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ONLINE SESSION: June 8 - July 17

SUMMER 2020 ONLINE CATALOG

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WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER 2020 ONLINE CATALOG!

Welcome to OLLI, where curious minds gather. Members tell us they come for the intellectual stimulation of the courses and activities, and stay for the people. OLLI provides online learning opportunities to enhance the enjoyment, meaning, and direction of adult lives as well as the health and well-being of adults.


LEARNING NEVER GETS OLD!

OLLI Membership has its benefits. Here’s a peek at what’s available to current OLLI members:

- Fully online Summer 2020 Session free of charge
- Annual Membership extended to August 2021
- A variety of online classes, lectures, and group discussions
- Special interest groups and clubs
- Experience the benefits of OLLI at UTEP as part of a national network of Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes founded by the Bernard Osher Foundation.*

Registration fees will resume in Fall 2020, so take advantage of OLLI Summer Online!

Not a member? Join now for $30.
Register online at utep.edu/olli or call 915-747-6280.

Our members love OLLI. So will you!

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A MESSAGE FROM
OLLI’S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are in quite the special time in our lives and communities. It seems like we awakened after a long sleep to a different world where technology became our best friend, caution turned into face masks and social distancing, and we began to value many liberties that were once taken for granted. Still... the outdoors call to us in our own gardens and neighborhoods, our friends and families message each other or Zoom in for chats and, at OLLI, we are connecting online. We can have what we need creatively and safely. That’s our motivation. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UTEP strives to keep us connected, physically and mentally active, and above the emotional drama of our evolving new normal. We say “learning never gets old.” There is certainly truth to this. Jump in with us and enjoy good company on this learning curve. OLLI Summer Online starts now. Be safe. Be well. Our OLLI community is here for you!

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PRE-SUMMER
ZOOM PRACTICE

THURSDAY, 1:30-3 P.M.
(June 4)
OLLI students asked for more Zoom practice before we start our summer session. Here it is! Connect in a practice classroom. Facilitated by the OLLI Staff.

DAILY GATHERINGS

DAILY, 12:15-1 P.M.
Virtual Lounge
Bring your coffee and cookies with you and meet up with OLLI friends in the Virtual Lounge before or between classes. Members are also welcome to meet and discuss their self-paced courses.

DAILY, 1:30-1:50 P.M.
Daily Meditation
Lynn Provenzano
Relax. Get clear and prepare for the remainder of your day with a 20-minute guided meditation.

VOLUNTEER AT OLLI

OLLI is a community of members over the age of 50 who love to learn and grow. In order to maintain our community, however, we rely on volunteers.

Ask about volunteering, see page 11 for more information.

OLLI SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS AND CLUBS

U.S. CONSTITUTION DISCUSSION GROUP

Second Monday of each month. 12:30-1:30 p.m.
June 8-July 13
Join in the discussion group on the U.S. Constitution, its 27 amendments and Article V, the state-led convention process for amendments. You will also use the Convention of States Handbook as a reference. OLLI membership required.

FRENCH CLUB

Every Tuesday:
June 9, June 16, June 23, and July 7.
12:30-1:30 p.m.
Keep your French alive with weekly practice among vos amis/amies. Beginners and rusty conversationalists welcome. OLLI membership required.
PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Every Wednesday
June 10, June 17, June 24, July 1,
July 8 and July 15.
10-11:30 a.m
Continue capturing the moment and share your photos.
OLLI membership required.

BOOK CLUB

12:30-1:30 p.m.
The book club resumes this summer on June 11 via Zoom.
The book for discussion is *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede. Enjoy your reading!
OLLI membership required.

FILM & WINE CLUB

Every Friday
4-5 p.m.
June 12, June 19, June 26, July 3, July 10, and July 17.
End your week with a bit of fun! Zoom in for happy hour and a film
with Catherine, Leanne, and John.
OLLI membership required.
We’ll also reconsider some fascinating words unfairly relegated to the linguistic dustbin.

**TUESDAYS, 3:45-5 P.M.**  
(June 30, July 7, and July 14)  
**Fairy Tales**  
Leanne Von Mittenwald  
Remember your childhood fairy tales. There is more behind the stories than we knew. Join this class and explore classics and even the fractured fairy tales that once were.

**WEDNESDAYS, 2-3:30 P.M.**  
**Ryder Cup of Art! Europe or USA? Who Has the Better Artists?**  
Kathleen Key  
The late 19th century and early 20th century was an incredibly rich time for great art. Whose artists are better: Europe or the USA? This class will feature ten great artists from Europe and ten great artists from the USA. Join us for a stimulating, thought-provoking and fun class!

