Seniors For Creative Learning (SCL) is . . .

- A membership organization of seniors dedicated to learning new things and sharing their love of learning with others;
- Informal education designed and developed by SCL members and offered in an informal setting;
- A membership organization available to all seniors, 50 years of age or older;
- Offered twice yearly – spring and fall;
- Supported by the members, membership fees, The University of Tennessee’s Department of Professional and Personal Development and the John T. O’Connor Senior Center.

Note: All sessions, unless otherwise noted, will be presented at the John T. O’Connor Center.

Have you heard of a good program that you think SCL members would enjoy hearing? Give one of the Curriculum Committee members a note with the specifics, and we will consider your idea for a future presentation since programs are planned several months in advance. Let us know about the topics and presenters you particularly liked or disliked. We need your feedback to serve you best.
Dear Present and Future Members,

When reviewing the SCL offerings for the Spring 2019 Semester, we hope that you will be as enthusiastic as we are. The sessions are described in more detail in this brochure. Our courses are lecture-based and taught by local experts. With the exception of the field trips, all of the classes will be held at the O’Connor Center, 611 Winona Street. Classes meet at 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the semester. There are hosted refreshments from 2:00 to 2:30 pm.

SCL is a volunteer organization supported by membership dues, The University of Tennessee Department of Professional and Personal Development, and the John T. O’Connor Senior Center. All members must be 50 years of age or older. Officers and the Curriculum Committee are all SCL members who volunteer their time and effort to bring you these programs. The cost of membership is $40.00 per person or $55.00 per couple (per semester). These fees are used to offset the costs of brochure printing, postage, registration, barbecue, speaker honorariums, supplies, field trip subsidies, etc. **Registration is through the Department of Professional and Personal Development, via telephone using a credit card at (865) 974-0150 or mailing the registration form on page 7.**

**Nametags** – As a registered member of SCL, a nametag will be created for you. When attending any of our SCL events, please wear your nametag. It demonstrates that you are a paying member of SCL and also helps each of us to learn the names of fellow members. We ask that you please return your nametag at the end of each session so that it will be available for you at each event.
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Thursday, March 7
12:00 Noon
Kick-Off BarBQ Luncheon
SCL members, come enjoy a delicious lunch catered by Buddy’s BarBQ! We’ll also have entertainment provided by the UTK Contemporary A Cappella Choral Group. If you’re coming, you need to sign up when you register for this course. See you there!

Tuesday, March 12
1:00 PM
“Anti-Americanism and Issues Related to Russia; Russian Propaganda Then and Now”
Speaker: Dr. Natalie Rice
Come hear Dr. Natalie Rice describe the way Russia and the former USSR have worked to insert their agenda and propaganda into American life and culture.

Tuesday, March 12
2:30 PM
“Tremont Institute: Its Mission, Current Programs and Future Plans”
Speaker: John DiDiego
Many of us know where the Tremont area is in the Smokies, but do you know about the institute there that has provided residential environmental learning opportunities for people of all ages over the past 50 years? Come learn about the institute’s current programs and plans for the future.

Thursday, March 14
1:00 PM
“Just How Safe is Your Favorite Restaurant?”
Speaker: Kevin Clark
Question: What do NASA and food safety have in common? Come and find out how a methodology developed for outer space is now being used in restaurants (and grocery stores) to assure your food safety. Also learn how restaurants are scored on food safety issues and pick up useful tips on food safety methods you can use at home.

Thursday, March 14
2:30 PM
“Freedom Through Becoming Organized”
Speaker: Mary Pankiewicz
Joint meeting with the Council on Aging
Join us and learn simple steps to clear away your clutter and have freedom! You’ll have less to clean, less to care for and more time to relax. You’ll benefit now and relieve your family of stress later.

Mary Pankiewicz is the author of two books on controlling clutter and the owner of Clutter Free and Organized. She has been helping clients for 20 years to become organized in their homes and businesses.

Tuesday, March 19
1:00 PM
“Goals and Developments in University of Tennessee Athletics”
Speaker: David Mitchell
Where is UTK headed in its Athletics Department? Come find out from a person very close to the source.

David Mitchell is a member of SCL and its Curriculum Committee as well as being a UTK letterman in baseball and a current board member of its Letterman’s Board.

Tuesday, March 19
2:30 PM
“Interesting Anecdotes From Knoxville’s History”
Speaker: Jack Neely
Our region is rich in history and extremely colorful characters. Learn more about both from our truly gifted and knowledgeable speaker.

Jack Neely is currently the Director of the Knoxville History Project and a frequent speaker on all things dealing with the history of Knoxville. He is probably best known as the former author of the popular ‘Scruffy Citizen’ column in The Mercury and ‘Secret History’ column in MetroPulse.

