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# WELCOME TO OLLI AT UC IRVINE

OLLI at UC Irvine, a proud program of UC Irvine's Division of Continuing Education, brings to life the division's vision of impactful education for all by providing an inclusive space where curiosity and lifelong learning thrive. As you explore our Spring 2026 offerings, you'll find new topics to discover, familiar favorites returning, and opportunities to engage with fellow lifelong learners. We extend our gratitude to our dedicated volunteers, presenters, and members whose support makes OLLI at UC Irvine a vibrant learning community.

## 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 delivers an abundant curriculum for our members. Why should you join OLLI at UC Irvine?

- Dozens of fascinating courses in Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, and STEM
- Easy & enjoyable explorations of interesting Southern California venues
- UCI Theatre productions, Directors Talks, Docent Lectures
- Shared interest groups (Mah Jongg, Gastronomers, Screen Talk)
- International and Domestic Travel Opportunities

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!

## FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER, CONTACT THE OLLI OFFICE:

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Butterfly Donor Event	Saturday, March 28	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Meet the STEM Team Presenters	Friday, April 3	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Meet the Presenter	Wednesday, June 10	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
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## Meet OLLI at UC Irvine

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**  
**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 Spring 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 & LUNCHEON

**Wednesday, February 11, 2026**  
**10:00 AM – 1:30 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! We invite you to stay for a complimentary lunch and get to know your fellow new members and some of our returning ones.

**Please register for SE 1**

# Butterfly Donor Event



**Saturday, March 28, 2026**  
**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Raise a glass with us as we celebrate the incredible Butterfly pledge donors whose generosity keeps OLLI at UC Irvine growing, thriving, and inspiring lifelong learners. Join fellow members and friends for a lively early-evening happy hour featuring light appetizers, fine wine, and great conversation. This relaxed social gathering is our way of saying thank you for your commitment to OLLI's future and for helping make our programs extraordinary. Enjoy the company of fellow supporters, meet new friends, and hear a few uplifting words about how your committed contributions continue to make a real difference. Come sip and celebrate.

Invitations and RSVP instructions will be sent to all past and current Butterfly donors.

It's not too late to become a Butterfly pledge donor! Make a pledge for 3 years at one of the three options below:

- ❖ **Gold Pledge: \$2500+**
- ❖ **Silver Pledge: \$1000 - \$2499**
- ❖ **Bronze Pledge: \$500 - \$999**

Donate online at [ce.uci.edu/olli/resources/donate](http://ce.uci.edu/olli/resources/donate) or pick up a donation form in the OLLI lobby to mail in your donation.



## 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 TAMING NEWPORT HARBOR 1870-1936



The tranquil waters of today's Newport Harbor belie a turbulent history, beginning in 1870 when a "new port" was established. For the next six decades, it's treacherous entrance was a graveyard for boats and their crews, as well as the site of the best surfing on the mainland. During the city's early years, turning the harbor into a major commercial port appeared to be a fait accompli. But today, it stands as one of the world's largest pleasure harbors. This epic saga proves it wasn't always smooth sailing in Newport Harbor.

**Meet the Presenter** – Stay after class for some light refreshments and take part in an interactive roundtable discussion with our guest presenter from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM.

## Tuesday, February 17; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Presenter:** Bill Lobdell, first Newport Beach historian laureate, former award-winning investigative reporter and editor, *Los Angeles Times*, former editor of *The Daily Breeze*, and host of the podcast, *Newport Beach in the Rearview Mirror*.

**Developer:** Beth Mersch

## AH 102 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 writing prompts, ideas and helpful resources. For those with the goal of creating books to share, you will have an opportunity to learn about design and printing. This workshop requires a commitment to attend regularly and to write a two-page story every two weeks.

## Wednesdays, February 18, March 4, 18, April 1, 15, 29, May 13; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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



Hybrid with Presenter In-Person or Remote

**AH 103 GETTING PERSONAL WITH SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS** 

 "All the world's a stage".....and Shakespeare the master. The class will read two selected plays aloud with roles pre-assigned by the discussion leaders. Our discussion will include historical context and selected video clips. Indulge a secret passion for acting, enhance your appreciation of timeless theater, and have fun! The selected plays scheduled to be performed during the New Swan Shakespeare Festival 2026 season, *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Merry Wives of Windsor Cove*.

