

Midcoast Senior College

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Summer Wisdom 2018

At the Morrell Room of the Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick

Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., June 6, 13, 20, 27

Free and Open to the Public

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Midcoast Senior College has planned another intellectually intriguing series of lectures for June 2018.

This year's Summer Wisdom lecture series will explore a variety of topics, both contemporary and historical. Each lecture and discussion lasts about 90 minutes.

June 6 — CAN POLITICAL POLLING BE TRUSTED?

Political polls are ubiquitous, but they have been wrong in recent years in predicting the outcomes of elections. Why do polls sometimes mismeasure the public's support for candidates or public policies? What characteristics of polls make them more or less accurate? This lecture will review common pitfalls of polls, but also review the many reasons to consider polls useful and valuable.

Michael Franz is Professor of Government and Legal Studies at Bowdoin College. He studies campaigns and elections, with a specific focus on campaign finance and political advertising. His most recent book is Political Advertising in the United States.

June 13 — AFGHANISTAN 2005-2017: A PERSPECTIVE ON AFGHAN LIFE AND CULTURE

This presentation will focus on the presenter's experiences with and general insights into Afghan society, changes over the past 12 years, and impact of political structures and international presence, especially in terms of aid and development projects, from the perspective of a veterinarian working in the country.

Susan Chadima is a veterinarian who has spent time in Afghanistan for over a decade. From 2013-2016 she was team leader for the Animal HealthDevelopment Programme, which is a long-term project funded by the European Union working directly with the Afghan Ministry of Agriculture'sDirectorate of Animal Health.

June 20 — AVOIDING THE CRACKS—A STORY OF SURVIVAL, 1939-49

This presentation will follow the ten-year story of the presenter's survival of both the holocaust and the communist dictatorship in Poland after WWII.

Rudy Horowitz was born in Poland and immigrated to the U.S. after surviving both the Nazi occupation and Polish communism. He lived and practiced architecture in New York until 2000. In 2017 he moved to Topsham, where he now resides.

June 27 — SALK VS. SABIN: THE CONFLICT OVER THE ERADICATION OF POLIO

The eradication of polio is one of medicine's greatest triumphs. However, the development of effective vaccines was marked by infighting, sniping and medical activities that would be banned today. This presentation will outline that fascinating story.

Richard Neiman, M.D. is Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and of Internal Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine. He has had a longtime interest in the history of medicine.

Please mark your calendars!
