

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

PRESIDENTS' COLLEGE

Fall 2026 Courses and Lectures

<i>Course/Lecture</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Location</i> <i>Check website for updates</i>
ARTS			
J.S. Bach—Still Amazing After All These Years*	Chris Shepard	Fri., Sept. 18, 2–3:30 p.m. OR Mon., Sept. 28, 2–3:30 p.m.	The McAuley (WH) OR McLean (Simsbury)
Art and Music As Mirrors of Their Era*	Dee Hansen Fran Altvater Eric Hansen Neal Humphreys	Fri., Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9:45–11:15 a.m.	Fuller Music Center, Room 21
Jazz Takes on Bob Dylan*	Javon Jackson Matt DeChamplain	Wed., Oct. 7, 14, 21, 3–4:30 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
Reimagining <i>Dracula</i> at Hartford Stage*	Pam Bedore Melia Bensussen	Lectures: Mondays, October 12, 19, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.; Performance: Sun., Oct. 18, 1 p.m. discussion; 2 p.m. show	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries Performance: Hartford Stage
Peace, Love & Show Tunes: The Enduring Appeal of <i>Hair</i>*	John Pike	Lecture: Fri., Oct. 16, 10:30 a.m.–noon; Hartt School Performance: Sun., Nov. 1, 3 p.m.	Lecture: KF Room/ Harrison Libraries Performance: Lincoln Theater
Opera's Magic Demystified*	Troy Cook	Lecture: Thurs., Oct. 22, 3:30–5 p.m.; Performance: Hartt School Opera Gala, Sun., Nov. 15, 3 p.m.	Lecture: Berkman Recital Hall/Fuller Music Center Performance: Fuller Music Center
Really Good French Films, <i>Vraiment!</i>*	Michael Walsh	Mon., Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 3–4:30 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
The New Broadway Just Wants to Have Fun*	Frank Rizzo	Tues., Dec. 1 and 8, 12:30–2 p.m.	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
PRESIDENTS' COLLEGE CONVERSATIONS <i>Free for Presidents' College Fellows-Level Donors, Fee for Non-Fellows**</i>			
Local Beats, Vital Streets: Why Neighborhood Newsrooms Matter	Lawrence P. Ward Deepa Fadnis Arunan Arulampalam Helen Bennett Elizabeth Hamilton	Thurs., Oct. 1, 12:45–2 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
Making Sense of Insurance Math	Josh Hershman	Thurs., Dec. 3, 10:30–11:45 a.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center

*Made possible in part by the generosity of the Richard P. Garmany Fund at the Greater Hartford Gives Foundation.

**Donate \$100 or more to the Presidents' College to become a Fellow; as our thanks, you'll receive free admission to four Presidents College Conversations, plus parking and library privileges, and invitations to Fellow-only events.

Hartford.edu/pc

pcollege@hartford.edu

860.768.4495

Course/Lecture	Instructor	Date/Time	Location <i>Check website for updates</i>
HISTORY AND CURRENT EVENTS			
Hidden Iran: The Making of a Complex Society	Janet Bauer	Tues., Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 2–3:30 p.m.	Hillyer Hall 125
The Latest on the Supreme Court	Jilda Aliotta	Mon., Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, 5:30–7 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
American Democracy After the Midterms—Still A Thing?	Michael Clancy	Thurs., Oct. 15, 29, Nov. 12, 3–4:30 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
Major League Baseball: Here Today, Gone Next Season?	Walter Harrison	Tues., Oct. 27, 2–3:30 p.m. OR Tues., Nov. 10, 3:30–5 p.m.	Hillyer Hall 125 OR Duncaster (off- campus, Bloomfield)
Unearthing the Story of the Connecticut Wangunk Tribe	Gary Red Oak O’Neil Sarah Sportman Tom Wickman	Tues., Nov. 17, 1:30–3:30 p.m.	Hillyer Hall 125
LITERATURE AND CULTURE			
Two Bookers + A Bonus: 2026 Novels to Get You Talking	Michele Troy	Tues., Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, 2–3:30 p.m.	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
To Hell and Back: World Myths of Return from the Underworld	Tom Lee	Thurs., Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 15, 10:30 a.m.–noon	Greenberg Center/ Harry Jack Gray Center
Why Is It Hard to Agree on Moral Truth?	Elizabeth Vozzola	Mon., Nov. 2 and 9, 10:30 a.m.–noon	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
<i>Jane Eyre</i> and the Female Gothic: Escaping Locked Rooms	Catherine Stevenson	Thurs., Nov. 5 and 19, 2–3:30 p.m.	Greenberg Center/ Harry Jack Gray Center
SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING			
Channel Your Inner CSI: Solving Cold Cases	Michelle Clark	Tues., Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 5:30–7 p.m.	Hillyer Hall 125
Beyond the Fluff: The Science of Clouds	Howard Wright	Tues., Oct. 6, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. OR Wed., Oct. 14, 1–2:30 p.m.	McLean (off-campus, Simsbury) OR KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
How AI is Changing Consumers’ Lives	Lillian Kamal	Fri., Oct. 23, 10:30 a.m.–noon OR Tues., Nov. 17, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries OR McLean (Simsbury)
Immunology’s Potential to Revolutionize Medicine	Mike Magee	Wed., Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 1–2:30 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
Is Anybody Out There? Searching for ET Life	Michael Robinson	Wed., Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 9, 2–3:30 p.m.	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries