

# ATTENTION SENIORS!



## Seniors For Creative Learning (SCL) is . . .

### MEETING LOCATION

John T. O'Connor Center  
611 Winona Street  
Knoxville, TN 37917  
Phone 865-523-1135

- 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, 55 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.**

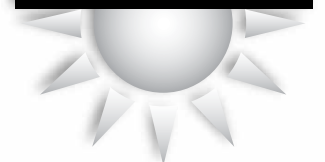
Have you heard of a good program that you think SCL members would enjoy hearing? How about entertainment for the BBQ or a venue for a field trip? Give one of the Curriculum Committee members a note with the specifics, and we will consider your idea for a future presentation. Let us know about the topics and presenters you particularly liked or disliked. We need your feedback to serve you best.

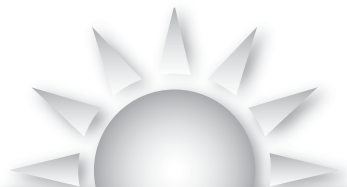
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## SEMI-ANNUAL "MEMBERS ONLY" BBQ AND ENTERTAINMENT

Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 12:30 p.m.

O'Connor Center Auditorium

Musical Entertainment provided

Please be sure to make your reservation no later than Friday, March 3, to guarantee your attendance at the BBQ and for us to plan adequate food service.

You may call the UT Department of Professional and Personal Development at **865-974-0150** to register and pay by credit card, or simply fill out the registration form on page 9 and mail as instructed to pay by check. Be sure to specify whether you will attend the barbecue as well as the number in your party (**MEMBERS ONLY**).

**A reservation for the barbecue is not guaranteed if you register after March 3.** Late registrations are, however, accepted for the classes.

### Dear Present and Future Members,

When reviewing the SCL offerings for the SPRING 2017 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 p.m.

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 55 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 9.**

**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.

**Officers and Volunteers for the Spring 2017 Semester:** *Officers:* Gould Smith, President; Diane Whitaker, Secretary; Sue Ludwig, Treasurer. *Curriculum Committee:* Gould Smith, Chair; Sandy Ciarrocchi, Jeanne Haddock, Denise Schmoyer, Dick Wirtz; *Hospitality:* Joanne Wilson; *Field Trips:* Gould Smith, Sandy Ciarrocchi, Faye Reynolds; *Publicity:* open. *Audiovisual:* Gould Smith; *BBQ:* Joanne Wilson; *Brochure:* Gould Smith and the Curriculum Committee.

