# POLIS Pursuit Of Learning In Society



# Fall 2015

Registration on Wednesday, September 9 and Thursday, September 10, 2015 2:00-4:00 PM, Quincy University's North Campus, POLIS Office, Room 122-D, 228-5594 polis@quincy.edu

#### POLIS Patter

#### Condensed Fall Schedule 2015

#### Lectures are from 2 to 4 pm. At OU's North Campus

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Dear POLIS Members,

Hopefully we have all weathered the extremely rainy weather and the destructive straight line windstorm of this summer. When we gather, however, we will likely still be telling our stories about what we or our families and friends endured.

Soon we will turn our attention to the fall semester's array of stimulating POLIS courses. We continue to offer courses four days a week. The POLIS board decided to schedule two days of registration, September 9th and 10th, thinking that an additional day might better accommodate our members. We will again be registering from 2-4 p.m. in either the POLIS office (122-D) or the conference room across from the snack bar at the main entrance of North Campus. Security will have the doors open for you to enter. We will be on hand to welcome past members and smooth the way for new members. You can also register by mail as many of you prefer to do.

Since the bus tour to the Truman Library Museum is scheduled very early in the fall semester, September 23, it is imperative that you complete your registration by the deadline of September 10. So if you plan to register by mail, please make sure your registration will reach us in time to count you in. If you want to make sure, please also call or email the POLIS office and alert us to your decision to sign up for the bus tour. We will put you on the list.

This summer POLIS was represented at the Senior Expo where we gathered contact information from a number of new potential members. We are excited about their interest in our program. Still you remain the most important recruiters we have as we strive to increase our membership. Please invite friends and family to experience for themselves what POLIS has to offer.

As always the POLIS board wants to hear your comments and suggestions. The board consists of Jane Blickhan, Robert Bedell, Liz Berghofer, Merle Crossland, Helen Hardy, Pat Orban, Barb Richmiller, Sunny Straub, Karl Stumpf, Dan Tanna, and myself. Bob Weirather generously continues to offer his assistance and advice.

We are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and new faces when we next gather.

Mary Ann Klein

Director, POLIS

#### **Comments from Dr. Robert Gervasi, President of Quincy University**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Quincy University, I want to join POLIS President Mary Ann Klein and the program's other organizers and faculty in welcoming you to another season dedicated to the "Pursuit of Learning in Society." One of the QU's core academic objectives is to promote lifelong learning for our graduates and for all those in the larger community the University serves. Therefore the University is very pleased to support the POLIS program.

POLIS provides excellent, vibrant opportunities for ongoing intellectual challenge at very low cost, and I am grateful to Dr. Klein and colleagues for their leadership. Please enjoy the fine courses in the POLIS schedule. Thank you for your financial support of Quincy University, which makes such programs possible.

Cordially,

Dr. Robert Gervasi President, Quincy University

> POLIS classes meet at Quincy University's North Campus from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

## September 17 Recycling and Sustainability

Thursday, (one day) Fee-\$4

This course will discuss the history of the recycling movement in the United States and abroad. Where does all of this recyclable stuff end up? How do we compare to the rest of the world in collection and recovery? The sustainability movement and its impact on recycling and recovery will be presented as well as the economics of recycling and how it and the government impact sustainability in the US and abroad. The past, present, and future of Quincy Recycle and the future of residential recycling in our community will be addressed.

**Lecturer**: Bryan Stokes, President of Quincy Recycle Inc., a company with six material recovery facilities in five mid-Western states, headquartered in Quincy. He has lived with a bird's eye view of the recycling company from its beginnings in 1976, and been president since 1997, expanding the company's reach and services, and concentrating on the idea of sustainability.

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#### September 22, 29

American Expansion from the Treaty of Paris 1783 to the 50<sup>th</sup> State of Hawaii

Tuesdays, (two days) Fee-\$8 The United States began with 13 states east of the Appalachian Mountains. The U.S. expanded by international agreement, by purchase and by conquest. There were winners and losers in every step across the map.

Lecturer: Dr. David Costigan, Emeritus Professor of History, Quincy University

#### September 23 Harry S. Truman Library Bus Tour to Independence, Missouri Wednesday, (one day) Fee-\$55

Tour participants will meet at Holy Cross Friary, 724 N. 20<sup>th</sup> St. at 6:45 a.m. for a 7:00 a.m. departure for Independence Missouri and the Truman Library. The tour will arrive at Independence Square for lunch at 11:00 a.m. At 12:30 p.m., the bus will arrive at the Truman Museum for a hour tour followed by one and a half hours on your own. The bus will return to Quincy by 7:15 p.m. Fee is \$55 per person which includes tour fees, but lunch is not included.

