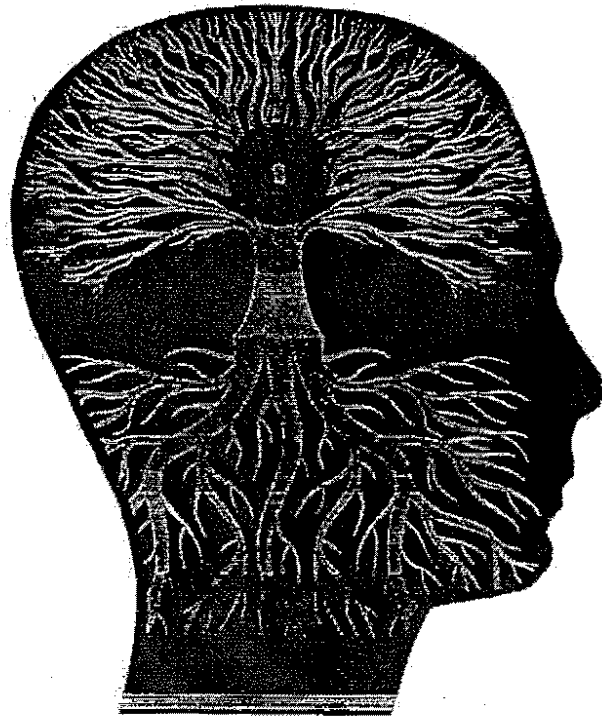


# POLIS

Pursuit Of Learning In Society



Spring 2016

Registration on Wednesday, January 13 and Thursday, January 14, 2016

2:00-4:00 PM, Quincy University's North Campus,

18<sup>th</sup> & Seminary Road

Conference Room in Lobby of Main Entrance or

POLIS Office, Room 122-D,

228-5594

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January 2016

POLIS Patter

Dear POLIS Members,

2015 ended with an extraordinarily successful fall semester—an increase in membership and very well enrolled and attended courses. We welcomed former members back and many new members. We heard very positive comments about the range of topics. Many topics and presenters seemed to resonate with our members in powerful ways.

The New Year brings the familiar and the fresh. The spring semester's slate of courses reflects a wide range of interests and promises to offer our members opportunities for discovery and growth. We are fortunate that presenters you know and some you will experience for the first time will be with us. You will also have the opportunity to get back together with POLIS members from last semester and meet new members.

One highlight of the spring semester will be the bus tour to the state capitol in Jefferson City, Missouri.

You have various ways to register for courses—by mail and by phone. In-person registration will be held from 2-4 pm on Wednesday, January 13th and Thursday, January 14th at Quincy University's North Campus. You and your friends will be able to register in the conference room in the front lobby of the main entrance or in the POLIS office, 122-D. Parking is available in LOT D off 18<sup>th</sup> St. or in the semicircular drive at the main entrance.

We will continue to use 114-D and the Strieby lecture halls for our courses held at North Campus. Information about the location of courses will be posted on signs in the main lobby and at the entrance from the north parking lot. We will post signs giving you directions to our classes. You will also be able to call the POLIS phone number to receive updates on courses. We are also encouraging you to share your email address with us at registration so that we can inform you of changes that might become necessary this winter. We will continue to call our members about changes in scheduling should they be necessary. Hopefully this winter will be a milder one than some recent ones. El Nino may be responsible for a break from the ordinary pattern.

A new security system has been installed at North Campus and we are still experiencing a few hiccups related to it. We will continue to work with QU security to provide easy access to our courses. Thanks for your patience.

We invite you to entice your friends and family to become members of POLIS. Remember that you can bring a friend who has never taken a POLIS course to sample a single course free of charge. You are largely responsible for the increase in membership. We encourage you to continue your efforts to spread the word about Quincy University's program for learning in retirement.