TO REGISTER,  
CALL 865-974-0150

# SCL Programs

Mar. 7	Tues	12:30	1	BBQ and music
Mar. 9	Thur	1:00	3	“Understanding WWI Trench Warfare” – Mr. Holbert Akin
Mar. 9	Thur	2:30	3	*** “Healthy Brain 101” – Alzheimer’s Tennessee
Mar. 14	Tues	1:00	3	“Human Trafficking” – Ms. Jamesena Walker
Mar. 14	Tues	2:30	3	“Gathering Light: Beauford Delaney at the KMA” – Mr. Stephen Wicks
Mar. 16	Thurs	1:00	4	“Preserving the Past for Future Generations” – Ms. Laura Romans
Mar. 16	Thurs	2:30	4	“We Don’t Farm Today Like My Granddaddy Did” – Dr. Mike Buschermohle
Mar. 21	Tues	1:00	4	“Is Free Speech in Wartime a Right or a Threat?” – Dr. Ernest Freeberg
Mar. 21	Tues	2:30	4	“Dying for God: Martyrs in Christianity and Islam” – Dr. Tina Shepardson
Mar. 23	Thurs	1:00	5	“The Promotion and the Reality of Products Marketed to Seniors” – Ms. Kelly Frere
Mar. 23	Thurs	2:30	5	“The Old School Bump and The New School Grind: An Exploration of Burlesque History from the 1800’s to Today” – Siren Santana
Mar. 28	Tues	1:00	5	“The Discovery of Miocene Fossils in Upper East Tennessee, The Gray Fossil Site” – Mr. Harry Moore
Mar. 28	Tues	2:30	6	“Next Generation Bioenergy: Why It’s Still Important with Cheap Oil and Gas” – Dr. Neal Stewart
Mar. 30	Thurs	1:00	6	Field Trip to Dayton, TN and Fall Creek Falls – Dr. Don Byerly and Gould Smith – <b>MEMBERS ONLY</b>
Apr. 4	Tues	1:00	6	“Dawn of the Solar System” – Dr. Hap McSween
Apr. 4	Tues	2:30	6	“Remote Area Medical, Providing Health Care to Those in Need” – RAM Representative
Apr. 6	Thurs	1:00	7	“Stories of Cas Walker” – Mr. Joshua Hodge
Apr. 6	Thurs	2:30	7	“What Can Your DNA Tell You about Your Ancestors?” – Ms. Laura Arnett Smith
Apr. 11	Tues	1:00	7	Field Trip to the Gray Fossil Site – Sandy Ciarrocchi – <b>MEMBERS ONLY</b>
Apr. 13	Thurs	1:00	7	“Funny Voices, Actors and Accent Coaching” – Ms. Abi Langham
Apr. 13	Thurs	2:30	7	*** “A Physician’s View on Health and Growing Older” – Eric Penniman, D.O.
Apr. 18	Tues	1:00	8	“Local Motors Facility” – Local Motors Representative
Apr. 18	Tues	2:30	8	“Prints from the Hokes Archives” – Dr. Beauvois Lyons
Apr. 20	Thurs	1:00	8	“The Rise and Fall of Charlie Chaplin in American Culture.” – Dr. Chuck Maland
Apr. 20	Thurs	2:30	8	“Shining a Light on Solar Energy” – Mr. Harvey Abouelata

**\*\*Joint Meeting with Council on Aging**

**Thursday, March 9**

**1:00 PM**

**“Understanding WWI Trench Warfare”**

**Speaker: Mr. Holbert Akin**



Warfare during WWI was fought in the trenches. We have seen and read depictions of this in movies and books, but there is so much more to what actually transpired for the soldiers. Mr. Holbert Akin will discuss life for the soldiers in the trenches, and how many of our common products today were developed to aid those soldiers living in the trenches.

Akin is a cultural resources and exhibits specialist for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, which oversees state park operations. He is a long time WWI enthusiast and has been instrumental in getting demonstration WWI trenches built at the Sgt. Alvin C. York State Historic Park. He has led a number of reenactments of life in the WWI trenches.

**Thursday, March 9**

**2:30 PM**

**“Healthy Brain 101”**

**Speaker: Alzheimer’s Tennessee**

**\*\* Joint Meeting with the Council on Aging**



Some changes in the ability to think are considered a normal part of the aging process. Dementia is not normal aging. Learn about new research and tips to help maintain a healthy mind late into your years.

Alzheimer’s Tennessee, Inc. was founded in 1983 by a group of Tennessee families and professionals.

Today the 501(c)(3) independent non-profit organization still governed by a local Board of Directors advocates for top research initiatives and provides services to the more than 120,000 individuals and families facing Alzheimer’s disease and dementia in Tennessee.

**Tuesday, March 14**

**1:00 PM**

**“Human Trafficking”**

**Speaker: Ms. Jamesena Walker**



It is time to educate, equip, and empower our community to take a stand against human trafficking. The lecture will highlight the ways we can recognize the signs of human trafficking and prepare us to take action against this form of modern day slavery. The talk will inform individuals of what human trafficking is and what it looks like within the state of Tennessee. It is time to educate, equip,

and empower our community to take a stand against human trafficking.

Jamesena Walker is a Special Agent with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and has been employed as such for 18 years. Agent Walker is currently assigned to investigate matters involving sex trafficking within the state of Tennessee, particularly the Upper East TN area. Before investigating human trafficking crimes, she was assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for three years. SA Walker has a Bachelor of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State University in Criminal Justice and worked with the Murfreesboro Police Department for two years before joining the TBI.

