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The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA



Life Is Learning

OLLI AT OU FALL 2023





THE GOAL OF OLLI AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Oklahoma is dedicated to promoting lifelong learning and personal growth of older adults through a variety of noncredit courses. Our courses range from one-time offerings such as “Mornings with the Professor” to longer, more specific courses like “Senior Seminars.”

OLLI at OU serves those individuals age 50+ who are curious about unique subjects and who love to learn. Our goal is to create an innovative learning environment that fosters learning through socialization of members and classroom discussion.

THE BERNARD OSHER FOUNDATION

The Bernard Osher Foundation seeks to improve quality of life through the support of lifelong learning institutes such as the one here at the University of Oklahoma. Founded in 1977 by Bernard Osher, the Bernard Osher Foundation has funded more than 100 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes on college and university campuses all over the United States. Continued support from the Bernard Osher Foundation is contingent upon membership, so membership matters. To learn more about the Bernard Osher Foundation, visit osherfoundation.org.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

OLLI at OU has met the initial 500-member goal established by the Bernard Osher Foundation. We must continue to have a robust membership in order to offer as many quality programs as possible.

OLLI courses are open to anyone age 50+. Membership in OLLI is required to enroll in courses. Our members enjoy the following benefits:

- The satisfaction of supporting OLLI at OU while enjoying engaging courses from some of the university's most interesting faculty
- Being part of a social network that allows members to interact with peers of a similar age and background
- A parking tag used to attend OLLI at OU courses

PARKING DURING OLLI COURSES

A parking hang tag is required to park in any multi-purpose parking lot.

A tag is included with your membership. If you are attending an OLLI course in the OCCE Forum Building, please park in the lot on the southeast side of the building.

THE ERNA JONA MACDONNELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Erna Jona MacDonnell Scholarship Fund has been established to provide OLLI at OU memberships to age 50+ learners so that they may enroll in OLLI at OU courses. The scholarship is need-based and awards are decided by committee. Those interested in applying for the scholarship should contact the OLLI at OU offices at (405) 325-3488 or celliott@ou.edu.

Erna embraced OLLI courses because they could increase the breadth and depth of her knowledge. No matter what someone's life experiences or education might be, OLLI courses allow members to deepen their knowledge of a familiar subject or explore an unfamiliar one.



NORMAN

Classes held on OU's Norman campus occur in the
Thurman J. White Forum building:

1704 Asp Ave.

Norman, OK 73072

Rooms are equipped with audio/visual systems for
class presentations and complimentary coffee and water
are provided for each class.

Parking is available with the OLLI parking pass
included in your membership packet.



ART

Introduction to Figure Drawing | \$50*Kylie Anderson***Fridays | August 25–September 29 | 10 AM–12 PM**

This beginner friendly course covers the basics of human figure drawing through hands-on sketching exercises. During the first hour of class, we will cover rules of human proportions and techniques for close observation that help even non-artists sketch accurately. During the second hour of class, students will practice these techniques by drawing from photographs. We will use a one-to-one scale and a grid guide to simplify the drawing process into doable steps.

Personalized feedback is available during each session to help you tackle your drawing goals. Move at your own pace and spend as much time as you like on each sketch. All lecture material will be available for download throughout the course.

Introduction to Abstract Painting | \$50*Kylie Anderson***Fridays | October 13–November 3 | 10 AM–12 PM**

Are you curious about how to analyze abstract paintings? Would you like to create some yourself? This course will introduce you to art vocabulary through which you can discuss the strange world of non-representational painting and explain why you find certain paintings beautiful and others hideous!

Each week will include an optional painting project. We will begin with simple black and white compositions and work our way to more complex color schemes. Feel free to take part in the first hour of lecture and discussion only, or stay for the second hour of art making and receive personalized feedback on your projects.



FILM

Plato's Movie Hall: The Cinema During the Cold War | \$50 *Evelyn Preuss*

Mondays | November 6–December 4 | 6–8 PM

The course offers a compelling comparative reading of hallmark films from both sides of the Berlin Wall, at once showing remarkable continuities between the cinemas of the supposed Cold War enemies, as well as important differences that will invite further investigations of funding structures, political conditions and the social effects these films had and have.

We will see how Eastern directors positioned themselves vis-à-vis Western cinemas, including Hollywood and Western Europe's auteurist cinema, on major social and historical issues and how they sought to democratize film by revolutionize and turning audiences into co-creators of their films through an aesthetic program that took important impulses from the theater arts and turned them into a richly textured cinema that, in the East, figured as mainstream, while similar developments in the West remained restricted to art house cinema.



A Film Genre Sampler | \$50

Betty Robbins

Tuesdays | September 12–October 17 | 1–4 PM

Movie goers know what to expect with a James Cameron action film or a Stephen King horror film and are entertained when those expectations are satisfied in new ways. Such is the pleasure of genre films. Added pleasure comes from seeing how a particular director gives new style to genre conventions, i.e., those standard elements of plot, character, setting, etc. Quentin Tarantino excited viewers with his sado/comic style of film noir, just as Kathryn Bigelow gave viewers fresh visual pleasure with the near symphonic cinematography in her war film. Each director added new expression to their genre film. This course will examine the conventions of four different genres: the Western, the Road Film, the Romantic Thriller, and the Romantic Comedy.

Discussion will focus on how genre conventions find new expression and style with each director and how one director's distinctive style differs from other directors of the same genre. As an added treat, we will screen one Rom/Com written and directed by a former OU Film & Media Studies student who has won two awards for his film and who will be present to discuss his film with class members.



FILM

Strong and Sassy Women in Westerns | \$50 *Luann Sewell Waters*

Thursdays | October 5–November 9 | 1–3:30 PM

Western movies have primarily been a male dominated genre, but especially after World War II, Hollywood supported many strong female roles. Previously the saloon girls, damsels in distress or left behind to just be “lovely,” women were portrayed as everything from the hard-nosed saloon owner to an outlaw or cattle queen. This course will focus on movies where women take center stage.

Films include: *Westward the Women* (1951), *Forty Guns* (1957), *The Spoilers* (1942), *Johnny Guitar* (1954), *Unsinkable Molly Brown* (1964) and *Heartland* (1979).



HEALTH

Grandparents: Raising, Contributing to and Influencing the Future Generations of Grandchildren | \$50
Sharon Schlicher
Wednesdays | July 12–August 2 | 2–3:30 PM

This class will explore the crucial importance that grandparents play in their grandchildren's lives.

Grandparents have been the key to not only survival of their grandchildren throughout history, but also the vital component of the preservation of information for future generations. Grandparents are essential to preserving oral, cultural and religious history for their family. They are instrumental in saving indigenous languages when teaching them to their grandchildren. Our grandparents taught food preservation, immigration routes, herbal medicine and child rearing to the next generation and all future generations benefited from this knowledge.

As modern day grandparents, we will cover our rights as grandparents in Oklahoma. What happens when we are denied access to our grandchildren? What resources are available if we are faced with the decision of whether to raise one or more grandchildren? Where do we find legal information and support from our court system?

