Winter Quarter 2018

The Great Barrier Reef is Dead....or is it?

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PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

Learning Is ForEver (LIFE) is a non-profit, member driven organization, located in Pierce County, Washington.

We offer educational classes for active retirees, with the belief that learning throughout life has multiple benefits.

LIFE is affiliated with Pacific Lutheran University, working as a community outreach of the Office of Graduate Programs and Continuing Education.

We are associated with Road Scholar's network of Lifelong Learning Institutes.

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www.plu.edu/liferoadscholar

The PLU Campus is located two blocks off Pacific Avenue S. at 12180 Park Avenue South Tacoma, WA 98447

ROAD SCHOLAR

Institute Network

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THE REMARKABLE RESURGENCE OF OPERA

DATE

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

TIME

10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

LOCATION

PLU Campus, Morken Center, Room 103 *

CLASS FEE

\$15.00

PRESENTER

Dr. Gregory Youtz

FACILITATOR Bette Catlin -253.846.0354

DESCRIPTION

Since the 1970's, opera has reinvented itself for a new age, utilizing techniques borrowed from film, with words by some of our best poets, and music by some of our most successful composers.

Today's topics are no longer just melodramatic or mythical; they deal with real world events, contemporary ideas and often contain music that ranges from pop and jazz to a new kind of classicism and romanticism.

Greg will share some of his favorite operas from the last 40 years, then describe his own composing process. His most recent opera, *Fiery Jade: Cai Yan*, was based on a libretto written by Chinese poet Zhang Er. Performed in English, it premiered at PLU in November 2016.

Dr. Gregory Youtz presently teaches composition, theory, history and courses in world music. He frequently teaches study abroad courses and serves as the Director of PLU's China Gateway Study Abroad Program at Sichuan University in Chengdu, China. Greg's musical pieces include many works for orchestra, band, choir, chamber ensembles, and a musical theater score. He has written three operas and is currently working on a fourth. Students may recall that Youtz gave a class to LIFE in 2012 on the Chinese worldview

*Use the PLU parking pass, found on pages 8 and 9, while parking in campus lots.



THE VIKING DISCOVERY OF NORTH AMERICA



DATE Tuesday, January 23, 2018

TIME 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

LOCATION

Anderson University Center, Scandinavian Cultural Center, Room 100*

CLASS FEE \$15.00

PRESENTER Kirstina D. Williams

CLASS FACILITATOR

Bette Catlin- 253.846.0354

DESCRIPTION

An overview of the Norse people of the Viking age, and

their rich influence on the world around them leading up to their discovery of North America. In period garb, our presenter will explore, via Power Point, early Norse history, traditions, and culture, whose travels led them westward nearly 500 years before Christopher Columbus.

Kirstina D. Williams who goes by the nickname KD, grew up in Tacoma and graduated from Wilson High. She is attending classes on Scandinavian Studies and Anthropology, and aims to earn her doctorate in Archeology. She is enthusiastic about working at the Scandinavian Cultural Center as Collections Intern. Be sure to allow time to view Williams' displays in the Larson Gallery located in the hallway outside the SCC.



* PLU parking pass required.

A NEW EUROPE: HOW THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS HAS CHANGED EUROPE

DATE

Thursday, February 22, 2018

TIME

10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

LOCATION

PLU's lower campus, Morken Center, Room 103 *

CLASS FEE \$15.00

PRESENTER

Dr. Steve Niva

CLASS FACILITATOR

Gene Giannobile—253.531.9037 dgg2504@comcast.net

DESCRIPTION

The arrival of more than 1 million asylum seekers in 2015 has unsettled the European Union. This crisis has created deep divisions among the member states and cannot be solved by any one European nation acting on its own. Dr. Niva will speak to the various issues and its impact on Europe.

Dr. Steve Niva teaches International Politics and Middle East studies at The Evergreen State College. From his extensive knowledge of U.S. Foreign Policy and the Middle East region, he has written articles which have been published in *Middle East Report* and *Foreign Policy in Focus*.

He is working on a book on the new form of American warfare, one which includes drones, Special Operations forces, and shadow wars, outside of conventional battlefields, in places like Yemen, Somalia, Pakistan, and East and West Africa.

As the time of this printing, Dr. Niva is a visiting professor in global studies at Roskilde University in Copenhagen, Denmark. He is researching countries in Europe and elsewhere, that are re-establishing borders in light of the refugee crisis.

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TANTALIZING THAILAND WITH SARAH

DATE Monday, February 26, 2018

TIME 10:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION PLU campus, Morken Center, Room 103 *

CLASS FEE \$15.00

PRESENTER Sarah Murdoch

CLASS FACILITATOR

Gene Giannobile- 253.531.9037 dgg2504@comcast.net

DESCRIPTION

Sarah is LIFE's most exciting tour guide and has taken us in recent years to Venice, Sicily and England. On this "tour" she will lead us through the intriguing land of Thailand. She will share with us: SIGHTS of history, art and architecture; EXPERIENCES of the local people; NATURAL BEAUTY of sand, sea, and countryside; FOOD of Thai cuisine that is tropical and healthy. Indeed, Thailand will appeal to all your senses!

