

GOOD IDEAS CONFERENCE

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:30-8:45 A.M. Coffee & Chat

8:45-9 A.M. Welcome & Announcements

9-10 A.M. General Sessions

10-10:30 A.M. Morning Break

10:30 A.M.-Noon Morning Classes

Noon-1 P.M. Lunch

1-2:30 P.M. Afternoon Classes

2:45-3:45 P.M. General Sessions and Last Day will be a Reception

*Scholarships are available.

For more information, email uwspce-wausau@uwsp.edu.

MORNING GENERAL SESSIONS

9:00-10:00 A.M.

How to Lie with Maps: Navigating Truth and Fiction in Cartography

Lisa Siewert (Senior Lecturer, Department of Geology & Geography, UWSP)

Ever wonder how maps shape our perception of the world? Join us to uncover the surprising ways maps can mislead, reveal hidden truths, and influence our view of geography, politics, and beyond.

Welcoming our New Neighbors: Refugee Resettlement 101

Tana De Lonay (Community Engagement Coordinator)

Participants will learn about refugee resettlement in Central Wisconsin. Topics will include the history of local refugee resettlement agency-ECDC Multicultural Community Center, an overview of the resettlement process, and stories about welcoming our new neighbors.

From skaldic verse to Icelandic art song: the transformation of "Þat mælti mín móðir"

Dr. Dana Carlson-Kottke

This lecture presentation dives into Icelandic song tradition and medieval performance practice; including the intersectionality of Icelandic literature in poetry and prose, oral tradition, and musical settings of Icelandic Saga texts while incorporating views on medieval and contemporary culture studies, including a demonstrative experience for the audience via the performance of three solo song settings of the famous Icelandic verse "Þat mælti mín móðir."

AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSIONS

2:45-3:45 P.M.

Artificial Intelligence for the Common Person

Noah LaMaide (Professional Development Outreach Specialist, UWSP Continuing Education)

You've probably heard a lot about Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the news. It's a technology that's rapidly transforming industries, influencing job markets, and shaping the future of everything from healthcare to entertainment. But perhaps you're thinking, "How does this affect me?" or "AI has no place in my day-to-day life." What if it could?

Geo-Archeology: Using Radar to Locate Unmarked Graves in Wisconsin and Abroad

Tristan Wirkus (Undergraduate Student Researcher)

In this class, the instructor will briefly discuss his journey at UW-Eau Claire before diving into the various research projects he has partaken in, including a local project in Dunn County Wisconsin and an international project in Latvia and Lithuania.

Celebrate 40 Years of Good Ideas!

Join us in honoring four decades of lifelong learning with cake, punch, and great company! This is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the legacy of Good Ideas on the UWSP-Wausau campus. Let's toast to 40 years of growth, discovery, and community!

MORNING CLASSES (CHOOSE ONE) | 10:30 A.M.-NOON

Cambodia and Myanmar: Past and Present *Offered Hybrid | *Paul Whitaker (Assistant Dean, UWSP School of Biology, Chemistry, and Biochemistry)*

In May, Paul was the only natural scientist in a group of 16 faculty from across the US on a trip to Cambodia for a two-week seminar on political, human rights, economic, and environmental issues in Cambodia and Myanmar. Originally scheduled for Myanmar in June 2020, the trip was postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic and then by the military coup in Myanmar. With the civil war continuing in Myanmar, the seminar was relocated to Cambodia. This class will explore how past events have shaped some of the contemporary issues facing these two developing southeast Asian countries.

Growing Your Creative Garden | *Nancy Laliberte (Artist, Nancy Laliberte Fine Art)*

Begin the new year dreaming of spring and the gardening season. We'll break out the garden catalogs and art supplies, and creatively cultivate our dream garden with botanical-themed art projects. No art experience necessary, just a willingness to be curious, dream big, and enjoy the process.

