

The Dr. Robert E. Dunker Leadership Lecture series (thus far)

Adams: Second President, First Failure?

John Quincy Adams: Path to the White House and the Presidency of JQA

John Quincy Adams – The Surprising Afterlife of a Post-President

James Buchanan: Tragic Times, or Worst President Ever?

Grover Cleveland: His Life and First Term

Grover Cleveland: Successful Return, or Abject Failure?

Eisenhower: The War Years

Eisenhower: The Presidency

Grant and his Presidency

Grant: Butcher or Savior?

Hoover: Before the Presidency

Andrew Jackson's Presidency

Jackson: The Age of Jackson and Jacksonian Democracy

Thomas Jefferson: The Patriot and the President

Thomas Jefferson: Senior Statesman, Moral Compass?

Andrew Johnson: Impossible Situation, or Poor President?

LBJ: Lyndon Johnson and the Great Society

Johnson's Vietnam

Kennedy: JFK and the Election that Changed America

Kennedy, the Cold War, and Civil Rights 1961-1963

Lincoln and the Presidency

Lincoln's Last Days

McKinley and the Beginnings of the American Empire

McKinley: His Presidency and Domestic Affairs

Monroe: His Life

Monroe: The Last Revolutionary in a Changing World

Nixon and His Presidency

Nixon and China

Polk: The Pivot Point in American History

Polk: Why Could Polk Exercise Power?

Reagan: In the Wilderness: 1920-1979

Reagan: In the White House: 1980-1988

Reagan: On the Edge: Reagan, 1950-1976

Reagan: The Age of Reagan: 1977-1988 and Beyond

Franklin D. Roosevelt: The Rise of the New Deal

Franklin D. Roosevelt: The Confrontation with the Supreme Court

Franklin D. Roosevelt: "From Dr. New Deal to Dr. Win-the-War"

Theodore Roosevelt and the World He Made

TR: Theodore Roosevelt and His Times

Truman: Brave New World 1945

Truman: Choices 1946-1953

Washington: The General

Washington: The President

Woodrow Wilson: His Presidency in Peace and War

Wilson: The World He Made

Does the President Matter? The 1800s Van Buren and Lincoln

Does the President Matter? The 1900s Theodore Roosevelt and John Kennedy

The President and the Press: Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin Roosevelt

The President and the Press: Kennedy and Nixon

Courageous Presidential Decisions – Five Famous Choices
Leadership in the Extremes: Part 1 – Shackleton
Leadership in the Extremes: Part 2 – Buffett
John D. Rockefeller: Great Philanthropist or Robber Barron?
Frances Perkins: The Unknown Woman Behind the New Deal
Jane Addams: Changing the World
Mary Barra: Shattering the Glass Ceiling

Standalone US History Classes

The Berlin Wall Falls! 20 Years After
Decades: The Seventies
Eleanor Roosevelt: Making a Difference
The Golden Age of Television Comedy: TV in the 1950s
The Great Society: Defining Facts and Finding the Truth
The Great Depression and the Grapes of Wrath
Ground Zero in the Great Depression: The Farm Strike, 1932
History for the Fun of it: 1066 and All That
Hot Flashes of the Cold War: 1956 to 1963
Human Computers: Math Before the Machines
The Iran Hostage Crisis: 1979
Justice Delayed – The Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's
Khrushchev in Iowa*†
Mark Twain: American Classic
Moonshot: The 50th Anniversary
Picturing America: A Pictorial History of the United States*
The Roaring Twenties, or the Road to the Great Depression? †
The Teapot Dome Scandal
The WPA's Legacy, 75 Years Late

