



The Renaissance Society of Sacramento
Fall 2021
At-a-Glance Program Schedule

Welcome to The Sacramento Renaissance Society

The 2020-2021 Renaissance Society (RS) academic year was a time of transformation, reinvention, and change due to the worldwide pandemic. The physical to virtual classroom shift was a huge undertaking accomplished by over 300 RS volunteers. Over 1,800 RS members joined our lifelong learning organization and registered for a record 27,785 programs, twice the previous annual program enrollment record. The virtual classroom broke down barriers of distance, commuting, traffic, searching for parking spaces, and mobility and accessibility issues. As a result, 5% of our members attended programs from 17 states, 76 California cities, and even one international member from Paris, France.

At our May 10th, 2021, first virtual RS Annual General Meeting, Sac State President Robert S. Nelsen welcomed RS members back to the campus this Fall 2021 semester. In his opening remarks, President Nelsen shared how he missed having RS on campus. In a previous call, the President made a point of reaching out to me as board president to keep RS updated on the "repopulation" of the campus this Fall.

In anticipation of an eventual return to campus, this March RS created a "Hybrid" Working Group (HWG) of board and committee members to begin the identification of questions and finding answers for the campus reentry issues. During our monthly meetings, a few factors became crystal clear. RS members want to return to campus as soon as possible for social interaction and face-to-face lifelong learning. Members also enjoy the flexibility of taking more than two or three classes on Fridays and Saturdays.

The schedule expansion from Monday through Saturday greatly increased members' ability to register for more programs. The current enrollments will not fit in the available Friday and Saturday campus classrooms. Many members enjoy having the ability to have Zoom programs in addition to the physical classroom sessions. In keeping with the direction of the California State University system, the HWG is designing a "hybrid" system that offers both physical and virtual programs.

RS staff are in the process of negotiating with the Sac State Division of Space Management to identify available campus classrooms for this Fall semester. We will be testing the waters to ease back on campus as the university works to accommodate their record student enrollment. We hope to be back to full speed by the Spring 2022 semester. Our **Program Registration** portal is scheduled to open Monday, August 16th. The semiannual **virtual Orientation & Rendezvous** will be held 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, August 20th on Zoom. The **first programs** will begin Tuesday, September 7th.

Please reach out to your friends and associates to share this Renaissance Society lifelong learning opportunity. Surveys show that most of our new members hear about RS from a friend. The RS Board of Directors is asking each member, new or renewing, to reach out to five friends to share the RS story. This is one of the best gifts that you can give a friend - lifelong learning, socializing, service, and fun. Please reach out and **"Everyone Bring One"** new friend to participate in this year's programs.

Thank you to those who have already renewed your annual Renaissance Society membership. Welcome to the new members who have joined or are thinking about joining RS for our year-round programs and services. I look forward to seeing you this Fall to learn, connect, and share.

Ken Cross, Board President

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At-a-Glance Program Schedule

What follows is an at-a-glance schedule that sets forth all our remarkable Fall 2021 programs by day of the week so that you can manage your schedule. We offer four types of programs:

Seminars, Shared Interest Groups, Presentations, and Forums.

Our **Seminars** are led by one or more Renaissance Society Members. Each is a series ranging from three to twelve weeks, focused on one subject. There are almost fifty seminars.

We have also arranged eighteen **Shared Interest Groups** that include various activities and interests centering on what people enjoy doing together, such as photography, games, walking, reading, writing, eating, drinking, and travel, etc. With an abundance of caution, and in compliance with Covid guidelines, some of these great groups may be put on hold for all or part of the Fall Semester.

Our increasingly popular one-time **Presentations** program features a variety of topics given by Renaissance Society members as well as community speakers. The program totals 30 presentations - 17 *Community Presentations* and 13 presentations in the *Tuesday Speakers Series*, each of which is open to the community.

Our premier speakers' program - **Forums** - will again feature a stellar group of speakers from our local community, just as it has since our founding in 1986.

This array of incredible educational opportunities allows you to take as many programs as you want - as long as they don't have a time conflict. Hopefully, a few Seminars will return to campus - stay tuned! Again, this Fall we'll be limited only by our interests, curiosity, and level of energy, not by physical space or date and time. How extraordinary!

Allan Keown and Cindy Suchanek
Program Committee, Co-chairs

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Do You Still Need a Paper Schedule?

