

Meet the Instructors:

SPRING 2025

**Listed chronologically by catalog entries.*

401-African American Genealogy

JOHN SKARDON

Mr. Skardon works as the Genealogy Librarian at York County Library. He is a repeat instructor for LL@RH, and he always has a plethora of information to share!

402-Back on the Bike / 468-The Power of the Catawba

MOLLY KOESTER-BRUCE

Ms. Koester-Bruce is the Cycling and Outdoor Center Supervisor with the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department. Her expertise in outdoor sports and recreation is vast. Molly encourages individuals of all ages to stay active, and doing so on a bike is an emphasis for her work. She also welcomes the opportunity to share more about the influence of the Catawba River on our region.

403-Basic Crochet

BEVERLY MIELE

Ms. Miele has been crocheting since she was a young child. She has taught crochet to adults and children and looks forward to sharing this hobby with more learners.

404-Basics of Reiki

HELEN GEBRE

Ms. Gebre is a Reiki Master Practitioner. She has also been a Registered Nurse for 25+ years. She became interested in learning the art of Reiki after having her own healing and uplifting experiences with it. Helen now offers sessions and classes at her Rock Hill office location.

405A/B-Beginner/Intermediate Woodcarving

RUSTY ROBINSON

Mr. Robinson's lifelong love of woodworking started as a child watching his grandfather turn wood into the objects required to make a farm function. These youthful experiences, combined with his love of history, have led him to study extensively about the evolution of woodworking. Rusty has been fortunate to have had some wonderful opportunities to put his knowledge into practice, from building log cabins at Historic Brattonsville to restoring castle doors in England. Rusty encourages you to bring your stories and ideas and be prepared to have fun!

406-Beginner Guitar

DAVE COLE

Mr. Cole has an undergraduate degree in Elementary Music Education and taught in the elementary schools in the Rock Hill School District for 33 years. He has also used his musical gifts to serve in various ministerial and community music positions. Dave has been playing the guitar since he was a young child.

407-Beginner Spanish

JANE JOHNSTON

Ms. Johnston is from Ohio and has a background in education. She taught students with special needs and adult body management for many years. Fifty years ago, Jane served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Costa Rica where she lived with a family for two years, was a teacher trainer and grew in Spanish fluency.

408-Beginner Spanish PLUS

PATTI DEGAINE

Ms. DeGaine is a native Spanish-speaker. She taught at the elementary and middle school levels. She also does private tutoring for individuals and small groups. Patti plans to focus on conversational Spanish during her class.

409-Birding in the Field / 462-Secrets of the Amazon's Pink Dolphins

BILL ROGERS

Dr. Rogers has been fascinated by biology since a very early age. As a result, he has done research with, and taught classes on, birds and other animal groups for over 50 years. Originally from California, he did his undergrad and PhD work (on fish behavior) at UC, Berkeley. After 31 years in Rock Hill, he retired from the Winthrop University Biology Department where, in addition to ornithology, he also taught animal behavior, evolution, biological statistics and many other courses. He still takes every opportunity he can to get out in the field, especially to look for birds and watch their behavior. Dr. Rogers shares his knowledge every semester with LL@RH, and he serves as the chairperson of the LL@RH Advisory Committee.

410-Building Life Skills Through Improv / 464-Stoicism: Thrive in Any Age

CONNOR WENTLING

Mr. Wentling has a deep love for comedy and years of experience in stand-up and improv. Exploring how humor fosters connection, creativity and resilience has been a driving force in his life. Through teaching and performing, Connor has seen the way improv can transform how we navigate challenges and connect with others, making life more adaptable and joyful. Furthermore, Connor studied philosophy in college and has carried his love of Stoicism through years of service as a Marine Corps officer, as well as in his roles as a husband and father of four. Stoic texts have traveled with Connor wherever the military and life have taken him, offering

timeless wisdom through life's challenges. Connor continues to study and practice Stoicism daily, finding it a practical guide to becoming a better person and navigating the ups and downs of life with clarity and resilience.