The American Civil War and Reconstruction – 8 weekly seminars

- *The Coming Crisis: 1820 to 1850*
- *The Failure of Compromise: 1851 to 1861*
- *The Break with the Union and the Early War: 1861-1862*
- *Frustrations on the Battlefield, Tension on the Homefront: 1862*
- *The South Invades, the North Retaliates: 1862 to 1863*
- *The Tide Turns – but Which Direction? 1864 to 1865*
- *Ashes from Victory, and Reconstruction? 1865 to 1868*
- *Congressional Reconstruction and the Closing of the Door: 1868 to 1877*

The American Revolution and the Creation of the Republic – 8 weekly seminars

- *In the Beginning: 1750 to 1765*
- *If This Be Treason: 1765 to 1774*
- *Give Me Liberty: 1775 to 1776*
- *These are the Times that Try a Man's Soul: 1777 to 1778*
- *The War Moves South: 1779 to 1781*
- *Independence or Anarchy: 1781 to 1787*
- *In Order to Form a More Perfect Union: 1787 to 1790*
- *Do You Solemnly Swear: 1792 to 1801*

An American Original: The Private Detective

– *Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler*

Boomer Classics: The Literature That Shaped the 1960s – 4 weekly seminars

- *Jack Kerouac*
- *Kurt Vonnegut*
- *J. R. R. Tolkien*
- *Stan Lee*

The Chat Room Discussions – Looking at the Boomer Generation

- *Legacy of the Baby Boomers*
- *Baby Boomers: Envisioning Their Retirement*
- *Baby Boomer Retirement: A New Way to Grow Old*
- *Baby Boomers: Retirement, or Reinvestment?*
- *Baby Boomers: The Sandwich Generation?*
- *Baby Boomers: What Will They Need Next?*
- *Baby Boomers: What Could/Should They Do for Act II?*

The Cold War: Defining the Century – and the Future?

- *The Cold Warriors – the Choices that Created the Cold War*
- *McCarthyism, Korea, and the Aftermath*
- *Covert Actions, Brinkmanship, and Viet-Where?*
- *The End, and “Now What?”*

Contentious Elections in American History and Their Results – 4 weekly seminars

- *Parties, Politics, and Personalities: 1796, 1800, 1824*
- *When Parties Fail to Resolve Disagreements: 1856, 1860, and perhaps 2016?*
- *Big Stakes, Big Money: 1876, 2000*
- *The Rise of the Progressives: 1896, 1900, 1912, 1960, 1964*

The Crucible: The War Between the States Changed America – 3 weekly seminars

- *Political Change – the Civil War Amendments*
- *Professional Change – Big Business Dominates All*
- *Personal Change – A Nation of Shrouds Returns to Life*

The Crusades – 3 weekly seminars

- *Why the First Crusade Happened, and Why it Succeeded*
- *The Second and Third Crusades – All the Kings’ Horses and All the Kings’ Men*
- *The Next Century, and What Was the Impact of the Crusades?*

Espionage: The Spy in the 20th Century in Fact and Fiction – 4 weekly seminars

- *1900-1945: The Origins*
- *1946-1974: The Boom*
- *1975-1989: The Bust*
- *1990- 2010: The Rebirth and Beyond*

The Fight for the Right to Vote! – 2 weekly seminars

- *Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Susan B. Anthony 1800 to 1900*
- *Carrie Chapman Catt and Alice Paul 1890 to 1920*

The Founding Fathers: What Were They Thinking? – 6 biweekly seminars

- *George Washington*
- *John Adams*
- *Ben Franklin*
- *Thomas Jefferson*
- *James Madison*
- *Alexander Hamilton*

Gathering Information: A History of the CIA – 3 weekly sessions

- *Countering Communism*
- *The Fall, and Rise*
- *Countering Terrorism*

The House of Representatives – From First to Last

- *The Rise: From the Founders to the Civil War*
- *The Fall: From the Gilded Age to Gilding the Lilly*

Into the Darkness: 1968 – 5 weekly sessions

- *Astonishment (January to March)*
- *Assassination (March and April)*
- *Acclaim (April to June)*
- *Anarchy (July to September)*
- *Aftermath (October to December)*

