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Where curious minds gather

**OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, CONNECT, SHARE
AND INSPIRE FOR PEOPLE AGES 50+**





OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

IT'S THE OLLI STAYCATION! OUR CATALOG IS FILLED WITH SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

MESSAGE FROM THE OLLI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



You've got the time. We've got the place!

It's "Staycation" time at OLLI. Summer is about staying cool and finding cool things to do. Our members have a variety of choices to make six weeks of summer special. We call it a "Staycation."

Take a course, catch a tour, join a club or enjoy the OLLI lounge and the company of good people, old and new friends. We welcome you to a place where you can add enjoyment to your life.

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ARE YOU 50 AND BETTER? WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! FEED YOUR CURIOSITY, LEARN SOMETHING NEW! ADD A SPARK, NEW FRIENDSHIPS AND ENJOYMENT TO YOUR LIFE.

Our members tell us they come for the intellectual stimulation of the courses and activities, and stay for the people.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS!



BECOME A MEMBER. RENEW OR JOIN FOR \$55.

- Take any or all of OLLI's 6-week summer classes and tours for just \$60.
- Join a club and/or play pickleball.
- Participate in special member events.
- Access Osher Online 6-week national courses (additional \$60 fee per course).
- Get access to parking options and a UTEP Miner Gold Card.

Register online at utep.edu/olli or mail in your registration form. **OUR MEMBERS LOVE OLLI. SO WILL YOU!**

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NATIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES WITH OSHER ONLINE COURSES

Watch for announcements on these 6-week courses that are offered nationally to a select group of OLLI members. Fees apply. **See page 8** for this summer's courses.

GIVE TO SUPPORT OLLI

We are grateful to our members! If you have enjoyed our classes, please consider donating to OLLI to keep our program going strong!



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REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026.

SUMMER 2026

REGISTRATION LAUNCH PARTY & FINGER FOOD POTLUCK

Get into the groove of summer and join the party!

Register for summer courses, lectures and activities, bring your favorite finger food, and enjoy the day.
New members welcome. Join us!

Tuesday, May 19

OLLI Office and Lounge,
Room 102 | 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

AT UTEP'S MEMORIAL GYM

LOCATED AT

101 W. ROBINSON AVE.

CLUBS & SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR OLLI MEMBERSHIP!

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Every Wednesday: 10-11:30 a.m.

Continue capturing the moment and share your photos and discoveries. Participate via Zoom and meet up for field trips.

ITALIAN CLUB

Every Wednesday: 5-6 p.m.

Ciao! Get into the flow of the Italian language. Zoom in and practice. This is a good place to start for beginners.

MAHJONG CLUB

Every Thursday: 9:30-11 a.m.

Build your wall of tiles and begin playing. Enjoy this game of strategy and luck. Beginners welcome.

OLLI GARDEN CLUB

Meet weekly on Thursdays,
10-11:30 a.m.

Gardeners. Learn about planting seasonal crops, drip irrigation techniques, mulching and soil preparation. The mental and physical benefits of gardening are well documented. Come grow your own flowers and vegetables! Meet up at the Weldon Yerby Senior Gardens, 9195 Stahala Dr., El Paso, TX 79924.

FOLK GUITAR/FOLK MUSIC CLUB

First Tuesday of each month, starting in
March: 2 p.m.

Bring your guitar and enjoy strumming with the group. Meet at the Rio Grande Cancer Foundation at 616 N. Virginia St., Ste. D, El Paso, TX 79902. The emphasis is on fun! ✨

FRENCH CLUB

Every Friday: Noon-1 p.m.

Keep your French alive with weekly time among vos amis/amies. Beginners and rusty conversationalists welcome. Zoom in to participate.

FILM AND WINE CLUB

Last Friday of the month: 4:30-6 p.m.

End the month with a bit of fun! Get on Zoom for happy hour and a film with your OLLI hosts. Dates and times may vary. Watch for announcements.

WE WELCOME VOLUNTEERS!

OLLI is a community of members over the age of 50 who love to learn and grow.

We rely on volunteers. You can give a little or a lot of your time in any way that's unique to you.

**Contact Lynn Provenzano
to ask about volunteering:
915.747.6280.**

Membership has its benefits!

The activities on this page are available to all OLLI members even if you are not registered for courses. For more information about our OLLI annual membership fees, **go to page 9**.

THE OLLI PICKLEBALL CLUB

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Memorial Gym's Auxiliary Gym

Announcements will be made if additional court times become available. A one-time \$5 court maintenance fee applies to each Tuesday and Thursday registration.

- OLLI membership and Pickleball Club registration are required.
- Courts will be available during OLLI sessions to members on a first come, first served basis.
- Players must provide their own equipment (i.e. paddle and balls) and all pickleball court rules and etiquette apply.
- Beginner instruction is available on the first Tuesday of the month.
- Parking is available at the parking garage/transfer station located at N. Mesa St. and Glory Rd. The parking fee at the time of this publication is \$1/hour. For OLLI members with SB7 parking passes, it is a 5-minute walk to Memorial Gym.
- Court availability may change due to UTEP events.

SUMMER 2026

6-WEEK SESSION: JUNE 15-JULY 25, 2026

No classes on Friday, June 19.

Courses are listed as online, on campus, or on site at a specific location. Some courses are offered in more than one format and others are in the form of on-site tours.

● **Online** ■ **On campus** ▲ **On site**

Courses that take place anywhere other than on campus are also designated as on-site courses with addresses included in the descriptions.

MONDAYS

START DATE: JUNE 15

1:30-2:45 p.m.

ONLINE

● **SCANDINAVIAN FEASTS**

LENAE RASMUSSEN

This online course explores traditional Scandinavian recipes from Lenae's kitchen. The class follows a cookbook created by a renowned Scandinavian cookbook author and includes photos of the finished dishes. Lenae will demonstrate selected recipes from her home kitchen so students can try them in their own kitchens. If you enjoy dishes like lefse and Swedish cheesecake, this course is for you. This is a 3-week course with classes on 6/15, 6/22 and 6/29.

● **SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES: "MACBETH" IN PRODUCTION**

JAY STRATTON

Deep dive into Shakespeare's "Macbeth" with a focus on the upcoming production at the Madeline Park Shakespeare Festival in September. Though this is an online course, Jay promises it will still be fun!

