Central RED Society Class Schedule & Registration

Spring 2020

In January, we will be tapping into the “January Series” broadcast by Calvin College in Grand Rapids and viewed at Third Reformed Church. Join us for the lecture and lunch/discussion afterwards in the Third Church Café following the January 15 & January 22 presentations. Lunches are pay on your own.

Sandra Postel: “REPLENISH: THE VIRTUOUS CYCLE OF WATER AND PROSPERITY”
Friday, Jan. 10, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Third Church Chapel
No Cost, no need to register—just show up!

A leading authority and prolific author on global water issues, Sandra has been hailed for her “inspiring, innovative and practical approach” to promoting the preservation and sustainable use of freshwater. She directs the independent Global Water Policy Project, based in New Mexico, and is the co-creator of Change the Course, a national water stewardship initiative which brings together the public, the business community, and on-the-ground conservation organizations to transform the way society uses, manages, and values freshwater. A Pew Scholar in Conservation and the Environment and a Fellow of the Post Carbon Institute, Sandra has been named one of the Scientific American 50. She appears in the BBC’s Planet Earth and Leonardo DiCaprio’s The 11th Hour.

Deborah & James Fallows: “OUR TOWNS: A 100,000-MILE JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF AMERICA”
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Third Church Chapel
No Cost, no need to register—just show up!

James, a writer for the Atlantic, and Deborah, a linguist and writer, spent five years visiting small towns and cities in America, flying a modest propeller airplane, to capture firsthand a surprising portrait of the civic and economic reinvention happening across the country, outside the spotlight of national media. The result was Our Towns, the bestselling book Publishers Weekly called “an eye-opening, keenly optimistic reminder of the strength of America’s vital center.” It is a tonic for what ails us as a nation, a captivating story of energy and renewal across the land.

Ann Compton: “UP CLOSE AND VERY PERSONAL: MY 41 YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS”
Wednesday, Jan. 22, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Third Church Chapel
No Cost, no need to register—just show up!

Ann Compton is a distinguished and highly respected veteran of the White House press corps. She joined ABC News in 1973 and was the first woman assigned to cover the White House by a television network. From her front seat at the White House for ABC News, Compton covered seven presidents as well as innumerable life-changing and globe-altering events—from the end of the Cold War to 9/11 to the political dramas that made the daily headlines. With her personal access for
over four decades she is well equipped to provide audiences a historical perspective of the presidency and insights into today’s global events and daily headlines.

**Andrew Green: “IOWA CAUCUSES - RESULTS AND IMPLICATIONS”**

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 11:30 a.m.-lunch, 12:15 p.m.-presentation
Maytag Student Center, Boat/Moore Room
Cost: $10

In February 2020, Iowa voters will be the first in the nation to cast votes in the 2020 presidential nomination process. In the aftermath of the 2020 Iowa Caucuses, Dr. Andrew Green will discuss the results of the 2020 caucuses in the context of the political science literature. Dr. Green will also discuss the implications of the caucus results for future caucuses and primaries across the country.

*Dr. Andrew D. Green is a Professor of Political Science and Director of the Pre-Law Program at Central College. In his fifteenth year at Central College, he also is the faculty coordinator of the Mock Trial program. Dr. Green’s teaching and research interests include American politics and policy, political behavior, and state and local politics and government. His research focuses primarily on state and local politics and policy. Dr. Green is the author of From the Iowa Caucuses to the White House: Understanding Donald Trump’s 2016 Electoral Victory in Iowa, a book published in August 2019. A native of Sioux Falls, SD, he, his wife Amber, and sons Reese and Reilly, reside just west of Pella.*

**“Let’s Talk” with Dr. Bob Leonard**

Thursday, Feb. 20, 11:30 a.m. lunch, noon-presentation
Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex
Cost: $10

Dr. Bob will talk on the art of storytelling and read from his new book, “Deep Midwest: Midwestern Explorations.”