Thursday, March 21
1:00 PM
“How First Century Debates Shaped 21st Century Christianity”
Speaker: Dr. Tina Shepardson
The early Christian church had to deal with a multitude of questions as it progressed. Discover how the apostle Paul, and later traditions attributed to him, eventually came to define so many aspects of current Christianity.

Tina Shepardson, Ph.D, received her doctorate from Duke University and is presently Head of the Religious Studies Department at UTK. She is also the author of two books and numerous articles on early Christianity in the Eastern Mediterranean.
Thursday, March 21
2:30 PM
“Fun With Chemistry!”
Speaker: Dr. Al Hazari
Does the title sound like a contradiction in terms to you? If so you need to hear Dr. Al Hazari of UTK as he showcases science and chemistry through a variety of safe hands-on demonstrations and experiments. You’ll come away with a new outlook!

Dr. Al Hazari is the former Director of Labs and a lecturer at UTK. He has dedicated over 45 years to generating excitement in science among K-College students and teachers.

Tuesday, March 26
1:00 PM
“Celebrating the Art and Artists of East Tennessee and Beyond”
Speaker: DeLana Feliciano
Come and learn about our region’s historical artists such as Catherine Wiley and Beauford Delaney, as well as other artists, as we explore the permanent collection of the Knoxville Museum of Art.

DeLana Feliciano is the Assistant Director of Education at the Knoxville Museum of Art (KMA.) Assisting Ms. Feliciano in this presentation will be docents from the KMA.

Tuesday, March 26
2:30 PM
“Great Smoky Mountains Association (GSMA), Another Friend of the Smokies”
Speaker: Laurel Rematore
Authorized by Congress and established in 1953, the GSMA has contributed 36 million dollars to the park over its 65 year existence, including the full cost of the Oconaluftee Visitors Center which opened in 2011. Join us and find out what this other, less well known, friend of the Smokies does and how they do it.

Laurel Rematore has been the CEO of the Great Smoky Mountains Association since 2016.

Thursday, March 28
1:00 PM
“Andrew Jackson and the Bank Wars”
Speaker: Dr. Dan Feller
This presentation tells the story of the “Bank Wars,” the signature political conflict of Andrew Jackson’s tumultuous presidency. Jackson’s attack on the bank provoked the formation of national political parties, helped trigger a national economic depression and spurred an inherent antagonism between “the people” and the “money power” that still resonates today.

Dr. Dan Feller is a professor of history at UTK and a Distinguished Professor of the Humanities there. He is also the Director/Editor of the Papers of Andrew Jackson at the university and a recognized authority on Jackson.

Thursday, March 28
2:30 PM
“The Recent Mars Landing; Just What Does it All Mean?”
Speaker: Dr. Paul Lewis
We hear all the excitement of a new Mars mission in the news and wonder what all the jargon used means. In November of 2018 NASA successfully landed another probe on the surface of Mars. The launch and six month long cruise phase were fairly boring and then all we heard the last week before the landing was jargon about “7 minutes of terror.” What does all of this mean? Let’s learn the words together and see if we can decipher some of the jargon used concerning this momentous event.

Dr. Paul Lewis established the undergraduate astronomy program at UTK and has received numerous awards and citations in his field including the UTK Chancellor’s Citation for Extraordinary Public Service and the Charles E. “Chuck” Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award.

Monday, April 1
Field Trip: Tennessee Theatre
Departure Time to be Announced
We’ll travel to the Tennessee Theatre where we’ll first attend the theatre’s Mighty Musical Monday performance. Following a box lunch we’ll tour various backstage areas of the theatre to gain a better understanding of this community treasure as it closes in on 100 years of service to Knoxville and East Tennessee.

(Members Only. Reservations and additional fees required.)

Thursday, April 4
1:00 PM
“Washington Irving; Rip Van Winkle and American Nationalism”
Speaker: Dr. Michael Lofaro
Published in 1819, just four years after the end of the War of 1812, Irving’s “Rip Van Winkle” both amuses its readers and mirrors the debates in an uncertain time as the United States struggles to assert its political and cultural independence from England. Join us as we explore this period of American history through its literature.

Dr. Michael A. Lofaro is a Professor of English, Emeritus, at UTK and a specialist in pre-Civil War America.
Thursday, April 4
2:30 PM
“East Tennessee Weather, What Influences It and What Goes Into Predicting It”
Speaker: Cassie Nall
As we all know East Tennessee weather is unique and constantly changing. Join meteorologist Cassie Nall from WBIR and explore what goes into making up our weather and what professional meteorologists, such as Cassie, have to deal with in making accurate predictions that we depend on daily.

