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A Learn at Lunch Presentation

Wendy Cronin

WC-ALL instructor

“A Journey to the US/Mexican Border”

In the summer of 2019, Wendy found herself in a discussion about the separation of families at the US/Mexican border. She knew little about what it was like at the border; unaccompanied children are monitored through state health departments, but unless they had tuberculosis they were outside her direct work experience. Wendy was invited to Arizona to see the work being done, and she spent 10 days in December 2019 at or near Nogales, Arizona. She was able to observe what one group was doing, including food provision, primary healthcare, schooling on the Mexican side and water drops and desert searches for lost migrants on the US side. In addition, she was able to observe a court hearing in Tucson for captured migrants illegally crossing the border. This presentation will NOT be political or policy-oriented; instead, it will be a description of Wendy’s experiences at the border.

Wendy Cronin is a retired epidemiologist who worked at the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) for 26 years. Her main work was in tuberculosis control. She was principal investigator for the Maryland collaborative site (MDH with the Johns Hopkins University TB Research Center) of a national TB Research Consortium funded by the CDC. Wendy also spent nearly 15 years working in least developed countries, most recently consulting with WHO and Hopkins in TB prevention among two highly vulnerable populations—Cambodians and Tibetan refugees living in India.

Wendy has taught several courses for WC-ALL, mostly focused on epidemiology and the recent COVID-19 pandemic. Her upcoming spring course traces the history of porcelain, which is fraught with jealousy, slavery, alchemy, and imprisonment. She has been working intermittently with this medium since the 1970s.

Thursday, November 18, 2021 (Reservation deadline is Thursday, November 11; no refunds after this date)

CHESTER RIVER YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB, 7738 Quaker Neck Road, Chestertown MD (Please note off-campus location!)

Buffet lunch: 12 noon - program runs approximately 2 hours. WC-ALL MEMBERS \$20 Non-members \$25

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