NEW FALL CLASS OFFERINGS

Laws, Elections and a Satirical Connection

**Animal Farm: A Warning?**
With Lyn Primavera
Fridays, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Max: 20 $45

Anytime is a good time to read George Orwell, but an election year is prime time. Animal Farm is definitely not a fairy tale for children. An adult fable based on historical events, an allegorical tale, a political satire—any or all of these describes George Orwell’s Animal Farm. Compact, subtle, yet explicitly clear, Animal Farm delineates how an idealistic revolution, by and for the masses, results in a power play and ultimate control by the few.

**For the first class:** Complete reading Animal Farm by George Orwell.

**Required text:** George Orwell, Animal Farm, any edition (instructor has Signet Classic).

**LYN PRIMAVERA** holds a B.A. in English/education and an M.A. in education from URI. For over 20 years, she taught AP British literature to high school seniors, and ESL and composition to college freshmen and adults. Prior to teaching, she worked in the private sector in human resources and training development.

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**The General Assembly: How It Works**
With Deborah Kopech
Wednesday, Oct 19
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM $15

Did you ever wonder what is involved in the making of a law in Rhode Island? Have you ever been frustrated by bills in the General Assembly that never go anywhere? Do you believe that the “fix is always in”? Do you wonder how the sausage gets made? We will explore how the R.I. General Assembly works by watching short educational videos where, in a playful and imaginative way, two guides and a puppet explain it all. Sounds like kid stuff, but it’s serious. We will then see how an actual bill originated, went through the bicameral process, and came out the other side as new law enacted during the 2022 legislative session.

**DEBORAH KOPECH** holds a B.A. in history from Drew University. After a long career in the student loan industry, she spent several years working for the Westerly School District, mostly as director of human resources. Upon retirement, she became an active volunteer, co-leading a Social Justice Huddle Group in South County, and now serves on the Narragansett Town Council. For the OLLI at URI, she presented Civics Redux and Roger Williams: Founder, Friend, Philosopher, Free Thinker and was a member of the OLLI Special Interest Group.

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**Voting in Rhode Island**
With Rob Rock
Tuesday, October 25
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Free for Members

What does the RI Department of State do to encourage people to exercise their right to vote in a timely and safe manner? How does redistricting happen? Learn about the election processes that are designed to facilitate citizen participation and measures in place to prevent voter fraud.

**ROB ROCK** is director of elections at the RI Department of State, whose mission is to ensure all eligible Rhode Islanders can vote safely and securely. For more about the RI Department of State, go to vote.ri.gov.

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PARKING REMINDER: You MUST have a parking pass to park in the URI lot in front of our location at 210 Flagg Rd. You only need to register your vehicle once during the academic year (Aug-July). Parking permits expire yearly on July 31! Parking permits are virtual, no stickers are provided. Call the OLLI office for assistance at 401-874-4197.

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MASK POLICY: Regardless of vaccination status, face coverings are now optional on all areas of URI’s campuses except indoor locations where direct academic instruction or research is taking place. Masks are still required in all classrooms, laboratories, and those spaces where direct academic instruction and research are taking place, unless the professor or staff member expressly waives that requirement.