411-Chair Yoga for Beginners / 413-Deep Stretch Yoga / 419-Intro. to Yoga Flow **TAMI WINDELL**

Ms. Windell began her own yoga practice in 2009, became a certified instructor in 2017 and added an advanced certification in 2021. She has over 1200 hours of teaching experience in Rock Hill with a focus in Vinyasa, Yin, Restorative and Chair Yoga. Tami is not that yogi who can turn herself into a pretzel. She is a real person with a real body that sometimes has aches and pains, just like you. Tami wants to help you not feel trapped in your body!

412-Creative Writing **MARTHA MACDONALD**

Dr. Macdonald grew up listening to her father tell stories, either on the front porch or at the dining room table. She loves to tell stories and to hear people share theirs. She believes everyone has a story to tell. Dr. Macdonald is a published writer and has conducted many workshops in storytelling. Martha taught on the collegiate level for over 50 years and has worked with adult learners for several years, as well.

414-Dremel: The Incredible Tool **DENNIS STELTZNER**

Mr. Steltzner has over 30 years of experience using Dremel tools with various hobbies, including woodworking, metal and modeling. He looks forward to sharing his interest with the learners.

415-The Evolution of Civil Rights Efforts and Struggles 1865-2000 **BUDDY MOTZ**

Mr. Motz is a third generation Rock Hillian. He graduated from Rock Hill High School in 1964 and then enlisted in the US Navy at age 17. He later earned an undergraduate degree in Secondary Education from The Citadel, and a Master of Business Administration, Master of Liberal Arts and Master of Arts in history from Winthrop University. Buddy is a US Navy Vietnam Combat Veteran. He served 12 years on York County Council while also spending over 30 years as an independent insurance agent. Following his retirement, he earned a graduate degree in history and has been teaching Western Civilization and American history at York Technical College and Belmont Abbey College for the past 12 years. Buddy is currently co-writing a book on Vietnam with Dr. Edward Lee.

416-Geocaching: A Treasure Hunt

JIM & JODY STEELE

Jim and Jody Steele enjoy the outdoors. Upon retirement from Rock Hill Schools as a middle level science teacher, Jody took a geocaching class at Winthrop. Jim had fun exploring the app and finding caches, too. Following the course, the Winthrop instructor moved to Florida, so Jody taught the Winthrop Geocaching course for four years. Jim always assisted! Jody also serves on the LL@RH Advisory Committee.

417-Introduction to the American Cornhole League

ERIC & TREY RYDER

Trey Ryder is the Chief Strategy Officer of the American Cornhole League (ACL) and has been with the league since 2017 as a broadcaster analyst, media director, Chief Marketing Officer and now Chief Strategy Officer. Eric Ryder, General Manager of the ACL Headquarters, will also be involved in instruction. In addition to managing the HQ, Eric is a former ACL Pro, which is the highest level of competition in the sport.

418A/B-Introduction to Water Aerobics

SUSAN VANZILE

Ms. Van Zile is a retired computer systems analyst and certified water aerobics instructor. She has been teaching deep water aerobics for several years. She started taking aerobics classes in 2019 after retirement and was hooked. Susan has studied and trained her way to instructor level and really enjoys both taking and teaching the classes. Susan is excited to introduce you to this wonderful sport and to get you "hooked," too.

420-Learn to Play Bridge

BARBARA O'CONNELL

Ms. O'Connell is a graduate of Michigan State University and, as a young mother married to a corporate up-and-comer, they moved 8 times in 10 years before landing in Rock Hill 40 years ago. Bridge was her saving grace, as it helped her break into social circles in each new community during corporate moves, as every new neighborhood needed a 4th for bridge. Barbara does not claim to be an 'expert', nor does she own any Master points, but she loves the game and loves to teach others to play for the sheer fun of it!

421 / 422-Learn to Play Pickleball

NANCY NEEDHAM

Ms. Needham is a retired physical education teacher and has been playing pickleball for many years. She is returning for another semester of pickleball with LL@RH.

