ALLIANCE FOR CONTINUED LEARNING

2020 Spring Class Schedule
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Membership cost for the Spring 2020 session is $45.00 per person until March 17. After March 17, membership will be $50.00. Membership cost covers all fall session classes offered by the Alliance for Continued Learning. Some field trips during the session may require additional fees. Call the Office of Professional Development at 423-439-8084 for more information.

Unless otherwise notified, all classes will meet 10:00 to noon, at the Conference Room in Food City, 920 North State of Franklin Road. Turn right as you go into the store. You will find stairs or an elevator to the second floor. Please wear a sweater or jacket to the meetings. If ETSU is closed due to inclement weather, ACL will not meet.

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Registration Form
Spring 2020 Alliance for Continued Learning

Please complete and return form with payment to: ETSU Office of Professional Development
P.O. Box 70559
Johnson City, TN 37614-1707

Or, go to etsu.edu/professionaldevelopment and click ACL.

Name: _______________________________________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________________________________
City: ________________________ State: ________________ Zip: ________________
Phone: (____)___________________
E-mail address: ________________________________________________________________

_______ I (we) will attend the opening day continental breakfast
_______ I have enclosed a check for the $45/person membership fee, made payable to ETSU. After 3/17/2020, this fee will be $50 / person

_______ Total included.

In accordance with ETSU policies, use this link to pay with a credit card: etsu.edu/aclregistration
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2020 Spring Schedule

Tuesday, March 24

9:30 a.m.-Upstairs Conference Room: Registration/Reception
10:00 a.m.-Julia Taupin, Director, Johnson City Public Library
Johnson City Public Libray: Past, Present, and Future
Julia Turpin completed a BA in English from the University of Louisville and a Masters of Library and Information Science from the University of Kentucky. Before beginning work as the director of the Johnson City Public Library in August 2018, Julia led the Taylor County Public Library in Campbellsville, KY, and the Wilkes County Public Library in North Wilkesboro, NC.

11:00 a.m.-Jonesborough Novelty Band
The Jonesborough Novelty Band has been leading sing-alongs in East Tennessee since 1992. You may have heard them at festivals, schools, churches, parties - any place where folks are having a good time. The band donates most of the proceeds from their performances to support the efforts of Habitat for Humanity. To date, they have raised more than $52,000

Thursday, March 26

Jeff Marek--East Africa – Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda & Rwanda
Marek grew up “in an adventure” on a sisal plantation on the north coast of the Republic of Haiti. After living there 14 years, he moved to Rolla, Missouri in 1964.

He graduated from Bucknell University with a Mechanical Engineering degree and has a Contractor’s and Professional Engineer’s License. He lived 18 years out of the United States as an expatriate. He has lived in Haiti, Singapore, China, India, US (New Hampshire, Iowa, Cape Cod, Nantucket, Missouri, Pennsylvania, NY, Florida, & The “State of Upper East Tennessee”).

Tuesday, March 31

Connie Deegan – Snakes of Northeast Tennessee
You either like them or you don't, but regardless of what side of the fence you are on, you would probably like to know more. Enjoy a local herpetologist's story who specializes in native snake species and who clearly appreciates this amazing animal. Find out how to tell the difference between a venomous and non-venomous species from a distance and learn the truth about snake bites in our part of the country. Connie Deegan is the naturalist for the City of Johnson City, an adjunct professor at ETSU, and a motorcycle instructor for the state of TN.
Thursday, April 2
Dr. Stephen Fritz—The First Soldier: Hitler as Military Leader
Was Hitler the bumbling military leader of myth and legend, a man whose erratic decision-making cost Germany the war? In this talk, Stephen Fritz will subject this notion to further scrutiny. Dispelling the notion that Hitler's strategy was inadequate and ill-informed, Fritz will show how it could be considered rational, coherent, and competent. Fritz holds a PhD from the University of Illinois. He has been at ETSU since 1984 as a professor of European and German history and has published four books on Hitler and World War II.

Tuesday, April 7
Rhonda Paulson—Isaiah 117 House: Being Part of the Solution
This session will take a closer look at removal of children from their homes, day care, foster care, and the Department of Children Services. Rhonda Paulson, founder and executive director of the Isaiah House, graduated from Milligan College with degrees in biology and education.

Thursday, April 9
Deb Fogel—Keep Moving for Your Health
Deb Fogel will discuss the health benefits of keeping active as we age including exercise guidelines for the healthy senior and those with chronic health issues as well as ways to sneak exercise and movement into your daily routine. An interactive movement for audience participation will also be included.

Fogel is a Certified and Licensed (TN) Athletic Trainer with an MA in Physical Education from ETSU; BA in Health and Physical Education from Bridgewater College. She was an Assistant Trainer at ETSU for 8 years and has spent 30+ years in the field of Wellness. She is presently Senior Services Manager at Johnson City Senior Center.
Tuesday, April 14

David Ramsey—Up On Rocky Fork: The uncommon power of common ground

David A. Ramsey's story of saving the Rocky Fork Watershed, the largest unprotected mountain tract in eastern America, is compelling. It is an extraordinary example of how passionate people, working together diligently despite their differences, can achieve something big and right and good for their community, region and nation. Ramsey is a regionally and nationally recognized outdoor photographer and writer from Unicoi, Tennessee, whose work is frequently published in the Johnson City Press. He has recently published a new book titled *Rocky Fork: Hidden Jewel of the Blue Ridge Wild.*

Thursday, April 16

David Hrivnak—Driving to Net 0—Stories of Hope for a Carbon Free Future

Learn how you can become an active part of a cleaner, greener future for our planet. Hrivnak will cover how he went from being an energy hog to an energy miser with many lessons you can apply in your own life. Hrivnak earned a BS in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research from Virginia Tech and an MBA from ETSU. He retired after 34 years with Eastman Chemical Company and now works part time for EcoLogical Solar.

Tuesday, April 21

Adam Dickson—Why Does Langston Centre Exist? An Understanding of "Separate but Equal"

Mr. Dickson's presentation will explore the role of race in American political development and identify the factors that led to the emergence of de jure segregation (aka Jim Crow). Dickson currently serves as Supervisor of the Langston Centre, a multicultural facility dedicated to promoting community arts, education, and leadership. Langston sits on the site of the former Langston High School, Johnson City, TN's black high school from 1893-1965. Dickson is also an Adjunct Instructor of Political Science at ETSU and Vice-Mayor for the Town of Jonesborough. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from Carson-Newman University and a Master of Public Administration from ETSU.
Thursday, April 23
Linda Good and Local Poets—Women Suffragists and Poetry
From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Linda Good will speak about the women’s suffrage movement.

From 11 to 12 noon, to celebrate National Poetry Month, local members of the Poetry Society of Tennessee-Northeast Branch will present their poems.

Tuesday, April 28
Tom Lee—Consuming America: The significance of consumerism to US History
Dr. Lee, Associate Professor of History at ETSU, is a native East Tennessean with degrees from ETSU, Wake Forest, and UT. His academic interests include consumerism, urbanization, and modernization.

Thursday, April 30
Bob Cantler—President/CEO of Johnson City Chamber of Commerce
Cantler, the new President/CEO of the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce, graduated from ETSU and lives in Johnson City with his wife, Dianna, who is the director of the JC Downtown Development.