

THE LOURIE CENTER PRESENTS



THE LOURIE
LECTURES

...
a lifelong learning series

Comparative Religion

Tuesdays at 11 AM

October 5-26

Is Christianity the largest of the world's major religions? Who is considered to be the father of Judaism? How many "pillars" of belief does Islam have? Did the Buddha exist historically - or just in legend? Here's your chance to hear the answer to these questions, and to learn much more about the world's major religions, from local experts who live their faith. Each week, a different religion will be discussed.

You will hear about Christianity from **Rev. Lewis F. Galloway**, who has served congregations in North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina. **Rabbi Sanford T. Marcus**, Rabbi Emeritus of the Tree of Life Congregation in Columbia, will explain the history and tenets of Judaism.

Omar Shaheed, Imam at Masjid As-Salaam in Columbia, and former vice-chair of the board of Interfaith Partners of SC, will talk about Islam.

Nancy Kreml, a practicing Buddhist, and member of the South Carolina Dharma Group will discuss Buddhism from ancient times until today.

12-1 PM

Bring a bag lunch and join us for conversation.

The 'New News' Workshop

Tuesdays at 1 PM

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Our grandparents would barely recognize the way people receive their news today. In 2021, information and news are distributed differently: from 24-hour cable news networks to online newspapers/magazines/blogs to companies such as Facebook and Twitter. To help us understand today's 'new news', class topics will include how the news media has evolved since the nation's founding; whether partisanship, independence, and objectivity still matter; how messages can be misinterpreted; and "The Three C's of Fake News". Class participants will learn via a workshop format, which will combine Power-Point lectures with student participation and exercises.

Ernest Wiggins is Professor Emeritus in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at USC. Wiggins received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Journalism, University of South Carolina. His research interests include professional practices of the mass media, popular culture, community engagement and media criticism. Before joining the faculty at USC in 1993, Wiggins was a reporter and editor with The State and Columbia Record newspapers.

Technology for Seniors

Wednesdays at 11 AM

October 6-27

There's a joke today - which actually isn't such a joke - that goes like this: If you are having difficulties with your computer, your smart phone, the Internet, accessing Netflix, et cetera, just invite your 10-year-old grandchild over to help you. Or you could attend these four lectures, where you'll learn about such useful technologies as mobile devices, streaming services, online banking, safe Internet usage, and Internet privacy issues.

*Instructor **David Pfaehler** is the Program Director of Computer and Information Technology at Midlands Technical College in Columbia.*

Heirloom Plants and More

Wednesdays at 1 PM

October 6-27

**Class meets at Hampton Preston Gardens, 1615 Blanding St.*

Discover the history about the gardens at the Robert Mills House and the Hampton-Preston Mansion, from their 19th-century beginnings to the present day. From national acclaim to demolition and finally rebirth! Get ready for a broad examination of the changes that the gardens and grounds of the Hampton-Preston Mansion have gone through in its 200-year history, including exciting developments currently taking place! This class is in cooperation with the Historic Columbia Foundation. Walk through the historic gardens in downtown Columbia to learn new ways to plan or modify your home landscape and learn about heirloom plants and fruits that are making a comeback in southern gardens and cuisine.

***Keith Mearns**, Director of Grounds for Historic Columbia Foundation is a horticulturist who researches, designs, and installs period-appropriate gardens. He earned a degree in anthropology with a minor in environmental studies from the University of South Carolina. Before joining Historic Columbia, he worked at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden and assisted with digital collections at USC's herbarium. In 2021 Keith was named the winner of the American Horticultural Society's 2021 Emerging Horticultural Professional Award.*

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