discussion.*

*Dr. London hopes to provide an opportunity for the discussion of this interesting topic, but (wisely) doesn't promise to settle the nature vs. nurture debate.*



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## About SOAR LLI

As a lifelong learning institute, SOAR Lifelong Learning Institute’s (LLI) mission is to provide intellectually stimulating, interactive, and entertaining classes, events and social experiences where everyone feels included and welcome. SOAR’s programs include a diverse selection of non-credit academic lectures, field trips, special events, shared interest groups, and other activities. Each year, nearly 1,000 individuals from throughout metropolitan Detroit enjoy our programs. SOAR is member and volunteer led and it’s goal is to enable its members to experience better cognitive and emotional health while enjoying social connectedness, cultural events, and personal growth.

## Science/Technology

### S2644–Intro to Industrial Robotics

This class offers a high-level introduction to industrial robotics, exploring both its history and future. Participants will begin with traditional hard automation and trace the development of modern industrial robots. The session highlights the wide variety of robot types, styles, and sizes, along with the many applications in which they are used—some unexpected. As robotics and automation continue to evolve, the class concludes with a look ahead at emerging trends and what the future may hold.

*Jacob Gardner started life like so many engineers, building LEGO contraptions in his bedroom. In High School he participated in both the worldwide FIRST Robotics competition and the local Oakland County OCCRA robotics competition.*



*After graduating from University of Michigan in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, Gardner joined FANUC, the largest industrial robotics company in North America.*

Monday, April 20, 2026 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

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### S2645–Amphibian Conservation at the Detroit Zoo

Highlighting both local and international efforts this class focuses on the Detroit Zoo's Amphibian Conservation programs. Participants will learn about the care and husbandry of amphibians—frogs, toads, newts, and salamanders—while exploring the critical conservation work underway to protect these species. With over half of all amphibians at risk of extinction, the Detroit Zoo plays a vital role in preserving their populations and habitats, both in the wild and through educational initiatives that raise awareness of these remarkable and threatened animals.

*Mark Vassallo is the Curator of Amphibians at the Detroit Zoo and has been working professionally in the field for over 15 years. He earned his degree in Zoology from Northern Michigan University. Vassallo has always had a passion for the outdoors and the biodiversity found throughout the natural world.*



*Wednesday, May 13, 2026 10:00 AM-11:30 AM*

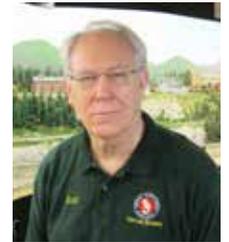
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## Sports/Leisure

### S2646–Model Railroading - Not Your Father's Trains

Using photos and videos to illustrate the hobby's evolution, this class explores the history and modern world of model railroading. Participants will discover the diversity of approaches, techniques, and styles that make the hobby both rewarding and challenging. Emphasizing the cardinal rule of model railroading—“It is my railroad”—the session encourages creativity and personal expression, showing that the best approach is the one that brings the most enjoyment.

*Scott Kremer retired after 19 years as Director of Generation Procurement for DTE. A lifelong model railroader Kremer is a Master Model Railroader, which is awarded to about ten people a year in the United States by the National Model Railroad Association. Kremer has a 1,300 sq. ft. layout that has been featured in a number of National and International publications.*



Thursday, April 23, 2026 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

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### S2647–The Fall of the NCAA, the Rise of Athlete Rights - And What's Next

This engaging session explores the history of college athletics, the rise and fall of the **National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)** oversight, and the growing rights of student athletes. From the early days of U-M and Big Ten football to today's debates over Name, Image & Likeness (NIL) and the NCAA vs. House settlement, the class examines key moments, scandals, and mysteries that shaped the system. Through stories and analysis, Dooley shows how today's challenges reflect long-standing themes in college sports—proving that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

*Greg Dooley is a college football historian and Lecturer at the University of Michigan, where he teaches three popular courses on athletics history, sports leadership, and NIL. He holds a BA from Michigan, and an MBA from Indiana.*



Tuesday, April 28, 2026 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

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## S2648–The Benefits of Strength Training for Life's Journey

Join Vivo CEO Eric Levitan and Chief Scientific Officer Dr. Katie Starr for a 60-minute webinar on maintaining strength as we age. Participants will learn how muscle loss, which begins around age 30 and accelerates after 60, affects balance, mobility, bone density, and independence—and how strength training can reverse these effects. This dynamic session covers science-backed strategies to safely start and maintain a strength program, with a short demonstration and time for Q&A. Discover how building strength supports better health, sharper cognition, and a higher quality of life.