This printed version of the Renaissance Society Fall 2021 Catalog is limited to this At-a-Glance Program Schedule. The details for each program are found in the Fall Catalog 2021, which is available on the [RS website](https://www.csus.edu/college/social-sciences-interdisciplinary-studies/renaissance-society/) - (<https://www.csus.edu/college/social-sciences-interdisciplinary-studies/renaissance-society/>). Please consider whether you have a need for this printed schedule when you register for membership for the 2021/2022 year. By doing so, you significantly reduce our printing and mailing costs for other important Renaissance Society projects and at the same time are being environmentally friendly.

Shari Lowen
Renaissance Society
Office Manager

FALL 2021 AT-A-GLANCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

		MONDAY PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE				
		Time	Title	Leader Name	Start/End Dates	Pg. #
SEMINARS		<i>Seminar Coordinators: Allan Keown and Cindy Suchanek</i>				
		9 to Noon	Roger Ebert's Great Movies: The Ones That Got Away?	Gerry Camp	Sept 13 - Dec 6	20
		10 to 11:30 am	Big History-Continuing the Story of Us and the Universe We Live In	Ranny Eckstrom, David Lewis	Sept 13 - Dec 6	30
		10 to 11:30 am	Happy Losers Club for Emotional Overeaters	Mimi Dixon	Sept 13 - Oct 18	28
		10 to Noon	Racial Healing Circle: Conversations on Race	Stacie Walton, Gretchen Jung	Sept 13 - Dec 6	24
		Noon to 1 pm	What is behind the US markets and Economy?	Sanjay Varshney	Sept 13 - Oct 18	27
		2 to 3:30 pm	Growing California Natives in our Yards	Bonnie Gault-Blue	Sept 13 - Sept 27	33
SHARED INTEREST GROUPS		<i>Shared Interest Groups Coordinators: Karen Martin and Chuck Wiseley</i>				
		Noon to 1:30 pm	Corporate Accountability: Restoring the Balance	Jim McRitchie	Sept 13 - Dec 1	37
		1 to 2:30 pm <i>(yr.-round monthly)</i>	Book Group: First Monday Book Group	Carol Hayes, Ann Blazina	Sept 13 - Dec 6	36

TUESDAY PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

	Time	Title	Leader Name	Start/End Dates	Pg. #
	SEMINARS	<i>Seminar Coordinators: Allan Keown and Cindy Suchanek</i>			
10 to 11 am		Active Retirement Investing: Session 1	Bill jazz, Marsha Holland	Sept 7 - Oct 12	26
10 to 11 am		Active Retirement Investing: Session 2	Bill Bailey, Marsha Holland	Oct 26 - Dec 7	26
10 to 11:30 am		Ancient Egypt - 3100 BCE to 30 CE	David Lewis	Sept 7 - Nov 30	30
10 to Noon		Let's Write Some Songs - History and Practice of Songwriting	Al Zagofsky	Sept 7 - Nov 30	20
2 to 3:30 pm		Wisdom Questions	Mimi Dixon	Sept 7 - Nov 9	28
SHARED INTEREST GROUPS	<i>Shared Interest Groups Coordinators: Karen Martin and Chuck Wiseley</i>				
	9:30 to 11 am (yr.-round monthly)	Book Group: Tuesday Book Club	Marian Kile	Sept 7 - Dec 14	37
	10 to Noon	Digital Photography (6 classes; 5 field trips)	Jane Steele, Colleen Wong	Sept 14 - Nov 30	38
	Noon to 2 pm (yr.-round weekly)	Writer's Workshop II (P)	Anita Adams, Lani Hahn	Sept 7 - Dec 7	41
	2 to 4 pm (1st Tues each month)	Book Group: Great Books Discussion Group	Steven DeBry	Sept 7 - Dec 7	37
	4 to 5 pm	Qi Gong	Diana Loo	Sept 7 - Oct 12	40
	7 to 8:30 pm	Art of the Portrait	Julia Stagg	Oct 5 - Nov 16	36
TUESDAY SPEAKERS SERIES	<i>Tuesday Speakers Series Coordinator: Jack Jennings</i>				
	2 to 3:45 pm	Fatal Encounters with Police	William Vizzard	Sept 7	49
	2 to 3:45 pm	China: Regional Dominance by 2030	Jerry Glasser	Sept 14	49
	2 to 3:45 pm	The Science of a Happy Dog	Emma Grigg	Sept 21	49
	2 to 3:45 pm	Whatever Happened to The News? Fact, Opinion, & Lies	Jennifer Kerr	Sept 28	50
	2 to 3:45 pm	A Room with a View, Please! Living and Housing Options as We Age	Rene Balcom	Oct 5	50
	2 to 3:45 pm	The Civil War Reconstruction	Cathy Minicucci	Oct 12	50
	2 to 3:45 pm	Our California Budget	Russ S. Gould	Oct 19	50
	2 to 3:45 pm	Butch Cassidy, Sundance, and Etta: Not the Movie Ending	Jack Jennings	Oct 26	51
	2 to 3:45 pm	Inside Elections and How They Work	Deborah Seiler	Nov 2	51
	2 to 3:45 pm	California's Delta Water Crisis	David Abelson	Nov 9	51
	2 to 3:45 pm	The Second Reconstruction: How the Civil Rights Movement ended Jim Crow Laws in the South	Cathy Minicucci	Nov 16	52
	2 to 3:45 pm	Could the Civil War Have Been Avoided?	Doug Bonetti	Nov 30	52
	2 to 3:45 pm	US Firearms Policy	William Vizzard	Dec 7	52

