

OLLI

COURSE CATALOG

Fall 2021

September 7
Registration begins

October 21
Aging with Grace and Dignity: Our Pets

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See our new course categories including travel, home and garden, special interest groups and more!

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Age doesn't change the love we feel for our pets! See page 3

Class Locations

OLLI will emerge cautiously from COVID restrictions in keeping with University policies and the concerns expressed by our members. Fall classes will be offered in two separate formats: In-person or via Zoom. **Fall in-person courses will take place at Watermelon Music – 1970 Lake Blvd. #1, Davis.** (See map on page 5.) Plans are subject to change based on public health guidelines.

Updates will be provided to our members via email as conditions evolve. You may also check the OLLI blog for important updates at cpe.ucdavis.edu/olli/blog or contact our staff at olli@ucdavis.edu.

Exclusive OLLI Membership Offer for Members of UC Davis Retirees' Association (UCDRA) and UC Davis Emeriti Association (UCDEA)

To help build a more sustainable OLLI and engage the many talented, energetic and experienced members of UCDRA and UCDEA, we are offering you a complimentary course credit equivalent to your paid OLLI membership fee.

To receive your course credit, please register for membership and courses by phone at (530) 757-8777 Ext. 1. This offer requires validation of current UCDRA/UCDEA membership, which cannot be verified through our online registration system. For questions and further details, please contact the OLLI office at (530) 752-9695.

For others in need of financial assistance, OLLI scholarships are available. Contact the OLLI office to enroll.

COURSES AND EVENTS AT A GLANCE

We are expanding the OLLI catalog to explore new horizons for lifelong learning. In the coming academic year, you'll see new categories and subject matter to address the continuum of life experience and a greater diversity of interests.

NEW SUBJECT AREAS:

Community	Celebrating the diversity of life through courses and excursions featuring local and international travel, special interest groups and social gatherings, and learning experiences that promote acceptance and a profound understanding of the world we live in.
Discovery	Subjects of intellectual interest in various academic disciplines, incorporating OLLI's classics—categories from our time-honored catalog.
Longevity	Classes that speak to learners where they are in their lifespan, serving interests from home and garden to digital literacy, nutrition, cooking and experiences that address physical and mental wellness.

FALL 2021 – Online registration begins September 7

As a helpful reminder, we suggest you circle or highlight the classes in which you have enrolled.

COURSE TITLE	#DAYS	START DATE	COURSE#	FEE	PG
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Community

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Aging with Grace and Dignity: Our Pets	1	Oct. 21	212SNR201	\$25	3
Living on Earth as if We Want to Stay	1	Oct. 8	212SNR203	\$25	3
Memoirs: A Writing Workshop	8	Oct. 5	212SNR205	\$75	4
UC Davis Arboretum 2021: Improving the Visitor Experience	1	Nov. 3	212SNR207	\$25	4
Wine, Whine and Chat	11	Oct. 8	212SNR210	FREE!	4

TRAVEL

Northwestern China and Northern Pakistan: People, Culture and Scenery	2	Nov. 15	212SNR215	\$40	4
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WORLD-VIEW

Ethnic Studies: Developing Understanding in a Complex Landscape	4	Nov. 2	212SNR230	\$60	5
Reimagining Your World: Examining Equity and Inclusion	1	Oct. 7	212SNR235	\$25	5

Discovery

ART, MUSIC AND THEATER

Emmylou Harris: Red Dirt Girl	2	Dec. 2	212SNR300	\$40	6
In the Name of Love: The Music of Motown	2	Oct. 19	212SNR302	\$40	6
Robert Johnson: His Life and Music	2	Oct. 14	212SNR304	\$40	6

FILM STUDY _____

David O. Selznick: Hollywood's Greatest Producer	1	Nov. 29	212SNR315	\$25	7
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HISTORY _____

Lesser Known First Ladies	4	Oct. 5	212SNR330	\$60	7
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The REAL Hamilton	4	Oct. 7	212SNR332	\$60	7
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The Spice Trade and the Age of Exploration	1	Oct. 29	212SNR333	\$25	8
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Unsung Women of Brilliance	2	Nov. 5	212SNR334	\$40	8
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What's in a Name? Historic Towns of California	1	Oct. 13	212SNR335	\$25	8
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Years of Glory: Nelly Benatar and the Pursuit of Justice in North Africa	1	Nov. 1	212SNR337	\$25	9
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LITERATURE AND PHILOSOPHY _____

The Call: Prophets and Their Narratives	2	Oct. 18	212SNR345	\$40	9
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POLITICS AND CURRENT EVENTS _____

Biden's First Year and the Mid-term Elections	1	Nov. 17	212SNR361	\$25	10
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Crossroads America	8	Oct. 6	212SNR360	\$75	10
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Disaster <i>Un</i> -Preparedness	1	Nov. 18	212SNR362	\$25	11
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Is there a Better System? Comparing Democracies Worldwide	1	Nov. 10	212SNR363	\$25	11
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Mosaic of Conflict: Friends, Adversaries and Trends in Middle East Geopolitics	1	Oct. 12	212SNR364	\$25	12
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Reading <i>The New Yorker</i> (Session 1)	8	Oct. 8	212SNR365	\$75	12
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Reading <i>The New Yorker</i> (Session 2)	8	Dec. 3	212SNR366	\$75	12
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The Politics of Policing Reform	1	Oct. 11	212SNR368	\$25	12
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Timely Topics	8	Oct. 4	212SNR369	\$75	13
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SCIENCE _____

My Atomic Odyssey	1	Oct. 20	212SNR380	\$25	13
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Quantum Mechanics In Your Face!	2	Nov. 4	212SNR382	\$40	14
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The Science of Family Life	1	Nov. 8	212SNR383	\$25	14
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Viral Evolution and Pandemics	1	Nov. 29	212SNR385	\$25	15
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Longevity

HOME AND GARDEN _____

Fall and Winter Gardening: Food and Flowers in the Cool Season	1	Nov. 2	212SNR401	\$25	15
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WELLNESS _____

Mindfulness Practice	4	Oct. 28	212SNR403	\$60	16
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Your Smile: What It Says About Your Health	1	Nov. 30	212SNR405	\$25	16
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SCHEDULE OF COURSES AND EVENTS

Fall 2021 Enroll early! Classes begin Monday, October 4, 2021

Community



SPECIAL INTERESTS

Aging with Grace and Dignity: Our Pets

Not all people are lucky enough to have pets, but for those who do, they are loved as family members. What are the most useful tools for aging with grace and dignity when it comes to our pets? Learn the signs and symptoms of frequently seen ailments of senior pets (organ failure, chronic pain, senility). We'll discuss important questions: What do all those tests mean? How can we help as we notice our pet's decline? Time will be provided for questions and answers. We will also discuss objective assessments to determine when and if humane euthanasia should be considered. Pets are welcome in our Zoom class.

Note: Unlike most of our catalog, this class is presented in a one-hour session.

Instructor: Becky Van Riper received her DVM degree from UC Davis in 1993, followed by an internship in a small animal medicine practice and surgery. She has been a veterinarian at VCA Elk Grove Animal Hospital since 1994. Her family includes two cats, two dogs, one husband and two *human* children.

1 Thursday	Oct. 21	11 a.m-noon
212SNR201	\$25	Zoom

Living on Earth as if We Want to Stay

With human activity pressing against planetary limits, perpetual growth is no longer an appropriate goal. This changing relationship with the Earth requires a different approach to mutual provision (the economy). Children grow. Adults, not so much. The human family has reached physical maturity and, as with individual maturity, accepting responsibility for our strength is accompanied by the vast opportunities of adult life. Time tested biological processes can secure long-term well-being as society's economic "metabolism" adapts to our new situation. A glimpse of a future that grandchildren might enjoy can be seen through the precept "More Fun, Less Stuff." Join us for a discussion about how a shared vision of a new goal can lead to a sustainable future.

Suggested Reading: *Life, Money and Illusion; Living on Earth as if We Want to Stay* by Mike Nickerson. New Society Publishers

Instructor: Mike Nickerson co-founded the Institute for the Study of Cultural Evolution in 1971. Along with numerous articles, pamphlets and speaking engagements, he has written three books on the topic.

1 Friday	Oct. 8	2-4 p.m.
212SNR203	\$25	Zoom



Urban mangrove forests exemplify the fiscal benefits (erosion control) achieved by conserving natural environments – courtesy of Portal da Copa/ME

Memoirs: A Writing Workshop

The legacy of your personal stories has great value to your family, of course, and to other people, too. Several memoirs and stand-alone memoir stories have been published out of this class, which operates like a writer's workshop. Every week you will write a three- to four-page memoir piece or personal essay. Then you will receive feedback and ideas on grammar and punctuation, story structure and the use of literary technique. You will also have the opportunity to read two or more of your stories to the class for a more in-depth critiquing session. Please come join us on the memoirists' journey where we make meaning, and art, of our life experience.

Instructor: Kit Kirkpatrick is certified as a memoirist by the Pacifica Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara. She holds a Life Teaching Credential from UC Davis and a master's degree in communications from CSU, Sacramento. She has been a publicist, owned a public relations agency and published a statewide magazine, *California Restaurateur*.

8 Tuesdays	Oct. 5-Nov. 23	12:30-3:30 p.m.
212SNR205	\$75	Zoom

UC Davis Arboretum 2021: Improving the Visitor Experience

The UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden continues to be a sanctuary for local and regional visitors, particularly during the pandemic. Learn how the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden adapted to the increased visitation during the pandemic, and not only survived, but thrived. As people seek places that are both available and allow for physical distancing, public gardens such as the Arboretum have seen increased visitation. Discover new projects and improvements for the Arboretum that have been completed, are underway or are planned for this treasured local resource, through a virtual walkthrough with a knowledgeable guide.

Instructor: Andrew Fulks is an assistant director at the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden and a landscape architect.

