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COURSE CATALOG

Fall 2008



## WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF W.I.S.E.

### Important Registration Information - Read This First!

There are many interesting courses in this Fall 2008 WISE catalog, and we ask that you carefully consider each before making your choices. It is important that you list your choices in order of preference, and tell us how many courses you actually plan to take. Please list *more* courses than you actually intend to take, so the Registration Committee can refer to your next choice if one of your selections is full. Every attempt is made to place members in their first choice courses, and in as many 2nd, 3rd, and additional course choices as is possible within space limitations. In cases where a course is oversubscribed with first-choices, a lottery system is used to ensure fairness.

#### \*\*\*IMPORTANT STEPS\*\*\*

1. **List the courses you want in order of preference. Please list more than the number you want to take so that if you don't get one of your choices we will know your next choice.**
2. **State how many courses you actually intend to take.**
3. **Keep a copy of your course requests - you'd be surprised how many people forget their course selections!**

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#### CALENDAR FOR FALL 2008

Registrations Accepted	July 7, 2008
Registration Deadline	July 23, 2008
Late Registrations Accepted for Available Courses	

Session A Begins	September 15, 2008
Session A Ends	October 23, 2008
Session B Begins	November 3, 2008
Session B Ends	December 12, 2008

Holiday Luncheon	Thursday, December 17, 2008
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ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

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# FALL 2008 - SESSION A

## A1. Aging Gracefully

Mondays 10:00-11:30 am

Sept. 15,22,29; Oct. 6,20.

A holistic, preventive approach to optimize health through the aging process. Maintain independence and delay disability. Topics include: aging biomarkers, fitness components, aging myths, aging research and theory, and falls prevention.

**Held at Briarwood Community Center.**

**GROUP LEADER:** Karen McKenzie, BS, SFS, is one of the country's first certified Senior Fitness Specialists. Her talk show "Seniors on the Move" features experts on aging and is seen throughout the area on local access TV.

**REQUIRED BOOKS:** *Biomarkers: 10 Determinants of Aging You Can Control* available in the Assumption Bookstore.

## A2. Puritans and Witches in Early New England

Mondays 1:30-3:00 pm

Sept. 15,22,29; Oct.6,20.

The course examines the values and lifestyle of the Puritans in New England as the background spawning hysteria and persecution of "witches" in 1692. We study historical events and key persons in the social dynamics that led to recorded tragic consequences. We will also examine our inherited Puritan values and their influence upon us today.

**GROUP LEADER:** Margaret Watson holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Michigan with further graduate work at the Ohio State University. She is Professor Emerita from Quinsigamond Community College.

## A3. New Plays in Town

Mondays 3:15-4:45 pm

Sept. 15,22,29; Oct. 6,20.

This course looks at new playwrights and their works and considers what to look for at the theater, and how to approach the production. The lecture discussion includes reading by the leaders and anecdotes about their long experience in the wonderful, wacky world of theater. If theater schedules allow, the leaders will guide trips to local and/or Boston theaters.

**GROUP LEADERS:** Kevin and Virginia Byrne have been active in the Worcester Area Theatre scene since moving from Boston in 1968. Virginia teaches drama at Notre Dame Academy and heads the Arts Department. Kevin is a Worcester Attorney.

## A4. The Poetry of American Transcendentalism

Tuesdays 10:00-11:30 am

Sept. 16,23; Oct. 7,14,21.

and Nov. 4, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9.

### A 10-WEEK SEMINAR - Register for A4 & B4

A two-part course which considers selections of the poetry of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Jones Very, and Walt Whitman. Though it is best known for the essays of Emerson and Thoreau's *Walden*, American Transcendentalism gave rise to a noteworthy body of poems. Principal among them are poems by Thoreau and Emerson, sonnets by Jones Very and, above all, by the work of Walt Whitman.

**GROUP LEADER:** John E. Reilly is Emeritus Professor of American Literature from Holy Cross.

**REQUIRED BOOK:** *Complete Poetry and Selected Prose* by Walt Whitman available in the Bookstore. CLASS LIMIT: 22

## A5. Religion and Society

Tuesdays 1:00-2:30 pm

Sept. 16,23; Oct. 7,14,21.