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

	Time	Title	Leader Name	Start/End Dates	Pg. #
	SEMINARS	<i>Seminar Coordinators: Allan Keown and Cindy Suchanek</i>			
10 to 11 am		Using your iPhone/iPad IRL (in real life)	Tom Holt	Sept 8 - Dec 1	35
10 to- Noon		Photography as Art (program closed to new participants)	Roger Klemm, Mary Elliott Klemm	Sept 8 - Oct 13	42
Noon to 1: 30 pm		The American Revolution: From Colony to Independent Nation	Catherine Minicucci	Sept 8 - Sept 22	30
Noon to 1:30 pm		The Origins of the Judeo-Christian Tradition	Ed Sherman	Oct 20 - Dec 1	31
2 to 3:30 pm		James Joyce's Ulysses	Daniel Rooney, Jean Cawood	Sept 8 - Dec 1	21
7 to 8:30 pm		The Economist	Wayne Luney	Sept 8 - Dec 1	27
SHARED INTEREST GROUPS	<i>Shared Interest Groups Coordinators: Karen Martin and Chuck Wiseley</i>				
	9:25 to 11 am (yr.-round weekly)	Walkabouts	Lance Muller, Donna Eash	Sept 1 - Nov 17	40
	11 am to 1 pm	Le Cercle Français (Conversational French)	Debra daCosta	Sept 8 - Dec 15	39
	5:30 to 7:30 pm (yr.-round monthly)	Dining Together (2nd Wednesday or 3rd Thursday)	Cheryl Nelson	Sept 8 - Dec 8	38
COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS	<i>Community Presentations Coordinators: Maryellen Burns and Bonnie Penix</i>				
	6:30 to 8:30 pm (Yr.-round dates/times vary)	A Cook's Tour Returns! (Dates and Times vary)	Maryellen Burns, Dan Cross	Sept 22 (First Meeting only)	44

