Tuesday, September 12, 2017    Science Center

9:00 AM    Aging at Home, Your Civil Rights: The Olmstead Decision
Dr. Sheri Morgan, PhD, RN, Epidemiologist,
Mental Health Association, Franklin & Fulton Counties

This presentation will discuss the Olmstead Decision - one of the most important civil rights cases for people with disabilities. It will describe how it impacts anyone who has a disabling condition (even when the condition is of a short duration). People intending to "age in place" may find that others want them to age in some other place. The Olmstead Decision can be used to ward off efforts to remove a person from his/her home and community. It will also address the PA Supreme Court’s Peery Decision (used across the country to support legal arguments to allow persons to age in place, and information people can use with their attorneys for better future planning.

10:30 AM    Franklin County Coalition for Progress
Noel Purdy, Founding Member, Franklin County Coalition for Progress

This lecture will provide an overview of the Franklin County Coalition for Progress (FCCP). Founded in early 2017, the FCCP is an inclusive, non-partisan group uniting to stand up for the American values of equality, acceptance, liberty and justice for all people. This presentation will explain how and why the coalition formed and what its plans are.

Wednesday, September 13, 2017    Laird Hall

9:00 AM    The 1922 Marine Corps March on Gettysburg
Jim Rada, Jr., Award-Winning Writer

After World War I, officials began talking about disbanding the U.S. Marine Corps. As a part of an effort to save the Corps, more than 5,000 marines left Quantico, Virginia on 19 June 1922, and marched north to Gettysburg. They conducted re-enactments before a crowd of more than 100,000 and refought the battle of Gettysburg using tanks, planes, and other modern equipment. The event was marred when two marines were killed in a plane crash, becoming line-of-duty deaths on the battlefield. This presentation will provide additional information and lots of pictures from the march.

10:30 AM    Myanmar II: Teaching English, Learning Chin
Janet Powers, Professor Emerita, Gettysburg College

This presentation is an account of five weeks teaching spoken English to English teachers in the remote mountain Chin State [equivalent to a Provence] in Myanmar.

Thursday, September 14, 2017    Science Center

9:00 AM    Historical Quilts from the Franklin County Historical Society Collection
Ann Hull, Executive Director, Franklin County Historical Society
Peg Armstrong, Chambersburg Quilt Guild
Dottie Moreland, Chambersburg Quilt Guild

This presentation will discuss the history, date, fabric and design of several quilts, each more than one hundred years old.

10:30 AM    Religion in the Gilded Age
Rev. Dr. Jon Terry, Retired Pastor, Current Chaplain & Professor

This lecture will provide a survey of new expressions of Christianity and their relationship to the economic changes that heralded the Gilded Age.
Tuesday, September 19, 2017  Science Center

**9:00 AM  Elizabeth Keckley: Personal Modiste & Confidante of Mary Todd Lincoln**
Susan Lyons, Retired English Teacher

This presentation will discuss Elizabeth Keckley, a remarkable woman who bought her way out of slavery and opened a successful dressmaking business in Washington, DC. She eventually became Mrs. Lincoln's personal dressmaker and a trusted friend to the Lincolns.

**10:30 AM  The Lincoln Highway, Past and Present**
Olga Herbert, Executive Director, Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor

This presentation will discuss U.S. Route 30, which is the oldest automobile trans-continental highway, locally known as the Lincoln Highway. It begins at Times Square in New York City and ends in San Francisco. The highway is lined with towns large and small, with unusual stories of the famous and those not so famous who travelled along the road. It also has fascinating sights such as the Shoe House, the Coffee Pot, and a beautiful Art Deco Gulf Station.

Wednesday, September 20, 2017  Laird Hall

**9:00 AM  Vernal Ponds and Ephemeral Wetlands**
Dr. Gene Wingert, Naturalist and Biologist, Dickinson College

This program will take the audience through an entire year at a local autumnal vernal pool. The pool ecology will be examined and the role of these ephemeral wetlands in the forest ecosystem will be explained. Some of the footage has never been reported in literature.

**10:30 AM  A Philosophical Sampler**
Dr. John O'Connor, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy

This lecture will be an examination of one or more of the great philosophical principles.

Thursday, September 21, 2017  Science Center

**9:00 AM  Great Decisions: The Future of Europe, Part 1**
Tom Mulkey, Retired Educator & Historian

The outcome of the United Kingdom referendum to exit European Union (EU) membership sent shockwaves across the globe. It even caught British voters by surprise. The EU has helped secure peace in Europe for the past 70 years. Now it faces an uncertain future. Amid a refugee crisis, lingering financial recession and the constant specter of terrorism, unity seems more imperative than ever. But the British exit (Brexit) vote underscores the complexities of integrating an extremely diverse continent. What will post-Brexit Europe look like, and how can U.S. foreign policy adapt?

