

EXPLORATIONS

Exploring seems to be hard-wired into what it means to be human. Our earliest relatives peopled the earth and continued exploring their environment, making new discoveries and establishing new cultures and social structures. Early civilizations explored new trade routes, religious and scientific ideas, and discovered music, art, and writing to pass on their knowledge to new generations. Join us in considering the many kinds of explorations we humans continue to pursue. In this series of eight lectures, experts present explorations of infectious diseases, subatomic particles, the natural world around us, the cosmos, movements of early humans, and how art, poetry, and literature explore humanity and interpret our world. The format will be weekly presentations, followed by a question/answer discussion session. Speakers are the following:

Sandy Kurinsky, docent at Princeton University Art Museum; “Artistic Depictions of Explorations of the American West”

Paul Reider, Professor of Chemistry, Princeton University; “Explorations of Viruses and Treatments for the Developed and Less-Developed World”

Jeff Hoagland, Education Director, The Watershed Institute; “Exploring our Relationships with the Natural World”

Lee Harrod, Professor Emeritus of modern literature at TCNJ, and Lois Harrod, educator, poet, and author of eighteen poetry collections; “Exploring Ways of Knowing through Techniques in Fiction and Poetry”

Rex Parker, Director, Amateur Astronomy Association of Princeton, environmentalist, retired biochemist; “Of Moths, Birds, and the Milky Way: Exploring Astronomy and the Night Sky’s Connections to Biology and Human Society”

Nathan Seiberg, Professor of Mathematical Physics, Institute for Advanced Study; “What Happens at Shorter Distances?”

Peter Smith, poet, educator, and retired chemist; “Exploring How Humans Conquered the World”

Kay Widmer, retired science teacher; “Exploring New Discoveries in Ancient Art: New Findings and Interpretations of Ice Age Cave Art from 50,000 to 10,000 Years Ago”

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THURSDAYS: 10:00 a.m. to noon, 8 weeks beginning September 30 through November 18

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