THURSDAY PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

	Time	Title	Leader Name	Start/End Dates	Pg. #
	SEMINARS	<i>Seminar Coordinators: Allan Keown and Cindy Suchanek</i>			
10 to Noon		iPhone Photography Experimental Studio (prerequisite required)	Melissa Green, Cynthia Nicholson	Oct 28 - Dec 9	34
10 to Noon		Relationships: How to Build Strong, Healthy, Loving, Relationships	Nanci Kuzins, Anamaria Pasquiers	Sept 9 - Dec 2	28
10 to Noon		World of Engineering	Richard Dabrowiak	Sept 9 - Dec 2	35
Noon to 1 pm		Learning and Listening	Laura Gaeta	Sept 9 - Sept 23	28
Noon to 1 pm		Reforming American National Government	Robert Benedetti, Gerald McDaniel	Sept 9 - Dec 2	24
Noon to 1:30 pm		Popular Economics for the Common Good	Duane Campbell, Carl Pinkston	Sept 9 - Nov 11	26
2 to 3:30 pm		The Banality of Evil: Racism, Prejudice, and Fascism: The Original Sins	Greg Beale	Sept 9 - Dec 2	22
2 to 4 pm		All That Jazz – Classic to Cool	Bob Lang	Sept 9 - Dec 9	18
2 to 4 pm		Planning a Personal Holiday through France, in 2022	Annik Gunter	Sept 9 - Oct 14	20
SHARED INTEREST GROUPS	<i>Shared Interest Groups Coordinators: Karen Martin and Chuck Wiseley</i>				
	9:30 to 11:30 am	Writers Group 1 (program closed to new participants)	Curtis Nelson, Marian Kile	Sept 7 - Dec 16	42
	10 to Noon	Spanish Conversation, Advanced (pre- requisite)	JoAnn Peter	Sept 9 - Dec 2	40
	1 to 3 pm (yr.- round weekly)	Games for Entertainment	Roberta Frieze, Judy Keaton	Sept 9 - Dec 16	38
	1:30 to 2:30 pm (yr.-round monthly)	Book Group: Partners in Crime (program closed to new participants)	Lynda Cassady, Pat Stokes	Sept 23 - Nov 18	41
COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS	<i>Community Presentations Coordinators: Maryellen Burns and Bonnie Penix</i>				
	11 to Noon	Bits and Pieces - Art Doodles: Paint a Whimsical Tree for all Seasons with Kathy	Kathy Hart	Sept 23	45
	11 to Noon	Bits and Pieces - Watercolor Doodles: Paint Pumpkins and Fall Flowers with Kathy	Kathy Hart	Oct 28	45
	11 to Noon	Bits and Pieces - Watercolor Doodles: Paint Fall Foliage with Kathy	Kathy Hart	Nov 18	45
	7 to 8:30 pm	Chad Taylor: Carmel's Silent, Unknown, Pop Art Futurist	Bruce Marwick	Sept 16	43
	7 to 8:30 pm	Architectural Tile & Terra Cotta: From a 3,000 Mile Road Trip	Bruce Marwick	Oct 14	44
	7 to 8:30 pm	Drinking with Jane Austen	Richard Foss	Nov 18	45

FRIDAY PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

	Time	Title	Leader Name	Start/End Dates	Pg. #
SEMINARS	<i>Seminar Coordinators: Allan Keown and Cindy Suchanek</i>				
	9:30 to Noon	Sweet, Sweet Science Fiction: Feature Films	Chip Zempel	Sept 10 - Dec 3	21
	9:30 to Noon	"Top 10" U.S. Domestic Issues & Potential Solutions	Ken Cross	Sept 10 - Dec 10	24
	10 to 11 am	Android Basics	Carol Limbaga, Victoria Star	Sept 10 - Dec 3	32
	10 to 11:30 am	Biracial/Multicultural Identity in America	Darryl Omar Freeman	Sept 10 - Dec 10	22
	10 to 11:30 am	Bob Dylan: The Man; the Music; the Masks; and the Myths	David Abelson	Sept 10 - Dec 3	18
	10 to 11:30 am	Travel and Adventure (on campus only)	Richard Fuller, Terry Moss	Sept 10 - Dec 3	21
	10 to 11:30 am	What the Constitution Means to Them	Ron Tochterman, Steve Felderstein	Sept 10 - Dec 3	25
	10 to Noon	As Long as Space/Time Endures, A Buddhist Practice Journey	Gus Koehler	Nov 12 - Dec 3	32
	10 to Noon	Cities of the Ancient World	Marty Keale	Sept 17 - Oct 22	31
	10 to Noon	Climate Chaos and The Individual	Donald Forrester	Oct 29 - Dec 3	33
	10 to Noon	Invisible Threads and Hidden Walls of Time	Gus Koehler	Sept 17 - Oct 22	34
	Noon to 1:30 pm	Cracker Barrel	Anita Fante, Per Ostlund	Sept 10 - Dec 3	23
	Noon to 1:30 pm	Electric Life: Exploring the Biology of Heart and Mind	Edward Moczydlowski	Sept 10 - Dec 3	33
	Noon to 1:30 pm	Great American Trials and Constitutional Law	Joel Primes	Sept 10 - Dec 3	23
	Noon to 1:30 pm	Transportation and American Government in the 20th and 21st Centuries	Arthur Bauer	Oct 1 - Nov 5	25
	Noon to 2 pm	A Celebration of the Composers and Singers of The Great American Songbook 2.0!	Mike Agron	Sept 10 - Dec 10	19
	2 to 3:30 pm	Creating Connections through Sharing Life Stories	Karen Gierlach	Nov 5 - Dec 17	27
SHARED INTEREST GROUPS	<i>Shared Interest Groups Coordinators: Karen Martin and Chuck Wiseley</i>				
	10 to 11:30 am (yr.-round weekly)	High Intermediate Spanish (program closed to new participants)	Melody Flores	Sept 10 - Dec 17	41
	10 to Noon	Book Group: Great Books Shared Interest Group (program closed to new participants)	Jean Cawood, Dan Rooney	Sept 10 - Dec 10	42
	Noon to 1:30 pm (yr.-round bi-weekly)	A Guided Tour of The University Arboretum	Donna Eash, Michael Baad	Sept 10 - Dec 13	39
COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS	<i>Community Presentations Coordinator: Maryellen Burns and Bonnie Penix</i>				
	10 to 11:30 am	History as Mystery	Ed Sherman	Sept 10	47
	10 to 11:30 am	Debunking Money Myths: The Copernican Revolution in Economics	Mark Dempsey	Sept 17	47
	10 to 11:30 am	Stolpersteine, the Largest Memorial in the World	Angie Rooney	Sept 24	47
	10 to 11:30 am	Hobos and Train Hoppers	Maryellen Burns	Oct 1	48

