

2023 WINTER SCHEDULE

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2023 Winter Schedule

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Lectures, Panel Discussions, Performances, and Tours

When	What	Who	Program Type
Thursday, Feb. 2 7 to 8:30 p.m.	The Age of Humans (Anthropocene): Satellite View of Human Activity, Climate, and Environment	Joseph Reese, Ph.D.	Lecture
Wednesday, Feb. 8 7 to 8:30 p.m.	America250PA: The 250th Anniversary of the United States and Pennsylvania's leading Role in the National Effort	Cassandra Coleman, B.A.*	Free Lecture
Friday, Feb. 10 Noon to 1:30 p.m.	The State of Erie County's Economy explained by Erie Leading Index (ELI)	Kenneth Louie, Ph.D.	Community Conversation Free Lecture
Monday, Feb. 13 7 to 8:30 p.m.	Brain Drain in the 21st Century: Current Trends in Developing and Developed Countries	Anjali Sahay, Ph.D.	Lecture
Thursday, Feb. 16 7 to 8:30 p.m.	Robert Frost, John F. Kennedy, and the Purpose of Poetry in a Democracy	Robert Bernhard Hass, Ph.D.	Lecture
Friday, Feb. 17 noon to 1:30 p.m.	Bridging Erie County's Urban and Rural Divide - Infrastructure, Resources, and Services	Representatives of the Jefferson Civic Leadership Academy 2022	Community Conversation Free Lecture
Monday, Feb. 20 7 to 8:30 p.m.	Dr. Martin Luther King and America's Self-Evident Truth	Parris Baker, Ph.D.	Lecture
Wednesday, Feb. 22 7 to 8:30 p.m.	The History of Newspapers and Newsmakers in Erie (and PA)	Pat Cuneo, B.A. Kevin Cuneo, B.A.	Free Lecture
Friday, Feb. 24 noon to 1:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Revitalization in Erie's West Bayfront: OWB (Our West Bayfront)	Anna Frantz, M.C.P.	Community Conversation Free Lecture
Monday, Feb. 27 7 to 8:30 p.m.	Russia's War on Ukraine One Year Later	Lena Surzhko-Harned, Ph.D.	Lecture
Thursday, March 2 7 to 8:30 p.m.	Becoming American: Sports ("Games") in The American Tapestry	Andrew Roth, Ph.D.	Lecture
Friday, March 3 noon to 1:30 p.m.	The NWPA Innovation Beehive Network: Helping Entrepreneurs, Boosting Business	Jake Marsh, M.P.M.	Community Conversation Free Lecture
Tuesday, March 7 7 to 8:30 p.m.	Marquis de Lafayette's visit to Northwestern PA 200 Years Ago	Judy Lynch, Ph.D.; Richard Arthur, M.A.	Lecture
Friday, March 10 Noon to 1:30 p.m.	Dangerous Indifference: Leading in Times of Challenge, Crisis and Controversy	Ian Roberts, Ph.D.	Community Conversation Free Lecture
Monday, March 13 7 to 8:30 p.m.	"That's Personal...": An invisible Topic – The Stigma of Mental Health today	Annette Franklin, Ph.D.	Free Lecture
Wednesday, March 15 7 to 8:30 p.m.	Frank Lloyd Wright's San Francisco Office and the Story of its Remarkable Travels	Paul V. Turner, Ph.D.*	Distinguished Visiting Speaker Lecture in Partnership with the Hagen History Center

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Courses and Lecture Series at the Jefferson

When	What	Who	Program Type
Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Eight sessions starting at January 24	Great Conversations	Corrine Egan, B.A.	Limited Advanced Registration Discussion Group

Jefferson Digital Programming


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Video on demand at <https://www.jeserie.org/program-videos-home>


When	What	Who	Program Type (All free)
Wednesday, Feb. 1 4:00 p.m.	Still Life A 40 – Longest Coffee Table in the World on a German Autobahn	Michael Schwarze-Rodrian, M.S.	Digital Program
Wednesday, March 8 4:00 p.m.	Fighting Gun Violence: The Need for A Ballistic Imaging Facility in NWPA	Andy Hromyak, B.A.	Digital Program
Wednesday, March 15 4:00 p.m.	Increasing the Number of Minority Physicians in Erie: The Case for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	Douglas Massey, B.A.	Digital Program


Jefferson Satellite Programming

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East Erie - Erie Center for Arts & Technology (ECAT) 			
When	What	Who	Program Type (All free)
Thursday, Feb. 9 7 to 8:30 p.m.	Mapping Domestic Violence in Erie	Christopher Magno, Ph.D.	Lecture

