

LECTURE SERIES 2021

Tuesdays 3:00 - 4:30 pm

NOTE: We will have several options for our lectures due to the unpredictable course of the pandemic at the time the lectures were planned and printed. Some will be in-person only with social distancing and limited class size, others will be a combination of in-person and Zoom (ZA). Still others will be Zoom Only (ZO). Check the codes. All registrants will be notified of cancellations or lectures that become Zoom Only.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

LS1

PRESIDENTIAL ABUSE OF POWER IS NOT NEW

George Stassa

ZALS1

Zoom Available

Presidential abuse of power has occurred many times and in most cases changed the course of American history. Some Presidents were successful, while others faced humbling rebukes from the legislature, or defeat in the courts. The abuses have included the acquisition of territory, the waging of war and the suspension of citizens' legal rights. They all have in common the belief by the President that the action was necessary for the benefit of the nation, despite political opposition at the time. We will review these actions from the first to our latest President up to the 2020 election.

See Biographical Sketch on page 25.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

LS2

THE HISTORY OF SARASOTA

In-Person Only Jeff LaHurd

This PowerPoint presentation will cover Sarasota's colorful history from the time the Scot Colony arrived in 1885, through the defining Roaring 20s era real estate boom. The Scots found a forbidding wilderness for which they were ill-equipped to cope. But they helped set the stage for the frenetic boom of the free-wheeling 20s, an era in Sarasota described as "electric with excitement." In just a handful of years, Sarasota transformed from a small fishing village into a major Florida tourist destination which it remains to this day.

Jeff LaHurd has written over a dozen books on Sarasota history and has written countless articles for the Sarasota Herald-Tribune and numerous other local publications. In addition to many other awards, his video, "Sarasota, Landmarks of the Past" was shown on the History Channel and garnered him an award from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation. He also received an award for his years of research and writing from the Sarasota County History & Preservation Coalition. He earned a BA in history from the University of South Florida and an MA in counseling.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

LS3

INTELLIGENCE AND THE PRESIDENCY IN 2021

John Rixse

ZALS3

Zoom Available

The last four years have been rocky ones in the relationship between the Intelligence Community and the Administration. While the first two saw simmering tensions and increased effort to demean and diminish intelligence professionals, the last two unleashed stronger efforts to make traditional apolitical agencies more amenable to political interests. We witnessed overt efforts to "politicize" intelligence in the strongest way. As of this brochure being printed, we don't know what the 2020 election will bring. Regardless, things will not be the same. This series will assess where we are and what the intelligence function in the government is likely to be going forward.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

LS4

MARK TWAIN'S PANDEMICS AND POLITICS

Alan Kitty

ZALS4

Zoom Available

Few controversies of any consequence escaped notice and critique from Mark Twain, lauded as one of the greatest American writers of all time. The Covid-19 pandemic prompts new appreciation for Mark Twain and his inimitable satire. This lecture discusses the epidemics and pandemics that inspired his writing during his most prolific years (1866-1906). We will explore the political and public health environment that found expression in his journalism and social satires such as *3000 Years Among the Microbes* and other works.

Alan Kitty, writer, actor, and independent Twain scholar, has been performing as Mark Twain since 1979, based on 30 years of research on the author's life and works, current events and their historical roots.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

ZOLS5

DALE CHIHULY — *Rivers of Glass*

Zoom Only *Baila Miller*

Dale Chihuly (b. 1941) is an American glass sculptor and entrepreneur. His works are considered unique in the field of blown glass. His vision of "what glass can be" has changed the medium into a world-class art form in which objet d'art moved from the curio cabinet into the realm of large-scale sculpture and land art. This presentation will include Chihuly's formative years, his early interest in glass blowing, and his rise to international icon.

See Biographical Sketch on page 6.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

LS6

MY PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY

Thomas Carabasi

ZALS6

Zoom Available

This lecture will present Thomas Carabasi's life journey through photography from 1977 to the present, recounting the conversations and lessons learned from notable photographers Frederick Sommer, Emmet Gowin, Paul Caponigro, the renowned Ansel Adams, and others. On the technical side he will discuss his use of both analog and digital techniques and a wide variety of camera formats to explore the complexities of nature and culture. In conclusion, students will also explore the major paradigm shifts brought on by emerging technologies and their effect on visual communication and contemporary art.

Thomas Carabasi is currently the department head of photography and imaging at Ringling College of Art and Design. He has over 30 years of professional experience as a photographer, educator and musician and his work has been exhibited widely both nationally and internationally. He is currently represented in the collections of Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Center for Creative Photography, The John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Princeton University Art Museum, and the Museo Ken Damy in Milan, Italy, to name a few.

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	Members	Non-Members
Single Lecture	\$15	\$20
LSFS Full Series (12)	\$120	\$180

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

LS7 BIG BAND MEMORIES —

In-Person Only *The Music Business & The Monkey Business*

Lynn Elgart

Join Lynn Elgart, wife of the late Larry Elgart, the last of the living bandleaders from the swing era, and enjoy the many fun stories of their roller coaster life in the music business with excerpts from their book *The Music Business & The Monkey Business*. Hear inside tales of celebrities — Barbra Streisand, Simon and Garfunkel, George Steinbrenner, Soupy Sales, Abbie Hoffman — and the business struggles with his brother Les. Larry had his first hit record in his own name at age 60. He made 55 albums and was nominated for a Grammy in 1959. He is most famous for writing “Bandstand Boogie,” which was the theme for American Bandstand before Dick Clark inherited it and Barry Manilow wrote lyrics, and for his “Hooked On Swing” album which sold five million copies world-wide. The big band era is now long gone but you will recognize your youth and be entertained by Lynn’s out-of-the-ordinary, humorous, bittersweet, and gossipy vignettes accompanied by many photos.