1 Wednesday	Nov. 3	2-4 p.m.
212SNR207	\$25	Zoom

Wine, Whine and Chat

Join OLLI Members online for Friday afternoons with an hour of stimulating discussion and laughter: come share your thoughts and recommended readings of articles, books, or podcasts; a great way to stay connected and end your week with OLLI friends. Bring your favorite beverage, kick back and enjoy the camaraderie. Rules are few: respect, kindness, agree to disagree with others. These make for a rich conversation. Our goal is to gather, have a lively discussion, and close out the week with fellow thinkers! **No classes on Nov. 26 and Dec. 24.**

11 Fridays	Oct.8-Dec. 31	4-5 p.m.
212SNR210	Free!	Zoom

TRAVEL

Northwestern China and Northern Pakistan: People, Culture and Scenery

After researching that Western China and Northern Pakistan were accessible and relatively safe, traveler Julia Amaral visited both countries in late summer 2019. Using ground travel as much as possible, she spent time experiencing the people and culture, while absorbing the incredible scenery. Her guides in China were both knowledgeable Uyghur (*wee•gr*) Muslims, who shared their experience about the Uyghur people of the Xinjiang autonomous region, before their sad plight became world news. In Pakistan, Muhammed Shifa, her best guide ever, turned out to be a religious leader of the Ismailia Shia sect. Wherever they went, he knew people, all of whom loved him. Because of a special travel interest in education for girls and women, Shifa arranged several opportunities to meet and visit schools.

Instructor: Julia Amaral developed an interest in travel as a college exchange student. After graduation she traveled the world as a stewardess. Since marrying, she and spouse Mark have visited many uncommon places worldwide, about which she teaches Zoom courses.

2 Mondays	Nov. 15 & 22	2-4 p.m.
212SNR215	\$40	Zoom

Ethnic Studies: Developing Understanding in a Complex Landscape

The recent debate over the adoption of an ethnic studies graduation requirement at the high school level is focused on youth. Ironically, *adults* may need greater exposure to such learning, due to limited ethnic studies opportunities in our educational history. This course will focus on how ethnic studies came into existence, why not all groups are studied under the rubric of ethnic studies, some core understandings within this diverse academic field and how these understandings can provide a context for greater improved perspective of contemporary events. Issues such as anti-Asian sentiment, the disproportionate shooting or mistreatment of people of color during routine traffic stops and immigration. It will also help us to better prepare our children and grandchildren for what to expect.

Instructor: John Liu retired from the departments of Asian American studies and sociology at UC Irvine. His research and teaching focused primarily in the areas of race/ethnicity, comparative immigration, social theory and the formation of Asian American and other minority communities in the U.S.

4 Tuesdays	Nov. 2-23	2-4 p.m.
212SNR230	\$60	Watermelon Music

Reimagining Your World: Examining Equity and Inclusion

What is your individual worldview and how is it shaped by unconscious bias? This workshop offers a safe environment to recognize the power and impact of unconscious cultural bias in a society where diversity is increasingly embraced and honored. Increase your awareness of your individual unconscious prejudices and biases and gain understanding of how they impact your relationships with those around you. Together, we'll examine how culturally related concerns, issues and miscommunication can turn into cultural conflicts. Finally, we will discuss communication techniques and skills that contribute to a better understanding of each other and the world around us.

Instructor: Carl Rabun, Ph.D., is an adjunct professor at both CSU Sacramento and UC Davis, where he also serves as a tribal programs coordinator. He has more than 25 years of experience in serving diverse multicultural populations throughout California in both the corporate sector and higher education.

1 Thursday	Oct. 7	2-4 p.m.
212SNR235	\$25	Zoom





Emmylou Harris: Red Dirt Girl

Emmylou Harris has a voice like a songbird. She started in folk music in the 1960s. By the 70s she was singing beautiful country rock duets with Gram Parsons after he left the Flying Burrito Brothers. In 1974, she formed The Hot Band (with ex-Elvis musicians) and began touring. Her second album was a number one country music hit and crossover into rock. She performed with Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Linda Ronstadt, Bonnie Raitt, Kate & Anna McGarrigle, Roy Orbison, Dolly Parton and many others. Over the years, Harris made dozens of albums and won 14 Grammys. Join us for great music, harmony, excellent bands, as well as photos, videos and the amazing Emmylou. Participant input and questions are valued and welcome.

Instructors: Larry Lobre, M.P.A., worked for decades in social services and was the director of professional services at UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education’s Human Services. His long-time interest in music includes singing and playing in various bands for many years. Lifelong learning is his passion.

Vicky Davis is a retired lawyer and longtime Davis resident. She is also a musician who began with wind instruments and then moved on to playing electric bass with a local instrumental surf band *The Surf-Liners* for many years. Davis also plays for shows at the Woodland Opera House and really likes Emmylou Harris!

2 Thursdays	Dec. 2 & 9	10 a.m.-noon
212SNR300	\$40	Zoom



Harris on stage in San Francisco, 2005 – courtesy of Yogibones

In the Name of Love: The Music of Motown

Motown! From the early 60s into the 70s and beyond, the hits from Detroit came one after another, often competing with the Beach Boys, the Beatles and others for top spots on the charts. All those upbeat songs and slow love ballads grabbed our attention and imprinted themselves in our hearts and heads. We’ll listen to the songs of Smokey, the Supremes, Marvin Gaye, The Temptations and so many others. We’ll see a few videos and then we’ll *all* discuss music and lyrics.

Instructors: Larry Lobre (see bio on page 6)

Dennis Pendleton has focused much of his career on community engagement and outreach at UC Davis over the past 40 years. He is a member of the Community Development Graduate Group and directed the Public Service Research Program for 10 years. He retired in 2015 after serving for 14 years as Dean of UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education.

