



Central RED Society Class Schedule & Registration

Spring 2021

In January, you can join the virtual “January Series” broadcasts by Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI. You must register on their website to be able to watch. Go to <https://calvin.edu/january-series/> and they will send you a daily reminder with the link for viewing the presentation that day. The speakers and other details can also be found on this website.

Membership in Central RED is required to attend, and a Zoom link will be emailed to members.

“Getting to Mt. Everest” with Bryon and Amanda Schlotterback

Tuesday, January 12, 5:30 p.m.

Virtual: Zoom

They have stood at the foot of Mt. Everest, felt the misty waters of Skogafoss in Iceland, kissed the Blarney Stone, gazed over Paris from atop the Eiffel Tower, and maybe even sipped a Guinness or two in Dublin. They cannot imagine not living life!

Bryan was born and raised in Knoxville and is a firefighter and nationally registered emt for the city of Des Moines. He is a U.S. Navy Gulf War Veteran and participates in Ultra-Runner and Ironman competitions. Amanda was raised in Indianola and is the program manager for the Christian Opportunity Center. She has been a surrogate mother to 6 beautiful children.

Mark Barloon: “The Battle of Gettysburg”

Thursday, February 11, 12:30 p.m.

Virtual: Zoom

The Battle of Gettysburg was fought July 1-3, 1863, in and around the town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, by Union and Confederate forces during the American Civil War. The battle involved the largest number of casualties of the entire war and is often described as the war’s turning point. We will examine the critical moments of the Battle of Gettysburg – Northern victory was far from certain.

Mark Barloon has been teaching history at Central College for eighteen years. He was born in Iowa, studied at both Iowa State University (B.A., 1988) and the University of Iowa (M.A., 1990), and received his Ph.D. from the University of North Texas in 2001. His area of expertise is American Military History, with special emphasis on the American Civil War.

Nancy Hamilton and Wyatt Russell: "It Takes a Village"

Tuesday, February 23, 6 p.m.

Virtual: Zoom

What happens when a water main breaks and floods a long-term care facility? Hear the story of what happened February 20, 2020 when that is exactly what happened to Jefferson Place. Learn how the community came together to rescue and relocate the residents and what the new plans are for bringing their people home.

Nancy Hamilton is the executive director at Hearthstone and Wyatt Russell is director of facilities.

"Cargill, who are we"? with Jackie Seekamp and Bryce Bloomquist

Thursday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.

Virtual: Zoom

How many of us have driven on Highway 163 a little past Eddyville and wondered, just what does Cargill do? The Cargill Eddyville plant creates food ingredients for products "working to feed the world." Its 2,000-acre campus is one of the largest food ingredients operations across the country. Jackie and Bryce will share some insight on what all goes on in the plant.

Jackie Seekamp is a quality assurance specialist in the utilities department (water, boiler, and wastewater), She graduated from Central in 2006 majoring in Chemistry and Art. She lives in Pella with her husband, two kids and 3 dogs. Bryce Bloomquist is a 2011 graduate from Central majoring in exercise science/athletic training. He is the production technician in the utilities department and is currently a member of the Site Safety Committee and the Implementation Task Force.

"Building Legitimacy and Trust with Local Law Enforcement" with Shane McSheehy, Aaron Fuller and Jason Sandholdt

Tuesday, April 6, 5:30 p.m.

Virtual: Zoom

Building trust, transparency and legitimacy with the community is vital to an effective and efficient police organization. Building a relationship with the community is complex and requires various strategies. Topics include police training and policies, mental health issues, current trends in law enforcement, building trust and transparency relating to specific needs and challenges, and community involvement and support.

Shane McSheehy is the chief of police with the Pella Police Department with over 26 years of service. He earned an MS in criminal justice administration from Columbia Southern University. Aaron Fuller is the chief of police for the Knoxville Police Department and has been with the department for 15 years. Fuller earned a BA in Criminal Justice and Psychology at Buena Vista University and graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. Jason Sandholdt is in his third term as Marion County Sheriff. He graduated from Central College in 1993 with a Biology major. Sandholdt oversees the patrol division with 17 deputies, the communications center with 12 dispatchers, the 56-bed jail with 15 jailers and the civil division.

Professor Paulina Mena: Culture Night- Chile

Tuesday, May 18, noon

Virtual: Zoom

Situated south of Peru and west of Bolivia and Argentina, Chile is twice the size of Montana and home to over 18 million people. We will learn about the history, the people, the politics, and the obstacles the country faces.

Paulina is an associate professor of biology and has been teaching at Central since 2009. She obtained her B.S. from Universidad Catolica de Valparaiso, Chile, and her Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. Her research is centered on the conservation of native bees. Current projects involve an inventory of bees of Iowa using genetic barcoding and studying how prairie plants can be used to increase the abundance and diversity of bees in agricultural land.

"What Legacy are you Leaving?" with Jann Freed

Tuesday, May 25, 6 p.m.

Virtual: Zoom

Legacy work is one of the main components of becoming a sage – consciously aging in a graceful way and is part of living a positive and fulfilling life. We are all leaving a legacy and it can be positive or negative. It is never too early or too late to start thinking about living a life that matters.

Dr. Jann Freed, a 1977 graduate, is Professor of Business Management Emerita at Central College. After 30 years of college teaching, she left to become a senior consultant with the organizational development firm, the Genysys Group. Freed is also an adjunct professor for the University of Iowa. Jann is a director for the Bank Iowa Board and member of several community organizations including Eat Greater Des Moines, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Iowa, and Women United of United Way of Iowa.