What are the positive and negative effects that we should consider for our health? What are financial considerations we need to explore and take advantage of? Lastly, how does technology help us stay in contact with our grandchildren?

Let's talk about our grand-kids and show off their gorgeous pictures. Come for stories and share knowledge about the trials and tribulations of being grandparents. Let's discuss our joys and heartbreaks of dealing with our kids, our grandkids and the world at large.

**HEALTH****Prosperity in the Fossil-Free Economy | \$50***Mary Carter***Thursdays | September 7–28 | 10–11:30 AM**

We will be exploring the changing attitudes about what needs to be done to address not only our reliance on fossil fuels, but creating a better working environment. Ventures are already in motion investing in marginalized communities to address needed changes in our corporate structure to allow more people to thrive. Finally, a model is emerging demonstrating that investing in our future and not our past can be very profitable for both workers and investors.

This course will focus primarily on two books: *Prosperity in the Fossil-Free Economy*, by Melissa K. Scanlan, Director for Water Policy at the School of Freshwater Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with additional material from *Investing in the Era of Climate Change*, by Bruce Usher Director of the Tamer Center for Social Enterprise at Columbia Business School.

**HISTORY****Modern Middle East | \$50***Dan Snell***Thursdays | July 13–August 10 | 1–2:30 PM**

A survey of the region since 1500, including Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Arabia and the Gulf. Topics: religions, nationalisms, feminisms, imperial interventions, and education.

European Society Snapshots through Soccer | \$50*Virginie Perez-Woods***Thursdays | August 3–24 | 12–2 PM**

Soccer is the most popular sport in Europe. It often serves as the catalyst for social problems, questions, and reflects the complicated history of European nations. By using examples that made headlines, we can discuss the construct of some of European countries.

Amphibious Warfare and the US Navy – Marine Corps Team | \$50*Rod Clark***Tuesdays | October 3–24 | 2–3:30 PM**

A look at the evolution of military power projection from the sea, the modern Navy-Marine Corps expeditionary organization and operational relationship.



HISTORY

Introduction to Chinese Culture | \$50

Paul B. Bell, Jr.

Tuesdays | August 15–September 19 | 9:30–11:30 AM

This course will provide a six-week introduction to Chinese culture and how that culture affects how Chinese think and interact with others. A Chinese person's sense of identity is based on shared cultural beliefs and practices that have developed over 5,000 years, largely free of Western influence. This common cultural heritage confers on Chinese distinctive ways of perceiving themselves, their relationships with others and their relationship with the world around them.

It makes Chinese wholistic thinkers who view everything in terms of relationships in a constantly changing balance between opposites. In this course, we will examine the various components of Chinese culture, including reading, writing and thinking in Chinese characters; a syncretic system of beliefs; the centrality of the family; filial piety and respect for ancestors; personal relationships based on human feelings and a sense of mutual obligation; dialectical thinking; and a Sino-centric world view. We will also look at examples of Chinese art, poetry and literature as reflections of the Chinese outlook on life.



Sport, Spectacle, and Society in Ancient Greece and Rome | \$50
Tanya Szafranski

Wednesdays | August 23–September 27 | 10 AM–12 PM

This seminar uses the topic of athletic competition to explore various aspects of ancient Greek and Roman culture, including social status, gender, and political identity. The first part of the course will focus on Greece, and we will discuss the Greek athletic ideal, as well as its reality, beginning in the Bronze Age of the second millennium BC, and will continue with the founding of the Olympics in the 8th century BC and the significance of those games - as well as other cyclical athletic competitions - to inter-city relationships in Classical Greece.

Later in the course, we will discuss Roman ideas of sport and spectacle, including chariot racing, gladiatorial combat, and other arena-based activities, as well as the inevitable conflict between Greek and Roman ideals after the Roman conquest of Greece. In addition, we will discuss the Greek athletic legacy as it relates to the modern (19th century) revival of international Olympic games.

This course is similar to “Athletics and Society in Ancient Greece,” offered in fall 2020, but expanded to include more specifically Roman topics.



HISTORY

Roaring Twenties, Thrilling Thirties: Paris is a Fête! | \$50

Dane McDowell

Mondays | October 23–November 27 | 10:30 AM–12 PM

Hemingway's, *A Moveable Feast*, celebrates life in the City of Light during a tumultuous and electrifying time. In the 1920s and 1930s, Paris is home to the world's most prominent painters, sculptors, composers, dancers, architects, writers, and movie directors. Stravinsky, Le Corbusier, Picasso, Coco Chanel, Dali, Josephine Baker, Matisse, Fitzgerald, Joyce, Braque, Man Ray, and Jean Renoir all spend hours at the cafes of Montparnasse. Starving for money and recognition, they compete for invitations from art dealers and patrons who hold prestigious salons. This six-week class aims to explore the moment of grace between two world wars, when Paris is at the center of an artistic and intellectual world.

Art and Music of the Middle Ages | \$50

Gene Enrico/Susan Caldwell

Mondays | September 11–October 23 | 1:30–3:30 PM

This course will explore major styles and figures in art and music of the Middle Ages. Weekly topics will include:

1. Charlemagne
2. France in the 12th century
3. Hildegard von Bingen
4. Santiago de Compostela
5. Cantigas de Santa Maria
6. France in the 13th and 14th centuries
7. Tuscany in the 14th century



Brooklyn: The Third Largest City in the United States | \$50
Marvin Beck

Thursdays | October 26–November 16 | 10 AM–12 PM

In the 1890s, the then city of Brooklyn was actually this country's 3rd largest city with a fascinating, often forgotten, and surprising 400-year-old history.

For many, Brooklyn is now the “Heart and Soul” of the five boroughs called New York City. This ever-changing and growing place is where most prefer, and choose to live. When tourists and outsiders think of New York City, they usually are picturing the glitz, glamour and skyscrapers of Manhattan Island – (Just 13.4 miles long and 2.3 miles wide...22.7 square miles), one of the most crowded places in the world! Brooklyn is 97 square miles – more than four times bigger and in so many ways better – Manhattan does have Broadway - Brooklyn has beaches, varied family and night life entertainment, more parks, better shopping, and affordable lifestyle.

It features incredibly social diversity with a cross cultural mix of just about every race, religion, creed, and nationality all living in comfortable proximity to one another - An amazing transportation system - A melting pot of some of the best foods, music, art and backgrounds in the world - The birthplace and home of thousands of proud celebrities. We will explore Brooklyn's colorful past, its present role, and its secrets! If you're sightseeing, Manhattan is OK, but real New Yorkers will tell you where the fun is now: Brooklyn!



LITERATURE

Introduction to Modern Short Story: Late 20th Century Trends | \$50 *Chris Carter*

Fridays | September 1–29 | 2–3:30 PM

This course will study five short narratives from the past half-century. Each of these moves us some steps beyond a Eurocentric worldview. I include one dead white man, not just as foil for what follows, but because he himself was starting to go somewhere else before his untimely death. The next four are women writers from Brazil, Canada, Nigeria, and Italy respectively. The first four are stand-alone short stories, the last is an excerpt from a novel. Our study will proceed for five sessions as follows:

Sept. 1 - Albert Camus, “The Adulterous Wife” (1957)

Sept. 8 - Clarice Lispector, “Amor” (1960)

Sept. 15 - Alice Munro, “Runaway” (2004)

Sept. 22 - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, “The Headstrong Historian” (2009)

Sept. 29 - Elena Ferrante, excerpt from *My Brilliant Friend* (2012)

There is no prerequisite for this course. Although it is the latest in my series on the modern short story and related topics, it is a brand-new course and with different texts. On the first afternoon of this series, packets of the readings will be passed out.