This course is designed to illuminate the various facets of religious experience in everyday life and to show how these experiences define our individual behavior in relation to others in modern society. The lecture series consists of presentations by scholars in the field who address topics of religion in the context of mysticism, mythology, moral values and science.

**GROUP LEADERS:** Jerry Brink, retired Professor of Science, Clark University, and Linda Miller, retired teacher of English.

## A6. Two Americas, Separate and Unequal

Tuesdays 2:45-4:15 pm

Sept. 16,23; Oct. 7,14,21.

This course examines the dynamics of the two distinct Americas, one black and one white. We discuss the origins of the causes and effects of the two Americas. We discuss how the system is maintained, who benefits from its existence, and the educational, justice, social and economic systems of the two Americas.

**GROUP LEADER:** Jeff Dorsey; BA English, University of the Americas-Mexico City, MAT, University of Pittsburgh. Thirty plus years in public education: Teacher, Vice Principal, Principal and Director; consultant and presenter on issues of diversity.

**REQUIRED BOOK:** *Two Nations: Black and White, Separate, Hostile, Unequal* available in the Assumption Bookstore.

## A7. D.H. Lawrence: A Man Divided

Wednesdays 1:30-3:00 pm

Sept. 17,24; Oct. 8,15,22.

We examine the conflicts in D.H. Lawrence's life and philosophy to enhance our understanding and appreciation of his novel *The Fox*, two short stories, and some poems.

**GROUP LEADER:** Karen Sasha Tipper holds an AB from Mount Holyoke College, an MA from Washington University, St. Louis, and a Ph.D. from University of Wisconsin, Madison. She is Professor of English at Nichols College, and author of *Lady Jane Wilde-Irish Revolutionist, Humanist, Scholar, Poet*.

**REQUIRED BOOK:** *The Fox; The Captain's Doll; The Ladybird: Cambridge Lawrence Edition* available in the Assumption Bookstore.

## A8. History of Worcester

Wednesdays 3:15-4:45 pm

Sept. 17,24; Oct. 8,15,22.

Discussion of the major political and industrial events and the people that made Worcester, including: Colonial Worcester; Prince Phillips War; County Seat 1731; Revolutionary Worcester; The First American Revolution; the Blackstone Canal; and Worcester's First. The fifth session includes a **walking tour** of the Common, City Hall, Courthouse Hill, and Lincoln Square.

**GROUP LEADER:** Robert Dascanio holds a BS from Drexel U. and an MBA from Wayne St. U. He has taught at the U. of Delaware, for a major oil company, and NCO leadership courses at the MA Military Academy of the ArmyNG. He is currently a docent for Preservation Worcester.

**OPTIONAL READING:** *The First American Revolution* by Ray Raphael, *The King Phillips Wars* by Tougias and *150 Years of Worcester History* by Southwick.

## FALL 2008 - SESSION A

### A9. Elements of Philosophy

Thursdays 10:00-11:30 am Sept. 18,25;Oct. 2,16,23,  
and Nov. 6,13,20;Dec. 4,11.

#### A 10-WEEK SEMINAR - Register for A9 & B9

An introduction to standard philosophical questions. It introduces the ways in which philosophers think by asking not only for opinions but for the opposite opinion to be carefully examined, both supported by reasons. We read excerpts from different philosophers and examine the questions raised. We then examine carefully what is to be said in favor, and against, different answers given to these questions.

**GROUP LEADER:** Richard Schmitt was born in Nazi Germany and arrived in the US at the end of WWII. After studying at the University of Chicago and Yale University, he taught philosophy at Brown. He has been teaching at Assumption and Worcester State College since 2000. CLASS LIMIT: 22

### A10. World Religions

Thursdays 12:30-2:00 p.m. Sept. 18,25;Oct. 2,16,23.

Presentation will be based on availability of objects in the galleries of the WAM. We will have an overview of world's religions as represented in their artistic cultural expressions.

**Held at the Worcester Art Museum.**

**GROUP LEADER:** Faith Lang is a docent at the Worcester Art Museum. CLASS LIMIT: 25

### A11. Topics in Medicine

Thursdays 1:00-2:30 p.m. Sept. 18,25;Oct.2,16,23.

This course presents a brief introduction to timely and complex medical frontiers. Experts will discuss depression and dementia, faith and spirituality in healing and wellness, stress reduction through relaxation, neuromuscular disorders, as well as Parkinson's disease and related syndromes.

**GROUP LEADERS:** Ed Landau, MD and Frank Dufault, MD will lead the course.

### A12. Selected Poems by Robert Frost

Thursdays 2:45-4:15 p.m. Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 16, 23.

The recent discovery of some audio tapes of informal lectures given by Robert Frost at Dartmouth in the 40s, 50s, and 60s offer sufficient excuse, if excuse be needed, to revisit some of Frost's best-known poems—not so much to re-interpret them in some arbitrary new way as to re-acquaint ourselves with them, to appreciate anew their artistry. Participants choose poems to discuss from a list of Frost's poems.

**GROUP LEADER:** James E. Foley is Associate Professor English at Worcester State College.

**REQUIRED BOOK:** *The Poetry of Robert Frost* available in the Assumption Bookstore.

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### A13. Walk Worcester with Mass Audubon

Fridays 9:30 a.m. to Noon. Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17.

Guided walks at conservation and park locations throughout the City. Each week we explore a new area. Sites include: Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center and Wildlife Sanctuary; Cascade Park; Perkins Farm Conservation Area; Blackstone River Bikeway; and Green Hill Park. Wear appropriate walking shoes and be prepared to walk 2- 3 miles at a leisurely pace. Rain or shine! Meet at Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, 414 Massasoit Rd., Worcester, MA. **GROUP LEADER:** Deb Cary is from Mass Audubon, and will lead the group. CLASS LIMIT: 20

### A14. American Composers in the Concert Hall Before 1900

Fridays 1:30-3:00 p.m. Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17.

We shall hear music by composers as Gottschalk, Paine, MacDowell and Mrs. Beach to understand how their work gave substance and perhaps definition to American concert music at a time when there was a strong bias toward European music and performers.

**GROUP LEADER:** Bob Walters is a retired educator and clergyman.

### A15. To Your Health: New Horizons

Fridays 3:15-4:45 p.m. Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17.

Each guest lecturer will focus on their area of expertise. Participants will enjoy the insight into alternative medical care. Each class will include a brief resume of the speaker and topic and will be conducted in an open forum manner with questions encouraged.

**GROUP LEADERS:** Sam Corbitt and Elaine Ringer, WISE members, will conduct this open forum format.

### A16. Film Characters Who Shaped Our Lives

Saturdays 10-11:30 a.m. Sept. 20, 27, Oct.4, 11, 18.

We investigate the influences that 10 characters from classic films have had on our society and modern sensibilities. As listed in the book, *The 101 Most Influential People Who Never Lived*, these stars are discussed for their art, their persona, and the lessons that we have learned from them.

**GROUP LEADER:** Caroline Chiccarelli enjoys sharing thoughts about the Hollywood classics with her students at Worcester State College and in the WISE program.

**OPTIONAL READING:** *The 101 Most Influential People Who Never Lived* by Lazar, Karlan & Salter.

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# FALL 2008 - SESSION B

## B1. Coffee, Tea & Condiments

Mondays 10:00-11:30 a.m. Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1.

Class participants will learn how the origins and uses of coffee, tea and condiments have changed history. We will examine why wars and colonization of the Eastern part of the world has followed trade in these commodities.

**Held at Briarwood Community Center.**

**GROUP LEADER:** Sam Pickens had lived in China and India for years. He has visited South East Asia & Africa.

## B2. Einstein's Theory of Relativity for Laypeople

Mondays 1:30-3:00 p.m. Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1.

From our standard way of thinking, it does not make sense that space and time have to be combined to correctly describe space and time intervals, near the speed of light. The essence of the Special Theory predicts that as objects approach the speed of light, time slows down and mass increases as epitomized by  $E=mc^2$ . The course will address such issues as causality, the twin paradox, and related issues building on the common sense thought experiments used by Einstein to understand the behavior of fast-moving objects prior to his publication of the Special Theory of Relativity in 1905.

