

LIFELONG LEARNING LECTURE SERIES



WINTER/SPRING 2022



This free **Thursday 7pm** lecture series **via Zoom** is a partnership between Framingham State University (FSU) and Framingham Public Library. If you have not registered before, go to bit.ly/FPL-Lifelong-Learning-Lectures to join our mailing list and to receive the Zoom link for lectures.

◆ **January 20 – A President Like No Other: Andrew Jackson**

Guest Speaker: *Dr. David Smailes, Associate Professor of Political Science and Program Coordinator, Master of Public Administration, FSU*

Andrew Jackson was arguably one of the most controversial figures of his day. Join us to hear what made Jackson's presidency different, why his legacy continues to shape the presidency today, and why such diverse figures as Franklin Roosevelt and Donald Trump found inspiration from Jackson for their own presidencies.

◆ **January 27 – Tina Turner**

Guest Speaker: *Tim Riley, Associate Professor of Journalism, Emerson College*

Tina Turner always played out a magical twist on rock's energies: a female empowering herself through a boys' club; a young person who sounded mature before the age of 20; and an independent female whose alliances with rock royalty never clouded her fierce female vantage. Tim Riley shares his vision of Tina and how getting constantly underrated only fueled her vast ambition.

◆ **February 3 – A Bright Future Ahead!**

Guest Speaker: *Dr. Jessica Roscio, Director and Curator, Danforth Art Museum at FSU*

Come hear what makes the Danforth Art Museum's galleries and collections so special. Join Museum Director and Curator Jessica Roscio for a talk about the treasures of the collection; rotating exhibitions of contemporary, regional artists; and their commitment to serving the FSU, Framingham, and Greater Boston community.

◆ **February 10 – Humor in Contemporary American Poetry**

Guest Speaker: *Dr. Rachel Trousdale, Associate Professor of English, FSU*

How can laughter bring us together, keep us apart, and change our understanding of the world? This lecture looks at the ways contemporary poets like Cathy Park Hong and Jamaal May use humor to challenge us to rethink our definitions of art, of selfhood, and of community.

◆ **February 24 – Moments That Matter in the Learning and Development of Children: Reflections from Educators**

Guest Speaker: *Dr. Kelly Ann Kolodny, Professor of Education and Program Chair for Child and Family Studies, FSU*

Dr. Kolodny discusses her recent book, which explores pre-school to 12th grade teachers and administrators insights about moments that matter in the learning and development of children. This talk examines the diverse conceptions of moments that matter, the timing of them, and how they may unfold between young people and their educators.

◆ **March 3 – Jaune Quick-to-See Smith**

Guest Speaker: *Dr. Erika Schneider, Associate Professor of Art History, FSU*

Join Dr. Schneider for a lecture that examines how artist Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Nation and an FSU Alum (BA '76), and other contemporary Native American artists address history and identity.

◆ **March 31 – Walking: Keeping Company with Literature's Most Obsessive Pedestrians**

Guest Speaker: *Dr. Helen Heineman, President Emerita, FSU*

Writing and walking have always shared an association. In this lecture, follow a number of authors and their fictional characters—from Wordsworth and Dickens to Thoreau—on their excursions and explore the relationship between walking and literary composition.

◆ **May 5 – Watergate: 50 Years Later**

Guest Speaker: *Dr. Dan Breen, Senior Lecturer in Legal Studies, Brandeis University*

The Watergate break-in of June 1972 sparked the greatest political scandal in American history. How did a "second rate burglary" lead to the resignation of Richard Nixon less than two years after winning re-election in a historic landslide?