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

**Thursdays, February 19, March 5, 19, April 2, 16, 30, May 7; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

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

**AH 104 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 include 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 enrollees a couple of weeks before the first class.**

**Tuesdays, February 24, March 31, May 5, June 9; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter/Developer:** Yasmin Vali, author, retired high school English teacher, and retired UC Irvine-DCE Instructor.

**AH 105 AMERICAN SHORT STORIES: AN INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION GROUP (SESSION 1)** 

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

The textbook is *A Century of Fiction in the New Yorker, 1925 - 2025*, edited by Deborah Treisman, and is available on Amazon in hardback, e-book, and audiobook. Participants can also select stories that are available on the internet that are not behind a paywall. **Max enrollment 25.**

**Wednesdays, February 25, March 11, 25, April 8; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenters/Developers:** Bill and Susan Fouts are longtime OLLI short story class participants and discussion leaders.

**AH 106 GIANTS OF THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK (PART 3)** 

 The Great American Songbook is the loosely defined canon of 20th-century American jazz standards, popular songs, and movie and Broadway tunes. From the early 1900s through the 1950s, the world was singing lyrics and melodies that will still be sung or hummed hundreds of years from now.

The final installment of this series will concentrate on seven important songwriters who weren't covered in 2024's Part 1 or 2025's Part 2: Whiting, Donaldson, McHugh, Brown, Youmans, Schwartz and Duke. All wrote songs that shaped American popular culture and spread its values throughout the world.

Attendance at Parts 1 and 2 is not required to attend Part 3.

**Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 30; 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM (note extended class time)**

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

**AH 107 THREE INTRIGUING WOMEN ARTISTS** 

 These lectures will discuss three very different women artists who struggled to be accepted for their artistic talent.

**March 3:** Camille Claudel, French figurative sculptress, who worked in the shadow of her mentor, Auguste Rodin.

**March 10:** Augusta Savage, African American sculptress of the Harlem Renaissance, who worked for equal rights for African Americans in the arts.

**March 17:** Imogen Cunningham, called "the Grandmother of Photography," known for popularizing the medium and successfully moving photography into the realm of the fine arts..

**Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Jackie Powell, a favorite OLLI presenter, has taught art history at multiple local universities.

**Developer:** Beth Mersch

**AH 108 DISCOVERING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY** 

 This course teaches how to build your family tree through FamilySearch.org. You will learn about the resources available on this website, how to navigate it to find information on family members, and how to integrate information you may already have. Guided by your own tutor, you will learn to apply research and analytical skills pertinent to your own family circumstances, and how to leave your own story for others. You will receive a syllabus and extensive resources to continue discovering your family history.

**Max enrollment 22.**

**NOTE: Members must be able to attend all 5 classes and be familiar with working on their laptop, which they will need to bring to class.**

**Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8; 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Christine Young, Family History Consultant and Instructor

**Developer:** Jeanne LaMar

**AH 109 THE FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY: LEGACY OF OBSESSION WITH THE BARD** 

The Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. is acknowledged as the world's foremost collection of Shakespeare's First Folios (82), documents, and memorabilia. Learn how Henry Folger, a New York businessman, became obsessed with amassing his Shakespeare collection. Why did the native New Yorker select Washington, D.C., near the Library of Congress, as the site? How did the recent five-year renovation, at a cost of over \$80 million, change the library? And with a new Director, what is next for The Folger in preserving and expanding Shakespeare's literary and cultural heritage?

**Friday, March 6; 1:30 PM - 3:30PM**

**Presenter:** Andrea Mays, author of *The Millionaire and the Bard* and 2024 *Smithsonian* article on renovation of The Folger; Professor of Economics, CSULB.

**Developer:** Beth Mersch

**AH 110 AROUND THE WORLD WITH SHORT STORIES** 

 The short story genre is unique ... and countries and cultures are 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 link to and/or PDF of thirty or more stories drawn from classic and contemporary international authors (including Roberto Bolano, Mircea Cartarescu, Junot Diaz, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Anna Maria Ortese, Haruki Murakami, Bruno Schulz, William Trevor, Vladimir Nabokov, etc.) - all free. Participants may also select other stories that are available for free online.

**Thursdays, March 12, April 2, 16, 30, May 7; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Developer:** Jeanne LaMar

**AH 111 JOURNEY: NOVELS ABOUT ROAD TRIPS** 

 In this 'limited edition' book group, we will take to the road as we read and discuss three novels centered on road trips. All books are available on Amazon.

**March 12:** *America for Beginners* by Leah Franqui – An Indian widow embarks on a trip from New York to California seeking to find her son.

**April 23:** *The Other Side of Beautiful* by Kim Lock – An Australian woman is forced to confront her fears during a journey to find a new home.

**May 21:** *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles – Two brothers heading from Nebraska for a new life in California are diverted to New York by a pair of unwelcome visitors.

**Thursdays, March 12, April 23, May 21; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

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

**AH 112 CALIFORNIA MELTING POT: EXPLORE MONGOLIA'S ANCIENT HISTORY AND CULTURE** 

 Journey through Mongolia's wild, untouched landscapes that echo the days of Genghis Khan and the ancient Silk Road. Climb the soaring dunes of the Gobi Desert, see the night sky lit up by a billion stars in a Ger nomadic camp, and explore the vibrant energy of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia's capital city. Meet the legendary long-haired yaks, and step inside a yurt, the iconic circular dwelling of nomads for more than a thousand years. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the beauty, mystery and adventure of one of the world's most breathtaking and little-explored destinations!

**Tuesday, March 31; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Batbayasgalan Enkhbold, an immigrant from Mongolia, is the driving force behind the Los Angeles Mongolian Community organization.

**Developer:** Yasmin Vali

**AH 113 POSITIVE PHILOSOPHY: MEDITATION, BOOK DISCUSSIONS & WRITING LIFE'S MISSION STATEMENT** 

 How can we make our current life better so we have fewer regrets? In this class, we will approach life with greater purpose, happiness, and well-being by looking at lessons from those who are dying. In the first two classes, we will discuss two such investigations: *The Five Invitations*, by Frank Ostaseski (April 1) and *The Top Five Regrets of the Dying* by Bronnie Ware (May 6). In the final class we will write our own life's mission statement for the road ahead.

**Wednesdays, April 1, May 6, June 3; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Ann Batenburg, PhD, taught meditation as part of a Positive Psychology course at Southern Methodist University in Dallas for many years. She is a certified Mindfulness Meditation Teacher.

**Developer:** Yasmin Vali

**AH 114 AMERICAN SHORT STORIES DISCUSSION GROUP** 

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

The textbook is *A Century of Fiction in the New Yorker*, 1925 - 2025, edited by Deborah Treisman, and is available on Amazon in hardback, e-book, and audiobook. Participants can also select stories that are available on the internet that are not behind a paywall. **Max enrollment 25**.

**Note: The stories discussed in this session will be different from those discussed in the first session. Members may enroll in one or both sessions.**

**Mondays, April 20, May 4, 18, June 1; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenters/Developers:** Bill and Susan Fouts are longtime OLLI short story class participants and discussion leaders.

## ARTS AND HUMANITIES

### AH 115 NEW SWAN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL PREVIEW

 Join us for an entertaining preview of the 2026 New Swan season. Hear details of staging, costumes and plot from the Artistic Director and Dramaturg. Channel the New Swan intermission with complimentary M&M snack packs. You will learn details sure to enhance your enjoyment of the 2026 season, *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Merry Wives of Windsor Cove*.

**Friday, May 1; 1:30 PM - 3:30PM**

**Presenters:** Julia Lupton, PhD., Co-founder/ co-director New Swan Shakespeare Center; Distinguished Professor of English, UCI; Dramaturg, New Swan Shakespeare Festival. Eli Simon, Associate Professor, Drama, UCI and co-founder/ co-director New Swan Shakespeare Center and Artistic Director, New Swan Shakespeare Festival.

**Developer:** Beth Mersch

### AH 116 HEARTLAND: PAINTERS OF THE AMERICAN MIDWEST

 In the 1930s and 1940s, the "Regional Triumvirate" of Grant Wood, Thomas Hart Benton, and John Steuart Curry became the major figures in the development of a school of painting focused on the American Midwest. Drawing on their experiences in the states where they were born and lived (Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas, respectively), they depicted the rolling hills and plains, the people, and the everyday life of the region. This class will present an overview of the work of these three artists and their influence on later artists whose works focus on the region.

**Monday, May 11; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter/Developer:** UC Irvine OLLI member Susan Fouts has lectured on a number of topics in the arts here and at the UC San Diego OLLI.

### SC 201 LIVING WELL: BLOATING, HEARTBURN AND REFLUX: WHAT IS NORMAL?

 Digestive issues are common as we age; but how do you know what's normal and what needs medical attention? Dr. Fearn will explore the causes of bloating, heartburn and acid reflux, helping you understand when it is time to act. Learn about lifestyle tips, treatment options, and what your symptoms might be telling you. Bring your questions and leave with tools for better digestive comfort and well-being.

**Thursday, February 26; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Robert Fearn, M.D., Gastroenterology, UCI Health

**Developer:** Susen Kay

### SC 202 OLD BRAINS; NEW TRICKS: WHICH VIDEO GAMES ARE GOOD FOR YOU?

 Recent research demonstrates that we can generate new neurons throughout our lifetime, challenging the long-held belief that the brain's population of neurons is fixed after development and only deteriorates as we age. Environmental enrichment is the key to promoting this growth—specifically in the hippocampus—and improving memory.

Dr. Stark will outline the requirements for environmental enrichment and why some video games are beneficial for brain health. Interestingly, crossword puzzles are NOT considered environmental enrichment. Find out what this discovery is all about and how to encourage your own brain health.

**Friday, February 27; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Craig Stark, PhD Professor, Neurobiology and Behavior; UCI MIND; UCI ADRC; UCI ESPORTS

**Developer:** Susen Kay

**SC 203 THE NEUROPSYCHOLOGY OF HOARDING DISORDER IN OLDER ADULTS**

Do you know someone who struggles with excessive clutter or hoarding in their homes? These individuals often face distress when discarding possessions, leading to accumulated clutter that limits the use of living spaces and affects daily functioning. Dr. Ayers' expertise on the interconnection between neuropsychology and rehabilitation strategies has helped older individuals reduce clutter, achieve personal goals, and enhance their overall well-being and mental health. Learn to recognize hoarding disorder in this informative session. Discover key symptoms, treatment options, and practical strategies for compassionate, effective engagement.

**Thursday, March 5; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Catherine Ayers, PhD, Professor, UCSD Department of Psychiatry, faculty UCSD/SDSU Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology, Chair, San Diego County Older Adult Council. **NOTE: Presenter will lecture remotely via Zoom.**

**Developer:** Rich Stein

**SC 204 SPACE SECURITY UPDATE: KEEPING THE WORLD SAFE**

In Spring 2025 Mariel Borowitz presented an overview of global satellite-related issues, focusing on sustainability, competition and weaponization. Back by popular demand, Dr. Borowitz will delve deeper into topics such as international cooperation, relevant treaties, and commercial opportunities involving technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR). She will also discuss details of the Traffic Coordination System for Space (TraCSS), highlighting its role in addressing situational awareness challenges in space operations.

**Thursday, March 26; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Mariel Borowitz, Associate Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology. **NOTE: Presenter will lecture remotely via Zoom.**

**Developer:** Rich Stein

**SC 205 SEX DIFFERENCES IN AGING AND LONGEVITY**

Although women consistently live longer than men, they tend to age in poorer health—the so called "mortality-morbidity paradox." This class will cover known patterns of sex-dimorphism in aging patterns, their significance to healthspan and how the search for gerotherapeutics (therapies aimed at slowing, preventing, or reversing the biological processes of aging) must be informed by such differences. Other noteworthy research at the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology will be summarized.

**Friday, March 27; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Berenice Benayoun, PhD, Associate Professor of Gerontology, Biological Sciences, Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine, USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology.

**Developer:** Vern Roohk

**SC 206 CURIOSITY CAFÉ: TECH TALKS À LA CARTE (APRIL SESSION)**

Pull up a chair and feed your curiosity!

Curiosity Café: Tech Talks à la Carte is a lively new series from the OLLI at UC Irvine STEM Committee. Each class session serves several new-to-OLLI, short, thought-provoking videos—TED Talks, hidden YouTube gems, and more—handpicked and hosted by STEM Committee members. Topics change every session, offering a buffet of science, technology, and innovation. After each video, we'll stir the pot with a brief group discussion. No prerequisites—just bring your curiosity and a healthy appetite for fresh, mind-blowing ideas! Coffee and goodies will be served.

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

**Friday, April 3; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenters:** Marc Nussbaum and OLLI STEM Committee Members

**Developer:** Marc Nussbaum

## SC 207 LIVING WELL: INCREASING MOTION THROUGH YOUR SPINE



Back pain and stiffness don't have to be a part of aging. Dr. Wu will discuss effective techniques and lifestyle adjustments that can help relieve spinal pressure and improve your mobility. He will also cover procedure options such as cervical laminoplasty and how to determine if it may be right for you.

Dr. Wu specializes in cervical, thoracic and lumbar spine disorders and performs a range of open and minimally invasive procedures, such as cervical laminoplasty, motion-sparing cervical disc replacement, tubular decompression for disc herniations, and robotic surgery.

If you want to move with greater ease and comfort, this session is for you!

**Monday, April 6; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Hao-Hua Wu, UCI Health, Orthopedic Surgeon

**Developer:** Susen Kay

## SC 208 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND BREAKTHROUGHS IN DIGESTIVE MEDICINE



Specialists known as Interventional Endoscopists are advancing digestive medicine to the point where many conditions that once required major surgery can now be treated through a scope in a single, minimally invasive procedure. Future advances will be driven by incorporating AI and robotics into the endoscopic procedure rooms of tomorrow.

Join Dr. Jason Samarasena as he explores computer-aided tools helping physicians find early cancers, personalize care, and perform procedures with greater precision. This is a fascinating window into GI care, presented by the director of UCI's research and training program, and a nationally recognized pioneer in minimally invasive care.

**Monday, April 13; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Jason Samarasena, MD, MBA, FACG AGAF, Chief, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology; Professor of Medicine; Interventional Endoscopy Training Director, UC Irvine

**Developer:** Marc Nussbaum

## SC 209 ANTHROPOLOGIC FACTORS IN INFECTIOUS DISEASE: HOW WE CREATED OUR EPIDEMICS



Why are drug-resistant and novel diseases emerging at an ever-faster pace? Anthropologist Ron Barrett takes us on a fascinating and timely journey through the societal and environmental forces that have driven infectious diseases in humans — from our prehistoric past to today. Dr. Barrett illustrates how human actions set the stage for modern pandemics. He traces three pivotal epidemiological transitions, culminating in the COVID-19 pandemic, offers a critical re-examination of global health policies, and points toward new directions for future research.

**Friday, April 17; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Ron Barrett, Professor of Anthropology, Director, Community and Global Health Concentration, Macalester College, Twin Cities MN, author of *Emerging Infections: Three Epidemiological Transitions from Prehistory to the Present*. **NOTE:** **Presenter will lecture remotely via Zoom.**

**Developer:** Rich Stein

## SC 210 LIVING WELL: PHYSICAL INTIMACY AFTER 60



Sexual health is an important part of overall well-being—at any age! Sex is fun and important to maintain as we age, and in this class, we will discuss how to maintain a fulfilling sex life in a respectful, informative, and empowering way. Join our expert as we explore the unique physical and emotional challenges of intimacy after 60.

Dr. Michael Krychman is an obstetrician/gynecologist, clinical sexologist, and certified sexual counselor specializing in women's health and wellness, cancer survivorship care, and menopausal health.

**Tuesday, April 21; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Michael Krychman, MD, Associate Clinical Professor, UCI Health and Executive Director of the Southern California Center for Sexual Health and Survivorship Medicine.

**Developer:** Susen Kay

## SC 211 THE EUROPA CLIPPER MISSION AND THE SEARCH FOR LIFE

 Will we find life in the dark, salty oceans of Jupiter's moon Europa? This thrilling lecture dives into NASA's most daring mission yet — the Europa Clipper. Beneath Europa's fractured icy crust lies a global ocean with more liquid water than all of Earth's oceans combined. The spacecraft will swoop past Europa nearly 50 times, using powerful instruments to search for the chemistry and energy that could support alien life and to scout sites for a future lander.