**Tuesday, March 14**

**2:30 PM**

**“Gathering Light: Beauford Delaney at the KMA”**

**Speaker: Mr. Stephen Wicks**

Explore the life and work of Beauford Delaney, one of Knoxville’s greatest artists, and learn what the KMA is doing to draw attention to his accomplishments in Knoxville.

Stephen Wicks is the KMA’s curator and has directed the KMA’s exhibitions and collections programs for more than 20 years. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

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Thursday, March 16

1:00 PM

## “Preserving the Past for Future Generations”

Speaker: Ms. Laura Romans

Unsure of the best way to store that box of old family photos and documents? Laura Romans will tell us what the experts do. Special Collections at the University of Tennessee Libraries preserves rare and unique material that supports the instruction and research needs of the UT community. Special Collections maintains over 14,000 linear feet of records and over 60,000 rare books documenting the history and culture of East Tennessee and more. Romans will detail the work of Special Collections, highlighting how the department works to acquire, manage, and provide access to these historical collections as well as speak on best practices for individuals wishing to preserve their own records.

Romans has been manuscripts archivist with UT Libraries since 2015. Previously she worked with the South Carolina Digital Newspaper Project. She has earned degrees from Middle Tennessee State University and the University of South Carolina.

Thursday, March 16

2:30 PM

## “We Don’t Farm Today Like My Granddaddy Did”

Speaker: Dr. Mike Buschermohle



My granddaddy farmed with mules, planted crops by the signs and harvested crops by hand. Today we have tractors that drive themselves, we vary crop inputs across our fields based on information learned from “big

data,” and harvest crops in minutes that used to take my granddaddy all day. This presentation will discuss how technology has changed how we farm today.

Mike Buschermohle is a professor of Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science at the University of Tennessee, where his research and education efforts focus on precision agriculture, GPS/GIS applications in agriculture, variable rate application of production inputs, and remote sensing from unmanned aerial systems. He holds a Ph.D. and M.S. in Agricultural Engineering from Clemson University and a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Kentucky.

Tuesday, March 21

1:00 PM

## “Is Free Speech in Wartime a Right or a Threat?”

Speaker: Dr. Ernest Freeberg

In the summer of 1918, as U.S. soldiers fought and died in Europe, labor activists Eugene Debs stood before a crowd and publically declared World War I a “Wall Street war” that benefited only the rich. Because of this speech, Debs was labeled “a clear and present danger” to national security and sentenced to federal prison. Two years later he ran for president and won over a million votes without ever leaving his cell. Most cast their vote for him not in support of his politics, but his right as an American to speak freely, even in time of war. Though eventually pardoned, Debs’ imprisonment sparked an argument that still rages: is free speech in wartime a right or a threat?

Dr. Ernest Freeberg is head of the UT History Department, Distinguished Professor of Humanities, Author of three award-winning books, including *Democracy’s Prisoner: Eugene V. Debs, The Great War, and the Right to Dissent*.

Tuesday, March 21

2:30 PM

## “Dying for God: Martyrs in Christianity and Islam”

Speaker: Dr. Tina Shepardson



Second-century Romans were surprised that some Christians chose to be put to death rather than renounce their commitment to the Christian God. Even though Christianity came to dominate the Roman Empire by the late fourth century, martyrdom has remained a powerful part of many Christians’ understanding of their religion. This talk will look at early Christian martyr stories to see what motivated the martyrs, what role the stories continued to play after their death, and how their examples might help us think about some of the people ISIS recruits to die for their cause today.

Dr. Tina Shepardson is an associate professor in the Department of Religious Studies at UT. She studies the history of early Christianity, particularly the Mediterranean world in the period of late antiquity. In teaching about the history of early Christianity, she demonstrates the effects that early Christian arguments continue to have in the modern world, as well as the rich diversity of early Christian history.

