



## WESLEYAN

*Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning*



### President's Letter, November 2021

Thanksgiving is almost here, and we at WALL are thankful for so many things including the outstanding members of WALL. This has been a wonderful year in a variety of ways, and we are looking forward to the Spring

semester in 2022. There are some fantastic classes planned with some familiar subjects, but lots of new ones too. Information concerning registration will be forwarded soon. As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at [stharpe69@gmail.com](mailto:stharpe69@gmail.com).

We want to welcome our newest member, Alice Knierim, to the WALL Curriculum Committee. Alice is a familiar face to many of you, and we are so happy to have her as a member of this wonderful team.

We are also welcoming Kristen Grissom as the new Director of Auxiliary Services and Special Events which includes Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning.

Please enjoy this Thanksgiving season and stay safe.

Sandy Tharpe: WALL President 2021-2022

### **Our New Liaison, Kristen Simonton Grissom!**

Kristen was born and raised in Macon, GA and is a Graduate of the Bibb County Public Schools System, Savannah State University (Business Marketing major, Class of 2011), and Wesleyan College (EMBA Program, Cohort 21 - March 2013). She has ten years of professional experience in meeting and conference planning; formerly employed with the Macon-Bibb County Convention and Visitors Bureau (VisitMacon), Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Georgia Municipal Association. Kristen is married with 2 children - daughter Savannah and son Jeremy Jr. She enjoys planning events, reading, traveling, eating/dining, and bicycling.

We look forward to a long and prosperous association with our Wesleyan liaison!



Preview of Spring 2022 Courses	
Plantations	Derek Jackson
Exploring Classical Music Arrangements for Piano Four and Six Hands	Chenny Gan
Great Decisions	Vince Coughlin
Jewish Music	Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein
Quilling Paper Craft for Fun and Profit	Terry-Anne Homan
Selected Prominent Women Writers	Dr. Mary Wilder
Appreciation of Abstraction in Western Visual Art	Megan McNaught
Rivers and Railroads to the Atlantic	Ken Heller
Opera: Rigoletto	Mary Keating
The Musical Theater of Harold Prince	Jan Lewis
Macon Music	Jessica Walden
Chinese Cooking	Confucius Inst.
You Can Draw	Kari Waltz
History of the Wesleyan Word	Kristina Peavy
Baseball	Jim Halloran
Psychology of Personality	Dr. Brooke Bennett-Day
Meditation: the Art of Non-doing	Steve Haberlin
Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?	Jim Crisp



## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021 COURSE SCHEDULE

COURSES	INSTRUCTORS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Reckless Misfortunate: the Century We Inherited from WWI	Dr. Christopher Blake, President of Middle Georgia State Univ.	<b>Wed. Nov. 17, Dec. 1 and 15</b>  <b>Please note changes!</b>	4—5:15pm	Taylor Amphitheatre
Great Decisions 2020, Section 1	Vince Coughlin	Tuesday, Nov. 2 & 9	1:30—3:00 pm	Taylor Hall, Room 109
Great Decisions 2020, Section 2	Vince Coughlin	Friday, Nov 5, 12	3—4:30pm	Carlyle Place, Activity Room “A”
British Royal Families, Part 4	Dr. Jan Lewis	Tuesday, Nov. 2, 9, 16	11:30 am—12:30pm	Taylor Amphitheatre
History of the Internet	Dr. James N. Smith	Wednesday, Nov. 3, 10, 17 & Dec. 1	11am—Noon	Candler, Benson Room

FOR INFORMATION ON WESLEYAN COVID 19 POLICIES  
REFER TO

[https://www.wesleyancollege.edu/Covid-19/policies.cfm?csSearch=124917\\_1](https://www.wesleyancollege.edu/Covid-19/policies.cfm?csSearch=124917_1)



# INSTRUCTORS FOR NOVEMBER 2021

**Dr. Christopher Blake** who was born, raised and educated in England, is President of Middle Georgia State University. He assumed his post on January 1, 2014. Dr. Blake holds bachelor's and master's degrees in theology from the Keble College of Oxford University, a postgraduate certificate in education from Westminster College (Oxford), and a Ph.D. in education from King's College of the University of London. He is currently serving on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges' Board of Trustees, on the Board of Directors of the American Association of University Administrators, and as a member of the executive committee of the Southern States Athletic Conference.

