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Two Thursdays: December 1 and 8, 2022 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Bethany Congregational Church 556 N. Hope Avenue, Santa Barbara (with a concurrent Zoom presentation available to enrollees online)

Jordan is an ancient land located at a crossroads of continents and civilizations that, despite limited natural resources and a small population, has played a surprising role in the story of the Middle East. Although it shares its history with neighboring countries, Jordan has its own allure, from the features of its land to the aspirations of its society.

In this two-part seminar, we will explore a region of empires and religions, tectonic plates



and trade routes, coral reefs and castles, Biblical legends and colonial powers, a secret city, a famous railroad, timeless traditions and modern ambitions, the romance of a contemporary King and his American Queen ... and shrewd, charismatic leadership that made a small country a significant player in a complicated part of the world.

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









After serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Tunisia and working as an architect for the Tunisian Directorate of Historic Monuments, **David DeSelm** followed a career in planning and design, with major international development projects in North Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and Latin America as well as California and Hawaii. David and his wife, Jane, have lived in Santa Barbara since 2008 and are active Vistas members as well as course presenters.

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). All 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. Please note that applicable local mask mandates may apply to VISTAS in-person, indoor gatherings.

VISTAS Calendar

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

Course / Event	Date(s)	Time	Venue
Annual Fall Picnic	Sunday, September 18	12:30 pm	Tucker's Grove
New Fiction Book Club / Diane Wolf	3rd Thursday monthly	10:00 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Monday Nonfiction Book Club / Dawn McGrew	4th Monday monthly	1:30 pm	Via Zoom
Vanishing Homelands / Jim Hemmer	Wed. Sept. 14, 21, 28	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Puccini's Tosca / Bob Weinman	Tues. Sep. 20	9:30 am	Via Zoom
Propositions on Nov. Ballot / Ted Anagnoson	Thurs. Sep. 22, 29	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Ch. + Zoom
Exodus for Atheists / Norm Cohen	Tues. Oct. 4, 11, 18	9:30 am	Montecito Covenant Church
Poliomyelitis Vaccinations / Bruce Phillips	Tues. Oct. 25	9:30 am	Montecito Covenant Ch. + Zoom
Casa del Herrero / David DeSelm & Pat Sheppard	Thurs. Oct. 27	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
Food in History / Larry Canepa	Wed. Nov. 2	10:00 am	Via Zoom
Our Moon / Peter Beuret	Mon. Nov. 7	9:30 am	Montecito Covenant Church
Beyond Impressionism / Lori Windsor Mohr	Fri. Nov. 11	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Pirates! / Peter Beuret	Wed. Nov. 16	9:30 am	Montecito Covenant Church
Post-Election Analysis / Ted Anagnoson	Fri. Nov. 18	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Ch. + Zoom
Fellini Films / Mort Weisman	Wed. Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28	8 9:30 am	Maravilla Theater
Journey to Jordan / David DeSelm	Thurs. Dec. 1, 8	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Ch. + Zoom
Future Perfect / Douglas W. Stowell	Tues. Dec. 6	10:00 am	Via Zoom