Happy New Year,

Mary Ann Klein

Director, POLIS

### Spring POLIS Schedule 2016

- Jan 22 – Exclusionary Rule In the Criminal Justice System: Purpose, Policy & Practice
- Jan 29 - Ecumenical Progress
- Feb 5, 12 - *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens
- Feb 11, 18 - A Short History of the Russian Empire From Czar Alexander to Vladimir Putin
- Feb 16, 23 - Plato's Phaedrus
- Feb 19 - Social Media Engagement: From Birthdays to Emergency Management, How Social Platforms Connect to the Local and Global Community
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- May 6 – Annual Meeting and End of the Year Party

**January 22**

**Exclusionary Rule In the Criminal Justice System-Purpose, Policy & Practice**

Friday, (one day) Fee-\$4

Overview/Purpose, History, Basis of the Rule, Constitutional Context, Exceptions and Development/Status.

**Lecturer:** Jim Palmer, a practicing attorney who handles, among other matters, Constitutional Law issues, governmental affairs, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties litigation, (primarily as defense counsel). He is an Adjunct Quincy University faculty member, teaching, among other courses, Constitutional Law, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**January 29**

**Ecumenical Progress**

Friday, (one day) Fee-\$4

The Cause of Christian Unity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Lecturer:** Dr. Daniel Strudwick, Associate Professor of Theology, Quincy University

**February 5, 12**

**Hard Times by Charles Dickens**

Fridays, (two days) Fee-\$8

As the common core continues to be discussed and contested, Charles Dickens's depiction of institutionalized education in *Hard Times*--Mr. M'Choakumchild's zealous mantra of

"fact, fact, fact"-- is as relevant now as it was in 1854. This short novel illustrates the problematic repercussions of an educational system built upon eradicating the imagination through rote learning, which for Dickens creates stagnation within the individual mind. This two session course will discuss Dickens's very brief novel *Hard Times*.

Free online editions of his novel are available from Google Books:

<https://books.google.com/books?id=03RFjIVjBoMC>.

Amazon has a Dover Thrift edition available for \$4.50 and a Kindle edition for \$0.99.

**Lecturer:** Beth Tressler, Assistant Professor of English, Quincy University

**February 11, 18**

**A Short History of the Russian Empire: From Czar Alexander to Vladimir Putin**

Thursdays, (two days) Fee-\$8

This course will explore the history of the Russian Empire beginning with the defeat of Napoleon, running through the Soviet era and collapse and ending with the return of Russian Imperialism under Vladimir Putin.

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

**February 16, 23**

**Plato's Phaedrus**

Tuesdays, (two days) Fee-\$8

Dialogue about love, memory, human dialogue, and the nature of the soul. The text for this course may be acquired from the following sources:

Online

<https://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/p/plato/p71phs/index.html>

Free Kindle version

<http://www.amazon.com/Phaedrus-Plato-ebook/dp/B0082S4TFO>

Paperback from Amazon

<http://www.amazon.com/Phaedrus-Plato/dp/1406831646>

**Lecturer:** Nikolaus Tressler, a lecturer in philosophy at Quincy University and instructor at John Wood Community College. Over the last 10 years, Nikolaus has taught over 100 courses in Illinois and Massachusetts including Introduction to Western Philosophy, Philosophy of Human Nature, Logic, and Ethics. He received a master's degree in Plato, Existentialism, and philosophy and literature.

**February 19**

**Social Media Engagement:  
From Birthdays to Emergency  
Management, How Social Media  
Platforms Connect the Local and  
Global Community**

Friday (one day) Fee-\$4

This lecture will explain basic social media platforms (Face book, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest) and how they are

used to gather news, collect information and connect with a community. Basic "getting started" tips will be provided as well as more sophisticated analysis of the effect of social media on ideas, causes and learning. The lecture will be interesting for both novice and advanced social media users.

**Lecturer:** Nora Baldner, Assistant Professor of Communication since Fall of 2014. Former News Director, KHQA TV, Quincy. Former news anchor, WGEM TV, Quincy. Emmy award winning journalist for Flood of '93 coverage in 1993. Nora holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from University of California, Davis and a Master's Degree in Journalism from University of Missouri, Columbia. She worked in broadcast news for 23 years and is now teaching multimedia journalism at Quincy University.

**February 25**

**Spiro Agnew and the Rise of the  
Republican Right**

Thursday, (one day) Fee-\$4

During the 1960s and 1970s, a battle raged within the Republican Party over the ideological direction of the GOP. By 1980, the conservatives had triumphed.

This talk will center on the role Spiro T. Agnew played in the transformation of the Republican Party. Agnew began his career as a moderate, but grew more conservative as time went on.

