

2020-2021

Panorama Learning in Retirement

Lecture Series Goes Virtual!

We're revamping our Learning in Retirement lecture series for the 2020 world so you can stay home, stay safe, and stay learning with speakers on thought-provoking topics. Tune in for lectures and Q&A chats featuring compelling speakers. These lectures are made possible by generous donations to Panorama through the Office of Philanthropy. All presentations will be Zoom Webinars - registration is required AND very simple!

Climate Change in Washington State: Are Salmon Doomed?

Wednesday, September 30, 2020 | 1:30pm
Nicholas Bond

Salmon are an important part of our culture. It is easy to despair about the future prospects for these icons of the Pacific Northwest due to environmental degradation, including climate change. But we should not give up. We are actually making headway on some of the stressors on salmon, as part of growing awareness of the linkages between environmental health and human well-being.

How DNA Made a Family

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 | 1:30pm
Diahan Southard

Diahan Southard's mom was adopted from an unwed mother's home in Seattle, Washington. Come learn how she was able to use a combination of genetic and genealogical tools to connect with her biological family, and how it has affected her life. Leave with concrete ideas on how to apply these same methods to your own personal genetic genealogy endeavors, whether you are looking for your father, or your Great, Great, Great Grandfather.

Hijacked: A Critical Change of Plans

Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 | 1:30pm
Arthur Krull

A true story about how Arthur was a pilot on a Delta L 1011 that was hijacked to Cuba in January of 1980. They safely arrived in Cuba, hoping the hijacker would get off, but instead he demanded to refuel and fly to Iran. This was two months after students loyal to the Ayatollah had taken over the U.S. Embassy. Hoping to avert a bloody tragedy, the flight crew and passengers devised a complicated, risky plan. Arthur Krull's Hijacked -A Critical Change of Plans tells you their story and much more, showing how the events of that day resonate to this day.

Help! The Mountains of Washington Are Turning Upside Down!

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 | 1:30pm
Barak Gale

This presentation touches on changes in climate, provide spectacular images by a Washington Mountaineer, explanations by an engineer of thermodynamics and two scary sets of curves; the Covid curves and the IPCC Scenarios.

Think Black

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 | 1:30pm
Clyde W. Ford

Clyde Ford watched his father struggle against racism as the first black software engineer in America, hired by IBM in 1946. These challenges came from bigoted individuals within IBM as well as IBM's corporate involvement in human rights abuses. Author, scholar, and activist, Clyde shows how the issues his father encountered are still present in high-tech today, and what concerned citizens must do to support and advocate for human and civil rights in the modern technological age.

Forest Ecology and Dead Wood:

There's life in those snags and logs!
Wednesday, March 17, 2021 | 1:30pm
Ken Bevis

Forest ecology represents the study of the myriad of factors that make up a forest. Recent decades of research has revealed the important role dead wood plays in the shaping and maintenance of habitats, soil and the forest ecosystem. This presentation is a visually rich description of the types, and roles of dead wood in forests of Washington State.

Stay Alive All Your Life:

11 principles for extraordinary
leadership, living, and legacy
Wednesday, April 21, 2021 | 1:30pm
Michael Ivanov

Through Michael's story-telling, stage props, and personal anecdotes, attendees will learn 11 core principles for extraordinary purpose and living. Attendees will be empowered to lead from the heart, re-ignite passions, and leave an EXTRAORDINARY legacy!

Clearing the Air:

Environmental Justice and Air Quality
Wednesday, May 19, 2021 | 1:30pm
Jiawen Liu

Outdoor criteria air pollution level decreased over time. Cleaner air reduces absolute disparities in air pollution exposure. Spatial patterns of people (segregation), results in disparities by race and income. The underlying causes for disparities can be at various spatial levels, for example, local, regional, or national.