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Spring 2017 Newsletter

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## 2017 Spring Assembly

Speaker: Kate Madigan, Energy and Climate Specialist;  
Director, Michigan Climate Action Network

Location: Thursday, April 13, 2017, 10 am, Wesley Chapel  
(600 E. Michigan Ave. - "under the arch")

### **Climate Change in Michigan: Impacts and Opportunities for Action**

We are now seeing the impacts of climate change in Michigan and around the world, and 2016 was the warmest year ever recorded globally. In this talk, Kate Madigan will give an overview of our changing climate, sharing the latest news and developments, including how climate change is impacting Michigan. She also will discuss solutions to climate change, efforts underway around the world to reduce climate pollution, and opportunities for action in our own communities.

Kate Madigan specializes in climate change and energy policy for Michigan Environmental Council and directs the Michigan Climate Action Network. She led the effort to get Traverse City to commit to 100% renewable energy by 2020, and her current work includes supporting other communities working to pass strong, clean energy goals. Kate joined MEC in 2005, and prior to this she led advocacy and organizing efforts promoting clean water, safe food, and renewable energy in Los Angeles and Lansing. A Michigan native, Kate holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and the Environment and a master's degree in management from the School for International Training in Vermont. Kate lives with her husband and two sons in Traverse City.





"Take one of these with water  
half-an-hour before you wake up  
every morning."

## Contacts for Area Events

### Team Albion

Contact Jill Domingo to be put on the email  
list: [jadomingo@cityofalbionmi.gov](mailto:jadomingo@cityofalbionmi.gov)

### Community Gardens

[AlbionCommunityGardensInc@gmail.com](mailto:AlbionCommunityGardensInc@gmail.com) or call:  
906-662-4234

### Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce

[greateralbionchamber.org](http://greateralbionchamber.org)

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# AALL Course Descriptions, Spring, 2017

Registration required

ALBION: WHAT LIES AHEAD. Various Community Leaders. Tuesday 10:00 am —12:00 pm, May 9, 16, 23, 30. Ludington Center.

We see evidence that things in our town are changing. We hear bits and pieces of information. We attend project presentations. We hear rumors and, of course, we hear gossip. AALL is offering its members an opportunity to listen and talk to leaders in Albion and its surroundings.

Week 1. Health: Elizabeth Schultheiss, a response to Albion area health needs.

Week 2. Education: Albion College President Maurie Ditzler.

Week 3. Development: Albion Community Foundation Director Tim Krause, assessing the need for community development and historic preservation, the grant-writing process, Albion-Marshall Resilient Communities Project, and the future.

Week 4. Government: City of Albion Manager Sheryl Mitchell and others, visible changes and a look ahead.

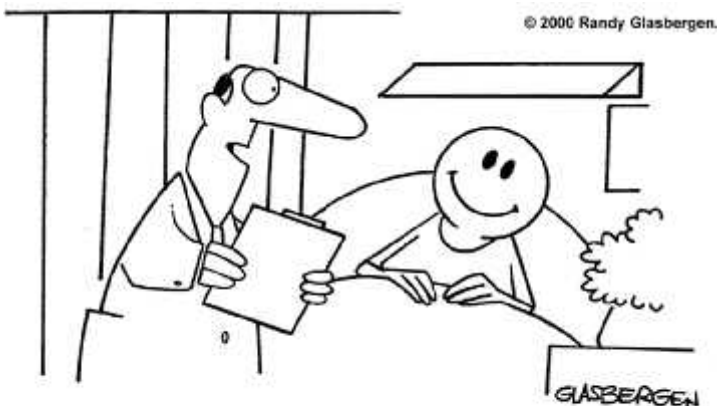
SHAKESPEARE ON STAGE. Royal Ward, Ph.D., Theatre History and Dramatic Criticism, University of Michigan. Emeritus Professor of Theatre, Albion College. Thursday, 9:30 am - 11:30 pm, May 11, 18, 25, June 1. Bobbitt Auditorium, Albion College.

The course will examine *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Julius Caesar*, which will be presented by the Michigan Shakespeare Festival later in the summer. Through videos, the class will consider and discuss the plays with a particular emphasis on performance and on the issues the plays present in production. If schedules permit, Jan Blixt, the Artistic Director of Michigan Shakespeare Festival (and the actress who will play Kate “the shrew”) will join us for a session.

The Taming of the Shrew — Shakespeare’s farcical battle of the sexes — is one of his most controversial plays, although it has always been more popular with audiences than with scholars. We look at the way several contemporary productions have attempted to make the play more palatable to modern audiences.

Julius Caesar is one of Shakespeare’s most direct and accessible plays, and has often been used as an introduction to Shakespeare. The conspiracy of Cassius and Brutus, the murder of Julius Caesar, and the revenge of Marc Antony provide clear and exciting action. We will discuss what the play might have meant for Shakespeare’s audience and how several modern directors made it relevant today.

Recommended reading: To read each play, any edition will do, but I recommend the Royal Shakespeare Company [RSC] single-volume editions published by Macmillan — they are good texts, inexpensive, and focus on production.



## AALL Officers

President :	Robin Reed
Vice President:	Royal Ward
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Secretary:	Kathleen Seidl
Editor, Newsletter:	Dick Lewin

**“Your plastic surgery was a great success, Mrs. Jones.  
The lines and wrinkles are completely gone!”**

EAST ASIAN DEMOCRACIES: TAIWAN, MONGOLIA, AND KOREA. Midori Yoshii, Ph.D., Associate Professor of International Studies, Albion College. Wednesday 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, May 10, 17, 24, 31. TBA.

When President-elect Donald Trump received a phone call from Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen on December 2, there was some confusion among even the most knowledgeable journalists since there are no formal U.S. correspondents sent to Taipei, the capital of Taiwan, to report regularly about the progressive democratic movement in this island country. Taiwan has been neglected by mainstream media for over four decades, under pressure from the People's Republic of China not to treat Taiwan as an independent state.

In recent years, North Korea's nuclear missiles raised our concerns, and many political discussions have necessitated further understanding of the conditions of the peninsula as to the best way to react. While the U.S. is a major player in maintaining world peace, what do the South Koreans think of their cousin's behavior?

In northern East Asia is the large country of Mongolia, which has transformed into a new democracy since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Mongolia is the least-known country for many, while China and Japan are likely the most familiar regions in East Asia for us in the U.S.

TRUTH, PROOF, AND PARADOX: EXCURSIONS INTO THE LIMITS OF THOUGHT. Jeremy Kirby, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophy, Albion College. Wednesday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, May 10, 17, 24, 31. TBA.

Test the limits of your thought by engaging in some historic and recalcitrant puzzles and paradoxes. Wrap your head around contradictory conclusions after you have spent time in sound reasoning. Baffle your brain. Challenge your conclusions. With an eye toward learning more about the nature of truth and logic, we will survey thought puzzles such as Zeno's "paradoxes of motion," Eubulides's "Liar Paradox," Thomas Hobbes's "Ship of Theseus," David Hume's "Problem of Induction," Bertrand Russell's "Set Theoretical Paradox," and Phil- lipa Foot's "Trolley Problem."

BIRD LIFE. Dale Kennedy, Ph.D. in Ecology, Rutgers University. Professor of Biology and Director of the Honors Program, Albion College. Tuesday 2:00pm - 4:00 pm. May 9, 16, 23, and an all-day field trip to Magee Marsh and Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge in Ohio on Friday, May 26. Kresge 179 (in Science Complex, Albion College). Class size limit: 18 persons.

Birds have been found to be fascinating by humans for centuries and are well represented in literature, art, music, and other cultural areas. The study of birds has led to many contributions to science, especially in ecology, evolution, communication, migration, and conservation. We will look at several reasons why birds have been important to humans with regard to culture and science. We will spend two classes indoors discussing topics such as basic features of birds, vocalizations and other communication, and birds and poetry. We will examine materials, such as eggs and skins, from the collection at Albion College.

In addition, participants will have two outdoor experiences. We will spend a class period outside at Whitehouse Nature Center, where we will be involved in research on birds. We will observe active nests of birds, and may be able to band some birds.

The other outdoor experience will be a full-day field trip to Magee Marsh, OH, one of the top spring birding spots in the U.S., and to neighboring birding spots such as Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. On that trip we will see many species of birds and many people who enjoy birds!

Books and Equipment that participants will need before class starts:

Participants with binoculars should bring them to outdoor meetings (they will be supplied to people who do not own them). A fairly recent field guide to eastern birds. I recommend picking one of these (list price given); all are considerably lower in price from Amazon: 1) Dunn, J.L. and J. Alderfer. 2008. National Geographic Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America. Houghton-Mifflin, Boston, MA. (\$19.95). 2) Peterson, R.T. 2010. Peterson Field Guide to Birds of Eastern and Central North America, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. (\$24.29). 3) Sibley, D. 2016. Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (\$19.95).

