

Be Critical. Don't agree unthinkingly with the readings or each other. Reasonable people disagree, so be reasonable.

Be Humble. The writers we read did not know everything and neither do you. Be willing to listen to the writers and each other, and be willing to say, "I don't know."

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OPTIONAL 2/28/24 Texas Economic Forum, Topic TBD, Crum Auditorium, 6pm Reception and 7pm Lecture.

4/4/24: Fad Psychology

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REQUIRED Podcast Episode: