



A Note from the Director



MORE Begins Second Decade of Service to Seniors!

What better way to begin the new decade than by offering the first-ever MORE Winter Session! Long requested by loyal MORE Attendees, this short Session runs during the last half of February, creating an opportunity to shake off those late winter blahs. This session comprises ten classes – eight of which are brand-new – headlined by highly popular Reverend Dan Lewis presenting Chaple Cars, combining his interest in railroad history with expertise in religion. Other classes are given by such popular presenters as Jim Craft, Meghan Mott, and Charlie Shelton. All-new presentations include the important work of Turning Point Macomb and history of that famous local beverage brand, Faygo. Anchoring all of this is a fascinating presentation by Dr. Leonard Evans on his actual trip to the wreck of the Titanic in a sophisticated submersible!

Classes will be held in the University Center location of Lecture Hall B. To help those traveling or held in by the weather, some classes are also offered on Zoom Hybrid. Registration is done in the normal fashion with subscriptions available for three, five, or seven classes; packages may be combined (i.e., three plus seven for all ten). Special Winter Session introductory pricing applies as follows:

- Three class package – \$18
- Five class package – \$27
- Seven class package – \$35

So – it is very easy to get in on the ground floor or the next decade of the MORE Program. Make your selections today and join your friends beginning Tuesday, February 18, 2025!

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Chapel Cars

Tuesday, February 18 • 10am

Instructor: Reverend Dan Lewis • Human Interest



In the late 1800s and early 1900s, some 13 railroad cars were fitted out as traveling chapels for reaching out to the most rural areas of America. These cars, sponsored by Episcopal, Baptist, and Roman Catholic mission services, traveled the American west until World War I. This class will explore the use of these cars, the railroads that handled them, and the services they provided.

About the Presenter: The Reverend Dan Lewis is a retired professor in Ancient Near Eastern and Biblical Studies (William Tyndale College). His advanced degrees are from the University of Detroit, and he continues to lecture widely at universities in North America, Europe, and other parts of the world. In addition to his religious studies, he is fascinated by railroads in general and modeling railroads in particular. Reverend Lewis has proven to be an extremely popular MORE presenter.

Managing Invasive Species

Tuesday, February 18 • 1pm

Instructor: Bethany Wilson • Science and Nature

Also available via Zoom Hybrid



Class attendees will gain an understanding of how both invasive species and humans have disrupted established natural ecosystems. Zoos are playing a crucial role to combat these issues and to reintroduce native species to these habitats, and in particular, this is an important mission for the Detroit Zoological Society.

About the Presenter: Bethany is a Senior Education Specialist at the Detroit Zoo where she leads teen and community program focused on conservation, climate change and environmental justice. Bethany graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in wildlife biology and from the University of Miami-Ohio with a Master of Arts in biology.

Women of the Copper Country Book Reading and Discussion

Thursday, February 20 • 10am

Instructor: Meghan Mott • Literature



This is a book club class, often requested by MORE Attendees.

Please read *The Women of the Copper Country*, by Mary Doria Russell, before attending this class.

Plan to share your opinions and learning more about the background of the book and its author. We'll explore the themes and history presented in the book, which fictionalizes the 1913 Italian Hall Disaster in Calumet, Michigan. (Book is readily available in several media choices.)

About the Presenter: Meghan is a librarian at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library (though her official title is Outreach Manager, Adult Services). She previously worked at the Lorenzo Cultural Center and was a key member of the staff that founded the original SOAR program. She has a special interest in Michigan authors and is a valuable continuing contributor to MORE.

Revival, Reform, and Migration to Michigan

Thursday, February 20 • 1pm

Instructor: Jim Craft • American History

Also available via Zoom Hybrid



The Second Great Awakening was an extremely important religious phenomenon that swept through the United States between 1800 and 1840. It dramatically affected the religious social and political trajectory of 19th America. One of its centers was western New York (aka the Burned-over District) which was also the primary source of settlers to Michigan in its territorial and early statehood periods.

About the Presenter: Mr. Craft has a BA in History from Oakland University and an MA in history from Wayne State University. His varied career has included in equal measures teaching, career consulting, operations management and historical consulting. Since retiring from the main game several years ago, his focus has been on developing a series of history books and lectures focused on important but underappreciated aspects of American History and doing so from a local history perspective.

Henry Ford's Attic

Tuesday, February 25 • 10am

Instructor: Mike Skinner • Local History



Henry's Attic is a documentation of some of the millions of artifacts in the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village that were originally collected by or on behalf of the auto pioneer. While interesting as individual items, collectively they constitute a fascinating insight into the mind of one of the most intriguing American industrialists. The variety of Ford's interests and how they fit into his view of history makes for a unique and valuable presentation with a strong local orientation.

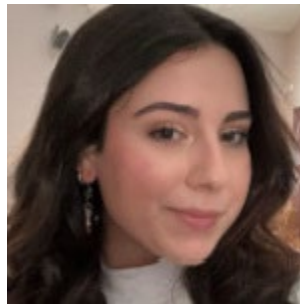
About the Presenter: Mike Skinner is a native Detroiter with bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State. He has been a Detroit and Ford history buff for more than a half century and is a past president of the Dearborn and Grosse Pointe Historical Societies. He has also been a board member and volunteer at the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant since the building was acquired and converted into a museum in 2000.

Turning Point Macomb

Tuesday, February 25 • 1pm

Instructors: La'Portia Jackson and Jillian Smith • Health and Wellness

Also available via Zoom Hybrid



Turning Point Macomb is an organization dedicated to helping victims of abusive relationships, offering many services to those who are trapped in a cycle of abuse, including human trafficking. Turning Point Macomb was honored with Crain's award as being "best managed non-profit" for 2023. This class will highlight how the organization works and succeeds in a very

challenging community service.

About the Presenters:

La'Portia Jackson received a bachelor's in psychology and a master's in public health from Grand Valley State University. She has prior experience as a gender-based violence prevention educator and is now an Outreach Advocate at Turning Point

Jillian Smith serves as the education and outreach advocate at Turning Point. She holds a bachelor's degree in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, with minors in Spanish and Human Rights from Grand Valley State University and is presently in a master's program at U of M Flint.

Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide + New Advances in Alzheimer's Treatment

Wednesday 26 February · 10am

Instructor: Debra Ross · Health and Wellness



If you or someone you know is facing dementia or another chronic illness, it's never too early to put financial plans in place. Join this evidence-based program to learn tips for managing someone else's finances, how to prepare for future care costs and the benefits of early planning. In the "new advances" portion of the program we will discuss FDA-approved treatments for Alzheimer's disease, the impact of anti-amyloid treatments on the brain, their potential benefits and side effects; and the pathways to access treatment.

About the Presenter: Debra Ross has served as a champion for quality dementia and healthcare education to professionals and the community for almost three decades. She has been a volunteer educator and speaker for the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter for almost two decades and continues to facilitate the Dementia Certification program in cooperation with Schoolcraft College since its inception in 2013.

Michigan Ice Harvesting

Wednesday, 26 February • 1pm

Instructor: Charlie Shelton • Local History



ICE!...Ah, cold food and cold beverages. We take refrigeration for granted in the 21st century, but our parents and grandparents had to rely on the deliveryman to bring blocks of ice out to their homes to keep their ice boxes chilled to just the right temperature. We'll take a look at the ice harvesting industry of the 19th and 20th centuries.

About the Presenter: A graduate of the MCC-to-OU BA history program, Charlie specializes in Michigan history and humanity's relationship to the natural world. Mr. Shelton is employed by the Huron-Clinton Metroparks (www.metroparks.com) as a Community Outreach Interpreter. He is one of the most consistently popular MORE presenters.

Voyage to Wreck of the *Titanic*

Thursday, 27 February • 10am

Instructor: Dr. Leonard Evans • Special Interest

Also available via Zoom Hybrid



The wreck of the *Titanic*, two and a half miles under the Atlantic Ocean, was photographed by Dr. Evans on board the submersible *Mir1*; the same submersible used for the underwater scenes in the blockbuster movie *Titanic*. This presentation includes Dr. Evans' *Titanic* photographs, and contrasts the safety of his dive to the recent catastrophic implosion of the submersible *Titan* with the loss of all on board.

About the Presenter: Leonard Evans, with a doctorate in physics from Oxford University, England is arguably the world's top traffic safety researcher; his book *Traffic Safety* is recognized as the classic in the field. He has received just about every relevant honor and recognition, including election to the *National Academy of Engineering*. Detailed Evans bio on his website <https://www.scienceservingsociety.com/>.

The Story of Faygo

Thursday, 27 February • 1pm

Instructor: Joe Grimm • Local History



Learn how Faygo pop came to be, how it grew to become a giant independent bottler and its tough choice between growing and staying. "The Faygo Book" is a story about the 120-year effervescent love affair between this company on the east side of Detroit and the city's people. There will be photos from The Faygo Book, a pop quiz and maybe a singalong.

About the Presenter: Faygo Book co-author Joe Grimm is a journalism professor at Michigan State University and a lifelong Michigander. He has also written "Coney Detroit," "Windjammers: Songs of the Great Lakes Sailors" and he is founding editor of a series of about 25 cultural competence guides at MSU. He worked for 25 years as an editor at the Detroit Free Press.