

# LIFELONG LEARNING LECTURE SERIES



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This free **Thursday night 7:00pm** lecture series is a partnership of Framingham State University (FSU) and Framingham Public Library (FPL). The series is sponsored in part by a grant from Constellation, an Exelon Company. Visit [www.framinghamlibrary.org](http://www.framinghamlibrary.org) for lecture locations.



## ◆ February 11 – The Rime of the Ancient Mariner (1798) by Samuel Taylor Coleridge

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. Helen Heineman, *President Emerita, FSU*

This poetic morality tale, with its great and enchanting verse, has a lesson for all of humanity.

## ◆ February 18 – Cabaret Germany: Society and Culture in the Weimar Republic (1919-1930)

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. John Heineman, *Professor Emeritus, Boston College*

A richly-illustrated lecture on the German Republic, analyzing the role of cultural innovations in art, music and literature.

## ◆ February 25 – The Founders Were Not Cowards: Louis Brandeis and Freedom of Speech

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. Dan Breen, *Lecturer, Brandeis*

This year celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the nomination of Louis Brandeis to the Supreme Court.

## ◆ March 3 – Lights, Camera, Acting: The History of American Film Acting

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. Claudia Springer, *Associate Professor, FSU*, and Julie Levinson, *Professor, Babson College*

Movie actors enthrall us with performances that appear effortless, but are actually carefully crafted. Join the authors of a new book on film acting, to explore the fascinating behind-the-scenes history.

## ◆ March 10 – Politics, Propaganda, and the Party-Line: The Grimm Brothers in German History

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. Laura Bohn Case, *Visiting Assistant Professor, Wheaton College*

The connection of the Grimm fairy tales to German history – from the 19<sup>th</sup> century through contemporary German culture.

## ◆ March 17 – Are Kids Becoming Meaner? An Up-close Look at Cyberbullying and Suicide

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. Ira Silver, *Professor, FSU*

This presentation looks at recently publicized cases of cyberbullying, exploring current data on today's adolescent experience.

## ◆ March 24 – Hail to the Chief: The Creation of the American Presidency

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. Gary Hylander, *Visiting Professor, FSU*

Unanimously elected the nation's first president, Washington was well aware of his unique position. "I walk," he wrote, "on untrodden ground."

## ◆ March 31 – Children and Schooling in the Twenty-first Century in the United States

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. Kelly Ann Kolodny, *Professor, FSU*

This talk provides a broad overview of the contexts of our nation's schooling in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Geographic settings, economic realities, and accountability measures will be addressed during the talk.

## ◆ April 7 – In the Footsteps of Vincent Van Gogh

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. Erika Schneider, *Associate Professor*

Although he was born in the Netherlands, Van Gogh traveled throughout France during his short painting career and immortalized these sites in his paintings. Join Professor Schneider on a pilgrimage to Arles, St. Remy, and Auvers-sur-Oise to visit these pivotal places and to discuss the impact of the settings on his work.

## ◆ April 14 – Common Carrier: The Post Office in American Life

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. Joseph Adelman, *Assistant Professor, FSU*

An examination of the role of the Post Office as both a civic institution and a revenue-generating business enterprise.

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