Fairview – Lincoln Community Library 			
When	What	Who	Program Type (All free)
Monday, Feb. 6 6 to 7:30 p.m.	History and Healing: Spotlight on African American Heroes	A Shared Heritage	Black History Lecture
Monday, March 6 6 to 7:30 p.m.	Natural Wonders of Presque Isle	PA Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources	Lecture

Corry - Corry Higher Education Council 			
When	What	Who	Program Type (All free)
Tuesday, Feb. 21 6 to 7:30 p.m.	Erie County Community College: Our Community, Your College!	Christopher Gray, Ph.D.	Community Conversation
Tuesday, March 21 6 to 7:30 p.m.	Guide to Local Archaeology	John Sites	Lecture & Interactive Presentation

PennWest University Edinboro - William P. Alexander Music Center 			
When	What	Who	Program Type (All free)
Monday, February 15 6 to 7:30 p.m.	Sourdough Culture: A History of Bread Making from Ancient to Modern Bakers	Eric Pallant, Ph.D.	Lecture
Monday, March 29 6 to 7:30 p.m.	Bodily Autonomy in a Post-Roe Society	Jim Fisher, Ph.D.; Rhonda Matthews, Ph.D.	Women's History Month Lecture

Distinguished Visiting Speaker



Paul V. Turner, Ph.D.

**Wednesday, March 15
7 to 8:30 p.m.**

Breakdown of Program Costs (unless otherwise noted):

Lectures: \$10/person; \$15 with a guest

Distinguished Visiting Speaker Lectures: \$15/person; \$25 with a guest

Community Conversations: Free, lunch optional \$5/person

Lecture Series and Courses: \$50/person; \$75 with a guest

All Jefferson Programming is free to all Erie County students with advanced registration and proof of enrollment.

A \$1 service charge will be applied to each transaction. Payments must be made at registration. Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, and Discover accepted. The Jefferson Educational Society no longer accepts cash as form of payment for events.

Act 48 hours for the Erie Catholic Diocese, Erie Day School, Erie School District, Corry, Fort LeBoeuf, Girard, Harbor Creek, and Wattsburg teachers apply to ALL programs at no additional cost.

Programs at the Jefferson Educational Society will take place at 3207 State Street, Erie, PA 16508.

Jefferson Satellite Programming during the Winter Term will be held at the Erie Center for Arts and Culture (ECAT, 650 East Ave, Ada Lawrence Community Room, Erie, PA 16503), Corry Higher Education Council (221 N Center St, Corry, PA 16407), the Lincoln Community Center Library (1255 Manchester Road, Erie, PA 16505), and PennWest University Edinboro, William P. Alexander Music Center (110 Kiltie Rd., Edinboro, PA 16444). All Jefferson Satellite Programs are free and open to the public.

For full program descriptions, please visit www.jeserie.org, where advanced registration can be made. Registrations can also be made by calling 814.459.8000 or by visiting the Jefferson at 3207 State St., Erie, PA 16508.

Covid-19 policies remain in effect: At this time, the JES proof of vaccination/negative test policy has been suspended. The JES will continue to monitor the Erie County COVID-19 community levels to ensure the safety of our members. As previously stated, masks are no longer required but recommended. If you or a member of your party are sneezing, coughing, running a fever or generally unwell, please stay home and visit the Jefferson on a day when you all are feeling better in the future. If possible, maintain the CDC-suggested 6 feet social distance between parties. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or longer. The Jefferson Educational Society of Erie cannot guarantee that any visitor will not contract COVID-19 while on its premises. By visiting the JES and its satellite locations, all visitors voluntarily assume all risks related to COVID-19 exposure and accept and agree to abide by the terms and conditions, posted signage, and verbal instructions. As long as Erie County, PA, remains in Low or Medium Community Levels, as determined by the CDC, this new masking and vaccination requirement policy will remain in effect. Should Erie County return to a High Community Level, masking and vaccine requirements will revert to mandatory. This policy will be re-evaluated on a rolling basis by the JES and its partners. To review the JES's entire Covid-19 policy and any changes, please visit www.jeserie.org.

JES Lecturer Biographies

Richard Arthur, M.A., is a native of Pittsburgh who has a lifelong interest in American Colonial History. A retired Army officer and adult educator, he currently is serving as Chairman of the Washington Statue Centennial and Rededication Committee that is preserving the statue of 21-year-old Washington on his first public mission to Fort LeBoeuf in present-day Erie County. He and his wife Mary Lou operate Winter's End, a bird, bee, and butterfly habitat in rural Erie County. Richard is the Curator at Eagle Hotel Museum in Waterford.