**Thursday, March 23**

**1:00 PM**

**“The Promotion and the Reality of Products Marketed to Seniors”**

**Speaker: Ms. Kelly Frere**

When Robert Wagner or Henry Winkler or Sally Fields appear on your television screen, or in mailings sent to you, what is your reaction? Do you ignore celebrities and what they are promoting? Or, because you’ve loved those celebrities for years, do you embrace them and the products they endorse? Do you seriously consider buying a product because it is “backed” or promoted by a specific organization? These ads don’t sell soft drinks or cars; they sell solutions to some very real concerns that seniors and their families have. In this class we will talk about certain types of products that are heavily marketed to seniors – reverse mortgages, annuities, guaranteed life insurance, medications, and physical assistance devices. We’ll talk about what is true about the advertising of these products, and then we will talk about the information that is NOT being given in that marketing.

Kelly Frere is a certified Elder Law attorney and partner with her husband, Matthew, in the East Tennessee law firm of Guyton & Frere. The law firm, which has served the needs of seniors and the disabled since 1986, specializes in estate and disability planning for seniors, long term care planning (including TennCare/Medicaid counseling), and estate administration. The firm also assists younger disabled persons with long term care planning and Special Needs Trusts. Kelly is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, and is one of 75 members (out of 4,500 elder law attorneys) to be peer-inducted into the Council of Advanced Practitioners. She is also the professor of Elder Law at UT College of Law.

**Thursday, March 23**

**2:30 PM**

**“The Old School Bump and The New School Grind: An Exploration of Burlesque History from the 1800’s to Today”**

**Speaker: Siren Santina**



Burlesque is a unique American theatrical artform that has seen a long and storied history. From 19th century satirical parodies of highbrow theatrical art to Gypsy Rose Lee’s legendary rise to mainstream fame, burlesque has seen an unexpected longevity; evolving alongside American culture and retaining

relevance through constant adaptation and reinvention.

Siren Santina, nationally known burlesque persona, will speak on the various transformations the medium has seen, highlighting historical icons and events of the artform and the gradual expansion into the neoburlesque resurgence that is popular today. Siren Santina is a University of Tennessee alumnus that has applied her classical performing arts education and experience to the somewhat less classical art of burlesque as a performer, producer, and educator. She is the co-founder and artistic director of Salomé Cabaret and the Salomé Cabaret Burlesque Academy and the executive producer of the Smoky Mountain Burlesque Festival. Siren has spent the last 10 years sharing her love for “the art of the tease” across the country as featured performer and guest lecturer with the some of the nation’s most highly regarded burlesque productions, festivals, and conventions.

**Tuesday, March 28**

**1:00 PM**

**“The Discovery of Miocene Fossils in Upper East Tennessee, The Gray Fossil Site”**

**Speaker: Dr. Harry Moore**



The talk discusses the discovery of the now famous Gray Fossil Site while Tennessee Department of Transportation was building a road. Roadway work unearthed beautifully preserved bones of Miocene age (5 to 7 million years old) terrestrial animals discovered by TDOT geologists. The talk shows actual fossil specimens discovered at the Gray site and provides an update on new discoveries since its discovery in May of 2000.

Harry Moore is a native of Knoxville and a graduate of the University of Tennessee with B.S. and M.S. in Geology; worked as an engineering geologist 37 years with Tenn. DOT serving as the manager of the geotechnical engineering office in Knoxville his last 17 years with TDOT. He has worked part time as a consultant with Golder Associates in Atlanta since retiring from TDOT. Harry has also written five books (four geology related and one about WWII). He lives with his wife Alice Ann in Buckingham Retirement center in west Knoxville.

Tuesday, March 28

2:30 PM

**“Next Generation Bioenergy: Why It’s Still Important with Cheap Oil and Gas”**

**Speaker: Dr. Neal Stewart**



Renewable energy is beneficial for transportation fuels that go beyond present economics. Carbon and greenhouse gas mitigation and environmental reasons are sufficient cause to pursue next generation biofuels beyond corn to ethanol. Genetic engineering and new biotechnologies also play an important role in next generation crops, including those for biofuels in order to meet current and future needs for food and fuel. We’ll have a discussion about the science behind the research and listen to concerns about biofuels and

biotechnology and the nexus of the two controversial topics.

