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“1964: The Times They Are A-Changin’”

In early 1964 when Bob Dylan sang “The Times They Are A-Changin,’” neither he nor the country anticipated how prophetic those lyrics would be in politics, the arts, American society, and foreign affairs. From a presidential election to Vietnam, from a Kremlin shakeup to the Beatles, from Freedom Summer to “Fiddler on the Roof,” the year was a pivotal one whose influence stretches into the 21st century.

Based on a MOLLI (Montana Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) course at the University of Montana last fall, this lecture will illuminate, through a multi-media presentation, the people, conflicts, and triumphs of this fascinating year and relate them to 2015.

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With a master’s degree in English from Illinois State University and a master’s degree in American history from Old Dominion University, Koch enjoys a multidisciplinary approach to writing and teaching which weaves in the threads of connections, comparison, context, and complexities.