

Master the Possibilities Update

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Professional Faculty

OCALA, FLA. – A professional, credentialed faculty that stimulates and challenges its active-adult students is the cornerstone of the Master the Possibilities education program at On Top of the World Communities.

Daniel F. Dowd, director of education, has assembled more than 60 instructors who will offer about 600 classes, lectures, presentations and film series this year.

The sophisticated curriculum is made possible via a faculty composed of highly educated, experienced teachers. More than 80 percent have earned graduate degrees, and at least half have taught in colleges and universities.

Master the Possibilities also taps into the expertise available at the nearby University of Florida in Gainesville, and invites distinguished authorities from across the county to the campus for lectures.

Among the faculty are:

- ***Dr. Patricia Wellington***, a graduate of the University of Maryland with a Ph.D. from Florida State University, Dr. Wellington was an English professor at the

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University of Miami. She facilitates a book club and moderates film series each quarter.

- **Dr. Joe Coffey** received his doctorate from North Carolina State University in Raleigh and taught at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.; Virginia Tech University; the University of California at Berkley; as well as his alma mater. He lectures on macroeconomics and foreign markets.
- **Dr. Tom Lane**, DVM, received his bachelor's degree and a doctorate in veterinary medicine from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. He is professor emeritus and extension veterinarian for the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences, University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Lane offers classes on household pets, bears, whales, alligators and others. Field trips include visits to thoroughbred rescue farms to see the work of the Horse Protection Association of Florida.
- **Dr. Bob Mawhiney**, DC, DISRC, is a graduate of Logan College of Chiropractic, Chesterfield, Mo. Prior to retirement, he ran a family practice specializing in scoliosis for 48 years. He is on the post-graduate faculty of 10 chiropractic colleges, has written 13 books and published numerous clinical and scientific articles. He demonstrates home exercises and prevention methods for low back, hip and knee pain.
- **Dr. James Chandler**, a graduate of Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich., received his Ph.D. from Holy Cross College, Merrill, Wisc. He is a retired U.S. Navy commander and chief police psychologist for the Illinois State Police Dept. He helps class members assess their communications and leadership styles.
- **Dr. Randall LaKosky**, M.D., a board-certified psychiatrist, received his medical

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degree from the University of Minnesota. He spent 40 years in the community mental health profession. He leads classes on maintaining good mental health; mental health and the holidays; and a series on meditation.

- **Dr. Thomas Marks** received his law degree from Stetson College of Law in Gulfport, Fla., and a Ph.D. from the University of Florida. He is professor emeritus of law at Stetson. His course topics include the U.S. and Florida constitutions and he will lead a discussion on landmark court decisions.
- **Gerald Colen**, a graduate of Ohio State University, received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law. He practiced for 30 years in Florida and he specializes in real estate, simple and complex estate and financial planning law. His specialties also include wills, probate, trust administration and elder law. He offers a series on legal issues.
- **Doris Knight** received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Massachusetts and taught world politics and American national government for more than 30 years at Holyoke Community College in Massachusetts. She leads current-events discussions.
- **Willet Boyer**, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Florida, where he also received his bachelor's and master's degrees, conducts classes on archaeology, including scientific rules, theory and field methods, as well as Ancient Kingdoms of Florida.
- **Kathy Dobronyi**, a graduate of the University of Arizona and a Folgers Scholar at the Folgers Institute in Washington, D.C.

Guest Lecturers

Among guest lecturers scheduled in 2009-10 are:

- **Dr. Vincent Boudreau, Ph.D.**, professor of political science at City College of New

York and director of the Colin Powell Center for Policy Studies at CCNY. The Colin Powell Center is a nonpartisan educational, training and research center established to prepare new generations of leaders from groups previously under-represented in public service and policy circles.

- **Dr. Patrick Keane, Ph.D.**, professor emeritus of English at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, is the author of numerous books, including a study of Robert Graves, *A Wild Civility*; *Yeats's Interactions with Tradition*; a study of Irish political mythology, *A Terrible Beauty*; *Coleridge's Submerged Politics*; and a forthcoming volume on the Irish leader Michael Collins, titled *Murderous Angel*. He will lecture on Irish literature.

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