Cassie Nall is a native of Florida who has been interested in weather for as long as she can remember. After graduating from Florida State University, she began working in radio and for the Florida Division of Emergency Management. Subsequently, Cassie returned to her first love and accepted an offer to be an on air meteorologist at WBIR in Knoxville.

Tuesday, April 9
1:00 PM
“CPR and Defibrillator Principles With a Chance to Practice Them”
Speaker: Janis Maynard
Do you know what to do in the event of a heart attack? Join in and learn the principles of CPR and AED. In addition to learning the principles of these two lifesaving techniques, there will be multiple training stations set up where you can practice what you’ve learned through literally hands-on experience.

Janis Maynard of the Knoxville Fire Department is also the American Heart Association’s EMS Division Training Center Administrator.

Tuesday, April 9
2:30 PM
“Sure, I Have a Fire Extinguisher at Home, But How do I Use It?”
Speaker: Captain Paul Trumpon
They may look easy to use, but there’s more to it than just squeezing the handle. Come and learn from the pros how to use a fire extinguisher effectively. Following the talk there will be an opportunity for hands-on practice with a KFD training device and real fire extinguishers!

Captain Paul Trumpon is the Director of Public Fire Safety for the Knoxville Fire Department.

Thursday, April 11
1:00 PM
“What’s All the Hype About Hemp and CBD Oil?”
Speaker: Matther DeBardelaben
Do you know what industrial hemp and CBD oil are and what their emerging benefits for mankind’s ills may be? If not, come find out the answers to these questions and more.

Matthew DeBardelaben is the farm advisor with Bluhen Botanicals which has recently opened a hemp and CBD oil facility in Knoxville. He has wide experience in farming in both the United States and China.

Thursday, April 11
2:30 PM
“The Tony Alamo Cult”
Speaker: Debby Schriver

Joint meeting with the Council on Aging
This program will examine all aspects of this cult begun by Tony Alamo, a costume designer in the early years of country music. The speaker will examine how this cult and others drive a wedge between victims and their normal lives, essentially brainwashing them. Also covered will be how and why societies allow cults to proliferate.

Debby Schriver is a writer, educator at UTK, cult expert and human rights advocate. She was recently named to the board of the International Cultic Studies Association.

Tuesday, April 16
1:00 PM
“The Odd Fellows Cemetery in East Knoxville; Its Importance to the Community and Its Reclamation”
Speaker: Katherine Ambroziak
Few know of this old and largely abandoned cemetery just south of Magnolia Ave. in East Knoxville. In this program you’ll learn about its history, cultural importance to the community and the efforts being made to reclaim it.

Katherine Ambroziak is an Associate Professor of Architecture at UTK and developed and leads the Odd Fellows Cemetery Reclamation Initiative. This initiative seeks to reclaim the deteriorating cemetery and reintegrate it into the lives of the communities that surround it.

Tuesday, April 16
2:30 PM
“Fracking: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly”
Speaker: Dr. Terry D. Hazen
The fracking of oil shale has been a major cause of the U.S. achieving energy independence. However, fracking releases methane, a highly potent greenhouse gas, and also comes with other problems. Is the gain worth the price we may be paying? Come and find out.

Dr. Terry D. Hazen received his Ph.D from Wake Forest. He is a UT/ORNL Governor’s Chair Professor at UTK and is Director of the Methane Center.
Thursday, April 18
1:00PM
“Bringing the History of Norris, Tennessee to Life”
Speaker: Barry Thacker
Many think Norris is just a small “company town” that was built by TVA in the 1930’s. But there’s more to the story. It was actually the experimental utopian dream of one man. Find out who this was and so much more about this nearby East Tennessee town.

Barry Thacker is principal engineer with Schnabel Engineering and founder of the not for profit Coal Creek Watershed Foundation. He is also the recipient of the American Society of Engineers Hoover Medal and the Governor’s Outstanding Tennessean Award.

Thursday, April 18
2:30 PM
“The Life and Music of Stephen Collins Foster”
Speaker: Chip Bailey
This class will examine the short and tragic life of Stephen Foster. Although he composed 200 songs in his 37 years and invented popular music as we know it, he died a penniless alcoholic in New York’s Bowery. The class will contain recordings and live musical instrument demonstrations.

Chip Bailey is a retired college professor/administrator and is a Teaching Artist with the Tennessee Arts Commission. He is also a member of the Tennessee Folklore Society and the Smoky Mountain Storytellers Association.

