111 What Does a Lobbyist Really Do?
Presenter: John Bonassi
Thursday, April 18, 1:30-3 p.m.
Description: Learn first-hand how a lobbyist needs to have the experience necessary to fully understand the legislative and regulatory process, so as to affect those processes to the benefit of a client.
Presenter’s background: John Bonassi is the former Chief of Staff (Western Pennsylvania) for the late U.S. Senator John Heinz. He was the Director of Government Affairs for several steel and coal companies and Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for several companies in the architecture, engineering and construction industry. Presently, he is Senior Consultant to the Gary E. West College of Business at WLU.

112 Roller Derby: History and Modern
Presenter: Sara Sweeney
Thursday, April 25, 1:30-3 p.m.
Description: The popular traveling show of roller derby from the 1970s has made its way back into the sports world as the fastest growing sport in the world. This course will focus on the changes of the sport as well as how the game is played today.
Presenter’s background: Sara Sweeney is a third-year member of the local roller derby league, the Ohio Valley Roller Girls. She is currently a Captain for the OVRL All Stars, 2012 MVP for the team, and graduate of West Liberty University. Sara is the manager of the WLU Highlands Center.

113 History of Philanthropy in the Ohio Valley
Presenter: Susie Nelson
Thursday, May 9, 1:30-3 p.m.
Description: Many of the wonderful things in the Ohio Valley have been provided by philanthropists. Wheeling Park and Oglebay Park are two popular examples. This course will outline our community’s most generous philanthropists, who have made our community a great place to live, learn, and play.
Presenter’s background: Susie Nelson is the Executive Director of the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley. Susie works with today’s philanthropists while stewarding the gifts of our community’s past donors. Susie is a lifelong resident of Ohio County and has a Bachelor’s Degree from West Virginia University.

114 IS IT GETTING OLD IN HERE OR IS JUST ME?
Presenter: Ann Koegler
Wednesday, May 15, 1:30-3 p.m.
Description: Aging is unavoidable – if we live long enough. There are things that we will all inevitably face as we age. What is normal? What is not normal? Understanding what we might reasonably expect as we age and the resources and adaptation skills that are within us and around us can help us with our own aging process.
Presenter’s background: Ann Koegler earned her undergraduate degree in Sociology and Psychology from West Liberty State College, and a master’s degree in Counseling from West Virginia University. She also completed required studies for a Practitioner’s Certificate in Gerontology from West Virginia University. Ann is a licensed social worker who has been the Coordinator of the Altenheim Resource and Referral Center in Wheeling for 18 years. Ann was honored with the Rockefeller Award by the WV Alzheimer’s Association in 2010 and remains active on the Wheeling Planning Committee for the Walk to End Alzheimer’s.

115 Glasnost: A 25-Year Retrospective
Presenter: Leonard Rinchiuso
Thursday, May 16, 1:30-3 p.m.
Description: In 1988, President Mikhail Gorbachev introduced a policy of sweeping reforms and individual freedoms to the Soviet people. This policy, known as Glasnost, eventually paved the way for the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the conclusion of the Cold War itself. In this lecture, we re-visit Glasnost on its 25th anniversary—from both Russian and American perspectives. Also, we ask the critical question: Did Gorbachev truly want to reform the Soviet superpower—as most historians believe—or did he secretly want to dismantle it?
Presenter’s background: Leonard Rinchiuso is an Assistant Professor of Russian at West Liberty University and an avid student of Russian and Eastern European history. He most recently visited Eastern Europe in 2004.
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Available Courses:

101  Scandal and Disaster: The Dark Side of Wheeling Presenters: Jeanne Finstein, E.D. and Judi Hendrickson Wednesday, March 27, 10-11:30 a.m.

Description: Like every other city, Wheeling has had its share of sensational stories, from murder to epidemics to arrests for selling watermelons on Sunday. This course will focus on the dark side of our local history, man-made and natural, pathetic and humorous.

Presenters’ backgrounds: Jeanne Finstein and Judi Hendrickson have studied Wheeling’s history for many years, writing a book with the title “Walking Pleasant Valley” and making numerous presentations to various Wheeling groups in which they tell stories that are a part of it. They are both members of the Friends of Wheeling and other local history organizations.

102  China in the Cinema Presentor: Art Barbeau, Ph.D.

This course will be taught in a series of twelve (12) classes. Each class will be taught on Tuesday and Thursday, April 2-May 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Description: There will be twelve (12) films (half made in China and half made in the U.S.) viewed on cinematic images. China titles include “Raise the Red Lantern” and “Panda-pop” (Chinese) “The Good Earth” and the “Red Corner” (U.S.). Films vary in length, however there will be time for discussion after each film is shown.

Presenters’ background: Art Barbeau has made 14 trips to China since 1986, including a trip this past summer. For two years, he resided in China teaching English for a year at Henan University as an additional summer). He also taught American Studies (and one course in modern Chinese history) at Beijing Foreign Studies University as a Fulbright Scholar. During the Tiananmen Crisis in 1989, he contributed expert commentary on WTRF-TV.