2 Tuesdays	Oct. 19 & 26	2-4 p.m.
212SNR302	\$40	Zoom

Robert Johnson: His Life and Music

Robert Johnson recorded just 29 songs in just two sessions in 1936 and 1937. His early death at age 27 limited his legacy to this relatively small body of work, but its impact has been enormous. Known almost as well for his celebrated “pact with the devil,” in which he traded his soul for prowess on the guitar, his legend has grown over time. His influence extends not only to other blues musicians, but to rock and roll artists as well. This course will explore the myth and the reality of Robert Johnson’s life and music.

Instructor: Julia Simon is a cultural historian in the Department of French and Italian at UC Davis. She is also a working blues musician, gigging in bands for the last 19 years. Her most recent book, *Time in the Blues*, was published by Oxford University Press in 2017.

2 Thursdays	Oct. 14 & 21	2-4 p.m.
212SNR304	\$40	Zoom

David O. Selznick: Hollywood's Greatest Producer

Explore the still-influential career of Hollywood's greatest independent producer, David O. Selznick—not only how he produced such classic films as *King Kong*, *Little Women* and *The Third Man*, but how he launched stars such as Katherine Hepburn, William Powell and Myrna Loy, Ingrid Bergman, Vivien Leigh, Joan Fontaine, Gregory Peck and Louis Jourdan. Selznick brought Alfred Hitchcock to America. He married the daughter of MGM mogul Louis B. Mayer, Irene, who became an integral creative partner. Enjoy a look at the career of the classic Hollywood personality who produced more than 25 legendary films.

Suggested reading: *David O. Selznick's Hollywood* by Ron Haver (Knopf Publishers), *Showman: The Life of David O. Selznick* by David Thomson, (Abacus Press), *Memo From David O. Selznick...*, by Rudy Behlmer, (Modern Library)

Instructor: Michael Troyan has a master's degree in library science from CSU San Jose and a bachelor's degree in media communication from CSU Sacramento. He has been an archivist for The Walt Disney Studios and Warner Brothers. Troyan has contributed to and written a number of books, including *A Rose For Mrs. Miniver: The Life of Greer Garson* and *MGM: Hollywood's Greatest Back Lot*.

1 Monday	Nov. 29	2-4 p.m.
212SNR315	\$25	Zoom



Alfred Hitchcock discusses *Spellbound* with Selznick in 1945

Lesser Known First Ladies

Learn more about the earliest First Ladies who set the standard for all those who came after them. Some succeeded, some failed, some never were and some simply wanted no part of it. We'll take a look at the wives of sixth through eleventh Presidents: Louisa Adams, Rachel Jackson, Hannah Van Buren and Angelica Van Buren, Anna Harrison, Leticia Tyler and Julia Tyler, and Sarah Polk. All are fascinating women who lived interesting lives, and though each had an impact on her husband and his career, only two, the courageous Louisa and the amazing Sarah, left significant marks on the role of First Lady.

Instructor: Joan Griffin has taught writing, literature and women's history at OLLI at Sierra College since 2016 and serves on their advisory council. She earned a BA in psychobiology from UCLA and a master's degree in contemplative education from Naropa University. Before retiring, Joan taught middle school for 25 years in Northern California.

4 Tuesdays	Oct. 5-26	10 a.m.-noon
212SNR330	\$60	Zoom

The REAL Hamilton

This course will compare the play *Hamilton* to what really happened. Using the music from the play as a starting point, we will compare selective lyrics to the actual history of the period. The course will build off of the instructor's recent podcast of the same name.

Note: Unlike most of our catalog, this class is presented in one-hour sessions.

Instructor: Don Fraser has taught numerous history courses for OLLI. He is the author of two books: *The Emergence of One American Nation* and *The Emergence of One American Nation: The Revolution, the Founders, and the Constitution*. He has a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public policy and administration.

4 Thursdays	Oct. 7-28	10-11 a.m.
212SNR332	\$60	Zoom

The Spice Trade and the Age of Exploration

Although the origins of spices were known throughout Europe by the Middle Ages, no ruler proved capable of breaking the Venetian hold on the trade routes. Near the end of the 15th century, however, explorers began to build ships and venture abroad in search of new ways to reach the spice-producing regions. So, began the famed voyages of discovery. Rediscover your favorite spices and enjoy some new flavors, too.

Instructor: Chef Larry P. Canepa, a certified culinary educator, is a chef, author, researcher, food historian and lecturer of culinary topics. He lives in Arizona and teaches frequently for OLLI at Arizona State University. Chef Larry has a dynamic, innovative and engaging style that incorporates food history, culinary arts, education and “foodtainment” into every class and event.

1 Friday	Oct. 29	10 a.m.-noon
212SNR333	\$25	Zoom

Unsung Women of Brilliance

Across our planet’s recorded history, there have been thousands of brilliant women: military leaders, heroines, entrepreneurs, innovators, inventors, explorers and teachers. Some were acknowledged, even honored, but history moves on and too often these women became lost in the male dominated march of time. From 805 BC to present, we will look at four remarkable women: Semiramis, Sarah Breedlove, Julia Morgan and Hedy Lamarr. All women who had to battle for their place in history.

