



SEASON CALENDAR & CURRICULUM SPRING 2018

KICKOFF: March 1

Blue Zones: Secrets of a Long Life

– Tony Buettner, *Blue Zones Project*

◆ ALEXANDRIA TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE ◆

TUESDAYS

3:15 - 5:15 pm

THURSDAYS

March 13

Resilience in the Face of Climate Change: Preparing Locally for an Uncertain Future

– Derek Larson, *History/Environmental Science, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University*

March 20

Is the Internet Failing?

– Noreen Herzfeld, *Theology/Computer Science, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University*

March 27

Telling True Stories: The Role of Academics in Public Life

– Nick Hayes, *History* and Louis Johnston, *Economics, College of St. Benedict and St. John's University* and founding members of Avon Hills Salon

April 3

Judicial Independence, Rule of Law, and Democracy: Lessons from Latin America

– Lisa Hilbink, *Political Science, University of Minnesota*

April 10

The Trial of Galileo

– Jim Togeas, *Philosophy, University of Minnesota Morris*

April 17

The Wonder of Blunders: The Psychology of Bad Decision-Making

– Ben Denkinger, *Psychology, Augsburg College*

April 24

American Diplomacy: Past Traditions and Current Crisis

– Thomas Hanson, *Diplomat in Residence, University of Minnesota Duluth*

March 15

Booms, Busts, and Policy in the US: 1790 to the Present

– Louis Johnston, *Economics, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University*

March 22

The Unpredictable Past: The Politics of Historical Monuments and Memorials

– Nick Hayes, *History, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University*

March 29

The Collapse of the Soviet Union

– Arlin Nikolas, *History, Minnesota State*

April 5

Nationalism Rising in Europe

– Emily Bruce, *History, University of Minnesota Morris*

April 12

By Endurance We Conquer: Shackleton's Feat of Strength

– Tony Cunningham, *Philosophy, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University*

April 19

The United States and Russia in the 21st Century

– David Schultz, *Political Science, Hamline University* and Alex Komarenko, *History, Shevchenko University*

April 26

Annual State of the Economy

– Liz Fedor, *Twin Cities Business Magazine, Louis Johnston, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, Chris Farrell, American Public Media*

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