

# THE BULLI-TIN

SUMMER 2024

Newsletter of the Brenau University Learning & Leisure Institute

## A Big BULLI Welcome to Chelsea Enochs

By Tim Bryant & Chelsea Enochs

We are excited to announce that Chelsea Enochs has joined the Center for Lifetime Study staff as our office manager. She will be assisting with many aspects of the BULLI program.

Chelsea grew up in Cookeville, Tennessee, and later moved to Chattanooga to attend the University of Tennessee Chattanooga. After she graduated with a degree in English literature, Chelsea traveled, volunteered and served for many years with her local church and missions organizations. She thoroughly enjoyed her work in physical therapy and spent time abroad serving in that capacity. Later, Chelsea completed her apprenticeship in midwifery and worked in the greater Chattanooga area as a midwife. She and her husband recently moved to Northeast Georgia and are enjoying outdoor life in our region.



Members of the “Behind the Scenes in Hollywood” class welcome Chelsea Enochs (front row, third from right) to BULLI on April 1.

People and relationships are Chelsea’s passion and she is very much looking forward to working with the BULLI program and getting to know all our members. Welcome to BULLI, Chelsea!

(Please make a note that we are

planning a BULLI Open House the opening week of the BULLI summer session to celebrate Chelsea’s arrival. Details will be forthcoming in the weekly E-Bits electronic newsletter the closer we get to June.)

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SUMMER REGISTRATION open through May 29. See page 11 for details.

**Brenau University Learning & Leisure Institute**  
*Lifelong Learning that Nourishes the Body, Mind and Spirit*



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## REMAINING 2023-2024 SCHEDULE

**SUMMER 2024 J-TERM:**  
JUNE 3 - 21



# Summer dates to note

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** May 29 2024      **OFFICE CLOSED:**  
• May 27 for Memorial Day

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION THROUGH:** May 13, 2024      • June 19 for Juneteenth

## BULLI SCENES



Members of the “Improving Birding Skills” class gather for a photo at Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve on April 2.

### BULLI MISSION:

BULLI provides educational courses and programs that inspire mature adults to continue to be mentally and physically active in a welcoming environment as an outreach of Brenau University.

### BULLI VISION:

BULLI is a model lifelong learning community, accessible to and meeting the needs of a diverse and growing population of mature adults.

### BULLI VALUES:

BULLI is a place where members value

1. Respect for diverse people, ideas, voices, and perspectives;
2. Lifelong intellectual stimulation and growth;
3. Physical activity and wellbeing;
4. Innovation and adaptability to a changing environment; and
5. Social engagement opportunities.

# WELCOME TO BULLI

Thirty years ago, a group of Hall County residents gathered to talk about the idea of a lifelong learning program at Brenau University. The group included local visionaries and business leaders, lifelong Gainesville residents and others who were new to the area.

Today, their shared vision lives on in Brenau University Learning & Leisure Institute (BULLI), which continues a rich history of providing learning experiences, leisure activities and travel opportunities for members to explore new ideas, enhance creativity and engage their minds.

Offering members proactive ways to promote social connections, develop meaning and pursue the thrill of personal discovery is at the heart of what we do.

## We invite you to become a part of the BULLI family.

### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

A Special Interest Group (SIG) makes the lifelong learning experience richer, bringing together people with common interests and promoting community and friendship as members develop skills, knowledge and experiences.

- **BULLI HIKING CLUB**

Members hike throughout Northeast Georgia. Each hike is graded for difficulty, and most outings end with the participants enjoying lunch together. To join the group, contact Chelsea Enochs at [cenochs@brenau.edu](mailto:cenochs@brenau.edu). Angela Calvert serves as coordinator of the BULLI Hiking Club.

- **BULLI BARDS**

The Bards is a poetry group that meets regularly so that members can read and share poetry and hone their poetry skills. If you are interested, contact Bill Early at [billearly@charter.net](mailto:billearly@charter.net).

- **BULLI READS**

Our book club members gather on the Brenau campus to discuss their favorite fiction and nonfiction books at 3:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month, except December and July. Our members volunteer to be discussion group leaders. BULLI members are invited to share in conversations about books and to enjoy the fellowship of other reading enthusiasts. For details, contact Virginia Hale at [halev@earthlink.net](mailto:halev@earthlink.net).

