

# Senior Scholars

FOR AGES 55+

BERRY COLLEGE

FALL 2017 CLASSES



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# Mandatory Orientation September 13 • 3 p.m.

Class updates and light refreshments served.

**PICK UP YOUR NAME TAGS  
AND COURSE LOCATIONS.**

**Registration deadline Sept. 12, 2017.**

## Abraham Lincoln and American Memory

Abraham Lincoln is routinely ranked as the best American president and is remembered as one of the finest examples of American statesmanship. But what made this man so extraordinary? He came from the humblest of beginnings and there is little in his early life that indicated that he was destined for greatness. Yet this would not stop him from boldly leading the nation through a terrible war, while saving the Union from certain destruction. To be sure, Lincoln was not a perfect man, and this course will seek to understand him “warts and all.” It will also lay bare the ways in which politics are a necessary part of statesmanship and how political acumen is critical in providing effective leadership.

**Dates:** Tuesdays, September 19–November 14  
(no class on Oct. 17)

**Time:** 11 a.m.–noon

**Cost:** \$80

## Genuine Georgia Backroads

Explore the history and natural history to be found along Georgia’s rural byways. *Georgia Backroads* editor Dan Roper will share stories he’s written for the magazine over the years, including new ones that Scholars will be the first to hear. Selections will include Sojourners; The End of Putnam; The Severest Check and Chastisement; Berry College’s Road of Remembrance and many more.

**Dates:** Tuesdays, September 19–November 14  
(no class on Oct. 17)

**Time:** 9:30–10:30 a.m.

**Cost:** \$80

## Introduction to Bridge

These classes are designed for the beginner in mind or the ones who haven’t played in years. Participants will be introduced to Bridge basics, bidding and card play. Each class will start with instruction and follow up with game play. Bridge can be challenging, making it a great way to keep the mind sharp and an excellent way to make new friends. Bob Powell, a lifelong bridge player, will instruct.

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## Obituaries – It’s a Life Story

Margalit Fox, ace NY Times obit writer, sums up why they matter: “Obits have nothings to do with death, and, in fact absolutely everything to do about life.” What makes a great obit—an engaging and entertaining story and even though the person has died and we are sad, it’s a story of a person’s life. They should be crafted in a way that captures personality and achievements in a way that would prompt the thought, “I wish I had met that person.”

Join Susan Little, a collector of obits for 30 years and a former member of the Obituary Writers Assoc., for an enlightening, fun, historical and serious discussion of obit examples (bring your favorite to share) along with inspiration to write your own.

**Dates:** Tuesdays, October 3–November 14  
(no class on Oct. 17)

**Time:** 1–2:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$80

## Boat Ride Down the Coosa River

This year’s boat ride will focus on the historical importance of our rivers and modern challenges they face. Jesse Demonbreun-Chapman, the new director of the Coosa River Basin Initiative, will lead the tour. Lunch will be provided along with a ride on the Sulzbacher Roman Holiday Riverboat down the river. (The Riverboat will launch from either Ridge Ferry Park or Heritage Park depending on the water levels on class day.)

**Date:** Friday, October 20

**Time:** 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$26

## Beginning Fly Fishing

Participants will be introduced to equipment, stream knowledge, fly patterns and casting techniques that will familiarize them in the art of fly fishing. Each session will begin with a lecture covering a range of topics, then move outside for hands on casting techniques. The final session will be held at Sloppy Floyd State Park, allowing students the opportunity to put their learned skills into action. This class is led by Christian Swanson, a transplant from Missoula, Montana, who grew up fishing the mighty Bitterroot and Clark Fork Rivers.

**Dates:** Saturdays, September 16–October 7

**Time:** 10 a.m.–noon

**Cost:** \$125

## Beginning Pickleball

One of the fastest growing sports in the country, Pickleball is a sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. A pickleball paddle is smaller than a tennis racquet but larger than a ping-pong paddle and uses a ball similar to a whiffle ball. Instructor Mark Law will cover the unique rules and scoring system, along with hands-on instructions on how to play. Participants will practice serving, drop shots, smashes, spins and volleys. All classes will have both practice time

as well as play time. The social and health benefits for this sport are immeasurable and the number one rule is to have FUN! All equipment needed to play will be provided.