**10:30 AM  Great Decisions: The Future of Europe, Part 2**
Tom Mulkey, Retired Educator & Historian
Tuesday, September 26, 2017    Science Center

**9:00 AM  A History of Race at Wilson College**
Amy Ensley, Director, Hankey Center, Wilson College

This talk will highlight the effort by students and alumnae to integrate Wilson College racially within a climate of Jim Crow. The spirit of Christian Sisterhood fostered by the close ties to the YMCA and the Presbyterian Church overcame the objections of a conservative, patriarchal administration.

**10:30 AM  Bead Science**  Dr. Kay Ackerman, Professor of History, Wilson College

When we think about beadwork, we tend to think about art, fashion, and crafts. This presentation will look at the ways the sciences and the arts come together in the work of various bead artists, and the ways the scientific fields of biology, botany, chemistry, and geometry have been explored in beadwork.

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

**Bus Trip # 1  Departs:  7:00 AM**

**National Museum of the Marine Corps & Mount Vernon, Northern Virginia**

Bus trip to the National Museum of the Marine Corps and George Washington's Mount Vernon. Tour the museum on your own at 10:00 AM and lunch in one of the two venues. After lunch, bus to Mount Vernon arriving at 2:00 PM; timed mansion tours begin at 2:45 PM. Depart Chambersburg Weis Market parking lot at 7:00 AM (Greencastle pickup upon request). Depart Mount Vernon at 4:00 PM. Return at approximately 7:00 PM (no dinner stop on the way home).

Cost: $55 ($50 for IRP Members) includes bus and entrance fees; lunch is not included. Signup begins Tuesday, September 12. Contact Pat Chickering, 717-264-7140.

Note: Spaces are limited. No reservations until the sign-up date. Reservations on sign-up date must be in person.

Thursday, September 28, 2017    Science Center

**9:00 AM  Crime in Franklin County**
Lauren Sulcove, First Assistant District Attorney, Franklin County

This presentation will focus on crime in Franklin County, and how it is addressed by the Franklin County District Attorney's Office. Particular aspects of the local criminal justice system will be discussed, including how the opioid epidemic is being dealt with, and how child abuse cases are prosecuted, from arrest through appeal.

**10:30 AM  Comet Tales**  Dr. Larry Marschall, Professor of Physics Emeritus, Gettysburg College

Comets are among the most spectacular objects seen in the heavens, and since ancient time they have inspired awe and dread because of their odd appearance and unexpected arrival. In the last few decades, however, astronomers have learned that comets are not omens of disaster, but rather objects that may hold clues to how our solar system formed. This research culminated in the November 2014 landing of a spacecraft on the comet 69P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, as part of the Rosetta mission of the European Space Agency. In this richly illustrated talk we'll learn a bit about the history of comets, the discovery of their vital role in the solar system, and what astronomers have learned about them most recently.
Tuesday, October 3, 2017  Science Center

9:00 AM  Radical Jihad: World-Wide and in the U.S.
John Ricca,  Weapons of Mass Destruction & Counter-Terrorism Analyst
This presentation will discuss several aspects of radical jihad including: Christians and Muslims accepting a radical jihad ideology; the Koran, the Bible, Hadith, and Sharia Law; Middle East racial bias; motivating factors leading to radical jihad in the U.S.; and an assessment of the current situation and policy options. Time will be allocated for questions and discussion.

10:30 AM  Al Qaeda and ISIL: Overview & Update
John Ricca,  Weapons of Mass Destruction & Counter-Terrorism Analyst
This lecture will discuss the origins of Al Qaeda and ISIL, compare their different goals, evaluate their capabilities and limitations, and consider U.S. strategy options.

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Bus Trip # 2  Departs: 8:00 AM
Mountain Playhouse Theater,  Performance: At First Sight
& Flight 93 National Memorial,  Somerset County, PA
Bus trip to the Mountain Playhouse Theater in Jennerstown, PA to view the performance of At First Sight and visit the Flight 93 National Memorial near Somerset, PA. Performance summary: An elderly divorcee and her chronically single granddaughter play matchmaker for each other in this funny, affectionate new musical about finding love at any age - a world premiere written for those who enjoy a happily-ever-after story. Lunch at the Green Gables Restaurant is included. Depart Chambersburg Weis Market parking lot at 8:00 AM. Return at approximately 6:30 PM (no dinner stop on the way home). Cost: $95 ($90 for IRP Members) includes bus, entrance fees, lunch and tips. Signup begins Wednesday, September 13. Contact: Susan Etter 263-0911 or 717-830-5390.
Note: Spaces are limited. No reservations until the sign-up date. Reservations on sign-up date must be in person.