Since 2002 Neal Stewart has held the Ivan Racheff Chair of Plant Molecular Genetics at the University of Tennessee. His research spans the use of cellular, molecular, and synthetic biology tools for advanced plant genetics. He is also interested in policy issues and the ethics of using genetic engineering and synthetic biology in agriculture. Stewart has authored 250 journal articles, 100 book chapters and other articles, as well as seven books. In 2015 he was elected as Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

**Thursday, March 30**

**FIELD TRIP:** Bus to Dayton, TN museum then on to Fall Creek Falls for lunch, visit and history of the falls, bus back to Knoxville. Dr. Don Byerly will also provide a running commentary about the geology we see along the way.

**Organizers: Gould Smith and Dr. Don Byerly**

**Depart O’Connor Center Thursday morning and return about 4:30 p.m.**

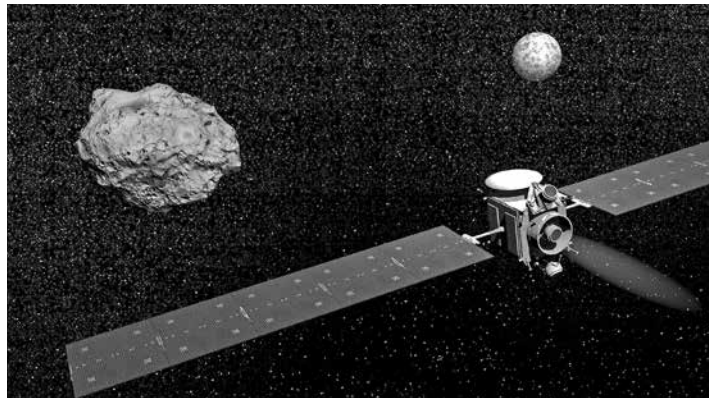
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Tuesday, April 4

1:00 PM

**“Dawn of the Solar System”**

**Speaker: Dr. Hap McSween**



The Dawn spacecraft is exploring two planetestimals – leftover building blocks from planet formation. Dr. Hap McSween will explain what discoveries have been made from this exploration.

Dr. McSween served at UT as professor of Planetary Geoscience and a Chancellor Professor. His primary field is meteorics. He has published widely on the subject of meteorites and their composition and geologic origins.

Tuesday, April 4

2:30 PM

**“Remote Area Medical, Providing Health Care to Those in Need”**

**Speaker: RAM Representative**



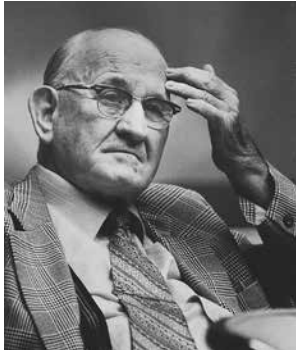
Remote Area Medical (known as RAM) is a non-profit organization with the mission to bring free health care to those in need. RAM sets up clinics in poor or isolated communities, turning schools or arenas into mobile medical centers for a weekend. People camp out and wait in lines for their services. Internationally they conduct similar clinics, operate the Guyana Air Ambulance program, and respond to disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes. Hundreds of doctors and dentists volunteer to provide the medical, dental, vision and veterinary care. RAM was founded by Stan Brock in 1985 and has provided over \$100 million of free medical care with the help of over 100,000 volunteers. A representative from RAM will speak about the organization and the impacts its clinics have on communities.

**Thursday, April 6**

**1:00 PM**

**“The Cas Walker Stories Project”**

**Speaker: Mr. Joshua Hodge**



Mr. Joshua Hodge will discuss “The Cas Walker Stories Project,” what they’ve accomplished with ‘oral history’ interviews, and where they plan to deposit the interviews into formal archives. He also will share examples of the stories we’ve heard and the far reaching inconsistencies.

