

OLLI Brown Bag Series
Wednesdays, 11:30am – 1:00pm
Boykin Community Center Auditorium
Free and open to the public



March 29 John Williams: *Monroeville and the Stage Production of To Kill a Mockingbird*

Author John M. Williams discusses his book tracing the history of the Monroeville stage production of Harper Lee's famous 1960 novel, focusing on the inception and first sixteen years (1991-2006) under the direction of Kathy McCoy. Along with a volunteer staff and amateur performers, McCoy took the show from its modest beginning to a successful production both at the historic old courthouse in Monroeville and around the world. In addition to sharing behind the scenes stories of the production, the eclectic book explores interesting historical lore and personalities of Monroeville and Monroe County. Readers will also find fair-minded discussions of some of the controversies surrounding the play, the novel, its characters and enigmatic author. The book features a wealth of photographs, many never before published.

April 5 Lawrence Grinter: *Taiwan Between Beijing and Washington*

How did Taiwan become the main "flashpoint" between China and the USA? What is Chinese policy toward Taiwan? The US position? Is Taiwan prepared to defend against a possible Chinese attack? What are the current trends, and likely outcomes? Discussion is encouraged.

April 12 Desmond Layne: "FoodU: How Auburn Horticulture and Partners are Impacting the Campus Food System"

Dr. Layne, head and professor in Auburn University's Department of Horticulture, will provide an update on the role that Auburn Horticulture and its campus partners are playing to positively influence key aspects of the campus food system. He will discuss innovative partnerships with Campus Dining, the College of Human Sciences, and the Rane Culinary Sciences Center to create transformative, high-impact learning experiences for students. He will discuss various growing locations and innovative cultivation programs including aquaponics, hydroponics, vertical farming and rooftop gardening. He will highlight the role that faculty, staff and students are playing from high-quality gourmet dining all the way to helping students with food insecurity.

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April 19 AHS Debate Team: Fundamentals of Competitive Debate

Auburn High School's State Champion Debate Team presents a short program on the fundamentals of competitive debate. Select students will describe and demonstrate actual debates followed by questions and impromptu debates in which the audience will select the topics.

April 26 Jim Barber: The New Drought Age Focusing on the USA

Barber will discuss how the water resources in many parts of the USA are being squandered, misspent, and polluted with very little or no long-range planning for replenishment or conservation. Water may become the next life critical commodity. Here and everywhere else.

May 3 OLLI Prose and Poetry Writers

Select OLLI members participating in writing classes will read from their recently completed works.