



# UCALL

**UNION COLLEGE  
ACADEMY FOR  
LIFELONG LEARNING**

Our UCALL mission is to provide opportunities for intellectual development, cultural stimulation and social interaction for adults through courses, excursions and special events.

**WINTER 2020**

# UCALL WINTER PROGRAM

Brighten up your afternoons at a UCALL event. Our winter program features everything from Ice Hockey 101 to Storytelling to Indian Dance.

## UCALL Winter Program Registration Information

- Fees: UCALL Member: \$40 for all eight events. Non-Member: \$20 per event.

- Please return your registration form no later than Dec. 2, 2019. You will receive a confirmation of your registration prior to the start of classes.

- Class locations will be announced in your registration packet.

- UCALL will cancel classes/events if the Schenectady City School District is closed due to inclement weather. When the school system announces a delayed opening, UCALL will open at the scheduled time.

UCALL is a membership-based program for adults throughout the Capital Region who enjoy learning. Our courses cover a wide range of topics and are presented by volunteers from the UCALL membership, Union faculty, and community leaders and experts. Please call (518) 388-6072 or email [ucall@union.edu](mailto:ucall@union.edu) with any questions.

## WINTER PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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### STAFF

Valerie D'Amario, *Director*

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## TUESDAY, JAN. 7

1-3 p.m.

### Ice Hockey 101

Get a tour of Achilles Rink and a "lesson" in hockey basics from Union College Athletics Director **Jim McLaughlin** and Dutchmen hockey coaches. Then celebrate Ice Hockey 101 "graduation" with fellow UCALL-ers at a Union hockey game. Each class member will receive two complimentary tickets to a match (date TBD).

**COORDINATOR: PHYLLIS ZYCH BUDKA**

## THURSDAY, JAN. 9

1-3 p.m.

### Meet the Union College Authors! Part 1

**Rudy Nydegger**, professor emeritus of psychology and management, will talk about his book, *Dealing with Anxiety*. While anxiety is commonly associated with modern stresses and problems, few realize that disorders of this kind have existed since the beginning of time. What defines "anxiety" as a mental health condition? Who gets it and why? This book looks at this highly treatable condition that is responsible for many lost days of school and work and contributes to rising health care costs. Dr. Nydegger will also speak about the motivation for his book and the book writing and publishing process.

**Chad Orzel**, R. Gordon Gould Associate Professor of Physics, will discuss how his books about physics for non-scientists came to be written and published. He'll use his book, *How to Teach (Quantum) Physics to Your Dog*, as an illustrative example. Dr. Orzel will also touch on the motivation, writing, and publishing process for several of his other books, such as, *Eureka! Discovering your Inner Scientist*, and his latest book, *Breakfast with Einstein*.

**COORDINATOR: STELLA COLLINS**

## TUESDAY, JAN. 14

1-3 p.m.

### Debate: Physician Assisted Suicide

Two formidable debaters, **Robert Baker**, William D. Williams Professor of Philosophy, Union College, specializing in medical ethics, and **Robert C. Conner**, author and former *Gazette* columnist, who opposes physician assisted suicide (PAS), will argue the pros and cons of what may well become New York State Law. In 1997, Oregon's Death With Dignity Act (DWDA) went into effect with what were considered robust safeguards to protect persons requesting PAS, and physicians prescribing a lethal dose of barbiturate. Now, seven more states and the District of Columbia have passed legislation modeled on the Oregon statute, and the Montana Supreme Court has ruled that physicians there are shielded from prosecution for honoring a patient's wish to die.

**COORDINATOR: BOB BRIGGS**



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**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15**

**1-3 p.m.**

### **Meet the Union College Authors! Part 2**

Join us for book talks by two of our Union College Professors! **Kenneth Aslakson**, associate professor of history, will discuss his book *Making Race in the Court Room, The Legal Construction of Three Races in Early New Orleans*. No American city's history better illustrates both the possibilities for alternative racial models and the role of the law in shaping racial identity than New Orleans, Louisiana, which prior to the Civil War was home to America's most privileged community of people of African descent. In the eyes of the law, New Orleans's free people of color (gens de couleur) did not belong to the same race as enslaved Africans and African-Americans. The book is about the process by which free people of color living in New Orleans during the age of Revolution made history under circumstances they did not choose. It argues that race is best understood not as a category, but as a process. **Stephen C. Leavitt**, professor of anthropology, and former vice president of Student Affairs and dean of students, will discuss his book, *Rethinking Psychological Anthropology*. He states that psychological anthropologists have grappled with changing trends in both disciplines including psychoanalytic, holistic, cognitive, interpretive, and developmental approaches. He will talk about his field work in Papua, New Guinea, to give a sense of what it was like and to introduce the people he worked with there.