*Eric Levitan is the founder and CEO of Vivo. He brings more than 25 years of executive leadership in the technology sector to the position. Levitan witnessed the decline of his parents' health and quality of life as they got older and was inspired to better understand the aging process in order to help them. From this, Vivo was born; to create awareness and a safe, engaging, and impactful program to guide older adults to a safer and healthier life.*



*Dr. Katie Starr, PhD, RD, is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Duke University School of Medicine and a Research Health Scientist at Durham VA Medical Center. Dr. Starr is also Co-Director of the Duke Center for Aging Clinical Nutrition Laboratory, and her research and professional experience focuses on understudied, older adult populations at high risk for chronic health conditions and functional disability. She is also the Chief Scientific Officer for Vivo.*



Friday, May 15, 2026 10:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Zoom - Recorded  **R**

### Travel/Culture

## S2649–Classic Michigan Food and Drinks: The Stories Behind The Brands

Did you know the Ritz Cracker was invented in Jackson? Or that Michigan is the pickle capital of the US? Join authors Gail Offen and Jon Milan as they reveal secrets and surprises from their latest

book “Classic Michigan Food and Drinks: The Stories Behind the Brands,” (History Press, 2024), It’s full of amazing history, stories and photos about the Michigan food and drink brands we know and love.

*Jon Milan is a professional pianist. He spent his career as a corporate communications manager and freelance journalist. In addition to books he has written with Gail Offen, he also wrote Detroit: Ragtime and the Jazz Age and Old Chicago Road: US-12 from Detroit to Chicago. Both are frequent speakers on Michigan history and culture.*



*Gail Offen is an award-winning advertising writer and branding specialist. She’s a coauthor, with Jon Milan, of the books Grand River Avenue: From Detroit to Lake Michigan; Iconic Restaurants of Ann Arbor; Michigan Haunts: Public Places and Eerie Spaces and their newest, Classic Michigan Food and Drink, The Stories Behind the Brands.*



Thursday, April 23, 2026 1:00 PM-2:30 PM  
In Person at the Hawk - Not Recorded 

## S2650–Exploring the Arctic

400 Miles South of the North Pole lies a magical land filled with history and nature. Join Beyerlein as he recounts his North Pole exploration that includes amazing views of the Arctic Big Five! Enjoy a trip around the islands of Svalbard and be ready for an amazing adventure on the Ice EDGE!! Where the Sun never sets!

*Reid Beyerlein is Branch Manager and Wealth Manager at Raymond James Financial Services in Berkley, Michigan. When not in the office, he is an active volunteer in the community, having served as past board chair for the Metro Detroit Youth Clubs (formerly The Boys and Girls Clubs), and remains an active board member. When not volunteering, he can be found on the golf course, on a lake fishing, or most likely getting a good workout at his local CrossFit gym.*



Tuesday, May 12, 2026 10:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Hybrid (In-person with a Zoom option) -  
Not Recorded  

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# How to become a SOAR member – New

Any person who pays the yearly membership fee (\$35) is a SOAR member! The SOAR membership fee includes the opportunity to participate in our Shared Interest Groups (SIGs), discounted member prices for most SOAR Special Events and Field Trips, and member’s only events.

The six-week, Spring 2026 full term fee is \$125. This includes access to all SOAR classes, along with access to all the recorded classes so you can watch them on-demand, at your convenience.

Limited scholarships are available. Contact SOAR’s Executive Director if you are experiencing a financial hardship.

## Important Spring Term Dates

March 16, 2026 - March 22, 2026	<b>Priority Member Enrollment</b> - Members paying the full term fee may register for up to 10 in-person classes during this time period. <b>(Zoom classes are included and do not require registration).</b>
March 23, 2026	<b>Open Enrollment</b> - Members who took advantage of Priority Enrollment may register for <b>additional in-person classes</b> as space allows.
March 30, 2026	<b>Limited Term Enrollment</b> - Members who have chosen the <b>3-class bundle</b> , may register for their classes.
April 13, 2026	<b>Classes begin</b>

## Closed/Full Classes

If an in-person class fills up before a member can register, a member who paid the full term fee may come to the registration table at the HAWK before the class begins to receive a numbered waiting token. 1-2 minutes before class is scheduled to begin, members will be let into the class in the order of their token numbers until such time as the class is full. Members will be granted access to class before guests.

