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2001

Winter Course Offerings

January 8 - February 16



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WINTER 2001 SCHEDULE

	<u>10:30 AM - NOON</u>	<u>1:30 PM - 3:00 PM</u>
MONDAY	Mock Trials	Genetics
TUESDAY	Music & The Unconscious	Jazz
WEDNESDAY	Headlines	Renewable Energy
THURSDAY	Robert Frost	Shakespeare
FRIDAY	Central Europe	

ALL CLASSES HELD AT THE QUALITY INN, ROUTE 7, LENOX.

Cancellation of classes due to snow: call the Quality Inn, 413-637-4244.

SPECIAL EVENTS

December 8: WAMC Media Project with Alan Chartok

January 7: Annual New Year's Brunch, Country Club of Pittsfield

January 17 or 24: American Museum of Natural History and Rose Planetarium, New York City

March 29: Hyde Park and Valkill

Flyers with detailed descriptions of each Special Event will be mailed to members.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Film Club: (December through March at BCC in K111, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

January: *The Man Who Would Be King*. (Date announced on flyer)

February: *Adam's Rib*. (Date announced on flyer)

Book Discussion Group: (September through February, 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM.

January and February sessions at the Quality Inn.)

Wednesday, January 17: **Carole Owens**, *Trent's Last Case* by E.C. Bentley.

Wednesday, February 21: **Carol Sabot**, *Stick* by Elmore Leonard.

If you wish to attend individual sessions of the Film Club or the Book Discussion Group and have not signed up by flyer, please call the BILL office at 499-4660, ext. 456.

B.I.L.L. CATALOG Editor: Ilse Browner

B.I.L.L. Course Registration _____

BILL OFFICE-BCC _____

Courses are for members only. If you are not yet a member, please include a check for \$30 for a one-year membership in addition to course fees. If you have any questions, please call (413) 499-4660, Ext. 456.

NAME _____ DAY PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ FAX _____

WINTER ADDRESS _____ DATES _____

COURSE SELECTIONS: In the spaces provided, indicate the number and name of the courses for which you would like to register. Courses will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis: please provide us with alternate selections.

FEES: \$25 for one course.

If you pay for 2 courses, you may register for a 3rd course at no additional cost.

If you pay for 3 courses, you may register for 2 more courses at no additional cost.

COURSE NUMBER & NAME:

1. _____ 6. _____

2. _____ 7. _____

3. _____ ALTERNATE COURSE NUMBER & NAME:

4. _____ 1. _____

5. _____ 2. _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION: To register, mail this form along with your check to:
B.I.L.L., Berkshire Community College, 1350 West Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201-5786.

I am enclosing my check made out to B.I.L.L. for _____ courses: \$ _____

Plus \$30* (I am not yet a B.I.L.L. member): \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

You will receive confirmations as well as reading lists. Required texts are normally in paperback form and can be obtained through many local bookshops.

ALL CLASSES AND SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. B.I.L.L. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LIMIT CLASS/SPECIAL EVENT SIZE AND TO CANCEL ANY COURSE/SPECIAL EVENT IF REGISTRATION IS INSUFFICIENT.

* Annual dues are tax deductible.

We Want to Know Our Members _____

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET FILLED OUT ANY QUESTIONNAIRE, PLEASE DO SO NOW!

NAME _____ DAY PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT BILL?

EDUCATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN WHICH I COULD:

- Moderate a Discussion Course
- Teach a Course (Name subject)

COMMITTEES OR SUBCOMMITTEES ON WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE:

- CURRICULUM (selecting and implementing the courses presented each semester)
Choose one or more: Social Studies Science Literature The Arts
- CLASS MANAGEMENT (overseeing class needs one day a week)
- MEMBERSHIP (old and new member outreach)
- SPECIAL EVENTS (planning and organizing day trips and special functions)
- FINANCE (handling monies, billing and bookkeeping)
- B.I.L.L.BOARD (writing articles, editing, proofreading)
- CATALOG (editing, supervising production)
- PUBLIC RELATIONS (communicating with media and community)
- MEDIA (making videos of courses and events)
- COMPUTER (expert in Excel and Access)

DO YOU HAVE SKILLS THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL? Please circle as many as apply.

