

who served as the Chief of Staff (Western Pennsylvania Region) for the late U.S. Senator John Heinz. John also served as the President of Council and Mayor of Green Tree Borough, a Pittsburgh suburb. He was recognized by the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association as Runner-up Mayor of the Year. He was the Director of Government Affairs for several steel, coal and energy companies and Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for several architectural, engineering and construction companies. Presently, he is a Senior Consultant, Entrepreneur and Adjunct Professor in the Gary E. West College of Business and the Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership and Administration (BLA) program here at the Highlands.

111. Dogs 101
Monday, May 6th 10AM

They sleep in our homes (sometimes even beds!), ride in our cars, and seem to know what we are thinking before we even say a word. Dogs are members of the family, but who are they really? Develop a deeper appreciation for the aliens in our midst and learn to avoid the most common misunderstandings between dogs and humans.

Dr. Diana Barber teaches biology for West Liberty University. She has over 20 years of experience exploring and understanding mammalian behavior and earned her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has worked with domestic dogs for over 30 years in a variety of sports and activities. Dr. Barber has taught dog training instructors and numerous dog and handler teams in a variety of topics.

112. "Walter Reuther - Wheeling's Favorite Son"
Monday, May 6th 1PM

What does it take to be memorialized in your hometown? Find out how Walter Reuther's Wheeling roots laid the foundation for a lifetime of activism on behalf of labor unions and social justice.

Sandy Czernek is a semi-retired Instructor of History at West Liberty University. She completed both her undergraduate and graduate degrees at West Virginia University. In her spare time, she roots for all sports teams that wear black and gold.

113. Suspension Bridge Collapse and Walking Tour

Thursday, May 9th 12:15PM

Community University is excited to partner up for this class with Wheeling's 250th Year Committee.

The commemoration of the collapse of The Historic Wheeling Suspension Bridge due to a wind storm. Participants will gather at the east tower. Rich Knoblich will read a short detailing the history of the bridge, its collapse, and rebuilding. Guests are then invited to Walk the High wire, strolling along the wood and wire bridge. Walkers are finally invited to visit Bridge Tavern across 10th street to join in lunch and a drink.

Rich Knoblich is author of Talking 'bout the Relatives an original tall tale collection inspired by visits to his fictional family homestead. His rustic humor brought home eight ribbons from the WV Liar's Contest and he has served as judge for many other contests. His creative tall tale writings have been published in national and regional magazines and he has entertained audiences throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

114. A Musical Series by Dr. Wayne Earnest

Thursdays: May 16th, 23rd, and 30th

CLASS 1: KING OF INSTRUMENTS: (Organ) Walking Tour/Field Trip to WLU Interfaith Chapel 10AM-11AM

Due to limited parking near the chapel please arrive early

Musical genius Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart called the pipe organ "The King of Instruments." This course will trace its history from 250 B.C. to its use in gladiator fights to its use in the church ("The King of Instruments" for the "The King of Kings.") Also included will be information about its "innards" and "all those buttons."

CLASS 2: ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

May 23rd 10AM-Noon

Broaden your horizons with "armchair travel" – no walking, plane tickets, or hotel reservations required! As a musician, Dr. Earnest has traveled to various European countries. Pictures and stories of his travel experiences will be shared, focusing on Germany before the fall of the Berlin wall and reunification and the 500th anniversary of The Reformation (1517-2017). Future classes could include: France, England, Scotland, Ukraine, and others.

CLASS 3: IS THE CHURCH DYING? and WORSHIP PLANNING May 30th 10AM-Noon

Church attendance and participation is declining in many churches. We will discuss possible reasons (secularization of society, clergy impropriety, worship styles, etc.) and possible ways to revive the church (evangelism, intentional involvement of members in worship, music, etc.).

An introduction to using the lectionary, worship planning aids, the hymnal, and the liturgical year in planning worship in which scripture, sermon, prayers, and music form a cohesive whole.

Dr. Wayne Earnest is a native of Cameron, WV and graduate of WLSC (now West Liberty University). Dr. Wayne Earnest earned a master's degree at the University of Michigan and a doctorate at the University of Cincinnati. Now semi-retired, he has been both a college professor and church musician for many years in 9 different denominations. Additionally, he has played recitals in America and Europe and has published numerous articles on church music. In January 2019, he began teaching lessons on the pipe organ at the WLU Interfaith Chapel. Private lessons in organ are available to anyone with some piano proficiency. Workshops on various church music topics are being planned for the future.

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101. US Air Power

2 Sessions

Tuesday, March 26th 9AM

Thursday, March 28th 9AM

With over 13,000 active military aircraft, the US has the largest and best air forces in the world. Your presenter has traveled extensively to photograph these magnificent machines. Join us as we light up the room with some of the most gorgeous aviation pictures you will ever see.

Jon Letzkus is the retired Chairman of the board of Ohio State Financial Services, and the retired president of Bridgeport Savings and Loan Association in Bridgeport, Ohio. He also taught law as an adjunct professor for WLU for 17 years, and has six years of experience teaching at Community University.

102. MOVIES WITH ART: Male Icons In Film

Starts March 27th

Wednesdays 9:30AM

8 Sessions

We've looked at some of the truly iconic female stars when we did the two Hepburn's: Katherine and Audrey. Therefore, it is about time that we gave equal time to two male stars of the same caliber though we have seen them in some of our other series. In this case, our featured pair is Henry Fonda and Anthony Quinn.