## Guest Passes

Members who pay the term fee are entitled to two guest passes per term. Guest passes are to be used by friends and family members **that have never taken a SOAR class before**. If additional guest passes are desired, contact the office. Please help us share the joy of lifelong learning.

## Volunteer for SOAR

SOAR is powered by volunteers. All of SOAR’s committees are comprised of volunteer leaders and members. **SOAR simply could not exist without the brilliant minds and dedicated hands of the people who spark ideas and action.** Please consider becoming a SOAR volunteer. Facilitate a class, help plan a term, organize a SIG, join a committee, help check members in for class, champion SOAR to friends and family.

## Location

The SOAR office and classroom are located on the 3rd floor of the Hawk Community Center, on 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. An elevator is located in the main lobby. Our main classroom, room #391, is equipped with hearing loop technology and multiple screens to ensure all learners can see the presentation without interruption.

Harrison Hall is located on the 2nd floor of the Hawk.

## SOAR's Values

SOAR is committed to serving all individuals with dignity and respect. SOAR commits to not discriminate against members or guests, based on race, color, ancestry, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, citizenship, marital status, disability, gender identity/expression or Veteran status. **All are welcome at SOAR.**

# How to Register for Classes

In order to accommodate all members, registration during Priority enrollment will be limited to 10 classes. **Beginning on March 23rd, members can enroll in additional in-person classes as space allows.** Learners who pay the full term fee will receive links to all virtual/Zoom classes. There are two ways to register for the full term:

**Online (Preferred method)** at [www.soarexplore.com](http://www.soarexplore.com) – click on “Register” at the top right corner of the screen. This will take you to the Registration Portal (registration will open at 10 a.m. on March 16th).

- Once at the Registration Portal, previous members may begin by clicking “Login.” If you are new to SOAR, click “New User? Start Here” and follow the prompts to set up a new user account. Once you are logged in or have set up a new account, follow the steps below:
  - Click on “Membership” at the top left side of the screen
  - Select the applicable Membership option (new or current member)
  - Enter your payment information
  - Scroll down and look for the “Terms of Use” box at the bottom of the screen
  - **After reading the terms click on the box to accept**
  - Click “Submit”
- Once your Membership is paid, you may select your classes by following these steps:
  - Click “Search” at the top of the screen
  - Go to “Search Options” menu at the middle, left side of the screen and click on “Select Semester”
  - Select “Spring 2026 Term” for classes from the drop-down menu
  - Click “Search,” then click “Register” to add courses to your cart
  - Click on the Shopping Cart icon at the top right side of the screen to complete the “Check Out” process
  - Check out and pay the \$125 term fee.

## 3-Class Bundle Option

SOAR no longer offers single class options. Members have the option to pay for a full term of classes (\$125 + membership) or a 3-class bundle (\$60 +membership).

Registration for the 3-class bundle is available online only and opens on Monday, March 30th at 10:00 a.m.

- To Register: Once you are logged in (see steps above), purchase a SOAR membership and follow the steps below:
  - Click “Search” at the top of the screen
  - Go to “Search Options” menu at the middle, left side of the screen and click on “Select Semester”
  - Select “3-Class Bundle” from the drop-down menu & click search
    - **Do Not Skip This Step**
  - Click “Search,” then click “Register” to add up to 3 classes to your cart
  - Click on the Shopping Cart icon at the top right side of the screen to complete the “Check Out” process
  - Enter your payment information
  - 3-class bundle costs: = \$60
  - Scroll down and look for the “Terms of Use” box at the bottom of the screen
  - After reading the terms, click on the box to accept
  - Click “Submit”

**Mail In Registration:** To register by mail, complete the form on page 25 and mail it to the SOAR office. Video tutorials can be found on the SOAR website. Mail-in registrations are entered in order, via postmark, but will not be processed until Monday, March 16th and do not guarantee enrollment in a particular class. The best chance for enrollment in a popular class is through online registration.

