The Schemel Forum was founded in July 2006 through generous gifts to the Rev. George Schemel, S.J., Fund, created by friends of the late Father Schemel in his loving memory. Its aim is to provide an opportunity for people of all ages to explore the intellectual and cultural wonders of the world.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Schemel Forum has become a go-to place in Northeastern Pennsylvania for intellectual stimulation — delving into the classics, getting up-to-the-minute news and insights into the complexities of the 21st century world — and experiencing the sheer pleasure of learning together. We are proud to spring forward with our second semester programs that we trust will please our loyal Schemel members and attract new members too. I count on all of you to let your friends in on the good news by inviting them to join us. Meantime, I thank you for your continuing participation and for the good questions you ask of our Scranton faculty and visiting speakers. They are always impressed with your perspicacity.

Warm regards,

Sondra Myers
Director, The Schemel Forum

testimonials

“The Schemel Forum is a first-rate vehicle for exploring historical & contemporary issues in an intellectually rigorous, open & engaged environment. I loved the exchange of ideas with the participants.”

— Wayne Winsborn, Executive Director, Institute of Jazz Studies, Rutgers Newark

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— Joan Halle, veteran Schemelite

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— Joseph E. Kraus, Ph.D., Professor of English, The University of Scranton

“The Schemel’s ever-interesting courses, current events luncheons & forums (and the other Schemelites) have added education & enjoyment to our lives.”

— Attorney Andrew & Mrs. Mary Hailstone, veteran Schemelites

courses

Artificial Intelligence: Science Fiction or Science Fact?
The course will examine the theory and practice of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Our central questions will be: Can human mental states (e.g. perceptions, beliefs, desires, fears, etc.) be replicated in non-biological systems? We will attempt to determine whether AI has reached (or is reaching) firm scientific footing or remains stalled as mere science fiction.

Andrew La Zella, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophy, The University of Scranton

Tuesdays, February 13, 20, 27 & March 6, 20, 27
Weinberg Memorial Library, Room 305 • 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

The Sixties: Making Sense of a Formative Era
Much that has transpired since the Sixties is rooted in that era or represents a strong reaction against its core themes and developments. The course will focus selectively on the meaning of the core events and developments in these turbulent years and what it portends at the outset of the Trump Era and its turbulence to date.

David Friedrichs, Distinguished Professor of Sociology/Criminal Justice and Criminology, The University of Scranton, and faculty members from other academic disciplines.

Wednesdays, March 7, 21, 28 & April 4, 11, 18
Weinberg Memorial Library, Room 305 • 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

The Habsburg Monarchy 1519-1918
Few dynasties had a greater impact on European history than the Habsburgs. They played a central role in the Reformation, the Thirty Years’ War, the Enlightenment, the French Revolution, the Industrial Revolution and WWI. This course will examine its pivotal monarchs: “the most powerful man in the world”, Charles V; the defender of Catholicism, Ferdinand II; the enlightened despot, Maria Theresa and Joseph II; the archenemy of Revolution, Franz II; the “eternal Kaiser,” Franz Joseph and conclude with an examination of the end of Habsburg rule a century ago during the reign of Karl II and its afterlife under his son Otto.

Sean Brennan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, The University of Scranton

Mondays, March 19, 26 & April 9, 16, 23, 30
Weinberg Memorial Library, Room 305 • 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Course Fees: Single Fee Non-Member: $60 • Couple Fee Non-Member: $100
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

Resisting Threats to Democracy: Lessons from Machiavelli

“I'd like to teach them the way to hell so they can steer clear of it,” maverick Italian philosopher Niccolo Machiavelli wrote to a friend in 1526. The hell he had in mind was a very earthly kind, one created by bad political choices and institutions that fail to check widespread corruption. What advice might he give to citizens and leaders today about how to save their troubled democracies?

Erica Benner, Ph.D., Fellow in Political Philosophy, Yale University / Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Central European University

Brennan Hall, Rose Room, 509 • Noon to 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

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Cost is $95 per person which includes transportation as well as museum entrance fees and guided tour and symphony tickets. The bus leaves from The University of Scranton at 7:45 a.m. & arrives back on campus at approximately 6:30 p.m. Please call Alicen Morrison, 570.941.6206, to reserve a spot by April 7th as spaces are limited.

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