



THE FRAYED AMERICAN SOCIAL SAFETY NET

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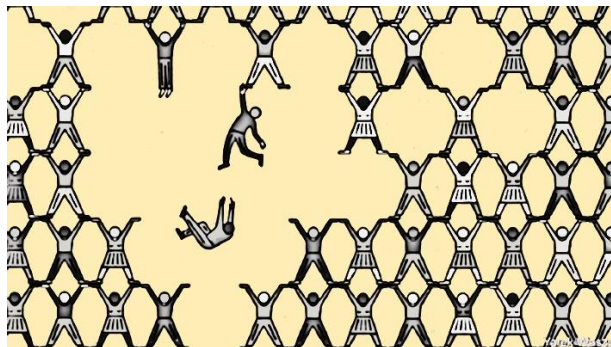
**In person — Four Wednesdays: May 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2022
1:00–3:30 p.m.**

Bethany Congregational Church ▪ 556 N. Hope Avenue, Santa Barbara

Simultaneously accessible via Zoom

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We won't be making history in this course by stating that the American safety net, the group of programs intended to help people when they lose their jobs or otherwise come upon hard times, is full of holes. People who don't need help, by most definitions, get it, and those who need it most sometimes get very little. Why is this? Is this a result of Reaganism? Does the phenomenon predate Ronald Reagan, and if so, what do we trace this back to?



In this course we will look at the programs listed below with a goal to answering several questions:

1. How important is the program in alleviating poverty and keeping people from falling into poverty? What programs keep the most people out of poverty and how do they do that?
2. What is the goal of each program? How does it accomplish the goal? What group is included in the program and what group is omitted and why?
3. To what extent are the funds on the program targeted and on what group? What impact does the targeting have on the politics of each program? (over →)

To enroll in the Zoom section, register as usual and send an email to tanagnoson@gmail.com requesting to be on the Zoom list. If you are already in the course and wish to be in the Zoom section, send Ted the same email.

Preferred registration deadline* : April 27, 2022

*Early enrollment helps us with our planning; also, those who register by the preferred deadline will be given priority in case of over-enrollment.

Enrollment form: The Frayed American Safety Net

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VISTAS members \$50; non-members \$75

- **EITHER pay online** on our website by secure credit card through PayPal:
<https://www.vistaslifelonglearning.org/current-courses>
- **OR mail this form** and your check to: VISTAS Lifelong Learning, Inc.
P.O. Box 23228, Santa Barbara CA 93121

NOTE: This course was originally scheduled for fall 2021 but was postponed. Those who registered at that time and wish to remain in the course need not register again.

Number of persons _____ \$ _____ Check # _____

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

The safety net consists of programs in three categories: (1) Social insurance programs tied to factors such as employment or old age: Social Security Retirement and Survivors Benefits; Disability Insurance; Medicare; Unemployment Insurance; Workers' Comp. (2) Means-tested transfers conditioned on low income or low assets: Medicaid; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); housing assistance; childcare subsidies; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). (3) Means-tested programs tied to employment: Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC); Child Tax Credit (CTC)



TED ANAGNOSON received his PhD in Political Science from the University of Rochester in New York and taught at Cal State LA and UCSB for 40+ years. He is professor emeritus in political science from Cal State LA. In retirement, he edits the California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association quarterly newsletter and teaches periodic courses for VISTAS Lifelong Learning, in addition to currently serving as our organization's co-president.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 POLICY

The health and safety of our attendees, as well as their entire 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 Liz Linde 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!
Dates listed in red below are different from those listed in our printed Winter/Spring 2002 Course Catalog.

Course / Event	Date(s)	Time	Venue
Monday Nonfiction Book Club / Dawn McGrew	4th Monday monthly	1:30 pm	Via Zoom
Santa Barbara & Our Courthouse / David DeSelm	Fri. Jan. 21 and 28	10:00 am	Via Zoom
<i>Carmen</i> and Consequences / Simon Williams	Thurs. Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24	9:30 am	Music Academy of West
Civil Unrest in the 1960s / Robert Benham	Mon. Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar. 7, 14	9:30am	Bethany Congreg. Church
God Save This Honorable Court / David Bisno	SOLD OUT — ENROLLMENT CLOSED		
Financial Mkts, Regs, Crises, Frauds / Peter Naylor	Tues. Feb. 22, March 1	9:30 am	Montecito Covenant Ch.
Van Gogh: Beyond the Myth / Lori Windsor Mohr	Fri. Feb. 25, March 4	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Shakespearean Comedies / Mark Rose	Tues. March 8, 15, 22, 29	9:30 am	Montecito Covenant Ch.
Short Story Discussion Group II / Denny Klos	SOLD OUT — ENROLLMENT CLOSED		
Constantine the Great / Daniel DeSelm	SOLD OUT — ENROLLMENT CLOSED		
Demonic Violinists and Duels / Derek Katz	Wed. April 6, 13, 20	9:30 am	Music Academy of West
Discovery of Nuclear Fission / David Bisno	Tues. April 12	9:30 am	Music Academy of West
Heroes & Rogues (4th Series) / Gerry Corrigan	Mon. April 18, 25, May 2	9:30 am	Montecito Covenant Ch.
Cole Porter / Bob Weinman	Tues. April 19 and 26	9:30 am	Via Zoom
Origins, Adventures in Amer. Ag. / Daniel Stone	Tues. May 3 and 10	9:30 am	Montecito Covenant Ch.
Frayed Amer. Social Safety Net / Ted Anagnoson	Wed. May 4, 11, 18, 25	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
Mother–Daughter Relationship / Denny Klos	Mon. May 9 and 16	9:30 am	Montecito Covenant Ch.