

# **MiniCollege Program**

Please refer to final program on arrival. Sessions and locations subject to change. Advanced sign-up not required, availability is first-come, first-served.

## **Session I:**

**Saturday, October 20, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

### **High Anxiety: The Culture, The Campus & Important Nonsense**

**Bolton Hall, Room 280**

**Bob Boyers, Editor, SALMAGUNDI Magazine; Professor of English**

Every culture has its buzzwords and cliches, its newly minted ideas thaenvironment. This Minicollege class will examin special emphasis on one of the most nonsensical of these “ideas,” which g



### **The Political Landscape of 2018 Elections**

**Palamountain Hall, Emerson Auditorium**

**Chris Mann, Assistant Professor, Political Science**

Forecasting an election more than twelve months in advance is foolhardy, but identifying the factors most likely to influence the 2018 general elections is possible. This MiniCollege session will look at the features of the environment likely to influence upcoming 2018 general elections for Congress and in many state governments. Beyond the day-to-day coverage of politics by the news media and the quirks of individual candidates, a range of long-term patterns in turnout, public opinion, economic cycle, and demographic change will influence the outcome of elections for US Senate, Congress, Governor, and state legislatures.

*Also offered at 9:30 a.m.*

### **Introduction to Indian Classical Music & Sitar Tabla Performance**

**Zankel Music Center, Room 214**

**Veena Chandra, Private Music Instructor, Music**

Professor Chandra will offer an introduction to Northern Indian Classical Music instruments with special reference to the Sitar and Rag-Tal system. Participants will learn some composition as well as Tal-Rhythms and the essentials of Rag –Terminology: vadi, samvadi, jati, Thaata, Aroh, avroh, pakad- with alap, bandish and taans.

### **The Pretender of Pitcairn Island: Joshua W. Hill, the Man Who Would Be King Among the Bounty Mutineers**

**Bolton Hall, Room 280**

**Tillman Nechtman, Professor of History**

Pitcairn, a tiny Pacific island that was refuge to the mutineers of HMAV Bounty and home to their descendants, later became the stage on which one imposter played out his influential vision for British control over the nineteenth-century Pacific Ocean. Joshua W. Hill arrived on Pitcairn in 1832 and began his fraudulent half-decade rule that has until now been swept aside as an idiosyncratic moment in the larger saga of Fletcher