ON SITE

▲ **CROCHET/KNITTING THERAPY**

LINDA SHUBECK

Would you like to learn to knit or crochet? Use these skills to make a scarf or maybe a shawl. Students with more experience may choose an advanced project. Have fun and learn something new, useful and relaxing. Students will need to obtain yarn, a crochet hook and/or knitting needles at a cost of approximately \$5-\$20. A materials list will be emailed to you as soon as possible. Classes meet at the Rio Grande Cancer Foundation, 616 N. Virginia St., El Paso, TX 79902. ✂

3:15-4:30 p.m.

▲ **LIGHT & LUMINOUS: THE MEDITERRANEAN SUMMER TABLE, A 6-WEEK CULINARY AND WELLNESS SERIES**

JACKI CORDOVA

Experience the vibrant flavors and timeless wellness traditions of the Mediterranean in this 6-week summer culinary series. This course explores the ingredients, cooking techniques and cultural principles that make Mediterranean cuisine one of the most celebrated longevity-focused dietary patterns in the world. Along the way, explore the science behind the Mediterranean lifestyle, including heart health, anti-inflammatory benefits, gut health, and the role of community and mindful eating. Classes meet at Desert Spoon Food Hub at 1714 E. Yandell Dr., El Paso, TX 79902. 🍷

INTERGENERATIONAL BRIDGES

Learning starts young and never gets old. Bridge the generational gap, and share and meld the knowledge of younger and older ages.

MONDAYS, JUNE 15 - JULY 20: 10-11:15 A.M.

■ **THE INTERGENERATIONAL SUMMER "PENDERWICK" BOOK CLUB**

PATRICIA HERNANDEZ

Go ahead...be a kid again with fellow OLLI members. Be part of an intergenerational summer book club reading "The Penderwicks" series at the Dorris Van Doren branch of the El Paso Public Library. Share your love of books with children. The group will meet on Monday mornings in the library at 551 Redd Rd., El Paso, TX 79912.

TUESDAYS

START DATE: JUNE 16

9-10 a.m.

ON CAMPUS

■ **WALKERISE TUESDAYS**

LYNN PROVENZANO

Get your steps in! Discover the nooks, niches, gentle slopes and stairways on campus with "good for you" morning walks.

1:30-2:45 p.m.

ON CAMPUS/ONLINE

■ ● **PATRON SAINTS IN ART AND CULTURE AROUND THE WORLD**

KATHLEEN KEY

Examine how more than 30 countries honor their patron saints through art and cultural traditions. Long before many people could read, they recognized the stories of their patron saints through visual art. This course explores both the artwork and the stories behind these saints, as well as the different ways they are celebrated around the world. For example, the celebration of Saint Patrick in Ireland looks quite different from the way it is celebrated in Chicago. Join the class to experience beautiful and uplifting art while learning the history behind it. This is a 4-week course with classes on 6/16, 6/23, 6/30 and 7/7.

■ ● **VOYAGE THROUGH FRANCE'S WINE REGIONS**

JEAN-CLAUDE LIKOSSI

Explore six of France's most celebrated wine regions—Burgundy, the Rhône Valley, Bordeaux, the Loire Valley, Languedoc and Alsace—through guided presentations. Discover what makes each region unique and why they are known for producing some of the world's finest wines.

3:15-4:30 p.m.

ON CAMPUS/ONLINE

■ ● **MEDITATION: PATHWAYS**

LYNN PROVENZANO

Discover pathways to inner peace, happiness and wellness through the practice of meditation. Settle into stillness, calmness, awareness and greater understanding in self-discovery through guided meditations. Breathe. Discover the value of letting go.

■ ● **UNDERSTANDING THE NUANCES OF PERSUASION: A PRACTICAL TOOLKIT**

MIN PRASAD SHARMA

This course gives participants a practical toolkit for understanding persuasion. The instructor will explain rhetorical appeals and common persuasive techniques, then apply them to real examples such as speeches, headlines, advertisements and online arguments. Participants will practice spotting claims, evidence and emotional framing, and will learn how to ask strong critical questions of public messages. Sessions are discussion-based and designed for learners with any background. This is a 3-week course with classes on 6/16, 6/23 and 6/30.

■ ● **SCIENCE FOR THE REST OF US**

JAMIE ACKERMAN

Science moves forward with research and discoveries. Take a peek at the latest findings in climate, evolutionary biology, astronomy and more. This is a 3-week course with classes on 7/7, 7/14 and 7/21.

WEDNESDAYS

START DATE: JUNE 17

11-1 p.m.

ON CAMPUS

■ **LINE DANCING**

GENIE GONZALEZ-NICHOLSON

Line dance is motivating, fun and for everyone. This energy-filled, low-impact dance class is choreographed to music. Each class is broken down into easy-to-learn repeating steps. A variety of stimulating music (including country and music from the '70s) is played for everyone's enjoyment. Line dance burns calories, improves breathing, strengthens the heart, and increases coordination, balance and mobility. Please wear comfortable sneakers. This is a 4-week course with classes on 6/17, 6/24, 7/1 and 7/8.

SUMMER 2026 OSHER ONLINE COURSES

The Osher National Resource Center offers another set of online courses that complement our local OLLI programs. See page 8 for a complete list of courses.

1:30-2:45 p.m.

ON CAMPUS/ONLINE

● **DELIGHTING YOUR GUESTS IN SPANISH**

CRISTINA BUENO-GORENA

Practice Spanish through hospitality. Acquire tips for welcoming guests and family and for creating a warm atmosphere with delicious menus, table decorations, charcuterie boards and dessert tables. This is a 4-week course with classes on 7/1, 7/8, 7/15 and 7/22.

● **FROM WORDS TO WORLDS: COMMUNICATION IN THE AGE OF MEDIA AND ALGORITHMS**

ALEX REYES

Through short readings and classroom discussions, this course investigates how language creates meaning, media transforms cognition, and social platforms govern attention and behavior. Integrating philosophy, media theory and cultural critique—from Wittgenstein and Orwell to McLuhan and Baudrillard—students explore propaganda, simulation, systems of power and digital discourse.

3:15-4:30 p.m.

ON CAMPUS/ONLINE

● **SPIES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

ALFREDO ARROYO

View the intelligence service and operations that supported General Washington during our Revolutionary War. Meet the main characters and organizers and learn the tremendous importance early spies had in our war for independence.

