

## USI Speakers Bureau

**Michael K. Aakhus**

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**The Ancient Art of Mexico: an examination of Olmec, Aztec and Maya civilizations as well as lesser known groups**

The talk uses slides that I have taken on the many ancient sites in Mexico and Central America.

**Printmaking for the Artist and the Collector**

Examples of historic and modern prints will be shown and examined for techniques used in their making.

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**Susan Ahmad**

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**Backpack Safety**

Discusses the awareness of backpack use among children and safety measures to assist a parent in preventing back and neck injuries caused by backpacks.

**Driving and Community-Dwelling Elderly Adults**

As a result of the aging of the baby boomer generation, more older adults will be driving. Lecture discusses physical, societal, and cognitive problems present in the older population as well as some methods that a family can use in deciding when to talk to an elder about driving cessation.

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**Juzar Ahmed**

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### **How Computer Networks Work**

Understanding various network standards and protocols and how they interrelate and work.

### **Using the World Wide Web**

Understanding how the Internet works and how it can be used in everyday life.

### **Publishing on the World Wide Web**

How you can publish on the Internet and make your presence felt in cyber-world.

### **ADA and World Wide Web**

Publishing on the World Wide Web in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### **People of India**

History and various cultures of India

### **Indian Cuisine**

A basic introduction to the foods of India

### **Understanding Islam**

Principles and teachings of Islam

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### **Marvin Albin**

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### **Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft and Other Internet**

What are some of the ways you can protect yourself from identity theft? How do you become aware that your identity may be stolen. What should you do if your identity is stolen. What are some of the other risks from using the Internet?

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### **Niharika Banerjea**

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### **Globalization and Social Transformation**

Examines the effects of economic globalization on communities worldwide.

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### **Animal Behavior - Why Animals Do What They Do**

Several examples will be used to show how animal behavior is studied, and discussion will examine how these studies reveal why animals behave the way they do.

### **Evolution, Creation and the Nature of Science**

A brief review of the history of these perspectives, arguing that while each has its own domain of explanatory power, only evolution is acceptable as a scientific explanation.

### **Why Nothing in Biology Makes Sense Except in the Light of Evolution**

Considering the roles played by facts and theories in science, the speaker will explain why evolutionary theory provides the only consistent framework that allows us to explain why life on earth is the way that it is.

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**Jeanne Barnett**

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### **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

This talk will present information about infections of concern. The diseases presented are considered emerging infections - ones that have not been commonly seen.

### **The Life of a Virus**

This talk will present basic information about viruses and how they replicate. Included will be information about the current concerns on the avian influenza.

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### **Communication/Listening Skills**

Speaker facilitates interactive sessions with audience on developing listening skills and one-on-one communication skills

### **Oral Interpretation**

Discussion on the art of oral interpretation in general and how it can be used in reading literature, poetry, and sacred scripture.

### **Religion**

Speaker traces the history and spread of Christianity from the birth of Christ to present day, and the relationship of Church and State throughout the centuries.

### **Stewardship**

Speaker examines concept of total stewardship of life - how to be a good steward of the earth and its resources; relationships; personal talents; health; time; money.

## **Tithing**

Speaker examines history of the role of money and world religions, especially Christianity.

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### **Hilary Braysmith**

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### **Ancient Art**

**Early Christian and Medieval Art**

**German Art**

**Modern and Contemporary Art**

**Mural Art**

**Public Art**

**Renaissance Art**

**Sports Art**

**Women and Minority Artists**

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### **Linda Cleek**

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### **Lifelong Learning at USI**

An overview of learning opportunities, credit and noncredit, for all ages and interests.

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### **Gael Cooper**

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### **Planning for a Crisis: Public Relations and Crisis Communication**

Organizations often fail to anticipate what they can and should do in a crisis. People need to know what to do before a crisis occurs, not wait until things are in motion.

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**Nadine Coudret**

**Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs**

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### **Lifestyle Choices of Nursing and Health Professions Students**

Reports on a research study involving 500 area nursing and health professions students in relationship to alcohol, drugs, exercise, and nutrition practices.

### **Health Enhancements via the Internet**

Presentation provides overview of how the Internet can help make informed decisions about an individual's health care. Selected Health Related Internet sites are discussed.

### **The Impact of Technology on Health Care Education**

Provides an overview of how the Internet and PDA's are changing the basic and continuing education of health professionals.

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### **The Impact of Divorce on the Individual**

This presentation will cover the overall impact of divorce on individuals.

### **Fatherhood Issues**

This presentation looks at the issues surrounding parenting as a single father.

