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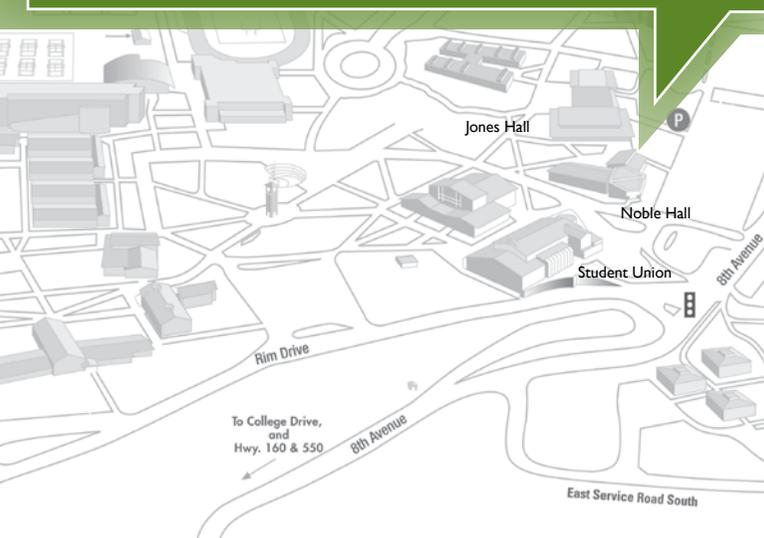
Co-sponsored by the Office of the President and the Professional Associates of Fort Lewis College, the Life-Long Learning Lecture series aims to enrich the intellectual life of the College and the community by offering free presentations on a wide variety of subjects. The Thursday evening programs are open to all and run from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please call the Office of the President at Fort Lewis College at (970) 247-7401 or visit www.fortlewis.edu/professionalassociates.

LOCATION

All lectures are held in Noble Hall Rm. 130, unless noted otherwise.



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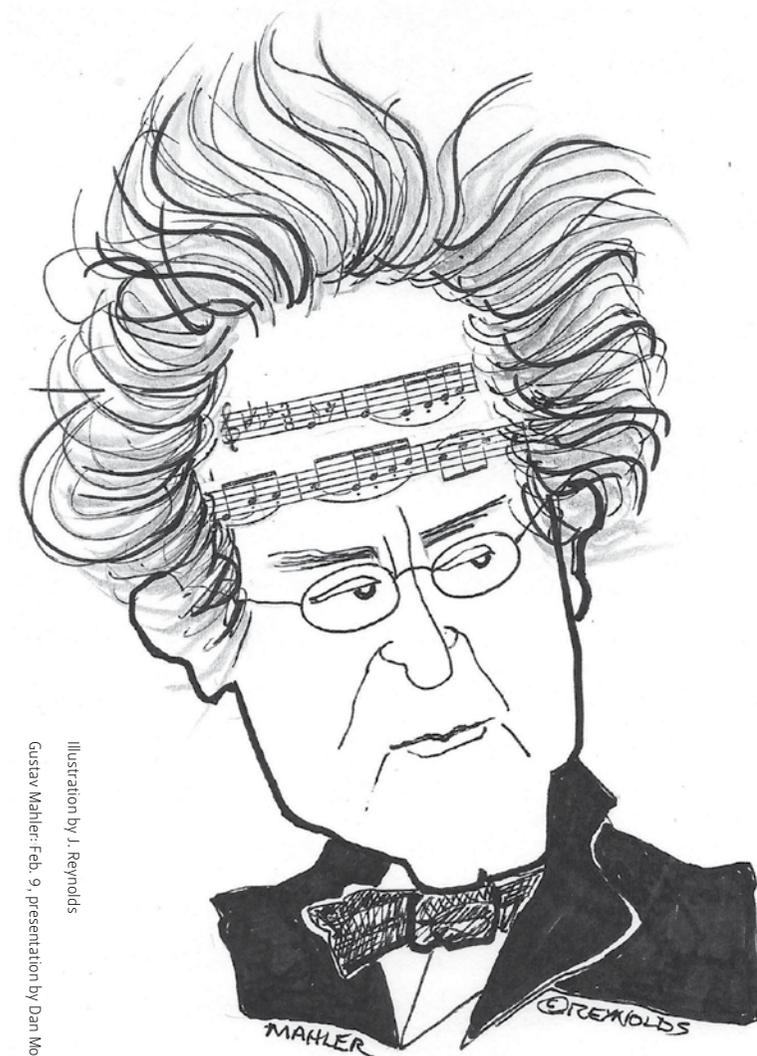


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Gustav Mahler: Feb. 9, presentation by Dan Morgenstern

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January 19

THE RIO GRANDE SOUTHERN RAILROAD: A SHORT, EVENTFUL HISTORY

Cres Fleming, retired chemist, railroad historian, volunteer, and collector, shares how the RGS connected the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad at Durango with the D&RG at Ridgway, CO. As recently discovered documents show, its construction and financing were unusual. Fleming will discuss boom times and receiverships, plus the development of the Galloping Geese to avoid bankruptcy.