## What is BULLI?

Knowledge and Education

Fun and Excitement

Companionship and Sense of Belonging

Friendship

Travel Opportunities

Health Benefits

### What are you waiting for? Join BULLI Today!

For more information, call 770.531.3175 or visit [www.brenau.edu/lifetimestudy](http://www.brenau.edu/lifetimestudy)

**BULLI – Where Intellectual Curiosity Meets Friendship and Fun!**

### BULLI SUMMER 2024: JUNE 3 – JUNE 21

BULLI courses are noncredit, having no exams and no prerequisites. It's learning for the joy of it. You may take as many three-week courses as you wish for \$30 per course, or six-week courses for \$45 per course. Instructors include university professors, community experts and qualified BULLI members who enjoy sharing their knowledge and skills with others. In-person and online courses are offered

for the 2024 summer session. Participants who register by May 13, are eligible to receive an *early bird discount* using coupon code BULLI10 to receive 10% off course fees and the summer prorated membership dues (for those who have not previously paid their dues for the 2023-24 program year). Other fees and special programs offered are not eligible for the discount.

# THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

BULLI is supported through its membership dues and is open to anyone who is interested in becoming a member. **Prorated summer membership dues are \$30.** Members become part of a vibrant learning community and receive the following benefits for the duration of their membership:

- Parking on the Brenau campus.
- Exclusive access to BULLI Special Interest Groups (SIGs).
- Diverse selection of course offerings.
- Special program opportunities.
- ConneXions.
- Curriculum catalog each term (fall, winter, spring, summer J-Term).
- E-Bits email newsletter.
- Discounted membership at the Brenau Fitness Center.
- Library privileges (including computer use) at the Brenau Trustee Library.

## HOW DO I REGISTER FOR COURSES?

You may register

- Online at [brenau.edu/lifetimestudy](http://brenau.edu/lifetimestudy),
- Email at [cenochs@brenau.edu](mailto:cenochs@brenau.edu),
- In person at 424 Academy St.,
- Fax at 770-531-2054,
- Postal mail to 500 Washington St. #115  
Gainesville, Ga 30501

See the enclosed registration form on page 11, which includes additional details. Participants who register by May 13, are eligible to receive an early bird discount using coupon code BULLI10 to receive 10% off course fees and spring prorated membership dues. A \$30 fee will be charged for returned checks. Our mailing address is Brenau University, Center for Lifetime Study, 500 Washington St. SE #115, Gainesville, GA 30501.

**COURSE REGISTRATION:** Registration on a space-available basis will be accepted up until the course registration deadline. Once a course reaches full enrollment, you have the option of being placed on a waitlist. If a course seat opens, you will be contacted to officially be moved into the course and charged for the course at that point.

**COURSE CANCELLATION:** Although unlikely, a course may be canceled due to under enrollment or other circumstances beyond BULLI's control. Members will be notified by email of any cancellation and have the option to transfer their registration to another course, request a credit to their ACTIVE account, donate their fee or request a refund.

**COURSE DROP POLICY:** A written or emailed request ([cenochs@brenau.edu](mailto:cenochs@brenau.edu)) to drop a course for a refund or credit to your ACTIVE account will be honored up to one week before a course begins. There will be a \$5 administrative fee.

**COURSE TRANSFER POLICY:** Course transfers may be requested. A \$5 administrative fee will be charged. Send all inquiries and schedule change requests to [cenochs@brenau.edu](mailto:cenochs@brenau.edu).

## SUMMER 2024 ACTIVITIES AND WEATHER CLOSINGS:

- In-person, remote and hybrid courses are clearly indicated in the summer session course schedule within this newsletter. In-person courses for all BULLI members are hosted on Brenau's historic Gainesville campus and Gainesville First United Methodist Church. Remote courses are hosted on Zoom. Courses specifically for Lanier Village Estate residents are also clearly indicated.
- Prior to participating in BULLI special interest groups, BULLI members must register online for their desired special interest group once during the program year, just like they would register for a BULLI course. There is no extra charge for BULLI members to participate in a special interest group.
- In the event of inclement weather, you will need to watch the news or listen to the radio for school closings. BULLI does not follow Brenau closings. Since we have students coming from a number of outlying areas, BULLI classes and other activities are canceled when Hall County Schools are closed. This also applies to remote Zoom courses, as we tend to experience spotty power and internet outages in our region during severe weather. Closings can also be checked by calling the BULLI Office at 770-531-3175.

