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.

Annual membership is $45 and is valid from July 1 to June 30
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
• An invitation to a literary festival each semester sponsored by *World Literature Today* magazine. The festival hosts events such as talks by a visiting writer, panel discussions, theatre performances, musical performances and more.
• Invitations to programs, public lectures and forums with OU’s Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center
• A parking tag used to attend OLLI at OU courses
• An OLLI at OU ID card that allows you access to all OLLI programs. It can also be used at the Bizzell Memorial Library on campus.

WHERE IS OLLI AT OU LOCATED?

Most OLLI at OU courses are held in the OCCE Forum Building, located at 1704 Asp Ave. on the OU campus. We do have a few courses that are held on the main campus in Norman. OLLI courses also are held on OU’s Health Sciences Center campus.

The OLLI at OU administrative offices are located in the Boomer Outreach Building, located at 300 Kellogg Ave. Parking is available in front of the building or in the parking lot just east of the building.

PARKING DURING OLLI COURSES

A parking hang tag is required to park in any multipurpose 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.
WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT OLLI AT OU?
If you are interested in becoming an OLLI at OU volunteer and assisting in coordinating OLLI courses from time to time, please contact the OLLI at OU office at (405) 325-3488.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE
Gifts to the OLLI at OU scholarship fund are welcome. Give now so everyone 50+ has the opportunity to engage in lifelong learning. If you would like to contribute or learn more, call (405) 325-3488.

GIFT CERTIFICATES
OLLI at OU membership or course enrollment gift certificates are wonderful presents for family and friends. To learn more about gift certificates, call (405) 325-3488.

OLLI AT OU ON FACEBOOK
“Like” OLLI at Facebook.com/OlliatOU. We post upcoming courses and special announcements that our members will find interesting.

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.
The closest thing to traditional courses, Senior Seminars are as varied as their participants. These courses offer something for everyone. Running four to six weeks in length, each session is educational, fun and inspiring. These noncredit courses offer adult learners an opportunity to gain insight into a specific topic and discuss their life experiences with other participants of a similar age. Meeting for about two hours at a time, the courses are a great way for adults to get out and become involved. The sessions are enriching and enjoyable and are led by some of OU’s top professors. Also, there are no exams or papers!

ART HISTORY

Masterpieces of French Painting 1800-1870 and 19th-Century American Painting | $45
Victor Youritzin, Professor Emeritus, Art History

Wednesdays | Section I: Aug. 28-Sept. 18., Section II: Oct. 9-30 | 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman | Room B-6

As a counterpart to Professor Youritzin’s annual class on Impressionist and Post-Impressionist painting, this course presents masterpieces of French painting from 1800 to the start of Impressionism and treats such movements as Classicism, Romanticism and Realism. Artists discussed will include David, Ingres, Gericault, Delacroix, Daumier and Courbet (along with Goya, Constable and Turner outside France). Also examined is the history of 19th-century American painting, with special attention to such artists as Homer, Eakins, Sargent, Cassatt and Whistler.
ART HISTORY

The Jolly Life of the Etruscans | $45
Rozmeri Basic, Art History

Mondays | Sept. 9-Oct. 14 | 9:30-11:30 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman Room C-2

This course examines the origin of the visual arts of the Etruscans. Enigmatic and rather different from other ancient European civilizations, the Etruscan artistic production continues to challenge understanding and knowledge of cultural influences across the Mediterranean.

Medieval Art and Music: Increasing Complexities | $45
Eugene J. Enrico, School of Music; Susan H. Caldwell, School of Visual Arts

Tuesdays and Thursdays | Dec. 3, 5, 10, 12 | 2:30-4:30 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman | Room A-2

This course examines the interconnections between art and music in four different periods: a) Pre-Romanesque, including Charlemagne’s palace at Aachen, St.-Riquier of Centula, and plain chant, Gregorian chant, the liturgical drama “Play of Daniel”; b) Twelfth-century Renaissance, including polyphony in music and development toward Gothic architecture and sculpture at St.-Denis and Chartres’ west façade; c) music, sculpture and pilgrimage at Santiago de Compostela; and d) High Gothic architecture and art at Chartres, Reims, and Amiens cathedrals, and Ars Nova music and Guillaume de Machaut.
OLLI Movie Club | $45
Jerry Jerman, OU Extended Campus (retired)

Tuesdays | 2019: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12; 2020: Feb. 11, March 10, April 14 | 3:30-6 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman Room A-2

Since the earliest days of movies, filmmakers have drawn upon the stage as a source for scripts. This year, OLLI Movie Club will look at movies based on plays (it’s not necessary to read the play before each class—but you can if you want to!). Each session begins with an introduction to the movie, movie viewing and a vigorous discussion. Join us! Movies to be viewed and discussed include: Key Largo (1948), On the Town (1949), Detective Story (1951), How to Marry a Millionaire (1953), Stalag 17 (1953) and Heaven Can Wait (1978).

Modern But Still Mythic: Six Contemporary Films on Texas | $45
Betty Robbins, Retired Professor

Tuesdays | Oct. 1-Nov. 5 | 1-4 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman Room C-4

As often as Texas life is made mythic on screen, it is deconstructed to show some radically tawdry behavior...like murder and mayhem. Yet the Lone Star State remains giant in character, setting, plot and pathos. The Big Bend area of Texas is the most isolated area in the continental United States and has been the setting for several highly compelling and successful films. This course will examine six Texas films and discuss the depiction of the mythos, ethos, pathos—and chaos—of the desert west represented in the characters that populate these films. Films will be selected from the following: Fandango; Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmie Dean, Jimmie Dean; Lone Star; No Country for Old Men; Hud; Texasville; The Last Picture Show; Hell or High Water; Three Burials for Melquiades Estrada; There Will Be Blood; The Wild Bunch; Tender Mercies; Blood Simple.
The Cinema of George Roy Hill from Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid to the World According to Garp | $45
Andrew Horton, Jeanne H. Smith Professor of Film and Media Studies, Professor Emeritus

Thursdays | Aug. 22 - Sept. 26 | 1-3:15 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman Room A-2

Everyone remembers Paul Newman and Robert Redford in Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid and The Sting. But they don’t remember that the director was George Roy Hill, who also did other memorable films such as Slaughterhouse Five, Slap Shot, The World of Henry Orient and The World According to Garp. We will view and discuss each of these films during this class!

The Life of Will Rogers | $45
Marvin Beck

Fridays | Oct. 11-Nov. 15 | 9:30-11:30 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman Room C-2

Will Rogers was a cowboy entertainer who became the most popular man in the United States, movie superstar and radio star. He wrote more than 4,000 nationally syndicated newspaper columns and was a bestselling author, a humanitarian and so much more. Called “America’s Aristophanes” by The New York Times, Will Rogers was the most beloved humorist of his time. If it is true that he never met a man he didn’t like, it’s also true that Rogers never met a man he didn’t like to make fun of. Everyone from congressmen and presidents to Hollywood movie moguls and industrialists bore the brunt of his gently lacerating wit—and seemed to be charmed in the process. This seminar will set the stage, using commentary, video, graphics and quotes to understand and appreciate the background, heritage, culture and history that helped to immortalize Oklahoma’s favorite son.
Corporate Corruption | $45
Mary Carter, Retired Banker and Federal Reserve Bank Examiner

Thursdays | Oct. 3-24 | 10-11:30 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman Room C-2

To preserve their positions of dominance in the market, many corporations have learned over the years how to manipulate the economic system of the United States to their advantage. In some cases, their business model exploited weaknesses in the economy to enrich themselves while disadvantaging others. In addition, they developed ways to hide money using shell companies and overseas bank accounts in order to commit tax fraud. This class will reveal the many ways that these schemes have been carried out, consider the impact on the economy and explore possible ways to change things in the future.

Exploring Contemplative Practices | $45
Anita Mann

Tuesdays | Sept. 17-Oct. 8 | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman Room A-1

Discover how a contemplative practice might enrich your life. We’ll use The Tree of Contemplative Practices created by The Center for Contemplative Mind in Society as a springboard for discussions. Grounded in awareness, communication and connection, the categories of practice include stillness, movement, creative, generative, activist, relational and ritual. We’ll study and experiment with specific practices such as walking meditation, visualization, journaling, yoga, meditation, council circles, volunteering and creating sacred spaces.
Taoist Meditation | $45

Phil Joy

Thursdays | Sept. 12-Oct. 17 | 2-3:30 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room A-1

This class will provide a symposium discussion format to flesh out the subtle meanings of the Taoist teachings contained in The Secret of the Golden Flower as translated by Thomas Cleary. The primary focus will be on Taoist meditation objectives and techniques. Prior purchase of the text is advised. The program will be 40 minutes discussion, 10 minutes break and 40 minutes low-intensity meditative practice in the chair to further absorb the meaning of discussion topics.

Understanding Grief | $45

Eric Vaughan

Wednesdays | Oct. 16-Nov. 6 | 1:30-3 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room A-2

Grief is a lot more than just feeling sad, and the process of bereavement is something we just don’t get over in three days of a clearly defined process. If a loved one has passed away and you’d like to learn about the complexities of grief and the process of healing, join us for this informative course. The instructor served as a hospice counselor for 14 years and has companioned hundreds through the grieving process from all types of death. Although we’ll address the emotional side of grief, please note that is NOT a support group per se, but a chance to learn from the wisdom of those who didn’t “get over it,” but healed and did get through it.
The Wisdom Years, a Guide to Intentional Aging | $45

*Barbara S. Boyd*

Tuesday and Wednesday | Oct. 22-23 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman | Room B-4

This course is designed more as a workshop than a lectureship, using the book (title of this course) as our guide for discussing, sharing, learning and creating new paths into the Wisdom Years. This course invites all ages to reflect on the time in life when we move from institutional obligations into the intentional stage of life where we have freedom and time for other long-desired pursuits. We will discuss the process of moving from employment to those years when we seek adventure, play, humanitarian work and depth—wisdom. We will also discuss the more practical matters of aging such as wills, health care, downsizing our spaces, family dynamics as well as planning for our death. This course will certainly look at some somber issues, but humor will be the key to our reflections and sharing of these tough topics. (The text may be purchased from Barnes and Noble or Amazon, or there will be books for sale the day of the course.)
The Nuclear Arms Race and the American West | $45
*Curtis Foxley, History*

Thursdays | Oct. 3-24 | 9:30-11:30 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave. | Room A-5

This course investigates how the nuclear arms race transformed the American West between 1941 and 1990. We will examine how nuclear weapon development and testing transformed western environments and cultures. Topics include: the Manhattan Project, uranium mining in New Mexico, nuclear testing in Nevada, aerospace culture in Southern California, protest movements surrounding nuclear weapons development and nuclear pop culture. This course is based on the instructor’s long-awaited Ph.D. dissertation.

The Second World War We Ought to Remember | $45
*Lance Janda, Social Sciences*

Fridays Aug. 30-Oct. 4 | 9-10:30 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman Room A-2

The Second World War is among the most romanticized and mythologized periods in American history. Even today, almost 75 years after the guns fell silent, the war remains a staple of American popular culture, and a formative ideal for many as we ponder our values and the role of the United States in the broader world. But do we remember the war correctly? Is it a singular moment of American exceptionalism and a high water mark in our history, or have we glamorized the war—along with the men and women who endured it—so much that the true significance of the conflict has been lost? This course will examine those and many other questions, and consider the chasm between the Second World War that most of us remember, and the Second World War we should honor instead.
Women Offenders: Crime and Punishment | $45  
*Joe Bogan*

**Wednesdays | Oct. 2-30 | 1:30-3 p.m.**  
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman  
Room C-2

Though crime is an overwhelmingly male phenomenon, women account for about 7% of prison inmates in the United States today, or about 110,000 women. This course will explore gender differences with regard to crimes committed, sentences received, response to the punishment of imprisonment and rehabilitation of women. In terms of sentencing, the dysfunction of our current systems will be explored. The instructor will present theoretical views and research results on relevant issues. What the experience of prison is actually like for inmates will be presented in granular detail. Conversely, the instructor will talk about what it is like to work with incarcerated women, from the point of view of a former prison warden. The idea that offenders should be incarcerated “AS punishment and not FOR punishment” will be explored. What programs are helpful to women offenders will be examined. The instructor will integrate the stories of individual women in prison to illustrate the issues.

**History of the Oklahoma Oil and Gas Industry | $45**  
*Dan Boyd*

**Mondays | Oct. 21-Nov. 11 | 10-11:30 a.m.**  
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman  
Room C-2

Oil and gas have been produced in Oklahoma for over a century. Providing the incentive to turn the territory into a state, the geology of Oklahoma has combined with science and politics to create a fascinating story of how we got where we are today.
Chinese Culture and Communication | $45
Paul B. Bell, Jr., Dean Emeritus

Thursdays | Oct. 3-Nov. 7 | 9:30-11:30 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room A-2/4

This course will provide an introduction to Chinese culture and how that culture affects Chinese thinking and Chinese communication styles. 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 and the world around them and of interacting with others. In this course, we will examine the various features from which Chinese culture derives, including: a syncretic system of beliefs; reading, writing and thinking in Chinese characters; the centrality of the family; filial piety and respect for ancestors; personal relationships based on human feelings and a sense of mutual obligation; and dialectical thinking. Then we will go on to consider how Chinese culture has affected the development of Chinese communication practices and how it continues to affect interpersonal communication to the present day.

The First World War | $45
Melissa K. Stockdale, History

Wednesdays | Sept. 18-Oct. 23
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room B-3

More than 15 million people died in the First World War, a conflict that profoundly shaped the course of the 20th century. This class will look at the causes, conduct and outcomes of the war, with attention paid not only to battle and the soldiers’ experience, but also to life on the home front in history’s first “total war.”
Oklahoma History Using the National Register of Historic Places | $45

Glen Roberson

Thursdays | Oct. 24-Nov. 14 | 10-11:30 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room A-3

This course is a study of Oklahoma history from pre-historic times until the 21st century focusing on those buildings, sites and structures in Oklahoma listed on the prestigious National Register of Historic Places. Each week will feature sites that highlight significant events and/or people central to the history of the state. Woven into Oklahoma's history will be an introduction to the profession of historic preservation as practiced by the U.S Department of Interior, state agencies and private organizations, and the State Historic Preservation Office. By the end of this course, you will be learned not only in the history of our great state, but how to practice good preservation in your own home and community.

The Progressive West: Social Movements of the 20th Century | $45

Derek W. Donwerth and Chelsea Burroughs, History

Wednesdays | Aug. 21-Sept. 11 | 4-6 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room C-2

The American West played a pivotal role in passing progressive legislation during the early 20th century, and for many has remained a progressive region. This course will examine the role that westerners played in important 20th-century social movements, within the region and nationally. Major topics in the course will include organized labor, women's rights and direct democracy, as well as many others.
Holy War: History of the Crusades | $45

Jacob Lackner

Thursdays | Sept. 5-26 | 2-3:30 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room C-2

This course will examine the medieval crusading movement, which began in 1096 as a European Christian attempt to capture the city of Jerusalem and its surroundings from Muslims and ended in 1291 with the capture of the last European stronghold in the Levant. We will discuss the way the Crusades impacted medieval European society, as well as the major battles and turning points of the Crusades.

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse:
Famine, Plague, War and Death in
14th-Century Europe | $45

Jacob Lackner

Tuesdays | Nov. 5-26 | 2-3:30 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room C-2

Things were so bad in 14th-century Europe that many people thought the apocalypse was imminent. In the Book of Revelation, John of Patmos discusses four figures riding horses who represent various disasters that have to occur at the end of times. Fourteenth-century Europeans saw these horsemen in the events of the century, which include the Great Famine (1315-1317), the first waves of the black death (1346-1353), and the Hundred Years War (1337-1453). The chaos and upheaval created by these events would reshape Europe, in many ways bringing an end to the medieval period. This course will discuss these events and the impact they had on society.
Family History at Your Fingertips for Free | $45
*Jan Davis, School of Library and Information Studies*

Tuesdays | Sept. 10-Oct. 1 | 3-4:30 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room A-1

Exploring your family and community history becomes easier each day as more and more historical records collections are digitized and made accessible online. Learn about what Oklahoma libraries, archives and museums, along with other institutions around the nation, are doing to bring your family and community history to your fingertips.

Mark Twain Today | $45
*Daniel Snell*

Tuesdays | Sept. 10-Oct. 8 | 2-4 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room C-2

First Session: River Rats. What I learned in my youth and how I wrote about it in *Tom Sawyer* and *Huck Finn*.


Third Session: Out East. How I got to Europe and the Holy Land and wrote *Innocents Abroad*, met my wife and had 20 years of delight.


Fifth Session: God and me. And the devil. And my family.
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. The course will be led by one of Norman's greatest conversationalists. Come grab a cup of coffee and settle in for stimulating conversation. Other than OLLI membership, there is no cost to attend this course. The sessions are limited to 21 OLLI members and registration is required to attend.
Mystery Makers | $45
*Almira Grammer*

Fridays | Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 8, Dec. 13
10 a.m.-Noon
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Conference B

There’s nothing better than reading a good mystery, especially when the lightning is flashing, the thunder is rolling and the wind is rattling the windowpanes. In Mystery Makers, we will read and discuss four British crime novels full of manor houses, quaint villages, quirky characters and charismatic inspectors. However, beneath this bucolic façade lurks danger and deception. We will also discuss the evolution of the crime novel—who writes it, who reads it and why. So, sharpen your sleuthing skills and your powers of deduction and join us in solving a murder so foul.

Oklahoma Native American Writers | $45
*Kasey Jones-Matrona, English*

Fridays | Aug. 30-Sept. 20
10 a.m.-Noon
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room C-2

This course will cover a range of Native American writers of Oklahoma from Joy Harjo (Mvskoke Creek), Linda Hogan (Chickasaw), Leanne Howe (Choctaw) and N. Scott Momaday (Kiowa), to Brandon Hobson (Cherokee) and Jennifer Foerster (Muscogee Creek). We will read and discuss a selection of short stories, poems, plays and creative nonfiction memoir/essays while covering appropriate historical and cultural context. This course will honor the tribal nations of Oklahoma and celebrate the art of their writers.
Before *Downton Abbey*: Anthony Trollope's
*Barchester Towers* | $45

*Lisa Seale*

Thursdays | Oct. 3-Nov. 7 | 2-3:30 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room A-2

Anthony Trollope, the 19th-century novelist who wrote over 50 novels in his spare time and invented the red pillar letterbox while serving the British postal service, was a funny, irreverent chronicler of upper and middle-class life in London and the British countryside. Julian Fellowes did the same for Edwardian Britain with *Downton Abbey*. Those who love that series can find new characters to love in *Barchester Towers* (1857), made into a Masterpiece series, *The Barchester Chronicles* (1982). Together we'll watch scenes from both series to see where Fellowes, a Trollopian at heart (who also served as the Trollope Society's president), may have taken inspiration. And we'll look at what Trollope and Fellowes have to say about love and money—and true character. Please read *Barchester Towers* in advance of the first meeting.

Poetry Club | $45

*David Anderson, English*

2020: Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 30, Apr. 27 | 5-6:30 p.m
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room C-2

The Poetry Club will specialize in the close analysis of English verse. Each month, we will discuss a specific poet from English literary history, focusing on one or more short poems. Anderson will begin with a brief discussion of the poet in question and will guide the group through an analysis of the works.
Introduction to the Modern Short Story: European Early High-Modernists | $45
Chris A. Carter, English

Fridays  | Aug. 30-Sept. 27  | 2-3:30 p.m.
CCE Forum Building  | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room C-2

This course is an introduction to modern short fiction, focusing on select works by European writers of the early high-modernist period. We will meet five times and read the following: Aug. 30, Anton Chekhov, *Gooseberries* (1898); Sept. 6, Joseph Conrad, *The Secret Sharer* (1910); Sept. 13, James Joyce, *The Sisters* (1914); Sept. 20, Virginia Woolf, *The Mark on the Wall* (1921); Sept. 27, Katherine Mansfield, *The Daughters of the Late Colonel* (1921). The course will be a mix of informal lecture and discussion. At the first class, you will be given a packet of the readings. Then we will plunge right into the Chekhov story. There is no prerequisite for this course. Although it is the sixth in the instructor’s series of OLLI courses and treats three authors previously examined (Chekhov, Conrad, Joyce), it is a brand-new course with different stories and different approaches to these stories.

Greek Mythology | $45
Ralph E. Doty, Emeritus Professor of Classics and Letters

Wednesdays  | Oct. 9-30  | 10-11:30 a.m.
CCE Forum Building  | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room C-2

Classical Greece has faded away, but it left its stories behind. We read them in our schools and watch them in films and television shows. What did they mean to the Greeks? What do they mean to us, and why are they still vital to our imaginations after 3,000 years? Take this class and find out! Our text will be Edith Hamilton’s *Mythology*. 
A Brief History of Film Music | $45
Joshua Tomlinson, School of Music

Fridays | Sept. 20-Oct. 11 | 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman | Room A-2

Stories play a significant role in the lives of each generation, but in the 20th century a new medium of storytelling emerged—one that eventually required several arts to come together in order to create one coherent work. Join us for an auditory overview of movies, where we will listen to what we see.
The Two Oklahomas: Thirty-Eight Native American Indian Tribes...
And The Rest Of Us | $45

*Cal Hobson*

Mondays | Oct. 21-Nov. 11 | 1-3:30 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman | A Conference

The title of this course may sound controversial and for some readers probably even wrong. To Cal Hobson, after decades of experience working with tribal and state governments, it sounds accurate, definitive and spot on. During his 28 years of elected service in the Legislature, this course instructor was directly involved in at least three major policy issues with one or more of the 38 tribes who call Oklahoma home. The topics all revolved around the sovereign powers of tribes vis a vis those of the state. At their core, it was always about money, as is usually the case on any matter of importance before the Legislature.

Specifically, the controversies in play were compacts, just another word for binding agreements between tribes and our state, as they related to tobacco,
motor fuel and—the biggest one of all—gaming. All were very complex because each tribe is a separate and distinct nation with unique wants and needs, and what looks agreeable to one is a nightmare for another. Further complicating any negotiation was a dearth of knowledge, background or understanding by Oklahoma lawmakers of tribal law, customs, leaders, history and, critically, treaties from the distant past. After all, how many legislators arrive for duty at the capitol steeped in the intricacies of the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek of 1830, the Dawes Act of 1887 or even the difference between the Choctaw Nation and the Choctaw Tribe? Answer: None, especially years ago when Native American tribes were often viewed by state lawmakers as just other special interests and, in fact, not very special at all.

So, with that as background, in this class we will discuss: How Oklahoma did indeed become “The Home of The Red Man,” and not just for the five civilized tribes exiled from the southeast but many from throughout the nation; the complexity and confusion between state and federal statutes; and finally, how bitter and longstanding arguments and stalemates turned into workable, fair and beneficial compacts.

The process related to gaming was especially bumpy at best and often appeared futile, but leaders such as Gov. Brad Henry, Chickasaw Gov.r Bill Anoatubby and Treasurer Scott Meacham proved to be statesmen, not politicians, while both tribal and Oklahoma legislators worked together to craft statutes that mirrored emerging compacts. And finally, the voters in November 2004 affirmed the multi-year efforts to create honest, transparent and taxable gaming on tribal lands by a vote of 53% to 47%, somewhat of a near miracle in itself. Today, Oklahoma, also the buckle of the Bible belt, is home to 135 casinos including one, Winstar near Thackerville, that boasts it is the largest in the world. Apparently, a bunch of those buckles enjoy rubbing up against blackjack and craps tables while trying not to bust over 21 or roll snake eyes!

Come join Cal and his several guests as they discuss, and maybe cuss, the two states of Oklahoma, one Native American, the other mostly white, with competing but sometimes complementary challenges, goals and opportunities. We ‘bet’ you’ll enjoy it.
Spies in the Sky: America’s Quest for Imagery Intelligence Dominance in the Cold War and Beyond | $45
*Chris Sartorius, Department of International and Area Studies*

**Wednesdays | Nov. 20-Dec. 18* | 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman | Room A-2/4

*Class will not meet Nov. 27.*

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Jill Hicks-Keeton, Religious Studies

Tuesdays | Sept. 10-Oct. 1 | 1-2:30 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
B Conference

Featuring photos and videos from D.C.’s new $500 million museum dedicated to the Bible (founded and funded by the Oklahoma Green family), this course provides analysis of the controversies the Museum of the Bible has spawned in the national press and in the academic field of biblical studies.

Better Brain | $45
Thomas Thompson

Wednesdays | Nov. 6-Dec. 18* | 10-11:30 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room C-2
*Class will not meet on Nov. 27.

The Feldenkrais Method is based on principles of physics, biomechanics and an empirical understanding of learning and human development. We will be working on movement puzzles framed around related scientific data to help integrate the right and left hemispheres of our brain. We will explore many different movement options best illustrated by Michael Merzenich’s (Ph.D. neuroscientist) statement, “It is better to try to move to a point in space in 100 different speeds in 100 different ways... than to move 200 times in the same way to get to that point in space.” We will be developing more kinesthetic awareness, extending ranges of motion and expanding our day-to-day comfort.
Unusual Humans and Their Unusual Brains | $45

Celeste Wirsig-Wiechmann

Fridays Sept. 6-27 | 3:30-5 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman | Room A2

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Geologic Processes that Impact Earth History and Humans: Plate Tectonics, Volcanoes, Earthquakes, Tsunamis and Glaciers | $45

Ken Johnson, Geologist Emeritus

Thursdays | Oct. 24-Nov. 14 | 10-11:30 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman | A Conference

This Senior Seminar includes presentations on four of the geologic processes that have had, and will have, major impacts upon life on Earth. Non-technical discussions, illustrated with many beautiful slides—and a bit of humor—are well-suited for the interested layperson. Come and learn more about major geologic processes, and how they have impacted Earth history and Oklahoma. This seminar is an update of presentations given at OLLI in 2014. Plate tectonics, the driving force of our dynamic Earth, entails the movement of
seven large plates and a number of smaller plates of the Earth’s crust at speeds of about 1 to 2 inches per year. These crustal movements, well-documented since the early 1960s, explain the location and intensity of most of Earth’s volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis.

Volcanoes are openings in the Earth’s crust that allow molten rock (lava), volcanic ash and gases to escape to the surface. The Earth currently has about 1,500 “active” volcanoes (activity within the past 10,000 years), and almost all of them are located along, or near, the tectonic-plate boundaries. The United States has more than 150 active volcanoes, mostly in Alaska and to a lesser extent in the western third of the lower 48 states.

Earthquakes and tsunamis are the most devastating of Earth’s processes. Most large earthquakes occur at tectonic-plate boundaries and are triggered by the movement of plates past or under each other. Earthquakes that occur beneath the oceans, or in coastal areas, can generate tsunamis when large masses of the earth are thrust up (or down) and trigger displacement of large volumes of water. Waves created by water displacement move across the ocean at about 500 miles/hour and then surge over coastal areas.

Glaciers, fjords and icebergs, how they form, and the landforms they create. Most common in the polar regions, and in many mountain areas throughout the world, vast ice sheets and glaciers cover about 10% of Earth’s land area. While “flowing” slowly from higher to lower elevations, glaciers have ground away at the underlying Earth and have sculpted the landscape of much of the world today.
Understanding the Media | $5
Dick Pryor, General Manager, KGOU Public Radio

Tuesday | Sept. 10 | 9:30-11 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman | Conference A

In today’s noisy and rambunctious media environment, a lot of people just don’t know what to believe. Reliable information is critical to enlightened and engaged citizenship, but who can you trust? How can you tell the difference between real news and “fake news”? How does the news media operate? Why does it matter?

Those important questions will be addressed in Dick Pryor’s presentation, “Seeking the Truth: Media Literacy in an Age of Alternative Facts.” Pryor will also take your questions and provide tips on how to become an “educated citizen” and have civil conversations about important topics.

Pryor is general manager of KGOU Radio – Your NPR Source, which serves the Oklahoma City metro and delivers news, information, discussion and entertainment programs to more than one million people across the state.

Pryor has more than 40 years of experience in television, radio, public relations, law and government service. He has been honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Oklahoma and is a member of the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame.
Literature and Life: The Most Intimate Connection | $5

Paulo Moreira

Tuesday | Sept. 17 | 9:30-11 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman | Room C-2

This course will talk about the impact of literature and literary studies in everyday life by focusing on two aspects: narrative and self-expression. In their daily social interactions, human beings of all ages spin narratives about themselves and about the world in which they live. Their structure reveals a lot about who people are and what they think. It also helps us understand ourselves better and people and worldviews different from ours. Instead of a lecture exposition, class members will be asked to participate on a variation of the Socratic method, responding to the instructor's questions. They will also read and interpret very short stories that approach the issue: Julio Torri’s “A Poor Actor of His Own Emotions,” Jorge Luis Borges’ “Borges and I” and Machado de Assis’ “The Devil's Church.”
Coping with the Holidays | $5

Eric Vaughan

Tuesday | Nov. 12 | 9:30-11 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman | Room A-2

Grief is a lot more than just feeling sad, and the process of bereavement is something we just don’t get over in three days of a clearly defined process. If a loved one has passed away and you’d like to learn about the complexities of grief and the process of healing, join us for this informative course. The instructor served as a hospice counselor for 14 years and has companioned hundreds through the grieving process from all types of death. Although we’ll address the emotional side of grief, please note that is NOT a support group per se, but a chance to learn from the wisdom of those who didn’t “get over it,” but healed and did get through it.
Polar Bears and Harp Seals: The Top Predators and Top “Cuties” of Canada | $5

Ken Johnson, Geologist Emeritus, Oklahoma Geological Survey

Tuesday | Oct. 15 | 9:30-11 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Conference A

Canada is home for two of the premier animals of North America: the polar bear is the top predator, and the baby harp seal is on top of the “cutie” list. Polar bears are 500-1,200 pounds of casual majesty. Most of the year they live on sea ice, hunting seals and gather near Churchill, Manitoba, waiting for ice to form again on Hudson Bay; this is a great time and place to see these wonderful animals up close (but not too close). Harp seals give birth to the “whitecoat” pups in March on sea ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and abandon them after only 10 days of motherhood. Conservation efforts in the 1970s and 1980s led to an end of the killing of “whitecoats” for their fur. This program is updated from one given at OLLI in 2015.

Is There a Buddhist Take on Hot-Button Political Issues? | $5

Haven Tobias

Tuesday | Oct. 22 | 9:30-11 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | 1704 Asp Ave., Norman
Room C-2

Well, that woman, that lawyer and that Buddhist returned to that same bar to see if a civil conversation could be had about some other hot button issues: abortion, immigration and gender. Does the Buddhist have anything to contribute?
OLLII CLASSES AT OU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER, OKC

All of OLLI’s OKC classes take place at the PHF Conference Center.

ABOUT THE PHF CONFERENCE CENTER

The PHF Conference Center is owned by the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and located in the University Research Park, which is on the southwest end of OU’s HSC campus. It is designed to meet the highly specialized needs of the OLLI at OU program, featuring ample parking, state-of-the-art technology, beverage services and a professional staff with a welcoming attitude.

Located minutes from downtown Oklahoma City and adjacent to main highways, the PHF Conference Center sits in the midst of OUHSC University Research Park, the heart of the city’s booming district.

The PHF Conference Center is perfect for OLLI’s ongoing expansion to OKC because it can comfortably accommodate groups of various sizes for OLLI presentations, seminars and annual events. Amenities include a dedicated in-room PC, laptop ports, multi-source AV inputs (computer, DVD, Cable TV, CD), high-speed internet access for presentations, wireless internet access, high-resolution document cameras and more!

QUICK FACTS ABOUT OLLI CLASSES AT THE PHF CONFERENCE CENTER:

• The facility is close to main highways and easily accessible, making for quick and convenient entrance and exit.
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• All parking is provided by the OLLI at OU program.
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• Building address: 655 Research Parkway, OKC, OK 73104
• All OLLI classes are located in suite 100, in the Kairos classroom.

For questions or more information, contact our office at (405) 325-3488 or olli@ou.edu.
HEALTH

Cancer: The Disease, Risk Factors, Prevention and New Drug Development | $45
J. Thomas Pento

Mondays | Sept. 30-Oct. 21 | 10-11:30 a.m.
PHF Conference Center | 655 Research Pkwy, OKC
Kairos Classroom

This course will review information obtained from the Human Genome Project that has led to a better understanding of the biology of cancer development and revealed new therapeutic targets for the treatment of this disease. In addition, this course will discuss factors known to be involved in the development of cancer, its progression and its spread (or metastatic development). Further, a presentation of the common risk factors associated with cancer development and the general methods or lifestyles that are known to reduce the risk of cancer development will be discussed. Finally, an overview of the development of new and potentially more effective anti-cancer drugs will be considered.

MUSIC

A Brief History of Film Music | $45
Joshua Tomlinson, School of Music

Fridays | Nov. 1-22 | 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
PHF Conference Center | 655 Research Pkwy, OKC
Kairos Classroom

Stories play a significant role in the lives of each generation, but in the 20th century, a new medium of storytelling emerged—one that eventually required several arts to come together in order to create one coherent work. Join us for an auditory overview of movies, where we will listen to what we see.
Potpourri of Four Phantastique Locations: Jerusalem, Antarctica, Grand Canyon and Panama Canal | $45

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Thursdays | Sept. 12-Oct. 10* | 10-11:30 a.m.
PHF Conference Center 655 Research Pkwy, OKC | Kairos Classroom
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These four places are among the most phantastique locations in the world! Come and learn about the history and importance of four places that are (or should be) on most “bucket lists.” These talks are updates of presentations given for OLLI in 2013-14.

Discover how the long history of Jerusalem has led to modern conflicts over who controls the city that contains religious sites important for Jews, Christians
and Muslims. Jerusalem is the location of the holiest Jewish sites—the First and Second Temples. The life, teachings and crucifixion of Jesus Christ established the importance of the city to Christianity. Jerusalem also contains the Islamic holy site from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended to heaven to receive revelations from Allah.

Antarctica, the most remote, inhospitable and exotic continent on our planet, is also the coldest, windiest, highest and driest of all continents. This talk covers wildlife (mostly penguins), glacial ice, the history of exploration and geologic/geographic setting, based upon the speaker’s six trips to the Antarctic Peninsula as an expedition-staff member and lecturer. The talk will be of equal interest to scientists and the general public.

The Grand Canyon is one of the geologic wonders of the world, and each year about 15,000 persons journey through the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River on rafts. Travelers in groups of five to 30 people ride the rapids, explore side canyons, examine geologic history exposed in the canyon walls, and camp and eat along the river on trips that last three to 14 days. The course instructor has organized and led five raft trips through the Grand Canyon. Experience the thrill of exploration and of learning more about geologic processes.

Join in a celebration of the 105th Anniversary of the Panama Canal. The Spanish, French and (finally) American efforts at crossing Panama are filled with stories of trials and suffering, including the deaths of about 25,000 workers. This struggle resulted (in 1914) in one of the world’s engineering wonders. The Canal saves ±8,000 miles of sea travel around South America and was (is) crucial to the development of the Americas. Panama’s new set of larger locks, completed in 2016, accommodate “Post-Panamax” super tankers. The speaker has been through the Canal four times.
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The title of this course may sound controversial and for some readers probably even wrong. To Cal Hobson, after decades of experience working with tribal and state governments, it sounds accurate, definitive and spot on. During his 28 years of elected service in the Legislature, this course instructor was directly involved in at least three major policy issues with one or more of the 38 tribes who call Oklahoma home. The topics all revolved around the sovereign powers of tribes vis a vis those of the state. At their core, it was always about money, as is usually the case on any matter of importance before the Legislature.

Specifically, the controversies in play were compacts, just another word for binding agreements between tribes and our state, as they related to tobacco, motor fuel and—the biggest one of all—gaming. All were very complex because each tribe is a separate and distinct nation with unique wants and needs, and what looks agreeable to one is a nightmare for another. Further complicating any negotiation was a dearth of knowledge, background or understanding by
Oklahoma lawmakers of tribal law, customs, leaders, history and, critically, treaties from the distant past. After all, how many legislators arrive for duty at the capitol steeped in the intricacies of the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek of 1830, the Dawes Act of 1887 or even the difference between the Choctaw Nation and the Choctaw Tribe? Answer: None, especially years ago when Native American tribes were often viewed by state lawmakers as just other special interests and, in fact, not very special at all.

So, with that as background, in this class we will discuss: How Oklahoma did indeed become “The Home of The Red Man,” and not just for the five civilized tribes exiled from the southeast but many from throughout the nation; the complexity and confusion between state and federal statutes; and finally, how bitter and longstanding arguments and stalemates turned into workable, fair and beneficial compacts.

The process related to gaming was especially bumpy at best and often appeared futile, but leaders such as Gov. Brad Henry, Chickasaw Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Treasurer Scott Meacham proved to be statesmen, not politicians, while both tribal and Oklahoma legislators worked together to craft statutes that mirrored emerging compacts. And finally, the voters in November 2004 affirmed the multi-year efforts to create honest, transparent and taxable gaming on tribal lands by a vote of 53% to 47%, somewhat of a near miracle in itself. Today, Oklahoma, also the buckle of the Bible belt, is home to 135 casinos including one, Winstar near Thackerville, that boasts it is the largest in the world. Apparently, a bunch of those buckles enjoy rubbing up against blackjack and craps tables while trying not to bust over 21 or roll snake eyes!

Come join Cal and his several guests as they discuss, and maybe cuss, the two states of Oklahoma, one Native American, the other mostly white, with competing but sometimes complementary challenges, goals and opportunities. We ‘bet’ you’ll enjoy it.
Spies in the Sky: America’s Quest for Imagery Intelligence Dominance in the Cold War and Beyond | $45

Chris Sartorius, Department of International and Area Studies

Mondays | Nov. 18-Dec. 16 | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
PHF Conference Center | 655 Research Pkwy, OKC | Symposium Classroom
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New Faces Leading OKC Forward | $45

*Mike Adams*

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PHF Conference Center | 655 Research Pkwy, OKC | Kairos Classroom

Oklahoma City is in transition demographically, generationally and politically. In Oklahoma City public schools, 60% of the students are non-white. Oklahoma City has one of the youngest large-city mayors in the country, and five of the nine elected officials are 40 years old or younger. The political transition is evidenced by the election of the first Democratic congress person from Oklahoma City in 40 years. There is a transition in leadership happening in the private sector, in the public sector and all across the city. Recent elections have changed the face of the city, county and state government with the success of several young, diverse, progressive candidates who will bring a different focus and energy to government. Additionally, we have a new city manager, new chief of police and several other new leaders. In this course, we will focus on some of the new local leaders; their background and interests, how they got involved/elected, and their impact on the future of our community.
Unusual Humans and Their Unusual Brains | $45

Celeste Wirsig

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*Class will not meet Sept. 18

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Cruising the Rivers of the United States | $5
Ken Johnson, Geologist Emeritus, Oklahoma Geological Survey

Tuesday | Sept. 10 | 10-11:30 a.m.
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Cruising the rivers and inland waterways of the United States offers an excellent domestic experience, free of passport/customs problems, seasickness and the possibility of entrapment on an ocean vessel that has lost power out on the open seas. Also, if the boat sinks, or has a serious problem, land is just a few hundred yards away—and you can always SWIM to shore from a river cruise. Major U.S. and Canadian waterways where cruises are offered include: the Mississippi River and its tributaries (Ohio, Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers); the Great Lakes; the St. Lawrence, Hudson and Tombigbee Rivers; the Erie, Oswego, Welland, Delaware-Chesapeake and Tenn-Tom Canals; the Intracoastal Waterway; the Canadian Maritime Provinces; and the Columbia-Snake River system in the Pacific Northwest. River boats are much smaller than ocean vessels, typically with 50 to 200 passengers, and they generally make one or two stops every day at sites of national or local significance. The instructor has been on eight trips on U.S. rivers and coastal waters over the years, and he wants to share some of his experiences and show the benefits of this leisurely mode of domestic travel.
Whence Cometh Auroras er, Aurorae? | $5

Charles Wende, NASA

Tuesday | Oct. 1 | 9:30-11 a.m.
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From out of this world, well, at least off-planet. This lecture will begin with the history (some personal) of the exploration of nearby “outer space”—the discovery of the radiation belts surrounding the Earth (Van Allen himself never called them “Van Allen Belts”)—and then segue to our understanding of a “solar wind” and how mostly unseen activity on the sun affects our Earth. The most striking consequence is the Northern lights, or aurora, seen in polar regions both North and South. Yet these spectacular displays portend little-known hazards and risks to us Earthlings. Could it be sleepless aurora-lit nights in Oklahoma? Lousy weather forecasts? No satellite TV? Or something worse yet?