January 26

CLIMATE CHANGE AND PROJECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Marcie Bidwell, director of the Mountain Studies Institute and Renee Rondeau, conservation biologist with Colorado Natural Heritage will present climate models for Southwest Colorado, explore ways that “global weirding” may affect our environment, and offer tools for thinking through an uncertain future, plus steps we can take to make our community more resilient.

February 2

FOOD SECURITY: AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH— GLOBAL TO LOCAL PERSPECTIVES

Dick White, professor emeritus of astronomy at Smith College, member of Durango City Council, and sustainability advocate, will discuss the impact that climate change and a projected population of 10 billion will have on the finite resources of our world and our local community. Even with a long agricultural tradition and an active local food movement, La Plata County shares the challenge.

February 9

THE AMAZING GUSTAV MAHLER: HIS LIFE, LOVES, AND MUSIC

Dan Morgenstern, raconteur, musician, harpsichord designer and builder, will present an unexpurgated survey of Mahler’s ascent as “the greatest conductor in Europe and America” in spite of rampant anti-Semitism. As he transformed opera and the concert world, he was also romantically involved with the era’s divas, which culminated in his open marriage to “the most beautiful girl in Vienna.”

February 16

SOCIAL STYLES AT WORK AND PLAY

Deanne Idar, president and owner of Top Seed Leadership Coaching, will discuss social and emotional intelligence (SEI) which drives our success in professional and personal relationships. Awareness of our own and others’ social styles can help manage our behavior and responses in challenging situations. The presentation will provide steps to strengthen one’s own SEI and recognize social styles in others.

February 23

SURFING THE TSUNAMI: CONSTANTLY NEW AND EVER-CHANGING TECHNOLOGY

Martha Talman, director of the Reed Library at Fort Lewis College will discuss the past’s massive technology changes that revolutionized human interaction, political structures, economies and businesses, and education and learning. That process continues to occur, but the acceleration of change has become overwhelming. Talman will demonstrate how being open and inquisitive will enable us to respond to new technologies in positive ways.

March 2

ARE WE A WARLIKE SPECIES?

Tom Givón, retired professor of linguistics and cognitive science and a Colorado rancher, will update an ancient debate about whether Homo Sapiens are by nature peaceful (cooperative) or warlike (selfish). He will survey the early roots of the argument as well as the current evolutionary discussion by Neo-Darwinian primatologists, evolutionary anthropologists, and psychologists. The two broad approaches may limit our ability to create a complex, interactive, multivariable system for today’s environment.

March 9 – FLC SPRING BREAK WEEK

March 16

LOST AND FOUND: STORIES OF THERESIENSTADT/ TEREZÍN

Czech-American Frank Fristensky, general manager of Tour Central Europe, and journalist Judith Reynolds will present a joint program on how a planned, architecturally innovative, 18th century garrison town built to protect Prague from invading Prussians became a 20th century Nazi prison camp. Reynolds will discuss Theresienstadt’s beginnings. Fristensky will reflect on Terezín and the discovery of his mother’s internment. He will also screen the short propaganda film the Nazis made in 1944.

March 23

CLIMATE CHANGE, POPULATION, AND THE ETHICS OF MAKING BABIES

Travis N. Rieder is a philosopher and bioethicist at the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics in Baltimore, MD. In a world of more than 7 billion people on the brink of catastrophic climate change, the assumption that having a big family is good may be wrong. Rieder will discuss basic models and predictions, the role of human population in climate change, and moral principles in favor of small families.

March 30

BEING MORTAL: RECENT RESEARCH ON ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE FACE OF DISABILITY AND FRAILITY

Nadine Marks, professor emerita of human development and family studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will use Atul Gawande’s book, *Being Mortal*, to survey the current demographic context of aging, the need for later life care and caregiving. Recent research will be highlighted and examples of innovations in fostering optimal aging both in-place and in long-term care environments will be examined.

April 6

DOLORES LACHAPPELLE’S WAY OF THE MOUNTAIN

Presented by Art Goodtimes, fifth-term Green Party San Miguel County Commissioner and co-director of the Telluride Institute Talking Gourds poetry project. As a student of the Silverton author, skier, climber, and mountain guru Dolores LaChapelle, Goodtimes will discuss her deep ecology philosophy and social ideas, which he has put into practice as a poet, spud farmer, mushroom festival organizer, basket weaver, and politician.

April 13

THE COLORADO COAL FIELD WAR, THE LUDLOW MASSACRE, AND MOTHER JONES

Craig Nettleton is a psychologist, educator, avid historian, and author of *Rocks in My Bed*, his first malpais mystery. From the 1880s to the 1920s, a series of mining disasters and strikes pitted unions against mine owners. This culminated in the Ludlow Massacre which ignited national outrage. The tragedy inspired Mother Jones, an elderly but tireless union organizer, to return to Colorado to advocate for the strikers and their families.