**COORDINATOR: ELIZABETH PAUL**

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**TUESDAY, JAN. 21**

**1-3 p.m.**

### **Stories of People Who Have Made a Difference**

Award winning storytellers **Alden (Joe) Doolittle** and **Kate Dudding** are well known throughout our region for their good-natured style and fascinating stories. They draw on their interests in history, families and our region to share stories of people who have made a difference in our community and our nation. Joe Doolittle loves to tell personal and family stories. He also has a repertoire of historical tales about the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys. He views these waters as key connectors of our regional story. Kate Dudding gives a voice to people from the past who made a difference - in their community, or in the world. Kate's stories are well researched, heartwarming and memorable. She is a member of the Interfaith Story Circle, which yielded a powerful and engaging CD, "Learning About Muslims," which speaks directly to our times. Join us for a program that will touch your heart and lift your spirit.

**COORDINATOR: CATHY LEWIS**

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**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22**

**1-3 p.m.**

### **Indian Dance**

Come warm your wintry spirit with an afternoon workshop on Indian dance with Union Department of Music Professor **Jennifer Matsue**, ethnomusicologist. She will be joined by student artists and Union senior **Shreyab Srivastava**, Indian classical dancer. Included will be an introduction to the history, culture, and the context of dances, followed by audience participation.

**COORDINATOR: ELIZABETH PAUL**

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**TUESDAY, JAN. 28**

**1-3 p.m.**

### **Mock Trial: The People vs. Carson Conners: School to Prison Pipeline?**

Join **Deborah Slezak**, Esq., as she leads us through a trial enactment: the criminal trial of Carson Conners, a high school senior reported by a school resources officer for aggression against a fellow student and teacher. As a result of his arrest for disorderly conduct, Conners missed a critical district wide assessment test. Conners and his defense team claim the whole thing was precipitated by the teacher, and that the school has a "school to prison pipeline" policy that targets at risk students, putting them into the criminal justice system instead of enacting effective in-school disciplinary measures. In addition, the Civil Liberties Society alleges that the school cut funding to aid students like Conners and used the money to reimburse the city for the services of two police officers. Draw your own conclusions as you listen to the prosecution and defense attorneys and their witnesses, and see how this trial ends and how that resolution could affect future students like Conners. Deborah A. Slezak is a partner at Cioffi-Slezak-Wildgrube P.C., a women-owned and operated law firm located in Schenectady, New York.

**COORDINATORS: BONNIE MCCULLOUGH AND JEFF ROTHMAN**

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**THURSDAY, JAN. 30**

**1-3 p.m.**

### **Dramatic Reading of "The Claw," A Murder Mystery Comedy**

Spend a winter afternoon laughing and sleuthing with us as UCALL thespians perform a dramatic reading of "The Claw," written in 1938 by local author and funeral director Zygmunt Brzozowski. It was performed only once by The Maska Dramatic Circle in 1939. Maska (Polish for "mask") was formed in Schenectady, NY, in 1933 and performed more than 51 plays in Polish until 1942. While most Maska performances were 19th and early 20th century farces by well-established Polish playwrights, just 4 were written by Maska members, including "The Claw," the only full manuscript found in Phyllis Budka's grandmother's attic. After translating the text, Phyllis discovered that the clever plot was based on a 1921 Broadway hit, "The Cat and the Canary," which was subsequently made into 4 movies. Special thanks go to Union's Theater and Dance Professors **Randy Wyatt** and **Dan Venning**.

**COORDINATOR: PHYLLIS ZYCH BUDKA**

*Class location to be determined and will be announced in your registration packet. Schedule is subject to change.*



## UCALL MEMBERSHIP AND EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

WINTER 2020

Mail completed form and all payments to: UCALL, Union College, 807 Union Street, Schenectady, NY 12308

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you an alumnus/alumna of Union College?  Yes Graduation year \_\_\_\_\_

**FEES:** UCALL member tuition for eight events is \$40.00 per person. Tuition for non-members is \$20.00 per event. Annual membership fee for new members and renewals is \$75.00 per person.

Please make your check payable to UCALL.

**EVENT SELECTION:** In the spaces provided, indicate the name of the events you plan to attend.

Please return your registration form no later than Dec. 2, 2019.

### Event Name

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**UCALL Member Tuition (includes all eight events)**

**\$40** \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Member Tuition**

**\$20 per event** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Fee (September-August)**

**\$75** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total (annual membership fee plus tuition)**

**\$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Friends of UCALL:** If you would like to make a contribution to Friends of UCALL, please send your donation in a separate check payable to Union College with FRIENDS of UCALL in the memo line.

Please indicate how you would like your name(s) to appear on our donor listing as well as the amount of your donation.

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