**THURSDAYS, 11 A.M.-Noon**  
**Golden Age Fitness: Thursdays**  
Golden Age  
UTEP’s Golden Age offers a comprehensive fitness program online specifically for OLLI students. One-hour classes cover flexibility, strength, balance, power, agility, and cardiovascular fitness.

**THURSDAYS, 3:45-5 P.M.**  
(June 11, June 25, and July 9)  
**OLLI Sing-Along**  
Maureen Keton  
Remember swaying to your special tunes? Join in for a simple sing-along. We’ll provide the lyrics. You provide the voice for Songs and Places, Broadway Hits, and Singers’ Choices.

**THURSDAYS, 3:45-5 P.M.**  
(June 18, July 2, and July 16)  
**Wellness From Within Ongoing Workshop Series**  
Monica Gomez  
Explore mental, spiritual, physical health and wellness though lively discussion, writing, reading aloud, and more. These stand-alone workshops cover the impact of stress, creativity, words, self-care, and boundaries in our daily lives.
FRIDAYS, 2-3:30 P.M.

The Other Guys
Alfredo Arroyo

We have heard about the godfathers in organized crime. This course is an overview of the soldiers who carried out the orders and committed the deeds that brought fame and infamy to the godfathers. They are the “Goodfellas”, who carried out schemes, capers, and scams that brought in the money day after day. They also carried out orders to fix juries, deal with witnesses, and settle scores one way or the other. Who were these guys? Come and find out!

LIVE LECTURE SERIES

The following live lectures will be on TUESDAYS, 2-3:30 P.M.

From music to architecture and more: one-time lectures presented by OLLI friends and guests.

JUNE 9
The Instruments of Samba and Choro
Ian Wilson
Look at and listen to three distinct instruments that are at the heart of Brazilian music.

JUNE 16
Cooking for Your Furry Friends
Tanya Von Mittenwald
We love our furry friends! Learn to make tastier, healthier food for your beloved dogs, and discuss remedies for certain ailments and illnesses. Make dog treats, summer popsicles, casseroles, and beautifully decorated birthday cakes. Tanya’s 17-year-old dog, Stella, is testimony to the benefits of home cooking and adjusting to a pet’s individual needs. Zelda and Enzo will also be on hand to sample the goodies. Tanya is the owner of tastytemptingtreats.com, a high-end wedding cake and desserts business based out of Orange County, CA.

JUNE 30
Celia Berton’s Story: The Road Less Traveled—From Fort Bliss to Europe and Home Again
Celia Berton
Celia tells her story. After choosing a career in government, she found herself at the U.S. Embassy in Paris and, in later years, back in El Paso’s Fort Bliss.

JULY 7
Live Chat With César Rivera
Cesar Rivera
You’ve taken his courses and discussions on controversial topics. Now, chat with instructor, Cesar R. Rivera, and learn more about what drives his love for law, philosophy, religious studies, the humanities, and everything human (“well, most things human”).

JULY 14
Haunting Paris With Author Mamta ChAUDhry
Mamta Chaudhry
Mamta Chaudhry is the author of Haunting Paris (Nan A. Talese/Doubleday), which was published to glowing praise from Marilynne Robinson, Russell Banks, and Margot Livesey. The New York Times Book Review calls it “elegantly wrought.” You can learn more about Haunting Paris at MamtaChaudhry.com.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH OLLI

The following courses will be on THURSDAYS, 2-3:30 P.M.

Travel around the world with OLLI members from the comfort of your home. Share in their stories, travels, and insights.

JUNE 11
Travel to Oaxaca
Bradley Roe
Travel to Oaxaca with Bradley Roe. Located in southwestern Mexico, Oaxaca is rife with Latin American history and indigenous culture.

JUNE 18
My Life in Prague
Eva Wooden
Delve into Prague as Eva shares her memories of her life there.
JUNE 25
India: Living With Its People and Culture
Crystal Brown

Friends in India welcomed Crystal into the culture of its people and cities. Join Crystal as she shares the memories of the sights, sounds, and foods of her travels.

JULY 2
Sint Eustatius: Slave Trade Port of the Dutch West Indies
Lynn Provenzano

Sint Eustatius is 8.1 square miles of volcanic island with a history of Dutch influence, 18th-century slave trade, and a small population that protects the island and its history today. See more of this fascinating island.

JULY 9
Guanajuato, Mexico
Bradley Roe

Guanajuato was one of the 12 regions that comprised Mexico in the 18th century. Trip through this narrow valley of the macro region of the Bajio and see why it is a special place.

JULY 16
Journey Through the Galapagos
Lynn Provenzano

The Galapagos, Ecuador’s archipelago of volcanic islands, is distributed on either side of the equator in the Pacific Ocean. Explore these islands and waters in a pictorial essay authored during a live-aboard adventure.

PRE-RECORDED WEEKLIES
KEN BURNS SERIES
WITH ONLINE LIVE DISCUSSIONS

START DATE: JUNE 8
This is a DAILY series: 3:45-5 P.M.
VIEW: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
ONLINE LIVE DISCUSSION: Wednesday, Friday
WEEK 1: BASEBALL
John Pearson

Ken Burns examines nearly 200 years of American history through the prism of our national pastime. It is the story of the transformation of immigrants into new generations of Americans; of the rise and fall of cities; of our insatiable need for heroes. It traces the fortunes of two of the most beloved teams—the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Boston Red Sox—and tells the stories of the extraordinary stars of the Negro Leagues, the pioneers who paved the way for the integration of baseball, and ultimately, America at large.

START DATE: JUNE 15
This is a DAILY series: 3:45-5 P.M.
VIEW: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
ONLINE LIVE DISCUSSION: Wednesday, Friday
WEEK 2: COUNTRY MUSIC
Jamie Ackerman

Ken Burns chronicles the history of a uniquely American art form that rose from the experiences of remarkable people in distinctive regions of the United States. Through archival footage, photographs, and intimate interviews with musicians and scholars, the series offers the opportunity to explore key events in 20th-century history, including technological changes, the Depression, and tensions around race and civil rights, all through the eyes of people who lived through them and the music they created.

START DATE: JUNE 22
This is a DAILY series: 3:45-5 P.M.
VIEW: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
ONLINE LIVE DISCUSSION: Wednesday, Friday
WEEK 3: THE ROOSEVELTS
Charles Martin

Ken Burns chronicles the lives of Theodore, Franklin, and Eleanor Roosevelt, three members of the most prominent and influential family in American politics, from Theodore’s birth in 1858 to Eleanor’s death in 1962. The series encompasses the history the Roosevelts helped to shape, and shows how they not only redefined the relationship Americans had with their government and with each other, but also redefined the role of the United States within the wider world.

START DATE: JUNE 29
This is a DAILY series: 3:45-5 P.M.
VIEW: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
ONLINE LIVE DISCUSSION: Wednesday, Friday
WEEK 4: THE DUST BOWL
Cindy Graff Cohen

What was the decade-long, man-made ecological disaster known as “The Dust Bowl,” which affected 100 million acres of land in Texas, Oklahoma, and adjacent states in the 1930s? View compelling interviews with 26 survivors, and seldom-seen movie footage, previously unpublished photographs, songs, and written accounts to tell an epic story of human suffering, when thousands of desperate Americans were forced into an exodus unlike anything the United States has ever seen.
WEEK 5: PROHIBITION
Janet Dand

This documentary tells the story of the rise and fall of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified in January 1919, and the era it encompassed. This story of Prohibition goes beyond the oft-told tales of gangsters, rum runners, flappers, and speakeasies to reveal a complicated and divided nation in the throes of momentous transformation.

WEEK 6: THE GENE: AN INTIMATE HISTORY
Thomas Prokopchuk

This documentary weaves together science, history, and personal stories to create a historical biography of the human genome. It tells the story of the rapid evolution of genetic science from Gregor Mendel’s groundbreaking experiment in the 19th century to CRISPR, and the hope that newfound powers to alter DNA with pinpoint precision will transform the treatment of some of the world’s most complex and challenging diseases. The series also tackles the daunting ethical challenges that these technologies pose for humankind.

SELF-PACED COURSES

View at your leisure. Then, step into the Virtual Lounge and share your thoughts about these classes and lectures with OLLI friends.

Meet in the Virtual Lounge on MONDAYS
Science & Cooking: From Haute Cuisine to Soft Matter Science
Sponsored by Harvard X

Top chefs and Harvard researchers explore how everyday cooking and haute cuisine can illuminate basic principles in chemistry, physics, and engineering. Learn about food molecules and how chemical reactions can affect food texture and flavor.

