

SKIDMORE ENCORE

2026

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

Lecture Schedule

September 29

Animal World

10:15am – 11:10am

Protecting Native Pollinators

Erika Schielke, Teaching Professor of Biology

11:25am – 12:20pm

Global Status of Gene Edited Animals for Food and Agriculture

Nurcan Atalan-Helicke, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies and Sciences

October 6

To Your Health

10:15am – 11:10am

The Peakspan Blueprint: Living the PRISE(d) Life

Paul Arciero, Professor of Health and Human Physiological Sciences

11:25am – 12:20pm

Insights into the Human Brain: What 50 Years of Alzheimer's Research Has Taught Us

Sara Lagalwar, Professor of Neuroscience

October 13

On the High Seas

10:15am – 11:10am

Loose Teeth Sink Ships: Scurvy in the Ancient Past

Daniela Wolin, Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology

11:25am – 12:20pm

Logging on the High Seas: A Social History of Maritime Journals in Captain Cook's Wooden World

Tillman Nechtman, Professor of History

October 20

Perception and Awareness

10:15am – 11:10am

Why So Sensitive? What We Can Learn from Differences in Sensory Abilities between Humans and Animals

Chris Vecsey, Professor of Neuroscience

11:25am – 12:20pm

Current Joys Versus Future Fears: Savoring Practices to Ease Worry

Lucas LaFreniere, Associate Professor of Psychology

October 27

2026 Election

10:15am – 11:10am

What to Expect in the 2026 Midterm Elections

Adam Thal, Assistant Professor of Political Science

11:25am – 12:20pm

Myths and Facts about Running the 2026 Election: The Security of Election Processes and Resilience of Election Officials

Chris Mann, Associate Professor of Political Science

November 3

Global Focus

10:15am – 11:10am

What Makes Political Islam Popular

Feryaz Ocakli, Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs

11:25am – 12:20pm

Capitalism and Sustainability

Pushkala Prasad, Zankel Chair Professor of Management for Liberal Arts Students

November 10

Understanding the Arts

10:15am – 11:10am

Is Music Really a Universal Language?

Charlotte D'Evelyn, Associate Professor of Music

11:25am – 12:20pm

Partner Sequence

Brian Lawson, Assistant Professor of Dance / Ryan Homsey, Director of Academic Advising