New lecture series on Jefferson offered this fall

A new lecture series designed to give attendees a deeper look into the life and legacy of Thomas Jefferson will be conducted at Monticello this September and October.

“Jefferson in Depth” will offer talks by Thomas Jefferson Foundation staff experts on topics such as Jefferson’s written legacy, his public image, his interest in wine, family life at Monticello, and medical practices in the enslaved community. The course will conclude with an after-hours event at Monticello featuring special tours of the house, including the Dome Room and other spaces not open to the public, and a reception.

This new offering can be seen as a follow-up to “Jefferson and Monticello,” the lecture series that has been offered at the University of Virginia each spring for more than 20 years, said Mary Scott-Fleming, the course’s organizer.

“Our aim is to give those who are already acquainted with Jefferson the opportunity to delve more deeply into his life and varied interests,” said Scott-Fleming, who is coordinator of special programs at Monticello’s Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies.

“Jefferson in Depth” sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from Sept. 7 through Oct. 26. The cost is $125 per person; advance registration is required.

Detailed information about this course can be obtained by calling (434) 984-7504 or sending e-mail to mscottfleming@monticello.org.