THURSDAYS

START DATE: JUNE 18

11 a.m.-Noon

ONLINE

● **MINDFUL BODYWORK**

WOLF CARTER

Improve your energy by mindfully working the less-used areas of the body, expanding your mobility, creating balance and building body awareness. Exercises are specifically designed to address any level of physical ability.

1:30-2:45 p.m.

ON CAMPUS

■ **K'AI MEN AND JIBEN GONG: FUNDAMENTAL EXERCISE OF T'AI CHI**

WOLF CARTER

Condition your body with exercises suitable for practitioners of any T'ai Chi style or form. Learn to tap into your internal energy while building a strong foundation that helps transform movement into physical and overall well-being. The course includes work on posture, form, movement, and conditioning exercises that can be easily integrated into daily life.

■ **WELCOME TO YOGA NIDRA**

LISA RUIZ

Introducing the powerful realm of Yoga Nidra. Yoga Nidra is a form of guided meditation accessing deep relaxation in body and mind while maintaining awareness. It is scientifically validated to induce deep brainwave states which are related to physical and mental well-being. No prior experience required. Come learn about this practice and experience it for yourself! This is a 2-week course with classes on 7/16 and 7/23.

ON CAMPUS/ONLINE

■ ● **BECOME A CITIZEN SCIENTIST THROUGH ZOONIVERSE**

VICKI HARDER

Zooniverse is a platform that connects professional researchers with volunteers. From classifying animals to discovering exoplanets to transcribing historical documents and more, you can participate in research projects. You don't need any specialized background training or expertise. This class will help guide you to contribute. This is a 3-week course with classes on 6/25, 7/2 and 7/9.

ON SITE

▲ **INSPIRED WRITING**

MÓNICA GÓMEZ

This course is an ever-changing exploration of life, language and laughter. This summer session will inspire writing about objectivity; prose, poetry and storytelling; clichés, change and why we laugh. Focused discussion and thought-provoking prompts set up brief in-class free-writes. The class shares life experience, reflections, fresh perceptions and insights by reading aloud. This format encourages writers to trust their instincts, capture fleeting inspiration and discover intriguing areas of the subconscious. Classes meet at the Rio Grande Cancer Foundation, 616 N. Virginia St., El Paso, TX 79902. ✂

3:15-4:30 p.m.

ON CAMPUS/ONLINE

■ ● **FRENCH FOR BEGINNERS**

JEAN-CLAUDE LIHOSSI

This French class is intended for newcomers to the French language. No prior knowledge necessary. Students will learn some basic French grammar and conjugation. Parlez-vous français?



FRIDAYS

START DATE: JUNE 26

9-10 a.m.

ON SITE

▲ **WALKERISE FRIDAY HILL CLIMBS**

DEVON WALL

Get in more challenging steps. This group will take on different routes off campus. Walk on!

1:30-2:45 p.m.

ON CAMPUS/ONLINE

■ ● **THE MEMOIRS OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS VIKTOR FRANKL AND ELIE WIESEL**

LUIS CARLOS RODRIGUEZ

In this course, the class will look at some of the works chronicling the harrowing experiences of Viktor Frankl and Elie Wiesel in Nazi concentration camps during the Holocaust, specifically Frankl's 1946 seminal book, "Man's Search for Meaning," and Wiesel's 1960 memoir, "Night." This is a 5-week course with classes starting on 6/26.

■ ● **THE CHEMISTRY OF LIFE: UNDERSTANDING BIOCHEMISTRY**

FATEMA BINTA TANZILA KAMAL RAISA

Biochemistry explores the chemical processes within living organisms. How does it drive the complexities and functions of life? This introductory course offers an understanding of what governs health and metabolism. This is a 5-week course with classes starting on 6/26.

TURN THE PAGE to see the Summer 2026 Lecture Series.

OLLI SUMMER AQUATHERAPY SESSION

CECELIA FIERRO

A summertime bonus for OLLI members! This unique course features an overview and demonstration of Aquatic Therapy. Spend time in the water with the guidance of instructors in aquastretch principles, exercises and hands-on demonstrations.

Watch for announcements about the date, time, registration and other details!

“ I have learned so many interesting facts about El Paso, and made new friends. OLLI enriches my life and soul. I would recommend OLLI to keep your brain active. ”

Veronica Vargas, OLLI member

SUMMER 2026 LECTURE SERIES

LECTURE
SERIES

THE SHAPING OF COMMUNITIES



Communities evolve out of common ground, interests that draw groups together with purposes, values, shared experiences and identities. Explore the shaping of communities through belief systems, culture, the arts, military and significant events.

ALL LECTURES ARE ON CAMPUS/ONLINE.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 | 3:15-4:30 P.M.

● ● **CHICANA ART**

MARIA NATIVIDAD

As a Chicana artist, Maria uses the female lenses of family, home, place, memory, spirituality and heritage to create a visual voice that speaks of the multi-layered identity of the Chicana. She wishes to define our own reality and to resist the effort of the dominant society to define who we are. Her art is not so much a protest to the cultural oppression of the majority, intra-cultural and of the larger society, but rather it is a reaffirmation of the important role we play in our culture and society. This presentation focuses on the themes that reside in the worldview of most Chicanas, family, traditions and culture.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 | 1:30-2:45 P.M.

● ● **INTRODUCTION TO THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH**

ARMIN JEZARI

The Bahá'í Faith is the youngest world religion and the second-most geographically widespread. It teaches the oneness of God, the unity of humanity and the essential harmony of religion. Bahá'ís reside in virtually every country in the world, representing some 2,100 people.

THURSDAY, JULY 16 | 3:15-4:30 P.M.

● ● **HOW MUSIC SHAPES COMMUNITY**

CHERRY DUKE

How does music help shape the communities around us? Drawing on her work as Artistic Director of El Paso Opera and Professor of Voice at UTEP, Cherry Duke shares stories and observations about how music-making, education and collaboration create shared experiences that bring people together. Through examples from university and professional settings, this lecture explores music not only as an art form, but as a social experience that fosters connection, participation and a deeper sense of belonging.

THURSDAY, JULY 23 | 3:15-4:30 P.M.