Jane Austen's Greatest Hits, Part II | \$50

Lisa Seale

Thursdays | October 5–November 9 | 1:30–3 PM

Family tradition has it that Jane Austen, at the height of her powers in *Emma* (1816), said that “I am going to take a heroine whom no one but myself will much like,” (quoted in her nephew J. E. Austen-Leigh’s memoir of Jane Austen). We will read and discuss Austen’s *Emma* as part two of Jane Austen’s Greatest Hits (no need to have taken part one), continuing our look at Austen’s craft as a writer, her rich vein of irony, and her historical period, all to be informed by Austen’s letters and various biographies about Austen, both as a family member and as a professional writer.

For good measure, we’ll throw in *Sanditon*, not as a contrast, but as a hint of where Austen’s writing might have gone had she lived beyond the age of 41. We’ll think about the question implied by Austen herself: why read or re-read, let alone care, about a self-deluded, if clever, character? It may be we’ll find that in good part it’s the shimmery surface of the writing -- so perfectly pitched, so piercing in its skewering of fools, so very clear in its details of how *Emma* is nearly overturned by her own real flaws -- that draws us in, but it’s also Jane Austen’s very own, deeply Austen-y thinking about what makes life worth living.

**LITERATURE****Greek Tragedy | \$50***Stephen Wagner***Tuesdays | August 15–September 5 | 1:30–3 PM**

In ancient Athens, Greek tragedy addressed themes central to the city's citizens. Its attraction remains enduring, however, because it continues to address perennial problems of human existence. In this course, we shall read tragedies from Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides in their literary and historical context, placing particular emphasis on the character of the tragic hero, the decisions he or she is forced to make, and the consequences of those actions. We will also examine the broader issues of human nature, mankind's relationship with the gods, the roles of fate and justice, and the resulting human condition.



Shakespeare, *Much Ado About Nothing* | \$50

David Anderson

Wednesdays | July 12–August 2 | 1:30–3 PM

Much Ado About Nothing is one of Shakespeare's best-loved comedies. It is made up of two intertwined love stories. The first, between two people who believe that they hate each other, becomes unexpectedly sweet and joyful, while the second, which seems built of idealistic passion, turns suddenly dark. In this seminar, we will work through the play over four weeks, reading it closely.

Shakespeare, *Coriolanus* | \$50

David Anderson

Wednesdays | November 15–December 6 | 1:30–3 PM

Coriolanus is William Shakespeare's last tragedy, and one of his under appreciated masterpieces. On the surface, the play is a highly political retelling of an early episode of Roman history. Deeper down, though, we will come to see that it is a highly personal story about a man unable to live up the crushing expectations of Roman manhood. In this seminar, we will work through the play over four weeks, reading it closely.



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Great Decisions 2023 – Understanding Key International issues | \$50 *Chris Sartorius*

Wednesdays | October 18–November 8 | 1:30–3:30 PM

The world is becoming increasingly complex and the many challenges facing our nation require greater fluency in global affairs. This course is designed to improve our awareness, understanding, and informed opinion on international issues affecting U.S. and allied security. We will use material from the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions 2023 series to guide our discussion of four key issues.

We will focus on the following topics over this four-week series: 1) Politics in Latin America, 2) War Crimes, 3) Global Famine, and 4) Climate Migration. Please join us for a discussion concerning major shifts in the global security landscape which will shape our world in the 21st century.

Optional reading material can be found in the Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions 2023 briefing book available for order at https://fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_materials. The book costs \$35, but it is NOT required to participate in the course.



Major Global Security Topics | \$50

Rob Andrew

Wednesdays | September 6–27 | 9:30–11:30 AM

What is global security? What are the primary threats, other than nature, to humanity's continued existence on planet Earth? Among other topics, we will dive into the dangers of nuclear weapons proliferation, climate change, cybersecurity, and war.

Arctic Security Topics | \$50

Rob Andrew

Wednesdays | October 18–November 8 | 9:30–11:30 AM

With human-induced climate change affecting most regions of the Earth, the most extreme changes appear to be occurring in the climates that already experience extreme temperatures, such as the Arctic. With nearly ice-free summers, the Arctic region has “re-opened” to both economic and political-military competition among the world's great powers, primarily the United States and Russia, but other global powers like China have a stake as well.

Among other topics, we will discuss the re-militarization of the Arctic by Russia, the effects of climate change on U.S. military operations there, and discover what organizations and laws cover this incredibly fragile eco-system.



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Oklahoma's Women Offenders | \$50

Susan Sharp

Wednesdays | August 23–September 13 | 10 AM–12 PM

Oklahoma has long been near the top in per capita incarceration of women. This course will examine why Oklahoma has such a high rate of imprisonment of women.

In week 1, we will examine how poverty, social problems and drug laws initially contributed to the problem and changes that have occurred since 2017.

In week 2, we will look at the ACE study and how it applies to women offenders in Oklahoma. Data from the Oklahoma Study on Incarcerated Women and Their Children will be presented, and comparisons will be made between the ACE study in the overall population versus the women prisoners.

In week 3, we will examine the impact of failure to protect laws and laws surrounding drug use in pregnancy on women in Oklahoma. Oklahoma has a history of incarcerating non-abusive mothers for longer periods of time than the actual abusers of the children. Additionally, drug use in pregnancy has been criminalized. We will examine the impact of those laws on women.

Finally in Week 4, we will examine the impact on families and especially children of women offenders. About two-thirds of women in prison have children, and over half were living with their children at the time of their arrest. Furthermore, the majority of these women were the sole caretakers of their children. We will explore the impact that maternal incarceration has had on children as well as the caregivers for those children.



Why Is Oklahoma the Way It Is? | \$50

Cal Hobson

Mondays | October 2–23 | 1–3:30 PM

I have tried to answer this question during many of the courses I have led at OU at OLLI since 2007, and while some reasons are obvious, others remain tantalizingly elusive.

Although Oklahoma is a net energy producing state, others are as well. Many of our citizens are proud to be a part of the Bible belt, yet we are home to 135 casinos, far more than any other state. We operate a well-played lottery and have more marijuana growers, processors, and retailers than much of the rest of the country combined.

Our political leaders profess fealty to a quality education system, yet annually underfund it. They pass bills that restrict health services to many, while also refusing billions of federal dollars earmarked to make our general population healthier.

Oklahoma is blessed with an abundance of natural resources, including water, wind, sunlight, oil, and natural gas. However, we squander much of our massive, valuable water surplus by letting it flow into the Red River, then the lazy Mississippi, and eventually into the Gulf of Mexico because we don't want the citizens of north Texas, and Dallas residents specifically, to purchase it.

Some other anomalies and/or inexplicable decisions made over the years mystify me because not all were beneficial, a couple of which I have already described above. So, as we often do, we will be joined by learned guests and scintillating speakers who may be able to help us sort out possible answers to the original question posed for the seminar.

So, this coming Fall, engage your brain, register for this course (it's cheap), and come prepared to debate the challenges and opportunities arrayed before us, while coming to grips with what got us to where we are today.



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Scandal Land: Oklahoma's Worst Foibles, Felonies, and the Farcical Faithlessness of Its Ruling Political Class | \$50

Cal Hobson

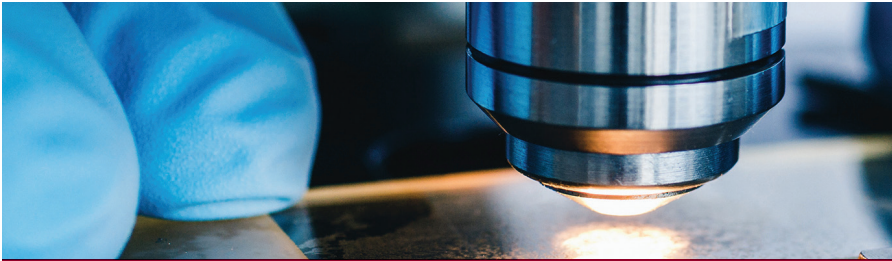
Mondays | November 6–27 | 1–3:30 PM

Four case studies since statehood in 1907 will be our focus. Only four you say? Each misdeed is complicated, was carried out over a period of months or years and involved a cast of conspiring characters.

Even the most casual observers of Oklahoma history can probably guess what will be the topic of one seminar session, and that will be events surrounding the largest criminal indictments and convictions of an entire class of elected officials. Of course, that was the federal investigation of almost every sitting county commissioner in our state back in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Our guest speaker will be none other than Bill Price, the United States attorney for the western district who investigated, pursued, indicted and convicted the individuals who threw away their careers, reputations and personal respect for, in some cases, only a few dollars.

The other three sessions will examine and study: wayward statewide elected officials, including greedy governors; loose and lay about legislators; bankers with no more fiduciary sense than the oilies they loaned millions of unsecured dollars to; at least three judges on the supreme court; even a chancellor of higher education; a garden variety of powerful agency heads; several prominent loser lobbyists; more than a few gullible goofs who thought every pol was on the take and pursued them accordingly.

Besides the aforementioned lawman Bill Price, additional speakers will reveal their first-hand roles in other nefarious episodes as either the pursuers of wrongdoing or being pursued themselves.

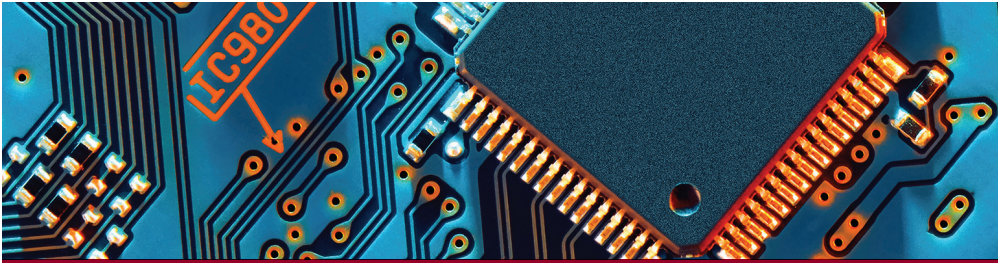


SCIENCE

Chile and Argentina: History and Culture of Easter Island, Andes Mountains, Atacama Desert, and Tierra del Fuego | \$50
Ken Johnson
Wednesdays | October 4–25 | 10–11:30 AM

Chile and Argentina provide some of the world's most spectacular landscapes. The history, culture, geology, resources, wildlife, exploration, and conflicts of these two countries at the bottom of South America are featured in a beautifully illustrated OLLI seminar. Easter Island, located 2,300 miles west of Chile, has giant stone heads ("moai") created and moved 600 - 1,000 years ago. The Andes Mountains rise 15,000 - 22,000 feet on the border of Chile and Argentina: they have about 88 active volcanoes, and in 1960, Chile experienced the most powerful earthquake ever recorded (Magnitude 9.5).

The Atacama Desert, one of the driest places on Earth, receives less than 1 inch of rainfall annually and is famous for the Nazca Lines created by pre-Incan natives. Tierra del Fuego and Chilean Fjords, explored by Ferdinand Magellan, Sir Francis Drake, and Charles Darwin, have glaciers, fjords, blue ice, and port cities for expeditions to Antarctica. Argentina's landscapes include spectacular Iguazu Falls; fertile plains of the Pampas; and the semi-desert region of Patagonia.



TECHNOLOGY

Fundamentals of iOS | \$50

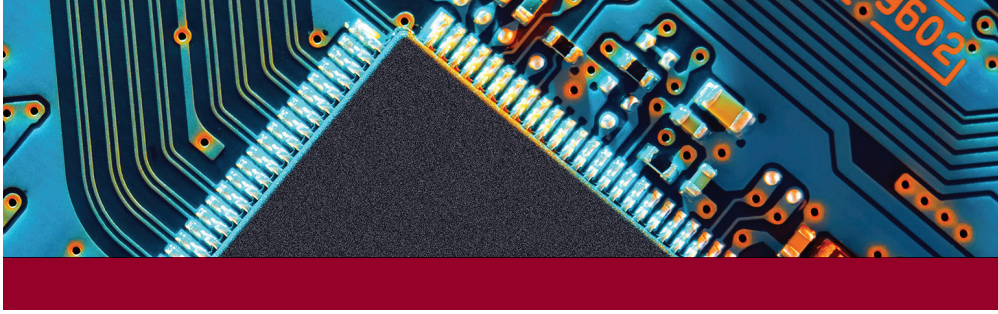
Jeremy Hessman

Thursdays | September 14–October 19 | 9:30–11:30 AM

Technology is everywhere in our lives these days, and no more obvious is it than with our phones and tablets. For Apple users, better understanding your device and using more of its features can make your life easier. This course will give users a basic understanding of your iPhone and iPad. We will cover the most general settings, common navigation on the device, as well as some security tips.

We will also cover the following additional items:

- Hardware
- Contacts
- Messages
- Maps
- Security and Location Settings
- Siri and Shortcuts
- Control Center
- Notifications and their settings
- Backing up your device (both on a computer and in the Cloud)
- Camera and photo management
- Home screen customization



Looking Ahead: iOS 17 | \$10

Jeremy Hessman

Thursdays | November 9–16 | 9:30–11 AM

This will be a special short course for OLLI members to familiarize themselves with iOS 17 upon its release, with help from Jeremy Hessman.



MORNINGS WITH THE PROFESSOR

Communication, Motivation, and Emotion | \$5

Claude Miller

October 31, 2023 | 9:30 – 11 AM

This lecture and discussion looks at the nature of emotion and motivation within interpersonal communication and social interaction. The differences between feeling, thinking, and motivation processes are compared and contrasted with a special emphasis on how both verbal and nonverbal communication affect and guide behavior.



The Viking Age: Viking History, Settlements, and Impact | \$5
Ken Johnson

September 5, 2023 | 9:30 – 11 AM

The term “Viking” conjures up images of seafaring pagans raiding, pillaging, and killing their way across Christian Europe in the 8th to the 11th centuries. From their homelands of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, Vikings sailed along the coasts of the British Isles and continental Europe seeking easy targets. The bloodthirsty and devastating raid on the undefended monastery at Lindisfarne (the “Holy Island”) on the northeast coast of England in 793AD was the beginning of the apocalyptic Viking age. Raids continued along the coasts of the British Isles and Europe because the Vikings had perfected their “longships” designed for speed, stability, and agility on the open ocean. The shallow draft of the ships also enabled them to enter coastal waters, estuaries, and rivers where they could land troops easily.

Some of the Vikings were great explorers and traders. They reached across the Atlantic to Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland, and even to Newfoundland in North America (and beyond??). They also voyaged into the Mediterranean Sea, as well as the Black Sea and Caspian Sea, and established significant settlements in England, Ireland, Russia, and France (Normandy) during the Viking age. Although the end of the Viking age is generally regarded as being the latter part of the 11th century, far-flung Viking (Norse) communities lived on in Iceland and Greenland.



OLLI FALL 2023 REGISTRATION FORM

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Credit card number: _____ Exp: _____

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**Make checks payable to the University of Oklahoma.*

Accommodations are available by contacting
Chris Elliott with OLLI at (405) 325-3488
as soon as possible.

***All fees are due at the time of registration.
We cannot accept payment for registrations
at the OLLI at OU office. Registrations are
based on a first-come basis. 100% of the
course fee will be refunded if enrollment
is canceled at least seven days before the
program start date. After that date, no refunds
will be granted.***

**Please send
registration form to:**

**University of Oklahoma
College of Professional and
Continuing Studies
1610 Asp Ave., Suite 310,
Norman, OK 73072
Registration and Records:
(405) 325-6034**

OLLI MEMBERSHIP 2023

☐ **Sign me up to be a member of OLLI!**

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Cost is \$55 and is valid July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Membership is required to attend courses.

☐ **Already a member!**

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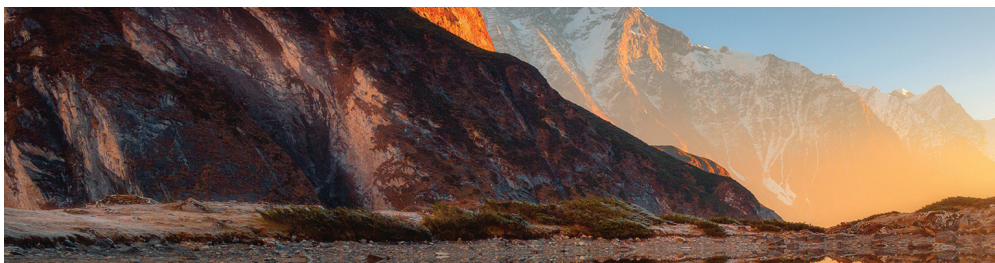
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MORNINGS WITH THE PROFESSOR

Lincoln's EPIC Journey: Leadership Lessons | \$5

David Sabatini

October 17, 2023 | 9:30 – 11 AM

Abraham Lincoln. Widely acclaimed as the greatest president in U.S. history. But what prepared Lincoln for his greatest hour? He was born in a log cabin, raised in the humblest of conditions, and had extremely limited schooling. He failed in business, had a marriage proposal rejected, and he had only limited success in national politics (he was a one-term representative that lost his re-election bid and lost in multiple senatorial races). Hardly the resume we would expect of our nation's greatest president. Yet these trials refined him and prepared him for greater tasks – winning the 1860 presidential election, preserving the union, and freeing the slaves; all this with extremely limited administrative experience (running a two-man law firm). His presidential success was a great surprise to many, including his cabinet members!

So how did Lincoln mature into our nation's greatest president? Such is the topic of this course, which will follow Lincoln through his formative years (from humble beginnings), as a young, struggling professional (from trials to triumph), and during his presidential years (the war years). All-in-all an EPIC journey, from which we can learn of Lincoln's great endeavor (to save the union and free the slaves), the people that he forged into a team of rivals in pursuit of this endeavor, the integrity that made him an effective leader, and his amazing communication skills that enabled him to achieve his endeavor while leaving a lasting legacy.



Tribal Gaming Law | \$5
Gary S. Pitchlynn

October 10, 2023 | 9:30 – 11 AM

The session will provide an understanding of the origin and growth of the tribal gaming industry in Oklahoma and the legal history behind the right of tribes to operate casinos.

The Intersection of Mental Illness & Homelessness | \$5
Ruth Mojica

November 21, 2023 | 9:30 – 11 AM

Topics covered:

- Brief overview of serious mental illnesses (SMI)
- How SMI were treated in the past
- NAMI - National Alliance on Mental Illness
- How SMI is treated now
- The current situation and its consequences
- Possible solutions
- Local, Norman or Cleveland County resources for those with mental health disorders and homelessness, and/or their families

Participants will understand the contributing factors to homelessness faced by those with mental health disorders, will learn of local groups and nonprofits that work with them and their families, and be better informed on this issue.

OKLAHOMA CITY

For OLLI members living in the Oklahoma City area, we offer courses at PHF Conference Center on OU's Health Sciences campus:

**655 Research Parkway
Oklahoma City, OK 73104**

Rooms are equipped with audio/visual systems for class presentations and coffee and water are provided for each class.

Parking information for PHF Conference Center can be found in the course information email sent to OLLI members prior to the start of each class.



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Great Decisions 2023 – Understanding Key International issues | \$50 *Chris Sartorius*

Tuesdays | October 17–November 7 | 1:30–3:30 PM

The world is becoming increasingly complex and the many challenges facing our nation require greater fluency in global affairs. This course is designed to improve our awareness, understanding, and informed opinion on international issues affecting U.S. and allied security. We will use material from the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions 2023 series to guide our discussion of four key issues.

We will focus on the following topics over this four-week series: 1) Politics in Latin America, 2) War Crimes, 3) Global Famine, and 4) Climate Migration. Please join us for a discussion concerning major shifts in the global security landscape which will shape our world in the 21st century.

Optional reading material can be found in the Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions 2023 briefing book available for order at https://fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_materials. The book costs \$35, but it is NOT required to participate in the course.



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Why Is Oklahoma the Way It Is? | \$50

Cal Hobson

Thursdays | October 5–26 | 12:30–3 PM

I have tried to answer this question during many of the courses I have led at OU at OLLI since 2007, and while some reasons are obvious, others remain tantalizingly elusive.

Although Oklahoma is a net energy producing state, others are as well. Many of our citizens are proud to be a part of the Bible belt, yet we are home to 135 casinos, far more than any other state. We operate a well-played lottery and have more marijuana growers, processors, and retailers than much of the rest of the country combined.

Our political leaders profess fealty to a quality education system, yet annually underfund it. They pass bills that restrict health services to many, while also refusing billions of federal dollars earmarked to make our general population healthier.

Oklahoma is blessed with an abundance of natural resources, including water, wind, sunlight, oil, and natural gas. However, we squander much of our massive, valuable water surplus by letting it flow into the Red River, then the lazy Mississippi, and eventually into the Gulf of Mexico because we don't want the citizens of north Texas, and Dallas residents specifically, to purchase it.

Some other anomalies and/or inexplicable decisions made over the years mystify me because not all were beneficial, a couple of which I have already described above. So, as we often do, we will be joined by learned guests and scintillating speakers who may be able to help us sort out possible answers to the original question posed for the seminar.

So, this coming Fall, engage your brain, register for this course (it's cheap), and come prepared to debate the challenges and opportunities arrayed before us, while coming to grips with what got us to where we are today.



Scandal Land: Oklahoma's Worst Foibles, Felonies, and the Farcical Faithlessness of Its Ruling Political Class | \$50

Cal Hobson

Thursdays | November 9–December 7 | 12:30–3 PM

Four case studies since statehood in 1907 will be our focus. Only four you say? Each misdeed is complicated, was carried out over a period of months or years and involved a cast of conspiring characters.

Even the most casual observers of Oklahoma history can probably guess what will be the topic of one seminar session, and that will be events surrounding the largest criminal indictments and convictions of an entire class of elected officials. Of course, that was the federal investigation of almost every sitting county commissioner in our state back in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Our guest speaker will be none other than Bill Price, the United States attorney for the western district who investigated, pursued, indicted and convicted the individuals who threw away their careers, reputations and personal respect for, in some cases, only a few dollars.

The other three sessions will examine and study: wayward statewide elected officials, including greedy governors; loose and lay about legislators; bankers with no more fiduciary sense than the oilies they loaned millions of unsecured dollars to; at least three judges on the supreme court; even a chancellor of higher education; a garden variety of powerful agency heads; several prominent loser lobbyists; more than a few gullible goofs who thought every pol was on the take and pursued them accordingly.

Besides the aforementioned lawman Bill Price, additional speakers will reveal their first-hand roles in other nefarious episodes as either the pursuers of wrongdoing or being pursued themselves.

ONLINE (VIA ZOOM)

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, OLLI at OU has offered online courses via Zoom to our members. Attending Zoom classes is a great resource for anyone with mobility issues or who lives a great distance from OU's campuses.

Please note – if you are registered in more than one OLLI Zoom course this semester, there is a separate link for each course. You will receive a separate email for other courses in which you are registered.

Not familiar with Zoom? Instructional materials are available upon request and OLLI staff joins each Zoom class early to assist members with getting connected.



HEALTH

Animals and Us | \$50

Violet Victoria

Thursdays | August 10–31 | 11 AM–1 PM

This course will examine human relationships to animals, and outline several contemporary ethical issues. Using recent scientific research, historical case studies, and our own intuition, we will address the following questions: What rights do animals have? When is it ethical to test on animals, if ever? When is it ethical to use animals as labor? Are there intelligent animals that deserve special treatment? Are there any animals we would consider to be conscious?

OLLI Discussion Group

Wednesdays | September 6–December 6 | 10–11:30 AM

The Discussion Group will meet weekly on Wednesday mornings for OLLI members who would like to share their ideas, feelings, and concerns about what's going on in our world. The purpose is fellowship and learning together through sharing concerns and ideas while responding to others' initiation of other ideas.

This is not your typical OLLI course led by a faculty member. YOU become the leaders and decide what to talk about.

**HEALTH****Senior Personal Training | \$50***Brian Pribble***Fridays | July 14–August 18 | 9–10:30 AM**

It's never too late to become a personal trainer! Whether you are interested in becoming certified as a personal trainer or in improving your own health, this class will give you the tools to begin your new fitness journey.

This class will introduce you to the different types of certifications that are available, the prerequisite knowledge/trainings needed to succeed, how to prepare for the exam, design a training program, and become a successful personal trainer.

An emphasis will be placed on the need for more senior personal trainers and working with senior populations. Guest speakers will be invited to discuss their experiences of being a “senior” currently working as a personal trainer / fitness instructor.



HISTORY

Intro to Media | \$50

Yvette Walker

Mondays | July 17–August 7 | 1–2:30 PM

This class will discuss how people interact with media, and how media tries to communicate messages with us. We will look at how we receive, or decode, those messages. A look at the history of media -- print, movies, radio and TV -- shows the connection to today's digital media world.

Tituba and Marie Laveau: Witchcraft and Voodoo Then and Now | \$50

Tim Jones

Tuesdays | November 7–28 | 3–4:30 PM

Tituba (one of the first people accused of witchcraft at Salem in 1692) and Marie Laveau (renowned Voodoo Queen of New Orleans) are both historical and mythic figures. This series of sessions will provide historical information about them and also examine the mythic nature of each woman. Dynamics of race and gender in witchcraft and voodoo will be considered, as well as the enduring presence of Wicca and voodoo in modern times.



HISTORY

Crime and Criminal Justice in Indian Country | \$50

Kelly Tabbutt

Thursdays | August 17–September 21 | 1–2:30 PM

This seminar will provide an overview of issues related to crime and criminal justice jurisdiction in Native American reservations (Indian Country) in the US. This seminar will discuss the fact that Native people and Indian Country face the highest violent crime rates in the country and will provide theories of crime in Indian Country related to what is known as the “jurisdictional maze.”

This seminar will explain “the jurisdictional maze” of overlaps and gaps in criminal justice jurisdiction in Indian Country that arise from US federal and state criminal justice jurisdiction in Indian Country and US Indian Law limitations on tribal criminal justice. Finally, this seminar will introduce the structure and philosophy of tribal criminal justice including the idea of restorative justice.



LITERATURE

Literature: Reading and Learning for Life | \$50

Paulo Moreira

Mondays | July 10 – 31, 2023 | 2 – 4 PM

I want to share with non-specialists the impact that literature can have in everyday life. We will read together great short stories from all over the world and then discuss to see how they offer insights on important aspects of our daily lives.

We will learn about how we express our thoughts and feelings, how we negotiate between our desires and the realities of life, and how we accommodate the contrast between our inner and social identities.

Poetry Club | \$50

David Anderson

Mondays | 2023: August 28, September 25, October 30, November 27 | 5–6:30 PM

Mondays | 2024: January 29, February 26, March 25, April 29 | 5–6:30 PM

The Poetry Club will specialize in the close analysis of English verse. Each month, we will discuss a specific poem from English literary history, focusing on one or more short poems. We will begin with a brief discussion of the poet in question and will guide the group through an analysis of the work.



Willie Nelson: Our Favorite Outlaw | \$50
Kalyn Prince

Fridays | October 6–27 | 3:30–5 PM

Mammas, don't let your babies grow up to be...outlaws? Country music legend Willie Nelson has built a career on "outlaw country," defying musical and cultural standards. Willie's outlaw ethos encapsulates a deceptively complex approach to modern life in America, demonstrating an ethic of resistance and care.

In this course, we will study Willie Nelson's life and work to investigate what it means to be a modern-day American outlaw. We'll explore the renegade Texan's relationship to music, culture, and Old West identity to uncover what it takes to be an outlaw in modern times. If our heroes have always been cowboys, what do we make of Willie Nelson's outlaw identity?



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Politics, Protest, and Prospects in the Middle East | \$50

Gershon Lewental

Tuesdays | October 3–November 7 | 1–2:30 PM

News reports coming out of the Middle East inform us that thousands of people have come out into the streets to protest. We read about dictators being toppled -- or clinging to power through brutal methods of repression. Dissidents, pundits, and journalists argue over the outcomes of elections (free and fair or stacked and disputed), the impact of economic crises and sanctions, and the role that the United States should play in the region.

But we rarely get to explore the deeper context of the political problems in the Middle East and, after a short while, our attention often moves on. This course delves into the news headlines from several countries -- Turkey, Israel, Iran, Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Libya, and Tunisia -- in an effort to provide context to their political issues and dynamics. Ultimately, participants in the class should come away with both a deeper and a broader knowledge of topical and timely events taking place in the Middle East -- and why they are important to us.



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Making the Bible the Good Book | \$50

Jill Hicks-Keeton

Wednesdays | August 23–September 13 | 1–2:30 PM

The Bible is the Good Book. Everyone knows it — or at least that it commands such a reputation. Yet the Bible is not, as no book can be, a moral agent on its own. Bible interpreters work to make it so, through ongoing creative negotiations, rhetorical labor, and production processes that are often difficult to see because they work best when obscured and presented as natural.

This seminar explores how evangelical Christians in the contemporary U.S. produce and publicize the Bible as ever “the good book” especially as conceptions of what is “good” keep changing. Through books, blogs, museums, and other popular media, the Bible’s benevolence, like the Bible itself, is made and remade.

Conceptions of the Afterlife

Charles Anthony Kimball

Thursdays | October 19–November 16 | 1–3 PM

What happens after we die? Religious traditions offer a variety of answers to the question that has always preoccupied human beings. In this seminar, we will explore and examine the different ways believers in five of the world’s major religions — Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism — have embraced meaningful ways to understand what, if anything, happens after the end of our earthly existence as sentient beings.

With an instructor who has taught this seminar for more than 25 years, OLLI students should find this class to be both informative and surprising in different ways. The final session will consider the widespread accounts of near-death experiences.



Understanding Islam Today

Charles Anthony Kimball

Thursdays | September 14–October 5 | 10 AM–12 PM

For more than 40 years, many countries with Muslim majorities have experienced political upheaval. Various militant groups claiming inspiration from Islam have dominated media attention, particularly when they have used violence and terrorism in pursuit of their goals. Despite extensive media coverage, many Americans know very little about Islam, the world's second largest religion. Islam is or will soon be the second largest religion in the United States.

In these four lectures/discussions, we will explore the history, the contributions to Western civilization, and dynamics shaping Muslim-Christian and Muslim-Jewish relations for more than 1,400 years. We will examine contemporary case studies in order to better understand what in the world is going on and why.

**SCIENCE****Chile and Argentina: History and Culture of Easter Island, Andes Mountains, Atacama Desert, and Tierra del Fuego | \$50***Ken Johnson***Mondays | October 2–23 | 10–11:30 AM**

Chile and Argentina provide some of the world's most spectacular landscapes. The history, culture, geology, resources, wildlife, exploration, and conflicts of these two countries at the bottom of South America are featured in a beautifully illustrated OLLI seminar. Easter Island, located 2,300 miles west of Chile, has giant stone heads ("moai") created and moved 600 - 1,000 years ago. The Andes Mountains rise 15,000 - 22,000 feet on the border of Chile and Argentina: they have about 88 active volcanoes, and in 1960, Chile experienced the most powerful earthquake ever recorded (Magnitude 9.5).

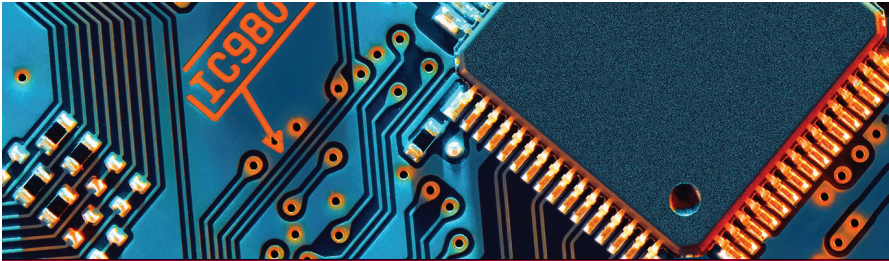
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SPORTS

A Short History of Sports in America | \$50*Lance Janda***Tuesdays | September 12–October 17 | 9:30–11 AM**

From 19th century baseball to the XFL, and from bare-knuckling boxing to professional football, this course will offer a lively and concise overview of the major developments in professional sports since the early 1800s. We'll discuss rules and formats, the importance of technology, the emergence of free agents and superstars, and the seemingly endless growth of sports as business enterprises, from tiny franchises worth a few thousand dollars to enormous corporate giants worth billions of dollars today.

**TECHNOLOGY****The Digital World | \$50***Tim Jones***Tuesdays | September 5-26 | 3-4:30 PM**

How long have you been online and a member of the digital world? How are users affected by the digital world? This series of sessions will begin with a brief history of the internet and social media. Then digital identity will be considered--who are we when we are online--how can this be different from a person's authentic self and what are the consequences? Digital literacy and health--from ways to avoid scams to advances in telemedicine--will also be featured. Finally, aspects of the digital access divide will be examined along with whether there is such a thing as a "post-human" world.



MORNINGS WITH THE PROFESSOR

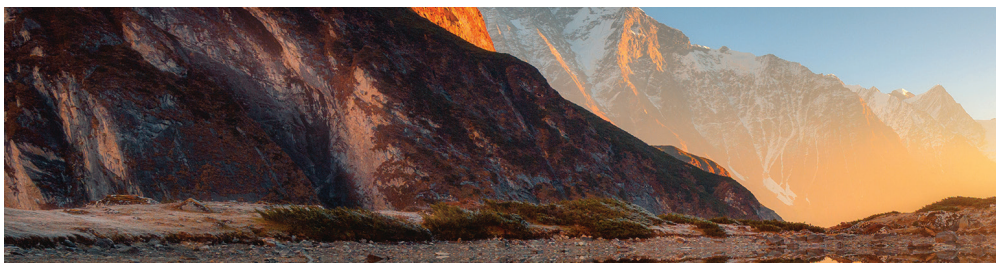
The Viking Age: Viking History, Settlements, and Impact | \$5

Ken Johnson

September 12 | 9:30–11 AM

The term “Viking” conjures up images of seafaring pagans raiding, pillaging, and killing their way across Christian Europe in the 8th to the 11th centuries. From their homelands of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, Vikings sailed along the coasts of the British Isles and continental Europe seeking easy targets. The bloodthirsty and devastating raid on the undefended monastery at Lindisfarne (the “Holy Island”) on the northeast coast of England in 793AD was the beginning of the apocalyptic Viking age. Raids continued along the coasts of the British Isles and Europe because the Vikings had perfected their “longships” designed for speed, stability, and agility on the open ocean. The shallow draft of the ships also enabled them to enter coastal waters, estuaries, and rivers where they could land troops easily.

