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FAU Jupiter's Lifelong Learning Society Announces Winter 2015 Course Schedule

JUPITER, Fla. (December 8, 2014) – Florida Atlantic University has announced the Lifelong Learning Society Jupiter course offerings for the winter 2015 semester, which begins Monday, Jan. 5, 2015.

Taught by FAU professors and distinguished guest lecturers, course offerings include such varied subjects as foreign policy, political science, film, music, art history and literature. The Lifelong Learning Society was established to provide adults of all ages the opportunity to enrich their lives through non-credit, university-level courses with no homework or tests.

Winter one-time lectures and courses take place in the Lifelong Learning Society complex, 5353 Parkside Dr., John D. MacArthur Campus in Jupiter, and include:

- “Edward Snowden: Leaker, Traitor, Hero or Spy?” taught by James B. Bruce, Ph.D., a senior political scientist at the RAND Corporation and a member of the boards of directors of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers and the National Strategy Information Center. This lecture will highlight the tensions between privacy issues of individuals and security concerns that affect the safety of the nation.
- “Memory and Memorial: Music of the Holocaust,” taught by Heather Coltman, D.M.A., interim dean of the FAU Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters; Michael Klotz, violinist of the Amernet String Quartet at Florida International University; and Jason Calloway, a cellist of the Amernet String Quartet at Florida International University. This series of concerts remembers and honors the Holocaust through chamber music, which will be interspersed with background and contextual information and narrative readings.
- “Issues in American Politics,” taught by Kevin Wagner, Ph.D., an associate professor and director of graduate studies in the Department of Political Science within the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters at FAU. This lecture series will be a weekly overview of the political imagery, polling and partisanship of American politics.

- “Chekhov,” taught by Taylor Hagood, Ph.D., an associate professor of American literature at FAU. This course will center on a selection of Chekhov’s works in the context of his life and moment, but also with attention to his technical achievements.
- “Death of a President: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy,” taught by John C. Lawn, a retired administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration. He served under U.S. Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush and received The President’s Medal. This lecture will explore the events of the day that U.S. President Kennedy was assassinated and the background history of those individuals crucial to those events, with an additional review of more current scientific examination of that day.
- “The American Century: A Study in Three Aspects of the American Character-Caring, Exuberance and Invention,” taught by Benito Rakower, Ed.D., who received a doctorate in the teaching of English from Harvard University. The films in this series will range from the glory of Ancient Rome to the faded grandeur of the Deep South. Their unrivaled scope is an important element of America’s cultural vitality and renewal.

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The Lifelong Learning Society at FAU Jupiter is dedicated to enriching the lives of adults of all ages by offering non-credit, university-level courses that are taught by highly qualified professors and distinguished guest lecturers. For more information on the Lifelong Learning Society, visit www.fau.edu/ljsjupiter.

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