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Upcoming Active Minds Events at Tattered Cover

Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 12:30-1:30 pm, Colfax Store

Ukraine

Seventy years of Soviet control of Ukraine ended in 1991 with the collapse of the Soviet Union. During that time Ukraine suffered extensive famines, deportation of its citizens, and repopulation of its country by ethnic Russians. After independence, Ukraine aligned more with the west, resulting in escalating tension between ethnic Russians and Ukrainians. In 2014, Russia annexed the Crimea region of Ukraine, fueling an ongoing low-level civil war fed by Russian influence. This past April Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko was defeated by Volodymyr Zelensky, an actor/comedian who played the President in a popular television show. Join Active Minds as we review the history, present issues, and future challenges of this former Soviet satellite country.

Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store

Brazil

The early 2000s was a time of immense optimism and growth in Brazil under the leadership of Presidents Luiz Inácio da Silva and his successor Dilma Rousseff, both of the Brazilian Workers Party. Corruption scandals, however, led to the impeachment of Rousseff in 2016 and the imprisonment of Lula in 2018. In January 2019, Jair Bolsonaro became President of Brazil, marking a significant shift to the right in Brazilian politics. Join Active Minds as we explore Brazil's bumpy political ride and what it may suggest for the future of the largest nation in South America.

Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 12:30-1:30 pm, Aspen Grove Store

Kashmir

Since the formation of India and Pakistan in 1947, both countries have fought over the region known as Kashmir. Containing a Muslim majority, but ruled by Hindu dominated India, Kashmir has been the trigger of two separate wars between India and Pakistan, and even drawn China into the conflict. Add to the mix, the nuclear arsenal of both countries and it's not difficult to see the potential flashpoint that Kashmir represents in the region. Join Active Minds as we explore Kashmir and seek to understand its pivotal role in South Asia.

Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store

Chicago: Biography of a City

Join Active Minds for the story of the Windy City. We will begin with the French explorers, missionaries, fur traders and Native Americans that inhabited the region in the early 1800s. We will cover the Great Chicago Fire and how it impacted the development of the city. And as we bring things all the way up to the present, we'll cover the politics, crime, food, culture, and architecture of the "City of Broad Shoulders." It's the next best thing to being there!



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Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 12:30-1:30 pm, Colfax Store

Women Composers in Classical Music

Women in classical music might not have the same representation or achieved the same recognition as their male counterparts, brothers or husbands, but they have made significant contributions throughout music history. Join Active Minds as we explore the lives and music of female composers from the Middle Ages up to the 20th century. We'll listen to works by Hildegard of Bingen, Barbara Strozzi, Fanny Mendelssohn, Clara Schumann, Amy Beach, and more.

Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store

Prohibition

The production, importation, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages was constitutionally outlawed in the U.S. from 1920 to 1933. Join Active Minds as we review the origins and history of prohibition, the rise of bootleggers and organized crime, and the persistence of "dry" counties in the U.S. that still exist to this day.

Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 12:30-1:30 pm, Aspen Grove Store

Climate Change

Scientists are predicting a global average temperature increase of 2.5 to 10 degrees over the next century. Likely impacts include more droughts and heatwaves as well as stronger and more frequent hurricanes. Sea levels are predicted to rise 1-4 feet by 2100, submerging vast areas of land. Join Active Minds as we examine the predictions and the politics given the US withdrawal from the Paris climate accord.

Tuesday, April 28, 2020, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store

Artificial Intelligence

Join us for an overview of the development of Artificial Intelligence, computer systems capable of performing tasks typically done by a human brain, such as optical recognition, complex decision making, voice recognition, learning, language translation, and more. We will review the evolution of this field as well as current and future applications and issues.

Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 12:30-1:30 pm, Colfax Store

Hong Kong

Once a British colony, Hong Kong was returned to China in 1997. Recently, Hong Kong has erupted into violence between the Chinese government and protesters objecting to increased government controls. Join us as we tell the story of Hong Kong, past, present, and future.

Tuesday, May 26, 2020, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store

The Struggle of Syria

Since gaining its independence from the French in 1946, Syria has had a rocky and troubled history. Since 2011, Syria has been fighting a brutal Civil War in which the Assad regime (with support from Russia and Iran) has used brutal tactics to cling to power. On the other side, opposition forces have included ISIS (which originated in Syria) and al Qaeda, making for a complicated situation relative to U.S. interests. Join Active Minds as we seek to understand Syria's complex history and how this informs current and future challenges for this pivotal player in the Middle East.

Store Locations: (All events are free and open to the public.)

LoDo: 1628 16th Street at Wynkoop in downtown Denver, 80202

Colfax: 2526 East Colfax, two blocks east of York, Denver, 80206

Aspen Grove: 7301 S Santa Fe Dr, Littleton, CO 80120.



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