423-LL@RH Salon

KATARINA MOYON & TERRY PLUMB

Ms. Moyon is a researcher for Ballotpedia, the Encyclopedia of American Politics and has a part-time role in the John C. West Forum on Politics & Policy at Winthrop University. Katarina also serves on the Community Advisory Board for WFAE Public Radio in Charlotte.

Mr. Plumb is the retired editor of *The Rock Hill Herald* and has been involved in numerous civic or cultural activities, including Friends of York County Library, Freedom Walkway and Lifelong Learning, for which he has led a variety of classes and participated in several more.

424-Movin' and Groovin': Chair Dance

ROBIN ALLEN

Ms. Allen is a certified ZUMBA Gold instructor as well as a certified Chair Yoga and Chair Yoga Dance instructor. She holds a master's degree in Recreation Therapy and has been teaching people with limited abilities and seniors for 20+ years. Robin absolutely loves teaching ZUMBA Gold and Chair Yoga Dance and bringing joy and happiness to others who, for different reasons, think they can't participate in these wonderful opportunities. Robin looks forward to bringing this joy to you.

425-Photography & Spirituality

SUSAN SCHORSTEN

As a young 80-year-old striving for wholeness as a lifelong learner, Ms. Schorsten is attempting to integrate her love of nature and photography with her spirituality. She is always learning how to 'see' differently from her hobby of photography.

426-Planting for Beauty in the Sun / 433-All You Need to Know About Viburnums / 448-Gardening for the Young at Heart

BARBARA ALLBRITTON-GRANT

An active Master Gardener since 1989, Dr. Allbritton-Grant has an avocational love of the natural world, especially plants. After retirement, she joined the educational staff of Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens. There is something in bloom in her two-acre yard 365 days per year. She gardens in both containers and the ground. Trying new plants and starting seeds are joyous undertakings, as is discovering something unexpected other than weeds. Barbara has provided many fascinating courses for LL@RH, and it is a delight to have her on board again this semester!

427-Play Readings for Fun

TODD HARLAND-WHITE

Mr. Harland-White voices, directs and edits audiobook readings for a volunteer organization called Librivox.org. He and other volunteers record out-of-copyright texts or scripts and release

the results to be listened to for free by anyone worldwide. Todd has been in 800 audiobook releases over the last 12 years.

428- *The Prince of Tides*

JOANNE GASKINS

Ms. Gaskins believes she truly had the career of her dreams when she taught high school English at Northwestern High School for 28 years. She loves teaching Lifelong Learning classes because she can relive those days to some extent. Joanne's area of concentration at Meredith College was British literature, her first love. She has taught a Lifelong Learning class on British poetry and another on *Othello*. She also taught a class on *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Go See a Watchman* and *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.

429-Put Your Best Voice Forward / 431-Survival French

LARRY WINELAND

Mr. Wineland, originally from Pennsylvania, is a retired high school teacher of French, English, Theatre and Communications. He also was an adjunct instructor at Messiah University and Dickinson College. For many years he served as Pennsylvania State Director of the International Thespian Society, the scholastic fraternity for theatre.

430A/B-Rock Hill History

PAT GRANT, CHIP HUTCHISON & GARY WILLIAMS

Ms. Grant is a native Rock Hillian. Her family and church are her purposes in life, and her passion is history. She speaks on local history to various groups and leads walks to historic sites in the area. Mr. Hutchison is a strong believer in the importance of preserving history, sharing history and building history into the fabric of our present community. Chip serves as a board member for Historic Rock Hill and is a regular face and contributor to the history programs for LL@RH. As a local business owner and community influencer, Mr. Williams is very passionate about the growth and development of Rock Hill. Together, this trio of instructors continues to share the story of how Rock Hill's past is influencing its future.

432-The Wellness Formula: Food, Lifestyle, Mindset

DENISE KENNEDY

Ms. Kennedy is a Holistic Nutritionist, a Certified Natural Chef and a Life* Weight* Mindset Coach with over 30 years of experience. As a National Educator, she has addressed audiences across the country. Her ongoing mission is to help people reach optimal health, develop a vibrant life and live out their true purpose.