## SOAR Yearly Membership

The SOAR yearly Membership (\$35/academic year) provides access to Shared Interest Groups as well as discounts on most Special Events and Field Trips, two guest passes, and members only events. The Annual Membership is required to register for SOAR classes.

**To check your class schedule at any time**, login to your account. Click on your name in the upper right-hand corner. Click on "Account" on the left side. Scroll down to the "My Registrations" tab. You will find your registered classes here.

**Walk-in registrations** are not accepted but assistance is available for those who may need it. Please call the office to make an appointment with our team.

## Withdrawal/Refund policy

A \$10 service fee will be applied to all refunds. Requests for withdrawals and refunds must be made in writing or by email. Requests must be received no later than 5 PM on April 16, 2026. Refunds for Special Events must be received at least 10 days prior to the event. Field Trips are non-refundable. 3-class bundle refunds are not available and will not be prorated. Members are welcome to change a class if they are unable to attend.

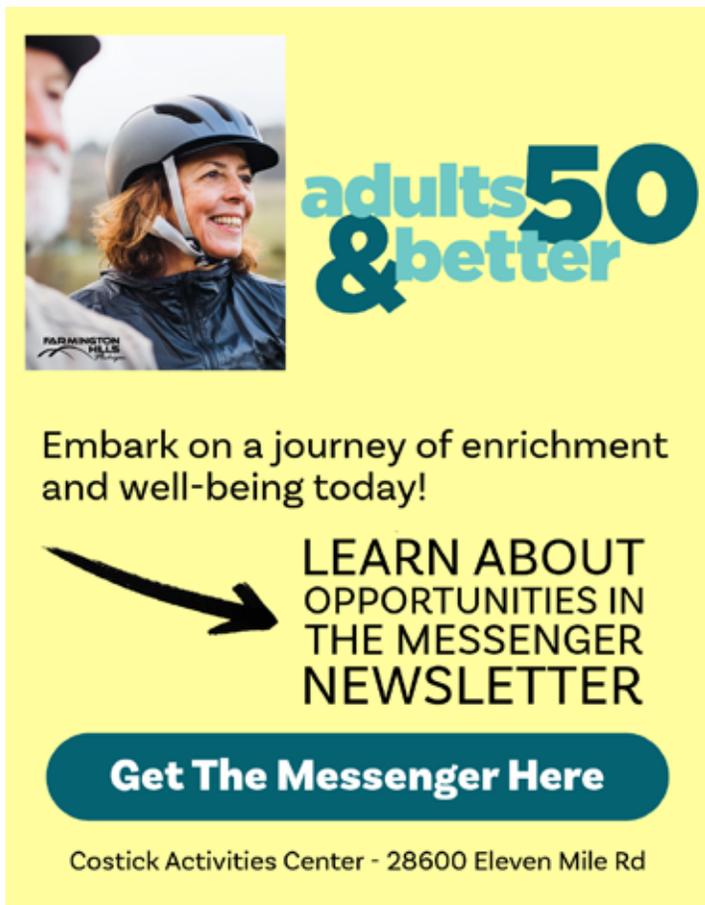


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# SOAR Spring 2026 Mail-In Registration Form

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone

Check here if any information has changed

**If you are a first-time member, how did you hear about SOAR?**

**Spring Term Registration: \$125: Includes access to all in-person (space permitting) and online classes. Please include \$35 Membership Fee if you did not pay it in Fall 2025 or Winter 2026.**

**Enrollment for 3-class bundle is only available online beginning March 30, 2026.**

Check here for virtual only classes

### **PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM:**

- SOAR will continue our Priority Enrollment Period (3/16/26–3/22/26) during which members will be able to register for up to 10 in-person classes. During the Open Enrollment Period (3/23/26+), members may register for **additional classes** (more than the original 10), as space allows. Please only register for classes that you plan to attend.
- Rank your class preferences in order, 1-15, (1) being the **MOST** desired class, (15) being the **least** desired class. For additional classes, please use a separate piece of paper

Please list your class selection clearly. (Example: S2601)

<b>Priority Enrollment Class Choices</b>				
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
<b>Open Enrollment Class Choices</b>				
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.

