



Renaissance Academy at Chicago NFP

Fall 2022

October 11 -November 17

Located at

Saint Xavier University

3700 West 103rd Street

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online via Zoom.

What is the Renaissance Academy?

The Renaissance Academy is a collegial association of retired and semi-retired men and women who meet to continue to experience intellectual growth in an environment that is open to all who believe in the importance of pursuing the Academy's lifelong learning opportunities and who are willing to contribute to the common goals through active participation in the programs offered.

Renaissance Academy Information

Email: renaissancechgo@gmail.com

Phone: 773-298-3149. **This is an answering machine only. Please leave a message.**

The Newsletter can be accessed on the Renaissance Academy website:
<https://www.sxu.edu/community/renaissance-academy.aspx>.

Fall 2022 Registration

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Annual membership enrollment **and** registration for on-campus and/or online classes will be available August 31 – September 7, 2022 online at <https://www.sxu.edu/community/renaissance-academy.aspx>.

Every member must have access to email. No information or materials will be mailed.

The membership enrollment fee for the entire year is \$175.

The fee includes: classes for all three terms, Christmas and Spring luncheons, use of the Shannon Center track on Tuesdays and Thursday, Renaissance Academy Presents (formerly Farrell Forum), and the opportunity to audit an SXU class with consent of professor.

Checks should be made out to The Renaissance Academy at Chicago NFP. Mail to:

Renaissance Academy at Chicago
Saint Xavier University
3700 West 103rd St.
Chicago, IL 60655

Requests for assistance can be emailed to
renaissancechgo@gmail.com.

The final date for enrollment is
September 7, 2022.



“Renaissance” = “rebirth and revival of or renewed interest in something” “and/or the act of changing in a positive way.” (Merriam Webster)

And here we are! Renaissance is on campus after a two-year ‘dark age.’ It is my pleasure to welcome all scholars, new and returning, to a Fall session of Renaissance Academy Chicago. We are offering a selection of fascinating classes. Some are continuing favorites; some are new offerings. This will be an interesting term incorporating on-campus classes (Tuesdays and Thursdays) and Zoom classes (Wednesdays) beginning October 11 and continuing through November 17, 2022. There will be a Renaissance Academy Presents program on October 18 in the Andrew Conference Center.

We are so thankful to those who have volunteered to facilitate this term. Your classes will both revive and renew us. I would like to especially thank Sue Wrzesinski, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, and her team for making this rebirth happen. Let’s all plan to attend both Zoom and on-campus classes and celebrate with our community of life-long learners as we begin anew.

Maureen O'Connor, President

**Fall 2022 Session Oct. 11 -Nov.17
Tuesday 2:30- 3:30
SXU on campus**

- 1. Events that Changed History
Dan Lynch**
- 2. Award winning Short Animated Films
Mimi Burke**

**Tuesday 3:45 4:45
SXU on campus**

- 3. News and Views
Various**
- 4. A World on the Wing
Mike Hastings**

Wednesday Zoom classes

12:00

5. **The Romantics in Literature and Art**
Carol Conway / Sue Wrzesinski

1:15 Oct. 12, 19, 26

6. **Should I Stay or Should I Go?**
Bob Ratzel

7. **Nov. 2**
News Trivia Game
Mike Yeager

2:30

8. **Great Short Stories**
Maureen Connolly / Peg Walsh

3:45

9. **Chicago Architecture**
at the Turn of the 20th Century
Eileen Holderbaum

Thursday 2:30- 3:30
SXU on campus

10. Women Aviators

Karen Fitzgerald / Betty Kort / Nancy North

**11. Best Years of Our Lives as Seen through Rites,
Rituals and Remembrances**

Brian and Erin McCann

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12. Social Media 101

Sharon Coghlan Gerc

2. Award Winning Short Animated Films

Mimi Burke

We will be viewing and discussing award winning short films. They have been produced in Canada, Hungary, Zimbabwe, England, and the U.S. Some of the characters will include Mickey, Mona, and Prudence. Please come and help us enjoy them.



3. News and Views

**Mike Yeager / Kathy Austin / Pat Clair
Jim Condon / Mary Hendry**

Today's day is filled with events that alter, illuminate and often surprise us and you are there front and center! Join us as we attempt to make sense of the news of the day. Your perspective, of course, is always welcome.

“And now you know the rest of the story”



4. A World on the Wing

Mike Hastings

This course is for the birds! Bird watching is the fastest growing sport in America (faster than the growth of Pickleball!).