*Robert Leonard hosts a daily public affairs program for KNIA/KRLS radio in the south-central Iowa towns of Knoxville, Pella, and Indianola. He is an occasional contributor to The New York Times, the Kansas City Star, the Des Moines Register, and other publications. Much of his written work covers rural issues, including politics, agriculture, and climate change. Over the years he has interviewed over 8,000 Iowans. He has appeared on Reliable Sources on CNN, Meet the Press Daily with Chuck Todd, MSNBC with Katy Tur, Iowa Public Television’s Iowa Press, Iowa Public Radio’s River to River and Talk of Iowa, WNYC and more. An anthropologist, Leonard is also the author of dozens of scholarly papers and books. A book of short stories and poetry about rural life titled “Deep Midwest,” published by Ice Cube Press of North Liberty, was released in October.*

**Susan Carpenter: “Exploring the World by Bicycle”**

Tuesday, March 24, 11:30 a.m. - lunch, noon-presentation
Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex
Cost: $10
Join us for a photo essay of bicycle touring in Southeast Asia and beyond. Susan has traveled in Vietnam and Cambodia, along the rivers and canals of France, Patagonia and most recently Paris and the French countryside.

**Susan Carpenter retired in 2017 from Iowa State University where she taught and did research in virology and microbiology. Over the last 10 years, she has enjoyed bicycle travel on five continents.**

“Liberal Arts in Prison Program” with Emily Guenther
Monday, April 6, 5:30 p.m. dinner, 6 p.m. -presentation
Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex
$15 dinner, cash bar available

The Liberal Arts in Prison Program provides liberal arts education to incarcerated men and women in Iowa’s prisons and Youth at the state training school for boys. The Liberal Arts in Prison Program began with a single class in the spring of 2003. Since then, the program has evolved into a full-fledged college program that enrolls cohorts of incarcerated students in a demanding, rich curriculum equivalent to the first year at Grinnell, and an expansive, multi-tiered student volunteer program. The LAPP owes its success to this unique combination of social justice work and liberal arts learning. Emily will be joined by George Drake, President Emeritus of Grinnell College, who has taught several history classes in our program, and Chad Shearon, a former incarcerated student who earned over 60 credits from Grinnell while in prison. He is now completing a bachelors in psychology and neuroscience at Drake University.

**Emily Guenther is director of the Prison program at Grinnell College. She graduated with a BA majoring in English from Grinnell in 2007 and the University of Iowa in 2017 with an MA. A single volunteer-run class by college students went into the Newton Correctional Facility to offer a creative writing course. Emily ended up volunteering to teach, too, and inmates were given the same course work and rigorous requirements. From that experience, Emily created The Liberal Arts in Prison Program that provides liberal arts education to men and women at nearby prisons and boys at the Central Iowa Detention Center.**

“Musco Lighting Tour” with Tom Morrison
Tuesday, April 14, Noon - Lunch at Wood Iron Grille, Tour at 1:30 p.m.
Musco Lighting, Oskaloosa, IA
Cost: $15 includes lunch; Limited transportation will be available

We will stop for lunch before the tour at Wood Iron Grille, home of the 2019 best burger in Iowa. Then it is on to Musco Lighting for a presentation and tour. Since 1976, Musco Lighting has specialized in the design and manufacturing of sports and large-area lighting with innovations in glare reduction and light control responsible to the needs of facility owners, users, neighbors, and the night sky. Musco lights are used at Little League fields, professional stadiums and the Olympics to some of the largest ports around the world.

**Tom Morrison graduated from Central College in 2003 with a degree in Business & Marketing. He started his career a few years later with Musco and in 2008, he and his family moved to Dubai for an 18 month assignment as an operations manager, spending significant time in various projects**
throughout Asia and Europe. Tom currently manages a sales team across North America and focuses on projects related to airports, rail and ports.

“Climate Change” - The Past, Present & Future” with Russ Benedict
Wednesday, May 13, 5:30 p.m. dinner, 6 p.m. -presentation
Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex
$15 dinner, cash bar available

Climate change is changing our world rapidly, and its potential impacts are immense and closer than many people believe. In this class, we will discuss how climate change is happening, evidence that humans are the cause, current and future impacts, and solutions that are being enacted. While news on this topic can be difficult to hear, we must understand the seriousness of climate change if we are ever going to solve it.

Russ Benedict has taught Biology at Central College since 2002 and has spent most of his life exploring the prairies and woods of the Midwest. Although his graduate education emphasized mammals, he loves to study birds, insects, plants and all other aspects of nature. His favorite word is billions. (He will explain at the talk)

“Year-End Celebration”
Tuesday, May 19, 5:30 p.m.
Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex
Cost: $15 Dinner & Cash Bar

Join us for an end-of-year celebration where we’ll review our year, thank our instructors, and unveil next year’s classes and offerings!