



# FALL SEASON KICK-OFF

SENIOR  
COLLEGE  
of West Central Minnesota

Thursday, September 6, 2018  
3:15 p.m.

Auditorium (room 743)

Office and Information Technology Center  
Alexandria Technical & Community College

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## Understanding Minnesota's Weather Extremes: History, Trends, and Projections

– Mark Seeley – Kenneth Blumenfeld  
*Professor Emeritus, Department Sr. Climatologist, Minnesota  
of Soil, Water, and Climate State Climatology Office*

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## FALL SEASON 2018 SESSION TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

Newton, Gravity, and God  
– Jim Togeas, Chemistry/Honors Program,  
University of Minnesota Morris

Mixing Science and Law:  
Tensions in U.S. Courts  
– Tim Lindberg, Political Science,  
University of Minnesota Morris

The Crash of 2008 After Ten Years  
– Louis Johnston, Economics,  
College of St. Benedict/  
St. John's University

The Fragile States of Mexico  
and Central America  
– David Wall, Geography,  
St. Cloud State University

Global Health Challenges and Crises:  
Toward a More Secure Future  
– Jeffrey Anderson, Peace Studies,  
College of St. Benedict/  
St. John's University

How Religious Tolerance Became a  
Taken-for-Granted Value of Civilized  
People Everywhere  
– James Laine, Religious Studies,  
Macalester College

The Waning of Pax Americana  
– Thomas Hanson, Diplomat in  
Residence, Alworth Institute for  
International Affairs,  
University of Minnesota Duluth

The Making of Putin's Russia  
– Nick Hayes, History,  
College of St. Benedict/  
St. John's University

From Prison to PhD and Public Safety  
– Jason Sole, Criminal Justice,  
Hamline University and  
Public Safety, City of St. Paul

Who Has the Power? Teaching and  
Learning in the West from the Age  
of Revolutions to the Present  
– Emily Bruce, History,  
University of Minnesota Morris

Social Welfare in Historical Perspective:  
Present Politics, Past Dilemmas  
– Susannah Ottaway, History,  
Carleton College

Think We Are Divided Now?  
A Look Back at 1968  
– Ken Jones, History,  
College of St. Benedict/  
St. John's University

Hope's Hard Road  
– Tony Cunningham, Philosophy,  
College of St. Benedict/  
St. John's University

Radiation is Always Dangerous!  
(except when it isn't!)  
– Jason Engbrecht, Physics,  
St. Olaf College

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Senior College is a lecture series for adults in West Central Minnesota. Fall season begins with the Kick-off on Thursday, September 6. Fall lectures continue on Tuesday, September 11 and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-5:15 p.m. through October 25. The Kick-off is free; a single registration allows access to all lectures and includes refreshments.

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