**Dates:** Tuesdays, September 19–October 10

**Time:** 1–2:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$35

## Life Stories: Sharing Stories From Lives That Matter

The sixth class in our series will present three people, all of whom share the distinction of making an indelible mark in our community and schools: Bettyann O’Neill, David Lance and Evelyn Hamilton.

Bettyann O’Neill is a product of the American dream; she was the first in her family to attend college, graduating from Rutgers and earning her MBA at Wharton. Following 15 years in corporate management, she leads the team that has raised more than \$235 million to benefit Berry students and inspires others to overcome adversity. Her incredible work has been recognized by Rotary District 6910, the Rome Floyd Chamber and the Georgia Education Advancement Council.

David Lance has dedicated his entire career to banking and is presently the President and CEO of Greater Community Bancshares. From numerous civic activities, past and current political appointments, board of director positions and serving on the board of many area colleges, David’s civic accomplishments are woven into the fabric of our NW GA area. Both David and his father, Bert Lance, attended Emory University and started their career in banking. Burt Lance was ultimately appointed to the Office of Management and Budget by President Jimmy Carter. Find out how their two careers crisscrossed and gather an understanding of the opportunity of a family member serving in the White House.

Evelyn Hamilton was one of three African Americans to enter Berry College in 1964. She shares that her years at Berry taught her the value of hard work, the desire to help others and to make the best of any given situation. Evelyn values the education she received at Berry and the opportunity she was given to help pave the way for other students.

**Dates:** Tuesdays, September 19–October 3

**Time:** 11 a.m.–noon

**Cost:** \$30

*In Memory of Former  
Senior Scholars:*

**Shirley Owens, student and Great Books leader**

**Harold Pledger Dr. Stanley Self Dan White**

Register at [www.berry.edu/oakhill/seniorscholars](http://www.berry.edu/oakhill/seniorscholars)  
or complete this form and mail to:  
Senior Scholars, Berry College  
P.O. Box 490189  
Mount Berry, GA 30149-0189

## REGISTRATION FORM | FALL 2017 SENIOR SCHOLARS

*Registration deadline is September 12, 2017.*

*No payments accepted first day of class. Insurance waiver  
must be signed by all students.*

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Mark the courses for which you are registering:

- Abraham Lincoln and American Memory \$80
- Genuine Georgia Backroads \$80
- Introduction to Bridge \$80
- Obituaries—It’s a Life Story \$80
- Boat Ride Down the Coosa River \$26
- Beginning Fly Fishing \$125
- Beginning Pickleball \$35
- Life Stories: Sharing Stories From Lives That Matter \$30

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

- CREDIT CARDS: Discover, Visa and Mastercard payments must be made online at [www.berry.edu/oakhill/seniorscholars](http://www.berry.edu/oakhill/seniorscholars) or in person at the Museum.**
- Check payable to Berry College, enclosed or accepted at Museum.

In consideration of my participation in the Senior Scholars program, I hereby waive all claims or causes of action against Berry College, the Trustees of Berry College, Oak Hill & The Martha Berry Museum, Senior Scholars, and the officers, directors, employees and agents of all of them, arising out of my participation in the Senior Scholars and subsequent activities and hereby release, hold harmless, and discharge Berry College, the Trustees of Berry College, Oak Hill & The Martha Berry Museum, Senior Scholars, and the officers, directors, employees and agents of each of them from all liability in connection therewith except such loss or damage which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of Berry College, the Trustees of Berry College, Oak Hill & The Martha Berry Museum, Senior Scholars and its officers, employees, representatives and volunteers, and the officers, directors, employees and agents of each of them. I understand and agree that no insurance coverage is provided by Berry College in connection with my participation in the Senior Scholars program, and that my personal automobile, personal liability or health and/or accident insurance will be used as a primary payment if accident or injury occurs. I understand that participation in the Senior Scholars Program involves risks, both known and unknown, which could result in personal injury and for myself, my heirs, and assigns, I agree to fully assume such risks as a condition of my participation. I hereby attest and state that I am of sound mind and body, with full legal authority to execute this Waiver, understanding it will be relied upon by Berry College and Oak Hill in allowing me to participate.

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE