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OLLI AT OU FALL 2020

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA
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!

PLEASE NOTE: Most OLLI courses this fall will be offered in a hybrid format. A hybrid course is one that will have some OLLI members in the classroom with the instructor and some will participate at the same time via Zoom. All in-person courses require the use of a mask.

Some OLLI at OU courses are Zoom only, and some are in-person only. Each course is noted as HYBRID, ZOOM or IN PERSON. When you register for courses, please select your preference.

Room numbers do not appear in the catalog this semester. When you arrive at the Forum or PHF Conference Center there will be plenty of signage guiding you to the room for your course.

OLLI at OU will be practicing safe social distancing for all in-person courses. There will be a limited number of in-person seats available.
Beginning/Intermediate Drawing  | $45

*Kylie Anderson*

Fridays | Sept. 4-Oct. 9 | 10 a.m.-Noon
CCE Forum Building | Hybrid

This course will introduce students to traditional drawing media and the fundamentals of the drawing process. Our first project, a simple still life, will cover proportion measuring techniques and shading to create form. Students will experiment with the layering of vine and compressed charcoal. During the second project, an organic still life, students will use ink washes and create texture ranges. We finish off the class with a portrait assignment.

**Intermediate Drawing** - This course will further develop each student’s understanding of proportion measuring, mark-making and shading. We will begin with a complex still life, then move on to a reproduction of an old master’s figure drawing. The final project will be open-ended with the option to use color.

**ART HISTORY**

Masterpieces of French Painting 1800-1870 and 19th-Century American Painting | $45

*Victor Youritzin*

Wednesdays | Sept. 30-Oct. 21
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | CCE Forum Building
In-Person

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.
The Magic of Children’s Cinema | $45

Betty Robbins

Tuesdays | Sept. 8-Oct. 13 | 1-4 p.m. | CCE Forum Building | In-Person

Were you enchanted by Pinocchio, Peter Pan or the children in The Secret Garden as a child? How might the magic of those tales have meaning for you now? All we as adults need to do to understand the importance of children’s cinema and narratives in American culture is consider the acclaim of Harry Potter books. Current box office receipts place the tales of the adolescent wizard among the top-grossing films of all time. A dominant genre in film history from Chaplin to Disney animations, children’s cinema relays critical cultural information and reproduces social and individual values, moral codes, fantasies, aesthetics and childhood and family joy.

This course will survey a variety of sub-genres of children’s cinema in six films. We will discuss the psychological depth of good children’s film with an eye and ear for recurring archetypal figures that have the never-ending power to enchant us. We will question if and how those archetypal figures make the world manageable for children and, hopefully, gain more understanding of the values in the myths and fairy tales we are handing down to children in our own families. Perhaps we will come to see more deeply the profound significance these narratives have in their lives as we appreciate together the meaning they have had and continue to have in our own lives.
Film noir, a crime genre with a distinctive black and white style, appeared mostly in America for only about 20 years in the mid-20th century, but it has had lasting impact on American film and television ever since. From *Double Indemnity* (1944) to *Strangers On A Train* (1951), it engaged with some of the most important questions of modernity right after the Great Depression and into the postwar years. We will study film style, literary adaptations, influences on modern films and more to explore why film noir still resonates with audiences today.
Not to Be Forgotten Films | $45
Betty Robbins

Tuesdays | Aug. 4-Sept. 1* | 1-4 p.m | CCE Forum Building. | In-Person
*No class Aug. 11

The films for this course are “must-haves” in any serious film viewer’s experience. From Oscar winning to overlooked films from South America and England to New Zealand and the United States, the six films listed for this course offer rare delights in politics and passion, courage and comedy. Each film is directed by a uniquely creative and significant director. The course list includes Luis Puenzo’s The Official Story; Frank Oz’s Death at a Funeral or Peter Bogdanovich’s What’s Up, Doc?; Roman Polanski’s Chinatown; Nicholas Roeg’s Track 29; Spike Lee’s Crooklyn; and Lee Tamahori’s Once Were Warriors. Each film offers a rare contribution to anyone’s film viewing experience and education, and each fits easily into class time constraints to allow time for processing and discussion.
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*.

