

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?
Eisenhower: The War Years
Eisenhower: The Presidency
Grant and his Presidency
Grant: Butcher or Savior?
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
Nixon and his Presidency
Nixon and China
Polk: The Pivot Point in American History
Polk: Why Could Polk Exercise Power?
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
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
Courageous Presidential Decisions – Five Famous Choices

Standalone US History Classes

The Berlin Wall Falls! 20 Years After
Decades: The Seventies
The Golden Age of Television Comedy: TV in the 1950s
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 Later

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*

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?*

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

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

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*

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*

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?*

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 – 3 weekly seminars

- *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: 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 – 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*

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 Imbedded?*

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*

Regional History:

Crime, Corruption, and Graft: Sioux City in the 1950’s

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*

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

Computer-based trainings (Moodle)

JFK – Fifty Years On, You Don't Know Jack

Computer-based trainings (CD-ROM): (Each session 1 hour)

Advanced Tactics in the Great Battles of the American Civil War – 3 sessions

Creating Effective Online Learning Classes – 4 sessions

Learning Advanced Squad Leader[®] – 12 sessions

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

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)**

Workshops:

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

Microsoft Office[®] (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Access) – 15 classes

Microsoft SSRS Reports Development – 2 classes

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)

Business Mathematics

Calculus

College Algebra

Statistics