Please register me for the following **Special Events and Field Trips** (Please include a separate check—not guaranteed)

I acknowledge that I have read and accept the waiver and release on the reverse side of this form.

**Please mail the completed form with a check (payable to SOAR) or include credit card information below to:**

SOAR c/o The Hawk Community Center  
29995 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Charge registration fees to credit card holder name: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Society of Active Retirees**  
**Waiver, Release of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement**



I, the undersigned, acknowledge the inherent risks involved when using the facilities and attending classes of the **Society of Active Retirees, a Michigan non-profit corporation (SOAR)**, and while engaging in all activities and programs relating thereto, including, but not limited to, field trips, special events, bus trips, meetings and special interest group events, and meetings (collectively, "Activities"). Accordingly, as consideration for being allowed to use the facilities, attend classes, and otherwise participate in the Activities, I agree to and accept the following:

I acknowledge and fully understand that I will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, which may include permanent disability and even death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from my actions, but also from the action, inaction, or negligence of others, or the condition of the premises, or any equipment used in connection with any Activity, and further that there may be risks not known to me or not reasonably foreseeable. I expressly assume all risks of injury, including death, which may occur in connection with my participation in any of the Activities with **SOAR**.

I agree to assume all the foregoing risks and accept full responsibility for my own damages following such injury, permanent disability, or death.

I, for myself and on behalf of my family and estate, release, waive, discharge, and agree not to sue **SOAR**, its owners, volunteers, faculty, respective agents, affiliates, associates, officers, directors, and employees (collectively "Releases") from all demands, losses, or damages on account of any bodily injury, death, or property damage caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by Releases or any other party's actions, inactions, or otherwise, whether or not foreseen by them. I also agree to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Releases from any and all third-party claims caused in whole or in part by my actions.

I consent to emergency medical care and transportation in order to obtain treatment in the event of injury to me as **SOAR** may deem appropriate. This Release extends to any liability arising out of or in any way connected with the medical treatment and transportation provided in the event of an emergency. In connection with any Activity, I understand that I may be photographed. I consent to, and **SOAR** has the right to use for any legitimate purpose, any photographs, film or video, sound recordings, or other form of representation of my person or likeness that is taken of me during any of the Activities.

I expressly agree that the terms of release and indemnity contained herein are intended to be as broad and inclusive as are permitted by the laws of the State of Michigan. If any provision of this Waiver, Release of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect as written, such provision shall be automatically modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it enforceable and the provision as so modified shall be enforced, without invalidating the Agreement as a whole.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## SOAR Lifelong Learning Institute – Spring 2026 Calendar

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
New & Returning Member Orientation Friday, April 9, 2026 @ 11:00 AM @ The Hawk	<b>13</b> AM 10:00 - 11:30 <b>McKinney S2606</b> Current Events  PM 1:00 - 2:30 <b>Sosnowski S2621</b> History	<b>14</b> AM 10:00 - 12:00 <i>Harrison Hall</i> <b>Lessenberry S2607</b> Current Events  PM 1:00 - 2:30 <b>Khan S2622</b> History	<b>15</b> AM 10:00 - 11:30 <b>Hanes S2641</b> <b>R</b> Philosophy/Religion/Psychology  PM 1:00 - 2:30 <b>Lichtenberg S2616</b> Health/Medicine	<b>16</b> AM 10:00 - 11:30 <b>Zucker S2623</b> <b>R</b> History  PM 1:00 - 2:30 <b>Cypher S2636</b> Nature/Environment	<b>17</b> AM 10:00 - 11:30 <b>Shohfi S2605</b> Current Events  PM <b>Special Event Luke Pisani</b>
	<b>20</b> AM 10:00 - 11:30 <b>Gardner S2644</b> <b>R</b> Science/Technology  PM 1:00 - 2:30 <b>Copenhagen S2638</b> Perf. Arts/Music/Dance	<b>21</b> AM 10:00 - 11:30 <b>Nunn S2642</b> <b>R</b> Phil./Religion/Psych.  PM 1:00 - 2:30 <b>Young S2608</b> <b>R</b> Current Events Mahjong	<b>22</b> AM 10:00 - 11:30 <b>Rashid S2632</b> Literature/Biographies  PM 1:00 - 2:30 <b>Lupovitch S2624</b> History	<b>23</b> AM 10:00 - 11:30 <b>Kremer S2646</b> Sports/Leisure  PM 1:00 - 2:30 <b>Milan/Offen S2649</b> Travel/Culture	<b>24</b> AM 10:00 - 11:30 <b>Zellers S2625</b> History  PM <b>Field Trip Labor Tour</b>
	<b>27</b> AM 10:00 - 11:30 <i>Harrison Hall</i> <b>Henderson/Finley S2629</b> Law/Politics/Government  PM 12:30 - 3:00 <b>Johnson, S. S2639</b> Perf. Arts/Music/Dance	<b>28</b> AM 10:00 - 11:30 <b>Shor S2630</b> Law/Politics/Government  PM 1:00 - 2:30 <b>Dooley S2647</b> Sports/Leisure Mahjong	<b>29</b> AM 10:00 - 11:30 <b>Evans, W. S2602</b> Art/Architecture  PM 1:00 - 2:30 <b>Murphy S2640</b> Perf. Arts/Music/Dance	<b>30</b> AM 10:00 - 11:30 <b>Ekotto S2633</b> Literature/Biographies  PM 1:00 - 2:30 <b>Huff S2617</b> Health/Medicine <b>R</b>	<b>1</b> AM 10:00 - 11:30 <b>Kaplan S2609</b> Current Events  PM <b>Field Trip Habatat Gallery</b>