# AALL Course Registration Form – Spring 2017

## Registration Instructions – Please Read Carefully

1. Fill in the blank below (on the left) for yourself. If you have a spouse/partner who is an AALL member, use the blank (on the right).
2. For each course for which you wish to register, place a number in the box in front of the course name: 1 for the course you most wish to take, 2 for the second course you wish to take, etc. Note: If you only wish to take one course, indicate only one (1) course (mark it with the number 1) — see instruction 4 below.
3. In the column marked FEE, indicate the appropriate cost. **Your first course (each term) is free with your AALL membership; simply write FREE in the FEE column. For each additional course, the fee is \$10.**
4. If you wish to indicate an alternate choice (in case one of your choices above is oversubscribed and you are not admitted to that course), mark an X in the box before your alternate choice.

**IMPORTANT:**

1. Use numbers in the boxes to indicate which course(s) you wish to take; use an X only to indicate alternate courses.
2. If you are registering for a course with limited enrollment, make sure you mark it number 1 (only those indicating a course as their first choice are entered into the random selection).

"If there are additional class fees for supplies, these fees need to be paid at the time of registration and are non-refundable unless the class is canceled."

NAME: _____	
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E-mail: _____	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Bird Life	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Truth, Proof, and Paradox	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Democracies in East Asia	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Albion: What Lies Ahead	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Shakespeare on Stage	_____
Total Fees	_____
Signature: _____	
Spring Class Registration deadline is April 20, 2017.	

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<b><u>MEMBERSHIP FORM</u></b>	
(To be completed only by those wishing to renew their membership in AALL)	
Name _____	Spouse/Partner Name _____
Address _____	
City _____	Zip _____ Date _____
Phone ( ) _____	E-mail _____
Dues: \$20 per year per person	Spouse's E-mail _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am 55 or older (spouse/partner could be younger)	



A suggestion was made at the AALL Board Meeting that members could bring their own coffee mugs to classes to help reduce landfill issues. The impact of this decision may seem to be of small significance, but it is one way that we can reduce our environmental "FOOTPRINT." AALL will continue to provide cups for those who don't bring their own.

## AALL Membership

If you are not already an AALL member, or if you have not paid your 2017-2018 dues, a membership form is included at the bottom of the "Course Registration" form. Dues are \$20 per person, per year, with the year running from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Members may take one (1) free course per term (fall, winter, spring). There is a charge of \$10 for each additional course taken in any term. Members who are not sure whether they have paid dues for the current year should contact Alice Cook, AALL Treasurer, at 517-629-6432 or e-mail: [acook@alumnimail.albion.edu](mailto:acook@alumnimail.albion.edu).

## Registration Information

The Registration form attached to this newsletter should be sent, with payment (if any), to:

**AALL Registrar**

**P.O. Box 188**

**Albion, Michigan 49224**

or brought to the

**Spring Assembly on April 13, 2017 @ 10 a.m. in Wesley Chapel**

**(600 E. Michigan Ave. - "under the arch")**

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### AALL Lottery Policy for Over-Enrolled Classes

When a course with limits is over-enrolled, the names of all of those who had it listed as #1 shall be entered in a lottery. Those randomly drawn shall be placed in the class. Those not selected will comprise the waiting list and also be given first access if that course is offered again. The registrar will keep a record of those on the waiting list until the course is offered again.

Those selected for the course in its first offering will not be eligible to retake it until all those on the waiting list have had the opportunity to take the course.

Those who have signed up for a class with limits and listed it as #1 are encouraged to sign up for at least one additional class. Members are also encouraged not to sign up for a course with limited enrollment if they know they won't be there for all four sessions.

**Spring Class Registration deadline is April 20, 2017.**

Registrants for all classes will receive a letter shortly after **April 13, 2017** that will acknowledge their registration, and provide additional information about the course(s) for which they have registered.

**PLEASE NOTE:** AALL incorporated as a separate NONPROFIT organization in January 2010 under the incorporation laws of the State of Michigan. However, we have NOT yet become a TAX EXEMPT organization under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Service. Therefore, any donations and/or fees paid to AALL are NOT tax deductible. The AALL Board is currently weighing the costs and benefits of applying for tax-exempt status, but no decision has yet been reached.