434-Android Phone Basics / 443-Declutter to Downsize / 450-iPhone Basics / 463-Smart Phones: Beyond the Basics

MARGARET JOHNSON & CHLOE WALKER

Ms. Johnson is a Seniors Real Estate Specialist® who believes in education, as it protects us from being cheated and scammed, but it also enables us to live richer lives with confidence. Chloe Walker has been educating others for years and joins Margaret in leading these helpful seminars for seniors. Together they have created these workshops to offer practical advice.

435-Balance and Fall Prevention

IAN SCOLLINS

Mr. Scollins graduated with a BS in Athletic Training from Quinnipiac University and earned his Doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of Hartford. For over 10 years, Ian has achieved great success in the treatment of orthopedic and sports medicine injuries as well as concussions and vestibular rehabilitation. He strives to provide an intensive, total body approach to fitness and therapy by utilizing his various skills such as dry needling, blood flow restriction training and balance training.

436-Ballads and the Songcatching Tradition

LARRY DIMICK & HEATHER JARRELL

Mr. Dimick has led a variety of classes and programs in previous semesters for LL@RH. He was called into ministry 40 years ago, which brought an introduction to folk instruments as informal jam sessions took place in the school each week. Larry discovered he was given a gift of being able to learn to play these instruments quickly and easily and that he had a good ear for lead and harmony singing. Music became a tool that Larry used throughout his time as an active pastor, and he continues to share music in his retirement. Mrs. Jarrell is married to United Methodist Pastor Michael Jarrell and is a talented singer in several genres.

437-Basic Landscape Design I / 438 & 439-Basic Landscape Design II / 478-Rockin' Art: Painting Rocks for Fun! / 479-Spring Floral Arrangements / 480-Spring Wreath & Bows / 483-Glencairn Garden Tour

HALLE RUSSELL

Ms. Russell enjoys helping people see the beauty that surrounds us and helping them to maintain or to create it. Halle has taught gardening as part of 4H programs in Rock Hill and York School districts. At Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, she taught children and adults various horticulture, floral, painting and craft classes. Halle has a BA in Art and Art History, cum laude from Winthrop University. She also earned her status as a Master Gardener from Clemson University and her recognition as a Certified Floral Designer from York Technical College. Halle is also the owner of Halle's Designs. Halle loves crafts, plants and design and desires to share her love with those willing to learn, which she generously does in multiple ways for LL@RH each semester.

440/441/442-Bread Basics: Making Simple Sourdough

KRISTEE BOSTWICK

Ms. Bostwick is a former teacher and now a homeschooling mama who loves to bake bread in her spare time. She has been baking bread since 2020 and enjoys sharing not only how to bake sourdough but also sharing her bread with others.

444/445-Decorating Cookies with Royal Icing

GENA RAINEY

Ms. Rainey worked in the corporate world for over 27 years until life-changing events led her to reevaluate what makes her happiest in life. She transitioned to doing something that not only feeds the family but the soul. Making cookies that make people smile provides that outlet for Gena.

446-A Deeper Insight into Tariffs

JOHN PROCTOR

Mr. Proctor holds a BSME and an MBA and has spent 12 years as a lecturer in Economics at Winthrop University. John has also worked as a high school teacher in Charlotte, NC.

447-Explaining South Carolina History

EDWARD LEE

Dr. Lee is professor of history at Winthrop University. He frequently comments on a wide range of historical topics. He has appeared on Fox News, CNN, NBC News and National Public Radio. He also recently lectured at Harvard University about "Leadership Lessons from America's Presidents."

449-How Do Things Really Work?-Websites

KURT ISBERG

Mr. Isberg is a retired systems administrator and information architect of internal communications systems for a global financial technologies company. He has over 30 years of experience designing, developing and working with Internet and Web related projects.

451 & 452-Legacy Storytelling on Video

WEEZY SUMMEY

Ms. Summey is an experienced video producer and director with a passion for storytelling through video. From a young age, she was captivated by the world of video production, and later, a college program helped her turn that childhood dream into a career. Today, Weezy loves educating others on how to use video and photos to share their unique stories.