**Tour Facilitator:** Dr. Gary Carter, retired Vice President for Instruction and Provost at Quincy University

Quincy University Retirees Association is sponsoring this tour. Checks should be made payable to POLIS and submitted with registration to POLIS <u>or</u> mailed to: POLIS, 1800 College Avenue, Quincy, IL 62301. Checks must be received by September 10, 2015.

#### <u>September 25</u> Backyard Birds

Friday, (one day) Fee-\$4

What are those birds coming to your feeder? This slide/lecture presentation with original color photographs will help you identify the common birds that are found in our back yards. A bonus portion at the end will examine birds seen near the Mississippi River.

**Lecturer**: Dr. Joe Coelho, Professor of Biological Sciences, Quincy University

# October 7, 14 Shakespeare at History: Richard III

Wednesdays, (two days) Fee-\$8

The play tells the story of one of Shakespeare's arch villains, Richard Duke of Gloucester, later King Richard III. It begins with Richard putting into action his plan to become king and traces his outrageous yet highly entertaining audacity as he woos and murders on his way to the throne. But having attained it, he finds that his seat is insecure: dogged by resistance to his tyranny and by his own uneasy conscience, he dies trying in vain to defend his ill-gotten crown against the forces that rise to resist his evil.

This early attempt by Shakespeare to dramatize English history, though not as rich and mature as his later history plays and his great tragedies, is nonetheless vast and complex, interesting for its historical vision and for its treatment of a villain hero, a forebear of the greater villain hero Macbeth. Perhaps most interesting of all, it engages its audience in a flirtation with vice, for Richard not only horrifies but also fascinates and entertains us as he progresses in evil, though finally gratifying our moral sense by getting his just deserts.

Lecturer: Dr. Joe Messina, Emeritus Professor of English, Quincy University

October 13, 20 Persia, Ancient and Modern Tuesdays, (two days) Fee-\$8

Dr. Hotle will consider some main themes from the long history of Iran. He recently returned from traveling there, so he will draw upon his recent experience.

Lecturer: Dr. C. Patrick Hotle, John Sperry Jr. Endowed Chair of Humanities, Professor of History and Director of Travel Studies, Culver-Stockton College.

#### October 15 Education Today: What is Needed for Tomorrow-A Look at Public, Private, Charter, and Home Schools. Thursday, (one day) Fee-\$4

This course will address a brief review of the types of education offered nationally, with a specific focus on the schools in the Quincy area. **Lecturer**: Ray Heilmann, Director of Student Teaching and Off-Campus Studies for Quincy University

#### October 21, 28 Federalist vs. Anti-Federalist Political Thought

Wednesdays, (two days) Fee-\$8

Both advocates and opponents of the United States Constitution were champions of republican government, but they disagreed fundamentally as to what a "republic" is and what it requires. This course will locate the differences between their visions through a comparison of the Federalist and Anti-Federalist papers, assess the prescience of the promises and warnings they offered therein, and imagine how things might have been different had the Anti-Federalists prevailed

Lecturer: Dr. Neil Wright, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Quincy University

#### October 22 Internment of Japanese-Americans During World War II Thursday, (one day) Fee-\$4

President Roosevelt's Executive Order sent many West coast dwelling Japanese-Americans to internment camps. The Supreme Court found no Constitutional problem. The history swept up members of the presenter's family, some of whom proved very resilient. Lecturer: James D. Hayashi, M.D., Ophthalmologist

#### October 23, 30 A Pain in the Mind: Biological Factors in Mental Illness Fridays, (two days) Fee-\$8

This will be a two session course exploring our modern understanding of the symptoms, causes, and treatments of mental illness, with a primary focus on biological contributing factors. Disorders covered will include schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety disorders, and a few others. This will also include a brief history of biologically based treatments including electroconvulsive therapy and lobotomy, as well as an overview of drug therapy including antipsychotics, antidepressants, anxiolytics, and a few others.

Lecturer: Dr. Brian C. Nolan, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Quincy University

#### October 27

# Aging and the Ancient Romans

Tuesday, (one day) Fee-\$4

This session will consider ancient Roman attitudes toward aging and the elderly. Our own society is "graying," causing potential social tension, e.g. in the debate over pension obligations. To what extent is aging a blessing or a burden? How can the ancient Romans help us reflect on these issues? We will consider highlights of the Roman experience, with particular focus on the philosophers Cicero and Seneca.

Lecturer: Dr. Robert A. Gervasi, President, Quincy University

#### October 29 Not Your Childhood Dinosaurs Anymore

Thursday, (one day) Fee-\$4

For the past 50 years, dinosaur research has increased not only with more paleontologists working on new sites, but also by reexamining previous collections, and more countries worldwide sponsoring research. The increased activity has resulted in an entirely new view of dinosaurs including the concept that they are not totally extinct and changes in museum displays. The presentation will cover most of changes in our concept of dinosaurs.

