



THE ALLURE OF FASCISM HERE AND ABROAD

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Thursdays: March 23, March 30, April 6, and April 13
9:30 a.m.–12 noon

Music Academy of the West, 1070 Fairway Road, Santa Barbara

Four years ago (2019) Dr. Bisno asked VISTAS students “*Is This How Fascism Comes to America?*” and for many years he has shared with us a Supreme Court update – *God Save This Honorable Court*. The years have passed but the questions and challenges remain.

During week #1 we will see that the new Court seems to be saving God (instead of the other way around) while the wall between church and state crumbles. The right to discriminate is being protected while the constitutional right to abortion has been abandoned. HOW is the Court seen from the Left and the Right? WHO is looking through rose-colored glasses?



During the ensuing weeks we will appreciate that much of the world, including large parts of the U.S., are choosing to embrace something which looks very much like Fascism with a white-knuckled grip ... if not with guns. WHY the allure? WHAT don't we understand? What questions should we be asking? How do we understand what is happening? In this series of illustrated presentations, discussion will be relevant and lively. Attendees of David's lectures have come to expect clear, understandable, and entertaining presentations of nuanced and complex issues.

PLEASE REVIEW THE STATEMENT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FLYER REGARDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS.

Preferred registration deadline* : March 16, 2023

*Early enrollment helps us with our planning; also, those who register by the preferred deadline will be given priority in case of over-enrollment.

Enrollment form: The Allure of Fascism

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VISTAS members \$50; non-members \$75

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Number of persons _____ \$ _____ Check # _____

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

It is understood that attendance is limited to those who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.



David Bisno, M.D., a retired ophthalmologist with degrees from Harvard, Dartmouth and the Washington University School of Medicine, has been an enthusiastic discussion leader within institutes for lifelong learning across our country and overseas on a myriad of topics for 29 years. David has studied constitutional law at the Harvard Law School with Laurence Tribe and at the Law School of the College of William and Mary. David and his wife, Fay, were founders of VISTAS.



IMPORTANT COVID-19 POLICY

The health and safety of our attendees and their families are of utmost importance to us. **Accordingly, we are limiting attendance to those who are fully vaccinated.** Proof of vaccinations and boosters (digital Covid-19 Vaccination Card or a photo of your printed card) must be sent to our business manager via email (vistas@vistaslifelonglearning.org) or text (805-967-6030). Participants may also be asked to show vaccination status on the first day of each course in case our records are incomplete. This needs to be done only once—your proof of vaccination will remain valid for all VISTAS events. Face masks are recommended, though not currently required, at VISTAS in-person, indoor gatherings.

VISTAS Winter/Spring 2023 Calendar

SUBJECT TO CHANGE; for up-to-date information, visit our website (VistasLifelongLearning.org) frequently!

Course / Event	Date(s)	Time	Venue
VISTAS Winter Social	Sunday, February 5	1:30 pm	Music Academy of the West
Monday Nonfiction Book Club / Dawn McGrew	4th Monday monthly	1:30 pm	Via Zoom
Four Great Ages of Western Civiliz. / Jim Hemmer	Wed. Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Creative Artist in Opera / Simon Williams	Jan. 17, Jan. 24, Jan. 30, Feb. 7	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
Sleep, Consciousness, and Non-Ordinary States	Thurs. Jan. 26	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Criminal Law and Procedure / Patrick McKinley	Mon. Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Rodgers and Hammerstein / Bob Weinman	Tues. Feb. 14, 21, and 28	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
Short Story Discussion Group Sect. 1 / Denny Klos	Wed. March 1, 8, 15, 22	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
Short Story Discussion Group Sect. 2 / Denny Klos	Thurs. March 2, 9, 16, 23	1:00 pm	Valle Verde Social Room
Sending Smallpox into History / Bee Bloeser	Mon. March 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Shakespearean History Plays / Mark Rose	Tues. March 7, 14, 21, 28	9:30 am	Montecito Covenant Church
The Allure of Fascism Here and Abroad / D. Bisno	Thurs. Mar. 23, 30, Apr. 6, 13	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
Humans That Drove Computer Revol. / J. Ingraham	Mon. April 3, 10	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Heroes and Rogues, Fifth Series / Gerry Corrigan	POSTPONED — Information about rescheduled dates to come later		
Joseph Haydn: From Court to City / Derek Katz	Weds. May 10, 17, 24	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
The U.S. and China: AI Superpowers / Jim Hemmer	Thurs. May 11	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church