● ● **THE INSPIRING STORY OF THE 6888**

ALFRED REEVES

Discover the inspiring story of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, known as the "Six Triple Eight," an all-African American, all-women's unit in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. Led by Major Charity Adams, these 855 trailblazers cleared over 17 million pieces of backlogged mail across England, France and beyond, working tirelessly in three shifts amid bombed-out warehouses, rats, freezing cold, racism and sexism to deliver morale-boosting letters to U.S. troops. This lecture explores their challenges, triumphs, overlooked legacy—including the 2022 Congressional Gold Medal and recent Netflix film—and enduring lessons in resilience of tireless women who built a military community of service.



Have questions?

We are here to help you!

Email us at: olli@utep.edu

Call us at: **915.747.6280**

Clubs and Special Interest Groups

See page 3 and take full advantage of your membership benefits.

LECTURE
SERIES

THE NATURE OF LIFE IN OUR UNIVERSE

The sense of nature includes the laws, elements and phenomena of the physical world. It includes life and our relationships with our universe. There is something to ponder in every aspect of what we know, discover and learn. **ALL LECTURES ARE ON CAMPUS/ONLINE.**

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 | 1:30-2:45 P.M.

● ● **WILDLIFE OF THE FALKLAND AND MAGELLANIC ISLANDS**

LOIS BALIN

Explore the wilderness and wildlife of the Falkland and Magellanic Islands in the far southern regions of South America. This presentation focuses on the five penguin species that inhabit these islands, along with the seabirds, land birds and marine mammals that share their environment. Learn about penguin ecology and how these remarkable animals survive in the harsh conditions near Antarctica.

MONDAY, JUNE 29 | 3:15-4:30 P.M.

● ● **LIFE FORCE ENERGY: PRANA AND SELF-HEALING**

LYNN PROVENZANO

Learn about your energetic anatomy, the power of prana (the life force) and discover how you can use your life force energy for self-healing and wellness. This class includes the basic principles of Pranic Healing®, simple techniques, exercises and meditations that give you the tools for healthier living.

FRIDAY, JULY 10 | 1:30-2:45 P.M.

● ● **PURE TONES: SOUND BATHING FOR WELLNESS**

LEONCIO PEREZ

Sound therapy is a gentle yet powerful healing practice that uses vibration to support balance within the body and mind. Seven crystal singing bowls are tuned to correspond with the body's energy centers. As their pure tones resonate, they help release tension, restore energetic alignment and promote deep relaxation. This immersive experience encourages emotional clarity, physical ease and overall wellness through intentional sound and mindful presence.

MONDAY, JULY 13 | 1:30-2:45 P.M.

● ● **EINSTEIN'S SPECIAL THEORY OF RELATIVITY FOR NON-PHYSICISTS**

AUROYLN LUYKX

Amazingly, Albert Einstein worked out his special theory of relativity using only pencil and paper, basic arithmetic, and his own creative insight. This single-session class explains how the principle of light-speed invariance revealed a surprising relationship between space and time. It is based on the book "Relativity and Common Sense: A New Approach to Einstein" by Hermann Bondi.

MONDAY, JULY 20 | 1:30-2:45 P.M.

● ● **EVOLUTION IS NOT LINEAR: NATURAL SELECTION AND THE MYTH OF PROGRESS**

AUROYLN LUYKX

Is *Homo sapiens* the most advanced species on Earth? The familiar portrayal of evolution as a linear path toward ever-increasing complexity and improvement is in fact a grave misrepresentation. This single-session class will explain the non-linear, non-directional nature of evolutionary change, challenging widespread fallacies about evolutionary "progress" and "success."

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**Registration Launch Party
& Finger Food Potluck**

See page 3 for more details.

LECTURE SERIES | CULTURE, COMMUNICATION AND PERSUASION

Language, regardless of whether it is written, spoken or creatively communicated, holds the influential power of persuasion. This rhetoric stems from personal experience and expands to the broader scales of communities and cultures. What is really conveyed? **ALL LECTURES ARE ON CAMPUS/ONLINE.**

MONDAY, JUNE 15 | 3:15-4:30 P.M.

■ ● WILLS AND WILL SUBSTITUTES

GINA FIELDS

Are you prepared? Discuss the components of a valid will in Texas, and discuss will substitutes such as revocable trusts and transfer on death deeds. Learn what can be done to eliminate or minimize the need for probate for your loved ones, depending on the complexity of one's estate (and the mix of assets).

MONDAY, JUNE 22 | 3:15-4:30 P.M.

■ ● EXPLORING WRITING TO HEAL AND TRANSFORM

SANJANA SRIVASTAVA

Explore how writing can become a method of witnessing, processing and reclaiming lived experience in a reflective and generative space. Learn writing, not simply as creative expression, but as an embodied practice that allows you to locate emotion in the body, interrogate the narratives imposed upon us and re-author our own stories. Through brief theoretical framing, short excerpts from illness narratives and guided writing exercises, participants move from silence to articulation, and from private feeling to shared language. The goal is not to "fix" pain, but to examine how writing can shift our relationship to it, transforming vulnerability into agency and experience into knowledge.

MONDAY, JULY 6 | 1:30-2:45 P.M.

■ ● SOUND RHETORIC: SHAPING PERSUASIVE COMMUNICATION

PRAKRITI ADHIKARI

Explore how voice, tone, silence, rhythm, and listening shape persuasive communication. This class

introduces participants to sound rhetoric. It examines speeches, podcasts, oral storytelling and everyday soundscapes to understand how meaning is created through sound. Through discussion and practical exercises, participants will learn to analyze and craft rhetorically effective spoken messages for academic, professional and public contexts.

TUESDAY, JULY 14 | 1:30-2:45 P.M.

■ ● MEANINGS: THE INFLUENCE OF AFFECT, EMOTIONS AND RHETORIC

CARLA TORRES

How are hope, fear and other emotions culturally determined; how do they circulate among people and through communicative mediums; and how do they work to create meaning and persuade people to act in the world? These are the types of questions that will be discussed through this summer lecture in the study of affect and emotions and their use, in writing, rhetoric and beyond.

TUESDAY, JULY 21 | 1:30-2:45 P.M.

■ ● FROM LIVED EXPERIENCE TO LITERACY PRACTICE

DIBYA DARPAN ADHIKARI

First-Year Composition (FYC) in U.S. higher education is often treated as a course that "fixes" student writing by correcting grammar, enforcing rules, and ensuring transfer to academic and workplace genres. This persistent public narrative overlooks decades of scholarship showing writing as rhetorical, inquiry-driven, technological and situated. In this presentation, Dibya Adhikari challenges that narrative, arguing that students bring rich experiences and ways of knowing that meaningfully shape their thinking and writing—they are not blank slates.

