50 for 50 Campaign

As the Center continues celebrating its 50th anniversary of service to lifelong learners, we’re asking you to help us continue providing terrific learning opportunities into the next 50 years.

Join your fellow lifelong learners in supporting the Selim Center’s work. Make a donation of any size to the “50 for 50” Campaign.

The goal of this campaign is 50 donations for the Center’s 50th anniversary.

To donate, visit our website:
https://www.stthomas.edu/selim-center/give/index.html

Thank you for helping us help you make your brain happy!

Tommie Give Day 2023

Save the date for Tommie Give Day 2023 - November 14, 2023. We’ll tell you more about it in the November 3 newsletter, including how you can support the Selim Center during that giving campaign.
Classes Coming Still This Fall

Lecture Series Starting the Week of October 11

- Tuesday Morning: Controversial Topics in Policing
- Wednesday Morning: Living the Blues: The Form & Philosophy of a Musical Genre
- Thursday Morning: A Window into the Brain: Addiction & Future Therapies

Single Session Events Taking Place in October and November

- Friday, October 13, Lunch'n Explore: This Side of the Mic
- Friday, November 10, Lunch'n Explore: Artificial Intelligence Unveiled: Exploring the Fundamentals & Applications of AI

Please visit our website for more information and to register: www.stthomas.edu/selimcenter
Are you ready to travel?

After a Covid-caused hiatus, the Selim Center is ready to begin study travel again, both domestically and internationally.

**Domestic Travel: January 10--20, 2024**
Led by Saint Thomas Professors Todd Lawrence and David Williard, this study travel will take participants on a civil rights tour of the American South. These two scholars have regularly taken groups of St. Thomas undergraduates to encounter the civil rights movement of the 1960s. This trip will combine Selim Center students, most of whom lived through the civil rights era, with UST undergrads, for whom the civil rights era is ancient history, for an intergenerational learning experience, as both groups engage with the South, with this period of American history, and with each other.

**International Travel - Three trips are being planned for the 2024—2025 time frame:**
September, 2024: Scandinavia (Sweden and Norway)
January, 2025: Sicily and Rome
May, 2025: Ireland

For more information about these trips, please contact Selim Center Director Bob Shoemake (rcshoemake@stthomas.edu).
Office for Mission

Have you retired? Are you thinking about retiring in the near future?

The University of St. Thomas is offering a program open to those already retired or thinking about retiring soon. “The Next Chapter” program will be starting another cohort in January 2024. It is not a financial planning seminar, but rather a six-month, guided journey using principles of Ignatian spirituality to assist participants in discerning what God might be calling them to in this “Next Chapter” of their lives. Participants meet once a month at St. Thomas on Saturday mornings with readings and reflection required between sessions.

To learn more, you are invited to attend one of two information sessions. The first is Thursday, October 12th at 7:00 pm at the University of St. Thomas. A second (online only) session will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00pm. Applications are due November 1st. We encourage you to attend one of the sessions to explore this opportunity! For more information or to register via email, contact Karin at karin.trail-johnson@stthomas.edu. Dates of the program can be found on the program website (scroll to bottom of page):

https://www.stthomas.edu/mission/office/

Chapel Arts Series

The Office for Mission has announced its 2023-2024 Chapel Arts Series events. Supported by the Office for Mission at the University of Saint Thomas, the series is an opportunity to engage students, faculty, staff, and the broader community through the sacred arts. During the 2023-24 season they will offer a wide variety of programming that will feature world-class musicians from around the globe. Every event is free, open to the public, and followed by a reception held in the Hoedeman Gallery of Sacred Art.

To read more about the entire line-up of events, visit this link and then click on the individual events to read more about each of them:

https://www.stthomas.edu/mission/office/chapel-arts-series/
Upcoming Events on Campus, continued

LuAnn Dummer Center for Women (LDCW)

The Luann Dummer Center for Women has an exciting line up of fall programs exploring this year's theme:

*Joyous Journeys: Feminism and a Global Pursuit of Happiness*

Throughout the year, the LDCW invites you to partake in joyous activities that explore the continuously evolving discourse surrounding happiness. Amid the ongoing pandemic, society, including our students and their peers across the country, has grappled with heightened levels of anxiety and depression. We recognize this national crisis in mental health and are committed to equipping our campus community with the tools needed to cultivate supportive bonds with a resilient social fabric. Throughout the year, LDCW programs will explore various lines of inquiry, encompassing research areas such as immigration, environmentalism, biology, and psychology. We welcome you to join us! All events take place in the Luann Dummer Center for Women (OEC 103) unless otherwise noted.

**October Book Circle: Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden by Camille T. Dungy**
Led by Catherine Grant of the Greenhouses and Medicinal Gardens Project at St. Thomas
Tuesday, October 10th, Noon - 1 pm

**30th Anniversary Exhibition: October 17th (1:30-3:30 pm), October 18th (10:30 am-12:30 pm), and October 19th (11:45 am-1:15 pm); LDCW Open House in OEC 103. All are welcome to a guided tour of the space, engaging with the visual art and oral history Archive**

**Luann Dummer Center for Women's 30th Anniversary Celebration!**
October 25th from 5 - 7 pm
Join us for food and mingling in the OEC Atrium, a guided audio tour of the LDCW Art Gallery, and a short presentation by former LDCW director Dr. Debra Petersen (Communications) and Nancy Zingale (Professor Emerita from Political Science, former executive assistant to the President, and LDCW Advisory Board ex-officio).

**Making Waves in November with Susan Anderson-Benson (Program Manager, Selim Center): "Weight to Lift the Weight" Featuring handmade weighted blankets created to ease student anxiety; project funded by LDCW grant**
Tuesday, November 14th, Noon - 1 pm

**November Book Circle with Dr. Roxanne Prichard (Psychology) and Sophia Becker (neuroscience student & LDCW grant recipient) Discussing the biology of sleep and featuring research from Sophia's project "Queer College Students Cannot Sleep”**
Thursday, November 30th, Noon - 1 pm
Thank You to Our Fall Term Volunteers

We’re so appreciative of our fall term volunteers! Without student workers this year, and needing help to get everyone checked in smoothly, two of our students, Diane & Pat, graciously volunteered to do check-in for the “Broken!” class with Dr. Schultz. We’re so grateful for the terrific job they did and their willingness to help.

Call for Volunteers

The Center will have a need for volunteers on an ongoing basis this year. If you’re interested in volunteering to help at the Center, please email us: selimcenter@stthomas.edu and we will let you know our current volunteer needs.

We appreciate your consideration of this request!
A Peek Inside Fall Term Classes

Here’s a peek inside our fall term classes. This page features the Coffee with Class Event and the Salon at St. Thomas Event.
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Here’s a peek inside our fall term classes. This page features the six lecture series that started in September.
This month we’re remembering our Homecoming table at Purple on the Plaza from 2018, featuring current Center staff and our then student workers (all 2020 graduates of St. Thomas). If you’ll be on campus for homecoming on October 7, 2023, be sure to stop by our table to say “hi”, pick up information on upcoming classes, and take part in our table activities.

Won’t be able to make it to campus? Visit our website for information on upcoming classes and plan now to join us so you can #makeyourbrainhappy!

**Coming Attractions:**
The November newsletter will include more nuggets from our history and more.

The next newsletter will be published on November 3, 2023.

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