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| Accounting | A/V Equipment | Data Entry | Desktop Publishing | Finances |
| Office Work | Public Relations | Video Taping | Writing or Editing | Other (specify): |

**M101
MOCK TRIALS**

Mondays
10:30 AM - NOON

Jan 8, 15, 22, 29
Feb 5, 12

Everyone will be participating either as a juror, witness, litigant, spectator or court personnel in cases involving domestic relations, custody of children, contempt, abuse petition or will contests. Judge Sacco will preside.

Rudolph A. Sacco, B.S., Boston College, L.L.B., Suffolk University Law School. Retired judge in the Probate and Family Court of Massachusetts; former Assistant Attorney General and Commissioner in the Department of Public Utilities among many other appointments.

**M102
HUMANITY:
The Next Generation:
a Genetic Point of View**

Mondays
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Jan 8, 15, 22, 29
Feb 5, 12

This course will explore recent progress in human genetic, reproductive, and developmental technologies. We'll learn about and discuss the science as well as the social controversies associated with the Human Genome Project, genetic screening, gene therapy, human embryo manipulation, and assisted-reproduction technologies. What advances capture our imaginations? Which ones make us shudder? What are the social, economic, legal, and ethical implications of "designing" our children, learning our own genetic make-up, or cloning ourselves?

Marsha Altschuler, B.S. University of Rochester; Ph.D. in Genetics, Indiana University; Associate Professor of Biology at Williams College. Has done genetics research at Cornell University (Ithaca), Washington University (St. Louis), and at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (Seattle).

Suggested Reading:

Simon Mawer, *Mendel's Dwarf*

Matt Ridley, *Genome: The Autobiography of a Species in 23 Chapters*

Also browse at the DNA Learning Center site at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory:

<http://vector.cshl.org/>

**T101
MUSIC AND THE
UNCONSCIOUS**

Tuesdays
10:30 AM - NOON

Jan 9, 16, 23, 30
(Four sessions only)

Music is an archetypal phenomenon arising from the collective unconscious; as such, it surrounds us. What kind of music do you listen to and do you know why and how it affects you? What were your early experiences that molded your musical taste? These questions and many more will be explored in this series of listening and reacting. Though we will concentrate on classical music, questions and concerns in other areas will be addressed.

Barbara M. Bliss, a Jungian analyst, retired from active practice, holds degrees in music and was a teacher of singers for many years.

Limited to 25 students.

**T102
JAZZ: Its Sounds,
Evolution and Artists**

Tuesdays
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Jan 9, 16, 23, 30
Feb 6, 13

Jazz, a unique American art form, is a work in progress. From its origins around the beginning of the 20th century, it has evolved into a variegated music of great beauty and interest. The course will explore its beginnings, development and present status. Its format will be mostly a listening experience rather than a lecture.

Karl Easton, a retired psychiatrist, is a Jazz trumpet player.

W101

TODAY'S HEADLINES:

News of the Week

Wednesdays

10:30 AM - NOON

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31,
Feb 7, 14

Here is your opportunity to join a free-wheeling discussion of today's issues in the local and national newspapers and magazines.

MODERATOR: James W. Cotter, B.S.E.E., U. Mass., describes himself as a news junkie. He is retired from the Ordnance Department of G.E. and its successor companies after 38 years of service.

W102

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Wednesdays

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31
Feb 7, 14

Enthusiasm for renewable energy sources such as solar and hydro waxed high in the 70's but waned as oil became cheaper again and renewables seemed impractical. Some research has continued, however, off the front pages but nevertheless promising. Now crude oil prices have increased dramatically and Americans are again interested in "free" renewable energy. Specialists will report on progress in their fields giving us both the bad—and some very good—news.

Jan 10. Introduction—Renewable Energy Alternatives

Peter Berle, a graduate of Harvard and Harvard Law, current host and director of "The Environment Show" carried by more than 200 public radio and ABC Network stations, and by Voice of America, has been involved for three decades with environmental issues from Alaska to the Adirondacks. He is the former President of the National Audubon Society, an adjunct professor of environmental law and a current member of the Joint Public Advisory Committee for environmental issues under NAFTA. He is a member of the bar in New York, NY Federal District Court and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Jan 17. Hydro Power—A Proven Technology

Christopher Hocker, B.A., Stanford University. Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs, for CHI Energy, Inc. of Stamford, Connecticut, has 16 years experience in the hydro and energy-related field. Serves as president of the National Hydropower Association, a national trade association representing a majority of non-federal hydro owners in the U.S., and has written numerous articles on hydro and energy-related topics.

