



The Oxford College Community Classroom

You are invited to a series of intellectually stimulating, fun, interactive classes brought to you by Oxford College and held in the Community Room at Oxford City Hall (110 West Clark Street). Call 770-784-8389 for more information.

1. Is There Really No "I" in "Team"? Philosophy and Sports Fandom

Erin C. Tarver, Assistant Professor of Philosophy

What does it mean for a sports fan to love a "team"? If the people who make up that team are constantly changing, and teams can even change location or colors and remain the same, what exactly is it that fans love? In this presentation, we'll investigate the relation between these questions and the philosophical Problem of Identity, which philosophers have attempted to solve since it was first discussed in Ancient Greece. Along the way, we will see that sports fandom is much more complex—and more philosophically interesting—than it initially appears.

Tuesday, October 27, 4:00-5:00 pm

2. A Window into the Creative Process: Enhancing Capacities for Work and Life

Sharon Lewis, Professor of Psychology

Educators have tended to emphasize the value of cognitive process (seen as the province of the mind alone) at the expense of processes we associate with heart and soul, affective and creative capacities too often suppressed rather than appreciated and developed in our classrooms. Dr. Lewis will discuss how her own experience with creative process (painting in pastels) has infused her views and practices, in the classroom and out, enriching her life and that of her students, as well.

Tuesday, November 10, 4:00-5:00 pm

3. The Making of the Premodern World: Archaeological Research Digs up Old Artifacts and New Ideas

Aaron Jonas Stutz, Associate Professor of Anthropology, and Liv Nilsson Stutz, Senior Lecturer in Anthropology, Emory College

Since 2008, Drs. Stutz and Nilsson Stutz have led survey, excavation, and analysis of the archaeological layers preserved at the Mughr el-Hamamah site in the Jordan Valley, the corridor linking our African evolutionary ancestral home with the rest of the world. Clues from this cave system document how hunter-gatherers repeatedly camped there, 40,000 plus years ago. The discoveries give us some new ideas about why humans have such a propensity to transform both their own societies and the environments around them.

Tuesday, November 24, 4:00-5:00 pm

4. Out of Denmark and the U.S. South: Karen Blixen and Carson McCullers

Margaret T. McGehee, Associate Professor of American Studies

Did Carson McCullers, Karen Blixen (aka Isak Dinesen, author of *Out of Africa*), and Marilyn Monroe really dance on a table together in Nyack, New York, in 1959? Come learn the answer to this question and more as Dr. Molly McGehee discusses the literal and literary connections between Columbus, Georgia, native Carson McCullers and Danish writer Karen Blixen.

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00-5:00 pm