Course Description: Lectures on Blake, Burns, Wordsworth, and Coleridge, with accompanying short films. This course will explain what Romantic Poetry is, how it differs from what came before it, and define what came after it. The course will stress biography, and will include reading from short selections, especially those containing phrases that everyone knows but few know the origins of (i.e., “As idle as a painted ship/Upon a painted ocean”). Attending this course will provide the student with a basic understanding of how poetry changed forever in the late 18th to early 19th centuries, and governs how we think of what poetry is today.

Four Lectures Include:


2. **Blake the Rebel:** Focus on the mystic William Blake, including his well-known graphic art.

3. **Wordsworth and Coleridge, Part I: Declaring Independence:** Discussion of “Lyrical Ballads” and other early works by the founders of the movement.

4. **Wordsworth and Coleridge, Part II: Stagnation and Dissolution:** Discussion of the latter years of both men, their personal traumas, and their loss of poetic gift as they make way for the next generation (Shelley, Byron, and Keats).

Biographical Information: Dr. William Miller has been Dean of Libraries at FAU since December of 1987. He holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Rochester and an M.L.S. from the University of Toronto. He has taught courses in English literature at FAU, Albion College, Bowling Green State University, and Michigan State University. His areas of specialization are 18th and 19th century English literature.

**LIFELONG LEARNING COURSE NO. M31L**

Time: 1:00 – 2:45 p.m., Wednesdays, Boca Raton
Dates: May 19, 26, June 2, 9
Place: Wimberly Library, 1st floor Instructional Lab
Campus Fees: $28 per member/$38 per non-member

To register for this course, visit [www.fau.edu/lls](http://www.fau.edu/lls), email [llsboca@fau.edu](mailto:llsboca@fau.edu) or call 561-297-3185.
Spirit of America: A Celebration of Music & History

American Music: The Birth of a New Genre
Wednesday, June 9, 2010
Time: 10-11:45 a.m.

Aaron Kula, FAU Libraries’ Director of Music Collections and Performance will do a presentation on American composers including Copland, Bernstein, Gershwin, Ives, Schuman, and Barber. Their compositions expressed the consciousness of America’s spirit through orchestral music and further defined the genre of 20th century American music. Maestro Kula will offer insight into performance practices and orchestra preparation while class participants learn to conduct selections of the music from recordings of world class orchestras.

Spirit of America Collection: Documents That Founded a Nation
Wednesday, June 16, 2010
Time: 10-11:45 a.m.

Ellen Randolph, FAU Libraries’ Rare Books Librarian will do a presentation on the exceptional rare books and pamphlets housed in the Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection including first editions of Common Sense by Thomas Paine and the first printed publication of the Declaration of Independence on July 6, 1776.

Lifetime Learning Course No. M30
Where: Barry & Florence Friedberg Auditorium, Boca Raton Campus
Fee: $15 member $20 per non-member
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