Please contact the Center for Lifetime Study at 770-531-3175 with your questions.

You may also email questions to [cenochs@brenau.edu](mailto:cenochs@brenau.edu).

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Brenau University  
Learning & Leisure Institute  
*2023-2024 Remote Lecture Series  
Presents*

# Ecotourism as a Tool for Conservation in Costa Rica

**7 P.M. Thursday, April 25, 2024**

*Register in advance at  
[brenau.edu/CostaRica](https://brenau.edu/CostaRica) to receive  
the Zoom link for this program.*

Costa Rica is the most biodiverse country on Earth. However, following the Second World War, Costa Rica adopted an agricultural development policy resulting in the deforestation and environmental degradation of two-thirds of the country's territory. Fabricio Camacho-Céspedes, Ph.D., will describe the benefits and challenges of the movement that ensued, leading to Costa Rica being considered the cradle of conservation and ecotourism. Dr. Camacho-Céspedes is the director of the Tropical Agroforestry Institute in Costa Rica and a professor of Agroforestry Systems at Costa Rica's National Technical University.



Fabricio Camacho-Céspedes, Ph.D.



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## BULLI SUMMER 2024 SCHEDULE

### MONDAY

#### IMAGE, MYTH, AND STORY: GIFTS OF SPIRITUAL IMAGINATION IN CHALLENGING TIMES

##### BRENAU CAMPUS

**Three in-person sessions**

**Cost: \$30**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.**

**June 3, 10, 17**

As we face these challenging days, how can we nurture a practice of spiritual imagination that can transform the way we live in the world? In this class, we will explore key moments from the stories of our lives, and we will connect them with pivotal moments in the stories, myths, and legends that have helped shape our sense of who we are. We will explore crucial stories from the Biblical texts as well as legends, myths, and images that can help us ground ourselves in a greater awareness and a practice of presence that nurtures hope. When we encounter such tension and anxiety, we are called to pay attention to where we find meaning, and we have beautiful resources at our disposal that can reorient our lives.

*The Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham is the rector of Grace Episcopal Church. A priest, poet, and author, he is the author of the forthcoming poetry collection Bones of Light. His vocation centers on the connections between contemplative practices, spiritual imagination, and congregational development.*

#### FOUR GREAT READS FOR SUMMER

##### BRENAU CAMPUS

**Three in-person sessions**

**Cost: \$30**

**12:30 - 1:50 p.m.**

**June 3, 10, 17**

This course is for those who love to read, and it will offer outstanding suggestions for this summer's reading selections. We will begin with Kristen Hannah's just published historical fiction *The Women*. *The Color of Water* by James McBride is next, a memoir which received both critical and popular acclaim. We will end with two short stories which will be provided on the first day of class, one by Raymond Carver and another by Budd Schulberg. What a lovely way to begin summertime!

*Bill Coates holds a Ph.D. in American literature from the University of South Carolina and a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Theological Seminary. He is retired from the pastorate and still has a passion for teaching. Bill has taught for BULLI going on 23 years and has been a BULLI staff member since 2019.*

#### AMERICAN MAH JONGG

##### BRENAU CAMPUS

**Three in-person sessions**

**Cost: \$30**

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**June 3, 10, 17**

American Mah Jongg is a game for four players that uses tiles and an annual published game card. This

will be a hands-on structured course consisting of the fundamentals, the tile, the National Mah Jongg league card, and striving for the winning hand. Beginners and people who need a refresher are welcome. Class sessions will include instruction and playing combined to get a true hands-on experience on playing American Mah Jongg.

*Robin Freeman recently retired from AT&T Information Technology work. She has been playing American Mah Jongg for 13 years on a regular basis and teaching Mah Jongg for 2+ years.*

### TUESDAY

#### AFTER I DIE: WHAT MY EXECUTOR WILL NEED TO KNOW

##### BRENAU CAMPUS

**Three in-person sessions**

**Cost: \$30**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.**



**June 4, 11, 18**

When you die, will your executor know who to contact? Will they be lost in your house, trying to find financial records? Will they even know what questions they should have asked you while you were still alive? Be kind to your executor by answering all their questions before you risk being unable to answer them. This three-session course, based on Fran Stewart's newest book, *After I Die: What My Executor will Need to Know*, will get you started on that journey.