Parris J. Baker, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor & Director, Social Work, Mortuary Science, and Gerontology Programs in the Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work at Gannon University. He received his undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees in social work from Gannon University, Case Western Reserve University, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, and the University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work respectively. In 2011 Dr. Baker became the first African American tenured professor at Gannon University. In 2022 he became Jefferson Education Society Scholar-In-Residence and Harry T. Burleigh & Beyond Fellow.

Kevin Cuneo, B.A., continues to write a weekly column for the Erie-Times News after retiring from the newspaper following a four-decade career as a writer and editor. He won numerous state and national awards for sports and feature writing and his articles have appeared in a number of national publications, such as Sports Illustrated. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and continues to work as the national communications director for his college fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon, based in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Pat Cuneo, B.A., serves as the Director of Publications at the Jefferson Educational Society. He is a former reporter, editor, and columnist for the Erie Times-News. An Erie native, he is a 1978 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and studied journalism at Poynter Institute and the American Press Institute. He recorded his first "45" for Franklin Records in Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1979 ("Lost and Lonely"), performed as a singer-songwriter for the Alex Findley Band at regional folk festivals for more than a decade and was a member of the Nashville Songwriters Association from 1992 to 2007.

Cassandra Coleman, B.A., was appointed as Executive Director for the America250PA initiative (Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial) in September 2019. Prior to her appointment, she served as Special Advisor to the Office of Governor Tom Wolf and Director of Governor Wolf's Northeast & Central offices. At the age of twenty, Cassandra was appointed Mayor of her hometown of Exeter Borough to fill her late grandfather, Mayor Joseph Coyne's unexpired term. Following her appointment, Cassandra was re-elected Mayor twice. She is a 2010 graduate of King's College in Wilkes-Barre where she earned a degree in Political Science and founded and served as President of Coleman & Associates.

Corrine Egan, B.A., has served as Executive Director for the NW PA Labor Management Council and director of Special Events and Community Education at Mercyhurst University. She graduated from Mercyhurst with a business degree in 1980. She has served on the Board of Trustees for Metro Health Center, as a commissioner for the NW Regional Planning Commission, and is a past member of the Pennsylvania Commission for Women.

Annette Franklin, Ph.D., is presently a Lecturer/Field Coordinator at State University of New York Fredonia and has been a social worker for 23 years working in various practice settings (micro, mezzo and macro). Dr. Franklin received her BSW from Gannon University, MSW from the University of Pittsburgh and PhD from SUNY Buffalo. She has a certificate in Teaching and Leading in Diversity and in Gerontology. Prior research agenda has focused on the historical recruiting efforts for African American teachers; particularly interests in the issues of teacher recruiting efforts in urban schools. A licensed social worker in Pennsylvania, Dr. Franklin has had a long-standing interest in schools of social work and education collaborating on issues of social justice in urban schools. Most recently, her focus has been on older adults, particularly minority females.

Anna Frantz, M.C.P., joined Our West Bayfront, a nonprofit neighborhood revitalization organization that serves the neighborhoods west of Erie's downtown, in 2017 as the organization's first executive director. Prior to this role, she led Erie's regional planning effort Destination Erie and directed its implementation initiative Emerge 2040. From 2005 to 2013 Anna worked for the City of New York's Department of Housing Preservation and Development where she managed several of the agency's affordable housing finance programs. Anna holds a Master's degree in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a bachelor's degree from Williams College.

Christopher Gray, Ph.D., the founding President of Erie County Community College of Pennsylvania is an educator, artist, and community advocate. He has taught speech and theater in higher education for 20 years and is active in community and regional theater. Dr. Gray holds a master's degree in Theater and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Foundations with a research area of theater assessment. A graduate of a community college. Dr. Gray's professional focus has been strengthening regional ecosystems by building workforces. Connecting local business and industry needs to students interested in high-paid, in-demand careers enhances the entire community. He believes in the power of collaboration between community colleges, business, and civic partners to shape the local economic development.

Robert Bernard Hass, Ph.D. is a poet, critic, and scholar and is the author of *Going by Contraries: Robert Frost's Conflict with Science* (University of Virginia Press, 2002), which was selected by Choice as an Outstanding Academic Title; and the poetry collection *Counting Thunder* (Wordtech, 2008). He has won an Academy of American Poets Prize, an Associated Writing Programs Intro Journals Award, and a fellowship to Bread Loaf. He teaches American literature, classical literature, and Shakespeare at PennWest Edinboro.