Every year millions of people take to the great outdoors to catch a glimpse of a feathered friend. So what intrigues us about birds? Why do birds migrate – some a few hundred miles, others thousands of miles and others never leave home? How do they get started? How do they find their way?

How do they manage the dangers of travel? We will confront these and other questions about life on the wing.



Wednesday

Zoom classes

5. 12:00 PM Zoom

The Romantics in Literature and Art

Carol Conway / Sue Wrzesinski

Carol and Sue are joining forces to explore a particular era in Literature and Art: Romanticism. This was an artistic and intellectual movement begun in Europe as a reaction to the Age of Reason. Literature and Art emphasized an individual's expression of emotion and imagination, an interest in the mysterious and mystical, encouraged a heightened interest in nature and innocence, and rebelled against established social rules and conventions. Through readings, videos and examples of artwork, you will gain insight into a movement that still influences our view of the world.



6. 1:15 PM Zoom

Should I Stay or Should I Go? Bob Ratzel

Eny. Meeny, Miny, Moe. Maybe I'll Stay, Maybe I'll Go?

It's time to consider the options for your "Forever Home." Sometimes our circumstances change quickly and there is comfort in having made preparations. Have you discarded 11 items each day this past month? Has your son moved his twenty cartons of comic books and Star Wars action figures to his new home? Have your daughters staked their claims on your doll collection? Do your closets spark joy in your heart?

We'll review local resources for seniors and ways to find various supports to remain safely and comfortably in our home, apartment, or condo. Then we'll explore shared housing, and active adult and continuing care living styles. Are all those happy people in the Friendship Village TV commercials still happy after dinner? Just whose dentures were in the Lost and Found at Smith Village? I can tell you - I've been there!



This class will run for three weeks.

Oct. 12, 19 and 26th.

7. 1:15 PM Zoom

News Trivia Game Mike Yeager

A lively game of trivia based on local, national, international, and if necessary intergalactic news items. Form a team, or play as an individual. As the saying goes, “And may the odds always be in your favor!”

This is a one-time session on Wed. Nov. 2.

Come join the fun!!



8. 2:30 Zoom

Great Short Stories

Maureen Connolly / Peg Walsh

The book that we have chosen for our class is a treasury of one hundred tales, and it offers readers of short fiction a splendid selection of stories by masters of the form. Contributors from around the world include Edgar Allen Poe, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Charles Dickens, Mark Twain, Anton Chekov, Kate Chopin *and others*. With one hundred stories spanning more than two centuries, this comprehensive collection provides a vision of the world, over time, that one could never find in a history book. From these stories one can experience such a diversity of perspectives as well as deepening and expanding their own view of the world – both as it has been and as it is today.

The next two stories we will read will be: *The Goophered Grapevine (1887)* by Charles Waddell Chesnutt and *John Adams Diary (1887)* by Bill Nye. Story guide questions will be sent to you before each class.

100 Great Short Stories can be purchased on Amazon or Bookies@ 10324 S. Western 773-239-1110



9. 3:45 Zoom

Chicago Architecture at the Turn of the 20th Century

Eileen Holderbaum

In this class, we will be discussing the styles, architects and buildings that are the foundation of the “Chicago School” of architecture. We also will be exploring the factors that led to architectural experimentation and innovation at the turn of the century. The zoom class discussions will include videos, examples of significant buildings and brief biographies of relevant architects. There will be ample time for input and questions from class members.

Class limit 25 to allow for discussion.



Thursday 2:30 – 3:30

SXU on campus

10. Women Aviators

**Karen Fitzgerald / Betty Kort /
Nancy North**

We know the names Orville & Wilbur Wright, Charles Lindbergh and Chuck Yeager but how much do we know about Amelia Earhart? Did you know Anne Lindbergh was also a pilot? During the Spring session we described the lives of many early women aviators from around the world. We started with the courageous women who experienced flight as early as 1790 in hot air balloons. We attempted to discover what motivated these women to dare to dream and experience flight. The class format is chronological, exploring the lives of women aviators over time. In our first class this October, we will review the amazing pioneer women of flight and in the following 5 weeks of class, there will be in-depth view of heroic women aviators in WWII and the role of women in commercial flight and space exploration.



11. Best Years of Our Lives as Seen through Rites, Rituals and Remembrances

Brian and Erin McCann

“The Best Years of Our Lives as seen through Rites, Rituals, and Remembrances.” We will be recalling life in the 1950’s through the lens of seasonal celebrations and events. The class will feature the presentation of information, materials, and images to promote discussion. In addition, we will also have a guest speaker.