OLLI HAPPENINGS |

Gather! Enjoy! Spend some time enjoying good company at these special events.

ON CAMPUS

THURSDAYS, STARTING JUNE 18 | 1:30-4:30 P.M.

■ BE A FILM SCREENER: AUSTIN FILM FESTIVAL

FACILITATED BY OLLI

The Austin Film Festival (AFF) receives more than 6,000 submissions comprised of short and feature films. Spend an OLLI afternoon (in collaboration with the Austin Film Festival) viewing and rating some of the short film and/or documentary submissions. Help AFF determine the best of the best for its October film event.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 | 3:15-4:45 P.M.

■ OLLI MOVIE AFTERNOON | "KING OF HEARTS"

LEANNE VON MITTENWALD

Enjoy an afternoon of film, snacks and friends! "King of Hearts" is a 1966 comedy starring Alan Bates and Geneviève Bujold. It is both a bold statement on the insanity of war and on the power of love. During WWII, a small French village is set to be destroyed. The forgotten

insane asylum residents take over the village and give one soldier a lesson in truth, sanity and acceptance.

FRIDAY, JULY 24 | 3:15-4:30 P.M.

■ OLLI SUMMER SOCIAL

HOSTED BY OLLI STAFF/VOLUNTEERS

It's an old-fashioned potluck! Relax, have some fun, sit on the sidelines or step into some music. Celebrate summer in the cool company of OLLI friends.

ON SITE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 | 9:30-10:45 A.M.

▲ PEACEFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH HORSES (FIELD TRIP)

JOY FERGUSON

Explore the unique connections that can be made with horses through equine-assisted services. This field trip includes experiences and education with horses through guided ground activities. The session will be facilitated by trained staff and horses at Compadres Therapy, Inc. (<https://www.compadrestherapy.com/>). Details will be sent to registered participants.

BOOKSTORE TOURS: BETWEEN THE PAGES

Local bookstores and bookbars have their unique inspirations between the pages of their own stories. Discover a few of these inspired places in the corners of our community.

ALL TOURS ARE ON SITE.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 | 10-11:15 A.M.

▲ BRAVE BOOKS

Housed in a bungalow in the Rio Grande Heights District, Brave Books brings an eclectic and vibrant bookstore to El Paso. Within its walls, one can find used books, rare books, kids' books, art from local artists and other unique treasures. Since Brave Books opened their doors in 2019, they have enriched El Paso's literary culture with author meet & greets and annual holiday events. Enjoy their vibrant atmosphere! Meet at 1307 Arizona Ave., El Paso, TX 79902.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 | 10-11:15 A.M.

▲ MARGIN NOTES BOOKBAR

Enjoy a book, a cuppa or a glass of wine and an electric atmosphere at Margin Notes Book Bar. Whether you're looking for your next great read or a community to talk with about your favorite plot twists, Margin Notes has created a fun, modern space for El Paso's booklovers. Meet at 7460 Cimarron Market Ave., Bldg. 2, Ste. 300, El Paso, TX 79911.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 | 10-11:15 A.M.

▲ THE NOOK BOOKSTORE CAFÉ

One of El Paso's newest spots for booklovers to connect, The Nook Bookstore Café serves delicious coffee and books. With an ever-growing book club and fun events like coloring and date nights, The Nook is already making its mark on the community. Fancy a latte, a new read and a good time? Meet at 3260 N. Zaragoza Rd., Ste. 201, El Paso, TX 79938.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 | 10-11:15 A.M.

▲ BARNES & NOBLE

How does the publishing world get their books to market? The smaller establishments create unique and intimate spaces while larger book sellers design inviting aisles and reading nooks for browsing. Learn how bestsellers land on shelves and capture their audiences. Enjoy a cuppa along the way. Meet at The Fountains at Farah, 8889 Gateway Blvd. West, Ste. 120, El Paso, TX 79925.



Each one reach one!
Spread the word about OLLI.

Bring a new member to OLLI and receive a credit toward your registration.

See page 9 for details.

SUMMER 2026 OSHER ONLINE COURSES

More opportunities to learn! The Osher National Resource Center offers another set of online courses that complements our OLLI programs and gives OLLI members access to amazing instructors. You **MUST** be an OLLI member to participate in these courses. All OSHER Online courses are offered over 6 weeks and are 90 minutes long. **Each course has a \$60 fee.**

MONDAYS, JULY 6-AUGUST 10 | 1 P.M.

THREADS OF HISTORY: THE WORLD OF ORIENTAL RUGS

SUMRU KRODY

What makes an Oriental rug so captivating? Elegant design, intricate pattern or mysterious origins? In this richly illustrated course, we will discover the stories woven into these textiles. We will trace the history and artistry of carpet-weaving across Asia and North Africa, with examples dating from the 4th century BCE to the nineteenth century. Using expert insights and vivid images, we will explore carpet-making from Anatolia, Iran, Transcaucasia, North Africa and Central Asia, and learn to spot weaving traditions, historical periods, purposes and production.

MONDAYS, JULY 13-AUGUST 17 | 11 A.M.

THE INDISPENSABLE FOUNDER: GEORGE WASHINGTON

DEDE PETRI

As America celebrates 250 years of independence, this course examines the indispensable founder, George Washington—his life, political leadership, and roles as farmer, entrepreneur and architect. We will also explore the groundbreaking Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, which has owned and managed Mount Vernon since 1858, when a determined group of women without the right to vote or own property united to save Washington's home, launching the American historic preservation movement.

MONDAYS, JULY 20-AUGUST 24 | 9 A.M.

THE DIGITAL SHIFT: HOW COMPUTING REMADE MEDIA

RAFAEL DAVIS PORTELA

Streaming music, swiping photos, consuming real-time news, reading e-books—all of these activities have been transformed by digital technology. This course will explore how media is created, stored and experienced in a digitized world. We will demystify fundamentals like text files, encoding, pixels and algorithms in easy-to-understand ways—no prior computer knowledge needed. Each session examines a different medium, contrasting analog past with digital present, exploring generative AI's impact. Topics will include text, images, music, social media and media ownership.