Art Barbeau is a Professor Emeritus at WLU where he taught history and anthropology for 43 years. This

will be his 14th time presenting in the Community University program and has taught over 120 classes since the program began.

103. Both Sides of the Camera

Wednesday, April 3rd 1-3PM

This lecture will discuss the roles of the television news media from the perspective of a reporter and on the opposite spectrum as a spokesperson. The lecture will include video elements to show real-life scenarios that occurred with local police and fire, and how the media tells their story in the 21st Century. The presenter also will discuss the challenges between both professions.

Philip Stahl is a 2010 and 2015 graduate of West Liberty University who currently serves at the Public Information Officer for the Wheeling, West Virginia Police and Fire Departments. He also worked in local television as a reporter and communications in higher education. Recently, he worked as a broadcasting adjunct instructor in WLU's College of Arts & Communication.

104. Curious about Cholesterol?

Thursday, April 4th 10AM

For some time, we have held the belief that cholesterol was bad, that we needed it as low as possible, and that we should take "preventative" measures to lessen our risk for heart disease. This class will help cultivate a deeper understanding on what cholesterol is, what impacts our numbers, and how we can truly reduce our risk factors for chronic diseases while improving our overall health.

Kathi Saltino is a Professional Certified Nutrition Counselor and Transformation Coach, and the host of WLU TV's show "Healthy U". After losing 100+ pounds on her own journey toward wellness, Kathi discovered her passion for healthy living and works with both private clients and corporate groups to create lasting results in their lives.

105. Archibald W. Campbell,

The Intelligencer, and the Election of 1860

Thursday, April 4th 1PM

The course examines the editorial history of Wheeling's newspaper, The Intelligencer, during the election of 1860. The Intelligencer was the only paper in the state of Virginia to support Republican Party causes and the presidential campaign of Abraham

Lincoln. Archibald W. Campbell, co-owner and editor, shaped the unique editorial view of the paper. In this course we will explore Campbell's life and experiences that shaped the paper's endorsement of Lincoln and support for West Virginia statehood

Ryan McCullough is an Associate Professor of Communication at West Liberty University and Ohio County native. He teaches courses in public speaking, communication theory and research, public relations, and advertising. He presented original research on this topic at the Appalachian Studies Conference in 2016. His research interests include the history and influence of media.

106. Varietal Wine Showdown

Thursday, April 11th, 18th, and 25th 3:00PM

A different spin on the Geography of Wine, this course will focus on just a single grape variety each week. We will discuss the origins, diffusion and tasting profiles for the grape varietal and then taste examples of wine made from that grape in different regions of the world. We will compare the offerings from Europe, California, South America and other wine producing regions to get a better understanding of how local environmental conditions and wine making techniques influence the final product. (Please bring \$5.00 per class and your favorite wine glass if choosing to taste wines).

Aron Massey is an Assistant Professor of Geography and Planning at WLU. He conducts research into wine production in North Carolina, and has eight years' experience working in the wine industry and has taught numerous wine-related courses at the college level.

107. WTRF News Tour

Monday, April 22nd 9:30AM

*Due to limited parking in Wheeling please arrive early, also street parking is meter parking so bring change. Presentation should last 30 min. to an hour.

You may watch 7News throughout the day but do you know what goes on behind the scenes? Join us as we learn more about how WTRF operates day to day from local news content, to WTRF.com and social media pages. WTRF is celebrating 65 years of bringing you local news and weather. Learn more about a "day in the life of a local news anchor" and how WTRF is "Working for You."

Rachael Dierkes is a 2010 West Liberty University

graduate and current 7News This Morning and 7News at Noon anchor. As an Ohio Valley native, she is proud to be deliver local news each day in the area where she's spent her entire life. She also strives to promote all things local including "A Taste with Rach" where she highlights local places to eat across the Ohio Valley.

108. Human Trafficking 101

Tuesday, April 23rd 3PM

Human Trafficking is a topic that most people haven't heard much about, through this session you will learn the basic of Human Trafficking. You will hear stories from survivors through a movie titled Chosen that will be part of this presentation.

Lesley Prince is a Prevention Education Specialist and Victim Advocate working for the Sexual Assault Help Center. She has worked at SAHC for 3 years and does trainings and presentations on a variety of topics.

109. Communication in Everyday Life

Tuesday, April 30th 1PM

Over the years, communication scholars have studied the "how" and "why" of our connections to others. Their examination of motivations and methods provides us with a deeper understanding of the communication process. This session will look at two of these perspectives: Is our communication tied to the various roles we play on the stage of life and do the various formal and informal groups to which we belong determine the how, what, and why of our communication?

John Matviko taught communication-related courses for thirty years at WLU. In addition to the field of communication, he has been active in popular culture studies. He now spends most of his time reading, writing, playing pickle ball and betting on horses.

110. What Do Lobbyists Really Do?

Wednesday, May 1st 1PM

John Bonassi has a 360 degree understanding of government and politics. His experience spans from town halls to the halls of congress. John has been involved in dozens of political campaigns, legislative initiatives and multiple agency outreaches. He will talk about key elements and challenges of successful lobbying efforts and why there will always be lobbyist in local, state and federal governments. Who are the "good" lobbyists and why.

John Bonassi is a West Liberty University alumnus