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS	10 to 11:30 am	Wally Hedrick, 6 Gallery, and The Beats	Lawrence Fox	Oct 8	44
	10 to 11:30 am	Literary Hoaxes and Cultural Imposters	Maryellen Burns	Oct 15	46
	10 to 11:30 am	Adventures in Genealogy: Finding My Family...Finding History	Angie Rooney	Oct 29	48
	10 to 11:30 am	Japanese Wood Block Prints – Ukiyo-e	Karun Yee	Nov 5	46
	10 to 11:30 am	Founding Women – National Parks	Carolyn Martin	Nov 12	48
	7 to 8:30 pm	The Mother Code with Carole Stivers	Carole Stivers, Anne da Vigo	Oct 22	46
FORUMS	<i>Forums Coordinator: Tom Suchanek</i>				
	3 to 4 pm (Open to public!)	A Conversation with Dr. Katharine Hayhoe – Climate Scientist and Evangelical Christian	Dr. Katharine Hayhoe	Sept 10	53
	3 to 4 pm	Selling Genes, Buying Race	Professor Lisa Ikemoto	Sept 17	53
	3 to 4 pm	The Modoc War: The Tribe That Wouldn't Die	Cheewa James & Dr. Rose Soza War Soldier	Sept 24	54
	3 to 4 pm	The Disabled Civil Rights Movement	Dr. Mary Lee Vance	Oct 1	54
	3 to 4 pm	AAPI Strong: Stop the Hate!	Pat Fong Kushida	Oct 8	54
	3 to 4 pm	The Justice System: 2021 and Beyond	Judge James Mize	Oct 15	55
	3 to 4:30 pm (90-minute program. Open to public!)	Sacramento's Fantastic Olympic Gold Medalist Swimmers	Mike Burton, Jeff Float, Summer (Sanders) Schlopy, Mark Spitz, Debbie (Meyer) Weber, Beth Ruyak	Oct 22	55
	3 to 4 pm	Implicit Bias Contributes to the Persistence of Systemic Racism	Dr. Rita Cameron Wedding	Oct 29	57
	3 to 4 pm	A Conversation with Comedian Tom Dreesen	Tom Dreesen, Mike Agron	Nov 5	57
	3 to 4 pm	Will CA Governor Gavin Newsom Be Recalled or Not?	Rob Stutzman And Steven Maviglio	Nov 12	57
	3 to 4 pm	The Future of Electronic Wearables: E-Textiles and "Smart" Clothing	Dr. Gozde Goncu Berk	Nov 19	58
	3 to 4 pm	Restoring the Klamath River: The World's Largest Dam-Removal Project	Lester Snow	Dec 3	58
	3 to 4 pm	The Renaissance Society: Past, Present, and the Vision for the Future	Ken Cross	Dec 10	58

NOTES:

(1) All Shared Interest Groups facilitators planning face-to-face meetings in Fall 2021 must follow current state and county COVID-19 Health Guidelines and the policies of the Renaissance Society's COVID-19 Health Guidelines.

(2) This paper At-a-Glance Program Schedule is being sent to you as a courtesy. To see the detailed information about all the programs, including program descriptions, leaders, facilitators, coordinators, and speakers names and their biographies, as well as days, dates, and times, we urge you to peruse the online Fall Catalog 2021 on The Renaissance Society home page at <https://www.csus.edu/college/social-sciences-interdisciplinary-studies/renaissance-society/>.



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