Elected vice president in 1968, Agnew became increasingly frustrated with many of President Richard Nixon's policies, which he believed were too liberal. By 1972, Agnew had become a hero to the right-wing, and he stood an excellent chance at becoming the Republican presidential nominee in 1976. Agnew's career came to a stunning end when he pleaded no contest to a criminal charge of tax evasion and resigned the vice presidency. Since Agnew's resignation in 1973, little has been written about him. But Agnew's story is important because his career helps show how the conservatives won the Republican Party.

**Lecturer:** Dr. Justin Coffey, Associate Professor of History, Quincy University

### February 26

#### Meet the Pollinators

Friday, (one day) Fee-\$4

The importance of pollinators has recently begun to be noticed by the general public. What is pollination? How did it evolve? What animals are pollinators? What can we do to help them? These and more questions will be answered in this presentation, which will feature many original color photographs and interesting commentary.

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

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at Quincy University's North  
Campus,  
18<sup>th</sup> & Seminary Road**

### March 1

#### Art Therapy

Tuesday, (one day) Fee-\$4

This presentation will explain art therapy, and how we learn to draw and why we stop drawing. The presentation will also address how an art therapist looks at art in a therapeutic environment and the benefits of art as we age.

**Lecturer:** Peggy Ballard, Adjunct Instructor of Art, Quincy University and Activities Therapist at the Illinois Veterans Home. She was previously employed at Chaddock as a cottage therapist for RAD residential youth, Transitions of Western Illinois as a therapist and Supervisor of Child and Adolescence Services. Before coming to Quincy, Peggy worked at Bridges & Turner Center for the Arts, an agency that served mentally and physically disabled adults in Maplewood, MO.

### March 18

#### African American Religious Traditions

Friday, (one day) Fee-\$4

This session will explore the religious experience of African Americans in the United States and demonstrate the ways the collective experience has been theologically articulated by black theologians representing Protestant and Roman Catholic religious traditions.

**Lecturer:** Rev. Dr. J. Derran Combs, O.F.M., Adjunct Lecturer of Theology at Quincy University. He received his

doctorate from the School of Religion and Religious Education at Fordham University in New York. His areas of expertise include adult religious education and Black Theology. He is one of the co-founders of the Augustus Tolton Honor Society at the University of St. Francis where he served as chaplain, and lectured in Theology. Father Combs is also on the summer faculty at Xavier University's Institute of Black Catholic Studies, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**March 29**

**Insects and Diseases in the Vegetable Garden**

Tuesday, (one day) Fee-\$4

There are many common insect and disease that occur in home vegetable gardens. Join Kari Houle as she walks you through identification and management of these common occurrences as well as other recommendations to minimize chances of plant stress.

**Lecturer:** Kari Houle, Extension Educator-Horticulture, Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike, and Schuyler Counties, University of Illinois Extension

**March 31**

**The Evolution of the Classroom: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow**

Thursday, (one day) Fee-\$4

Dr. Spitzer will revisit the school classroom and its evolution over time. From Socrates and sticks in the dirt to today's modern, technology-enriched

classroom, we'll explore the tools teachers have used and the spaces children and students have gathered to learn over the years. We'll prognosticate a bit and think about how a classroom of the future might look.

**Lecturer:** Dr. Bruce Spitzer, Associate Professor and Dean, School of Education, Quincy University

**April 1, 8**

**American Mirror: Sport and the Making of the Modern United States**

Fridays, (two days) Fee-\$8

If you want to learn about a people, you should focus on how and why they play. Throughout American history, sport has been an important endeavor for people of different races, genders, and class backgrounds and in the past several decades has become increasingly important to historians as well. The development of formal and informal forms of sport has always been determined by larger changes-- economic, social, and political-- occurring in America as a whole. Ever fascinating, sometimes surprising, and definitely entertaining, studying the origins and changes over time in sports such as baseball, boxing, football, and basketball thus provides fresh insight into the larger ebb and flow of American history.

