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# Texas Outlaw Frontier & Counter Terrorism 2018

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Dynamic Learning enjoyed an active week. Perhaps we could describe it as our first trifecta with three DLI classes, presented in three different locations that enjoyed three capacity audiences. We appreciated the broad community interest as participants learned to understand their personality styles at Dietert, traveled to a culinary adventure classroom in Fredericksburg and explored astronomical bodies at Schreiner University.

This week we uniquely discuss two classes focused on outlaws and justice which both share a common thread. The Texas Outlaw Frontier after the Civil War was eventually tamed with the application of powerful law enforcement resources and advancing technology. Now one hundred fifty years later we see a similar application of modern day law enforcement and technology at work as counter terrorism policies are applied to resolve our nation's current seventeen year war on terrorism.

## The Texas Hill Country Outlaw Frontier:

"Isolated by geology and passed over by development, the vast, waterless tablelands of the Texas Hill Country became the stage for one of the great nineteenth-century dramas of western justice." Kimble County rancher and interpreter of history Peter Rose Ph.D describes the backdrop for history of the Texas outlaw frontier which happens to be this special place we now call home.

Dr. Rose, a geologist who thinks like a historian, leads the Dynamic Learning Class "The Texas Outlaw Frontier" Tuesday

February 27th 6-7:30pm at the Dietert Center. Participants will learn why it took the involvement of the Frontier Battalion, Texas Rangers and new technology to end the outlaw domination of our area. As Rose says, "The establishment of Civic Order must precede the establishment of Law. Tribalism is the Mortal Enemy of the progressive, representative State."

Now retired, Rose carries out historical research on the frontier history of our region. He says, "Everything is interconnected -- to grasp the holistic picture, start with what you know and let your natural curiosity follow the different strands." He will discuss controlled wilderness areas and routes for Indian raiders incoming from the Great Plains and Northern Mexico, review the Dodge City Cattle Trail through our area, how geology shaped its pathway and how the Trail in turn shaped the frontier development of Kerr and Kimble Counties.



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His class will look into the Dowdy Family massacre at Mountain Home, in 1878, and share an interesting perspective on what is commonly believed to have been a hostile Indian attack on Kerr County settlers.

Dr. Rose will help us gain an appreciation for how the geology of the Edwards Plateau influenced frontier history. How the absence of reliable water and distribution of water controlled early settlement locations. How settlement was influenced by arable land for kitchen gardens and subsistence farming.

Ultimately, Rose will bring vivid insights to the Texas frontier to help you recognize the power of entrenched, family-based (tribal) communities to flourish in the absence of Law. Plus the difficulty these interests presented to establishing Civil Order in area communities. Rose will reveal how "criminal activity depends upon the existence of clandestine markets and how the Dodge City

cattle trail was a traveling market of criminal opportunity.”

Why participate? As Dr. Rose, whose family has generations of Hill Country connections, says “scenes of Hill Country frontier drama are all around us and the frontier mindset still survives.” If you would enjoy understanding the history and mindset of the Hill Country you should register for “Texas Outlaw Frontier.” DLI board members Kristen & Dowell Mudry will serve as hosts for the class. Cost to attend the class is \$20 per person. To register, call [792-4044](tel:792-4044), Mondays through Fridays, or register anytime online at [www.clubed.net](http://www.clubed.net).

### **Counter-Terrorism 2018**

“Counter-Terrorism 2018” provides analysis of the major paradigm shifts occurring in the global terrorism landscape seventeen years after the al-Qaeda attacks of 9/11. After many long, harsh “War on Terror” years, the global terror matrix has evolved in scope, training, communication, recruitment, propaganda and financing methods; yet the world we live in today is more dangerous than ever!

James Conway leads the Dynamic Learning Class “Counter Terrorism 2018 ” Thursday March 1st, 6-7:30pm at the Dietert Center. This intriguing course will explore concepts for addressing terrorism threats in the years ahead from the experiences of a globally recognized counterterrorism expert who managed counterterrorism operations and investigations both domestically and internationally.

Instructor Conway is a globally recognized security and counterterrorism expert who has served our nation with distinction for thirty-five years, twenty-five as a Special Agent of the FBI.

You may know Jim from his terrorism and national security media analysis on ABC News, Fox Business News, Fox Radio, MSNBC, NEWSMAX TV and One America Network as well as numerous European media outlets. Counterterrorism matters

have been the focus of his work over the past 20 years.

As an FBI Special Agent, Conway’s managed counterterrorism and counter-intelligence operations and investigations both domestically in the United States as well as internationally in liaison with police, intelligence and judicial counterparts throughout Europe, the Middle-East and Latin-America.

Today, Jim continues working with our partner nations in all four corners of the globe, teaching, training and consulting with their intelligence and counterterrorism security forces, identifying their national security and terrorism issues and needs while developing and implementing counterterrorism, investigative and prosecutorial strategies. Having been to approximately 60 countries throughout the Middle-East, Asia, Africa and Latin-America he just recently returned from a training assignment in Southeast Asia.

DLI board members Bob and Tina Carey will serve as hosts for the class. Cost to attend the class is \$20 per person. To register, call [792-4044](tel:792-4044), Mondays through Fridays, or register anytime online at [www.clubed.net](http://www.clubed.net).

### **Dynamic Learning Institute**

DLI is a Kerrville community partnership between the Dietert Center’s Club Ed, Schreiner University, SERV Kerrville and the Dynamic Learning Institute Board of Directors. Dynamic Learning aims to provide the Kerrville area with fun, interactive and stimulating learning experiences.

The DLI Board hopes community residents will join us in discovering the joy of learning from dynamic instructors with a lifetime of subject experiences to share. There are no tests, no grades and no papers — just the opportunity to explore interesting topics and develop new interests.

### **About Anderson**

DLI Chairman Jeff Anderson is servant pastor of SERV Kerrville, a nonprofit collaborating with community partners to empower lifelong learning.