Instructor: Gopal Kapur consults, writes and teaches as a noted authority on project management. He has lectured at Harvard University, the Commonwealth Club, the National Press Club, UC Berkeley and at the Brookings Institution. Kapur is a graduate of Tharpar University with a diploma in civil engineering. He received the Distinguished Achievement Award for contributions to education by the president of India. He and his wife, Darlene are also the creators of an innovative green living program, www.familygreensurvival.com.

2 Fridays	Nov. 5 & 12	1-3 p.m.
212SNR334	\$40	Zoom

What’s In a Name? Historic Towns of California

Franciscan friars, Yankee pioneers, hopeful gold miners and, of course, Native Americans all settled California, naming the towns they founded and the geographical features they encountered. These place names tell the stories of early California and the subsequent history of our state. We will consider the history of local place names and then discuss the names of the larger cities and physical features that are found in California today.

Instructor: Germaine Hupe is a graduate of UC Davis and holds a master’s degree from Claremont Graduate School. Germaine taught in multiple states and overseas before settling in Yolo County. At Winters High School, she introduced courses in British and world literature, Shakespeare and mythology.

1 Wednesday	Oct. 13	2-4 p.m.
212SNR335	\$25	Watermelon Music

Years of Glory: Nelly Benatar and the Pursuit of Justice in North Africa

The fall of France to Hitler's armies in June 1940 unleashed a stream of panic-stricken refugees fleeing Nazi terror that quickly overwhelmed Europe's boundaries and spilled across the Mediterranean to North Africa. In Morocco, the arrival of thousands of uprooted people touched off a humanitarian crisis of dizzying proportions. Nelly Benatar, a highly-regarded Casablanca Jewish lawyer, immediately stepped out of her comfortable life into the role of rescuer. Almost single-handedly, she organized a sweeping program of refugee relief that quickly became the most effective of its kind in wartime Morocco. This talk, based on the recent book by the instructor, introduces a compelling personality enmeshed in the complex strands that shaped North African and world history at the mid-century.

Suggested reading: *Vichy France: Old Guard and New Order* by Robert Paxton (Columbia University Press)

Instructor: Susan Gilson Miller is author of books on Moroccan history, urbanism and Jewish history. She is professor emerita at UC Davis and a research associate at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University.

1 Monday	Nov. 1	2-4 p.m.
212SNR337	\$25	Watermelon Music

The Call: Prophets and Their Narratives

The class will consider the "call" narratives of multiple prophets, in historical order: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Second Isaiah, Ezekiel and Jesus. "Call" narratives refer to the scriptural passages in which God appoints the prophets or it is announced that the prophets are appointed. Looking at the Bible as literature, the basic theme of the class will be the relationship between the words the prophet speaks and the prophet himself.

Suggested Reading: Books of the Bible: Amos chapter 3, verses 3-8; Isaiah chapters 6-9 & 40; Jeremiah chapter 1; Ezekiel chapters 1-2 and 24; Gospel of John, chapter 1.

Instructor: David Robertson received his Ph.D. in religious studies from Yale University. He is a retired professor of English at UC Davis, where he taught courses in the Bible as literature for nearly 40 years.

2 Mondays	Oct. 18 & 25	2-4 p.m.
212SNR345	\$40	Watermelon Music



Biden’s First Year and the Mid-Term Elections

In this lecture and discussion course, we will reflect on Biden’s first year in office as well as congressional activity under democratic party control. We’ll also gaze into the future and the 2022 elections and California politics. Student questions and participation are encouraged. If time permits, the class will also examine the effort to recall Governor Newsom.

Instructor: Matt Lesenyie, Ph.D., is a professor in the political science department at CSU Long Beach. He teaches courses in American politics, political psychology, interest groups, race politics and California politics. He has conducted significant research on candidates, voters, campaign finance and political advertising. His research leverages randomized experiments and opinion survey methods. He brings extensive political experience to his classroom, having also worked for the governor, the assembly chief clerk and a lobbying firm in California.

1 Wednesday	Nov. 17	2-4 p.m.
212SNR361	\$25	Zoom

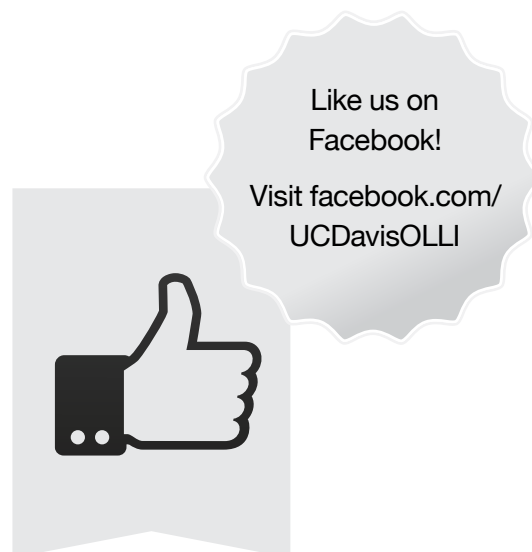
Crossroads America

Our nation faces a multitude of challenges. We may always be at a crossroads in our country, whether over an election or any of the legislative issues our representatives face. This weekly discussion group will provide a safe forum for OLLI friends to review and discuss recent socio-political news and issues.