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<p><b>4</b></p> <p>AM 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p><b>London S2643</b> <b>R</b> Phil./Religion/Psych.</p> <p>PM 12:30 - 3:00</p> <p>wenzel S2613A  Film</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>AM 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p><b>Klingler S2618</b>  Health/Medicine</p> <p>PM 1:00 - 2:30</p> <p><b>O'Brien S2619</b>  Great Michigan Read </p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>AM 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p><b>George S2610</b>  Detroit/Michigan</p> <p>PM 1:00 - 2:30</p> <p><b>Schuler S2619</b>  Health/Medicine</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>AM 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p><b>Landau S2637</b> <b>R</b> Nature/Environment</p> <p>PM 1:00 - 3:00</p> <p><b>Henderson S2634</b> <b>R</b> Literature/Biographies</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>AM 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p><b>Johnson, F. S2626</b> <b>R</b> History</p> <p>PM</p> <p><b>Special Event</b> <b>Dance Program</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>AM 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p><b>Evans, J. S2614</b>  Film</p> <p>PM 1:00 - 2:30</p> <p>wenzel S2613B  Film</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>AM 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p><b>Beyerlein S2650</b>  Travel/Culture</p> <p>PM 1:00 - 2:30</p> <p><b>Goren-Kalisky S2603</b>  Art/Architecture</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>AM 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p><b>Vassallo S2645</b> <b>R</b> Science/Technology</p> <p>PM 1:00 - 2:30</p> <p><b>Pestle S2601</b> <b>R</b> Archaeology/Anthropology</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>AM</p> <p>PM 1:00 - 2:30</p> <p><b>Krakoff/Navin S2620</b>  Health/Medicine</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>AM 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p><b>Levitan/Starr S2648</b> <b>R</b> Sports/Leisure</p> <p>PM</p> <p><b>Field Trip</b> <b>Detroit Public Library</b> <b>Lunch at Shield's Pizzeria</b></p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>AM 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p><b>Falbaum S2631</b> <b>R</b> Law/Politics/Government</p> <p>PM 12:30 - 3:00</p> <p>wenzel S2613C  Film</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>AM 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p><b>Cavell S2611</b>  Detroit/Michigan</p> <p>PM 1:00 - 2:30</p> <p><b>Kreipke S2604</b> <b>R</b> Art/Architecture</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>AM 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p><b>Rich S2612</b>  Detroit/Michigan</p> <p>PM 12:30 - 3:00</p> <p><b>Stromberg S2615</b>  Film</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>AM 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p><b>Zucker S2627</b> <b>R</b> History</p> <p>PM 1:00 - 2:30</p> <p><b>Forester S2628</b> <b>R</b> History <b>Special Event</b> <b>Farmington Players</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>AM 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p><b>O'Brien S2635</b> <b>R</b> Literature/Biographies</p> <p>PM</p>

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