



Worcester Institute for Senior Education

Course Proposal

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Date:

Academic Year: 2017-2018

Term (Spring or Fall): Fall **Session (A or B or C or D):** D

Day & Time: Wednesday afternoons

Group Leader (s): Karl Hakkarainen

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Group Leaders may either volunteer their services or request an honorarium of \$350 (\$70per class meeting). If you are a new group leader to the WISE program and request a stipend, you must contact the WISE Office for a W9 form. If you are from an organization, and the organization will be paid directly, an invoice must be submitted to the WISE office before the end of the term.

Please indicate volunteer or stipend request:

Volunteer ___ **or** **Request Stipend** ___ x ___

New Group Leaders – How did you hear about WISE?

1. **Title of Course:** Digital Literacy

2. **Course Description for Catalog: (Due to limited Catalog printing space, please provide a brief but informative description of your course offering):**

The advent of computers and smartphones has confounded our notions of basic and essential literacy. Our grandchildren can't read our cursive handwriting and we don't understand their emojis. A 140-character tweet has a greater impact on our political discussion than a pocket copy of the Constitution. Fake news, to paraphrase Twain, makes it halfway around the world before the real news has finished rebooting its laptop.

We'll try to make sense of it all by combining wide-ranging discussions and practical tips to help you ☺.

• **Brief 5-week outline:**

1. About Digital Literacy

2. Critical Reading in The Digital Age

3. What would Lincoln Tweet?

4. Historical Preservation or "The Great American Novel is on a 5 ¼" floppy."

5. What's ahead?

3. **Book(s) required (if Optional, please indicate)** (List title, author, publisher, ISBN # and edition)

None

- 4. Readings or Supplies needed for first class** (Please indicate if there will be any fees for copies):
None

- 5. Audio-Visual Needs:**
Audio, projector, and screen for music and videos

- 6. Biographical information relevant to the course: (please be brief):**

Karl Hakkarainen is the technology adviser for WISE. He has taught WISE classes on social media, radio, the news business, intellectual property law, history, and work and culture.

Thank you for participating in this exciting community endeavor. We appreciate your contribution to the success of WISE!

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