



# THE MILE VIEW



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## MILE: Zooming Ahead

**Thank you!** We just concluded a successful fall semester on Zoom. Thank you to the 108 members who have joined us. Your membership entitles you to a full year of MILE programming, but it is not too late to invite your friends to join. Do you know someone, who does not live locally who might enjoy MILE? We are now on Zoom - with access from anywhere. And this year we have added a winter intersession via Zoom, meaning two more MILE semesters to go.

In the past MILE regularly held a winter intersession-but with the challenges of weather and the hill to Chapman Hall, the practice was discontinued. Now that we are meeting virtually, we are reinstating that practice. Our wonderful Curriculum Committee has put together five (5) "Terrific Tuesday" classes. All sessions are from 1:30-3:00 and you will receive an email reminder, with the link, the weekend before each session. A video introducing the first presentation is currently on our website, [www.mileonline.org](http://www.mileonline.org). The others will follow in the next few days.

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| <b>December 7th</b>  | <b>Prof. James Malley</b> , <i>Who is in Charge, You or Your Brain? Understanding the neurobiology of stress and trauma.</i> |
| <b>January 11th</b>  | <b>Henry Quinlan</b> , <i>USSR-Russia: Myths, Mysteries and Spying</i>   |
| <b>January 25th</b>  | <b>Prof. Iris Bork-Goldfield</b> , <i>Traveling Memories: A Family History (East Prussia, Germany, NY, Argentina)</i>        |
| <b>February 8th</b>  | <b>Jesse Nasta</b> , <i>The Beman Family in Middletown</i>   |
| <b>February 22nd</b> | <b>Phil Devlin</b> , <i>Baseball and Michelangelo</i>  |

## Zooming towards Spring

The MILE spring session will begin on **March 1st** continuing until **April 21st** with classes scheduled **three (3) days a week**. These will be on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays**, except for the week of April 11th (M, T, W - that week). **The Spring Calendar will be emailed to you by February 20th**. Those who registered this fall have already paid the \$60 **annual** membership fee, so there is no need to send a payment or fill out a registration form. You will be automatically registered for all afternoon MILE presentations. You will need to individually contact Bud Sielaff ([budsielaff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:budsielaff@sbcglobal.net)) if you wish to join the Great Decisions program, even if you were part of the group in the fall. The spring Great Decisions program will be using 2022 materials. As usual, **the course descriptions will be posted on our website, <http://www.mileonline.org/>**. **Introductions by online presenters for the virtual orientation will also be posted on the website by February 20<sup>th</sup>**.

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the deaths of members Janice Burrill and Johannah Mackey Calcaterra, who died earlier this semester. Janice enthusiastically made the transition to our Zoom sessions last year embodying the label "lifelong learner." Johannah was new to MILE this year, encouraged by her friends to join. They are missed by their friends at MILE.

On another note... Congratulations to MxCC for being named Best College of 2021 by the Meriden Record Journal's Readers' Choice Award! Dean Kim Hogan, who is the liaison to MILE accepted the award on behalf of the college.

### **Dates to remember**

- December 7th** "Terrific Tuesdays" - Winter intercession to begin.
- February 20<sup>th</sup>** The spring calendar will be emailed to you.  
Virtual MILE Orientation posted on [www.mileonline.org](http://www.mileonline.org).  
Course descriptions and virtual introductions will be available on the website.
- March 1st** **MILE Spring Semester begins on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm.**
- April 11th -13th** MILE presentations will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. No Thursday class this week.
- April 21st** Last day of MILE Spring Semester
- April 26th** **Annual Meeting to be held virtually at 1:30 pm.**  
Election of new officers for the Advisory Board.

**Please consider making a donation to the Extra MILE Fund, Middlesex Community College Foundation, 100 Training Hill Road, Middletown, CT 06457. Funds are used to support the Magic Food Bus and students who need assistance.**