



## Central RED Society Class Schedule & Registration

### Spring 2025

In January, we will be tapping into the “January Series” broadcast by Calvin College in Grand Rapids and viewed at Third Reformed Church, 708 E. 13th St., Pella. All programs start at 11:30 a.m.

#### **“KING: A LIFE” with Jonathan Eig**

**11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 20**

**Third Church Chapel**

**No cost, no need to register — just show up!**

Jonathan Eig will discuss his most recent title, “King: A Life,” which earned him the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Biography. He’ll explore Martin Luther King Jr. as a deep thinker, brilliant strategist, and committed leader of one of history’s greatest movements. Jonathan will also explain why King’s demands for justice remain as urgent today as they were in his lifetime.

#### **“A CONVERSATION ON LEARNING TO DISAGREE” with John Inazu**

**11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 22**

**Third Church Chapel**

**No cost, no need to register — just show up!**

Through conversation, John Inazu will teach us how to disagree better while shedding light on how we often view our adversaries not only as wrong but increasingly as evil, resist notions of forgiveness, and distrust institutions that try to mediate our disagreements. These are all themes of his latest book, “Learning to Disagree: The Surprising Path to Navigating Differences with Empathy and Respect.”

#### **“ADVENTURES ACROSS THE WORLD AND AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD” with Alastair Humphreys**

**11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28**

**Third Church Chapel**

**No cost, no need to register — just show up!**

Alastair Humphreys will encourage us to break out of our busy schedules and pursue micro adventures in the wilderness close to home.

### **“CROSSROADS OF PELLA” with Jim Hibma**

**11:30 a.m. lunch, noon presentation, Wednesday, Feb. 5**

**Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex**

**Cost: \$15**

Crossroads of Pella started in 1983 during the farm crisis. Over the years, they have provided services to the public at no cost, including counseling. Funding is through tax-deductible contributions from community members. Some of the services provided by Crossroads include counseling, coat drive for families, English language learning and so much more. One of their biggest events is the well known Klompen Classic, held the Thursday before Tulip Time. Proceeds raised from the race are used to help local families.

*Jim is the executive director of Crossroads of Pella and a licensed social worker and counselor. He has been with Crossroads for over 33 years. He received his Master of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary, Master of Science from Drake University, and Master of Social Work from the University of Iowa.*

### **“REMEMBERING PELLA’S MID-20th CENTURY RETAIL BUSINESSES” with Bruce Boertje**

**5:30 p.m. dinner, 6 p.m. presentation, Thursday, Feb. 27**

**Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex**

**Cost: \$20**

Learn the history of some of the better-known businesses from the late 1940’s into the 1970’s. Businesses included are car and implement dealerships, gas stations, grocery stores, restaurants and more. We will compare the quantity and variety of businesses that Pella once had with today’s businesses and how the introduction of better roads, big box stores and the internet have impacted local businesses.

*Bruce is a Pella native and 1979 graduate of Central College. His passion is researching and sharing Pella’s history and its heritage. He is currently president of the Pella Preservation Trust and vice-chair of the City of Pella’s Historic Preservation Commission.*

### **“PROHIBITION STORIES FROM FREMONT & MAHASKA COUNTY” with John Carter**

**11:30 a.m. lunch, noon presentation, Thursday, March 6**

**Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex**

**Cost: \$15**

Prohibition was a controversial policy in the early 1900s that made the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages illegal and was supported by many people. Iowa, along with Kansas and Maine led the way for the passage of the 18th Amendment. Iowa had statewide prohibition in 1916, four years before the national policy of 1920. John will share stories from his father who ran a hotel & speakeasy during prohibition.

*John Carter has a rich appreciation for local history which was inspired by stories from his father who was born before the turn of the century. John's father was a gifted craftsman and businessman. His father was involved with numerous history making Iowa events such as assisting in the building of the Naval Air Station in Ottumwa and the POW Camp in Clarinda.*

**“TERRITORIAL DISPUTES, BORDER POLITICS AND CONFLICT IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS” with David Carter**

**5:30 p.m. dinner, 6 p.m. presentation, Thursday, May 22**

**Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex**

**Cost: \$20, cash bar available**

Conflicts over the control of territory have long been a prime cause of war in international politics. While the end of the Cold War briefly ushered in a period when policymakers and scholars thought the forces of globalization would render conflict over borders and territory rare, this has not been the case. Countries in every region of the world are walling and fencing their borders at an unprecedented rate. While around ten borders were fortified at the end of the Cold War, well over 60 are currently walled or fenced, with more on the way. Meanwhile, since Russia invaded Ukraine in February of 2022, war over territory has raged on the European continent, while destructive wars have raged in Syria for well over a decade and in Gaza and Israel since last year. These are not isolated examples, as 2023 had more armed conflicts globally than any year since the end of the Second World War. What are the causes of all these conflicts and wars? What can be done to help end them? What long-term consequences do these conflicts have? This course provides a brief overview of research in these areas, with application to ongoing conflicts around the world.

David is currently a Professor in the Department of Political Science at Washington University in St. Louis. He previously taught at Princeton University and Pennsylvania State University. He received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Rochester in 2009 after receiving a B.A. in Government from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. He currently serves as a co-editor of *World Politics* and is a member of the editorial boards of *International Organization*, *American Political Science Review*, and *International Studies Quarterly*. His research is in international relations and much of it has a focus on the causes and consequences of conflict over borders and territory.

**RED ROCK HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT with Vern Cochran**

**5:30 p.m. dinner, 6 p.m. presentation, Wednesday, June 4**

**Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex**

**Cost: \$20, cash bar available**

The Missouri River Energy Service built and operate the hydroelectric generating facility at the Red Rock Reservoir. The US Army Corps of Engineers operates the dam, and the Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency financed and owns the plant. The course will contain information on the construction and capabilities of the plant.

*Vern is the plant supervisor. He has been employed in the power generation industry for 40 years. He has been a plant manager in coal, gas turbine, wind, and landfill gas facilities. He started his career in the US Navy as a machinist mate working on an aircraft carrier. Vern is married to Angela, and they have 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 3 dogs.*

**CENTRAL RED SOCIETY**  
**Spring 2025**  
**SIGN ME UP FOR CLASSES!**

- Class reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Class sizes may be limited.
- You may sign up more than one person on a sheet. Please include both names and payment for both people.
- Please mail to Central College Alumni Office, Attn: Mary Benedict, 812 University St., Campus Box 5200, Pella, IA 50219. Be sure to add a check. Class reservations cannot be held without payment.

Make checks payable to Central RED Society

- Sorry, no refund on classes unless the entire class needs to be canceled.

Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Name (2): \_\_\_\_\_

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*CLASSES I'M SIGNING UP FOR*

**Name(s) attending:**

Crossroads of Pella \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 each = \_\_\_\_\_

History of Pella Businesses \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Prohibition Stories from Fremont & Mahaska County \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Territorial Disputes, Border Politics and Conflict in International Politics \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Red Rock Hydroelectric Project \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 each = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_**

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