**GROUP LEADER:** Steve Jasperson earned his Ph.D. from Princeton University and has been a member of the WPI Physics Faculty since 1970. Although trained in optical properties of solids, he recently devoted a sabbatical year to the study of Astrophysics and has taught an intro level Astrophysics course several times to WPI students.

**REQUIRED BOOK:** *Relativity: The Special and the General Theory* available in the Assumption Bookstore.

## B3. Crooners and Canaries: (Part 2) The Rise of Popular Singers

Mondays 3:15-4:45 p.m. Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1.

We begin with the appearance of the big bands and their vocalists, the "Boy" and "Girl" singers who become a vital part of the swing era and then emerge as the dominant pop music celebrities during and following WWII. From Sinatra and Ella to our current American songbook "Croonaries," we listen (some may sing along) and discuss the rise, fall and rebirth of the singers of classic pop.

**GROUP LEADER:** Jack Wertheimer is a jazz radio host, producer of Jazz at Sunset, and President of Brownstone Recordings.

## B4. The Poetry of American Transcendentalism (continued from A4)

Tuesdays 10:00 -11:30 a.m. Nov. 4, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9.

Participants must register for A4 and B4 to enroll in this 10-week course. See A4 for course description.

CLASS LIMIT: 22

## B5. The David Story

Tuesdays 1:00-2:30 p.m. Nov. 4, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9.

We will read and discuss the biblical accounts of the life and reign of King David, with primary attention to the story of David in I and II Samuel.

**GROUP LEADER:** Marc LePain is Professor of Theology at Assumption College and holds a Ph.D. in Theology from Fordham University.

**REQUIRED BOOK:** *The Bible*, any edition. Recommended: Revised Standard Version (RVS)

## B6. Great & Near-Great Presidents; Who & Why

Tuesdays 2:45-4:15 p.m. Nov. 4, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9.

We will approach the topic by defining decisive (and often controversial) presidential leadership, showing how "strong" presidents added to the power and prestige of the nation. In this vein, we will discuss why historians consistently place Lincoln, FDR, and Washington in the front rank of the presidential pantheon, and why we find Jefferson, Jackson, Theodore Roosevelt, Wilson and Truman so high on the list also. We will also try to discover why James K. Polk has been under-rated; why Jefferson is overvalued, and how JFK and LBJ now appear to historians.

**GROUP LEADER:** John O'Toole is adjunct Professor of History at Worcester State College and holds a BA from WSC and an MA from Northeastern University. He is author of *Tornado: 84 Minutes; 94 Lives* and co-author of *Clinton, Mass World War II Memorial Tribute Volume*.

**RECOMMENDED READING:** *To The Best of My Ability: The American Presidents*, edited by James M. McPherson, 2001 edition.

## B7. Politics and The Media

Wednesdays 1:30-3:00 p.m. Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10.

Politics and Journalism, the busiest intersection in Massachusetts. The class will feature a lively discussion of the local, state and national politics with an emphasis on how the game is covered by the media. Guest speakers will share their ideas. A new president will be elected during this session. Maybe we can figure out how he or she got elected.

**GROUP LEADER:** Tim Connolly is the communications director for Worcester DA Joseph D. Early, Jr. For 6 years before that he was communications director for the State Department of Revenue. For more than 20 years previously, he was a reporter and editor at the Worcester *T&G*. He wrote the weekly "Politically Speaking" column for 9 years.

**RECOMMENDED READING:** Daily newspaper.

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## FALL 2008 - SESSION B

### B8. Renaissance Reviewed: Modern European History

Wednesdays 3:15-4:45 p.m. Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10.

Using Burckhardt's *Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy*, we will examine five aspects of the "renaissance" and attempt to determine if there was a renaissance (or rebirth) and, if so, what was its character. The five aspects are: 1. the Renaissance city-state; 2. the "renaissance man"/individual; 3. the revival of antiquity—literature; 4. revival of antiquity—the arts, painting, sculpture, architecture; 5. the renaissance church.