Of the many film books I have written, none was more a pleasure than my book on George Roy Hill, whom I got to know well while writing it and being personally introduced to everyone from Robin Williams, Glenn Close, Diane Keaton and of course, Paul Newman and Robert Redford.
Can This Capitalism BeSaved? | $45
Mary Carter

Mondays | Sept. 28-Oct.19 | 10-11:30 a.m. | CCE Forum Building | Hybrid

This course overlaps with an earlier course, Saving Capitalism, but branches into new territory with the inclusion of some of the cutting-edge ideas about capitalism and what needs to change to save it. The course will provide an analysis of how the rules governing America’s form of capitalism continue to be distorted. It will explore how these distortions are reflected in what we consider productive or unproductive in our economy, thereby influencing how we account for value in the measurement of GDP (Gross Domestic Product). These distortions contribute to growing income inequality and the anxieties in our society. Finally, the course will outline the changes that could be made to restore a capitalism that delivers more opportunities to all.

This course will focus primarily on the books The Value of Everything by Mariana Mazzucato, professor in the economics of innovation and public value at University College London, Saving Capitalism by Robert Reich, Chancellor’s professor of public policy at the University of California, Berkeley, and former secretary of labor in the Clinton Administration, and the book The Future of Capitalism—Facing the New Anxieties, by Paul Collier, professor of economics and public policy at the Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University.
What Seniors Need to Know About
Advance Directives | $45

*Teresa A. Williams*

Wednesdays | Aug. 5-Sept. 2* | 1:30-3 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | Hybrid
*No class Aug. 12*

This course will introduce seniors to the various advance directives allowed under Oklahoma law. Week One will be an introduction to advance directives. Week Two will focus on powers of attorney for business, health care and mental health. Week Three will address living wills and health care proxies. Week Four will focus on DNR forms and physician orders for life-sustaining treatment. Seniors often have questions about what these forms are and if they are needed.

Meditation | $45

*Haven Tobias*

Fridays | Oct. 2-23 | 2-3:30 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | Hybrid

Make regular meditation part of your “new normal.” You are invited to enjoy meditations from such teachings of Buddha as: discourse on the better way to catch a snake; discourse on knowing the better way to live alone; discourse on the middle way; and discourse on the eight realizations. Depending on the wishes of the class, we may also visit at least one of the following: discourse on the absolute truth; discourse on teachings to be given to the sick; discourse on love.
OLLI Discussion Group | $45
Led by Participants

Wednesday | Aug. 26-Nov. 18* | 10-11:30 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | Hybrid
*No class Sept. 30

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.
History of Great Britain During Prehistoric, Celtic, Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain Periods | $45

Ken Johnson

Fridays | Oct. 16-Nov. 6 | 10-11:30 a.m. | CCE Forum Building | Hybrid

Explore the fascinating history of Great Britain during four major periods of its history — from the beginnings of human settlement until the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

The four sessions deal with: 1) Prehistoric and Celtic Britain—the Great Ice Age and prehistoric remains, such as Stonehenge and Skara Brae, rising sea level separates the island of Great Britain from continental Europe, and later occupation by Celtic tribes from continental Europe; 2) Roman Britain—invasion of Britain by Emperor Claudius in 43 AD, conflict with the Celts, conquest and settling or the best lands, construction of Hadrian’s Wall, the arrival of Christianity and other major activities; 3) Anglo-Saxon Britain—invasion/settlement of the Angles and Saxons after the Roman Legions leave in 410 AD, King Arthur and other notables, the “Sutton Hoo” archaeological site, Beowulf, the beginnings of British culture, and early Viking raids; and 4) Viking Britain—raids and settlements, such as Lindisfarne (monastery) and Jorvik (Viking-age York), that led to partition of the island and separation of “The Danelaw” from the rest of Britain. The story ends with the invasion of Britain by William the Conqueror.
Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean in the Bronze Age | $45
Tanya Szafranski