*Fran Stewart is known to the BULLI community for her interactive courses in Memoir-Writing. She is the author of 28 books – mysteries, a writer's workbook, memoirs, and a bi-lingual book for children. She has a clear-headed approach to the irrefutable fact that we all will die and is doing her best to help others make that transition easier for their families.*

# SUMMER 2024 BULLI COURSE SCHEDULE

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
9:30-10:50 a.m.				
11 a.m.- 12:20 p.m.	<b>BRENAU</b> Image, Myth, and Story: The Gifts of Spiritual Imagination in Challenging Times <i>Stuart Higginbotham</i> Jun 3, 10, 17	<b>BRENAU</b> After I Die: What My Executor Will Need to Know <i>Fran Stewart</i> Jun 4, 11, 18		<b>ZOOM</b> Who Is Vladimir Putin? <i>Linda Morrisson</i> Jun 6, 13, 20
12:30-1:50 p.m.	<b>BRENAU</b> Four Great Reads for Summer <i>Bill Coates</i> Jun 3, 10, 17	<b>BRENAU</b> Songwriting Teams of the 50s and 60s, Part 2 <i>Tom Dell</i> Jun 4, 11, 18		<b>ZOOM</b> Lost Mill Towns of North Georgia <i>Lisa Russell</i> Jun 6, 13, 20
2-3:20 p.m.	<b>BRENAU</b> American Mah Jongg <i>Robin Freeman</i> Jun 3, 10, 17 (*Meets 2-4 p.m.)	<b>BRENAU</b> Space Science and the Solar System Space Exploration <i>Frank Lock</i> Jun 4, 11, 18		<b>ZOOM</b> The American Revolutionary War in Georgia – Different in Many Ways <i>Carter Wood</i> Jun 6, 13, 20
3:30-4:50 p.m.				

 = In Person     = Remote     = Hybrid

## SONGWRITING TEAMS OF THE 50s AND 60s, PART 2

**BRENAU CAMPUS**

**Three in-person sessions**

**Cost: \$30**

**12:30 - 1:50 p.m.**

**June 4, 11, 18**

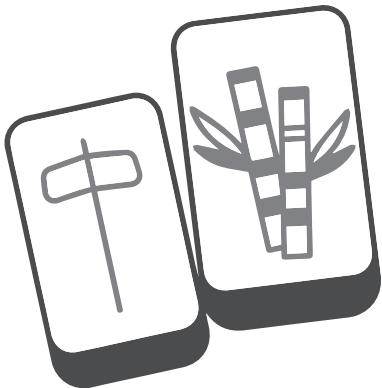
Join us as we continue to learn more about the people who wrote the hits in the '50s and '60s. Bacharach and David,

Ashford and Simpson, Elton John and Bernie Taupin, and others. These teams composed the songs we listened to on 'American Bandstand' and on our tiny Japanese transistor radios.

Note: Participation in the Part 1 section of this course, offered during the BULLI winter session, is not necessary in order to enjoy learning about the composers covered in this BULLI summer Part 2 section.

*Tom Dell has played rock 'n' roll, rhythm and blues, and some country since 1957 in dives and clubs on the East Coast and Atlanta. He served in the Marines and graduated from Georgia State University. In addition to teaching for BULLI, he teaches at OLLI at Emory University and at the Central DeKalb Senior Center. He owned a stereo store in the 1970s and spent 30 years in the telecommunications industry.*

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## COME JOIN THE FUN!

BULLI offered its first American Mah Jongg course this spring. BULLI is also offering another section this summer. American Mah Jongg is popular among many of our members. If you are interested in forming and regularly participating in a new American Mah Jongg BULLI special interest group, please contact Chelsea Enochs at [cenochs@brenau.edu](mailto:cenochs@brenau.edu) or 770-531-3175.