Instructors: Bill Baxter is a retired deputy chief and served 38 years in fire and wildland management positions with both CAL FIRE and the U.S. Forest Service. Bill graduated from UC Berkeley in 1976 with a degree in forestry and resource management and has resided in Davis since 2013. Politics, history and issues of social justice are keen areas of personal interest for him.

Charlotte Lucero, M.S.W., has lived in Davis since 1966. She completed her degree at UC Davis in women’s studies in 1997. She retired from the UC Davis School of Medicine in 2002, joined the Peace Corps and served in Ecuador. She received a master’s degree in social work in 2010 at San Jose State University and serves as a volunteer in the Philippines for Faces of Tomorrow. Lucero is an adjunct professor/field instructor for CSU Sacramento’s Department of Social Work.

8 Wednesdays	Oct. 6-Nov. 24	10 a.m.-noon
212SNR360	\$75	Watermelon Music



Disaster *Un*-Preparedness

Why is disaster-planning such a disaster? We often find that we were woefully unprepared for major natural and human-made disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina, the Texas power outage, the Northridge earthquake, California wildfires and even 9/11. Although officials dismiss these as unpredictable, one-off events, that's usually not the case. Examine the factors that lead to unpreparedness—from a political unwillingness to spend money for appropriate mitigation measures to a human inability to fully comprehend the nature of risk. Other factors include a lack of imagination on the part of planners, the pernicious tendency of disasters to have cascading and compounding effects, and the impact of global climate change. At the end of the class, we will consider a way forward from this apparently eternal problem.

Instructor: Ken Verosub is a distinguished professor in the Department of Geology at UC Davis. His interests range from studying the behavior of the Earth's magnetic field to understanding the Earth's climate over the past 40 million years. He is also interested in the interface between geologic processes and human activity. He recently returned to Davis after spending two years in Washington, D.C., where, among other things, he served as a senior science adviser in the State Department.

1 Thursday	Nov. 18	10 a.m.-noon
212SNR362	\$25	Zoom

Is There a Better System? Comparing Democracies Worldwide

Democracies vary greatly in their institutional structure. How similar to other established democracies is the institutional structure of the United States? What lessons can we learn by comparing the U.S. to other countries? We will explore these and related questions through a series of focused comparisons that may include Britain, Canada, Germany, Israel, Spain and other democratic nations.

Suggested Reading: *A Different Democracy*, by Steven Taylor, Matthew Shugart, Arend Lijphart, and Bernard Gorfman (Yale University Press 2014)

Instructor: Matthew Shugart is distinguished professor emeritus of political science at UC Davis. He specializes in democratic institutions and is a two-time winner of the Hallet Award for literature, which makes a lasting contribution on representation and electoral systems.

1 Wednesday	Nov. 10	2-4 p.m.
212SNR363	\$25	Zoom



A vote is cast in Indonesia's 2009 presidential election – courtesy of Josh Estey - AUSAid

Mosaic of Conflict: Friends, Adversaries and Trends in Middle East Geopolitics

From Turkey and Iran in the north to Israel, Saudi Arabia and Yemen in the south and Iraq and Afghanistan in the east, the Middle East is in flux. In this interactive lecture, we'll attempt to identify patterns and trends amongst the changing conflicts and show that the United States can play a pacifying and constructive role in this region of conflict. Slides of maps and images delivered via Zoom will illustrate class discussion, where participant input is always encouraged.

Instructor: Stephen Hoadley is a veteran university professor at the University of Auckland New Zealand, working primarily in the sub-discipline of foreign policy analysis. A graduate of the UC Santa Barbara, he is also an academic author, media commentator and public speaker. He has been analyzing U.S. foreign affairs since the presidential election of 1964.

1 Tuesday	Oct. 12	2-4 p.m.
212SNR364	\$25	Zoom

Reading *The New Yorker* (Sessions 1 and 2)

This course is an ongoing participation-discussion seminar based on weekly selections from *The New Yorker* magazine. **Limited enrollment. No classes on Dec. 24 and 31.**

Instructor: Michael Pach retired from a lengthy career in information system security validation and verification in both the public and private sectors. He and his wife live in Davis, endlessly catching up with all of the things he postponed while working and raising a family. These include guitar lessons, struggling to learn French, traveling, reading and enjoying time spent sharing ideas and thoughts with others in *Reading The New Yorker*.

SESSION 1

8 Fridays	Oct. 8-Nov. 26	10 a.m.-noon
212SNR365	\$75	Watermelon Music

SESSION 2

8 Fridays	Dec. 3-Feb. 4	10 a.m.-noon
212SNR366	\$75	Zoom

The Politics of Policing Reform

Despite numerous protests and calls for reform since 2015, policing-related deaths continue to rise each year and are disproportionately Black or Brown. Is the reform movement thus a failure? More than 1,600 bills were filed in state legislatures since George Floyd's death, but few passed. What are the actual prospects for legislative action? These questions will be explored in this critical examination of the intersection of policing, activism and politics. We will explore past attempts to reform policing and efforts to thwart change, whether proposed policies will lead to the desired outcomes, and the pathways to reform at the local, state and federal levels. Participants should emerge with a clearer understanding of the police reform space and how it may be influenced.