Andy Hromyak, B.A. has been a Special Agent with the ATF for 22 years. After completing a Congressional Fellowship for the U.S. Judiciary Committee, he moved to Washington D.C. and became the ATF's Intelligence Liaison to Interpol. Hromyak graduated from Grove City College with a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education and Teaching of History. He participated in the inaugural Jefferson Civic Leadership Academy in 2015.

Kenneth Louie, Ph.D., is Director of the Economic Research Institute of Erie (E.R.I.E.) and Associate Professor of Economics in the Black School of Business at Penn State Behrend. He received his B.A. in Economics from Northwestern University and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His areas of specialization are macroeconomics, international economics, the economics of labor markets, and the economy of

China. As director of ERIE, Dr. Louie has provided analysis and commentary on issues related to the Erie economy for local and national news media.

Judith Lynch, Ph.D., has been a board member of the Jefferson Educational Society since its inception and served as its first chairwoman. She is the Jefferson's first and only Decadean Scholar and continues to serve as a scholar-in-residence. From 2004 to 2017, Dr. Lynch served as Associate Professor of Political Science and History at Mercyhurst University, and from 2002 to 2004, she taught at Allegheny College and was part of the Civic Engagement Institute. Prior, she worked as an analyst for the CIA and served for 20 years as Erie County executive, the county's top elected official. She received her Doctorate with Distinction in Political Science in 2001 from the University of Pittsburgh and her M.A. in Social Studies from Gannon University. Her undergraduate degree, a B.A. in History and Political Science, is from George Washington University.

Jacob Marsh, M.P.M., is the Industry Relations Coordinator at Penn State Behrend. Jacob has a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Grove City College, a history in virology research at Penn State Hershey, and a master's degree in project management from Penn State World Campus. He was instrumental in founding, and currently oversees, the Innovation Commons at Penn State Behrend, a product design and rapid prototyping center staffed by undergraduate students. Innovation Commons is a founding member of both the Invent Penn State initiative and the NWPAA Innovation Beehive Network. Throughout its six years of operation, Innovation Commons has served hundreds of entrepreneurs and developed new businesses and patents, creating jobs and providing exceptional experiences for undergraduates. Jacob also helps develop, fund, and manage various other programs involving entrepreneurship, economic development, and industrial partnerships with Penn State Behrend.

Joseph Reese, Ph.D., is a full professor of Geology at PennWest University Edinboro, where he has taught courses on rock deformation and metamorphism, the tectonic history of North America, geologic hazards and energy resources since 2002. Dr. Reese holds a Ph.D. in the Geological Sciences from the University of Texas at Austin. He maintains an active, eclectic scholarly agenda, focusing on place-based geoscience education, undergraduate geoscience education reform, evolution of Earth systems, use of remotely sensed imagery to investigate Earth's surface, and craft beer. He regularly presents at national and regional conferences and routinely participates in the activities of professional societies at various levels.

Ian Roberts, Ph.D., is the current superintendent of the Millcreek Township School District. Roberts came to Millcreek from Aspire Public Schools, which operated 40 charter schools, mostly in California. He previously coached, supported and evaluated principals in St. Louis, Missouri, schools and was a principal and principal supervisor in Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and South Bronx, New York, school districts. He holds a doctoral degree in education from Morgan State University in Baltimore and taught special education and social studies before working in school administration. Roberts also was a world-class athlete and represented his native Guyana as a middle-distance runner at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, and participated in world championships in Japan and Spain, in Pan-American Games and also was a South American champion.

Andrew Roth, Ph.D., has been working in the higher education sector for 49 years, and his experience is global. Beginning at Gannon University and then Mercyhurst University, he was a faculty member in three departments: English,

Communications, and Business; as a coach he founded Mercyhurst's women's soccer team; and for more than 20 years, he was a senior administrator: Director of Admissions, Vice President for Enrollment, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Dean of the College. He served as President of Notre Dame College from 2003 to 2014 before being named President-Emeritus. After a brief retirement, he served as interim President of St. Bonaventure University during 2016-2017. He is now a scholar-in-residence at the Jefferson Educational Society, where he directs its Raimy Fellows Program as part of the Jefferson Civic Leadership Academy and presents frequently on American cultural issues. He is also author of the Jefferson's popular "Book Notes" series.