TUESDAYS, JULY 7-AUGUST 11 | 9 A.M.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE: THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GENRE

BLAKE REGNIER

In this course, we will trace the evolution of literature specifically written for children—from its earliest forms to the modern era. We will begin with the oral traditions that underpin all storytelling, then follow the shift toward published works created specifically with young readers in mind. We will survey key moments and turning points that shaped the growth of children's literature as a distinct field. We will conclude by analyzing how well-known children's literature has evolved over time.

TUESDAYS, JULY 7-AUGUST 11 | 11 A.M.

DISCOVERING PORTUGAL

ALISON ROBERTS

Explore how tiny Portugal played an outsized role in world history. We will examine its fifteenth- and sixteenth-century maritime expansion and its central role in the transatlantic trade in enslaved people. We will trace Portugal's rise as the Iberian Peninsula's only independent kingdom, its global reach from Brazil to Japan, and its later decline into twentieth-century poverty under Europe's longest dictatorship. We will see how democracy reshaped

Portuguese culture, and survey its landscape, art, architecture and food to learn why Americans are flocking there today.

TUESDAYS, JULY 7-AUGUST 11 | 5 P.M.

HORTICULTURE A-Z

CHRIS BAKER

In this course, we will explore a wide range of horticultural practices with something to offer, no matter our experience level or where we live. We will cover container gardening, aquatic gardens, ornamental and fruiting plants, bonsai, landscape design and pest management. Each week, we will focus on a theme and examine design ideas, plant choices and long-term care practices for success. Whether we garden on 10 acres or in an apartment, we will find plenty to learn and enjoy in horticulture.

TUESDAYS, JULY 21-AUGUST 25 | 1 P.M.

PROTECTING YOURSELF AS A PATIENT

HARDEEP SINGH

This course will help us keep ourselves and our loved ones safer in today's complex healthcare system. Medical harm (often unintentional, yet preventable) injures and kills hundreds of thousands of patients each year. We will learn how to reduce risk from common problems such as medication errors, care accidents, infections, diagnostic mistakes, and procedural or surgical complications. Through presentations, videos and discussions, patient safety experts and advocates will share practical strategies, tactics and resources to help us navigate care with greater confidence.

TUESDAYS, JULY 21-AUGUST 25 | 3 P.M.

BROADWAY MUSICALS: A FASCINATING HISTORY

EMANUEL ABRAMOVITS

Musicals have shaped American theater, from Tin Pan Alley-driven comedies of the early twentieth century to the integrated classics of midcentury. In this course, we will explore book musicals, concept musicals and the rise of European mega-productions. We will spotlight influential composers, lyricists, writers, choreographers, directors and performers. With the help of audiovisuals, we will study landmark shows including "Oklahoma!," "My Fair Lady," "Show Boat," "Guys and Dolls," "Hair," "Cabaret," "Rent," "Wicked," "Hamilton," and more.

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 8-AUGUST 12 | 9 A.M.

CANALS AND THE MAKING OF THE MODERN WORLD

BERNIE CARLSON

When the Erie Canal opened in 1825, it revolutionized American travel and transportation, but it was inspired by Europe's earlier canal networks. In this course, we will trace French, British and Irish canals of the 17th and 18th centuries, then follow the story into the 19th century as we examine American canals, especially in New York and Pennsylvania. We will explore how canals reflect national politics and ambitions and why they remain vital to global shipping today.

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 15-AUGUST 26 | 11 A.M.

WOMEN ARCHITECTS AND DESIGNERS

ELEANOR SCHRADER

Often overlooked in traditional design and architecture courses, twentieth-century women designers profoundly shaped how we perceive and experience built environments, interiors and decorative objects. In this course, we will explore the work and influence of figures such as Elsie de Wolfe, Eileen Gray, Lilly Reich, Charlotte Perriand, Dorothy Draper, Ray Eames and Zaha Hadid. We will consider their lives and enduring designs within the social and political contexts they faced, and trace the lasting imprints they left on twentieth-century design.

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 15-AUGUST 19 | 1 P.M.

HINDU TRADITIONS: RITUAL, KNOWLEDGE, DEVOTION

EILEEN GODDARD

In this course, we will explore Hindu traditions from classical to contemporary times, emphasizing ritual, knowledge and devotion. We will begin with South Asian roots in the Vedic tradition and key religious foundations. We will examine early and classical Hindu thought through the concept of *dharma*, then explore major deities through their narratives, practices and iconography. We will examine the six major schools of Hindu philosophy using primary and secondary sources, consider *bhakti* (devotion), and conclude with sacred spaces (temples and *tirthas*) and pilgrimage practices.

THURSDAYS, JULY 9-AUGUST 13 | 9 A.M.

ENDLESS GROUNDS: COFFEE'S SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LIFE

ROBERT THURSTON

Coffee will be a lens on climate change, social life, health, North-South dynamics, social and economic justice, tourism, and slavery. We will trace coffee from planting and processing through shipping and, ultimately, the drink in our cups. We will explore coffee's history, its shift from elite beverage to everyday staple, and research on health, farmer income and climate resilience. The instructor will share experiences from coffee farms around the world, discuss different brewing methods, and demonstrate how coffee is brewed.

THURSDAYS, JULY 9-AUGUST 13 | 11 A.M.

REVOLUTIONARY ECHOES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

KASEY SEASE

The Declaration of Independence shaped Americans long after the Revolution. This course will examine how people in Washington, D.C. invoked the Declaration and its ideas after independence—from city planners shaping the capital to Union soldiers defending it during the Civil War. We will explore how the Declaration was used to advance causes and define the nation's civic identity. Featuring museum artifacts from the Albert H. Small Washingtoniana Collection, this course will trace D.C.'s early history through 1876, the nation's first centennial celebration.

THURSDAYS, JULY 9-AUGUST 13 | 3 P.M.

DEAF CULTURE AND HISTORY IN THE U.S.

MATTHEW COOPER

In this course, we will introduce key aspects of Deaf culture in the United States and explore what defines the Deaf community as a cultural minority. We will examine cultural identity, group norms, social interaction, values and traditions, while emphasizing awareness, diversity and language preservation. We will investigate how modern technology shapes community life, along with emerging issues, trends and advocacy. We will also discuss communication, terminology, educational alternatives, legislation and community resources.

FRIDAYS, JULY 24-AUGUST 28 | 9 A.M.