Lecturer: Dr. Alfred F. Pogge, Emeritus Professor of Biology, Quincy University

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#### November 4 Ghost Signs

Wednesday, (one day) Fee-\$4 A small part of Quincy's history is washing away or fading away every day. View more than 60 photographs of business and product advertisement signs, signs that were painted 60, 80, 100 years ago on the walls of yesteryear's buildings.

**Lecturer:** Roger Frankenhoff, collector of Quincy memorabilia especially post cards and yard sticks. Present board member of Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County.

#### November 5, 12 Soldiers, Sailors, Spies/Code Breakers, Pilots, Pinups, Peace Activists, Workers, Journalists and Housewives: Women in the Second World War Thursdays, (two days) Fee-\$8

The second World War was the most wide scale, most comprehensive single event in human history. It impacted directly or indirectly every single nation who fought in it, including the 45 nations who joined the allies (officially the United nations) and the main Axis nations and their allies. It even affected neutral nations like Spain, Switzerland and Sweden. It also touched Nazi occupied Europe and North Africa as well as Japanese conquered lands in Asia and the Pacific. Given the vast scale of the above and that WWII happened in the highly interconnected industrial age of mass production, mass communication and mass transportation, all of which allowed the combatants to have mass armies with mass weapons of mass destruction, meant few people's lives

could remain unchanged. Though the use of women was mostly a necessity and was not intended as a fundamental rethinking of gender roles, females, comprising more than 50% of the population dictated that the Second World War could not but help to construct women's lives as well as shape their participation in it. And, this in turn, helped shape the course of WWII itself.

**Lecturer**: Dr. Wendell Mauter, Professor of History, Quincy University

#### November 6, 13 Overview of Police Use of Force and Issues in Police Community Relations Fridays, (two days), Fee-\$8

Class 1 will be an overview of police use of force: We will begin this overview by discussing the definition of use of force by police and distinguish between lethal and less than lethal force options. We will then take a historical view of the use of force which will take us to the legal issues associated with the use of force. We will conclude with how the police are trained including policy considerations. Training, law and policy form how officers perceive events as they unfold and those perceptions shape the officers' responses. Along the way, we will examine some cases that are relevant to the police use of force.

Class 2 will address issues in police community relations. During the class, we will focus on three important aspects of police community relations which are racial profiling or bias based policing, stop and frisk and community policing. There are honest differences on both sides of the first two topics. My objective is to share how the police are trained and guided by policy and experience in both areas. Community policing is also not as well understood by the public and even some in law enforcement have different critical importance to success in community focused policing.

**Lecturer**: Deacon Harry L. Cramer, M.A., N.A. 165<sup>th</sup> Assistant Professor Criminal Justice, Quincy University

## November 10 The Doolittle Raid: A Successful Failure

Tuesday, (one day) Fee-\$8

Of the 80 men on the Doolittle mission, at this writing there are only three left. We will discuss the raid preparations, what happened to each of the sixteen planes and crew, the suffering of the Chinese people who aided the Raiders, and what happened to each of the Raiders during the rest of the War. We will also discuss the Japanese response which led to the Battle of Midway, and most importantly the huge boost of morale at a time when there was some doubt as to whether we could win the War.

**Lecturer:** Dr. Patrick McGinley, retired educator of Quincy Public Schools and John Wood Community College.

#### <u>November 11</u>

#### Music Therapy: Music as Medicine

Wednesday, (one day) Fee-\$4 This presentation will discuss the history, the benefits, and some of the leading research of music therapy. Live examples and intervention will demonstrate the healing power of music. Learn how to use music to make a positive change in your own life.

**Lecturer**: Mia Meacher, Activity Therapist, Illinois Veterans Home

#### November 19

#### An Ounce of Mediation or a Ton of Litigation?

Thursday, (one day) Fee-\$4

Mediation is often misconstrued option to full blown, "take-no-prisoners", litigation in civil disputes. In this POLIS class you will hear from an experienced retired trial court judge who after retiring from the bench has an active private mediation practice.

Judge Schuering has conducted 100s of mediations, both as settlement conferences over a 24-year judicial career and as a private mediator since 2010. In this session attendees will learn about the larger topic of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and what is currently taught in law schools. You will receive an orientation about the Mediation process and experience several fact-scenarios to let the audience draw their own conclusions on the pros and cons of mediation. **Lecturer**: Judge Mark A. Schuering, retired state trial judge in the Eighth Judicial Circuit of the State of Illinois, Certified Mediator, Adjunct Lecturer, Quincy University

December 2 Carols Through the Ages Wednesday, (one day) Fee-\$4

The course will include information about the history of Christmas carols, as well as musical examples.

