

Schedule

Location

Free
Lecture
Series

2017-2018 Community Lecture Series

All lectures are held from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
at the Portage County Public Library
in the Pinery Room

September 12, 2017 6:30 p.m.
The Opioid Epidemic in the U.S. and Wisconsin
Sue Bailey (Sociology and Social Work)

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Field Guide Art
Justin Sipiorski (Biology)

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Rebecca Stephens (English)

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The Morality of Drone Warfare
David Chan (Philosophy)

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Building Connections: The Connections Project
Erica Ringelspaugh and David Roloff (English)

May 8, 2018 6:30 p.m.
The Modern Age of Space Exploration
Adriana Durbala (Physics and Astronomy)

All lectures take place at:

Portage County Public Library
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Welcome to the Community Lecture Series! The UW-Stevens Point College of Letters and Sciences is proud to offer this sampling of expertise and talent from our faculty and staff. We cordially invite you to attend one or more of these free lectures!

Since 2008, the Community Lecture Series has been a great way for our College to promote dialogue and life-long learning in Stevens Point. We're proud of the knowledgeable and dedicated scholars who come from throughout the U.S. and the world to make Central Wisconsin their home.

What better way could there be to meet them and hear what makes them such passionate teachers?

Whatever your interests may be, we trust that these lectures will inspire, engage and even challenge us all to see the world around us from new perspectives.

Come join us and see what UWSP has to offer!



Sincerely,

Eric Yonke, Ph.D.
Interim Dean,
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The Opioid Epidemic in the U.S. and Wisconsin

September 12, 2017 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library

Sue Bailey (Sociology and Social Work)



This presentation will summarize the current information about the opioid epidemic nationally and locally. Some of the reasons behind the epidemic will be discussed as well as some of the programs intended to control it.

The Art, Science and Philosophy of Field Guide Illustration

October 10, 2017 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library

Justin Sipiorski (Biology)



Scientists and philosophers have grappled with the biological concepts of species for millennia. Field guides rely nearly exclusively upon essentialist notions and ancient ideas to convey similarities and differences among natural kinds of organisms to their users. This will be a discussion of the artistry, technical challenges and scientific and philosophical constraints pervading the process of rendering field guide illustrations.

Planning and Public Interest in a Developing Country

November 14, 2017 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library

Ismaila Odogba (Geography and Geology)



In western democracies, the median voter model serves as the basis for determining the public interest and the direction of public policy. The actions or decisions of urban planners are in the interest of the public; planners promote the quality of life as a public interest taking into consideration the input of citizens. Planning in Nigeria is institutionally inconsistent with little to no public participation and a strong emphasis on government as opposed to governance. This discussion explores urban planning and citizen involvement in Nigeria by providing insights into the planning process framework.

Witchcraft and Witch Hunts in Literature

December 12, 2017 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library

Rebecca Stephens (English)



From Shakespeare's Macbeth to J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter, witchcraft has been a popular motif in literature, but why is the witch such an enduring figure? One explanation explored in this discussion is the connection between depictions of witchcraft and the social fears of the cultures that surround a selection of literary texts.

Data Analytics

February 13, 2018 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library

Tim Krause (Computing and New Media Technologies)



We increasingly live in a world where we're surrounded, influenced and persuaded by data. How do we understand what we can do ethically with data from a variety of sources? How can we think about using data not just in business but in our day-to-day lives?

The Morality of Drone Warfare

March 13, 2018 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library



David Chan (Philosophy)

The American use of drones to strike at terrorism suspects outside of war zones is controversial and troubling to ethicists of war. Apart from its questionable legality, this unprecedented method of fighting challenges traditional moral assumptions about warfare.

Building Connections: The Connections Project

April 10, 2018 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library

Erica Ringelspaugh and David Roloff (English)



Bringing together high school students from diverse backgrounds and varied schools across the state, the Connections Project uses online literature circles and school visits to help students realize just how much they have in common with each other and with the

university. This lecture will overview the program and explore the ways in which students, pre-service English teachers, high school educators and university faculty all benefit from the connections the project nurtures.

The Modern Age of Space Exploration

May 8, 2018 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library

Adriana Durbala (Physics and Astronomy)



In modern times, people have dramatically expanded their motivation for space exploration far beyond the genuine curiosity to understand the heavens. Humans included economic justifications and even the need to find other worlds suitable for future colonization.