

Weekly Update Summer Session 2021_May 3 - May 6, 2021

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All of our classes will be held via Zoom, and you will receive an email invitation before each class. You will wait in a waiting room until the host lets you into the group. If you do not receive an email invitation, please call Ron Rutschman at (805) 312-3834.

Tuesday, May 4, 10:00 AM – Noon: WRITING IT DOWN

Coordinator: **Millie Starr**

Be inspired to share your writing efforts in an encouraging and supportive classroom setting. Class members write at home about anything they want, and they share what they write in class when they are ready.

The goal of the class is to support one another in the writing process and learn by doing. Come join our writing community as a writer or listener.

Tuesday, May 4, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: SOCIAL HOUR

Coordinators: **Wayne and Diana Sicard**

Social Hour: If you are missing your friends during these days of social distancing, consider joining our MICL Social Hour. It's fun, and it will lift your spirits more than you might imagine. Time spent talking and hanging out with people will lift your mood! Please join us!

Wednesday, May 5, 10:00 AM - Noon: WHAT IN THE WORLD

Coordinator: **David Froba**

Have you ever watched TV or read a newspaper article, opinion, or letter to the editor and really wanted to discuss or react to what you read? "What in the World" is just the class for you. We discuss all kinds of issues and happenings from your neighborhood, local, regional, state, national, and world news. You bring in the topic, introduce it, and we all discuss it with the help from our collective expertise.

Wednesday, May 5, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: GLOBALIZATION

Coordinator: **Diedre Bush**

International Economic Institutions: Globalism vs. Nationalism

Our Instructor, Dr. Ramon P. DeGennaro, Ph.D. is a professor of Banking and Finance at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He has served as a Visiting Scholar at the Federal Reserve Banks of Cleveland and Atlanta and for the American Institute for Economic Research. He has been nominated for three Outstanding Teacher Awards, received more than 50 research and professional development grants, and published more than 40 refereed articles.

Topics covered address the question: "Why are some nations wealthy while others are poor."

1st Hour: The Politics of Economic Institutions

Begin your survey of international economic institutions by seeking the reasons that some societies prosper while others fail. Explore different examples from the past and present, asking: What role do institutions play in economic prosperity? Which practices and policies promote growth? Which hinder it?

2nd Hour: Financial Regulation across Borders

Survey three types of institutions involved in international financial regulation: organizations such as the World Bank; state-to-state contact groups such as the G-20 (which is comprised of leaders from the world's twenty major economies); and trans-governmental networks like the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision. When are they most effective? When not?

Thursday, May 6, 10:00 AM to end of film: THURSDAY AT THE MOVIES

Coordinator: **Ron Rutschman**

Start your weekend relaxation with a film classic or foreign film (subtitled in English, of course) that will carry you away to other times and other places. Discussion encouraged but not required.

Dr Strangelove 1964 A Stanley Kubrick film with Peter Sellers.
98% Tomatometer

A film about what could happen if the wrong person pushed the wrong button -- and it played the situation for laughs. U.S. Air Force General Jack Ripper goes completely insane, and sends his bomber wing to destroy the U.S.S.R. He thinks that the communists are conspiring to pollute the "precious bodily fluids" of the American people.