Lynn Elgart is a graduate of Brandeis and studied for two years at Columbia Graduate School of Architecture. She was the manager of Larry Elgart’s band for 25 years and now designs jewelry for her company Big Band Beads. She lives on Longboat Key where she and Larry lived for 30 years together.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

LS8 HOW WE THINK — *Exploring the Mechanisms of the Mind*

Gerald Zaltman

ZALS8 Zoom Available

You are how you think. So why not discover more about you? Jerry Zaltman will discuss how our minds need to be nurtured, not neglected, and used well, not carelessly. Research from many fields is advancing knowledge about how minds work. These insights often come with new questions. This lecture will explore some of these insights and a few of the questions they raise. Several topics will also be illustrated with exercises that activate the operation of your mind. The goal is to become more familiar with how you think. No particular background is needed. Just bring your open and curious mind!

Gerald “Jerry” Zaltman, Professor Emeritus, Harvard Business School, is cofounder of Olson Zaltman, a leading research and consulting firm. He was co-director of the HBS Mind of the Market Laboratory and a member of Harvard University’s Mind, Brain Behavior Program. His most recent book is Unlocked: Keys to Improve Your Thinking.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

LS9 THE BIBLICAL EXPERIENCE OF SICKNESS AND HEALING

Rachel Dulin, Ph.D.

ZALS9 Zoom Available

At this moment in time, as we struggle with a medically unknown virus, it is interesting to glance at the people of old and their experiences of sickness and unfamiliar diseases and healing. An interesting source for information on the subject is the Hebrew Bible. As we study the Text we should keep in mind that the Bible was not compiled as a manuscript for medical knowledge, but the as a guide to faith. Nevertheless, in between the lines, the Bible sheds a light on the human experience of illness and the healing measures taken by biblical practitioners. In this lecture we will look at a few stories, which through the prism of faith, shed a light on the experience of the sick and those who attempt to heal them.

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LS10 **PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING — *Behind the Numbers***
Robert Vukovich, Ph.D.

ZALS10 Zoom Available

About seven out of ten new prescription drugs are invented and developed by U.S. pharmaceutical companies. Breakthroughs for treatment of cancer, hemophilia and other blood disorders, inflammatory bowel disease, cardiovascular disease, and vaccines have been discovered. Research continues to improve on those and to also make new therapeutic breakthroughs. This success comes at an ever-increasing cost as research spending expands to meet regulatory requirements. This lecture will give insight into the expensive and complex world of new drug development, shedding light on what is behind the high cost of prescription drugs.

Dr. Robert Vukovich is a pharmaceutical company researcher and executive who has been involved in prescription drug research and commercialization for over 40 years. A graduate of Jefferson Medical College with specialized training in clinical pharmacology and pathology, he has worked for Warner Lambert, Bristol Myers Squibb, and the Revlon Health Care Group, followed by an entrepreneurial career establishing a publicly owned pharmaceutical company and two privately held firms. In his career, Dr. Vukovich and his colleagues developed many new and important drugs used to treat hypertension, orthostatic hypotension, thrombocytosis, angina, congestive heart failure, contrast agents for x-ray imaging, and others.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

LS11 **WHAT MAKES US HUMAN?**
Norman Weinberg, Ph.D.

ZALS11 Zoom Available

For too long we have considered microorganisms as creepy, disgusting, disease causing things we must eradicate. We have become very good at killing them, the good guys and the bad. Our efforts are rewarded with a generation of new *superbugs*. Turns out our collection of microorganisms, our microbiome, is vital to our very existence. Microorganisms are what make us human! Learn how microorganisms influence our health, including our mental state; how they communicate with each other and with us; and how we can start listening to and nourish our microbiome for healthy aging. Norman will also add some highlights from his new book *Commandment-Pandemic Unleashed*, part science fiction and part historical, which he started writing 4 years before Covid-19, about the consequences to humanity of a devastating plague brought by a microbe disobeying the commandment. (This lecture was originally scheduled in March 2020 but cancelled due to the pandemic.)

Dr. Norman Weinberg is a chemist who received his MA at the University of Toronto and his Ph.D. at the University of Ottawa. He was part of the team at American Cyanamid that discovered the world's first lithium batteries. He and his wife owned a successful, award-winning, research and development business, working on electrochemical projects for government and industry. He is currently writing two books on microorganisms.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

LS12 **RED TIDE AND YOU**
Lenny Landau

ZALS12 Zoom Available

Red tide, a toxic algal microorganism, affects everything in our lives on Longboat Key — the environment, property values, the economy, and public health. This presentation will explain what red tide is, why it occurs, and include a discussion of what needs to be done to further understand, monitor, and control red tide in the future. (This lecture was scheduled in March 2020 but cancelled due to the pandemic.)

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