103  Do you know your rights? Land Use affected by drilling in the Marcellus Shale Formation Presenter: Dan Baker Wednesday, April 3, 10-11:30 a.m.

Description: Exploration and recovery of natural gas from the Marcellus Shale Formation, nearby a mile underground, has provided opportunities for surface owners to benefit or suffer from the process. This will be a descriptive presentation brought on regulation by nearby states. Energy companies are buying up lease rights and easements across the Ohio Valley. This class will present some of the issues and discuss the rights of individuals involved.

Presenter’s background: Dan Baker is an attorney and retired from Marathon Oil Company, where he was Senior Counsel for Environmental Affairs and Real Estate. More recently, he was a Senior Counsel for the Peninsular National Land Group, specializing in land use planning and land development. Dan is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and Dickinson School of Law.

104  World War II: A History of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor (ADBC) Presenter: Jeanne Finstein and Kraina Wednesday, April 3, 1:30-3 p.m.

Description: From the beginning of the ADBC, Captured by the Japanese following their conquest of the Philippines in 1942, thousands of American military personnel died while imprisoned on the Philippine Islands, known as the “Battleground of the Pacific.” The Brooke County Library, is the official national archive, designated as such by the ADBC, of artifacts and documents donated by the survivors and their descendants.

Presenters’ backgrounds: Richard Lizza, Professor Emeritus of History at West Liberty University, taught American history and world history at West Liberty University and the Community College. He served as chairperson of the Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences at West Liberty, and aided in the creation of the West Virginia American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor (ADBC) with West Liberty University, Franciscan University, and Bethany College. Jane Kraina, Director of the ADBC Museum, serves as registrar and supervisor of student interns from local universities at the museum.

105  Smart TV with Roku Presenter: Jim Clark Thursday, April 4, 1-3:30 p.m.

Description: How to use your iPad and if you are looking for something new, Roku makes it happen easily, instantly and affordably. Movie night, or any night, will never be the same. With Roku you can watch all your favorite TV shows and download your favorite movies. Roku can also display your Facebook pages and Twitter timelines.

Presenter’s background: Jim Clark, Chief Technology Officer at WLU, has taught technology classes at WLU and recent cloud computing apps as an Adjunct Professor. He has adapted and developed a higher education model of the “lights out” approach to teaching and learning. He is Past President of the Association for Information Technology Professionals. Jim is an alumnus of WLU.

106  Getting the Most Out of your iPad Presenter: Earl Nicodemus Monday, April 8, 1:30-3 p.m.

Description: Bring your iPad and we will show you some of the iPad basics as well as how to download and use some free applications. We will also review some iPad apps that will help you function more efficiently.

Presenter’s background: Michael J. Strada graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Bluefield State College and Saint Paul College’s Wharton University in 1969. He went on to obtain his master’s from Pennsylvania State University in 1969 and his Ph.D. from WVU in 1977. He received the William Tyrone Cyrus Vance Award from the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts that recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of international education. He was a Professor of Political Science at WVU from 1969 until his retirement in 2009.

107  The World of Wine Presenter: Wilkes Kinney Wednesday, April 10 and 17, 1-3:30 p.m.

Description: Learn how African Americans participated as Union and Confederate Soldiers through a unique perspective. Course will include period dress, pictures, artifacts and video.

Presenter’s background: Wilkes Kinney is a graduate of Bluefield State College and Saint Paul College in Virginia and is a member of the American Historical Association.

108  Behind West Liberty’s Sports Renaissance Presenter: Michael J. Strada, Ph.D. Wednesday, April 10, 1-3:30 p.m.

Description: Learn about sports excellence at West Liberty as told by Michael J. Strada, author of “Behind West Liberty’s Sports Renaissance.” In addition to sports at West Liberty, subjects covered in the book include: the WVIAC’s long and proud history, problems with the NAIA, differences between the NAIA and the NCAA, cogent critics of D I commercialization, D I’s eight projects covered in the book include: the WVIAC’s long and proud history, problems with the NAIA, differences between the NAIA and the NCAA, cogent critics of D I commercialization, D I’s eight

109  African American Participation in the Civil War and its Impact Presenter: Wilkes Kinney Wednesday, April 17, 1-3:30 p.m.

Description: Learn about the role African Americans played in the Civil War and its impacts.

Presenter’s background: Wilkes Kinney is a graduate of Bluefield State College and Saint Paul College in Virginia and is a member of the American Historical Association.

110  The World of Wine Presenter: Wilkes Kinney Thursday, April 18, 1:30-3 p.m.

Description: We will delve into the world of wine, geographic perspective. Examine what wine is, how grapes are grown, winemaking techniques and grape growing regions around the globe. If you would like to participate, take part in optional wine tasting during each presentation, you will need to bring a wine glass and pay a small fee of $5 per week to offset the cost of the wine.

Presenter’s background: Wilkes Kinney has been involved in Civil War research since 1977. He is an independent health care consul-