HISTORY OF SIGNS: HOW SIGNS TELL AMERICA'S STORY

ERIN HOLLAND

Explore 100 years of American history through objects often taken for granted in everyday life: signs. This course introduces the American Sign Museum's (ASM) origins and features a conversation with ASM's founder about why signs matter. We will examine how signs have evolved due to trends in commerce and technology and explore case studies of three major food companies who used signage to shape their brands. In the final session, we will take a virtual visit to ASM's neon shop to see how a neon sign is made.

TO REGISTER go to the UTEP-OLLI website at <https://www.utep.edu/olli> and click on the OSHER Online tab or call the OLLI office at 915.747.6280 for assistance.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

3 WAYS TO REGISTER

Registration opens online May 13, 2026.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

(September 1 through August 31; membership fees are not prorated)

INDIVIDUAL
\$55

Each One Reach One! Bring a NEW member and receive a \$45 credit toward your next registration fee. Share the benefits and help OLLI grow. Credit applies after new members are verified and will appear as a credit on your membership account.

SUMMER REGISTRATION FEE: \$60

(*Additional fees apply to OSHER Online courses.)

- Register for as many OLLI at UTEP classes as you can fit in your schedule.
- The Miner Gold Card is available to OLLI members for \$10. Ask about the benefits of this UTEP ID card.
- All classes are online, on campus, on campus/online or on site. Please refer to course designations in this catalog. OLLI uses Zoom for online classes. Volunteers and staff are available to assist you.
- Classes may be added or dropped after registration without penalty. Contact the office with requests.
- Refunds are handled on a case-by-case basis.

Course Cancellation Policy: Classes that do not meet minimum registration numbers are subject to cancellation.



ONLINE

Register online at utep.edu/olli
For assistance, leave a message at 915.747.6280.



BY MAIL

Fill out one registration form per person and send it with a check, money order and/or credit card information to:

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Memorial Gym, Room 102
101 W. Robinson Ave.
El Paso, Texas 79968-0602**

Make checks payable to **OLLI at UTEP.**



IN PERSON/BY APPOINTMENT

Contact the OLLI office to schedule an appointment. Staff will be available to take calls from 1-5 p.m., starting May 13, 2026. Appointments will be scheduled between noon and 3 p.m. Registrations will not be taken over the phone or by email.

New or renewing members must include the annual membership fee with their registrations.

A convenience processing fee is included in the course registration process.

REGISTRATION (Please fill out one form per person)

Name: _____ Birth Date: ___/___/____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Alternate Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Do you have a Miner Gold Card? YES NO

If yes, what is your ID#? _____

Are you registering for any of the Osher Online Courses? YES NO

Register directly online. Visit utep.edu/olli for details.

PAYMENT

Check # _____ Make checks payable to OLLI at UTEP.

Credit Card: _____ MC VISA AMEX DISCOVER

Card No. _____

Exp. Date: _____ / _____ CVV: _____
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Do you need an SB7 Remote Parking Pass? YES NO

Would you like to purchase a Sun Bowl Parking Garage (SBC) Parking Permit? YES NO
Contact the OLLI office at olli@utep.edu to apply for a permit. An OLLI representative will contact you to process the SBC permit application and take payment. A prorated SBC permit for Summer 2026 is \$88 and good until August 15, 2026. Multiple vehicles can be assigned to a single permit.

How did you hear about us?

REGISTRATION FEES

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual*	\$55	
Annual membership is not prorated (September 1-August 31)		
Summer 2026 Course Registration Fee	\$60	
Miner Gold Card Fee	\$10	
*Osher Online Course Fee	Each \$60	
List your course selections here (from page 8):		
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Sun Bowl Parking Garage Permit Prorated	\$88	
**Convenience Processing Fee	\$3	
Pickeball Court Maintenance Fee	Each \$5	
Donation to OLLI		
OLLI gratefully accepts donations to continue bringing quality programs to members.		
*Additional fees may be paid to the instructor based on supplies given to students.		TOTAL
** Convenience processing fee covers bank-related charges.		

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

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SUMMER 2026 COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

6-WEEK SESSION: JUNE 15-JULY 25, 2026

No classes on Friday, June 19.

OLLI Summer 2026 classes are listed as online, on campus, or on site at a specific location. Some courses are offered in more than one format and others are in the form of on-site tours. On-campus classes are limited to 24 students per classroom

For courses offered in more than one format, select the format you prefer. Additional fees apply to courses with extended class hours and to OSHER Online courses.

Please note: Courses may have minimum and/or maximum requirements. Courses and tours may have waitlists. Courses with low registrations are subject to cancellation.