**Lecturer**: Rhonda Basinger, retired Assistant Professor of Music, John Wood Community College, Organist of Trinity United Church of Christ

#### December 4, 11 Vengeance, Justice, or Deterrent: The Moral Justification for the Death Penalty Fridays, (two days) Fee-\$8

Thirty nine people were executed last year. Seventeen have already been executed this year. Is there a moral justification for these executions? Do they deter criminals from committing capital crimes? Does it even matter if they deter? Is it enough that some people just deserve to be executed, to justify what Justice Harry Blackmun called "the machinery of death?" This course will look at the major theories of criminal punishment and how they succeed or fail at justifying the death penalty. In the process of debating the death penalty we will take a long, hard look at criminal punishment in America.

**Lecturer:** Dr. Jonathan Miles, Assistant Professor of Philosophy. Quincy University

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Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death. <u>Albert Einstein</u>

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POLIS is proud to provide an endowed scholarship to a Quincy University student each year and would like to share the following thank you letter from this year's recipient. Over \$40,000 have been contributed and donations are welcome.

Dear POLIS,

I am very grateful to receive the POLIS Scholarship. It will help me and my family in paying for college.

I am from Alton, Illinois, but was born in Birmingham, Alabama.. I attended Marquette Catholic High School. I currently live with my mom, brother, and younger sister when I am not in Quincy for school. I will be a junior this coming year and am planning to graduate Quincy University in 2017.

I am studying forensic psychology, which is a combination of criminal justice, psychology, and law. I currently do not know what I want to be exactly, but I am thinking about working with juveniles who come from rough homes. I have not been a part of any clubs in the past, but I want to join some this coming year. I am still debating which ones I should join though. This past year I became involved with the mock trial team, which I have really enjoyed. It is a really good experience and teaches you what real court is really like, a lot better than television shows do. I do not play any sports at Quincy University, but I do work in the mail room and bar on campus. I also work at Jimmy Johns in Quincy.

I have three siblings and my mother is a single mother, so money is tight. I work in order to be able to pay for my college, phone, and car so this scholarship helps me out tremendously. Thank you so much for your generosity and making it possible for me to attend college at Quincy.

Sincerely, Cary Ann McDermott

#### POLIS FALL 2015 COURSE CALENDAR

#### SEPTEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
6	7 Labor Day	8	9 Registration 2-4	10 Registration 2-4	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Stokes	18	19
20	21	22 Costigan	23 Bus Tour	24	25 Coelho	26
27	28	29 Costigan	30			

#### OCTOBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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25	26	27 Gervasi	28 Wright	29 Pogge	30 Nolan	31

#### NOVEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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#### DECEMBER 2015

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#### Registration for POLIS Fall Classes September 9 and 10, 2015

www.quincy.edu/academics/community/outreach

Name:	Phone:
Address:	Mobile Phone:
City, State:	Email:
Zip:	

Course	Date(s)	Lecturer	Cost	Enroll
Recycling and Sustainability	Sept 17	Stokes	\$4.00	
American Expansion from the Treaty of Paris 1783 to the 50 <sup>th</sup> State of Hawaii	Sept 22, 29	Costigan	\$8.00	
Truman Library Bus Tour	Sept 23	Carter	\$55.00	
Backyard Birds	Sept 25	Coelho	\$4.00	
Shakespeare at History: Richard III	Oct. 7, 14	Messina	\$8.00	
Persia, Ancient and Modern	Oct 13, 20	Hotle	\$8.00	
Education Today: What is Needed for Tomorrow-A Look at Public, Private, Charter, and Home Schools	Oct 15	Heilmann	\$4.00	
Federalist vs. Anti-Federalist Political Thought	Oct 21, 28	Wright	\$8.00	
Interment of Japanese-Americans During WWII	Oct 22	Hayashi	\$4.00	
A Pain in the Mind: Biological Factors in Mental Illness	Oct 23, 30	Nolan	\$8.00	
Aging and the Ancient Romans	Oct 27	Gervasi	\$4.00	
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The Doolittle Raid	Nov 10	McGinley	\$4.00	
Music Therapy: Music as Medicine	Nov 11	Meacher	\$4.00	
An Ounce of Mediation or a Ton of Litigation	Nov 19	Schuering	\$4.00	
Carols Through the Ages	Dec 2	Basinger	\$4.00	al
Vengeance, Justice, or Deterrent: The Moral Justification for the Death Penalty	Dec 4, 11	Miles	\$8.00	
Registration/Membership			\$30.00	]
GRAND TOTAL				

**Registration Options**: By Mail: POLIS, Quincy University, 1800 College Ave, Quincy IL 62301 By Telephone: 217-228-5594, By email: Polis@quincy.edu, In person: Sept 9 or 10, 2:00-4:00 PM, in the POLIS office, Rm. 122-D or the entrance area of Quincy University's North Campus.