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New Mone : What is Cr ptocurrenc ?

Liam Digregorio

Wednesday, July 28 at 10 a.m.

Have you been wondering about cryptocurrency? Just what is it and how many different cryptocurrency types are there? How are cryptocurrencies managed through blockchains? What is a blockchain for that matter? If you are trying to wrap your mind around cryptocurrency and its effects on the stock market, the impact on the environment, and whether older adults should consider investing in cryptocurrencies, this lecture is for you.

Liam Digregorio is immersed in the world of blockchain strategy and engineering. Currently working for PayPal, he is also a co-founder and advisor for the Berkeley Blockchain Xcelerator. He educates industry professionals and laypeople on blockchain and cryptocurrency fundamentals through Blockchain at Berkeley.

Tomorrow's Future: An Anthropological View

Samuel Collins

Wednesday, August 4 at 10 a.m.

It is difficult to think about the future without falling back on dystopia—after all, these past few months have been nothing if not that. But one thing anthropology teaches us about the future: it will be different from what we think and will surprise us in ways that question assumptions we are making right now about development, time, and inevitability. In this lecture, Dr. Samuel Collins introduces an anthropology for the future, one that may help us break from our present path dependencies and help prepare us for the surprising future.

Samuel Gerald Collins is professor of anthropology at Towson University. His research includes urban studies, social media, design anthropology, information technologies and the future in South Korea and the United States. Among other books and articles, he is the author of "All Tomorrow's Cultures" (Berghahn, 2021) and co-author (with Matthew Durning) of "Networked Anthropology" (Routledge, 2015).

The Boardwalk and the Beach A History of Ocean City , Maryland

Hunter "Bunk" Mann and Christine Okerblom

Thursday, August 12 at 5:15 p.m.

Take a walk down memory lane while also taking a tour of the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum and hearing from longtime "beach boy" and Ocean City historian, Hunter "Bunk" Mann. Christine Okerblom, curator of the Ocean City Live-Saving Station Museum, will show us around the museum and Bunk will give us background about the vanishing Ocean City of long ago. From storms and fires to fun and frolicking, learn about the beloved beach town that has welcomed many locals and tourists for ages.

Bunk Mann has written two books on the history of Ocean City, MD, "Vanishing Ocean City" and "Ghosts in the Surf." Currently semi-retired, he founded Mann & Gray Insurance Associates. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum. Christine Okerblom is the curator of the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum.