Some of the Vikings were great explorers and traders. They reached across the Atlantic to Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland, and even to Newfoundland in North America (and beyond??). They also voyaged into the Mediterranean Sea, as well as the Black Sea and Caspian Sea, and established significant settlements in England, Ireland, Russia, and France (Normandy) during the Viking age. Although the end of the Viking age is generally regarded as being the latter part of the 11th century, far-flung Viking (Norse) communities lived on in Iceland and Greenland.



MORNINGS WITH THE PROFESSOR

Guided Introduction to Military Sociology | \$5

Wilbur Scott

October 3 | 9:30–11 AM

This course is an introduction to the field of military sociology, broadly defined. The goal is to provide course participants a ready pathway into how sociologists and social scientists have thought about and studied topics dealing with war and militaries. Topics include: What is military sociology? what tools are needed to ply social science perspectives for studying war and the military? What does the spectrum of societally organized violence look like? What parameters set the stage for how societies raise and organize militaries? What form has military organization and war taken in the 20th-century and Why is it changing so dramatically in the 21st-century?

Basic material for the course will be drawn from the instructor's recently published book, *Military Sociology: A Guided Introduction* (description and purchase of this book easily available on-line at Amazon books). The course should be of interest to any students curious about the whys and wherefores of organized violence and military affairs.

The instructor and his co-authors, Karin De Angelis and David Segal, are recognized experts in the field. All three have taught at U.S military academies (Scott and De Angelis at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Segal at West Point), and Segal is a founder of the Military Sociology program at the University of Maryland.

**Impressions of Switzerland | \$5***Chuck Wende***September 26 | 9:30 – 11 AM**

The speaker attended meetings in Switzerland several times a year for over 20 years. In addition to wandering around Geneva on partial days-off, he managed to take a few one-day train trips elsewhere when meetings went over a weekend. This lecture includes impressions of the country and some of its quirks. Aside from pictures of Geneva and environs, additional pictures are from those weekend tours. Those brief tours included Gruyere, the Rayons de Noyes park, Interlaken and Kleine Scheidegg with its view of the Jungfrau, Zermatt and a ride up to Gornergrat with its glacier and view of the Matterhorn, Lausanne, Zurich, and in nearby France, Yvoire and Chamonix.

A Digital Darkroom | \$5*Chuck Wende***November 14 | 9:30 – 11 AM**

Explore ways to enhance pictures taken with inexpensive digital cameras or cellphones. This lecture utilizes free or cheap software available on the Internet. Most of the software mentioned will run on Mac or Windows desktop or laptop computers. Similar apps should be available for smart cellphones, but the small displays may not do the pictures justice. The use of expensive software will be avoided.

Techniques will address why it is better not to zoom in too close, but to leave extra room around the edges, why underexposure is better than overexposure, and why a wide-angle lens may not be necessary. A different approach to processing a picture is to use a combination of predefined adjustments rather than stumbling through a new sequence of steps with nobody all by yourself. Examples of each procedure will be given.

The background of the entire page is a photograph of the Sooner Station Senior Living Community. The building is a multi-story structure with a modern design. Three flags are flying from poles in front of the building: the Oklahoma state flag, the United States flag, and a Sooner State flag. In the foreground, there is a low brick wall with a sign that reads "SOONER STATION UNIVERSITY NORTH PARK" and "Assisted Living Memory Care".

SOONER STATION

OLLI at OU has partnered with the newly opened Sooner Station Senior Living Community to offer our courses onsite at their location :

**2803 24th Ave. NW
Norman, OK, 73069**

These classes are open to any OLLI at OU member, regardless of whether they reside at Sooner Station.

Fall classes will be held in the Prairie View room, and parking is available onsite.



LITERATURE

Writing Poetry | \$50

Julie Ann Ward

Fridays | July 14–August 4 | 10–11:30 AM

In this course, taught by the City of Norman’s inaugural Poet Laureate, Dr. Julie Ann Ward, participants will invite their inner poet to come out and play.

Class sessions will include appreciating and discussing contemporary poetry from around the world, generative in-class writing prompts, and opportunities to share poetry and receive feedback.



HISTORY

Ancient Greek Religion: Myth, Ritual and Society | \$50

Tanya Szafranski

Wednesdays | October 4–November 8 | 10 AM–12 PM

In ancient Greece, religion was inseparable from daily life: individuals engaged in private devotions and made public dedications, and city-states hosted recurring festivals and large public displays. This course examines the roles played by religious belief and practice in the lives of the ancient Greeks, focusing on the connection between myth and ritual.

We will concentrate our discussion mainly on evidence from Archaic and Classical Greece (ca. 750 - 323 BC), but we will begin by looking back to the Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations of the second millennium BC, and we will move ahead to changes during the Hellenistic period (after 323 BC) and, eventually, to intersections with Roman practices. We will examine representations of myth and ritual on pottery and in sculpture, look at how sacred areas were demarcated architecturally, and explore how various myths and customs were presented in ancient literature.



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The Atacama Desert, one of the driest places on Earth, receives less than 1 inch of rainfall annually and is famous for the Nazca Lines created by pre-Incan natives. Tierra del Fuego and Chilean Fjords, explored by Ferdinand Magellan, Sir Francis Drake, and Charles Darwin, have glaciers, fjords, blue ice, and port cities for expeditions to Antarctica. Argentina's landscapes include spectacular Iguazu Falls; fertile plains of the Pampas; and the semi-desert region of Patagonia.

**MORNINGS WITH THE PROFESSOR****The Viking Age: Viking History, Settlements, and Impact | \$5***Ken Johnson***September 19 | 9:30 – 11 AM**

The term “Viking” conjures up images of seafaring pagans raiding, pillaging, and killing their way across Christian Europe in the 8th to the 11th centuries. From their homelands of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, Vikings sailed along the coasts of the British Isles and continental Europe seeking easy targets. The bloodthirsty and devastating raid on the undefended monastery at Lindisfarne (the “Holy Island”) on the northeast coast of England in 793AD was the beginning of the apocalyptic Viking age.

Raids continued along the coasts of the British Isles and Europe because the Vikings had perfected their “longships” designed for speed, stability, and agility on the open ocean. The shallow draft of the ships also enabled them to enter coastal waters, estuaries, and rivers where they could land troops easily.

Some of the Vikings were great explorers and traders. They reached across the Atlantic to Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland, and even to Newfoundland in North America (and beyond???). They also voyaged into the Mediterranean Sea, as well as the Black Sea and Caspian Sea, and established significant settlements in England, Ireland, Russia, and France (Normandy) during the Viking age. Although the end of the Viking age is generally regarded as being the latter part of the 11th century, far-flung Viking (Norse) communities lived on in Iceland and Greenland.





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