**Vince Coughlin, J.D., LL.M.** is the founder of the WALL program, received a B.S. (Physics) from Bucknell University in 1963, an M.S. (Physics) from Franklin & Marshall College in 1973, a J.D. from the University of Toledo in 1977 and an LL.M. from Pennsylvania State University's Dickinson School of Law in 1990. He retired from General Electric as a Senior Patent Counsel to GE and RCA Licensing Operation. Vince has taught law-related courses at Harrisburg (PA) Area Community College, the University of South Carolina Aiken's Academy for Lifelong Learning and at WALL where he has served as the facilitator for Great Decisions since 2012. Vince's interests include Constitutional Law and Lifelong Learning.

**Dr. Jan Lewis** now retired, was the Chair of theatre at Wesleyan College and has taught Shakespeare for many years. Dr. Lewis joined the Wesleyan Theatre program in the fall of 2006 as a scholar, teacher, author and director. Prior to coming to Wesleyan she was a professional director, producer, playwright and actor for 20 years in theaters in and around Los Angeles.

**Dr. James N. Smith**, DBS, MBA and CISSP is an Assistant Professor in the School of Computing and Cyber Sciences at Augusta University. Prior to transitioning to academia, Dr. Smith spent his career bridging the corporate and academic worlds. For almost 20 years, he served in a variety of positions, both in private industry and as a civilian contractor for the U.S. Army, culminating as corporate Director of Information Technology. In addition to his industry experience, he taught various security and networking courses first at Georgia Southern University and later at Mercer University prior to completing his doctorate at Kennesaw State University. His research interests focus, at the macro level, on how organizational and public policy affect change in the cybersecurity environment and, on the individual level, on how emerging neuro information systems methods can be applied to the security field. Dr. Smith also serves in various corporate and not for profit board capacities.





# WALL Officers 2021—2022



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# Our Fall Classes



Wesleyan Academy is an all-volunteer organization. The commitment is reasonable, and we would love to hear from anyone who might be interested. Please contact Vince Coughlin at [vince.coughlin0826@gmail.com](mailto:vince.coughlin0826@gmail.com) Or Sandy Tharpe at [stharpe69@gmail.com](mailto:stharpe69@gmail.com)

Wesleyan College offers so much to our WALL members and to the community at large. Many events on campus are open to the public (most are free of charge).

[Click here or on the Wesleyan logo below for an updated list of the Arts and Cultural Events hosted](#)



[each month by Wesleyan.](#)

Don't forget that Wesleyan art galleries are open Monday-Friday from 1:30 - 5:00 PM and the Wesleyan Market is every 2nd Saturday from 9am-1pm.





Music at Wesleyan College  
Geneva Lewis on violin and Chenny Gan on piano

Tuesday, November 9 / 7 PM  
Pierce Chapel

Macon Concert Association invites you to a fall concert featuring Geneva Lewis, Grand Prize winner of the 2020 Concert Artists Guild Competition and a 2021 Avery Fisher Career Grant recipient, and Chenny Gan, associate professor and director of the graduate program in music at Wesleyan College and NerdScholar.com 40 Under 40 list of best young professors in the U.S. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 students, \$15 Wesleyan and Mercer faculty and staff. (478) 301-5470.

Supported by the Linda Harriet Lane Fund of the Community foundation of Central Georgia. Please note that a face mask covering one's nose and mouth is required despite of vaccination status.

Wesleyan Market

Saturday, November 13 / 9 AM – 1 PM  
Wesleyan College front campus

This fun community event features a variety of locally grown and produced items ranging from flowers and organic fruits and vegetables to baked goods, art, and jewelry by local artisans. Music and fun educational events also offered. Free and open to the public. Vendors call (478) 757-5140.