American Christian Nationalism *Offered Hybrid | *Ryan O'Leary (Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies)*

Christian nationalism is a topic of much discussion in our politics these days. But what is Christian nationalism? How is Christian nationalism different than just being a Christian in America? And how did American Christian nationalism originate? We explore the roots of Christian nationalism in the colonial and revolutionary generations, how it has impacted American politics since then, and how it finds expression in our culture today.

Russian Culture | *Svetlana Dziak (Executive Assistant to the Provost & Vice Chancellor)*

Svetlana will share insights about being a native Russia living in the U.S. She will provide valuable perspectives and bridge cultural gaps covering topics like geography, history, culture and traditions, literature, language, cuisine and people in Russia.

AFTERNOON CLASSES (CHOOSE ONE) | 1-2:30 P.M.

Abraham Lincoln: Lessons from His Life and Leadership for the 21st Century *Offered Hybrid | *Dr. Brett Barker (Professor of History, UWSP)*

In this class, Professor Barker will look at key elements of Abraham Lincoln's life, personality, and leadership style. Drawing on his writings and other materials, we will analyze what made him a great political leader and American. The course will also consider ways in which these traits would serve our country well in the current divisive political climate.

Music for the New Year | *Jacob Roseman (Artist/Instructor of Flute at the Wausau Conservatory of Music)*

Though a plethora of wonderful classical holiday music exists, one should not overlook the great body of classical works for the New Year. Join us to explore these great gems that are an extension of the holiday season in more ways than one!

Card Camaraderie | *Becky Wirkus (UWSP Youth Program Manager)*

Want to socialize with others over cards, but don't know the games being played? Be ready to learn the basics of sheepshead, cribbage, and hand and foot, so you can master the art of card camaraderie. All experience levels are welcome. If time permits, other games can be introduced.

DISC Dynamics: Personality Styles for Lifelong Learning *Offered Hybrid | *Todd Kuckkahn (CEO of www.toddckuckkahn.com)*

Add-on Cost of \$25 (for the DISC assessment)

What if you could tap into your greatest motivations and dramatically improve your relationships? Your individual personality affects every aspect of your life. That's why one of the best things you can do to grow yourself and others is to understand your personality and what naturally drives you. When you recognize your strengths and weaknesses, you are able to give your best as you interact with the people around you.

REGISTRATION FORM

Registrations will be accepted through December 31, 2024 or until full. For help with registration, email uwspceweb@uwsp.edu or call 715-346-3838.

Registrant 1

Registrant 2

Address

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City State Zip

City State Zip

Phone #

Phone #

Email (required)

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REGISTRANT 1

Morning Class Session _____

Afternoon Class Session _____

Attending online or in-person _____

REGISTRANT 2

Morning Class Session _____

Afternoon Class Session _____

Attending online or in-person _____

Registration fee (all fees are per participant)..... Total _____

(\$85 Regular, \$75 UWSP Alumni/LIFE Members, \$75 Early Bird (ends December 1st), \$25 DISC Assessment class add-on) Membership will be verified.

Add LIFE Membership (\$59)..... Total _____

Optional Lunch-Covers all three days (\$48) Total _____

Day 1.- Chicken Alfredo, breadsticks, and salad

Day 2. -Turkey/Corned beef subs, chips

Day 3.-Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, corn and dinner rolls

GRAND TOTAL _____

Registration Details:

1. You must register for one morning and one afternoon class (options are listed at the top of this page). Each class meets for three days.
2. Your Welcome Email with Zoom/Hybrid details and session links will be sent to you on the Friday prior to Good Ideas.
3. If you are not familiar with Zoom and would like help before the conference, please email uwspcelife@uwsp.edu to attend training.
4. Emails are required due to virtual format presentations.
5. Registration discounts are only available to LIFE members and UWSP Alumni. All memberships will be verified at registration. Registration for LIFE can be added at the time of registration for additional program opportunities and the discount.
6. Three ways to register:
 - Online at [Bit.ly/GoodIdeas2025](https://bit.ly/GoodIdeas2025)
 - Call 715.346.3838 to register over the phone
 - Complete the form at left and mail form and check made payable to:

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