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**Cindy DeLoney-Marino**

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**Conversations Between Bacterium and Squid: Studying the Symbiotic Relationship Between the Hawaiian Bobtail Squid and *Vibrio fischeri***

This is a talk outlining my research on the bioluminescent bacterium *V. fischeri* and the role chemotaxis plays in the symbiosis.

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**An Excursion Through the Western Himalaya of Pakistan**

A slide show featuring the landscape, culture, and geology of mountainous northern Pakistan. Included are visits to remote mountain villages, tribal areas along the Afghanistan border, and some of the highest mountains on Earth.

**The Mountains of Colorado**

A slide show featuring the landscape, geography, and geology of Colorado.

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### **A Geologist's View of the Rocky Mountains**

A look at the landscapes of the Rocky Mountain West and the Earth history that they describe.

### **Encountering Yellowstone National Park**

A look at the natural and cultural features of the world's first national park. Featured are the unique natural resources and the challenges of managing public visitation.

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### **B. Renée Dugger**

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### **Therapeutic Humor**

Various presentations using humor in a therapeutic manner (professional and lay audiences). Speaker has presented to women's groups, support groups, professional groups, varying the type of content based on the need of the group. The central theme is use of humor in a healthful or therapeutic manner.

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### **Abbas Foroughi**

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### **Streamlining Supply Chain Management with e-Business**

**eProcurement: Extending eSupply Chain Benefits to MRO**

**e-Business Major Curriculum Development: Filling Local Industry's Technology Gap**

**Digital Rights Management**

**Impact of eBusiness on Brick and Mortar Companies**

**Mobile Business and it's Impact on Everyday Business Activities**

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### **Vella Goebel**

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**Teacher in-service workshops on plagiarism and differentiates instruction**

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**Scott Gordon**

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### **A View of the Fungal World**

This presentation looks at the amazing variety of fungi and discusses the importance and role of some of the more commonly found fungi in our area.

### **Current Trends in the Use of Modern Technology in the Classroom**

This presentation will focus on the multitude of modern instructional tools available to educators. Currently, educators have an abundant array of options. This presentation will look at various tools that can be used in traditional classrooms to the latest developments in distance learning.

### **Traditional, Web-Enhanced and Web-Based Courses: A Pedagogical Comparison**

This presentation looks at the qualitative and quantitative data generated from utilizing various pedagogical approaches. A comparison of classes taught by traditional methods vs. traditional methods supplemented by Web-based tools vs. completely Internet-based courses.

### **Use of Web Course Management Tools to Complement the Traditional Teaching/Learning Experience**

This presentation will look at the ever-growing number of Web Course Management tools and how they can be used in the traditional classroom to enhance teaching, learning, and interaction.

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**Matthew Graham**

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Poetry readings

Conduct writing workshops

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**Jason Hardgrave**

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**Equal Justice: Female Criminals in Fourteenth-Century Venice**

Overview of the legal systems of late medieval Venice, with specific reference to women as victims, perpetrators, and witnesses.

**When Justice Lost Her Innocence**

Analysis of the images of justice used in the Doge's Palace of Venice Italy.

**The Hospitaller Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, Diverse by Necessity and Survival by Design**

A comparative look at the corporate structure of the Knights Templar and the Knights Hospitaller, determining why one survived and the other did not.

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**Betty L. Hart**

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**Color, Caste, and Class**

A paper dealing with "colorism," or color bias as it is portrayed by African American writers of the Harlem Renaissance.

**Dust Tracks: Scripting the life of Zora Neale Hurston**

Scripting the life of Zora Neale Hurston: about writing an autobiographical screenplay about a famous African American Writer.

**The Marshall County Brawl**

A humorous look at the world of community youth baseball

## **Update of the Digital Divide**

Revisiting information concerning equity of access and use of technology by people of color.

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## **Menopause**

Treatment modalities, related health education, how to see this as a normal body change in a woman's life, etc. Presented to women's groups in particular.

## **Sexually Transmitted Disease**

Discuss the types, occurrence, associated problems, and effect on the individual and society in general. Presented in schools or to adult groups.

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**Susanna Hoeness-Krupshaw**

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## **Women in Literature**

A survey of famous women authors from antiquity to the modern era, including Sappho, Aphra Behn, and Virginia Woolf.

**Canadian Literature:** This is an overview of themes and ideas in recent Canadian fiction. The talk includes references to Margaret Laurence, Robertson Davis, and Margaret Atwood.

**Doctorow's Families:** This talk examines the work of American author E.L. Doctorow. Special emphasis is on the family theme in his novels.