## SPACE SCIENCE AND THE SOLAR SYSTEM SPACE EXPLORATION

### BRENAU CAMPUS

**Three in-person sessions**

**Cost: \$30**

**2:00 - 3:20 p.m.**

**June 4, 11, 18**

This three-session course will provide participants with information about the science involved in space exploration. It will be interactive, with participants encouraged to participate in activities designed to provide them with understanding of the concepts presented. These will include information about telescopes, rocket flight, characteristics of planets, human spaceflight, and more.

*Frank Lock has taught high school astronomy, has been an advocate for human space exploration since 1961, and is a member of the Network of Educator Astronaut Teachers.*

## THURSDAY

### WHO IS VLADIMIR PUTIN

#### ZOOM

**Three remote sessions**

**Cost: \$30**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.**

**June 6, 13, 20**

Vladimir Putin was just elected for a fifth term as the Russian Federation President. In the last 30-plus years he has tried to restore the glory and influence of Imperial Russia. Instead, the Russian Federation has remained a Third World economy with a first world military. Putin, experiencing the U.S. and NATO's efforts to stop aggression in Eastern Europe, has confronted united efforts from the West. The outcome is anyone's guess. Can NATO forces thwart his grand scheme?

*Linda Morrison taught AP US History and Current Issues to juniors and seniors for thirty years in a public high school in Cobb County and was a member of the IA department at Kennesaw State University for ten years. Love of travel has taken Linda*

## BULLI SCENES



Class members from "In the Winter of Life: Living Fully to the Very End" sit for a photo on April 2 at Lanier Village Estates.

*to 89 countries including the Russian Federation.*

### LOST MILL TOWNS OF NORTH GEORGIA

#### ZOOM

**Three remote sessions**

**Cost: \$30**

**12:30 - 1:50 p.m.**

**June 6, 13, 20**

I hear them. And I want you to hear them too. We ignore them or just half-listened to their stories. We drive by their homes in the mill villages and there, before decay has hidden its history, if you stop long enough, you might notice them. The mill village towns of North Georgia often are hidden by repurpose and decay. Driving along you might see a lonely stack, or two, and down the road, you look into the past. You might see a neat row of similar, yet dissimilar homes still teeming with life next to a long-abandoned textile mill. A heavy pall surrounds the mill towns of North Georgia because the Southern textile mill is dead. Learn about the Mill Era in North Georgia and Fulton County and how it influences our present.

*Lisa M. Russell has published five books on Georgia history and is currently working on the sixth. She serves as the English Dean of Georgia Northwestern Technical College as*

*well as an English instructor. She also is a part-time Communication professor at Kennesaw State University. Lisa received her MA in Professional Writing at KSU where she was honored in 2020 with the Alumni of the Year Award. She gave a Ted Talk in 2022 and speaks all over the state to history lovers.*

### THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR IN GEORGIA – DIFFERENT IN MANY WAYS

#### ZOOM

**Three remote sessions**

**Cost: \$30**

**2:00 - 3:20 p.m.**

**June 6, 13, 20**

Georgia's role in the American Revolution was unlike that of the other twelve colonies. Who were the 'Reluctant Rebels?' How did the war differ in the North and the South? This course also includes political stories and newly discovered details of the Battle of Kettle Creek.

*Popular instructor Carter J. Wood is president of the Lyman Hall Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in Gainesville. Wood has a B.S. in business and is a retired corporate trainer who has volunteered 50 years with the Boy Scouts of America.*



BULLI Summer 2024 Course Registration PLEASE PRINT

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Please complete and review all parts of this form. Unsigned, incomplete or illegible forms will be returned without being processed. If you have questions, contact Chelsea Enochs at cenochs@brenau.edu or 770.531.3175.

Table with 3 columns: Register, IN PERSON, ONLINE, POSTAL MAIL. Each column contains registration details for that method.

Membership Information section containing fields for name, address, phone, birthdate, and checkboxes for membership status and volunteer activities.

Course Information section containing a table for listing course titles, locations, and costs in order of preference.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 29, 2024

Payment section containing instructions for check and credit card payments, and a summary of course cost subtotal, dues, and total amount due.





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500 Washington St. SE, Box 115  
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

### Remaining 2023-2024 Schedule

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JUNE 3 - 21

*– THE BULLI PROMISE –*  
BULLI provides mature adults with  
intellectually challenging and  
socially rewarding programs in  
a welcoming environment.

