

# UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

## PRESIDENTS' COLLEGE

### Fall 2025 Courses and Lectures

<b>Course/Lecture</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Location</b> <i>Check website for updates</i>
<b>ARTS</b>			
<b>Planning the Perfect Crime: <i>Rope</i> at the Hartford Stage*</b>	Pamela Bedore Melia Bensussen	Lectures: Mon., Oct. 13, 20, 11–12:30 p.m. Performance: Sun., Oct. 19, 1 p.m. Melia Bensussen; 2 p.m. <i>Rope</i>	Lectures: KF Room/ Harrison Libraries Preview/Performance: Hartford Stage
<b>Afro-Cuban Jazz: Fascinating Rhythms*</b>	Javon Jackson Matt DeChamplain Zaccai Curtis	Wed., Oct. 8, 15, 29, 3–4:30 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
<b>Beats and Fusion: How World Music Bridges Culture*</b>	Mehmet Dede	Mon., Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 2–3:30 p.m.	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
<b>Monday Afternoon at the Movies: Lighten Up—with Screwball Comedies *</b>	Michael Walsh	Mon., Nov. 10, 17, Dec. 1, 8, 3–4:30 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
<b>Music as Nourishment: Mind, Memory, Synchrony*</b>	Dee Hansen	Tues. Nov. 11, 2–3:30 p.m.	McLean (off campus)
<b>Sol LeWitt: A Private Look at a Public Hartford Artist*</b>	Sherry Buckberrough	Tues., Dec. 2, 3:30–5 p.m.	Duncaster (off campus)
<b>Backstage with the Award-Winning <i>Wicked</i>*</b>	Frank Rizzo	Thurs., Dec. 4, 11, 12:30–2 p.m.	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
<b>PRESIDENTS' COLLEGE CONVERSATIONS</b> <i>Free for Presidents' College Fellows-Level Donors, Fee for Non-Fellows**</i>			
<b>The Battle Over Higher Education</b>	Walter Harrison Lawrence P. Ward	Tues., Oct. 21, 11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
<b>What's Up with Contemporary Art?*</b>	Robert Calafiore Jared Quinton	Wed., Dec. 10, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
<b>Gatsby in Connecticut: The Untold Story</b>	Robert S. Williams William Major	Tues., Sept. 30 4–6 p.m.	<i>Bonus event: Fellows only</i>

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<b>HISTORY AND CURRENT EVENTS</b>			
<b>Moral Heroes: What Courage Looks Like</b>	Elizabeth Vozzola	Mon., Sept. 15, 29, Oct. 27, 10:30 a.m.–noon	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
<b>The Post-World War II Order Is Gone: What Next?</b>	Jeremy Pressman	Thurs., Sept. 25, 3:30–5 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
<b>Order in the Court: The Supreme Court Round-Up</b>	Jilda Aliotta	Mon., Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, 4:30–6 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
<b>The <i>Maine</i> Sank; the Navy's Fortunes Rose</b>	Jason Smith	Friday, Oct. 17, 2–3:30 p.m.	The McAuley (off campus)
<b>Hot Topics in Volatile Times</b>	Chris Doyle	Thurs., Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, 5:30–7 p.m.	Shaw Center/ Hillyer Hall
<b>LITERATURE AND CULTURE</b>			
<b>The "Fiction of the Year" Book Club</b>	Michele Troy	Tues., Sept. 16, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, 2–3:30 p.m.	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
<b>Sirens' Call: Why Homer's <i>Odyssey</i> Still Speaks to Us*</b>	Tom Lee	Thurs., Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 16, 12:30–2 p.m.	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
<b>Jane Austen: Sabotaging the <i>Status Quo</i></b>	Catherine Stevenson	Thurs., Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2–3:30 p.m.	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
<b><i>The Great Gatsby</i> at 100: What Can Gatsby, Daisy, and Nick Still Teach Us?</b>	William Major	Tues., Nov. 4, 3:30–5 p.m.	Duncaster (off campus)
<b>SCIENCE, ENGINEERING &amp; MATH</b>			
<b>Extreme Weather: The New Normal?</b>	Christoph Geiss	Tues, Sept. 16, 2–3:30 p.m. or Fri., Nov. 21, 2–3:30 p.m.	McLean (off campus) The McAuley (off campus)
<b>Eight Glasses a Day? Hydration Demystified</b>	Colleen Muñoz	Fri., Sept. 19, 2–3:30 p.m.	The McAuley (off campus)
<b>Far Out: 6,000 (!) More Planets</b>	Michael Robinson	Tues., Oct. 7, 3:30–5 p.m.	Duncaster (off campus)
<b>Cryptocurrency: Suddenly Everywhere All At Once</b>	Vivek Sharma	Wed., Oct. 8, 15, 10:30 a.m.–noon	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
<b>Roundabouts: Safer Driving, Fewer Emissions?</b>	Clara Fang	Fri., Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m.–noon	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Century Medical Discoveries: Small Steps Behind Radical Change</b>	Mike Magee	Wed., Nov. 5, 12, 19, 1–2:30 p.m.	Session 1: 1877 Club Sessions 2 & 3: Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center