

# Skidmore

## Encore

*A survey of liberal studies presentations by Skidmore College faculty for adult learners*

### 2018 Schedule

#### October 2 and 4

#### **BODY AND MIND**

11:00am – 11:45am

*Antioxidants and Exercise: Miracle Medicine or Pricy Placebos?*

**Stephen Ives, Assistant Professor and Associate Chair of Health and Human Physiological Sciences**

12:00pm – 12:45pm

*How Gratitude Impacts Mental Health*

**Mark Rye, Professor and Chair of Psychology**

2:10pm – 2:55pm

*The Worm at the Core: On the Role of Death in Life*

**Sheldon Solomon, Professor of Psychology**

#### October 9 and 11

#### **THE BRAIN AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

11:00am – 11:45am

*Is That You? How the Brain Recognizes Faces*

**Christopher G. Vecsey, Assistant Professor of Neuroscience**

12:00pm – 12:45pm

*Artificial Intelligence: A Technical Potpourri*

**David Read, Lecturer in Computer Science**

2:10pm – 2:55pm

*Artificial Intelligence: The Future is Now*

**Peter R. Murray, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy**

#### October 16 and 18

#### **INSIDE AND OUTSIDE NATIONS**

11:00am – 11:45am

*The Power of Images: the United States and China through History and in the Media*

**Mao Chen, Professor of World Languages and Literatures**

12:00pm – 12:45pm

*Voices from War's Legacies: Violence, Reunion, and Questions of Reconciliation*

**Joowon Park, Assistant Professor of Anthropology**

2:10pm – 2:55pm

*Children of Immigrants and the Future of the U.S.*

**Amon Emeka, Associate Professor of Sociology**

## **October 23 and 25**

11:00am – 11:45am

### **POWER PLAY**

*Paper Tiger: The Industrial Lobby in 20th Century America*

**Jennifer Delton, Professor of History**

12:00pm – 12:45pm

*Totalitarianism, Ideology, and Moral Agency*

**Flagg Taylor, Associate Professor of Political Science**

2:10pm – 2:55pm

*(Re) Living History: Role-Playing in Classics and History Courses*

**Michael Arnush, Associate Professor and Chair of Classics**

**Erica Bastress-Dukehart, Associate Professor of History**

## **Oct 30 and Nov 1**

11:00am – 11:45am

### **SPORTS AND AMERICAN CULTURE**

*Sport in Comic Strips*

**Jeff Segrave, David H. Porter Professor, Health and Human Physiological Sciences**

12:00pm – 12:45pm

*America's Most Divided Sport: How Politics and Social Class Affect Attitudes About Youth Sports*

**Andrew Lindner, Associate Professor of Sociology**

2:10pm – 2:55pm

*Toots Shor and Other Midcentury Crum Bums*

**Daniel A. Nathan, Professor of American Studies**

## **November 6 and 8**

11:00am – 11:45am

### **IT'S SHOWTIME!**

*Theatrical Stopwatches: How Plays Win or Lose in 90 Seconds*

**John Michael DiResta, Artist-In-Residence - Directing, Theater Department**

12:00pm – 12:45pm

"The Second Buddha" is Coming to Skidmore

**Benjamin Bogin, Associate Professor of Asian Studies**

2:10pm – 2:55pm

"While My Guitar Gently Weeps": Social and Musical Dynamics in the Creation of a Classic Beatles Recording

**Gordon Thompson, Professor of Music**

## **November 13 and 15**

11:00am – 11:45am

### **WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE**

*Off to Sea: How Juvenile Atlantic Salmon Prepare for Migration to Marine Environments*

**Jason Breves, Assistant Professor of Biology**

12:00pm – 12:45pm

*The Illustrious Geologic History of Saratoga Springs: A Drama in Three Acts*

**Amy Frappier, Associate Professor and Chair of Geosciences**

2:10pm – 2:55pm

*Fathoms Below: A Human History of Life Under the World's Oceans*

**Tillman Nechtman, Professor and Chair of History**