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**Emily Holt**

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### **Periodontal Disease Awareness for Heart Patients**

This presentation is geared towards heart patients who have previously or are currently undergoing treatment for heart disease. It increases awareness of the link found between periodontal disease and the increased risk for heart disease.

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### **Alaska and the Frozen North**

One fifth (20 percent) of the world's land surface is underlain by permanently frozen ground. The talk discusses permafrost, its impact on life in the North, and also the resources of the Arctic and Sub-Arctic (oil, gas, and gold).

### **History of the Use of Metals**

How did they make bronze in the Bronze Age and iron in the Iron Age? Where do metals come from? How did they make tools in the past? And yes, there **is** a philosopher's stone that can change base metals into gold.

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**Jan Kahle**

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## **General History of New Harmony**

**New Harmony and Elderhostel**

**Preservation in New Harmony**

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## **Maintaining an Ethical Workplace**

Kovanic, author of *Lies & Truths, Leadership Ethics in the 21st Century*, will present on how organizations can best integrate ethics in business practices and policies.

## **Lean Manufacturing: How to get Started**

Kovanic has over twenty years of business experience working with teams and establishing lean manufacturing initiatives. This presentation will help those manufacturing organizations considering transforming their organization through lean manufacturing.

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**Judi Kuric**

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## **Developing a Worksite Health Promotion Program**

**Improving the Health of Your Employees**

**Managing Spasticity in a Chronic Patient Population**

**Managing Spinal Cord Injuries**

**Nurse Practitioners: Effectively Integrating Them Into Practice**

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### **In Pursuit of the Sperm Whale: A Research Cruise Aboard the RV Odyssey**

Maria acted as chief scientist aboard a 97 foot sailboat that is currently sailing around the world. While on her journey from Galapagos Islands to the Marquesas Islands, she collected data and biopsy samples from sperm whales. The presentation includes photos and natural history of the Galapagos and Marquesas, what it was like traveling the ship during the oceanic voyage, and the life of an oceanographer.

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**Rob Millard-Mendez**

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**History of puppetry**

**Importance of Contemporary Art**

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**John Morris, M.S.**

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**Business of Broadcast Sports**

Covers the area of broadcast rights fees for today's sport. This includes the impact the broadcast have had on those sports.

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### **USI Bluebird Trail**

Slides and information about the trail of bluebird houses located on the USI campus. Presentation educates and informs individuals about Eastern Bluebirds, their nesting habits, and the University's 40 box trail.

### **USI Natural Beauty**

A slide tour of the natural environment of geology, plants, birds, and other small animals that can be seen on the USI campus and surrounding area.

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### **Ronda Priest**

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### **Getting More From Your Survey**

Explains the dos and don'ts of conducting survey research and common mistakes. Extensive use of examples.

### **Things We Don't Think About - The Sociology of Everyday**

Examines the rules we follow each day that we are mostly unaware of. Geared toward younger (e.g. high school) audiences.

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### **J. Wayne Rinks**

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### **Obscenity and Indecency on the airwaves**

A history of broadcast content regulation and the current controversy over indecent programming.

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### **Service Quality**

There are five major elements used by customers to evaluate the quality of the service. The five elements, listed in the most common order of importance are: reliability (ability to perform the promised service dependably and accurately), responsiveness (willingness to help customers and provide dependably and accurately), assurance (employees' knowledge and courtesy inspire trust), empathy (caring, individualized attention), and tangibles (appearance of physical facilities).

### **What is Value?**

Customer perceived value is the difference between what the customer thinks they received and what the customer thinks they gave up. There are four main categories of benefits and four categories of costs.

### **Who are customers and where are more of 'em?**

Merely looking for more customers who look just like the customers already served usually isn't productive for firms/products that have been around for a period of time. Additional customers that come usually don't look or behave like existing customers for firms that want to grow aggressively.

### **SPIN Selling**

SPIN selling is a structured questioning technique designed to uncover the customer's needs. The questioning technique uncovers the benefits most sought by the buy and allows sales reps to effectively sell to the customer's individual motivation for buying.

Any area of marketing strategy or marketing research can be adapted as needed.

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**Lori Saxby**

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### **SQ3R: A Formula for Textbook Reading Success**

Reading a textbook the same way you read a newspaper or novel just doesn't work. SQ3R is an effective, easy-to-use method for comprehending and retaining textbook information. It works because it makes you think about what you're reading.

### **Taking Notes the Cornell Way**

The Cornell note taking method is an effective system for organizing notes into a valuable study guide. It promotes active learning and critical thinking for increased comprehension of class material.