Tuesday, April 23
Departure Time to be Announced
Field Trip: Brushy Mountain Prison in Petros, Tennessee
On this field trip members will take a guided tour of the former prison led by former inmates and/or guards. We’ll also get to see the new uses to which the facility is being put as a distillery. We’ll have lunch at “The Warden’s Table” and later return home by bus. No one will be left behind! (Members Only. Reservations and additional fees required.)

Thursday, April 25
1:00 PM
“Getting to Know Our New County Mayor”
Speaker: Glenn Jacobs
It’s been eight years since we’ve had a new county mayor. Come hear what Mayor Jacobs’ aspirations and goals are for Knox County, and have a chance to ask questions you may have on your mind.

Although we all know Mayor Glenn Jacobs is known in the wrestling world as “Kane” few also know that locally he has been in the insurance business and has been involved in our community in many ways over the years. He has served on the East Tennessee Children’s Hospital Advisory Board and his insurance business has championed the Kindness Revolution, a national anti-bullying initiative.

Thursday, April 25
2:30 PM
“The Culinary Industry, An Insider’s Perspective”
Speaker: Chef Gregg Eisele
Although your favorite restaurant probably still looks the same, the culinary industry has evolved a great deal over the last two decades. Come and hear Executive Chef Gregg Eisele discuss this evolution as well as other topics such as successful tactics for creating a superior culinary culture, what it takes to be an executive chef in 2019 and motivating young culinarians.

Rising from a busboy to an Executive Chef, Chef Gregg Eisele heads the UTK Culinary Program. The winner of numerous national culinary awards, he has served the past 10 years as the Regional/District Executive Chef with ARAMARK at UTK. He was also chosen by his peers as President of the local chapter of the American Culinary Federation.
ITEMS FOR YOUR ATTENTION:

- **Attracting New Members** - As in all organizations, it is imperative that we attract new members. If you would be willing to distribute brochures to locations such as your local grocery store, doctor’s office, church, garden, bridge or health clubs, etc., please call Joe Clarke at (865) 335-0421 to request the number of brochures you can distribute. Brochures may be picked up at the O’Connor Center. If you know of anyone who should be on our mailing list, please call the UT Department of Professional and Personal Development at (865) 974-0150 and request that they be sent a brochure. **Reminder: SCL is a program for those 50 years of age or older.**

- **Volunteers** – We especially need individuals to serve with Publicity, the Curriculum Committee, to help with the barbecue and refreshments at meetings, and to assist with nametags. If you are interested in volunteering but can’t attend every session, partner with someone so you will both have flexibility. **Without additional volunteers—especially on the curriculum committee—we cannot continue to operate SCL as it is currently structured.** Please contact Joe Clarke at (865) 335-0421 or jclarke859@gmail.com if you can help in any way.

- **Refreshments at Meetings** – We depend on volunteers to furnish fresh fruit and vegetables, cookies, crackers, and other snacks during the break between the 1:00 and 2:30 sessions. Please sign up with Barbara Chapin to make your contribution each semester.

- **BBQ and Field Trips** – We welcome visitors on a complimentary **one-time basis,** especially prospective members. **Reminder: BBQ and SCL field trips are for MEMBERS ONLY.** Specific information, signup and times for field trips are available only at the lectures. Additional fees are required for all field trips. Many trips have a maximum number of participants, so please sign up early at the meetings.

On field trips a bus must be engaged, at least ¾ of the seats must be filled or the trip will be cancelled. At or after the time that ¾ of the seats are filled, **no refunds will be given.** If one bus is filled, those wishing to take the trip may put their names on a waiting list. However, at least ¾ of the second bus must be filled before it will be engaged.

**Inclement Weather Policy** – If Knox County schools are closed, SCL is cancelled for that day.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

The SENIORS FOR CREATIVE LEARNING membership fees (**$40/person, $55/couple per semester**) is due at registration and entitles you to attend one or all of the classes being offered during the current semester. You may enroll at any time during the semester.

You may call the UT Department of Professional and Personal Development at (865) 974-0150 to register by phone using a credit card and giving the information requested, or you may complete the form below and send it to the address indicated.

**Name(s):** (please print) ____________________________________________________________

**Address:** (please print) ______________________________________________________________________________

**City:** ___________________________________ **State:** _______________________ **Zip:** _______________

**Phone:** ___________________ **E-mail:** ________________________________________________

Enclosed is a check payable to the University of Tennessee in the amount of _______ $40 for a single membership or _______ $55 for a couple. Please enroll me/us in the **Spring 2019** semester.

Mail or call:

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313 Conference Center Building  
Knoxville, TN 37996-4137  
(865) 974-0150  
http://www.noncredit.utk.edu/Documents/Seniors.pdf

**Number of members attending the BBQ on March 7 _____**