Josh Hodge is a Ph.D. candidate from Birmingham, Alabama and came to UT

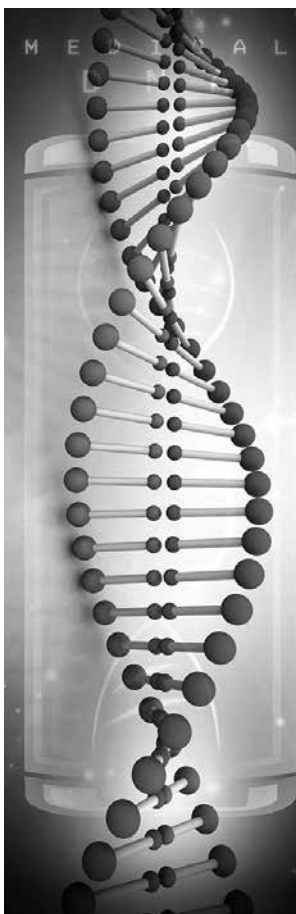
to work with Ernie Freeberg and Jeff Norrell on 19th century U.S. history. Professor Freeberg asked Hodge to take the lead on the Cas Walker Stories Project in addition to his dissertation.

**Thursday, April 6**

**2:30 PM**

**“What Can Your DNA Tell You about Your Ancestors?”**

**Speaker: Ms. Laura Arnett Smith**



The commercials claim their DNA tests will reveal your family history, but what can you really expect to learn from these tests? This program will feature background information regarding genealogy, how to prepare to research, and how to get started building a family tree. We will cover the types of DNA testing for genealogy purposes, helping you to determine which test to take and whom in your line to test. We will discuss where and how to test, what results you will receive, and how to use it to fill in your genealogy research.

Laura Arnett Smith has 20 years of experience as a speaker, educator, trainer, manager, and textbook author. Her research and curricula include Interpersonal Communication topics, Conflict Management, Leadership, Student Success topics, Early American History, and Genealogy. Laura is currently teaching at University of Tennessee Non-Credit Programs, Pellissippi State Speech Program, and is the co-owner of a local

home remodeling business, J and L Renovations. As a genealogist, she has traced several lines back to the 1100s and helped hundreds find their ancestors.

**Tuesday, April 11**

**FIELD TRIP:** Bus to the Gray Fossil Site and Museum, guided tour, lunch and bus back to Knoxville

**Organizer: Sandy Ciarrocchi**

**Depart O’Connor Center Thursday morning and return about 4:30 p.m.**

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**Thursday, April 13**

**1:00 PM**

**“Funny Voices, Actors and Accent Coaching”**

**Speaker: Ms. Abi Langham**

Join accent and dialect coach Abigail Langham for a fun, interactive lecture that will explore how actors learn and perform with accents. This lecture is intended for those who wish to learn practical skills in accent acquisition and how to apply those skills to character and performance at an introductory level.

Langham trained as an actor at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (BA Acting) and on the Postgraduate Musical Theatre course at the Royal Academy of Music, London (PG Dip RAM). She trained as a Voice/Dialect Coach at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, London and holds an M.A. in Voice Studies, she is also in the final stages of training to become a Certified Master Teacher of Estill Voice Craft™. Additionally she holds an M.A. in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (LTHE) from Liverpool John Moores University. She was Head of Voice at the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA) for four years and has taught the fundamentals of voice production, including work on text, at some of the UK’s leading drama schools including the Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts, the Birmingham School of Acting and ALRA. Langham is also a voice and dialect associate for the Old Vic Theatre, London and the Shaw Festival Theatre in Canada.

**Thursday, April 13**

**2:30 PM**

**“A Physician’s View on Health and Growing Older”**

**Speaker: Dr. Eric Penniman, D.O.**

**\*\*Joint Meeting with Council on Aging**



Aging well often means moving through a complex medical and insurance world. What does a physician have to say about choosing doctors, staying healthy, and understanding the many years ahead of



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you? Join us on Thursday, April 13, to hear Dr. Eric Penniman DO, speak on “A Physician’s View on Health and Growing Older” and to have your questions answered.