Suggested reading: *The Atlantic*, June 3, 2020: "How to Actually Fix America's Police," by S. Stoughton, J. Noble, G. Alpert. *The New Yorker*, July 27, 2020: "How Police Unions Fight Reform." *Council on Criminal Justice: Task Force on Policing: Report on Accountability and Oversight* (2021) <https://counciloncj.foleon.com/policing/assessing-the-evidence/viii-government-oversight-and-reform-measures/>

Instructor: Walter Katz is vice president of criminal justice at Arnold Ventures. His career includes more than two decades of public service as a public defender in police oversight, and as deputy chief of Staff for the mayor of Chicago. He was awarded degrees from McGeorge School of Law and the University of Nevada.

1 Monday	Oct. 11	2-4 p.m.
212SNR368	\$25	Zoom

Timely Topics

Discuss current and timely events that affect our lives. The instructors provide weekly at-home assignments for each upcoming session. Reading materials for the class will be available via links on the internet sent to class participants by email. If, for example, a particularly interesting presenter from the World Affairs Council is obtainable only via audio over the internet, participants should have listened to the presentation so it can be discussed during the upcoming class. Limited enrollment.

Instructors: Dan Buckley graduated from the University of San Francisco and has a master’s degree in transportation management from the Florida Institute of Technology. He served in the U.S. Army for 27 years and was on the faculty of the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., focusing on strategy and operations for four of those years. Buckley is currently retired and enjoys civilian life in Davis.

Paul Tarczy has an MBA from Golden Gate University. He spent 30 years working in the midst of the transformation of computer technology from mainframes to personal computers and spent much of his career setting up and maintaining computer networks in both the private and public sectors.

8 Mondays	Oct. 4-Nov. 22	10 a.m.-noon
212SNR369	\$75	Watermelon Music

My Atomic Odyssey

In 1951, Marvin Goldman began his career working at the Nevada Test Site on the Buster-Jangle Series to determine the inhalation hazards from fallout of nuclear weapons tests. That same year, he detected the first “hot particle” of plutonium in lung tissue. Join your OLLI classmates for an insider’s look at this seven-decade scientific journey from the end of the Manhattan Project through atom bombs, nuclear medicine and radiation effects at UC Davis, Chernobyl, Siberia and into the exploration of space and currently, the planet Mars.

Instructor: Marvin Goldman, Ph.D., is an emeritus professor of biophysics at UC Davis with a half-century of national and international experience and expertise in risk assessment. He is the former director of the UC Davis Laboratory for Energy-Related Health Research. He remains active in national efforts to develop long-range, effective and integrative energy ethics and policy.

1 Wednesday	Oct. 20	2-4 p.m.
212SNR380	\$25	Zoom



Dr. Goldman in an atomic energy lab, 1954

Quantum Mechanics In Your Face!

Quantum mechanics is the framework that underlies the fundamental laws of nature. The predictions of quantum mechanics explain the most spectacular discoveries of science and technology. However, the predictions of quantum mechanics are so bizarre that the interpretation of the theory remains mysterious and controversial to this day. Dive into the strange world of the quantum! Topics include quantum uncertainty, quantum information and the many-worlds interpretation of quantum mechanics. This course is guaranteed to make your brain hurt, but in a good way!

Instructor: Markus Luty is a theoretical physicist whose research is in the quantum theory of elementary particles. His current research is driven by the Large Hadron Collider, the highest energy particle collider in the world, currently operating near Geneva, Switzerland. He has been a member of the UC Davis faculty since 2007.

2 Thursdays	November 4 & 18	10 a.m.-noon
212SNR382	\$40	Watermelon Music

The Science of Family Life

Is there any evidence to support people's beliefs about what "traditional families" or "family values" should be? This course looks at what human biology, evolution and anthropology say about the history of families and why ideas about family are changing. It's likely that our ancestors began living in family groups well over a million years ago. They evolved family behavior to cope with the problem of raising slow-growing children who need a lot of care and support. There is no perfect solution so there are no "traditional family values." Over millennia, our ancestors developed many different beliefs and customs, as each culture adapted to the unique challenges it faced. How might an evidence- and theory-based approach help inform the political debate about families?

Suggested reading: *A Story of Us: A New Look at Human Evolution* by Lesley Newson & Peter Richerson (Oxford University Press 2021)

Instructors: Lesley Newson's first degree was in biology and her first career was in science communication. Along the way, she changed course and received a Ph.D. in psychology for research into the evolution of human reproductive decisions.

Peter J. Richerson is distinguished professor emeritus in the Department of Environmental Science and Policy at the UC Davis. During his first career, he studied the ecology of lakes, but he also became increasingly interested in human evolution. Beginning in the 1970s, he and colleague Rob Boyd were among the scholars who laid the foundation of cultural evolutionary theory.

1 Monday	Nov. 8	2-4 p.m.
212SNR383	\$25	Zoom

Viral Evolution and Pandemics

Viruses present elegant systems for the study of evolution in real time—RNA viruses especially so as their replication mechanism is error prone. This essentially results in each RNA genome synthesized in an infected cell having one or more mutations, making the new RNA progeny a population of mutants. Such random mutability offers RNA viruses the chance to adapt quickly to new hosts. This mini-course offers a basic introduction to what viruses are, how they are constructed and how mutations happen. Gain a better understanding of the concept of “emerging viral diseases” and how viral pandemics can occur. Examples of past pandemics will be discussed in this context.

Instructor: Steven Tracy earned his Ph.D. in molecular biology at UC San Diego in 1979 and retired as professor emeritus from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2015. His research career focused on the molecular biology of the RNA viruses called group B coxsackieviruses, how they evolve, persist and cause serious human diseases.

1 Monday	Nov. 29	10 a.m.-noon
212SNR385	\$25	Zoom

Longevity



HOME AND GARDEN

Fall and Winter Gardening: Food and Flowers in the Cool Season

The spectacular blooms and bounty of spring and summer have passed. But in Northern California, we enjoy an extended period of time to play in the garden and plan ahead for the “quiet” of winter and early spring-to-come! Join us for an interactive lecture on how to plan and plant your garden in fall for great winter and spring vegetables and flowers.

Instructor: Don Shor graduated from UC Davis with a degree in plant science. He has been a certified nursery professional and landscape contractor and opened Redwood Barn Nursery in Davis in 1981. He writes a monthly column for the Davis Enterprise; hosts a garden show on KDRT 95.7 FM in Davis on Thursdays at noon; and served as editor of BAMBOO, the Magazine of the American Bamboo Society since 2005. Shor lives on a Yolo county farm, raising almonds, walnuts and pecans. His radio show is available by podcast online.

1 Tuesday	Nov. 2	10 a.m.-noon
212SNR401	\$25	Zoom



A lone winter garden squash - courtesy of Unsplash

Mindfulness Practice

This course will offer instructions and opportunities to participate in the mindfulness practices that were introduced in the *Mindfulness and Art* course in the spring of 2021. The class will be scaffolded with lessons that gently develop a deepening of our understanding and experience of how mindfulness can positively support our experiences in our everyday lives with others and with ourselves.

Suggested reading: *Meditation for Fidgety Skeptics* by Dan Harris and Jeff Warren (Harmony 2017), *The Little Book of Being* by Diana Winston (Sounds True Publishers), *True Refuge: Finding Peace and Freedom in Your Own Awakened Heart* by Tara Brach (Bantam Books).

Instructor: Sue Banducci is an artist, educator and Davis resident. She has been practicing mindfulness meditation for 15 years and is credentialed by the Awareness Training Institute and the Greater Good Science Center at UC Berkeley.

4 Thursdays	Oct. 28-Nov. 18	2-4 p.m.
212SNR403	\$60	Zoom

Your Smile: What It Says about Your Health

Do you know someone who does not smile or eat well because of the condition or lack of teeth? Did you know that our chances of dementia and getting COVID-19 are increased with compromised oral health? Today we know the importance of dental health to our overall health and mental well-being. This will be an opportunity to learn more about these interrelationships and to ask questions about prevention and treatment in the non-threatening setting of your home (since who among us feels comfortable in a dental office?). Learn facts to empower you to prevent disease, save money and make better decisions about your health.

Instructor: Dr. Michael A. Miyasaki is a 1987 graduate of the University of the Southern California School of Dentistry. He continues to maintain a practice focusing on comprehensive, minimally-invasive aesthetic restorative dentistry and function. With over two decades of clinical and teaching experience, he is considered a leading national figure in dentistry.

1 Tuesday	Nov. 30	10 a.m.-noon
212SNR405	\$25	Zoom



Missed a class?

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"I value OLLI classes greatly, as well as the friends I've met. COVID shook up our world greatly! I missed participating in classes and the stimulation of lively discussions with people I enjoy. I admired how the OLLI team fought to keep OLLI alive online and am grateful. OLLI has been a huge, fun, brain-stimulating part of my life for 15+ years. I want OLLI to thrive again!" – Sandy Filby, Davis



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Questions? Contact OLLI Director, Lisa Smith-Youngs at (530) 752-9695.



Important Facts about Your Class Enrollments

Your computer is a vital link to OLLI updates!

It's more important than ever before that OLLI members check email for messages from cpeinfo@ucdavis.edu or OLLI@ucdavis.edu The OLLI office must employ UC software resources to communicate quickly and efficiently with our members. Updates, assignments and cancellations of OLLI courses are sent via email. If you receive an email from cpeinfo@ucdavis.edu it is most likely an important message regarding a class for which you are registered.

- Call the Student Services staff at (530) 757-8777 to make sure your email address is up to date in our files.
- Check your computer, tablet and phone email settings to be sure messages from the email sources mentioned above aren't going to your spam folder.
- OLLI excursion course fees are no longer refundable once you have enrolled, unless your vacancy can be filled by our wait list. A \$20 service fee will apply. Please contact OLLI staff at (530) 752-9695 for details.
- There will be no service charge for withdrawal requests prior to the beginning of the quarter. Once the quarter begins, requests to withdraw from a class are subject to a \$20 processing fee, or the member may request a credit to their student account to be used before the end of the academic year. All fees being held at the conclusion of the academic year will be forfeited.
- Check the times of your classes. Some class times vary. Please be courteous to others by arriving on time. If you must leave early, leave during the break if at all possible.



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