**Lecturer:** Dr. Scott Giltner, Associate Professor of History and Director of Experiential Learning at Culver-Stockton College. Dr. Giltner is an

environmental and sport historian interested in the intersection of race and subsistence, particularly in post-emancipation societies. He is also the author of *Hunting and Fishing in the New South: Black Labor and White Leisure after the Civil War* and has presented at numerous regional and national conferences.

April 6, 13

**I [don't] hate the Puritans: A Study of Hawthorne's Short Fiction**

Wednesdays, (two days) Fee-\$8

This two session course will explore how Hawthorne used the short story form to explore the history, psychology, and gender dynamics of Puritan New England.

**Lecturer:** Dr. Michael Keller, Assistant Professor of English, Quincy University, where he teaches courses in American literature and rhetoric. His research focuses on the interaction between literary form and religious practice in nineteenth-century American literature. He earned his Bachelors of Arts in English from Wheaton College and a Master of Arts in English from Northern Illinois University. He defended his dissertation, *The Pulpit's Muse: Conversive Poetics in the American Renaissance*, in July of 2015 at Marquette University.

April 7

**Reading the Bible Again for the First Time**

Thursday, (one day) Fee-\$4

The Books of Job and Ecclesiastes.

**Lecturer:** Dr. Leonard Biallas,

Distinguished Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, Emeritus, Quincy University

April 12

**A Brief History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

Tuesday, (one day), Fee-\$4

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a frequent issue in the headlines. But the seeds of the conflict pre-date the 1948 establishment of the Jewish State and must be understood against the background of the entire region. We'll look at maps and time lines and consider the matter of Palestinian refugees and Israeli "settlements." Context is essential to understanding the situation and future prospects for peace.

**Lecturer:** Rabbi Michael Datz, Spiritual leader of Temple B'rith Sholom, Springfield, Illinois. After ordination and graduating from Rice University, University of Houston School of Law, and Cincinnati's Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Rabbi Datz served congregations in Johannesburg, South Africa and Curacao. He has served on boards of Central Illinois Food-bank, the Springfield Board of Community Relations, the Greater Springfield Interfaith Association, and the Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield. Rabbi Datz is an occasional contributor to the local newspaper, and outspoken advocate for Israel, and has had a short story published in Jewish Humor for Kids

by Pitspopany Press.

April 14

**Why So Many Books About Lincoln (C 18,000 Plus)**

Thursday, (one day) Fee-\$4

This course will present four books which should illustrate how distinctive themes in the Lincoln story are addressed. The four books are: *Father Abraham* (Striner); *Lincoln's Sword* (Wilson); *Tried by War* (McPherson); and *An Ethical Biography* (Miller). As the class proceeds, questions and comments are encouraged rather than have the traditional questions and answers at the end of the presentation.

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

April 15

**The Big Band Era: Jazz Music from the 1920s-1940s**

Friday, (one day), Fee-\$4

This session will be a look inside the driving factors that led to the emergence of Big Band Music, the composers and bands of the time, musical characteristics of the musical style, and factors that led to the end of the era.

**Lecturer:** Dr. Christine Damm, Assistant Professor of Music, Quincy University

April 21, 28

**Comets**

Thursdays, (two days) Fee-\$8

This class will allow you to ask several questions you may have about comets. What is a comet? How does a comet develop a coma and a tail? What are the characteristics of cometary orbits? Famous comets of historical importance and what made them so will be discussed and the importance of Halley's comet and ancient cometary records. We will consider whether or not the Star of Bethlehem was a great comet.

**Lecturer:** Gerald Collins received his BSEE from the University of Illinois in 1963 and MSEE from the Florida Institute of Technology in 1969. He was employed first as an antenna design engineer at Radiation Incorporated (now Harris Corporation) in Melbourne, FL. Mr. Collins moved to Quincy, IL in 1975 to manage the antenna operations at the Gates Radio division of Harris Corp. Later, he was director of TV product development and led the development of the first generation of high definition TV transmitters. He retired from Harris in 1998.

April 22, 29

**American Sign Language Basics**

Fridays, (two days) Fee-\$8

Learn the history and origins of America Sign Language, a bit of Deaf culture, and some basic signs through lecture, "hands up" practice and games. Handouts given and resources for further learning will be provided.

**Lecturer:** Jane Meirose is a certified



sign language interpreter for over 20 years and has been the Director of Quincy University's interpreting BA program for seven years.