► **Please CIRCLE THE ASTERISK of the course you are interested in.**

	Course Title	Time	On Campus ■	Online ●	On site/Tour ▲	Information
MONDAY	▲ <i>Intergenerational Bridges</i> The Intergenerational Summer "Penderwick" Book Club	10-11:15 a.m.			*	Classes meet at 551 Redd Rd., El Paso, TX 79912.
	● <i>Culture, Communication and Persuasion</i> Sound Rhetoric: Shaping Persuasive Communication	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*	*		Single lecture: 7/6
	● <i>The Nature of Life in Our Universe</i> Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity for Non-Physicists	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*	*		Single lecture: 7/13
	● <i>The Nature of Life in Our Universe</i> Evolution Is Not Linear: Natural Selection and the Myth of Progress	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*	*		Single lecture: 7/20
	● Scandinavian Feasts	1:30-2:45 p.m.		*		3 weeks: 6/15, 6/22, 6/29
	● Something Wicked This Way Comes: "Macbeth" in Production	1:30-2:45 p.m.		*		
	▲ Crochet/Knitting Therapy	1:30-2:45 p.m.			*	Classes meet at the Rio Grande Cancer Foundation
	● <i>Culture, Communication and Persuasion</i> Wills and Will Substitutes	3:15-4:30 p.m.	*	*		Single lecture: 6/15
	● <i>Culture, Communication and Persuasion</i> Exploring Writing to Heal and Transform	3:15-4:30 p.m.	*	*		Single lecture: 6/22
	● <i>The Nature of Life in Our Universe</i> Life Force Energy: Prana and Self-Healing	3:15-4:30 p.m.	*	*		Single lecture: 6/29
TUESDAY	▲ Light & Luminous: The Mediterranean Summer Table, a 6-week Culinary and Wellness Series	3:15-4:30 p.m.			*	Classes meet at Desert Spoon Food Hub
	● Walkercise Tuesdays	9-10 a.m.	*			
	● <i>Culture, Communication and Persuasion</i> Meanings: The Influence of Affect, Emotions and Rhetoric	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*	*		Single lecture: 7/14
	● <i>Culture, Communication and Persuasion</i> From Lived Experience to Literacy Practice	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*	*		Single lecture: 7/21
	● Patron Saints in Art and Culture Around the World	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*	*		4 weeks: 6/16, 6/23, 6/30, 7/7
	● Voyage Through France's Wine Regions	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*	*		
	● Meditation: Pathways	3:15-4:30 p.m.	*	*		
	● Understanding the Nuances of Persuasion: A Practical Toolkit	3:15-4:30 p.m.	*	*		3 weeks: 6/16, 6/23, 6/30
	● Science for the Rest of Us	3:15-4:30 p.m.	*	*		3 weeks: 7/7, 7/14, 7/21
	WEDNESDAY	▲ <i>OLLI Happenings</i> Peaceful Partnership With Horses	9:30 - 10:45 a.m.			*
▲ <i>Bookstore Tours: Between the Pages</i> Brave Books		10-11:15 a.m.			*	Tour: 6/24
▲ <i>Bookstore Tours: Between the Pages</i> Margin Notes Bookbar		10-11:15 a.m.			*	Tour: 7/1
▲ <i>Bookstore Tours: Between the Pages</i> The Nook Bookstore Café		10-11:15 a.m.			*	Tour: 7/8
▲ <i>Bookstore Tours: Between the Pages</i> Barnes & Noble		10-11:15 a.m.			*	Tour: 7/15
● Line Dancing		11 a.m.-1 p.m.	*			4 weeks: 6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8
● Delighting Your Guests in Spanish		1:30-2:45 p.m.	*	*		4 weeks: 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22
● From Words to Worlds: Communication in the Age of Media and Algorithms		1:30-2:45 p.m.	*	*		
● Spies of the American Revolution		3:15-4:30 p.m.	*	*		
● Mindful Bodywork		11 a.m.-Noon		*		
THURSDAY	● K'ai Men and Jiben Gong: Fundamental Exercise of T'ai Chi	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*			
	● Become a Citizen Scientist Through Zooniverse	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*	*		3 weeks: 6/25, 7/2, 7/9
	● <i>The Nature of Life in Our Universe</i> Wildlife of the Falkland and Magellanic Islands	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*	*		Single lecture: 6/18
	▲ Inspired Writing	1:30-2:45 p.m.			*	Classes meet at the Rio Grande Cancer Foundation
	● Welcome to Yoga Nidra	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*			2 weeks: 7/16, 7/23
	● <i>OLLI Happenings</i> Be a Film Screener: Austin Film Festival	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*			Starting 6/18
	● French for Beginners	3:15-4:30 p.m.	*	*		
	● <i>The Shaping of Communities</i> Chicana Art	3:15-4:30 p.m.	*	*		Single lecture: 6/18
	● <i>The Shaping of Communities</i> How Music Shapes Community	3:15-4:30 p.m.	*	*		Single lecture: 7/16
	● <i>The Shaping of Communities</i> The Inspiring Story of the 6888	3:15-4:30 p.m.	*	*		Single lecture: 7/23
FRIDAY	▲ Walkercise Friday Hill Climbs	9-10 a.m.			*	
	● The Chemistry of Life: Understanding Biochemistry	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*	*		5 weeks; classes start on 6/26
	● The Memoirs of Holocaust Survivors Viktor Frankl and Elie Wiesel	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*	*		5 weeks; classes start on 6/26
	● <i>The Nature of Life in Our Universe</i> Pure Tones: Sound Bathing for Wellness	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*	*		Single lecture: 7/10
	● <i>The Shaping of Communities</i> Introduction to the Bahá'í Faith	1:30-2:45 p.m.	*	*		Single lecture: 6/26
	● <i>OLLI Movie Afternoon</i> "King of Hearts"	3:15-4:45 p.m.	*			Screening: 6/26
● <i>OLLI Happenings</i> OLLI Summer Social	3:15-4:45 p.m.	*			Event: 7/24	

SUMMER 2026 REGISTRATION LAUNCH PARTY AND FINGER FOOD POTLUCK



Tuesday, May 19 | 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Come in person and register early with the assistance of our volunteers and staff!
Bring your favorite finger food and enjoy a snack while you register.

See page 3 for more details.

ABOUT PARKING

OLLI STUDENTS HAVE SEVERAL PARKING OPTIONS:

1 Park in the Glory Road Garage at the Glory Road Transfer Station (corner of Mesa St. and Glory Rd.). This is a short, one-block walk to Memorial Gym. Fees at the time of this printing are \$2/2 hours. This is currently a public garage.

2 OLLI members can choose one of two additional options:
a. OLLI membership includes a green parking permit for Sun Bowl Dr. remote lots. Memorial Gym is a short walk behind the Don Haskins Center to Memorial Gym. (There are stairs). Apply for a permit through the OLLI office.
b. Purchase a pro-rated Sun Bowl Parking Garage pass (\$263, valid through August 15, 2026). The Campus Loop shuttle runs from Miner Alley at the garage to Memorial Gym and loops from Oregon St. to Rio Grande Ave. and Arizona Ave. It is a longer route. Apply for a permit through the OLLI office.

Cross-parking on campus is permitted with a current UTEP parking permit as follows:

- **After 3 p.m.**, any permit allows you to cross-park in any Silver or Blue perimeter lot. This includes the Memorial Gym area.
- **After 4 p.m.**, any permit allows you to park in the Sun Bowl Garage and the Schuster Garage.
- **After 5 p.m.**, any permit allows you to park inside of campus. Cross-parking is also allowed when the Miner Metro shuttles are not running.

The Parking and Transportation office is located at 3737 N. Mesa St., Ste. A, El Paso, TX 79902. **UTEP parking permits are valid September 1, 2025 through August 15, 2026. OLLI is not responsible for citations. Fees are subject to change.**



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For more information about parking, scan the QR code to the right or visit: www.utep.edu/parking-and-transportation/



MINER GOLD CARD

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Timothy Moldstad, OLLI member

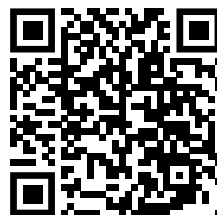


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