The Lessons of the Cold War – 8 weekly sessions

- *Roots of the Cold War – The Battle for Europe and the Bomb 1917-1945*
- *Truman, the Descent of the Iron Curtain, and the Cold War Turns Hot 1945-1951*
- *From McCarthyism to Duck and Cover 1949- 1956*
- *Ike, Clandestine Affairs, and the Eye in the Sky 1953- 1960*
- *Eyeball to Eyeball – Kennedy and Khrushchev 1961 – 1963*
- *Johnson's War and the Limits of the Lessons of WWII 1964-1968*
- *Nixon and Kissinger: The Cold Warrior, Détente, and Derailment 1969-1979*
- *Reagan, Gorbachev, and the End of the Evil Empire? 1980-1989*

Looking Back on the 1920s – 4 weekly sessions

- *The Events that Shaped the Decade: 1917-1920*
- *Looking Back, Moving Forward? 1921-1923*
- *Lawlessness, but Not just in the Streets 1924- 1927*
- *The New Prosperity and the Big Crash 1928- 1929*

Mass Media and Big Government: 1940 to 1990 – 4 weekly seminars

- *1950s: The Red Scare: The Media, Murrow and McCarthyism*
- *1960s: The Kennedy Era: Media Hype, or the Right Stuff?*
- *1970s: The Enemies List: Watergate and Nixon vs. the Media*
- *1980s: Reversing the Spin Cycle with Poindexter, Fran and Oli.*

Musing on Music as a Social Phenomenon –

- *It Was 50 Years Ago Today – the Beatles Change Everything*
- *The Music of the Beatles – Why It Mattered, Why It Still Matters*

My Generation: Telling the History of the 1960s - using Rock icons and events

- *1960-62: In the Beginning, with Bob Dylan*
- *1963: Yeah Yeah Yeah, with John Lennon*
- *1964: From the Blues and Back Again, with Eric Clapton*
- *1965: Hot August Nights, with Neil Diamond*
- *1966: Bridge Over Troubled Waters, with Paul Simon*
- *1967: Won't Get Fooled Again, with Pete Townshend*
- *The Flip Side: The Rise of the Concept Album*
- *1968: Black and Blue, with Mick Jagger and Keith Richards*
- *1969: Getting Back to the Garden, with Joni Mitchell*
- *1970: Songs in the Key of Life, with Stevie Wonder*
- *1971: The End of an Era, with Jimi, Janis, and Jim*
- *1972: Carry On, with Crosby Stills Nash & Young*
- *1973: Turning the Page, with Jimmy Page*
- *1974: Darkness on the Edge, with Bruce Springsteen*

Native Americans and American History – Things You Might Not Know

- *Before the Europeans: 900 to 1500*
- *Columbus and the Spanish Impact, 1492 to 1600*
- *The French and British Systems, 1600 to 1750*
- *In the Time of the Americans, 1750 to 1900*

Natives of Prehistory: Those Who Came Before Us–

- *The Mill Creek Culture: 100 to 1250*
- *The Chaco Canyon Culture: 100 to 1300*
- *Mesa Verde: 500 to 1400*
- *The Effigy Mound Builders 3700 BC to 600*
- *The Cahokia Mississippi River Culture 600 to 1350*
- *The Iroquois Confederacy: 1500 to 1790*
- *The People of the Plains: 100 BC to 1800*

One Term Wonders – as in “You’ll Wonder How They Became Presidents”

- *Millard Fillmore: The Forgotten President*
- *James Buchanan: Terrible President, or Victim of Circumstances?*
- *William H. Taft: Weighting History’s Judgement*
- *Calvin Coolidge: The Silent Man in the Roaring Twenties*
- *Gerald Ford: The Accidental President?*
- *Jimmy Carter: From First to Worst?*