Sarah Murdoch is a professional tour guide with a background in architecture. She works with Rick Steves and will continue with him, as she expands her tour guide offerings with *Imprint Tours*. www.adventureswithsarah.net

* PLU parking pass required.

THE GREAT BARRIER REEF IS DEAD...OR IS IT?

CORAL REEFS IN A TIME OF CHANGE

DATE

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

TIME

10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

LOCATION

PLU campus, Morken Center Room 103 *

CLASS FEE \$15.00

PRESENTER

Rus Higley

CLASS FACILITATOR

Lynn Gracey –253.582.1992 Igracey62@yahoo.com

DESCRIPTION

One of the most diverse ecosystems on our planet, coral reefs are in danger. This talk titled "The Great Barrier Reef is Dead ...Or is it? Coral Reefs in a Time of Change" will look at the biology and ecology of corals and the impacts of mankind both today and in the future.

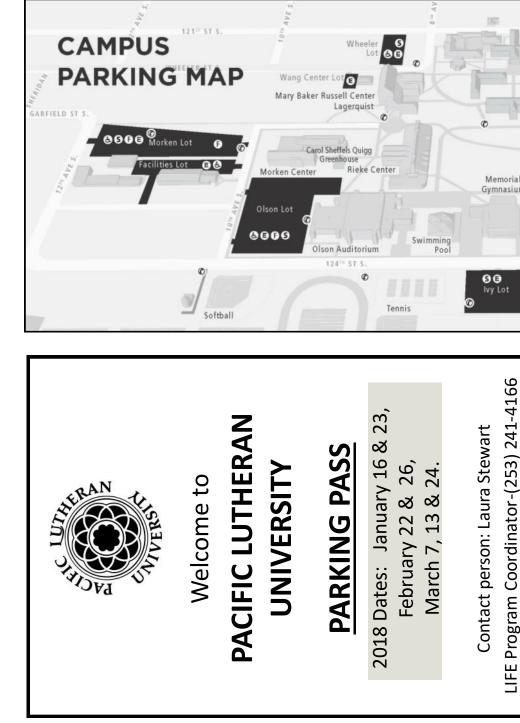
Rus Higley presented last year's outstanding class on octopus intelligence and returns to LIFE

by popular demand. A teacher of Marine Biology and Oceanography at Highline College, Rus manages their Marine Science and Technology (MaST) Center on the beach in Des Moines. As a scientific diver who has logged over 1,000 dives, he has helped train the Seattle Aquarium's Beach Naturalist Program. Rus also led the articulation of two whale skeletons, a Gray Whale displayed at the MaST Center, and a Humpback at the Foss Waterway Seaport in Tacoma.

https://mast.highline.edu

* PLU parking pass required.





Event: Learning is ForEver class Authorized PLU Lots: All (issued by Unit 11/CSAF)

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12180 Park Ave. Tacoma, WA 98447 **Pacific Lutheran University** (253) 535-7441 (Info.) **Campus Safety**

Take Exit for WA-7/Pacific Ave. Head south on Pacific furn left into the Mortvedt Library lot entrance (towards Puyallup/Mt. Rainier) Take Exit 127 (East –WA- 512) Turn right on Wheeler St. S. Furn left on Park Ave S. Follow I-5 to Tacoma Turn right on 121st

-Pass is not transferrable

and invalid if altered.

-Please park in non-reserved parking

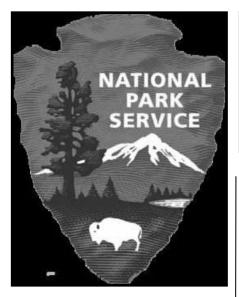
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DATE Tuesday, March 13, 2018

TIME 10:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION

PLU campus, Morken Center, Room 103*

CLASS FEE \$15.00

Jim Ross

CLASS FACILITATOR

Lynn Gracey– 253.582.1992 Igracey62@yahoo.com

DESCRIPTION

For over one hundred years the National Park Service has been caring for our natural and cultural resources, for the

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enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. This presentation will take an illustrated journey through the history of the NPS. We will examine the origin, growth, and evolution of the Park Service over those 100 years, and look at the challenges it will face in the next century.

Ranger Jim Ross has been a part of the National Park Service for more than half of its existence. He began working for Mt. Rainier NP in the summer of 1967 when a PLU professor suggested he become a seasonal park naturalist (now called an interpreter). Upon graduation from PLU in 1968, he was offered a teaching position at Franklin Pierce High School which allowed him to continue working for the Park Service over the next 42 summers. Since 2000, he has been the park's outreach specialist, retiring from teaching in 2010.