Thursday 3:45-4:45

SXU on campus

12. Social Media 101

Sharon Coghlan Gerc

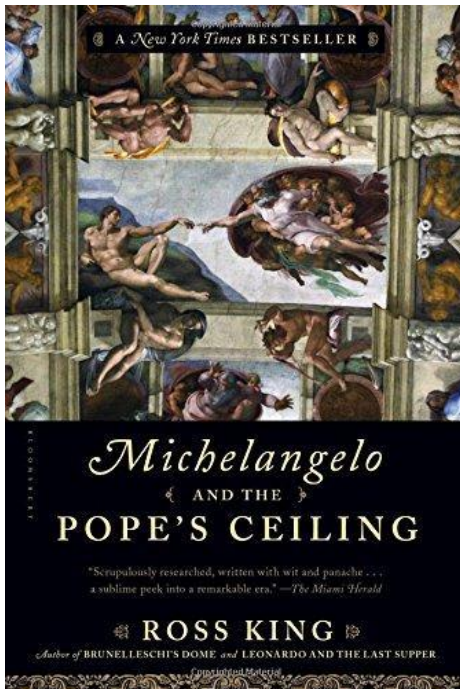
A video presentation and class discussion, utilizing The Great Courses *Social Media 101* video, will introduce social media for beginning and intermediate users. The term “social media” is defined by the presenter as websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate with users of all ages. Types of social media include Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, YouTube, TikTok, and others. Learn when to use social media and what to do to protect your privacy while using social media online. Bring your devices and follow along with our Great Courses narrator and presenter, Pei Ketron, to learn more about the types and when to use them.



**Book Club –October 20
Oak Lawn Library – Room A
12:00 PM**

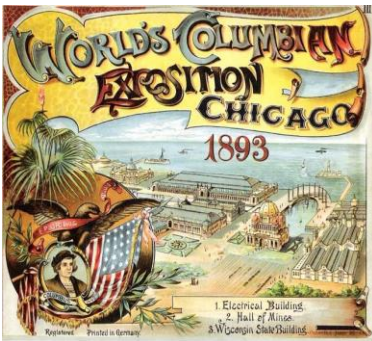
***Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling*
by Ross King.**

Mike Hastings– Facilitator



RENAISSANCE ACADEMY PRESENTS (formerly Farrell Forum)

The 1893 Chicago World's Fair
Presented by Jim Gibbons, Historian
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
Andrew Conference Center
Saint Xavier University 11:30 AM



The World's Fair of 1893 marked a turning point in Chicago's history, bringing diverse cultures to the area, as well as technology, the arts and architecture. This event spurred an industrial boom to the city, bringing those from all over the world to what would later become a key melting pot city in America.

Through attendance at this program, you will learn the specifics concerning how this famous (and infamous) event earned its title as “the fair that changed America.”

This speakers' series was originally established in honor of the late John Farrell, a CIA analyst in the 1970's and Renaissance Academy facilitator in the early 1990's.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. If you wish to attend, please RSVP via email to: renaissancechgo@gmail.com by October 10th. Light refreshments will be served and public health protocols may be in place for the health and safety of attendees.

Fall 2022

Dates to Remember

Aug. 31 – Sept. 7	On line registration
October 11	First day of Fall term
October 18 11:30AM	Renaissance Academy Presents Andrew Conference Center
October 20 12:00 PM	Book Club Oak Lawn Library
November 17	Last day of Fall term
December 6	Christmas Luncheon Orland Chateau



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

In an effort to communicate with our membership more effectively and efficiently Renaissance Academy has installed a messaging service. This service can reach our members via home phone, cell phone and through email and text messages.

It is most important that we have your communication information so that when classes are canceled due to inclement weather, or when it is time to notify our membership of classroom assignments, we can reach you without difficulty. This service will also provide us with the opportunity to reach our members with reminders of all Renaissance Academy activities, such as Renaissance Academy Presents and other scheduled events.

Please help us to make this communication system effective by making sure that we have all your information. We must have your home phone number and email address. It would be most helpful if you have a cell phone to provide that number as well. With this information we will be most assured to reach you with all important messages from Renaissance Academy.

If we do not have your information, we won't be able to reach you with all that is upcoming and new with Renaissance Academy at Chicago NFP.