Power to the People – 7 weekly seminars

- *Not Fade Away: The 1950s*
- *Times They Are a’Changin’: The 1960s*
- *Fighting in the Streets: The 1970s*
- *Saw a Deadhead Sticker on a Cadillac: The 1980s*
- *Nobody Feels the Way I Feel About You Now: The 1990s*
- *The Price of Yesterday: The 2000s*
- *People are Crazy and Times are Strange: The 2010s*

The Reformation Era and Today, 500 Years Later

- *Understanding the World of 1517: The Church, Government, and the People*

- *The First 50 Years: From Reform to ...What?*
- *The Catholic Response: Reform or Retaliation?*
- *The Wars of Religion and the Thirty Years War*
- *The Impact and Changes to Society, from 1650 to Today*

Regional Greats – *all but forgotten now, but in their era, they changed the world.*

- *Harry Hopkins*
- *George Norris*
- *Lou Hoover*
- *Henry Wallace*
- *William Jennings Bryan*
- *Susan La Flesche Picotte*
- *Norman Borlaug*

Remembering (year) - *an in-depth look at an individual year. Completed thus far:*

1919: *Race Riots, Strikes, and Prohibition: Ending the Decade with a Bust*

1927: *Flying High in the Roaring 20's!*

1936: *The 1936 Olympics and Hitler's Germany*

1947: *The Coming of the Cold War*

1948: *The Crossroads*

1950: *Korea, Commies and Tail Gunner Joe: When the Cold War Turned Hot*

1955: *Famous Firsts!*

1956: *The Most Dangerous Year?*

1957: *We're in Orbit, Daddy-o!*

1959: *The Pivotal Year*

1960: *From Eisenhower to Kennedy*

1961: *Camelot, Kennedy and the First 100 Days*

1962: *Space Race and the Arms Race: From Ole Miss to the Cuban Missile Crisis*

1963: *Unbelievable Highs, Unbearable Lows*

1964: *Yeah Yeah Yeah!*

1965: *On the Eve of Destruction*

1968: *Into the Darkness*

The Rise – and Fall – of Mass Media – *4 weekly seminars*

- *Selling Ideas – Parties and Papers*
- *Selling Soap – Radio Waves and the Wave of the Future*
- *From Selling the American Dream to Selling the American Presidency*
- *Deregulation, Decentralization, and the Decline of Mass Media*

Rockin' Back the Clock: The Rise of Rock – *4 weekly seminars*

- *The Early Days of Rock!*
- *The Story of the Brill Building*
- *The Rise of the DJs*
- *Rock on TV – in the 1950s!*

Rockin' Back the Clock: The Music of 1957 (and thereabouts!) – *3 weekly seminars*

- *Chuck Berry*
- *Buddy Holly*
- *Elvis Presley*

Rockin' Back the Clock: The Music of 1958 (and thereabouts!) – 3 weekly seminars

- *Doo Wop!*
- *Rock and the Movies!*
- *The Hits of 1958*

Rockin' Back the Clock: 1960-1964– 3 weekly seminars

- *Bridging the Gap: Ricky Nelson and Roy Orbison*
- *Fighting Back - America's Response to the British Invasion*
- *Remembering Little Richard and the 1962 Comeback that Influenced Everyone*

Rockin' Back the Clock – Music and Visual Media in the 1960s – 3 weekly seminars

- *One If by Land, Two If by Sea - Three If by Airwaves? The British Invade!*
- *Movies and Rock and Roll – from Hard Day's Night to Monterey Pop!*
- *Getting Back to the Garden – the Message of Woodstock – the Movie*

Rockin' Back the Clock: 1966 – 4 weekly seminars

- *Hello Darkness My Old Friend – Simon & Garfunkel, 'Sounds of Silence'*
- *Wouldn't It Be Nice – The Beach Boys, 'Pet Sounds'*
- *Sooner or Later, One of Us Must Know – Bob Dylan, 'Blonde on Blonde'*
- *Let Me Tell You How It Will Be – The Beatles, 'Revolver'*