Thursday, October 5, 2017  Science Center

9:00 AM  You Can't Hurry Love or Decisions: The U.S. Supreme Court Term
Dr. Sara Grove,  Professor of Political Science, Shippensburg University
This presentation will review the high-profile decisions from the U.S. Supreme Court during its 2016-2017 term. We will also preview the 2017-2018 term and assess the appointment of Justice Neil Gorsuch and potential vacancies during the remainder of the Trump Administration.

10:30 AM  Your Library, Right Where You Are
Karla Trout,  Executive Director, Adams County Library System
This presentation will highlight the types of services that are available from public libraries, both in and outside of library buildings, including traditional services like book lending, and non-traditional offerings such as online access to e-books, e-audiobooks, magazines and music, and one-on-one tech help to allow community members better access to these resources. While some products discussed will be specific to the Adams County Library, others will be mentioned as similar services in surrounding areas.
Tuesday, October 10, 2017    Science Center

9:00 AM    **Landscape and Scenery**    Bob Dickson,  Professor of Fine Arts, Wilson College

What is the difference between landscape photographs and snapshots of scenery?  Why is the Grand Canyon not so grand in my travel pictures?  This presentation will explore these questions looking at both classic and recent landscape images from the likes of Ansel Adams, Edward Weston, Robert Adams (no relation), Edward Burtynsky, Sally Mann, and a few of the speaker's own images.  The emphasis will be on ideas rather than camera settings.

10:30 AM    **No Free Lunch: Flimflams, Schemes and Scams**
             Mary Bach,  Chairman, AARP Consumer Issues Task Force

From sweepstakes and lottery scams, to identity theft and investment fraud, the con artists always manage to stay one step ahead of us.  We have to be careful when we receive an invitation for a free meal at a local restaurant from someone wanting to help us invest or manage our hard-earned money.  We can no longer trust what we hear from someone trying to get his hand into our wallet or bank account.  We consumers must be proactive in protecting our money by being aware and informed about current scams and frauds.  This engaging presentation will be educational and filled with tips and practical information.

Wednesday, October 11, 2017    Laird Hall

9:00 AM    **The Man Who Came to Dinner: a Lecture and Performance, Part 1**
             Paris Peet,  Professor of Theatre, Shippensburg University

This presentation will feature George Kaufman and Moss Hart's drawing room comedy *The Man Who Came to Dinner*.  A short lecture on the career of this American playwriting team will precede a recorded performance from the Roundabout Theatre in New York City starring Nathan Lane.

10:30 AM    **The Man Who Came to Dinner: a Lecture and Performance, Part 2**
             Paris Peet,  Professor of Theatre, Shippensburg University

Thursday, October 12, 2017    Science Center

9:00 AM    **The Human Eye and Your Vision in a High Tech World**
             Dr. Glen Elliott,  Doctor of Optometry, Ludwick Eye Center

This lecture will review vision impairing eye diseases that occur as we age and provide a thorough understanding of the impact electronic devices can have on your vision and ocular health.  Time will be allocated for questions and discussion following the presentation.

10:30 AM    **rabbittransit: Franklin County Public Transportation**
             Richard Farr,  Executive Director, rabbittransit

This lecture will discuss the recent Cumberland and Franklin County transportation regionalization transition with the Central Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.  It will address what rabbittransit does and provide a glimpse into what the future of public transportation may be in the region.
Tuesday, October 17, 2017  Science Center

9:00 AM  When Should You Contact an Attorney?
Elliott Sulcove, Attorney, Black & Davison & Adjunct Professor, Shippensburg University
This lecture will discuss legal subjects of interest to retired persons in South Central Pennsylvania. It will include powers of attorney, living wills, advanced directives, health care agents, law of self-defense and concealed carry of weapons.

10:30 AM  Overview of Habitat for Humanity in Franklin County
Tom Reardon, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity
This presentation will discuss Habitat for Humanity, which envisions a world where everyone has a decent place to live. They seek to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope, and to give people a hand up, not a handout.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Bus Trip # 3  Departs:  8:00 AM
The National War Memorials and the National Mall, Washington, DC
Bus trip to Washington, DC. for an optional morning tour of the National War Memorials and the remainder of the day (or a full day) at the National Mall. The bus will stop at the World War II Memorial, the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Wall, and the Korean War Memorial. Lunch on your own. Depart Chambersburg Weis Market parking lot at 8:00 AM (Greencastle pickup upon request). Return at approximately 6:00 PM (no dinner stop on the way home). Cost: $40 ($35 for IRP Members) includes bus and tips; lunch is not included. Signup begins Tuesday, October 3. Contact: Susan Etter 263-0911 or 717-830-5390.
Note: Spaces are limited. No reservations until the sign-up date. Reservations on sign-up date must be in person.

Thursday, October 19, 2017  Science Center

9:00 AM  The Franklin County Children's Advocacy Center
Dianne Kelso, Executive Director, Over the Rainbow Children's Advocacy Center
This presentation will discuss the Franklin County Children's Advocacy Center and the services provided to child abuse victims and their families. Additional information is available at the Over the Rainbow website: www.overtherainbowcac.org.

