## ARE SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE HEADED FOR A FISCAL CLIFF? ALL YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK. (181)

Mondays, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., (3 Classes 11/6 thru 11/20) in Room 30

**Tuition \$30** 

Limited to 15

This three-week class will focus on the looming financial problems of the two programs that affect millions of senior citizens, Social Security and Medicare. There is a general consensus among policy experts and government budget analysts that within a decade, both programs will face a severe shortfall of funds. How bad is the problem? Why did it happen? What are some options for avoiding this impending fiscal cliff? And even if some reasonable solutions are available, is it likely that Congress will enact changes such as tax hikes and benefit cuts that are politically unpalatable? These and other questions will be addressed. Information will be presented in a non-technical format and class participation is encouraged.

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