Rockin' Back the Clock: 1967 – 4 weekly seminars

- *You Better Find Somebody to Love – January to March 1967*
- *Imagine How the World Could Be – April to June 1967*
- *Light My Fire – June to September 1967*
- *I'm Just Beginning to See – October to December 1967*

Rockin' Back the Clock: From Singles to Albums

- *On the Air in 1966 – 'Hey All You Groovy Cats!'*
- *On the Air in 1967 – 'Feel the Cosmic Essence Coming Down!'*
- *Happening Now – Closing out the Sixties 1968-1969*

Rockin' Back the Clock – The Post Woodstock Blues – 3 weekly seminars

- *Rock 'n' Roll Looks into the Abyss of Popular Success*
- *Com'on People, Let's Get ...Together?*
- *We Got to Get Ourselves Back to the Garden – Joni Mitchell*

Science Fiction: from Pulp to Cyberpunk – 3 weekly seminars

- *In the Beginning: pre 1940*
- *The Grandmasters of SF: 1935 to 1975*
- *From Space Opera to Cyberpunk : 1976 to 2001*

Supremely Confident: Legal Cases that Changed America – 4 weekly seminars

- *Civil War Bookends: Dred Scot and Plessy v Ferguson*
- *Standing Bear and Lone Wolf: Indian Affairs Over 100 Years*
- *When War or Fear Drives Decisions: WWI, WWII, and the Red Scare*
- *Privacy: Implied or Embedded?*

Travel in 19th Century America – 5 weekly seminars

- *Horses and Wagons and Stagecoach in the Nebraska Hills*

- *Short Seasons: River Passages via Steamboats*
- *Long Rides: Riding with the Pony Express*
- *Stories of Travelers*
- *More Travelers' Stories*

Troubled Times in American History – 6 weekly seminars

- *Ties that Bind: 1820 to 1860*
- *A Clash of Wills: 1880 to 1920*
- *Eugenics, Racism, and Rebirth of the KKK: 1895 to 1925*
- *One Nation? From Demonstrations to the Hard Hat War: 1965 to 1972*
- *Terrorists – Foreign or Domestic? 1990 to 2010*
- *From the Tea Party to Denying Election Results: 2010 to Today*

Turning Points in American History – 6 weekly seminars

- *The Bill of Rights*
- *The War of 1812*
- *The Missouri Compromise*
- *The Mexican-American War*
- *The Kansas-Nebraska Act*
- *Reconstruction to Rise of the Empire*

The War in Vietnam – 2 weekly sessions

- *From French Colony to U.S. Interest – 1890 to 1960*
- *Interest, Involvement: 1961-1973, and the Aftermath, 1975 to Today*

The War to End All Wars: 100 Years Later – 9 biweekly seminars

- *Before the War 1910 – 1914*
- *Nationalism, Imperialism – or Suicide? The August Madness, 1914*
- *Home Before the Leaves Fall – the Early Battles 1914*
- *What Hath Man Wrought? Technology Changes Everything 1914-1917*
- *Desperate Gambles – the Navies and their Uses 1914 - 1917*
- *Russia and Revolution: 1917*
- *America Enters the War: 1917*
- *The Endgame: 1918*
- *The Peace to End All Peace: 1919 and Beyond*

The Westward Expansion – 5 weekly sessions

- *Wagons West – 1810 to 1870*
- *The Mining Boom – 1849-1889*
- *Indians and the Plains Wars: 1855-1890*
- *Cattle, Commerce, and the Coming of the Railroad*
- *The Closing of the Frontier*

The Women's Movement – 2 weekly sessions

- *The Long Struggle – 1775 to 1920*
- *The Continuing Climb – 1921-2015*

Regional History:

Iowa and the American Civil War

- *Iowa and the American Civil War: Iowa During the Civil War**
- *Iowa and the American Civil War: An Iowa Soldier's Travels 1861-62**
- *Iowa and the American Civil War: On the March 1863-65*
- *Iowa and the American Civil War: Back Home 1865-70*

Local Legends, Historic Consequences – 6 weekly seminars

- *Verdicts and Vindications Taming a Frontier Town – the 1880s*
- *Redemption, Recovery, and the Crash – the 1890s*
- *Battlelines and Backlash, the Fight for Freedom of Speech – the 1910s*
- *The Farm Crisis – the 1920s and 1930s*
- *Corruption and Contempt – the 1950s*
- *Strikes, Shutdown, and the Exodus – the 1960s to the 1980s and Beyond*

Sioux City – Our History and our Hopes – 4 weekly seminars

- *First Glimpses to Founding the City 1800 - 1860*
- *Frontier Town and Riverboat Mecca to Minor Metropolis 1860 - 1893*
- *Regional Market, Prohibition, and Crisis 1894 - 1950*
- *The Great Depression, and the Great Challenges 1932 - Today*

Standalone Classes – Social Speculation

The Right to Die[†]

What Comes Next? Expectations and Reality after the 2008 Election

Regional History for the DeSoto Wildlife Refuge:

Steamboats on the Missouri and the Last Days of the Bertrand

Regional History for the Betty Strong / Lewis & Clark Center:

Sioux City and the End of the Steamboat Era

The French Connection and Sioux City

Susan B. Anthony in Sioux City: 1871 and 1877

Memories and Memorials: From Decoration Day to Memorial Day

Winter on the Great Plains – 1800 to 1940

Regional History Classes for the Sioux City Public Museum

Crime, Corruption, and Graft: the 1950's

JFK – Fifty Years On

Sioux City: the 1932 Farm Crisis

Sioux City in 1968: The War Hits Home

Steel Rails and Mighty Tales: Sioux City's Railroad Connection

D-Day and Sioumland (75 Years)

The Battle of the Bulge (75 Years)

Iwo Jima and the War in the Pacific (75 Years)

Regional History Classes for Sioux City

Sioumland in the Golden Age of Big Band and Dance Halls

KWIT:

Lewis and Clark in the Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Region

(Ten Part radio readings, 2002)

Looking Back to 1966 – Pet Sounds

Looking Back to 1966 – Blonde on Blonde

Publications:

“Spectacular Voyage: Lewis & Clark in Iowa, Nebraska, & South Dakota” (2002)

Technology Training Manuals

- **Data Schema for Infinite Campus® (2010)**
- **Learning Basic SQL Techniques (2011)**
- **Microsoft® Access as a Reports Server for Infinite Campus® (2012)**
- **SSRS Reporting with Infinite Campus® (2012)**

Computer-based trainings: (Each session 1 hour)

Creating Effective Online Learning Classes – 4 sessions

Learning Advanced Squad Leader® – 14 sessions

Learning the Great Battles of the American Civil War –10 sessions

JFK – Fifty Years On, You Don’t Know Jack (Each session 1 hour)

Workshops / For Credit Classes:

Business Courses: (6 hours each)

Advertising Secrets

Beginning Budgeting for Beginning Businesses

Building Better Advisory Boards (6 sessions)

Statistical Analysis for Six Sigma Black Belts

Trends and Forecasting using Excel

Technology Trainings: (6 hours each)

Advanced Statistical Analysis Using Excel and Access – 2 classes

Google Sheets – Introduction

Google Sheets – Formulas and Functions

Google Sheets – Data Analysis

Microsoft SSRS Reports Development – 2 classes

Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Excel – 3 classes

VBA Programming in Excel – 1 class

Pivot Tables and Trend Analysis in Excel – 1 class

SQL Query Development – 2 sessions (Beginning, Advanced)

Undergraduate Credit-bearing Courses Taught: (49 class hours each)

Calculus

College Algebra

Statistics