10:30 AM  Harriet Lane Johnson, James Buchanan's First Lady
Bob O'Connor, Civil War Historian & Author
This lecture will discuss the fascinating life story of Harriet Lane, who was born in Mercersburg, PA, and was the first woman named "First Lady" of the Presidential Mansion in Washington, DC (it was not called the White House until much later). Harriet had that unusual role because unmarried President James Buchanan was her uncle. When her parents died early in her life, Harriet became a ward of her uncle. She also served with him for several years when he was the U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom.
Tuesday, October 24, 2017  Science Center

9:00 AM  Martin Luther and the Reformation  
Rev. Dana Blouch-Hanson,  Pastor, Memorial Lutheran Church, Shippensburg, PA  
This presentation will discuss historical information about Martin Luther and how he began the Protestant Reformation.

10:30 AM  The Great Chancery Suit 1735: The Mason-Dixon Lines  
Robert Angle & Wayne Twigg,  Professional Land Surveyors  
How did one astronomer and one surveyor from England create the famous Mason and Dixon Line that has served to divide the “North” from the “South” throughout its history?  Who were these men?  Why were they here?  How did they accomplish the task set before them?  Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon did what others could not when they laid out what undoubtedly is one of the most famous boundary lines in the world.  This story is filled with fascinating scientific information that has proven the accuracy of the line and stood the test of time.

Wednesday, October 25, 2017  Laird Hall

9:00 AM  Chambersburg Highline: The Road to Success  
Mike Marotte III,  Firefighter, Historian and Author  
This presentation will discuss the Cumberland Valley Railroad and how the Highline came about.

10:30 AM  Getting the Most Bang for Your Charitable Buck  
Michael Peterson,  Wealth Advisor  
This presentation will discuss various charitable giving strategies that may allow you to give more to the causes you love and less to Uncle Sam for both lifetime giving and your estate plan.

Thursday, October 26, 2017  SCOTLAND CAMPUS  * Change 2

9:00 AM  The Best Political Films?  
Dr. Alison Dagnes,  Professor of Political Science, Shippensburg University  
Dr. Mark Sachleben,  Professor of Political Science, Shippensburg University  
The speakers will present their carefully aggregated list of the most important political movies of all time.  They will discuss what makes a political film influential and significant, talk about why pop culture is so important, and challenge the IRP audience to bring their own nominees for the list.

10:30 AM  The Captivity Narrative in the 18th Century  
Tad Miller,  Docent, Smithsonian National Museum of American History  
Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to have been captured by Indians, or by pirates?  In the 18th Century these stories were all the rage.  This talk will present some of these first-person descriptions of the people who were captured by the Indians or pirates, including the story of a local woman, Jean Lowry.
Tuesday, October 31, 2017  Science Center

9:00 AM  Life in City Hall  Jim Zumwalt, Retired City Manager
Professional local government managers are the catalysts who help turn policy into action and visionary ideas into tangible results in our communities. This lecture will discuss the history and structure of local governments in the U.S. It will also include some "war stories" from a career city manager and county administrator with 45 years of experience.

10:30 AM  "Jesus" as Found in the Quran  Elizabeth Kirk, Certified Lay Minister
This presentation will provide an overview of images and the impact of Jesus as found in the Quran, and will discuss the significant recognition and reverence He is accorded in the Muslim traditions.

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Bus Trip # 4  Departs: 7:00 AM
Philadelphia Museum of Art  &  Terracotta Warriors Exhibit, The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, PA
Bus trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art for an 11:00 AM docent-led tour of the Chinese collection. At noon, bus to The Franklin Institute for lunch at the food court at your own expense. Timed entrance to the Terracotta Warriors: Guardians of the Future exhibit at 1:30 PM. Depart Chambersburg Weis Market parking lot at 7:00 AM. Depart Philadelphia at 3:30 PM and return at approximately 6:30 PM (no dinner stop on the way home). Cost: $95 ($90 for IRP Members) includes bus, tips, entrance fees for both museums, and docent-led tour. Signup begins Tuesday, October 17.  [change from the original synopses] Contact Pat Chickering, 717-264-7140.  * Change 1
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Thursday, November 2, 2017  Science Center

9:00 AM  The Myth of the Robot Apocalypse  Dr. Barbara K. Mistick, President, Wilson College
The World Economic Forum has been warning that automation and artificial intelligence will eliminate one out of two jobs, yet monthly job creation has driven unemployment to record low levels. This presentation will examine economic trends from recent research commissioned by Oxford Economics for Dr. Mistick's book *Stretch: How to Future-Proof Yourself for Tomorrow's Workplace*.

10:30 AM  IRP Members Meeting