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## **FAU Jupiter's Lifelong Learning Society Announces Ph.D. Partnership Program with Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters**

**JUPITER, Fla. (November 12, 2014)** - Florida Atlantic University's Lifelong Learning Society in Jupiter has announced a partnership with the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters' Ph.D. in Comparative Studies program. Doctoral and Master of Fine Arts candidates will teach four-, six- or eight-week courses to Lifelong Learning members based on their research, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015. The courses will take place in the Lifelong Learning Society complex, 5353 Parkside Dr., at FAU's John D. MacArthur Campus in Jupiter.

"This innovative partnership provides our senior learners new and exciting classes based on the cutting-edge research our Ph.D. and M.F.A. students are conducting, while affording our graduate students valuable teaching experience with a unique mix of experienced students whose distinguished careers and fascinating lives promise to enrich the discussion of ideas in small, seminar-style classes," said Michael J. Horswell, Ph.D., associate dean of the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters and director of the Ph.D. in Comparative Studies program.

The course topics and lecturers include:

- "Turning Personal Stories into Memoir: A Writing Workshop Devoted to Practicing the Art of Personal Storytelling," taught by Stephanie Anderson, a Master of Fine Arts candidate in creative nonfiction and instructor of composition courses at FAU. This eight-week course will teach individuals to transform their personal experiences into compelling prose.
- "Cuban Cinema Survey: Trends and Tendencies Since 1959," taught by Betsaida Casanova, a Ph.D. candidate in Comparative Studies, will examine the transformations in Cuban Cinema in the past 50 years through a survey of films, directors and themes.
- "Blaxploitation Cinema: Exploring the Representation of African American Culture in 1970s Cinema," taught by Khaulah Naima Nuruddin, a Master of Fine Arts candidate, will lead students to critically investigate the social relevance, cultural impact and necessity of Blaxploitation cinema of the 1970s.

“We are thrilled to begin this program,” said René Friedman, executive director of the Lifelong Learning Society in Jupiter. “Our Lifelong Learning students want more interaction with their instructors in a smaller classroom setting and it gives doctoral students a chance to engage with the Lifelong Learning community enhancing their teaching experience.”

For more information about the Lifelong Learning Society, or to receive a course catalog, call 561-799-8547.

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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/lfsjupiter](http://www.fau.edu/lfsjupiter).*

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