

## Spring 2022 Discovery Seminars: LIA 194

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### The Meaning of Life

**Roumen Bezergianov, Counselor – ASU Counseling Services**

Freedom is the most important aspect of adult life. How you express your freedom through the responsibilities you choose to take on will determine how you build your life, what you take from the world, and what you give to the world. In this course we will explore the different ways to express your freedom according to psychologist Viktor Frankl. You will gain knowledge through the required readings for the course, participate in class discussions on these topics, and write a personal reflection paper, synthesizing and examining how these ideas apply to you.

**M 4:10-6:00 p.m., PVW163 - (32988)**

(Session A - Jan. 10 to March 1)

### Humanitarian Mapping

**Patricia Solis, Associate Research Professor – School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning**

More than one billion people live in places not marked on a map. They are often among the most vulnerable to disasters. We will learn about problems that mapping technologies can help solve through crowdsourced campaigns to generate fundamental data. We will get to know the ecosystem of public, private, and nonprofit organizations and meet student peers from around the world that work with spatial data to reveal hidden vulnerabilities and create solutions in ethically responsible ways. You will contribute to this real data for real projects, while you gain some new tech skills that you can use in any field of study, including how to interpret features on satellite imagery, how to digitize buildings and roads using AI-assisted tools, and how to add attributes to enrich knowledge about people and places experiencing humanitarian needs.

**M 2:00-3:50 p.m., PVW163 - (33219)**

(Session B - March 14 to April 29)

### Politics & James Bond

**Jared Klemp, Instructor – English Writing Programs**

This seminar will explore the world's most famous spy, James Bond, from his first appearance in Ian Fleming's *Casino Royale* to the newest, post-Brexit film, *No Time to Die*. We'll attempt to understand why and how this character has captivated millions through radically changing political, social, and commercial worlds.

**M 4:40-5:30 p.m., PVW159 - (33011)**

(Session C - Jan 10 to April 29)

### Drugs, Needles, and People

**Phillip Scharf, Assistant Vice President – EOSS**

So you want to be a doctor? Have you ever thought about going into healthcare? Are you curious what medical school and careers in healthcare might look like? Come find out first-hand what you need to do as an undergraduate to be prepared for a successful career in medicine and other healthcare professions. We will tour medical school facilities, interact with current healthcare professionals, acquire skills to be prepared for the MCAT (the medical school entrance exam), and learn from current ASU upperclassmen who are on the journey to medical school. Gain the insights you need to become a successful candidate for a career in medicine.

**M 3:35-4:25 p.m., PVW159 - (33001)**

(Session C - Jan 10 to April 29)

### The Real Judge Judy

**Gregory Broberg, Lecturer – Justice & Social Inquiry**

Everyone loves reality TV! This course takes things one step further. Together, we will explore the law through the eyes of our local Tempe court. In-person court/jail visits and judge "chats" will show first-hand how justice is delivered in real-time. We will also throw in some law school preparation tips.

**W 4:40-5:30 p.m., PVW159 - (33012)**

(Session C - Jan 10 to April 29)

### Hopeful Mindset

**Crystal Bryce, Assistant Clinical Professor – School of Social and Family Dynamics**

Hope is a scientific construct that focuses on goal setting, and has been shown to support college-students' academic and social success, and overall well-being. Students will reflect on their experiences surrounding hope and learn strategies and skills to support their own and others' hope.

**W 3:35-4:25 p.m., PVW159 - (33002)**

(Session C - Jan 10 to April 29)

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### What's a Species?

**Matthew Chew, Instructor – SOLS**

The idea of a species is fundamental to biology, ecology, conservation, gardening, and even medicine. But does everyone who uses the term understand it the same way? Explore the history, philosophy, and practical applications of species through reading, discussion, and a long walk or two.

**W 2:30-3:20 p.m., PVW159 - (33005)**

(Session C - Jan 10 to April 29)

### Food and Identities

**Sara Marsteller, Lecturer – School of Human Evolution and Social Change**

Explore the diverse flavors and cultures of South America without leaving campus! In this course, we'll investigate diverse case studies from cultures across the Andes, Amazon, and coasts of South America to examine links among diet, health, concepts of body/self, and humans' relationships with one another and our environment.

**W 4:10-6:00 p.m., PVW159 - (32996)**

(Session B - March 14 to April 29)

### Robin Hood

**Ryan Naughton, Instructor – English**

The Robin Hood legend has captured the imagination for over 700 years. He and his Merry Men have appeared in stories, movies, and video games. But Robin and his followers aren't the only famous outlaws of medieval England. Join me as we read and discuss stories and plays and watch and analyze movies and video clips about Robin and his fellow outlaws.

**T 4:30-5:20 p.m., PVW163 - (33007)**

(Session C - March 14 to April 29)

### Evolution/Complexity

**Zachary Shaffer, Instructor – School of Life Sciences**

In this seminar, you will explore the ways in which evolution has shaped complex life and complex behavioral and structural adaptations in the natural world: from eyes to ants and beyond! Class sessions will include elements of lecture, active learning classroom activities, computer simulations, and biology lab activities.

**W 2:00-3:50 p.m., PVW163 - (33217)**

(Session A - Jan. 10 to March 1)

### Genocide Awareness

**Volker Benkert, Asst. Prof. – SHPRS**

**Tim Langille, Senior Lecturer – SHPRS**

**John Liffiton, Visiting Scholar – SHPRS**

Several studies indicate that awareness of the Holocaust and to an even larger extent other genocides is declining in the US. As a result, lawmakers around the country and in our state have mandated that the Holocaust and other genocides be taught in schools. This seminar will explore how we can study different genocides without creating hierarchies of suffering and how we can create awareness for genocide in schools and universities to address the recent mandate. The seminar will coincide with Genocide Awareness Week, the nation's largest public-facing conference, held at ASU in April 2022. Students will have the ability to meet with activists, politicians and scholars at the conference and explore small independent projects around Genocide Awareness.

**T 3:00-3:50 p.m., PVW163 - (33009)**

(Session C - Jan. 10 to April 29)

### The U.S.-Mexico Border

**Irasema Coronado, Director – School of Transborder Studies**

This course provides an interdisciplinary overview of the complex issues of the US-Mexico transborder region and a survey of Latina/o/x populations across the US. The course will pay particular attention to several transborder issues, including history of the region, culture, media, health and applied social policy; education and the US and Mexican regional immigration policy and economy.

**Th 3:00-3:50 p.m., PVW163 - (33010)**

(Session C - Jan. 10 to April 29)

### Growth Minded Leader

**Kendra Hunter, Deputy Vice President/Dean of Students – Student Services**

People often think that they can't be a leader if they are not in charge. However, if one changes their mindset to believe that leadership can grow with experience and a new frame of thought, anyone can learn to be a leader. Leadership is about the ability to influence others, learn from one's experiences, and impact change. This seminar is designed for first year students who have an interest in leadership on campus or in their future careers. In this peer to peer discussion based course, you will reflect on your experiences and learn how they can be used to develop effective leadership skills.

**M 2:00-3:50 p.m., PVW163 - (33216)**

(Session A - Jan. 10 to March 1)