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Ride the wave of lifelong learning

# WELCOME TO OLLI AT UC IRVINE

Fall 2025 promises another remarkable semester of diverse, relevant and thought-provoking courses. Not only are the course offerings exciting, but there are also many NEW experiences happening at OLLI at UC Irvine!

## WHAT IS OLLI?

OLLI at UC Irvine is a community of passionate lifelong learners, engaging our minds and enriching our lives through education. Every semester OLLI offers a rich and diverse curriculum for our members.




New members tell us the reason they joined is because a friend told them about OLLI! What is it about OLLI that creates this kind of buzz?

-  **Dozens of fascinating courses in Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, and STEM**
-  **Easy & enjoyable explorations of interesting Southern California venues**
-  **UC Irvine Theatre productions, Directors Talks, Docent Lectures**
-  **Special interest groups**
-  **OLLI and Collette Travel adventures**

## WHAT'S NEW AT OLLI IN FALL 2025?

OLLI is a volunteer-led program. Each semester, our dedicated volunteers create inspiring courses and present fascinating Special Events. But there's always more to be done to answer our members' call to action and make OLLI your go-to place for fun and learning!

Fall 2025 semester presents several new opportunities happening in the OLLI classroom, and beyond:

-  **Mah Jongg and Pickleball – see page 54 for details**
-  **Appreciation events for our presenters in the form of roundtables and social hours – See page 6 for more information**
-  **THREE new OLLI and Collette Travel adventures – see page 58 for details**

Living and learning for the sheer joy of it, we look forward to seeing you in the classroom, in our community, and around the world!

## Stay Curious!

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# Meet OLLI at UC Irvine

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Join us** for a welcoming event designed for prospective members who are eager to keep learning, stay curious, and connect with a vibrant community.

**Step into the OLLI classroom** and discover what the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UC Irvine is all about. Whether you're interested in fascinating classes, enriching special events, or making new friends who share your love of learning, there's something for everyone in our Fall semester lineup. You'll also get a chance to chat with our passionate member-volunteers who can share how to get the most out of the OLLI experience.

*There will be a presentation,  
and light refreshments will be served.*

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

**Wednesday, September 10, 2025  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

### **WELCOME TO OLLI!**

If you're just getting started, we warmly invite you to attend our New Member Orientation. You'll learn about our program, activities, and resources — including shared interest groups, volunteer opportunities, our Remote Learning Center, and much more!

**Please register for SE 1**

# Community Event



Orange County Chapter

**Tuesday, September 23, 2025**

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

In partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, they will be presenting on Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body. Learn what research has shown about lifestyle choices that may help keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Hear practical ways to incorporate changes into a plan for healthy aging. Open to the public.

## Meet the...

**Presented by the Curriculum Committees**

**Join us** us for a new social and educational event celebrating the incredible talents of our OLLI presenters—professors, deans, authors, experts, cultures, and members with stories and insights to share.

**This is your chance** to continue the conversation: ask questions, exchange ideas, and explore diverse perspectives in an informal setting. Spend an hour after class in roundtable discussion with the presenter, enjoy light refreshments, and connect beyond the lecture.

**Check the OLLI calendar** for upcoming sessions and help us show appreciation for those who make our learning community exceptional.



**Member Notice**

Please note that upcoming classes may be held in one of the following formats:



Classroom Only



Hybrid (Classroom + Online) \* Usually recorded, unless stated



Online Only

OLLI at UC Irvine mainly communicates via email. Please note your email will be shared with the developer for the sole purpose of receiving class assignments or updates.

**AH 101 GETTING PERSONAL WITH SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS**

"All the world's a stage" and Shakespeare the master.

This class will read two selected plays aloud with roles pre-assigned by the discussion leaders. Our discussion will include historical context and select video clips. Indulge a secret passion for acting or enhance your appreciation of timeless theater and have fun! The plays we will read will be selected by the attendees prior to the Fall semester.

The class uses the Folger edition of the selected plays, widely available from booksellers or online. **NOTE: Max enrollment 25.**

**Thursdays, September 18, 25, October 16, 30, November 13, 20, December 4; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenters/Developers:** Beth Mersch and Mitch Samuelson

**AH 102 POSITIVE PHILOSOPHY MEDITATION FOR  
BEGINNERS AND BOOK DISCUSSION:  
LOVINGKINDNESS: THE REVOLUTIONARY  
ART OF HAPPINESS**


Learn to meditate or deepen your practice in this five-part course. You will learn about meditation and its benefits, along with several strategies for practice. We will discuss the book, *Lovingkindness: The Revolutionary Art of Happiness* by Sharon Salzberg (available on Amazon, and Kindle) and practice the tools for positive philosophy and meditation.

**Wednesdays, September 24, October 22, November 5, December 10, January 14; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Ann Batenburg, Ph.D., taught meditation as part of a Positive Psychology course at SMU in Dallas, Texas, for many years, and recently graduated from the Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Certification Program with Tara Brach and Jack Kornfield.

**Developer:** Yasmin Vali



**Hybrid with Presenter In-Person or Remote**

## AH 103 CALIFORNIA MELTING POT: PAKISTAN - HISTORY AND CULTURE



Come and take a journey with us to a relatively young country, Pakistan, in South Asia. Did you know Pakistan stretches from the foot of the Himalayas in the north to the Arabian Sea in the south? Enjoy the bright colors of their fashion industry, delicious kababs and heavenly cuisine, world-famous television dramas, and traditional eastern hospitality as some hallmarks of Pakistan. Today's Pakistan is forging its ancient heritage with modern culture as an integral part of today's world.

**Meet the Culture of Pakistan** – Stay after class from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM to try some Pakistani food and experience the culture hands on. Take part in an interactive roundtable discussion with our guest presenter.

**Tuesday, September 30; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenters:** Dr. Uzma Chaudhary, Retired Pediatrician UC Irvine; Saima Khan, Retired Educator; and Yasmin Vali, author, retired High School English teacher and retired UC Irvine DCE Instructor.

**Developer:** Yasmin Vali

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## AH 104 WRITING LIFE STORIES



This friendly class is where you will write down the stories of your life, share your stories and listen to those of others in the group. This workshop provides prompts, ideas, and writing resources. For those with the goal of creating books to share, you will have an opportunity to learn about design and printing. This workshop involves a commitment to attend regularly and to write a two-page story every two weeks.

**Wednesdays, October 1, 15, 29, November 12, December 3, January 7, 21; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter/Developer:** Tim Boyd, B.S. in Communication, M.S. in Counseling, Lifetime Teaching Credential. He is an experienced participant in writing workshops at OLLI CSUF and UC Irvine.





## AH 105 AMERICAN SHORT STORIES: AN INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION GROUP



This eight-class series is an adventure in reading and discussing short stories by renowned American writers. Participants take turns choosing a story, developing questions, and leading the discussion. Guidance for developing discussion questions is available.

The textbook for this class is, "A Century of Fiction in the New Yorker: 1925 – 2025," edited by Deborah Treisman, available on Amazon in hardback, e-book, and audiobook. Participants can also select stories that are available online, as long as they are not behind a paywall. **NOTE: Max enrollment 25.**

**Mondays, October 6, 20, November 3, 17, December 1, 15, January 12, 26; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter/Developer:** Susan Fouts is a long-time OLLI short story class participant and leader.

## AH 106 STORIES ABOUT STORYTELLERS: HISTORICAL FICTION ABOUT WRITERS



In this 'limited edition' book group, we will read and discuss three novels about the lives and work of famous writers. All books are available on Amazon.

**October 14:** *The Pale Blue Eye* by Louis Bayard – Edgar Allen Poe becomes embroiled in a murder mystery while a student at West Point.

**November 18:** *Under the Wide and Starry Sky* by Nancy Horan – The love affair of Robert Louis Stevenson and his American wife, Fanny Van de Grift Osbourne

**January 20:** *Adeline: A Novel of Virginia Woolf* by Norah Vincent – A reimagination of the genius, achievements, and blind spots that led to Woolf's death by suicide.

**Tuesdays, October 14, November 18, January 20; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter/Developer:** Susan Fouts has led OLLI literature discussion groups for several years.



## AH 107 LAGUNA ART MUSEUM



The Laguna Art Museum was established in 1918 by the Laguna Beach Art Association to “advance the knowledge of and interest in Art”. Join us for a lecture on their exhibit, “Latest and Greatest: New Work at Laguna Art Museum”, featuring nearly fifty newly acquired pieces of art. This exhibit focuses on pieces by influential California artists, highlighting works by women and works created after the year 2000. The lecture will also review the “Solitude and Silence” collection of works by Conrad Buff, a painter of the Southwest.

In conjunction with this lecture, we will also be touring the Laguna Art Museum on October 24 (see SE 6).

**Tuesday, October 21; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenters:** Katherine Morton, Museum Educator, and Carol Lachey, Docent .

**Developer:** Elona Pertica

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## AH 108 ARTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST – PART II



In this lively lecture, the presenter will briefly review the material covered in Part I—which was presented last fall and is available for viewing on the OLLI Remote Learning Center—before delving into an engaging exploration of the music, dance, and culinary arts of the Middle East.

**Thursday, October 23; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter/Developer:** Safineh Tahmassebi, MA. A native of Iran, Safineh taught ESL and Cross-Cultural classes at UC Irvine for 28 years. She has presented numerous workshops of the Cultures of the Middle East.



“This was one of the most informative classes I have taken. I intend to share the information with friends!”



## AH 109 THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUSIC FROM BAROQUE TO ROMANTIC



We will discuss the development of music from the counterpoint, fugue, concerto, sonata, and cantata of the Baroque period to the creative and emotional blossoming of the Romantic period.

**October 27:** Baroque Period (1600-1750)—Musical instruments and forms, including counterpoint, concerto, sonata, fugue, canon, and cantata; Handel, Vivaldi, Scarlatti, and Bach.

**November 3:** Classical Period (1750-1775)—Development of the orchestra and the creation of mood, rhythm, melody and dynamics; Mozart and Haydn.

**November 10:** Pre-Romantic Period (1775-1825)—Comparing classical and pre-romantic music; changes in instruments; Beethoven and Schubert.

**November 17:** Romantic Period (1825-1900)—Brahms, Chopin, Liszt, Faure, Strauss, Dvorak, and Tchaikovsky.

**Mondays, October 27, November 3, 10, 17; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter/Developer:** Meredith Cheston, music aficionado, long-time presenter and developer of Arts and Humanities classes for OLLI.

## AH 110 ORANGE COUNTY'S ENCHANTED VAGABONDS: DANA AND GINGER LAMB



In 1933, Dana and Ginger Lamb embarked on a 16,000-mile voyage in their homemade, sixteen-foot canoe, the *Vagabunda*. Launching from the Laguna Beach area, they paddled down the Pacific coasts of Mexico, Guatemala, and Costa Rica, ending by crossing the Panama Canal in 1936. Their 1938 book, *Enchanted Vagabonds*, chronicled their adventures. They continued traveling during the 1940s, serving as "special agents" of the Federal Government. Their second book, *Quest for the Lost City*, detailed their continued adventures, and was the basis for a feature-length film in 1955. The Lamb Collection is housed in the archives of Sherman Library, Corona del Mar.

**Thursday, November 6; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Jill Thrasher (MLIS, MA) Library Director at Sherman Library & Gardens

**Developers:** Beth Mersch and Cynthia McWhirt



**Hybrid with Presenter In-Person or Remote**

## AH 111 FILM AS A FORM OF LITERATURE



This four-class series is a fascinating journey into film as a form of literature. Participants will enjoy watching films critically on Netflix from the list provided and analyzing them as if critiquing a novel. Each participant will bring questions for discussion. Some topics will be plot, social relevance, theme, symbol, metaphor, setting, character analysis, actors and their acting, music, direction, and the impact of worldviews on cinematic content. **NOTE: Access to Netflix streaming is required as all films are chosen from this platform. Movie titles will be emailed to all those enrolled a couple weeks before the first class.**

**Tuesdays, November 11, December 2, 9, 16; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter/Developer:** Yasmin Vali, author, retired High School English teacher and retired UC Irvine DCE Instructor.

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## AH 112 AROUND THE WORLD WITH SHORT STORIES



The short story genre is unique ... and countries and cultures diverse. In this interactive class you enjoy a short read, do some analysis, and gain a quick glimpse into an author's perspective or another culture. Each week a volunteer participant selects a story, does quick research about it, develops questions, and leads the discussion (with help if desired). We will provide a list of approximately thirty stories by well-known international authors (including Anita Desai, Junot Diaz, Anna Maria Ortese, Anton Chekov, Haruki Murakami, Italo Calvino, Vladimir Nabokov, etc.) which can be obtained for free online. Other free PDF stories are also welcome.

**Tuesdays, November 11, 25, December 2, 16, January 6; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Developer:** Jeanne LaMar





**AH 113 THE GETTY VILLA: TALES AND TREASURE**

From design and construction, based on an actual Roman villa in Herculaneum destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, to the acquisition and preservation of priceless antiquities, such as the Kouros bronze, this class covers it! Gain an understanding of the recent threat from the Palisades fire and how the museum fire and disaster infrastructure and action by the maintenance staff helped avert a tragedy. Hear firsthand from an expert docent what makes this museum a unique treasure and how it enhances our understanding of classical civilization and the foundation of Western society.

**Wednesday, November 12; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Beverly Biggerstaff, OLLI member and Getty Villa docent for more than 25 years.

**Developer:** Beth Mersch

**AH 114 THE DISRUPTORS: TRANSFORMATIVE WORKS IN CLASSICAL MUSIC**

Most classical music compositions lie comfortably within the conventional idiom of their period. But how did those periods start? What contributed to the transition of compositional style or structure from one era to the next? This course will examine the seminal pieces that broke the mold and helped music evolve. Composers will include Monteverdi, Gluck, Haydn, Beethoven, Berlioz, Chopin, Liszt, Wagner, Debussy, Schoenberg, Stravinsky, and others.

**Mondays, December 8, 15; 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Presenter/Developer:** Steve Weinstein, B.A. in English with a minor in music, University of Pittsburgh.



**AH 115 AUGUST WILSON AND THE CENTURY CYCLE**

Pulitzer Prize winning playwright, August Wilson, is sometimes referred to as “the theater’s poet of Black America”. Wilson grew up as a bi-racial child in a segregated, economically depressed neighborhood of Pittsburgh. After dropping out of high school, he immersed himself in the work of African American writers such as Ralph Ellison and Langston Hughes, studying mostly at the Carnegie Library. This class will explore Wilson’s life and his plays, which focus on racial identity, discrimination, and race relations. The primary focus will be on the Century Cycle, a series of ten plays reflecting on the African American experience in each decade of the 20th century.

**Thursdays, January 15, 22; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter/Developer:** Susan Fouts is longtime OLLI member and developer of Arts and Humanities classes.

**AH 116 SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE CAVE MAN ...**

A light-hearted but very informative romp through our misconceptions about our genealogically not-so-distant relatives. We will learn why even a modern Olympic javelin thrower with a state-of-the-art metal spear couldn’t possibly pierce the hide of a mammoth, why so many cave art animals are only facing one way, and a host of other fascinating facts about our Ice Age Ancestors.

**Monday, January 19, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Eve Belson Fudge is an amateur paleoanthropologist and highly rated OLLI lecturer.

**Developer:** Elona Pertica



**SC 201 FALL PREVENTION WORKSHOP**

Join our Fall Prevention Workshop to gain valuable insights on reducing fall risks and enhancing your safety. This 2-session class covers vital topics such as common fall risk factors, the impact of medications, polypharmacy, and strategies for preventing falls. Our expert panel from UC Irvine Health, including geriatric specialists, physical therapists, and pharmacists, will guide you through visual acuity tests, home safety tips, and physical exercises tailored for fall prevention. Learn about local resources available in Orange County and eligibility criteria to access them. Empower yourself with the knowledge and tools to maintain your independence and well-being.

**Wednesdays, October 1 and 8; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Sigrid Burruss MD, UC Irvine Trauma Center, Trauma Surgeon

**Developer:** Larry Dalphy

**SC 202 LIVING WELL: ADVANCES IN BREAST CANCER**

Breast cancer is not only in females but also in males. Join Dr. Gol M. Golshani as we explore the new advances in breast cancer diagnosis and treatment. She has a personal clinical interest in women's health, with a focus on breast and gynecologic cancers. She also incorporates holistic care planning for patients, focusing on improving and maintaining quality of life, including cancer prevention and survivorship.

Dr. Golshani is a triple board-certified UC Irvine Health medical oncologist and hematologist.

**Friday, October 3; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Gol M. Golshani, M.D. Assistant Professor, Division of Hematology/Oncology, Department of Medicine, UC Irvine School of Medicine

**Developer:** Susen Kay



## SC 203 MEET THE “INDIANA JONES” OF BIOSCIENCE: DISCOVERING MEDICINES IN THE WILD



Rediscovering folk medicines and exploring nature's vast biological bounty is leading scientists to new medical interventions and cures. One such explorer is UC Irvine's Dr. Gregory Abbott. His research includes collecting plant samples in California, Hawai'i and the Caribbean, and chemical and functional studies at UC Irvine. We will explore the molecular basis of indigenous botanical medicine practices and how they lead to therapeutic compounds.

Dr. Abbott earned his Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of London, followed by research at Yale University. ScholarGPS ranks him in the top 0.05% of all scholars worldwide and #1 in the field of potassium channel research.

**Tuesday, October 7; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenters:** Dr. Geoffrey Abbott, Ph.D., Physiology & Biophysics, Vice Dean for Basic Science Research, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Personnel

**Developer:** Susen Kay

## SC 204 IDENTIFYING BIRDS OF THE BACK BAY



During this class we will learn how experienced birders identify various bird species. As examples, we will study birds of the Upper Newport Bay, which hosts a winter migration up to 35,000 birds and is home to six rare and endangered species. Aside from feathers and bill colors, observations of their feeding strategies, mating rituals and how they fly are also used in identification.

In conjunction with this lecture is SE 4, Back Bay Muth Center Walking Tour on October 11.

**Thursday, October 9; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Bettina Eastman holds a degree in Biology with an emphasis on Zoology. She is a board member of Newport Bay Conservancy, an educator leading “Outdoor Adventures” school tours, a compiler of National Audubon's Coastal Christmas Bird Count, and manager of the “Bird Seasons” Phenology study.

**Developer:** Susen Kay





**SC 205 FUNDAMENTALS OF DECISION-MAKING**

How should we approach important decisions like whether to proceed with surgery or which procedure to choose? How should I think about difficult tradeoffs? How can I avoid my own biases when faced with tough choices?

We make decisions many times a day. Most are automatic, habitual—what to wear, when to break for lunch, weekend plans. For small choices, poor decisions may frustrate or embarrass us, but they're usually not worth major time or energy. Strategic decisions are different. They can significantly impact your life or organization. For some, survival depends on them. This lecture covers the key components of any decision in a fun, interactive session.

**Wednesday, October 29; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Phil Beccue, Decision Consultant, Founder and Principal at White Deer Partners, Director of Strategy and Portfolio Management, Baxter Healthcare (prior)

**Developer:** GK Kannan

**SC 206 LIVING WELL: ENDOSCOPIC SPINE SURGERY**

Join UC Irvine Health Dr. Don Y. Park, M.D., for an informative lecture on endoscopic spine surgery, a modern technique that offers less invasive options compared to traditional surgery. We'll explain how this method works and the specific spinal issues it can treat, such as herniated discs and back pain. Learn about the positive outcomes patients have experienced, making this approach an exciting advancement in spinal care for our community.

**Friday, October 31; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Don Y. Park, M.D., is a board-certified, fellowship-trained UC Irvine. Health orthopaedic spine surgeon with expertise in endoscopic spine surgery, minimally invasive spine surgery and outpatient spine surgery. Department of Medicine, UC Irvine.

**Developer:** Susen Kay



## SC 207 FEDERAL HEALTH CARE REFORMS AND CONSEQUENCES FOR CALIFORNIA



Join this session to discover the changes coming to Medicaid, Medicare, and individual health insurance. Planned reforms could impact eligibility, enrollment, payments, and overall spending—potentially leaving Californians at risk.

Dr. Roby will break down the recent federal budget package and what it might mean for California's health insurance and health care system. Will vulnerable populations lose insurance coverage or face higher premiums? Find out what's at stake and how these changes could affect you.

**Tuesday, November 4; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Dylan H. Roby, Ph.D., Chair and Professor, Department of Health, Society, and Behavior, UC Irvine Joe C. Wen School of Population & Public Health

**Developer:** Rich Stein

## SC 208 EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES WITH QUANTUM COMPUTING



Quantum Computing is an emerging technology with potential to significantly disrupt existing technology. Unlike traditional computers, it is not restricted to binary 0s and 1s; it can have multiple co-existing states and entanglement. With a market potential of over \$100B/year in about a decade, the technology may break current encryption techniques, making it a critical technology for national security. This talk will introduce the concept of Quantum Computing, its current status, problem solving potential and limitations along with its future outlook.

Dr. Subodh Kulkarni began his career at 3M and IBM; he holds a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from MIT. Rigetti Computing is at the leading edge of this technology and competes with companies, including IBM, and Google.

**Tuesday, November 4; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Subodh Kulkarni, President and Chief Executive Officer, Rigetti Technology

**Developer:** Ramnath Subramaniam



**SC 209 LIVING WELL: EFFECT OF ELECTRO-ACUPUNCTURE ON HYPERTENSION**

Dr. Lifang Xie is a licensed UC Irvine Health acupuncturist with the Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute and is trained in traditional Chinese medicine and pharmacology. Join Dr. Xie as she introduces the diagnosis and management of hypertension and provides special insight into “the effect of electro-acupuncture on hypertension,” a clinical study at UC Irvine. Dr. Xie treats pain, gastrointestinal disorders, acid reflux, irritable bowel syndrome, anxiety, depression, fatigue, insomnia, night sweats, and hot flashes.

**Wednesday, November 5; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenters:** Lifang Xie, Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute. Dr. Xie received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in traditional Chinese medicine from China’s Hebei Medical University and Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine. She later earned a doctorate in pharmacology from the University of Arizona in Tucson.

**Developer:** Susen Kay

**SC 210 PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION UPDATE**

The Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation (PCRF) is dedicated to funding innovative research that improves outcomes for children battling cancer with the goal of making it possible for them to beat their disease and realize their full potential. Since 1982, PCRF has raised \$61 million and is at the forefront of driving advancements in pediatric oncology- partnering with researchers, institutions, and donors to find cures and ensure brighter futures for children and families affected by cancer. In this lecture, we will learn about the uplifting work of one of our local, Irvine based non-profits, including the role of AI in advancing research and the recent progress affecting pediatric cancer patients.

**Friday, November 7; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Danielle Fragalla, MSE, CEO, Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation and guest speakers

**Developer:** Larry Dalphy



## SC 211 THE SCIENCE OF AGING: A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW



How have humans thought about aging over the centuries—and how has modern science changed the conversation? This course traces aging from ancient philosophy to the cutting-edge biology of today. We'll explore landmark publications, historical perspectives, and the explosion of research since 1975, along with actions you can take to slow aging. Topics include genetics, caloric restriction, cellular reprogramming, biomarkers and age-related immune dysfunction. We'll conclude with a look at where aging science is heading—perfect for curious minds eager to understand the roots and scientific revolutions behind one of humanity's enduring questions: how—and why—do we age?

**Fridays, November 7, 14 and 21; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenters:** GK Kannan, V.P. (Retired) Grifols, Baxter, Allergan and Vern Roohk Ph.D., Physiology and Biochemistry, UC Davis

**Developer:** GK Kannan

## SC 212 POLITICS OF FEAR, TRIBALISM AND THE NEUROSCIENCE OF HOW WE ARE MANIPULATED



Fear is a powerful, primal force—hardwired into our brains and easily exploited. In this eye-opening lecture, a renowned psychiatrist and neuroscientist explores how fear and tribal instincts are manipulated by political forces to bypass logic, provoke anger, and divide us into artificial camps. With insight, clarity, and compassion, he reveals how understanding the science of fear can empower us to resist manipulation.

Dr Javanbakht's is the author of *Afraid: Understanding the Purpose of Fear and Harnessing the Power of Anxiety* and has been featured on CNN, NPR, Scientific American, Smithsonian, PBS, and dozens of other media outlets.

**Thursday, November 13; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Arash Javanbakht, M.D., Wayne State University School of Medicine, founder and director of the Stress, Trauma, and Anxiety Research Clinic. **NOTE: Presenter will lecture remotely via Zoom.**

**Developer:** Richard Stein





**SC 213 ROBOT WARS: AI DRONES AND THE FUTURE OF DEFENSE**

Discover how the U.S. is adapting to meet future security threats and how new suppliers are redefining warfare. Anduril Industries (Costa Mesa) represents a new wave of defense companies disrupting the traditional military-industrial landscape dominated by legacy giants like Lockheed Martin, Boeing, and Raytheon. The company operates with a tech-first, Silicon Valley mindset—prioritizing rapid innovation, agile development, and scalable software-driven solutions.

Join a decorated Marine Corps veteran and defense industry leader for a riveting exploration of how cutting-edge technologies are revolutionizing warfare. Drawing on firsthand combat experience we will unpack how AI, autonomous drones, and cybersecurity are reshaping military strategy.

**Thursday, November 20; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Zach Stangle; Air Defense, Ground and Air Deterrence Programs, Anduril Industries

**Developers:** GK Kannan and Richard Stein

**SC 214 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: 2025 UPDATE**

In this class we will review the changes in artificial intelligence over the past twelve months, comparing where we are today with our last detailed OLLI review in December 2024. We will discuss the progress in technology, changes on the political, legal and business front and the moves of the major players (and governments). Time permitting, we will discuss the progress towards reaching AGI (Artificial General Intelligence).

**Meet the STEM Committee** – Stay after class from 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM for some light refreshments and take part in an interactive roundtable discussion with our STEM Committee.

**Friday, December 5; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter/Developer:** Marc Nussbaum, OLLI STEM Committee and Science Author



**Hybrid with Presenter In-Person or Remote**

**SC 215 RETURN TO THE MOON**

It has been over 50 years since U.S. Apollo astronauts walked on the moon, winning the space race over the Soviet Union. Now a new space race is underway, driven by countries and private institutions aiming to exploit lunar resources and ignite a new era of economic growth.

Our presenter will highlight advancements by NASA, SpaceX, and other private space companies, including their progress in rocketry, space suits and robotics, and the development of a lunar space station, as we strive to return to the moon by decade's end, establish permanent operations at the lunar south pole, and prepare for future Mars exploration.

**Wednesday, January 14; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Aggie Kobrin, founder and Director of CEC Global Events, Director of Publications for the National Space Society, and Managing Editor of "Ad Astra," their award-winning space news magazine



**Developer:** Bruce Bollinger

## Referral Program

*Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join OLLI!*

If you refer a friend who purchases a new membership, you will be entered in a drawing to win a free year and receive a \$25 Visa Gift Card! Drawing winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting in June 2026.

Eligibility Requirements:

-  Referrals must be for NEW members only
-  You must be a current paid OLLI member to receive a raffle entry

Please notify the OLLI office of who you have referred. After verifying the new individual has joined, the member will be notified that their name has been added to the raffle. *\*No limit to how many entries or gifts cards you can receive.*

**Contact the OLLI office at [olli@uci.edu](mailto:olli@uci.edu).**



**SS 301 CURRENT ISSUES FORUM**

The Current Issues Forum is a lively and interesting discussion group where we respectfully talk about what's happening in the world today. A committee of members choose topics and host a short presentation in the first hour of an issue to provide background, then the audience is invited to provide their thoughts. In the second hour there are questions posed for open discussion.

- ✎ The committee consists of co-chairs Scott Greenspan and Bob Greenberg, Pilar Luna, Jim Oldham, Elona Pertica, Mel Roth, Juan Salcedo, Jaime Schwartzman, and Melvin Anolik.
- ✎ Come join us and share your thoughts and ideas with other OLLI members!

**Wednesdays, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17, January 21; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenters/Developers:** Bob Greenberg and Scott Greenspan

**SS 302 THE SUPREME COURT: LATE DECISIONS**

This class will review and discuss late decisions of the Supreme Court 2024-2025 session. We can expect far-reaching impacts of the court's decisions on American society. The Supreme Court: A Review of Current Cases, presented in Spring 2025, covered key decisions issued before June 15 and is now available to view on the OLLI Remote Learning Center.

**Thursday, September 18; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** A popular presenter at OLLI at UC Irvine, Mitch Samuelson is a highly respected attorney, who after spending eight years as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, came to California to specialize in litigating complex business-related cases. He has appeared before both the U.S. and California Supreme Courts.

**Developer:** Mel Roth



### SS 303 THE SWEET STORY OF CHOCOLATE: A HISPANIC HERITAGE PERSPECTIVE



Let's travel back over 5,000 years to the rainforests of Mesoamerica. Here, the Olmec, Maya, and Aztec civilizations cultivated the cacao tree. Cacao beans were of great cultural, spiritual, and medicinal importance. Chocolate evolved from a bitter drink to a sweet indulgence when brought back to Europe by the Spanish. However, the journey is also a story of exploitation: colonization, slavery, and the ongoing struggles of cacao farmers.

**Thursday, September 25; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Diane Stein is a physician, award-winning chocolatier, chocolate maker, and founder of Zise Chocolate. Renowned for her engaging and accessible presentations, Dr. Stein draws on her academic background and expertise to illuminate the fascinating world of chocolate for audiences of all backgrounds.

**Developer:** Elona Pertica

### SS 304 OUR MIGRANT SOULS: A MEDITATION ON RACE AND THE MEANINGS AND MYTHS OF "LATINO"



Ethnic and racial categories confound us because so much of what they're supposed to say about us feels wrong. In this course, Héctor Tobar takes on the strange history, the hidden messages, and the powerful truths inside the ethnic (and sometimes racial) identity called "Latino." Being Latino means you have a history intertwined with the stories of the many peoples of the United States. And, more likely than not, it means there is a journey in your past that involves the borders of the United States and the building of its empire.

**Friday, September 26; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author, Héctor Tobar

**Developer:** Juan Salcedo



## SS 305 INDIAN PHILOSOPHY: HOW IS IT RELEVANT IN OUR LIFE



What is the purpose of life? What is spirituality?

This class will explore the essential concepts of Indian philosophy, introducing the main facets of Indian spiritual tradition, focusing on its relevance in our lives today. Through selected texts, we will come to see how an understanding of karma, reincarnation, mantra, and the practice of meditation gives a deeper meaning to life, revealing how this universal wisdom can help us to better understand our own spirituality.

**October 1:** Indian Philosophy as a philosophy of life and Karma

**October 8:** Reincarnation, Mantra, and Meditation

**Wednesdays, October 1 and 8; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Marie-France Latronche received her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the Sorbonne. She has published several books about Mahatma Gandhi, as well as her own spiritual journey.

**Developer:** Linda Robinson



"Fascinating to learn about new discoveries in science. Very cool!"



## **SS 306 VOICES FROM THE SHADOWS: CHILD BRIDES, TRAFFICKERS AND THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM IN CALIFORNIA**



Most people aren't aware of stereotypes, beliefs, and practices of child marriage and human trafficking that flourish here in Southern California.

- ① Why have bills to prevent child marriage in California failed; who opposed them?
- ② Why is human trafficking so challenging to identify and prosecute?
- ③ What explains why trafficking victims may not escape when they have the chance?
- ④ How is technology both detrimental and beneficial in fighting human trafficking?

This class is designed as an introduction to these issues at a local, state, national, and global level. We will explore the challenges from multiple viewpoints including the Founder of Global Hope 365, short videos, and guest talks from survivors, academics, law enforcement, and others.

**Tuesday, October 7; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Tuesdays, October 14, 21, 28; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Rima Nashashibi is the founder of Global Hope 365, a local non-profit dedicated to ending child marriage and human trafficking. Nashashibi is an internationally recognized speaker and has won numerous awards for her work from both houses of Congress, and other state, county, and city organizations.

**Developer:** Debbie Rubin

## **SS 307 MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY: ABSOLUTISM AND THE ENLIGHTENMENT**



This class examines the culture and politics of the 17th and 18th Centuries. The dominant political model of the age was "absolutism" which concentrates all political power in the hands of a single monarch and his state apparatus. This idea, challenged by the British "constitutional" model of government and a philosophical movement called "the Enlightenment" whose influences, helped spark the French Revolution.

**Fridays, October 10, 17, 24, 31; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** A favorite presenter at OLLI for over 10 years, Rainer Feldt received his Ph.D. from CSUF. Rainer taught European History at Saddleback College for 16 years and served as AP European History grader for the College Board.

**Developer:** Linda Robinson



**SS 308 U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICY IN THE HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY ERAS**

This course will analyze U.S. immigration policy in historical and contemporary eras. First, a brief review of the history of U.S. immigration policy from the 1600s to the 1990s, with a particular focus on the Immigration and Naturalization Act Amendments of 1965 which guide contemporary U.S. immigration policy. Then, we will analyze contemporary debates, arguably beginning in the 1990s, with a particular focus on efforts to craft comprehensive immigration reform to replace the 1965 Act, and Trump administration efforts to fundamentally shift the future of immigration to the United States.

**Mondays, October 13, 20; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Louis DeSipio, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science and Chicano/Latino Studies, University of California, Irvine. He is a prolific writer on Latino influences on 21st Century American politics.

**Developer:** Juan Salcedo

**SS 309 EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE – A TOOL FOR LIVING WELL**

This single-session course will examine the role of emotional intelligence in everyday life. This class will review how emotional intelligence strengthens our ability to:

- 🐦 Recognize emotions in ourselves and others
- 🐦 Identify different levels of feelings
- 🐦 Use emotional awareness to guide thought and behavior
- 🐦 Establish and maintain positive relationships
- 🐦 Enhance interpersonal communication
- 🐦 Achieve success in the pursuit of personal and professional goals

**Thursday, October 16; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter/Developer:** Mel Roth, MSW: Former CEO of Jewish Family Service of Orange County, Mel received his BA in Philosophy and a Master's degree in social work.



**Hybrid with Presenter In-Person or Remote**

## SS 310 WHY DID CHINA LOSE 60 MILLION JOBS WHEN IT ENTERED THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION?



The U.S. and China have become bitter adversaries in recent years, beginning with issues of trade and jobs. The U.S. perspective sees the problem in the off-shoring of American jobs to China where wages are much lower. Conversely, the Chinese government eliminated 60 million factory workers as it entered the WTO in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Why? What happened to the workers? How did they react? These are the questions this course will analyze.

**Wednesday, October 22; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Thursday, October 23; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Dorothy Solinger, Ph.D., field of specialization is Chinese domestic politics, particularly political sociology. Solinger has written or edited 13 books, (including *Poverty and Pacification* 2022, the topic of these lectures). She has also taught, by invitation, at the University of Michigan, Stanford University, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and has held multiple fellowships.

**Developer:** Linda Robinson

## SS 311 THE HOLOCAUST: GERMAN HISTORY AND OUR HALF - JEWISH FAMILY



Thomas Bernstein weaves personal stories into the broader fabric of German history from the 1890s to the 21st century. At the heart of the narrative is his father, Paul Bernstein, a Jewish WWI veteran who was wounded and decorated but murdered in Auschwitz in 1944. His wife, Johanna Moosdorf, a non-Jewish woman, and their sons, while in some danger during the Nazi period, survived, thanks to their mother's courageous efforts and Nazi policies that differentiated between half-Jews and full Jews.

**Meet the Author** – Stay after class from 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM for some light refreshments and take part in an interactive roundtable discussion with our guest presenter.

**Thursday, November 6; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Thomas Paul Bernstein, Ph.D., is an American political scientist and specialist in the Chinese political economy and communist systems. He served as two-time chairman of Columbia's department of political science and is an emeritus professor at Columbia University. Bernstein received a 1981 Guggenheim Fellowship and is the author of *Holocaust: German History and Our Half-Jewish Family*.

**Developer:** Linda Robinson





### SS 312 WHAT I LEARNED FROM 50 CELEBRITIES: (BY SCREWING UP IN FRONT OF THEM)



Farrell Hirsch has led an extraordinary career spanning media, entertainment, sports, and nonprofit leadership. He co-founded the Ovation Awards, LA's version of the Tonys, working with stars like Carol Burnett and Stephen Sondheim. He wrote a play that appeared at Lincoln Center, optioned a TV pilot, and serves as CEO of a major nonprofit. Despite no radio experience, he launched multiple SiriusXM networks, including Playboy Radio, blending the visual Playboy brand with radio's audio format. His career includes producing star-studded shows and attending exclusive events at the Playboy Mansion and Super Bowl, interacting with icons from Donald Trump to Elvis Costello. These are his stories...

**Tuesday, November 18; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Farrell Hirsch is the CEO of the Muckenthaler Cultural Center and author of *What I Learned From 50 Celebrities: (By Screwing Up In Front of Them)*.

**Developer:** Debbie Rubin

### SS 313 PERSPECTIVES ON THE SELF-IDENTIFIED STRENGTHS, NEEDS, AND PRIORITIES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS



This presentation provides an overview of human trafficking and what is known about the best ways to support victims (globally and locally) by utilizing data from the Freedom Lifemap. This self-assessment is used by human trafficking survivors to identify their own strengths, needs, and priorities to prevent the risk of re-exploitation and attain lasting freedom. With hundreds of self-assessments conducted in Southeast Asia (the Philippines and Cambodia), Latin America (Bolivia and Mexico), East Africa (Uganda and Kenya), and here in Orange County, we explore global patterns in the data.

**Wednesday, November 19; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenters:** Angela Robinson, Ph.D., is a postdoctoral researcher at the University of California, Irvine Blum Center for Poverty Alleviation. Kelsey Morgan is EverFree's co-founder and Chief Executive Officer.

**Developer:** Linda Robinson



**Hybrid with Presenter In-Person or Remote**

## SS 314 COMPARING GERMAN AND AMERICAN THREATS TO DEMOCRACY



Post-war Germany devised laws to prevent the rise of another dictator. One is the Office for the Protection of the Constitution which is authorized to investigate parties suspected of opposing democracy, and with court approval to label them as extremist and potentially to ban them altogether. A controversial example is the “Alternative for Germany,” a far-right party. In contrast, the US largely lacks Germany’s rules to check leaders with authoritarian ambitions. This course highlights how the current administration is enabled to push the country into the direction of authoritarian leadership.

**Thursday, December 11; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Thomas Paul Bernstein, Ph.D., is an American political scientist and specialist in the Chinese political economy and communist systems. He served as two-time chairman of Columbia’s department of political science and is an emeritus professor at Columbia University. Bernstein received a 1981 Guggenheim Fellowship.

**Developer:** Linda Robinson

“Great lesson  
— delightful  
presentation,  
learned so  
much!”



## SE 1 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

If you are brand new to OLLI, we invite you to attend our New Member Orientation! We'll cover important information about our program, activities and resources, shared interest groups, volunteer opportunities, our Remote Learning Center, and more!

There will also be time for questions and an opportunity to connect with new and current members. If you have any questions, please email [olli@uci.edu](mailto:olli@uci.edu) or call 949-451-1403.

**Wednesday, September 10; 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Location:** OLLI at UC Irvine Classroom

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## SE 2 COLLETTE TRAVEL PRESENTATION FOR SPRING 2026

Japan, Croatia, and Canada await! Join us for an exciting informational presentation to learn more about OLLI's 2026 international adventures: *Cultural Treasures of Japan*, *Discover Croatia, Slovenia & the Adriatic Coast*, and *Discover Canadian Maritimes Coastal Wonders*. Representatives from Collette Tours will be on hand to share details, answer questions, and help you plan your next great journey.

Cultural Treasures of Japan: [tinyurl.com/olli-japan](https://tinyurl.com/olli-japan)

Discover Croatia, Slovenia and the Adriatic Coast:  
[tinyurl.com/olli-croatia](https://tinyurl.com/olli-croatia)

Discover the Canadian Maritimes Coastal Wonders:  
[tinyurl.com/olli-canada1](https://tinyurl.com/olli-canada1)

**Monday, September 22; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Location:** OLLI at UC Irvine Classroom

**Developer:** Sherri Nussbaum, 949-636-0617, [sherrilynn@audiblerush.com](mailto:sherrilynn@audiblerush.com)



### SE 3 KYBELE DANCE THEATER AT THE MUCK

Built in 1925 atop a hill in Fullerton, the historic 18 room carefully restored mansion now known as The Muck, was converted to a cultural arts center in 1965. The Muck produces almost 100 cultural events every year making it an ideal venue for the Kybele Dance Theater's multicultural performance. The KDT invites you to trust in the power of dance. Enjoy a performance by an exciting dance company at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center as it takes you on a musical journey of Turkish narratives and imagery. Known for its syncopated rhythms that evoke moments of everyday life, KDT aims to share the power of contemporary dance with audiences of all ages.

**Thursday, October 9; 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Cost:** \$35

**Location:** Self-drive to The Muckenthaler Cultural Center, 1201 W Malvern Ave, Fullerton

**Developer:** Donna Crandall, 714-321-3492, d\_crandall@yahoo.com

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### SE 4 BACK BAY MUTH CENTER WALKING TOUR

The sight of birds en masse is captivating. Upper Newport Bay is one of the top birding sites in the country and an important resting place and winter home for migrating flocks. You may see up to 300,000 birds at the Bay on any day in winter. We first tour the Muth Interpretive Center with wildlife exhibits that make the Bay come alive and its panoramic view of the wetlands. We head out then for our guided walk around the bay to see the wildlife up close. There is limited enrollment for this early morning walk, so we encourage you to register early.

Complements SC 204 class on October 9.

**Saturday, October 11; 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Cost:** \$35 - Includes tour and donation to Muth Center

**Location:** Self-drive to Back Bay Muth Center parking lot, 2301 University Drive, Newport Beach

**Developer:** Lonnie Horn, 949-701-2037, mail4lonnie@aol.com

## SE 5 HISTORIC BERNARDO WINERY AND VILLAGE

Enjoy strolling through rustic winery grounds, a quaint village and gardens at this historic winery. Bernardo Winery founded in 1889 on land that was originally part of a Spanish land grant is the oldest continuously operating winery in Southern California. Many of the original buildings and winemaking equipment offer a glimpse into a past era. Wine tasting is available (on your own), and lunch may be purchased at the kitchen located in the courtyard with covered open-air seating. We will explore unique village shops including Cotton Cottage, home/garden, handbag/jewelry, the Sweet Shoppe, candles/scents, coffee roasting, and a museum.

**Friday, October 17; 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Cost:** \$85 - Includes bus transportation

**Location:** Departs Irvine Station at 10:00 AM. Please arrive at 9:45 AM.

**Developer:** Joy Andre, 949 842 9856, jandreln@hotmail.com

## SE 6 LAGUNA ART MUSEUM

Shake off the sand when visiting Laguna Beach and make your next stop at the Laguna Art Museum. Fifty new pieces have been added recently and greatly enhance its mission to preserve through art the California experience by featuring influential California artists exclusively. The artworks include an array of sculpture, film and large-format color photography. Our tour guide and popular docent Carol Lachey has an experienced eye that gives a unique and sometimes surprising perspective into many of the pieces on display.

This is a complement to AH 107.

**Friday, October 24; 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Cost:** \$25 - Includes admission and tour

**Location:** Self-drive to Laguna Art Museum, 307 Cliff Dr., Laguna Beach

**Developer:** Elona Pertica, 925-980-0902, e.pertica@comcast.net

## **SE 7 WICKED**

Enjoy an afternoon of wickedness with a delicious OLLI lunch on the side. Step into the magical world of OZ in a special screening of the dazzling musical film *Wicked* and discover or rediscover the untold story of the witches of OZ... full of heart, humor and unforgettable songs. Yes! Jeff Goldblum sings. Visually stunning with exciting special effects and a stand-out cast, this colorful film adaptation of the beloved Broadway musical is sure to delight both newcomers savoring it for the first time and longtime fans alike. Come for lunch and stay for the magic. Seating is limited. Don't wait to grab your spot for a spellbinding experience.

**Saturday, November 8; 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM**

**Cost:** \$50 - Includes movie and lunch

**Location:** OLLI at UC Irvine Classroom

**Developer:** Sherri Nussbaum, 949-636-0617, [sherrilynn@audiblerush.com](mailto:sherrilynn@audiblerush.com)

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## **SE 8 MIDDLE EASTERN LUNCHEON**

Join us as we feast on a tantalizing Middle Eastern lunch featuring the unique blend of spices and ingredients that the culture has to offer. Selections include chicken and beef kebabs plus vegetarian choices Fesenjoon and Adas Polo. OLLI member Safineh Tahmassebi shares with us the special characteristics and origins of each dish and what makes it meaningful in this part of the world. A belly-dancing performance by a professional artist is a special treat following lunch. We will also learn about the diverse types of dances and wonderfully exotic costumes found in differing parts of the region. This is a culinary/cultural adventure not to be missed and a first for OLLI.

Complements AH 108 class on October 23.

**Saturday, November 15; 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Cost:** \$50

**Location:** OLLI at UC Irvine Classroom

**Developer:** Safineh Tahmassebi, (949) 292-3943, [safinehh@gmail.com](mailto:safinehh@gmail.com)

**SE 9 DIRECTOR'S VOICE I: *LITTLE WOMEN***

Based on Louisa May Alcott's beloved novel, *Little Women* follows the lives of the March sisters as they grow up, dream big, and navigate love, loss, and self-discovery in Civil War-era America. This musical celebrates the strength of family, the power of storytelling and the resilience of young women determined to find their place in the world. This production opens UC Irvine's CTSA Department of Drama's 60th season led by the innovative Director Myrona DeLaney.

**Sunday, November 23**

**Director's Talk: 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM**

**Performance: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Cost:** \$25 - Includes Director's Talk and performance (no refunds or exchanges)

**Location:** Self-drive to Irvine Barclay Theatre, 4242 Campus Drive, Student Center Parking Structure

**Developer:** Maura Hunter Byrne, 917-513-7979, maurahunterbyrne@gmail.com

**SE 10 ORANGE COUNTY HOLOCAUST MUSEUM**

Did you know that Orange County has its own Holocaust Museum? The Holocaust Education Center holds over 700 artifacts from the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp recovered and used by renowned survivor Mel Mermelstein, the only member of his family to survive the camps. The artifacts are more than a remembrance. He has used the collection to create artwork as part of his reckoning for the death of his family in the Holocaust and is the centerpiece of the Center. Join us as we take a guided tour of the exhibit featuring immersive experiences and survivor testimonies followed by a presentation from a second-generation survivor.

Complements SS 311 and 314 classes on November 6 and December 11.

**Thursday, December 4; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Cost:** \$30 - Includes tour and donation to museum

**Location:** Self-drive to Holocaust Education Center of Orange County, 2240 University Drive, Newport Beach

**Developer:** Karin Paul, 714-624-2586, kspaul20@gmail.com

## **SE 11 DIRECTOR'S VOICE II: *THE GREEN KNIGHT***

In the signature style of CounterBalance Theater, Director Annie Loui brings Simon Armitage's *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* to life through dynamic theatricality and expressive physical movement. This modern, accessible translation of the medieval classic follows Sir Gawain as he accepts a mysterious challenge from the formidable Green Knight—a towering, emerald-skinned figure who serves as both adversary and moral examiner. Gawain's journey becomes a test of his values.

**Sunday, December 7**

**Director's Talk: 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM**

**Performance: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Cost:** \$25 - Includes Director's Talk, Performance, and Post-Show Talkback (no refunds or exchanges),

**Location:** Self-drive to UC Irvine Experimental Media Performance Lab (xMPL), located in the Contemporary Art Center, Mesa Parking Structure, 4000 Mesa Road, Irvine

**Developer:** Maura Hunter Byrne, 917-513-7079, [maurahunterbyrne@gmail.com](mailto:maurahunterbyrne@gmail.com)

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## **SE 12 MISSION INN FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS HOLIDAY EXCURSION**

Step into a winter wonderland at one of California's most enchanted holiday traditions—the Mission Inn Festival of Lights in Riverside. Join us for a magical afternoon and evening filled with festive cheer, twinkling lights and timeless charm. Five million sparkling lights and hundreds of iconic animated figures are sure to stir your holiday spirit. Explore at your leisure the breathtaking displays, seasonal shops and live entertainment that transform the historic Mission Inn into a dazzling holiday spectacle. Capture the joy, feel the nostalgia and come away with unforgettable memories. Enjoy dinner on your own at the Inn or nearby restaurants.

**Thursday, December 11; 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Cost:** \$115.00 - Includes bus transportation

**Location:** Bus departs Irvine Station at 2:00 PM. Please arrive at 1:45 PM.

**Developer:** Sherri Nussbaum, 949-636-0617, [sherrilynn@audiblerush.com](mailto:sherrilynn@audiblerush.com)



**SE 13 CELLO EXPERIENCE: A MUSICAL CONVERSATION**

It has been said that the cello touches the heart more deeply than any other instrument. Professional cellist and popular OLLI presenter Dr. Karen Linkletter will play pieces demonstrating its versatility and beauty while teaching us how it evokes such deep emotion. Karen has performed in numerous symphony orchestras and chamber groups in this country and abroad. She has taught at California State University Fullerton for 15 years and is currently Research Director at Liberal Art Research Institute and writing a book on Peter Drucker. She is also an avid equestrian in her spare time. Enjoy our own private performance by the very talented Dr. Karen Linkletter.

**Saturday, January 17; 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Cost:** \$50 - Includes concert and snacks

**Location:** OLLI at UC Irvine Classroom

**Developer:** Sherri Nussbaum, 949-636-0617, sherrilynn@audiblerush.com

**SE 14 RICHARD NIXON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

A special exhibit, "America 250," at the Richard Nixon library and Museum celebrates the country's upcoming 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026. Our docent-led tour continues through replicas of the famous Oval Office and splendidly elegant East Room where John Kennedy lay in state in 1963. Explore historic photos, videos and recordings of actual events to revisit people and places that shaped and often shook the world during Richard Nixon's White House years. Stroll the beautifully landscaped Pat Nixon Rose Gardens throughout the grounds. Enjoy lunch on your own and feel free to return after for further exploring.

**Friday, January 23; 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Cost:** \$50 - Includes tour, special exhibit, and all-day admission

**Location:** Self-drive to The Nixon Museum, 18001 Yorba Linda Blvd., Yorba Linda

**Developer:** Donna Crandall, 714-321-3492, d\_crandall@yahoo.com

# SEPTEMBER 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>1</b>  Labor Day OLLI Office Closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>10:00am: Meet OLLI at UC Irvine</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00am SE1: New Member Orientation
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>First Day of Fall Classes</b> 1:30pm SS301: Current Issues Forum 
<b>22</b> 10am SE2: Collette Travel Presentation for Spring 2026	<b>23</b> <b>10am: Community Event - Alzheimer's Association</b>	<b>24</b> 10am AH102: Positive Philosophy Meditation for Beginners 
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10am AH103: California Melting Pot: Pakistan  <b>12pm: Meet the Culture</b>	

# Class Calendar September 2025

Thursday	Friday	Saturday /Sunday
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<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>18</b> 10am SS302: The Supreme Court: Late Decisions  1:30pm AH101: Getting Personal with Shakespeare's Plays  	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
		<b>21</b>
<b>25</b> 10am SS303: The Sweet Story of Chocolate: A Hispanic Heritage Perspective  1:30pm AH101: Getting Personal with Shakespeare's Plays  	<b>26</b> 1:30pm SS304: Our Migrant Souls: A Meditation on Race and the Meanings and Myths of "Latino" 	<b>27</b>
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# OCTOBER 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		<b>1</b> 10am AH104: Writing Life Stories   10am SC201: Fall Prevention Workshop   1:30pm SS305: Indian Philosophy: How is it Relevant in Our Life  
<b>6</b> 1:30pm AH105: American Short Stories  	<b>7</b> 10am SC203: Meet the “Indiana Jones” of Bioscience: Discovering Medicines in the Wild   1:30pm SS306: Voices from the Shadows: Child Brides, Traffickers and the Fight for Freedom in California  	<b>8</b> 10am SC201: Fall Prevention Workshop   1:30pm SS305: Indian Philosophy: How is it Relevant in Our Life  
<b>13</b> 10am SS308: US Immigration Policy in the Historical and Contemporary Eras  	<b>14</b> 10am SS306: Voices from the Shadows: Child Brides, Traffickers and the Fight for Freedom in California   1:30pm AH106: Stories about Storytellers: Historical Fiction about Writers  	<b>15</b> 10am AH104: Writing Life Stories   1:30pm SS301: Current Issues Forum   
<b>20</b> 10am SS308: US Immigration Policy in the Historical and Contemporary Eras   1:30pm AH105: American Short Stories  	<b>21</b> 10am SS306: Voices from the Shadows: Child Brides, Traffickers and the Fight for Freedom in California   1:30pm AH107: Laguna Art Museum   	<b>22</b> 10am AH102: Positive Philosophy Meditation for Beginners   1:30pm SS310: Why Did China Lose 60 Million Jobs When It Entered the WTO  
<b>27</b> 10am AH109: The Development of Music from Baroque to Romantic  	<b>28</b> 10am SS306: Voices from the Shadows: Child Brides, Traffickers and the Fight for Freedom in California  	<b>29</b> 10am AH104: Writing Life Stories   10am SC205: Fundamentals of Decision-making  

# Class Calendar October 2025

Thursday	Friday	Saturday / Sunday
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10am SC202: Living Well: Advances in Breast Cancer 	<b>4</b>
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<b>9</b> 1:30pm SC204: Identifying Birds of the Back Bay  7:30pm SE3: Kybele Dance Theater at the Muck	<b>10</b> 1:30pm SS307: Modern European History: Absolutism and the Enlightenment 	<b>11</b> 8am SE4: Back Bay Muth Center Walking Tour
		<b>12</b>
<b>16</b> 10am SS309: Emotional Intelligence: A Tool for Living Well  1:30pm AH101: Getting Personal with Shakespeare's Plays 	<b>17</b> 10am SE5: Historic Bernardo Winery and Village 1:30pm SS307: Modern European History: Absolutism and the Enlightenment 	<b>18</b>
		<b>19</b>
<b>23</b> 10am AH108: Arts of the Middle East: Part II  1:30pm SS310: Why Did China Lose 60 Million Jobs When It Entered the WTO 	<b>24</b> 10am SE6: Laguna Art Museum 1:30pm SS307: Modern European History: Absolutism and the Enlightenment 	<b>25</b>
		<b>26</b>
<b>30</b> 1:30pm AH101: Getting Personal with Shakespeare's Plays 	<b>31</b> 10am SC206: Living Well: Endoscopic Spine Surgery  1:30pm SS307: Modern European History: Absolutism and the Enlightenment 	



Hybrid with Presenter In-Person or Remote

# NOVEMBER 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>3</b> 10am AH109: The Development of Music from Baroque to Romantic   1:30pm AH105: American Short Stories  	<b>4</b> 10am SC207: Federal Health Care Reforms and Consequences for California   1:30pm SC208: Exciting Opportunities with Quantum Computing  	<b>5</b> 10am AH102: Positive Philosophy Meditation for Beginners   1:30pm SC209: Living Well: Effect of Electro-Acupuncture on Hypertension  
<b>10</b> 10am AH109: The Development of Music from Baroque to Romantic  	<b>11</b> 10am AH111: Film as a Form of Literature   1:30pm AH112: Around the World with Short Stories    Veteran's Day OLLI Office Closed	<b>12</b> 10am AH104: Writing Life Stories   1:30pm AH113: The Getty Villa: Tales and Treasures  
<b>17</b> 10am AH109: The Development of Music from Baroque to Romantic   1:30pm AH105: American Short Stories  	<b>18</b> 10am SS312: What I Learned From 50 Celebrities   1:30pm AH106: Stories about Storytellers: Historical Fiction about Writers  	<b>19</b> 10am SS313: Perspectives on the Self-Identified Strengths, Needs, and Priorities of Human Trafficking Survivors   1:30pm SS301: Current Issues Forum   
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 1:30pm AH112: Around the World with Short Stories  	<b>26</b>

# Class Calendar November 2025

Thursday	Friday	Saturday / Sunday
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<b>6</b> 10am AH110: Orange County's Enchanted Vagabonds: Dana and Ginger Lamb  1:30pm SS311: The Holocaust: German History and Our Half-Jewish Family  <b>3:30pm: Meet the Author</b>	<b>7</b> 10am SC210: Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation Update  1:30pm SC211: The Science of Aging: A Comprehensive Review 	<b>8</b> 11am SE7: <i>Wicked</i>
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<b>13</b> 10am SC212: Politics of Fear, Tribalism and the Neuroscience of How We are Manipulated  1:30pm AH101: Getting Personal with Shakespeare's Plays  	<b>14</b> 1:30pm SC211: The Science of Aging: A Comprehensive Review 	<b>15</b> 12pm SE8: Middle Eastern Luncheon
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<b>20</b> 10am SC213: Robot Wars: AI Drones and the Future of Defense  1:30pm AH101: Getting Personal with Shakespeare's Plays  	<b>21</b> 1:30pm SC211: The Science of Aging: A Comprehensive Review 	<b>22</b>
		<b>23</b> 1pm SE9: Director's Voice I: <i>Little Women</i>
<b>27</b>      Thanksgiving Holiday OLLI Office Closed	<b>28</b>      Thanksgiving Holiday OLLI Office Closed	<b>29</b>
		<b>30</b>



Hybrid with Presenter In-Person or Remote

# DECEMBER 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>1</b> 1:30pm AH105: American Short Stories  	<b>2</b> 10am AH111: Film as a Form of Literature   1:30pm AH112: Around the World with Short Stories  	<b>3</b> 10am AH104: Writing Life Stories  
<b>8</b> 10am AH114: The Disruptors: Transformative Works in Classical Music  	<b>9</b> 10am AH111: Film as a Form of Literature  	<b>10</b> 10am AH102: Positive Philosophy Meditation for Beginners  
<b>15</b> 10am AH114: The Disruptors: Transformative Works in Classical Music   1:30pm AH105: American Short Stories  	<b>16</b> 10am AH111: Film as a Form of Literature   1:30pm AH112: Around the World with Short Stories  	<b>17</b> 1:30pm SS301: Current Issues Forum   
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>        Christmas Eve OLLI Office Closed
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>        New Year's Eve OLLI Office Closed



# Class Calendar December 2025

Thursday	Friday	Saturday / Sunday
<b>4</b> 10am SE10: Orange County Holocaust Museum 1:30pm AH101: Getting Personal with Shakespeare's Plays 🎧🎧	<b>5</b> 1:30pm SC214: Artificial Intelligence: 2025 Update 🎧🎧 <b>3:30pm: Meet the STEM Committee</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>7</b> 1pm SE11: Director's Voice II: <i>The Green Knight</i>
<b>11</b> 1:30pm SS314: Comparing German and American Threats to Democracy 🎧🎧 2pm SE12: Mission Inn Festival of Lights Holiday Excursion	<b>12</b> <b>4pm: Jolly OLLI Holiday Party</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>14</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>21</b>
<b>25</b>  Christmas Day OLLI Office Closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>28</b>
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# JANUARY 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1:30pm AH112: Around the World with Short Stories  	<b>7</b> 10am AH104: Writing Life Stories  
<b>12</b> 1:30pm AH105: American Short Stories  	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10am AH102: Positive Philosophy Meditation for Beginners   1:30pm SC215: Return to the Moon  
<b>19</b> 1:30pm AH116: So You Think You Know the Cave Man    Martin Luther King Jr. Day OLLI Office Closed	<b>20</b> 1:30pm AH106: Stories about Storytellers: Historical Fiction about Writers  	<b>21</b> 10am AH104: Writing Life Stories   1:30pm SS301: Current Issues Forum  
<b>26</b> 1:30pm AH105: American Short Stories  	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

# Class Calendar January 2026

Thursday	Friday	Saturday /Sunday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
		<b>4</b>
New Year's Day OLLI Office Closed		
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>15</b> 1:30pm AH115: August Wilson and the Century Cycle 🎭📺	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 4pm SE13: Cello Experience: A Musical Conversation
		<b>18</b>
<b>22</b> 1:30pm AH115: August Wilson and the Century Cycle 🎭📺	<b>23</b> 10am SE14: Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum	<b>24</b>
		<b>25</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



# SPECIAL EVENTS

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN OLLI MEMBER TO ATTEND A SPECIAL EVENT**  
**(Non-OLLI members must register by phone at 949-824-1010)**

**Dates and venues are confirmed at time of publication but may be cancelled at any time due to unforeseen circumstances. The cost will be refunded in full if an event is cancelled.**

## REFUND POLICY

Refunds (less a \$15 administrative fee) will be given only if:

- ✎ The event is sold out
- ✎ A replacement can be found from the waitlist
- ✎ You cancel at least two weeks in advance
- ✎ There are no refunds for UC Irvine performances

## ATTENDEES RESPONSIBILITY

- ✎ Per UC Irvine, a liability waiver is required to be completed for all Special Events. Waivers to all events are available in the classroom. If you are not a member or attend classes in person, please email [olli@uci.edu](mailto:olli@uci.edu) for a liability waiver.
- ✎ Notify the OLLI office when you know you cannot attend an event, as an event may be waitlisted.

## OLLI RESPONSIBILITY

- ✎ Attendees will be notified by email or in the weekly OLLI THIS WEEK if an event is cancelled or if the location, time or other details change.
- ✎ Information about the difficulty level of the event (such as long-distance walking, uneven or inclined surfaces, or stairs) will be provided if available.
- ✎ If the developer believes that you cannot safely continue the event, you may be asked to wait for the group in a safe place.

## BUS DEPARTURE LOCATION

Buses leave from the Irvine Train Station directly across from the entrance to the parking garage unless indicated otherwise.

# HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OLLI AT UC IRVINE

## FALL SEMESTER ENROLLMENT

Enrollment opens August 27 at 7:00 AM for online. Phone and mail enrollments will be processed beginning at 9:00 AM.


## MEMBERSHIP FEES

-  Fall 2025 semester membership is \$175: September 2025 – January 2026
-  Annual membership is \$250: September 2025 – August 2026 (the annual membership is only available to purchase in the fall)

Your OLLI membership entitles you to enroll in unlimited courses.

## ENROLLMENT

**Online Enrollment:** [ce.uci.edu/olli](https://ce.uci.edu/olli)

-  If you are new to OLLI, you will need to create an account (this can be done before enrollment opens).

**Enroll by Phone:** Call DCE-Student Services at 949-824-1010, Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Pacific). Credit card numbers are not taken over the phone, a secure payment link is sent via email.

**Enroll by Mail:** Enrollment forms can be found in the OLLI lobby or online. Please make checks payable to the **UC Regents**. One registration form and check per person.





Send completed forms to:  
OLLI/DCE Student Services  
UC Irvine Division of Continuing Education  
510 E Peltason Dr.  
Irvine, CA 92697

**Enrollment Confirmation:** If you enrolled online, you can view your course schedule any time by logging into your account and selecting “My Schedule.” If you enrolled over the phone or mailed in your form, you will be emailed your confirmation.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

There are no refunds on membership fees or gift certificates.

-  In the event of a cancelled class, we apologize, but there are no refunds on membership fees and no transfers to another semester or special event.
-  Our presenters lecture from as far away as Egypt and we are excited to offer such expertise from around the world! Therefore, some instructors may lecture online via Zoom.

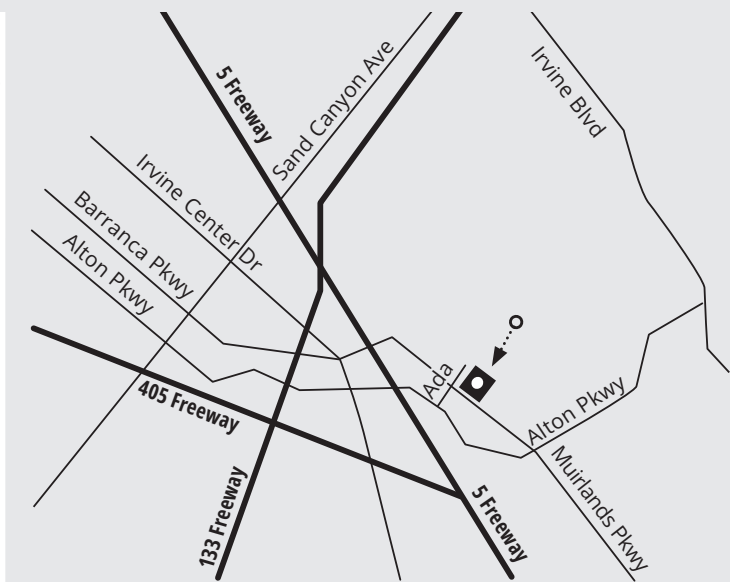
# STAY CONNECTED!



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## WEBSITE: [CE.UCI.EDU/OLLI](http://CE.UCI.EDU/OLLI)

View courses, enroll online, and find out more about our program.

## OLLI THIS WEEK

Weekly newsletter emailed every Sunday afternoon. This newsletter provides class notices, updates, and other information on what will be happening at OLLI that week. All current members are added to receive this newsletter.

## STAY CURIOUS NEWSLETTER

Monthly newsletter emailed every first Friday of the month. This newsletter provides members and other interested individuals on what UC Irvine and community events are coming up, Governing Council meeting minutes, committee meeting dates, and other current OLLI news. All current members are added to receive this newsletter. If you are not a current member and would like to be added, please email [olli@uci.edu](mailto:olli@uci.edu).

## FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/UCIrvineOLLI](http://www.facebook.com/UCIrvineOLLI)

Visit and follow our Facebook page! The more you share and like our posts, the more visibility our wonderful program will receive online!

## HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

We'll be glad to send a catalog to your friends and family. Send the recipient's name and mailing address by email to [olli@uci.edu](mailto:olli@uci.edu).

# OLLI REMOTE LEARNING CENTER (ORLC) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is the OLLI Remote Learning Center (ORLC)?

The OLLI Remote Learning Center (ORLC) is an online portal for members to view livestreamed classes as well as viewing over 700 pre-recorded class lectures in the Video Library.

## How do I access the ORLC?

New members will receive a welcome email, which will include a link to the ORLC and their membership ID number. Your membership ID number is required when making an ORLC account.

Returning members can go to <https://olli.ce.uci.edu/>.

## How do I create an account?

- ① Go to the ORLC website (<https://olli.ce.uci.edu/>)
- ② Select Sign Up
- ③ Fill out the required information (you will need your membership ID number)
- ④ After submitting, you will receive an email, asking you to verify (check spam/junk folders if not in inbox)
- ⑤ After verifying, you will have access to the ORLC

## I can't remember my email or password, what can I do?

Contact the OLLI office and we can assist you in next steps.

## How do I watch a class live?

After logging in, click the red button at the top of the page that says, **View OLLI Classroom Live TV**. You will be prompted for a Zoom Redirect, and you will then click the green button that says, **Click to join meeting**. Zoom will open and you will need to click either "Open Zoom Meetings" or **Launch Meeting**.

*Please note that the ORLC is a separate account from your UC Irvine DCE online account. Your UC Irvine DCE account is only used to pay for your membership and selecting classes or special events.*

# OLLI REMOTE LEARNING CENTER (ORLC) CLASS ETIQUETTE GUIDELINES

When attending a live streamed class using the OLLI Remote Learning Center, you are in a virtual classroom and should conduct yourself as you would in a real classroom. Use these guidelines to make your experience comfortable and enjoyable:

## **YOU ARE ON A LIVE CAMERA**

- ◆ Consider what others see behind you; consider using a virtual background or turning off your video
- ◆ Put your question in “CHAT” for the moderator to relay to the presenter
- ◆ Login at least five minutes before class starts to allow for any last-minute adjustments.
- ◆ All zoom attendees will have their microphones disabled. If for some reason your microphone is working, please leave yourself muted.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

OLLI at UC Irvine’s goal is to create environments that maximize the learning experience for all members. Many of our programs offer a forum for the lively and even passionate exchange of views. To that end, our learning community follows principles of courtesy and mutual respect that promote reasoned discourse and intellectual honesty. Opposing viewpoints are honored and appreciated to preserve the dignity of others.

Transgressions include, but are not limited to, denigrating other views or opinions, threatening behaviors, offensive or abusive language, disruptive classroom conduct, sexual harassment or discrimination, or monopolizing discussions. Personal attacks are especially unwarranted.

OLLI administrators, class developers, or class leaders have the authority to remove any OLLI members, instructors, or facilitators who do not or cannot adhere to the principles of courtesy, mutual respect, and non-threatening verbal and physical conduct.

**Thank you for your cooperation.**



# VOLUNTEER AT OLLI!

OLLI is powered by its members! From courses and special interest groups to events and classroom support, everything is created and led by dedicated member-volunteers like you!

OLLI simply wouldn't be what it is without the passion and talent of our incredible community. Here are some opportunities for you to get involved!

## **JOIN A CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

We're looking for passionate individuals to help us design and enhance our course offerings. On the Curriculum Committee, you'll:

- ✿ Help develop new courses that inspire and educate
- ✿ Contribute ideas for exciting course topics and special event opportunities
- ✿ Collaborate with fellow committee members to shape an engaging curriculum

## **BECOME A CLASS FACILITATOR**

Work alongside other OLLI members in creating a welcoming and smooth-running classroom experience. As a Class Facilitator, you'll:

- ✿ Greet and check in members with a warm welcome
- ✿ Support presenters by assisting with OLLI equipment as a class moderator
- ✿ Attend a short training to get set up for success

## **JOIN THE MARKETING & OUTREACH TEAM**

We're on the lookout for enthusiastic, people-loving, idea-sharing OLLI members to help us grow our presence in the community. Here's what you'll get to do:

- ✿ Promote OLLI in fun, creative ways that raise awareness and get people talking
- ✿ Brainstorm fresh ideas for events, partnerships, and campaigns
- ✿ Attend community events and spread the word about what makes OLLI so awesome

## **HELP PLAN EVENTS WITH OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM**

If you're all about good vibes and great events, we need YOU!

- ✿ Help plan social events, our Annual Meeting, holiday party, New Member Orientation, and more!
- ✿ Set up and tear down tables and chairs
- ✿ Coordinate food offerings

Have an idea on how you want to volunteer? Reach out to the OLLI office at [olli@uci.edu](mailto:olli@uci.edu).

# MEMBER BENEFITS

As an OLLI member, you'll enjoy access to over 700 previously recorded lectures through the OLLI Remote Learning Center. You'll also receive additional benefits, including access to the UC Irvine campus library and UC Irvine Health lecture series, and special discounts on select performances at the Barclay Theatre. Be sure to check your monthly Stay Curious newsletter to stay informed and make the most of your membership.

## OLLI EXTRAS

**OLLI EXTRAS ARE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS CREATED  
AND LED BY MEMBERS**

### GASTRONOMERS

Life is all about food, dining out, cooking, and wine. Tickle your tastebuds with monthly ventures into unknown epicurean delights! Learn more by visiting <https://gscottmoore.com/Events/>.

### MAH JONGG

There are a dozen or more beginning (OLLI) Mah Jongg players ready to branch out and expand our playing circle and experience! If you'd like to be included in our upcoming playing schedule on a part-time, full-time, or drop-in basis, please email Dion Gray at [diongray@cox.net](mailto:diongray@cox.net) or Janina Shary at [janinashary@hotmail.com](mailto:janinashary@hotmail.com).



### PICKLEBALL

Whether you're a seasoned pro or just learning the ropes, our pickleball club offers a friendly, inclusive environment for players of all skill levels. Grab a paddle and make new friends, improve your game, and be part of a vibrant community that loves to play! Email Dion Gray at [diongray@cox.net](mailto:diongray@cox.net) or Janina Shary at [janinashary@hotmail.com](mailto:janinashary@hotmail.com) for more information.



### SCREEN TALK

Screens are everywhere—at home and in theaters. Movies remain movies, but the way we view them continues to evolve, expanding their reach and impact. Let's talk about movies and tv shows, whether new or classic. What have you seen lately? Join by contacting Jessie Tromberg at [jessietromberg@icould.com](mailto:jessietromberg@icould.com).



# DONATE! MAKE AN IMPACT

Help us enrich lives through education by supporting the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UC Irvine. Your donation helps provide high-quality, accessible courses, foster a vibrant community of curious minds, and sustain a program that celebrates the joy of learning. Every gift, large or small, makes a lasting impact. Invest in lifelong learning and give today!



## YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT OLLI BY:

- ✿ Preserving affordable membership dues
- ✿ Paying operating expenses
- ✿ Enabling technology investment

## WAYS TO DONATE

### Become a Butterfly Level pledge donor.

- ◆ **Gold Pledge Level** (\$2,500+)/year for 3 years
- ◆ **Silver Pledge Level** (\$1,000 - \$2,499)/year for 3 years
- ◆ **Bronze Pledge Level** (\$500 - \$999)/year for 3 years

**Name your Butterfly:** In memory of a dear friend or family member. In honor of someone special. Make it your own; it's your choice.

### Make a one-time Annual Gift

- ◆ **Angel** - \$300+
- ◆ **Friend** - \$5 to \$299

### Transfer stock on behalf of OLLI to the UC Irvine Foundation.

### Include OLLI at UC Irvine in your estate planning.

### How to donate:

**Online:** Go to [ce.uci.edu/olli](http://ce.uci.edu/olli), click on Donate.

**By mail:** Pick up a donation form in the OLLI lobby or print one from the website. Mail your donation to: OLLI Institute at UC Irvine, Division of Continuing Education, 510 Peltason Drive, Irvine, CA, 92697. Please make checks out to the **UC Irvine Foundation**.

### We recognize you for your gift:

Your name will be included in the OLLI catalog, on our website, and in the lobby of the classroom (unless you choose to remain anonymous).



# THANK YOU TO OUR BUTTERFLY, ANGEL, AND FRIENDS DONORS

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

## BUTTERFLY LEVEL DONORS

### Gold Pledge (\$2500 +)/year for 3 years



Yasuko Bush,  
• In memory of John B. Bush, Jr.



### Silver Pledge (\$1000-\$2499)/year for 3 years

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Barbra & Michael Bertin

Lonnie Horn,  
• In memory of  
Chuck Horn



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Marc & Sherri Nussbaum,  
• With gratitude to OLLI  
volunteers

South Orange County  
Bridge Center



### Bronze Pledge (\$500-\$999)/year for 3 years

Dr. Ron Grossman,  
• In memory of  
Joni Grossman

Barbara Regosin,  
• In memory of  
Richard Regosin

Linda Robinson & Bruce  
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• In memory of Janet  
Weinstein & Bernice King

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• In memory of  
Chi-Wei Yang





## Angels Annual Gift (\$300+)

Anonymous	Brian & Jan Healy	Cheryl Maxson
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		Kenneth & Sara Schoenfelder	Tamara Zahavi
		Harvey & Stephanie Schuster	

# OLLI TRAVEL

Members and Non-Members are welcome to join OLLI Travel Tours

OLLI at UC Irvine has partnered with Collette Tours to provide international travel experiences! See where we're going in Spring 2026, pick up an informational brochure in the OLLI lobby.

## CULTURAL TREASURES OF JAPAN

Immerse yourself in the ancient and modern cultures of Japan. See UNESCO sites including Shirakawa-go, Nijo Castle, Itsukushima Shinto Shrine and Hiroshima Peace Memorial.

**March 8 - 21, 2026**

**18 meals**

**Double: \$ 7,999 per person**

**Sign up by 9/30/25 for stated price**



## CROATIA, SLOVENIA & THE ADRIATIC COAST

Explore Croatia and the countries of the Adriatic, a region filled with ancient cities, medieval architecture, intriguing cultures with a complex recent history, rolling hills and stunning coastal scenery.

**April 2 - 15, 2026**

**20 Meals**

**Double: \$5,699 per person**

**Sign up by 10/3/25 for stated price**



## CANADIAN MARITIMES & COASTAL WONDERS

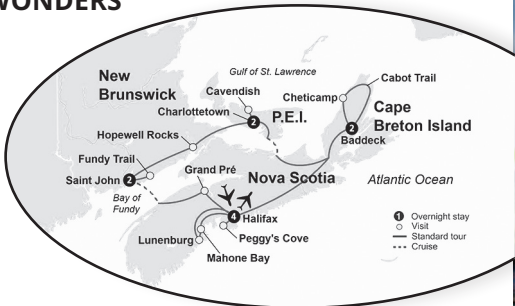
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