



MIDCOAST SENIOR COLLEGE

WINTER WISDOM 2021 sponsored by The Highlands

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January 6: Music as a Form of Community in the Time of Covid

Join local song writer and performer Jud Caswell and his journey from childhood in Morrill, Maine, to national acclaim as “one of the leading singer-songwriters on the current scene” by *Sing Out!* magazine. A multi-instrumentalist from an early age, he has performed with jazz bands, orchestras and medieval ensembles before finding his home on the acoustic guitar. He will discuss the various themes from contemporary life which have influenced his compositions as well as perform selections from his repertoire. Jud has a BA degree in Music from Dartmouth College and currently resides in Brunswick. **Watch recorded video: We will post the link on our website on January 6, 2021 at 9 a.m.; Register for a virtual discussion via Zoom the same day at 1 p.m.:** <https://maine.zoom.us/j/9123456789>

January 13: Universal basic income (UBI) in a Post Pandemic World

A number of proposals have been presented to grant an unconditional monthly payment to cover basic expenses arising because of high unemployment and businesses that have been forced to close. What can be said for or against a permanent UBI after the pandemic ends? **Michael Howard** is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Maine and has authored and/or edited a number of books on this subject, and is national coordinator for the US Basic Income Guarantee Network. **Watch recorded video: We will post the link on our website on January 13, 2021 at 9 a.m.; Register for a virtual discussion via Zoom the same day at 1 p.m.:** <https://maine.zoom.us/j/1234567890>

January 27: The Vikings Raids in Ireland: 790 – 1000

Arriving first to plunder but then to settle, these seaborne raiders evolved from feared invaders to assimilated members of Irish society. **Jim Nelson**, a native of Lewiston, Maine, attended Amherst and UCLA, and has published 25 books in both fiction and non-fiction genres. He has received numerous literary awards for his works on American naval history. **Watch recorded video: We will post the link on our website on January 27, 2021 at 9 a.m.; Register for a virtual discussion via Zoom the same day at 1 p.m.:** <https://maine.zoom.us/j/2345678901>

February 3: The “Great White Fleet”: Black Sailors, Unions, and Racism on the Palmer Schooners

The Palmer Fleet of massive coal carrying schooners formed a critical component of New England’s early energy infrastructure. Its owner, William F. Palmer was known for his relentless efforts to keep costs low, leaving the most marginalized sailors the most vulnerable. This talk examines the complex role of labor and racism in the early twentieth-century coal fleet. **Christopher Timm** is Chief Curator of Maine Maritime Museum. As an art historian, his research has focused on the social, cultural and global impact of Maine’s Maritime heritage. **Watch recorded video: We will post the link on our website on February 3, 2021 at 9 a.m.; Register for a virtual discussion via Zoom the same day at 1 p.m.:** <https://maine.zoom.us/j/3456789012>

February 10: Remembering Topsham (Note Date Change: originally scheduled for Jan. 20)

Our speaker will recount the history of Topsham, Maine, from 1720 to the present. From early conflict with the Abenaki to thriving activity in the timber, shipbuilding and feldspar industries and now tourist destination and retirement community, the program covers the unique history of this early river town. **Robert C. Williams** is a retired Russian historian who received his education at Wesleyan and Harvard, and has an extensive teaching and publishing resume. **Watch recorded video: We will post the link on our website on February 10, 2021 at 9 a.m.; Register for a virtual discussion via Zoom on February 10 at 1 p.m.:** <https://maine.zoom.us/j/4567890123>