Meet in the Virtual Lounge on TUESDAYS
Civil War Series:
Sponsored by OLLI at the University of South Carolina, Beaufort

- Beaufort During the Civil War
- Reconstruction 1866
- Reconstruction 1867

South Carolina author and historian, John Warley, discusses Reconstruction in Beaufort and South Carolina in 1865, 1866 and 1867.

Meet in the Virtual Lounge on WEDNESDAYS
Beyond Earth: 50 Years Since Apollo 11
Sponsored by OLLI at California State University, Chico

In a very interactive presentation, Dr. Scott Perry, Volunteer Instructor at OLLI at CSU, Chico, explains what we knew before and after the monumental moon landing on July 20, 1969. Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019, he demonstrates the mysteries of our solar system and describes the Apollo 11 landing in great detail.

Meet in the Virtual Lounge on THURSDAYS
Voting in America Series:
Sponsored by OLLI at the University of Michigan

- Election and Voting Security in the United States
- Why Do We have the Electoral College? Should We?
- Race, the Party System, and Elite Incentives in American Elections

OLLI at UM is happy to share lectures from their 2019 Voting in America series. For over two hundred years, the nature of voting and elections in the United States has been the focus of political conflicts. These disputes have created electoral processes which would be unrecognizable to the nation’s founders. This series examines key elements of these processes, historically and currently: Federalism, the Electoral College, legislative redistricting/gerrymandering, requirements for eligibility to vote, methods for casting a vote, election security, the factors determining citizen voting behavior, and recent developments on these elements across the nation.

Meet in the Virtual Lounge on FRIDAYS
Wind Energy and the Changing Electric Generation Mix
Sponsored by OLLI at the University of South Dakota

Wind energy development is reaching a crescendo in South Dakota. Solar development is likely to follow. This session explores the changing electric generation mix and the wind development process in South Dakota. The instructor is Chris Nelson, South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioner.
VOLUNTEER AT OLLI

OLLI is a community of members over the age of 50 who love to learn and grow. In order to maintain our community, however, we rely on volunteers. Our dedicated volunteers serve in many different ways:

OFFICE ASSISTANCE
Help office staff answer phones, return messages, make photocopies for instructors, and answer member questions.

HOSPITALITY
Help OLLI stay connected. Invite OLLI members into the virtual lounge and host coffee and cookie times. Welcome new members and check in with long-time OLLI friends. Get involved with virtual events.

ATTENDANCE TRACKING
Take attendance in classes and return attendance lists and class feedback to office staff after each class.

SERVING ON COMMITTEES
Help in choosing curriculum; write articles or find photos for the OLLI newsletters and bulletins; help with events; be a part of building membership. Be part of an active committee that helps to grow and serve the OLLI community.

REGISTRATION
Assist in the registration process for class enrollments and memberships three times a year.

COMMUNITY
Serve as a spokesperson for OLLI in our region. Assist in distributing catalogs, making contacts and promoting the value of our OLLI programs. Help OLLI thrive and grow.

Do you see yourself sharing your time with members in these activities? We would love to have you be a part of our volunteer community. You can give just a little or a lot of your time in any of these ways or perhaps in a way unique to you. Please contact Janet Dand at jdand@utep.edu to explore your interest and availability.

VOLUNTEERING ADDS TO THE OVERALL BENEFITS OF OLLI

IT’S MEANINGFUL, FUN, AND APPRECIATED!

THE VOLUNTEER CULTURE AT OLLI CREATES A STRONG COMMUNITY

KEEP OUR PROGRAM AFFORDABLE
OLLI is volunteer-based to keep costs down for our members and to secure quality and future growth in our offerings.

WORK TOGETHER WITH OLD AND NEW FRIENDS
Get that feeling of satisfaction when a project is completed. Plus, working together builds a better community.

TRY SOMETHING NEW
OLLI members are older, better, and wiser. Learning is about doing something new and having fun together.

USE YOUR SKILLS
You spent a lifetime building experience and developing your skills. Enjoy sharing them now!

BE PART OF THE PRESENT FOR THE FUTURE
OLLI’s Advisory Board and committees are always seeking dedicated people to keep OLLI the best it can be for everyone.

Ask about volunteering. Contact Janet Dand, OLLI Volunteer Coordinator. Visit or call the OLLI office: 915.747.6280.
LEARNING NEVER GETS OLD

Become an OLLI member today!

Have fun in a vibrant learning community of adults 50+ interested in staying intellectually and socially active. OLLI offers courses designed for your interests and lifestyle, with no grades or tests.

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