### **The Three R's of Learning: Reduce, Rehearse, Review**

To move information into long-term memory, students need to reduce the information, rehearse it through self-recitation, and review it through distributed study time.

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### **"And Just Where Do You Come From-A Nuclear Astrophysics Point of View"**

- A talk on the formation of the elements in stars

### **"A Brief History of Science, or, Whose Turn is it to be in the Middle?"**

- A review of the debate over the heavens and whether the earth was at the center of the Universe.

### **Radiation Safety and Awareness**

- Training for radiation workers or just exposure to radiation principles.

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### **Hate Groups on the Internet**

Discusses use of Internet by white racist groups to raise funds, disseminate information, and attract recruits.

### **White Power Organization, Moving to the Music**

Discusses use of music to gain new and younger recruits to the racist movement. Explores infiltration of racists into new and different musical subcultures. Looks at benefits of music over other forms of communication in order to achieve movement goals.

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### **Health and Environmental Pollution in the Tri-state**

This presentation looks at types and sources of pollution in the tri-state and reflects on their influence on health. Cancer rates and breathing issues like asthma specifically are discussed.

### **Religion and the Environment**

Discussion of our role to care for our bodies and the environment with some biblical references.

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**Michael Slavkin**

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### **Accountability in the Schools: Public Law 221**

In the past decades, public schools have come under fire as they are being held accountable to "leave no child behind." This presentation provides community leaders, schools, and teachers (those at the forefront of this debate) with practical ways that they can meet accountability requirements while still remaining true to the needs of students.

### **Effective Classroom Management: Preventing Violence in Schools**

How can teachers and educators reduce the likelihood of violence and student disenfranchisement in their schools? This presentation works to assist teachers, administrators, and students in creating a community of learners, rather than focusing on punitive responses to poor student behavior.

### **The Implications of Juvenile Fire-setting**

A review of the impact of juvenile fire-setting on communities. Discusses types of juvenile fire-setters, factors related to this maladaptive behavior, and implications of environmental issues at home and at school.

### **Service Learning**

How can schools align curriculum with community connectedness and service?

This presentation provides hands-on practice at aligning the state curricular standards with the needs of local community agencies.

### **Standards-Based Practice**

In the past decades, public schools have come under fire as they are being held accountable to "leave no child behind." This presentation provides principals and teachers (those at the forefront of this debate) with practical ways that they can meet accountability requirements while still remaining true to the educational needs of students. Standards alignment with currently-used lesson plans will be discussed.

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### **Aquatic Biodiversity in Indiana**

A lecture highlighting the biodiversity of stream and large river ecosystems within the state.

### **Aquatic Ecology of the Ohio River**

A lecture discussing the Ohio River, its important habitats and ecological services and the general state of the health of the river.

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**Chad Tew**

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### **The Urgent Need for Media Literacy in Our Schools**

TV occupies a large part of our children's leisure time. From TV, they learn about our culture and how to participate in it. What are they learning? What's the best way to prepare them to be critical viewers?

### **The Urgent Need for New Media Literacy in Our Schools**

The internet and video game are two important technologies that children are exposed to in their leisure time. These technologies are different from books and TV and require additional literacy skills. What's the best way to prepare them to be critical users of new media?

### **Digital Storytelling**

People are always telling stories. More recently people have discovered digital methods for telling stories. What are these methods? How will it change the stories we pass on?

### **Identity Theft: A Reality Check**

What you can do to protect yourself against electronic identity theft on the internet.

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### **Using Animal Assisted Therapy in your Practice**

Presentation discusses the uses of animals in various helping professions.

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### **Creating a Personal Mission Statement for High School Freshmen**

A 45 minute program that helps high school freshmen envision their graduation day, and make plans and commitments to be the person they want to be on that day. I use Stephen Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" and son Sean Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens."

### **James Whitcomb Riley's Childhood and Poems**

I present a 40 minute program about Riley's childhood, his career, and his poetry.

### **Should I Return to College?**

A 30 minute program that describes the benefits and drawbacks of returning to college to earn that elusive bachelor's degree. A discussion of the new and different ways of completing coursework, new and improved teaching and learning tools, and how successful adult students balance time commitments to survive and thrive in college.

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**Barbara Williams, OTD, OTR**

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### **Housing Accessibility in New Home Construction**

Making homes accessible for our growing adult population ensures optimal independence.

### **Health and Wellness in the Older Adult Population**

Maintaining or recovering health and wellness in older adults to ensure prolonged independent living.

### **Spirituality and Wellness**

The influence of spirituality on overall wellness. Spirituality as a source of motivation, strength, and a coping mechanism.