Jan 24. Biomass—Recovering Energy

Averill Cook, B.S., University of Vermont in Environmental Studies; graduate studies, University of Mass in Alternative Energies. Owner and President, Catamount Pellet Fuel Corp., Adams, MA and President, Pellet Fuels Institute, Arlington, VA.

Jan 31. Solar and Geothermal Heating

Paul C. Ross, President, Paul Ross Associates, Inc., Northampton, MA. Manufacturing Agent Viessmann Manufacturing, a manufacturer of active solar systems, is trained in the design and layout of these systems.

Feb 7. Wind Energy—A Project in the Berkshires

William F. Sheperdson, Consultant to Berkshire Windpower L.L.C. in developing a 25 megawatt wind energy project on Brodie Mountain. Formerly Director of Public Affairs for U.S. Generating Company and prior to that Manager of Communications for New England Power Pool.

Feb 14. Photovoltaics—A Viable Emerging Technology

Christopher Derby Kilfoyle, owner and founder of BPVS, Berkshire Photovoltaic Services, specializing in energy efficiency and photovoltaic installations, serves presently on the Technical Education Committee of the New England Solar Energy Industries Association and on the Board of Directors of Renewable Energy Vermont and was a founding member of Northern Berkshire Habitat for Humanity.

T101
ROBERT FROST:
Yankee Grit, Grace
and Gift

Thursdays
 10:30 AM - NOON

Jan 11, 25
 Feb 1, 8, 15
 (No class Jan 18.
 Five sessions only)

Robert Frost—the cerebral loner whose genius was to speak profound truth in the simplest words. We will delight in the poetry and grow wiser from the heart of it. And we will try to know the poet who has “a lover’s quarrel with the world.”

Diane Hitter, B.A., St. Joseph’s College, NY; M.S., Brooklyn College. Retired teacher, Teacher of the Year 1987, recipient of the New York City Administrative Women in Education Award 1989, member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, interpreter at Herman Melville’s Arrowhead in Pittsfield.

Suggested Reading:

The Poetry of Robert Frost, Edward Lathem, ed.
Robert Frost’s Poems (Anthology), Untermeyer Commentary

TH102
BRUSH UP YOUR
SHAKESPEARE

Thursdays
 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Jan 11, 18, 25
 Feb 1, 8, 15

At this peer seminar, I will present two plays, *As You Like It* and *The Tempest* which we will read and discuss. Members of the class will be asked to select a scene or two to read aloud and then to lead a discussion of the material covering theme, character, historical background, etc. Members should expect to spend about two hours to prepare their presentations. Emphasis will be on reading aloud with everyone participating.

Dorothy Rowe, Antioch College, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. Taught in the Pittsfield Public Schools for many years and now lectures on Local History.

Required Reading:

William Shakespeare, *As You Like It* and *The Tempest*.

Limited to 18 students.

F101
CENTRAL EUROPE
SINCE WORLD WAR I

Fridays
 10:30 - NOON

Jan 12, 19, 26
 Feb 2, 9, 16

Central Europe underwent major political realignment after World War I because of the Versailles Treaty. The newly created countries suffered severely under the Nazi invasions, and then fell under Russian domination at the end of World War II, ending up with communist governments. These countries played key roles in ending the Cold War and most have become democracies with greater or lesser success. The course of these histories will be discussed.

Jan Wiener, author and teacher, is on the staff of the Outdoor Fitness Department at Canyon Ranch. Of Czech origin, he returns to Prague each fall to teach at Charles University. During WW II, he fled the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia, but was captured in Italy and placed in a camp for political prisoners. He escaped and joined the Free Czech Forces in the RAF. After the war, he taught English in Prague until the Communist coup d’etat in 1948. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1965 and taught modern European history at the former Windsor Mountain School in Lenox, the Verde Valley School in Sedona, Arizona, and in Germany for 4-5 years. He has lectured extensively on modern central European history at various institutions including Williams College.

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