*PLU Parking Pass Required



OPEN YOUR HEART, OPEN YOUR THROTTLE: LIFE LESSONS FROM THE ROAD THROUGH CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

DATE Saturday, March 24, 2018

TIME 10:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION PLU campus, Morken Center, Room 103 *

CLASS FEE \$15.00

PRESENTERS

Jalene Case and Keith Matteson

CLASS FACILITATOR

Marilee Titus– 253.588.0498 matitus@comcast.net

DESCRIPTION

Jalene Case and Keith Matteson left their home and rode their motorcycles to Ushuaia, Argentina—

the southern most city in the world. After 23 months and 42,000 miles, they readjusted to life at home .Jalene will share how her experiences have led her to taking an "open your heart, open your throttle" approach to living. Keith will take us along on the ride through video, photos, and stories of their epic adventure, with thoughts about the big lessons learned (or re-learned!) along the way. Before leaving on their motorcycle adventure. Jalene Case was an Executive Director for the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology on the Oregon Coast. Upon her return, she launched into a new business as a Professional Coach. Keith Matteson works in marine fisheries with Oregon's Department of Fish & Wildlife. www.southonabike.com

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Great Decisions

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs, sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association.

Who? Anyone with an interest in expanding his/her knowledge of international relations, and engaging in a respectful discussion of global issues is invited to join the group.

What? Eight discussions on foreign policy issues

Where? Puyallup Public Library, 324 S. Meridian, Puyallup

When? Select Thursdays & Fridays, January through April, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

How much? Free (A copy of this briefing book will be placed in the Reference Section of the Puyallup Library for those who wish to read the background materials.)

Questions? Contact Gene Giannobile for more details, or to volunteer to facilitate one of the discussionsdgg2504@comcast.net (253) 531-9037

Dates and Topics for 2018

- 1/18- The waning of Pax Americana?
- 2/1- Russia's foreign policy 2/15- China and America: the new CREATORCOM geopolitical equation
- 3/2 (F)- Media and foreign policy
- 3/15- Turkey: a partner in crisis
- 3/29- U.S. global engagement and the military
- 4/13 (F)- South Africa's fragile democracy
- 4/26- Global health: progress and challenges

Learning Is ForEver coordinates with the Puyallup Public Library, and Senior Center, to offer these meetings to the public without charge. You may attend any dates which are of interest.

LIFELínes Newsletter

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Classes in the Works

Steve Niva on Turkey Leigh Calvez on the lives of owls Wendy Gardiner on children's literature Ann and John Martin on Dragon Boats (optional lunch)

From Laura's Desk...

I am periodically contacted by individuals interested in duplicating our Learning Is ForEver program in the



greater Puget Sound area. Additionally, we are frequently asked to bring our classes to retirement communities, as they aim to enrich the lives of their residents. I must decline these invitations, as LIFE's focus is to reach active, mature adults across Pierce County. As our high quality classes are in demand, I think it is something to be celebrated!

-Laura Stewart, LIFE Program Coordínator stewarla@plu.edu 253.241.4166 www.plu.edu.líferoadscholar

Where are LIFE classes held on campus this quarter?

<u>Anderson University Center (AUC)</u> is located on the east side of campus where 122nd St South "T's" with Park Ave S. The Scandinavian Cultural Center is located on the lower level of this building.

The Morken Center is located on the west end of campus where 124th St. South "T's" with 10th Ave. S.

Registration Information

We recommend that you **pre-register** for classes, so in case weather or illness causes a class to be cancelled, we can notify you by phone. That said, you may register for *most* classes at the door.** Each class has a facilitator whom you may contact with questions you might have about that class.

- 1. Fill out registration form on page 15 to show which classes you wish to attend. If two or more people are registering, place that number in the check box, then figure class fees accordingly.
- 2. Make check out to: PLU / LIFE
- 3. Mail registration form & check to: LIFE

2504 - 92nd St. E. Tacoma, WA 98445

If you have received this brochure by email, print out the registration document and follow the instructions above.

** As a "walk-in" student, we will accept payment (cash or check) at the door, as space is available.

FOR YOUR RECORDS

- ____ Remarkable Resurgence of Opera 1/16 10:30 Morken 103*
- ____ The Viking Discovery of North America 1/23 AUC-Scand CC*
- ____ A New Europe 2/22 10:30 Morken 103*

____ Tantalizing Thailand 2/26 10:30 Morken 103*

____ Great Barrier Reef 3/7 10:30 Morken 103*

____ For the Enjoyment of Future Generations 3/13 10:30 Morken 103*

- ____ Open Your Heart, ...Throttle 3/24 (Saturday) 10:30 Morken 103*
- ____ Great Decisions 1/18-4/26, 1:00 p.m. Puyallup Library

Amount Paid: \$ _____ Check # _____

Registration mailed on : _____

* Place the PLU Parking Pass on your vehicle's dashboard.

Winter Quarter 2018 Registration Form

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Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Check Box	Class	Date	Class Fee	Enclosed
	Resurgence of Opera	1/16	\$15	
	Viking Discovery	1/23	\$15	
	A New Europe	2/22	\$15	
	Tantalizing Thailand	2/26	\$15	
	Great Barrier Reef	3/7	\$15	
	For the Enjoyment of Future Generations	3/13	\$15	
	Open Your Heart, Open Your Throttle	3/24	\$15	
	Great Decisions	1/18- 4/16	Free	
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