453-Making the Most of Retirement

JUDY MOBLEY

Ms. Mobley retired after serving the Rock Hill School District as a teacher, principal and director. In retirement, Judy found her second calling and now serves as the Director of Carolina Immigrant Alliance, where she began as a volunteer in 2017. After a trip to the Mexican border that provided insight into the plight of immigrants, she attended legal immigration training sponsored by World Relief, passed the exam, and served internship hours in two offices to become a US Dept. of Justice Accredited Representative. She works with immigrants to file applications for Lawful Permanent Residency ("green cards"), Citizenship, Employment Authorization, Family Petitions, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival renewals, Temporary Protected Status and other immigrant benefits.

454-More to Do and See with PRT!

JESSE HOLLIMAN & BRIAN JONES

Mr. Holliman is the Parks Division Superintendent with the Parks, Recreation & Tourism (PRT) Department. Mr. Jones oversees tourism sales and is the Indoor and Annex Division Superintendent with PRT. These men, along with the PRT Department, work tirelessly to keep Rock Hill moving forward.

455-Morning with the Mayor

MAYOR JOHN GETTYS

Mayor Gettys is a 1991 graduate of Erskine College and earned his master's degree in public administration and juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina in 1995. Following graduation from law school, Mayor Gettys began his private practice with the law firm of Harrelson, Hayes & Guyton from 1996 to 2001, becoming a partner with the firm in 2000. In 2001, he became a founding partner of the Morton & Gettys Law Firm. Mr. Gettys took office as mayor of Rock Hill in January 2018. Mayor Gettys shares with the LL@RH community each semester, and his programs are always a hit!

456-Planning Ahead: Peace of Mind / 482-Discover Hospice & Community Care

SUSAN FISCHER & TAYLOR THOMAS

Ms. Fischer is a 1989 graduate of Winthrop University. She is a licensed Funeral Director with the SC Board of Funeral Service and is a licensed Preneed Insurance Consultant. Susan joined the family business in 1995. Mr. Thomas serves as the Marketing & Development Manager for Hospice & Community Care, bringing over 11 years of non-profit experience into the role. Taylor holds a B.A. in Business Economics from Wofford College and is currently pursuing an MBA at Winthrop University. Passionate about community impact, Taylor focuses on fostering relationships that advance Hospice & Community Care's mission of providing hope, comfort, and compassion.

457/458/459-Planters for Year-Round Color

LAURA ELDER, ROBYN MULLIS & PATRICIA PETTUS

These talented ladies are Master Gardener interns who enjoy using plants to beautify outdoor living spaces. They recently completed the Master Gardener Course through Clemson Extension in November 2024. All three instructors are retired from the Fort Mill School District.

460-Praise the Praise

ANGELO GETER

Learn more about Rock Hill's Poet Laureate here: <https://www.angelogeter.com/>

461-A Review of Leo Daughtery's *Talmadge Farm*

ANN LEE

Ms. Lee, a native of Dillon County, is president of York's White Rose Book Club, the city's oldest book club. She is a retired registered nurse with 50 years of experience in fields as diverse as pediatrics to geriatrics.

465/466/467-The Impact of African American Culture in Rock Hill

DAWN JOHNSON

Ms. Johnson is an 18-year business owner, author and community leader. She co-founded the Black Economic Leadership League, chairs the African American Cultural Resource Advisory Council, and has earned numerous honors, including Dream Keeper and a 2023 Top Woman to Watch in Entrepreneurship. Her knowledge of history is strongly influenced by her passion to leave a lasting impact on this community.