April 26

**Jefferson City Bus Tour**

Tuesday, (one day) Fee-\$40 for members, \$55 for non-members

POLIS is sponsoring a day trip to the Missouri State Capitol complex in Jefferson City, Missouri. A late morning guided tour of the Missouri State Museum will include the Benton Murals, which are on display throughout the building and various exhibit galleries depicting the cultural and natural history of the Show Me State.

After lunch, an afternoon tour of the Jefferson Landing State Historical Site will allow you to see for yourself what this 19<sup>th</sup> Century riverboat landing provided to early European immigrants navigating the waters of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers in search of a new life.

The tour fee is \$40 for members and \$55 for non-members. Lunch is not included in the cost of the tour. The bus should return to Quincy by 5:30 p.m.

**Facilitator:** Dan Tanna

April 27

**Prison Ministry in Illinois Corrections**

Wednesday, (one day) Fee \$4

1. What is prison ministry in today's correctional Institutions?
2. Why should communities be involved

in these programs?

3. Who should be involved in program delivery, and outreach?
4. Experiences within Illinois prison walls.
5. How to get involved, and will it make a difference?
6. Questions and Discussion

**Lecturer:** Joe Miller began his work with the Peoria Diocese's prison ministry program at Lincoln Prison in 1996. In 1998 he joined the Faith, Hope, and Love Prison Ministry based in Peoria, Illinois, as well as continuing with the Diocese's outreach and has served on teams in high security facilities at Statesville and Pontiac; medium security prisons at Sheridan, Pontiac Farm, Illinois River, Big Mudd; and the women's facilities at Dwight and Logan.

May 6

**Annual Meeting and End of the Year Party in Room 114-D**

Please join us as we will review the year and look forward to the next year. After the meeting, refreshments will be served while members have an opportunity to visit with fellow members.

***POLIS sustains a Scholarship for Quincy University students and has contributed \$45,320 to date. Personal donations to the Scholarship are welcome.***

**POLIS SPRING 2016 COURSE CALENDAR**

**JANUARY 2016**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
10	11	12	13 Registration 2-4pm	14 Registration 2-4pm	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King	19	20	21	22 Palmer	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Strudwick	30

**FEBRUARY 2016**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2	3	4	5 B. Tressler	6
7	8	9	10	11 Hotle	12 B. Tressler	13
14	15	16 N. Tressler	17	18 Hotle	19 Baldner	20
21	22	23 N. Tressler	24	25 Coffey	26 Coelho	27

**MARCH 2016**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	1 Ballard	2	3	4	5 Spring Break
6 Spring Break	7 Spring Break	8 Spring Break	9 Spring Break	10 Spring Break	11 Spring Break	12 Spring Break
13 Spring Break	14	15	16	17	18 Combs	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Easter Break	26 Easter Break
27 Easter Break	28	29 Houle	30	31 Spitzer		

**APRIL 2016**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Giltner	2
3	4	5	6 Keller	7 Biallas	8 Giltner	9
10	11	12 Datz	13 Keller	14 Costigan	15 Damm	16
17	18	19	20	21 Collins	22 Meirose	23
24	25	26 Bus Tour- Jefferson City	27 Miller	28 Collins	29 Meirose	30

**MAY 2016**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6 Annual Meeting/End of the Year Party	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

**Registration for POLIS Spring Classes  
January 13 and 14, 2016**

www.quincy.edu/academics/community/outreach

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Mobile Phone:</b>
<b>City, State:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
<b>Zip:</b>	

Course	Date(s)	Lecturer	Fee	Enroll
Exclusionary Rule in the Criminal Justice System-Purpose, Policy & Practice	Jan 22	Palmer	\$4	
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Prison Ministry in Illinois Corrections	April 27	Miller	\$4	
Registration for new Members-(this semester only)			\$15.00	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				

**Registration Options:** Mail: POLIS, Quincy University, 1800 College Ave, Quincy IL 62301, Telephone: 217-228-5594, Email: Polis@quincy.edu, In person: Sept 13 or 14, 2:00-4:00 PM, in the POLIS office, Rm. 122-D or the Conference room at the entrance of Quincy University's North Campus, 18<sup>th</sup> & Seminary Rd.