

School Alumni Museum Trip?

The Henry George School is interested in forming an Alumni Association and, as a first activity, is offering former and current students a tour of the Lower East Side Tenement Museum as a possibility.

The Lower East Side Tenement Museum guides visitors through the 1864 structure at 97 Orchard Street and all of the trappings of life among New York's working poor during the second half of the nineteenth century. Museum chaperons draw on extensive genealogical and historical research to evoke every detail of how life was lived within those tenement walls, which housed over 10,000 souls



until withdrawn from residential use in 1935. The School may arrange a group tour on a Saturday in March for interested readers, to be followed by discussion over a light meal in a neighborhood restaurant. Discussion could include the role of European economic policies in displacing hundreds of thousands of Italian farmers or starving similar numbers of Irish poor to the point of emigration or on the fact that the title to 97 Orchard changed hands some thirty times in the space of a decade (during which Henry George made his first mayoral run).

If you are interested, please contact the School.

WINTER CLASS SCHEDULE

Progress and Poverty

(Fundamental Economics)

PART I: Principles of Political Economy

(All classes 6-8 pm)

Mondays: Dan Kryston
Tuesdays: Vesa Nelson
Wednesdays: Alton Pertilla
Thursdays: Paul Kahane
Thursdays: Tito Ortiz (in Spanish)

- ◆ Learn how our economy is structured to ensure an imbalance in the distribution of wealth and opportunity.
- ◆ Make a distinction between the natural opportunities of the Earth and those values produced by human labor.
- ◆ Explore the relations between the individual and society and principles of private and public property.

Applied Economics

PART II: Principles of Political Economy

Wednesdays: George DeShields 6 to 8pm
Wednesdays: Manuel Felix (in Spanish)
 Beneath political problems often lie social problems caused by the maldistribution of wealth. This course confronts those problems directly and examines the current global economy and free trade initiatives. Will the WTO and NAFTA increase your wealth or reduce your wages?

Economic Science

PART III: Principles of Political Economy

Mondays: Paul Kahane 6 to 8pm
 This course enables students to understand and evaluate economic theory and demonstrates how economic behavior is the engine of civilization's development. This class may be taken as the second part of the three course program.

Current Events

Mondays: Bruce Oatman 6 to 8pm

The daily newspaper is the "textbook" for each session of this course. This will demonstrate the timeliness of the economic and social philosophy of Henry George over a wide range of issues, and serves as a means of updating his proposals. This course will depend heavily on student participation in seeking to establish a logical means of coping with today's problems.

Speculators, Monopolists & Reformers

Thursdays: Vesa Nelson 6 to 8pm

This class looks at the early working class land reform movement - which had its peak in the anti-rent struggles of 1840s New York. The generation just before Henry George was already demanding land reform on both sides of the Atlantic. Against what and whom were they reacting? We will re-examine the usual suspects, and add some new ones. More than a historical approach, we will apply our critical faculties to the psychology behind both speculative fever and reformist counter-reactions.

Great Decisions

Tuesdays: John Bruschi 12:30 - 1:30 pm

The *Great Decisions* program features eight broad-based issues currently challenging U.S. policymakers. Through a range of teaching materials, the program explores the issues, historical contexts, and implications for the future. All *Great Decisions* materials are non-partisan and balanced.

Economic Geography

Thursdays: Simon Winters 6 to 8 pm

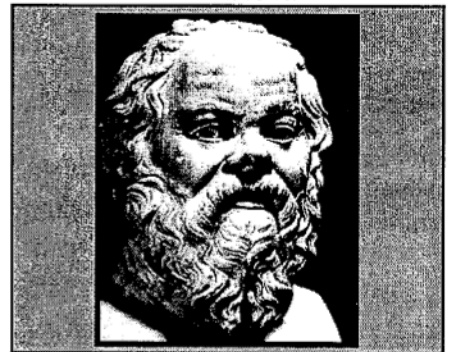
This class will focus on the influence of the natural environment on the development of civilization. Students will study the importance of geography, climate, resources and land ownership in determining relative conditions of freedom. Who is entitled to what rights? How do land rights impact on human rights?

UPCOMING SEMINARS



FRIDAY FILM FORUM

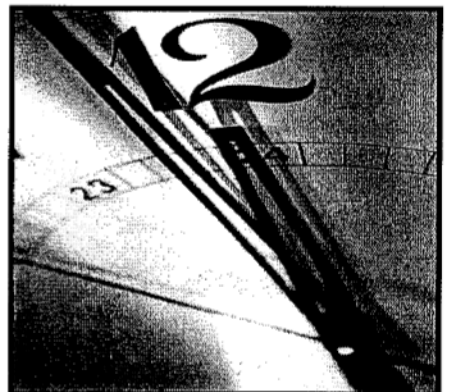
Friday, Feb. 4 (6:30-9:00 pm)
 Based on a true Los Angeles land scandal in the last century, this hardboiled detective/film noir features Jack Nicholson and Faye Dunaway. In this film, two puzzling mysteries are masterfully interwoven by director Roman Polanski. Discussion follows.



SOCRATES

Friday, Feb. 18 (7-9 pm)

Socrates turned Greek attention toward questions of ethics and virtue and away from those of the heavenly bodies. At the age of 70, he was convicted of atheism, treason and corruption of the young. He was given the sentence of banishment from Athens, but instead chose to drink poison. Speaker: Don LeVour.



MILLENNIAL OUTLOOK FOR THE ECONOMY

Friday, Mar. 17 (7-9 pm)
 Dr. C. Lowell Harriss, a retired professor of economics at Columbia University, puts forth his reasoned observations of where economics takes us in the new millennium.