469-The Prosecution of Susan Smith

TOMMY POPE

Mr. Pope is Senior Counsel at Elrod Pope Law Firm, bringing an extensive background of over 35 years of litigation experience. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the University of South Carolina in 1984 and a Juris Doctorate from the School of Law in 1987. He also attended the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy where he graduated with honors. From 1993-2006, Tommy served as the elected Solicitor (District Attorney) for the 16th Circuit (Union & York Counties, SC). Since 2010, Tommy has also served as a member of the SC House of Representatives for District 47. In December of 2014, he was selected by his peers as Speaker Pro Tempore of the House and continues in that capacity today. Tommy is most often recognized for his 1995 prosecution of Susan Smith in Union County, who made national headlines for the drowning deaths of her two children. Today, he is frequently called upon by various national and international media outlets to provide legal commentary.

470-What the Shipwrecked Whaler Set in Motion

JEREMY DREIER

Mr. Dreier is a California native who grew up in rural Kentucky and earned degrees from Eastern Kentucky University and Murray State University. He worked for the SC Marine Resources Division, the SC Wildlife Federation, the KY Department of Fish and Wildlife, Duke Energy, Moore & Van Allen law firm and the Electric Power Research Institute. Jeremy's career was spent largely in public relations and corporate communications relating to fisheries and wildlife conservation, energy production and use, energy and trade policy and energy sector research.

471-Basic Needlepoint

JANE HUDSON

Ms. Hudson owned the retail needlepoint shop Two's Company for 47 years. She taught classes throughout that time. Jane looks forward to returning to the "classroom" to introduce the craft of needlepoint.

472 & 473-Creating Fused Glass Art / 474-Integrating Decals into Fused Glass

BILL BELCHEE & KIM FULMER

Mr. Belchee is a retired public accountant, part-time college instructor and Air Force officer. He has been fusing glass for over a decade. Kim is a mother and shopkeeper and has been fusing glass for over five years. This duo greatly enjoys sharing their passion with interested learners.

475-Introduction to Decoupage

PAM PRICE

Ms. Price has had a love for crafts since she was a child, and her family often makes a variety of crafts together. She came across a website of Derwin Rice, decoupage artist, some years ago and learned the basic steps. Since that time, she has enjoyed experimenting with different papers and objects and has learned what does or doesn't work well. Decoupage is an easy craft that allows you to transform ordinary objects into personalized works of art!

476-Introduction to Watercolor

SEYMOUR SIMMONS

Mr. Simmons is a retired professor from Winthrop University. He continues to enjoy the art of watercolor and sharing that passion with learners.

477-Papercrafting: Handmade All Occasion Cards

DEBORAH ALLEY

Most of her life, Ms. Alley has enjoyed creating things with her hands. About 25 years ago she started papercrafting and found that she enjoyed it. As she matured in the craft, she held workshops in her home to teach techniques to others, and she continues to do so. Deborah has also sold her cards, made wedding and baby shower invitations and has even made a few

themed shadow boxes. Papercrafting has become her therapy, and she looks forward to sharing the craft with you!

488-Nutrition for Healthy Aging

SARAH BETH SISNEY

Ms. Sisney is a public health professional dedicated to advancing health equity and promoting wellness in diverse communities. She holds a Master of Public Health with a concentration in Physical Activity and Nutrition from UNC Charlotte and a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science from Winthrop University. With a strong advocacy background, Sarah Beth focuses on creating inclusive, sustainable health initiatives that empower individuals and communities. Her work prioritizes addressing health disparities, amplifying marginalized voices and driving policy, systems and environmental changes to foster long-term well-being where people live, work and play.

489-Act F.A.S.T. Stroke Awareness & Prevention

BROOKE MARTIN

Ms. Martin is an Occupational Therapist at Encompass Health. She has been an OT for a little over 4 years. Brooke is the co-champion of Encompass Health's Stroke program and has a passion for working with the stroke population.

490 & 491-Jewelry Clasps & Fastenings

CAROLE PHELPS

It started with a birthday present of a precious metal clay and a dichroic glass jewelry class in 2005. Ms. Phelps' love for glass and silver grew from there. She found herself taking every class she could, including studying under a master jeweler. Carole has studied and taught stained glass, fused glass, flameworking and jewelry making. If it's glass or silver, she is passionate about it, and this passion has grown into a business called Royale Designs.