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## 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays

**OCTOBER 5** ▪ Catherine Sanderson

### The Science of Happiness

Amherst College professor Catherine Sanderson describes cutting-edge research from the field of positive psychology on the factors that do (and do not) predict happiness, and shares practical ways to increase one's own psychological well-being. [A UVM Humanities Center Lecture on Happiness.](#)  
*Underwriter: University of Vermont Humanities Center*

**NOVEMBER 2** ▪ David Brancaccio

### What This Country Needs is a Secretary of the Future

David Brancaccio, host of NPR's *Marketplace Morning Report*, considers one way our democracy might get beyond the short-term focus of politics and address long-term challenges such as sustainability, infrastructure, and healthcare. It's an approach suggested to him by a beloved author. **Location: Centre Congregational Church.**  
*Underwriter: Vermont Public Radio*

**DECEMBER 7** ▪ Huck Gutman

### William Carlos Williams:

### America's Most Revolutionary Twentieth Century Poet

UVM professor Huck Gutman considers how William Carlos Williams changed American and world poetry forever by creating a new poetic language and new poetic forms. [A Pulitzer Prizes Centennial program.](#)  
*Underwriter: Chroma Technology*

**JANUARY 4** ▪ Peter Travis

### Chaucer's Canterbury Tales: Still Funny After All These Years

Dartmouth professor Peter Travis discusses the genius and enduring humanity of Geoffrey Chaucer, the 14th-century "Father of English Poetry."

**FEBRUARY 1** ▪ Marlene Heck

### Building Monticello

Jefferson never knew the Monticello of today—in perfect condition, impeccably furnished. Dartmouth College senior lecturer Marlene Heck explains the lifelong project Jefferson called his "essay in architecture."  
*Underwriter: Carole and Geof Gaddis*

**MARCH 1** ▪ Suzanne Brown

### Jane Austen in Her Time

Jane Austen lived in exciting times, and yet until recently was considered "untouched by the political, intellectual, and artistic revolutions of her age." Drawing on Austen's novels, Dartmouth visiting assistant professor Suzanne Brown shows how Austen was in fact a keen observer of her era's values who both shared and critiqued them. *Underwriter: Merchants Bank*

**APRIL 5** ▪ Erin Sassin

### Reinventing the Family Home

Middlebury College professor Erin Sassin examines how American reformers and homeowners have, in pursuit of "the simple life," attempted to reinvent the form and idea of the single-family home, from farmhouses and communal experiments to the current tiny house phenomenon.  
*Underwriter: Crosby-Gannett Fund of the Vermont Community Foundation*

**MAY 3** ▪ Colin Calloway

### The Indian World of George Washington

Dartmouth College professor Colin Calloway discusses the first president's relations with Indian peoples and considers how Native American nations and lands shaped the man who shaped the republic.