Penniman has joined Summit Medical Group as executive medical director. Penniman has practiced family medicine throughout his 21-year career. Since 2011, he has served as district medical director for primary care for Marshfield Clinic in Wisconsin, overseeing 125 providers representing clinics throughout a 200-mile radius. Penniman earned his bachelor’s degree in biology from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and his doctor of osteopathic degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Missouri.

**Tuesday, April 18**

**1:00 PM**

**“Local Motors Facility in Knoxville”**

**Speaker: Local Motors Representative**

Local Motors is an international company with a storefront on Market Square and a production facility in West Knoxville. The company will be producing 3D printed parts for autonomous vehicles in the Knoxville facility. The representative will talk about the process and the vehicles that will be manufactured in Knoxville.

**Tuesday, April 18**

**2:30 PM**

**“Prints from the Hokes Archives”**

**Speaker: Dr. Beauvois Lyons**

The presentation will feature a selection of prints by Beauvais Lyons, Chancellor’s Professor at the University of Tennessee. For more than 30 years, Lyons has fabricated and documented imaginary history, archaeology, medicine and zoology, presenting these fictions using the visual and technical conventions of 19th and early 20th century lithography. See his web site ([web.utk.edu/~blyons](http://web.utk.edu/~blyons)) for information on his various projects.

Lyons, who has taught at UT since 1985, received his M.F.A. degree from Arizona State University in 1983 and his B.F.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1980. Lyons’ one-person exhibitions have been presented at over 80 museums and galleries in the United States and abroad. His prints are in numerous public collections including the Smithsonian Museum of American Art, Washington, DC; The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY; and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA. In 2002 he received a Fulbright Fellowship to teach at the Fine Arts Academy in Poznań, Poland. In 2014 he received the Santo Foundation Artist Award.

**Thursday, April 20**

**1:00 PM**

**“The Rise and Fall of Charlie Chaplin in American Culture”**

**Speaker: Dr. Chuck Maland**



The talk will give an overview of Charlie Chaplin’s career as a film actor and director in the U.S. from his arrival in the movie industry in 1913 through his departure from the country in 1952 and beyond. The talk will connect his changing fortunes to changes in the film industry and in American culture during that time.

Chuck Maland is Bruce Chair of English and Cinema Studies at UT, where he chairs the Cinema Studies Program. He’s the author of a number of books, including *CHAPLIN AND AMERICAN CULTURE* (Princeton University Press) and *CITY LIGHTS* (British Film Institute Publishing), and he’s just completed an edition of James Agee’s movie criticism for the University of Tennessee Press. He enjoys watching American films and teaching students about the history and aesthetics of movies.

**Thursday, April 20**

**2:30 PM**

**“Shining a Light on Solar Energy”**

**Speaker: Mr. Harvey Abouelata**



Maybe your neighbor has solar panels on their roof, or you’ve driven past a solar array installed in a field. You know renewable energy can be good for the environment, but what’s in it for you? Harvey Abouelata will discuss the ins and outs of installing solar, and what it can mean for your utility bill. Learn the details of determining if solar will work for you, how to structure a project financially and take advantage available tax incentives.

Abouelata founded ARIES Energy in 2011 in Knoxville to help communities transition into a new economic future, moving away from fossil fuels towards renewable natural resources and zero waste. The company installs renewable energy systems and offers energy efficiency improvements throughout the Southeast.

# 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 Gould Smith at (865) 691-2718 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 55 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. Whatever you can do would be greatly appreciated. **Without additional volunteers—especially on the curriculum committee—we cannot continue to operate SCL as it is currently structured.** Please contact Gould Smith at (865) 691-2718 or wa4sxn@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 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. sessions. Please sign up with Joanne Wilson to make your contribution.

- **BBQ and Field Trips** – While we welcome visitors on a one-time basis, especially prospective members or out-of-town houseguests of members, in the interest of fairness to all of our members, it is required that those who wish to attend must register and pay membership fees. **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 where a large 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 metro Knoxville schools are closed, SCL is cancelled for that day.

## 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 2017** semester.

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**Number of members attending the BBQ on March 7 \_\_\_\_\_**