**GROUP LEADER:** Richard A. Oehling, Professor Emeritus of History, Assumption. He has AB, MA, Ph.D from Rutgers University and taught at Bradley University, Duquesne U. and Wilson College.

**REQUIRED BOOK:** *Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy* available in the Assumption Bookstore.

### B9. Elements of Philosophy (continued from A9)

Thursdays 10:00-11:30 a.m. Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11.  
Participants must register for A9 and B9 to enroll in this 10-week course. See A9 for course description.

### B10. Business and Public Policy

Thursdays 1:00-2:30 p.m. Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11.

This course will cover the following areas: the evolution of business policy and regulation; lobbying and influencing public policy; corporate governance and shareholder control; consumer policy and protection; trade policy and trade agreements.

**GROUP LEADER:** M.E. (Pete) Murphy is Assistant Professor of Management at Assumption College since August 2000; B.A. from Stevens Institute of Technology; Mechanical Engineering and M.A. from University of Akron in Business Administration, and prior to Assumption, had a long career in the international energy industry managing a variety of business and technical organizations.

### B11. Razzle Dazzle 'em – Kander & Ebb

Thursdays 2:45-4:15 p.m. Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11.

An examination of the over 40 year musical collaboration of John Kander and Fred Ebb, including *Cabaret*, *Zorba*, *Chicago*, *Woman of the Year*, *Kiss of the Spider Woman* and last year's *Curtains*.

**GROUP LEADER:** Richard Kimball is Professor of Psychology at Worcester State College and member and librarian of the Worcester Chorus.

### B12. Natural History Sampler with Mass Audubon

Fridays 10:00 a.m. to Noon Nov. 7, 14, 21, Dec. 5, 12.

Each week the class will focus on a topic of general natural history including birds, mammals, butterflies and dragonflies, mushrooms (great in the late fall), trees and wildflowers. There will be guided field walks along the trails at the wildlife sanctuary along with slide presentations and discussion. Dress prepared to go outside. Meet at Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, 414 Massasoit Rd., Worcester, Mass.

**GROUP LEADER:** Martha Gach and Mass Audubon staff.  
**CLASS LIMIT:** 30

### B13. The Mind of John Donne

Fridays 1:30-3:00 p.m. Nov. 7, 14, 21, Dec. 5, 12.

Donne, lover and priest, has been called the Monarch of Wit, and much more. Reading in his poetry and prose, we shall see how "wit" describes his often novel and unexpected use of the English language.

**GROUP LEADER:** Robert Walters is a retired educator and clergyman.

**REQUIRED BOOK:** *The Complete Poetry and Selected Prose of John Donne* available in the Assumption Bookstore.

### B14. Othello: The Text and The Films

Fridays 3:15-4:45 p.m. Nov. 7, 14, 21, Dec. 5, 12.

Through analysis of the text and several film versions, group members appreciate the multiple levels of interpretation of Shakespeare's timeless drama. Domestic violence, prejudice, assimilation into an alien culture, and parent/child conflicts are only a few of the contemporary issues depicted in the play. Spirited class discussion leads us to analyze universal themes, as well as characterization, setting, and Shakespeare's incomparable use of language, imagery, and symbolism.

**GROUP LEADER:** Jane Gilligan is an adjunct English professor at Assumption College. She received the Outstanding Teacher Award, and is a member of the Dean's Circle in recognition of over twenty years of teaching at Assumption.

**REQUIRED BOOK:** *The Tragedy of Othello, The Moor of Venice* available in the Assumption Bookstore.

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# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

## ELIGIBILITY:

The Institute is open to all seniors interested in learning.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES:

There are two categories of membership: full-year and half-year.

### Full-Year Membership - \$120.00

Members are entitled to all the privileges of membership for the academic year beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. These privileges include registering for as many WISE courses per session as desired on a space-available basis, participation in committees, voting privileges, invitations to WISE special events, use of the Worcester Colleges' bus shuttles and libraries, a WISE ID card, and all WISE catalogs and mailings.

### Half-Year Membership - \$70.00

Members are entitled to all the privileges of membership (see above) for one-half of the academic year. The half-year periods are July 1-December 31, 2008 and January 1-June 30, 2009.