Anjali Sahay, Ph.D., is an educator, leader, author, researcher, and a performing artist working as Associate Professor and Program Director of Political Science in the School of Public Service and Global Affairs at Gannon University. She has more than two decades of successfully running the Model UN Programs at various universities. Originally from India, Dr. Sahay received her PhD. From Old Dominion University in International Studies in 2006 and holds additional masters in History and Business Administration. During the election year 2020, Dr. Sahay lent her expertise on election 2020 and on Vice President Kamala Harris in TIME Magazine, CNBC, Financial Times, Pittsburgh Post Gazette, and Erie Times News. Her book titled: *Indian Diaspora in the United States: Brain Drain or Gain?* is a groundbreaking work that intersects economic and political issues to the dimension of migration and the concerns over brain drain. Subsequently, she has various publications on the topic of Brain Drain and Brain Gain.

Michael Schwarze-Rodrian, Dipl. Ing., moved to the Ruhr region in the 1980s, where he became involved in economic development, creating the interagency and inter-municipal "Masterplan Emscher Landscape Park 2010". He also worked for the regional Business Development Agency Metropole Ruhr GmbH on sustainable development through intermunicipal working groups. He was the EU Representative of the Ruhr Regional Association (RVR), integrating environmental and economic strategies to form the "Green Infrastructure Ruhr" plan. Schwarze-Rodrian studied Landscape Planning at the Technical University Berlin and is a member of the German Academy for Urbanism and Spatial Planning (DASL).

A Shared Heritage is co-led by Johnny Johnson (Burleigh Legacy Alliance), Dr. Chris Magoc (Mercyhurst University), and Melinda Meyer (Erie Yesterday). Johnny Johnson, M.Ed., is a native of Covington, GA, and has been a resident of Erie for 50 years. Mr. Johnson taught health and physical education at various middle and high schools in Erie's Public Schools for more than 30 years before retiring. He is one of the founding members of the Harry T. Burleigh Society, the current president of the Burleigh Legacy Alliance has participated in numerous historical programs and is the author of *Erie African Americans in the 1880s*. Dr. Chris Magoc is a professor of History at Mercyhurst University whose most recent book is *A Progressive History of American Democracy Since 1945: American Dreams, Hard Realities* (Routledge Press, January 2022). He is a 2012 recipient of the Mercyhurst Teaching Excellence Award. Melinda Meyer is an experienced public historian, educator, project consultant, grant writer and nonprofit administrator. As a public historian, she consistently pursues avenues to share local history with all audiences. Ms. Meyer has also taught museum studies and historic preservation undergraduate courses at Mercyhurst University.

John C. Sites is originally from the town of Royersford, Montgomery Co., PA, and moved to Cambridge Springs in 1987. He retired in 2017 with 2 years in serving in the Military Police and 45 years working for the Pennsylvania

Game Commission. As an amateur archaeologist, Sites has decades worth of experience collecting fossils and artifacts. He is the secretary of the Indian Artifact Collectors Association of the Northeast States and president of the French Creek Archaeological Society. Sites is also associated with the American Society for Amateur Archaeology. He has presented programs on the French & Indian War, fossils, early man, climate change, and Native American cultures and enjoys French & Indian War and American Civil War re-enacting.

Lena Surzhko-Harned, Ph.D., is an Assistant Teaching Professor of Political Science and a Faculty Affiliate of the Public Policy Fund at Penn State Behrend. Her primary research interests are in the field of comparative politics. She is an author of several papers dealing with issues of nationalism and ethnic conflict, identity politics, electoral politics, comparative democratization, and political behavior in the postcommunist states of Eastern Europe. Her co-authored book, "Post-Soviet Legacies and Conflicting Values in Europe: Generation WhY", was published in December 2017 and examines the inter-generational conflict and consequences in post-Soviet Ukraine and Russia.

Paul V. Turner, Ph.D., was trained as both an architect and an art historian. He taught the history of architecture at Stanford from 1971 to 2006, offering courses on Baroque, 19th- and 20th-century European and American architecture and urbanism. His publications include works on the architects Le Corbusier, Frank Lloyd Wright, Joseph Ramée, and the history of the American campus. Following the Loma Prieta earthquake of 1989, which seriously damaged Frank Lloyd Wright's Hanna House, on the Stanford campus, Turner chaired a university committee which oversaw the complicated process of restoring the house, completed in 1999. After he published a book on the Wright's work in the Bay Area and San Francisco Turner began a project on the importance of books to Wright, involving a reconstruction of the architect's extensive library, which had largely been dispersed. Other works include a 2021 published memoir of his childhood summers on Lake George. In 2020 Turner was named a Fellow of the Society of Architectural Historians.

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