Thursdays | Aug. 27-Oct. 1 | 10 a.m.-Noon | CCE Forum Building | Hybrid

This seminar uses historical and archaeological sources to explore ancient Greece at the dawn of its history in the second millennium B.C. We will examine the relationships between so-called “Mycenaean” Greek culture and its Aegean predecessor, the “Minoan” culture, as well as political and economic connections between Minoan/Mycenaean cultures and states to the south and east, including Egypt, Levantine cities and the Hittites of Anatolia. The seminar will address the archaeological evidence pertaining to two cataclysmic events—the volcanic destruction of the island of Thera, and the political and economic collapse of eastern Mediterranean states in the 1100s B.C.—and discuss their relationship to ancient and modern stories of the Exodus and the Trojan War. Finally, we will consider the contributions of these second-millennium Mediterranean cultures to the first-millennium Greek culture and literature with which we are familiar.
Athletics and Society in Ancient Greece | $45

*Tanya Szafranski*

**Wednesdays | Nov. 4-25 | 9-11 a.m.**
**CCE Forum Building | Hybrid**

This seminar uses the topic of athletic competition to explore various aspects of ancient Greek culture, including social status, gender and political identity. We will discuss the ancient written and visual sources that allow historians to reconstruct the Greek athletic ideal, as well as its reality. Our journey will begin in the Bronze Age of the second millennium B.C., continuing through the founding of the Olympics in the 8th century B.C. and the significance of cyclical athletic cycles to inter-city relationships in Classical Greece, ending with 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.

Chinese Culture | $45

*Paul Bell*

**Tuesdays | Sept. 8-Oct. 6**
**9:30-11:30 a.m. | Zoom**

This course will provide an introduction to Chinese culture. 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.
The Unrealized American Dream—Set Forth in the Declaration of Independence and Articulated by Abraham Lincoln | $45
Fred Gipson

Thursdays | Sept. 10-Oct. 15 | 2-3:30 p.m. | CCE Forum Building | Hybrid

Our unrealized American dreams are probably best considered within the framework of two documents. First, the Declaration of Independence. In this course, we will study the writing, amending and passage of the Declaration of Independence by the 2nd Continental Congress. We will also discuss compromises that were made in our Constitution and subsequent Congressional legislation. Second, Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address is probably the most lofty and challenging articulation of our nation’s ideals, and it will be explored along with other Lincoln writings. In the context of the above, the speakers will explore the theory of political change that draws on rhetoric for its capacity to achieve political consensus and manage to govern. Lincoln clearly had an understanding of Aristotle’s “Political Reasoning” when he delivered the Gettysburg Address. As a nation, we have made significant headway in realizing our goals and aspirations. We will discuss the challenge of our unfinished business.

Not required, but relevant readings: Declaration of Independence; Constitution of the U.S.; Gettysburg Address; Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power by Jon Meacham; John Adams by David McCullough; Aristotle on Political Reasoning by Larry Arnhart; The Declaration of Independence: A Global History by David Armitage; Lincoln at Gettysburg by Gary Wills; Abraham Lincoln, Theologian of American Anguish by Elton Trueblood.
In this seminar, we explore how the Romans humorously observed everyday life, poked gentle fun at country bumpkins, and coped with the vagaries of living in a big, bustling city. Puns, satire and comedic stereotypes are not at all new. Mistaken identity was a favorite theme of the Roman playwright Plautus, whose plots have been adapted by Shakespeare and modern-day sitcom writers. The satirist Juvenal, a precursor of contemporary writers such as Christopher Buckley and Molly Ivins, showed us how to make fun of those in power. Dark and biting humor was a mainstay of the poet Martial, whose readers will recognize his style in the works of Joan Rivers and Mel Brooks. While there was no such thing as “bleeping” of curse words in antiquity, ancient writers could face serious consequences for being too pointed in their comic critiques or too bawdy with language. Come and learn about how George Carlin had it easy compared to Martial and Catullus – no Latin required!
Midwives, Witches and Nurses: A History of Midwifery | $45
Sharon J. Schlicher

Wednesdays | Oct. 7-Nov. 11 | 1-3 p.m. | CCE Forum Building | Hybrid

Midwifery is the oldest profession. Midwives were the wise women and herbalists that saved lives and knew family secrets. They were the holders of history and honored women’s traditions. We will examine the history of midwifery beginning with Greek and Roman mythology and Celtic Goddesses who were believed to protect women in childbirth and discuss reasons why Sage Femme or Wise Women were considered so dangerous by the Church during the Burning Times in the Medieval Age. We will learn about Oklahoma history beginning with the Trail of Tears and Native American midwives who walked and caught babies, along with the Oklahoma African American Midwives who caught thousands of babies in Langston and other black communities.

Then, we will examine the community midwives through the ‘70s and ‘80s who changed the hospital policies of the 1920s that were the result of the medical revolution, taking women from a natural labor and birth to one with every known intervention at the time. We will learn how midwives made the difference in family-centered care, breastfeeding and childbirth for all women, restoring dignity, mother’s options and father’s rights. We will discuss the anthropological world viewpoint that women helping women (the definition of midwife) is the safest and best choice for childbirth, improving statistical outcomes and safety. Lastly, we will discuss the current witch hunts with the arrest of midwives and why the limiting of women’s choices in childbirth affects everyone, making childbirth a political feminist issue.
The Great Patriotic War: Russia’s World War II | $45
Melissa K. Stockdale

Mondays | Sept. 14-Oct. 19 | 10-11:45 a.m. | CCE Forum Building | Hybrid

The year 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. Soviet Russia’s role in the European war was critical to victory. Nearly 90% of all German casualties in World War II occurred on the Eastern front. It was also a devastatingly costly war for the Soviets, claiming more than 25 million lives. This course examines the Russian experience of World War II, a conflict that Russians call the “Great Patriotic War.” We will explore the causes and military conduct of the war, the wartime experience of both soldiers and civilians, homefront mobilization—including propaganda campaigns—and how the winning alliance between the Soviet Union, Britain and the U.S. so quickly degenerated into a new “Cold War.” We’ll conclude our course by examining memory of the war, with particular emphasis on the Putin regime’s use of that memory for political and nationalist ends.
At a time when our country continues to struggle with racism and the legacy of slavery, with the notion of states’ rights and federalism, and with the question of what ought to be celebrated in public spaces with statues and memorials, the American Civil War remains as relevant as ever. What does it mean to be an American? Where is the line between state and federal powers? How do we determine which historical facts are immortalized in textbooks and government buildings, and who makes those decisions? What is the difference between celebrating the heritage and history of a given people or region and perpetuating divisive ideology or myth? All of these questions and more will be considered in our short course on the Civil War. We'll concentrate on the historical background to the conflict, the causes of the war, the enormous changes the war wrought in social, economic and governmental affairs, the importance of the war in terms of military tactics and technology, and the experiences of ordinary soldiers and civilians caught in the maelstrom. We'll conclude with a discussion of the consequences of the war, and the ways in which they loom large in our country even today.
Introduction to the Modern Short Story | $45
Chris Carter

Fridays | Aug. 28-Sept. 25 | 2-3:30 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | Hybrid

Required text: *Stories of Your Life and Others* by Ted Chiang. Available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble

This course is an introduction to modern short fiction, focusing on five stories from Ted Chiang’s debut collection, *Stories of Your Life and Others*, published in 2002. We will meet five times and read the following:

**Aug. 28:** *The Evolution of Human Science, Tower of Babylon*
**Sept. 4:** *Division by Zero*
**Sept. 11:** *Seventy-Two Letters*
**Sept. 18:** *Story of Your Life*
**Sept. 25:** *Hell is the Absence of God*

There is no prerequisite for this course. Although it is the seventh in my series of OLLI courses, it is a brand-new course and will take us in a new direction, namely, contemporary science fiction. I predict you will like this course even if you think you do not like science fiction.

Poetry Club | $45
David Anderson

Tuesdays* | 5–6:30 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | Hybrid
- 2020: Aug. 25, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 17
- 2021: Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 30, April 27

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. We will begin with a brief discussion of the poet in question and will guide the group through an analysis of the work.
Great Jewish Short Stories from the 20th Century | $45
Alan Levenson

Tuesdays | Oct. 13-Nov. 3 | 2-3:30 p.m.
CCE Forum Building | Hybrid

The People of the Book turned to a wider variety of genres in modern times, exploring the border of history and fiction, religion and secularism. Through short stories originally written in Yiddish, German, Hebrew and English, we explore the modern Jewish experience through four literary gems. Peretz's *Bontsche the Silent* runs a second only to *Fiddler the Roof* as a beloved Yiddish classic. Bontsche represents the little man ground down by society. Arnold Zweig’s *Buchmendel* captures the lost world order of the Hapsburgs in the person of a disoriented book lover in reduced circumstances. Aharon Megged’s *The Name* sets the obligation to remember the Holocaust against the need to press forward in the new state of Israel. Cynthia Ozick’s *The Pagan Rabbi* takes a mysterious suicide as an entrée into the viability of religion in a secular age.

The Brontë Sisters | $45
Lisa Seale

Tuesdays | Oct. 13-Nov. 17
1-2:30 p.m. | Zoom

Charlotte Brontë, Emily Brontë, Anne Brontë—strong women, stronger authors. The first two sisters’ works were wildly popular immediately upon publication and have remained so. We will, of course, discuss *Jane Eyre* and *Wuthering Heights*, but also *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* (reading all three novels in advance of class, if possible). We’ll also watch selections from film adaptations and a documentary about the sisters who imagined their way into our own collective imagination.
OLLI FALL 2020 REGISTRATION FORM

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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 Extended Campus
1700 Asp Ave., Room B-1, Norman, OK 73072-6407
Registration and Records:
(405) 325-2379
YES! Sign me up to be a member of OLLI!
Cost is $50 and is valid July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Membership is required to attend courses. PIF 523 4800 2101

Already a member!

YES! Sign me up for the following courses:

SENIOR SEMINARS | NORMAN: Cost per course is $45.
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Red indicates course type (see page 6).

- Beginning/Intermediate Drawing | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ...... $45
- Masterpieces of French Painting 1800-1870 and 19th-Century American Painting | In-Person ............... $45
- The Magic of Children’s Cinema | In-Person ......................... $45
- History and Impact of Film Noir | In-Person .............................. $45
- Not to be Forgotten Films | In-Person .............................. $45
- The Films of George Roy Hill | In-Person .............................. $45
- Can This Capitalism Be Saved? | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ........ $45
- What Seniors Need to Know About
  - Advance Directives | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ....................... $45
  - Meditation | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ......................................... $45
  - OLLI Discussion Group | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ................ $45
  - History of Great Britain during Prehistoric, Celtic and Viking Britain Periods | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ................ $45
- Greece and Eastern Mediterranean in the Bronze Age | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ....................... $45
- Athletics/Society, Ancient Greece | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ..... $45
- Chinese Culture | Zoom ................................................................. $45
- The Unrealized American Dream-Set Forth in the Declaration of Independence and Lincoln | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ........ $45
- What’s So Funny? Comedy from Antiquity to Modern Day | Zoom ................................................................. $45
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- Midwives, Witches and Nurses:  
  A History of Midwifery | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ....................... $45

- Great Patriotic War: Russia’s WWII | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) .... $45

- American Civil War We Remember | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ... $45

- Introduction to Modern Short Story | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) .. $45

- Poetry Club | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ........................................ $45

- Great Jewish Short Stories from the 20th Century | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ........................................ $45

- The Brontë Sisters | Zoom .............................................................. $4

- History of Electronic Music | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ................ $45

- The Haunts of Elvis Presley | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ................ $45

- Current Issues International Security | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) $45

- The Practice of Diplomacy | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ........ $45

- American Government in 2020 | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ...... $45

- The 2020 Elections | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ......................... $45

- Islam: Faith, Praxis, and Theology | Zoom ........................................... $45

- Women in the Bible | Zoom .............................................................. $45

- Introduction to Buddhism | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) .................. $45

- Native Sciences: Indigenous Prospectives on Earth’s Processes | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ........................................ $45

- United Stats of America | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ...................... $45

- Everything You Wanted to Know About Lightning, but Were Afraid to Ask | Zoom ......................................................... $45

- Fundamentals of iOS | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ....................... $45

**MORNINGS WITH THE PROFESSOR | NORMAN:**

COST PER SESSION IS $5

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- Salt: Nature’s Most Edible Rock | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ....... $5

- The Early Renaissance in Florence | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) .... $5

- “The Operetta”: The Musical Theatre Genre that Flourished from Mid-1850s through Early 1900s | In-Person......................... $5

- The Fountain of Youth: Want A Sip? | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) .. $5

- Karma | Hybrid (☐ In-Person ☐ Zoom) ........................................ $5
SENIOR SEMINARS | OUHSC (OKC):
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History of Electronic Music | $45
*Nikki Krumwiede*

Thursdays | Oct. 8-29 | 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | CCE Forum Building | Hybrid

This course will discuss the history of electronic music, the evolution of its use by film music, radio sound artists, popular music and modern contemporary classical music, as well as the many instruments used to create it.

The Haunts of Elvis Presley | $45
*Kalyn Prince*

Thursdays | Oct. 8-29 | 10-11:30 a.m.
CCE Forum Building | Hybrid

Elvis is alive! He haunts places across the country, in locations that serve as touchpoints for understanding his life and music. In this seminar, we will investigate music legend Elvis Presley by examining his relationship to specific places. The American South, Graceland, Hawaii and even Texas all played a substantial role in shaping Elvis into the King. Likewise, he helped construct those places into what they are today. We’ll explore this reciprocal relationship and consider the ways in which Elvis lives on—or haunts us—in places all over the nation.
Current Issues in International Security | $45

Chris Sartorius

Wednesdays | Nov. 4-Dec. 2 | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | CCE Forum Building | Hybrid

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The practice of diplomacy is as important as it has ever been to help address and solve major disputes in today’s world. A resurgent and aggressive Russia and a powerful challenge—in all aspects of DIME-Diplomacy/Information/Military/Economic—from China demand that diplomacy remains the preferred method of trying to address/resolve these problems. Additionally, the practice of diplomacy is just as important for addressing “day-to-day” issues around the world as it is for the next conflict.

What is diplomacy? Who actually practices U.S. diplomacy? What are the practical aspects of diplomacy that make up our routine interaction with foreign nation-states and other entities? This course is designed to provide you with a greater understanding of how day-to-day diplomacy is conducted by U.S. Foreign Service Officers from the Department of State and other entities at our embassies around the world. We will learn from former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and others about the state of World Order and American Diplomatic History. We will take a look inside the structure of the U.S. Department of State as well as a U.S. Embassy and how it operates. Finally, we will also look at the challenging process that one must undertake in order to become a U.S. Foreign Service Officer within the State Department.

Basic topics by date:
Aug. 26   Introduction/What Is the U.S. Embassy/State Department?
Sept. 2   A Day in the Life of a Diplomat/Tales from the Field/
          Taking the Foreign Service Test
Sept. 9   Europe: Its Pluralistic International Order and European
          Balance of Power System and Its End
Sept. 16  Acting for All Mankind: The U.S. and Its Concept of Order and
          the U.S.: Ambivalent Superpower

Recommended Books: *World Order* by Henry Kissinger; *Inside a U.S. Embassy* by Shawn Dorman; *The Back Channel* by William Burns
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Although more than one and a half billion people across the world belong to the faith of Islam, a widespread lack of understanding and confusion about the religion’s basic principles and historical developments exists in the Western world—despite the growing presence of Muslim populations in new corners of the globe, especially in western Europe and North America. This course attempts to shed light on the birth and development of the Islamic religious tradition, from the 7th-century to the present. We will answer important questions about Muslim faith, daily life practices and sectarian divisions, and we will also attempt to understand aspects of Islamic mysticism and the role of women in Islamic societies, past and present.
Women in the Bible  | $45

*jill Hicks-Keeton*

Mondays | Aug. 31-Sept 28* | 9:30-11 a.m. | CCE Forum Building | Zoom

*No class Sept. 7*

This course will feature an in-depth exploration of select famous, infamous and unnamed women in the Bible from literary and historical perspectives.

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Introduction to Buddhism | $45

*Ralph Doty*

Mondays | Nov. 2-23 | 10-11:30 a.m. | CCE Forum Building | Hybrid

Although it may be the fastest-growing spiritual movement in this country, Buddhism remains a mystery to most Americans. Not entirely a religion, a philosophy or a form of therapy, it is in some sense all three. This course will examine the basic teachings of Buddhism, the differences between the main schools—including a brief look at Zen—and how Buddhism is adapting to America (and vice versa).
Native Sciences: Indigenous Prospectives on Earth’s Processes | $45

*Shannon Dulin*

**Wednesdays | Sept. 9-Oct. 7***
10:30 a.m.-Noon | CCE Forum Building | Hybrid
*No class Sept. 30*

This course will look at geological and meteorological processes through the lens of indigenous peoples and western scientific study of the phenomena. We will discuss indigenous stories, indigenous and scientific artwork, and scientific prospectives on events like tornadoes, earthquakes and river evolution.

United Stats of America | $45

*Erin Freeman*

**Thursdays | Oct. 8-29 | 1:30-3 p.m.**
CCE Forum Building | Hybrid

The purpose of this course is to increase statistical and scientific literacy among students. Topics will include a non-technical introduction to basic statistical concepts (e.g., visual descriptions/graphs, polls and margin of error, understanding basic research design and causal inferences, measures of central tendency, measures of variability, sampling processes, relationships between samples and populations, risk and odds, basic probability, basic measurement, correlation and regression) and how these concepts are applied (both correctly and incorrectly) to the media and politics. Discussions in the fall will include a special focus on understanding statistics presented in the media related to the 2020 election and coverage of COVID-19, as well as on topics relevant to participants’ interests.
Everything You Wanted to Know About Lightning, but Were Afraid to Ask | $45
William H. Beasely

Thursdays | Aug. 6-Sept. 3 | 10-11:30 a.m. | CCE Forum Building | Zoom
*No class Aug. 13

What is lightning? We will discuss definitions, sequence of events in cloud-to-ground lightning, statistics, pretty pictures and high-speed videos.

What happens when lightning strikes? What happens to houses and buildings, cars, people and animals, trees, boats, aircraft and tall towers?

What can be done about it? We will talk about lightning protection, NFPA building protection requirements, electronics and computers, lightning warnings, lightning location networks, advanced warning using electric-field meters and rare observations.

We will then conclude our lesson with a summary of our discussion.
**Fundamentals of iOS | $45**  
*Jeremy Hessman*

**Thursdays | Sept. 3-Oct. 8 | 9:30-11:30 a.m. | CCE Forum Building | Hybrid**

This course will cover the basics of Apple devices – walking users through how to access, work with and use different aspects of their mobile devices both tablets/cell phones.
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The Early Renaissance in Florence | $5
Allison Palmer

Tuesday | Sept. 22 | 9:30-11 a.m. | Hybrid

This class will focus on the art created in Florence during the 1400s, at a time when the merchant class and the thriving civic and religious community organizations sponsored one of the most vibrant art cultures in all of Europe. Highlights will include Brunelleschi’s cathedral dome, Michelozzo’s Medici Palace, Ghiberti and Donatello’s bronze sculptures, and Botticelli’s mythological paintings.

“The Operetta”: The Musical Theatre Genre that Flourished from the Mid-1850s Through the Early 1900s | $5
Marvin Beck

Tuesday | Nov. 17 | 9:30-11 a.m. | In-Person

We will introduce, discuss, watch and listen to the works of the masters, including Jacques Offenbach, Johann Strauss II, Franz Lehar, Gilbert and Sullivan, Victor Herbert, Rudolf Friml and Sigmund Romberg – a taste of some of the most beautiful music of that, or any other, era. This will become the outline for a series of future seminars that will allow us to explore and fully experience the spectacular realm of “The Operetta.”
The Fountain of Youth: Want A Sip? | $5
*Ralph Doty*

Tuesday | Oct. 13 | 9:30-11 a.m. | Hybrid

Recent studies have revealed the mechanisms of aging; is it possible to slow the process down, or even reverse it? A number of scientists think so and are at work right now on projects designed to eliminate the diseases of old age, or even old age itself. Find out what’s going on in this new and exciting branch of science.

Karma | $5
*Haven Tobias*

Tuesday | Oct. 6 | 9:30-11 a.m.

We’re all familiar with the bumper sticker My Karma Ran Over Your Dogma. But seriously folks, your dogma flattened my karma by translating it as fate. Let’s explore the hows, whys and wherefores of Karma.
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!

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• The facility is close to main highways and easily accessible, making for quick and convenient entrance and exit.
• The parking garage has ample spots and is covered, providing members (and their cars) protection from any kind of weather.
• All parking is provided by the OLLI at OU program.
• Coffee and water will be available for all OLLI members.
• 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.
What Seniors Need to Know About Advance Directives | $45

*Teresa A. Williams*

Mondays | Nov. 2-23 | 10:30 a.m.-Noon | PHF Conference Center, OKC

In-Person

This course would introduce seniors to the various advance directives allowed under Oklahoma law. Week One will be an introduction to advance directives. Week Two will focus on powers of attorney for business, health care and mental health. Week Three will address living wills and health care proxies. Week Four will focus on DNR forms and physician orders for life sustaining treatment. Seniors often have questions about what these forms are and if they are needed.
History of Great Britain During Prehistoric, Celtic, Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain Periods | $45

Ken Johnson

Thursdays | Oct. 15-Nov. 5, 2020 | 10-11:30 a.m.
PHF Conference Center, OKC | In-Person

Explore the fascinating history of Great Britain during four major periods of its history—from the beginnings of human settlement until the Battle of Hastings in 1066. The four sessions deal with: 1) Prehistoric and Celtic Britain—the Great Ice Age and prehistoric remains, such as Stonehenge and Skara Brae, rising sea level separates the island of Great Britain from continental Europe, and later occupation by Celtic tribes from continental Europe; 2) Roman Britain—invasion of Britain by Emperor Claudius in 43 AD, conflict with the Celts, conquest and settling or the best lands, construction of Hadrian’s Wall, the arrival of Christianity and other major activities; 3) Anglo-Saxon Britain—invasion/settlement of the Angles and Saxons after the Roman Legions leave in 410 AD, King Arthur(?) and other notables, the “Sutton Hoo” archaeological site, Beowulf, the beginnings of British culture, and early Viking raids; and 4) Viking Britain—raids and settlements, such as Lindisfarne (monastery) and Jorvik (Viking-age York), that led to partition of the island and separation of “The Danelaw” from the rest of Britain. The story ends with the invasion of Britain by William the Conqueror.
Oklahoma City – What’s Next | $45

Mike Adams

Wednesdays | Sept. 2-30 | 1-3 p.m. | PHF Conference Center, OKC
In-Person

In last semester’s class, “Oklahoma City – Why We Are the Way We Are,” we looked back on Oklahoma City’s history and heard from a series of guest speakers as we dove into a few seminal event/periods that molded Oklahoma City and defined the City’s DNA. In this course, we will turn our attention forward and explore what is ahead for Greater Oklahoma City. Many of us have experienced the renaissance and growth in the Oklahoma City area in recent years, even as the state strives for Top 10 status.

A few of the “Top 10” accolades for the city promoted to prospective new residents and businesses include:
• The #1 city worth moving to if you want to launch a business,
• Top 10 fastest-growing city,
• Top 10 for recession recovery,
• Top 10 job growth ranking,
• The #1 city for tech growth among its peers,
• A “must-visit destination in 2016,” and
• One of the best places for young adults to thrive.

We will invite city planners, economic development leaders, place makers and chamber of commerce officials to tell us about Plan OKC, growth projections and economic development incentives. Local developers will also tell us about some of their current projects and what is in the pipeline. Please join us as we meet visionary leaders and explore Oklahoma City’s future.
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The 2020 Elections | $45  
Cal Hobson

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PHF Conference Center, OKC | In-Person

As I prepare this narrative, our world is experiencing the early shocks and dangers associated with the coronavirus. The fears are real and our universal worries appropriate. Therefore, elections matter now more than ever, as does your participation in this seminar which is the final of three segments covering congressional and presidential contests in 2020.
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Ken Johnson

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The Oklahoma Judicial System | $5

Jari Askins

Tuesday | Sept. 15 | 9:30-11 a.m.
PHF Conference Center, OKC | In-Person

Have you ever wondered about the Oklahoma court system? If so, come and learn how the judicial system is structured and what types of issues are handled by the various courts, how judges are appointed, the duties and responsibilities of the administrator and much more! Led by former Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Jari Askins, this session will focus on the inner workings of the Oklahoma court system.
Tulsa Race Riots | $5

Tuesday | Sept. 22 | 9:30-11 a.m. | PHF Conference Center, OKC | Zoom

Tulsa’s Greenwood District, a historically African-American neighborhood since before statehood, was attacked by white mob violence and became known as the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot/Massacre. What’s this history? What happened? Through what and whose lens should we use when looking at this story? Vanessa Adams-Harris, with the John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation, provides a lens to assist a more informed discourse on the Tulsa community and its history.