### Mailing List - \$10.00

Subscribers are sent all WISE catalogs and newsletters for one year. No other benefits apply.

## MEMBERSHIP CANCELLATION:

Refunds of membership dues may be made if written notification is received at least one week prior to the start of classes. A deduction of \$10 will be made to put the individual on the mailing list.

## SESSIONS:

There are two five-week sessions during the fall and spring terms. Most classes meet for one and one-half hours, one day per week.

<b>FALL:</b>	Session A	Sept. 15 - Oct. 23, 2008
	Session B	Nov. 3 - Dec. 12, 2008
<b>SPRING:</b>	Session C	Feb. 9 - March 16, 2009
	Session D	March 26 - May 1, 2009

## PARKING:

Members parking a car at Assumption College must purchase a parking permit for the 2008-09 academic year. Members will be mailed a form with their course assignments to be returned with a check for \$15 to the Continuing Education Office. Permits may then be picked up in Public Safety (please bring your automobile registration when you pick up your permit). The Worcester public bus and Consortium shuttle stop at Assumption College. Carpooling is encouraged.

## CLASSROOMS:

All classes are held at Assumption College unless otherwise noted. Please check your assignment sheet for rooms.

## HOW TO REGISTER

Registration for the Fall semester begins July 7, 2008; no registrations will be processed prior to that date. The deadline for registration is July 23, 2008. Members register for as many courses as they like on a space-available basis. Those members who register after the deadline will be assigned their course preferences whenever space permits. Classes will be filled by first choices on a first-come, first-served basis. Any spaces remaining will be allocated to those ranking the course second, third, etc., until all interested members are included or the class is filled.

### \*\*\*IMPORTANT STEPS\*\*\*

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3. Keep a copy of your course requests.

## CANCELLATIONS:

Courses with low enrollments may be cancelled. Class cancellations due to inclement weather are announced on the Assumption Snow Cancellation Hotline: **508-767-7360**

## WITHDRAWALS:

We need your help!

**If you receive your course assignment and find that you are not able to attend the course, please notify Betty Riza at 508-752-8627.** Since courses are often filled to capacity, this allows the next person on the waiting list to take your place. You need not call if you cannot attend one meeting because of illness or personal reasons.

## SCHOLARSHIPS:

WISE has a small fund for partial scholarships. Application forms may be sent to the WISE Treasurer, c/o Assumption College, Continuing Education.

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## IMPORTANT REMINDER

**Make a copy of your registration form before you mail it with your membership dues.**



**WORCESTER INSTITUTE FOR SENIOR EDUCATION  
FALL 2008 REGISTRATION FORM**

(Please print. This information will be available in a directory to other WISE members. Please indicate if your phone number is unlisted.)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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EMERGENCY CONTACT: NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:**

**1. INDICATE THE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING.**

- Full-year membership - \$120 \_\_\_\_\_ (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009)
- Half-year membership - \$70 \_\_\_\_\_ (July 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008)
- I am a first-time member of WISE \_\_\_\_\_
- Mailing list subscription only \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**2. ENTER COURSE NUMBERS (EXAMPLE A5, A1; B12, B4) IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE.**

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**Session A**

- 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_
- 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_
- 3rd choice \_\_\_\_\_
- 4th choice \_\_\_\_\_
- 5th choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Session B**

- 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_
- 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_
- 3rd choice \_\_\_\_\_
- 4th choice \_\_\_\_\_
- 5th choice \_\_\_\_\_

**3. IMPORTANT -- If all of your above choices are available to you, how many courses do you want to take for each session? Please do not state more than you will actually show up for.**

Session A: \_\_\_\_\_ Session B: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. WE NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE CHECK A COMMITTEE OR YOUR AREA OF INTEREST:**

Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Curriculum \_\_\_\_\_ Group Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Class Assistant \_\_\_\_\_ Special Events \_\_\_\_\_

Registrations processed beginning July 7. Deadline for registering is July 23 (late registrations will have fewer courses available, so please register on time). Assignments will be mailed by the end of the third week of August, 2008.

Make check payable to Assumption College/WISE

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