Join us for mission insider insights, stunning NASA imagery, and a front-row seat to humanity's quest to answer one of science's greatest questions: Are we alone?

**Friday, April 24; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Richard Stember, Executive Director, ScienceHeads.org and Ruth Kurisu, both NASA Solar System Ambassadors

**Developer:** Larry Dalphy

## SC 212 THE NOBEL PRIZES IN STEM 2025

 The Nobel Prizes in Physics, Chemistry, and Physiology or Medicine are announced every year in early October, and reward exceptional achievements in increasing our understanding of how the world around us works. Many of the awards are for scientific breakthroughs that bring great benefit to all humanity. We will describe the science that led to each award, and how the awardees accomplished it.

**Monday, May 4; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Robert B. Wilson, Ph.D., NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center (retired). **NOTE:** **Presenter will lecture remotely via Zoom.**

**Developer:** Marc Nussbaum

## SC 213 PROTECTING YOURSELF AS A PATIENT—PART ONE (SPRING SESSION)

 Are you looking to take a more active role in your medical encounters and protect yourself from common errors?

Medical harm (unintentional but often preventable) injures and kills hundreds of thousands of patients each year. Healthcare today is more complex, technical, and volatile than ever.

Through presentations and group discussions with patient safety experts you'll learn about the common sources of medical error and be armed with hands-on knowledge, tactics, and tools to better protect yourself and your loved ones from common sources of medical harm as you navigate the healthcare system. Part 2 will be offered in Fall 2026.

**May 5:** The Silent Epidemic: What is Medical Harm and How Can It Be Prevented

**May 12:** Ensuring an Accurate and Complete Diagnosis: Your Vital Role as a Patient

**May 19:** Essential Tips for Avoiding Medication Errors

**Wednesdays, May 5, 12, 19; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Hosts and Presenters:** Dr. Alpesh N. Amin, Endowed Chair; UCI School of Medicine and Ariana Longley, Patient Safety Consultant, Pittsburgh Regional Health will be joined by various nationally recognized patient safety experts. **NOTE: Hosts will be in-person, some presenters will join via Zoom.**

**Developer:** Susen Kay

## SC 214 WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY: HOW SMART DEVICES SHAPE DAILY LIFE



The rise of wearable technology—from Fitbits to Apple Watches—has been exponential over the last quarter-century. Wearables offer unprecedented opportunities to help improve our health. However, as these devices become extensions of ourselves, they quietly open pathways for increased surveillance and control.

Explore the implications of integrating these technologies into daily life and what they mean for your privacy and freedom. This lecture will challenge you to see your “smart devices” not just as tools, but as agents of order and possibly control.

**Wednesday, May 6; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. James N Gilmore, Associate Professor Communications, Clemson University, South Carolina, author of *Bringers of Order: Wearable technologies and the manufacturing of everyday life* (2025). **NOTE:** Presenter will lecture remotely via Zoom.

**Developer:** Rich Stein

## SC 215 CURIOSITY CAFÉ: TECH TALKS À LA CARTE (MAY SESSION)



Pull up a chair and feed your curiosity!

Curiosity Café: Tech Talks à la Carte is a lively new series from the OLLI at UC Irvine STEM Committee. Each class session serves several short, new-to-OLLI, thought-provoking videos—TED Talks, hidden YouTube gems, and more—handpicked and hosted by STEM Committee members. Topics change every session, offering a buffet of science, technology, and innovation. After each video, we'll stir the pot with a brief group discussion. No prerequisites—just bring your curiosity and a healthy appetite for fresh, mind-blowing ideas! Coffee and goodies will be served

**Friday, May 8; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenters:** Marc Nussbaum and OLLI STEM Committee Members

**Developer:** Marc Nussbaum

## SC 216 MEDICAL APPLICATIONS OF 3D PRINTING



3D printing is revolutionizing medicine—turning digital designs into life-changing, patient-specific implants. Join the CEO of Carlsmed, a leader in patient-specific surgical solutions, for a fascinating look at how advanced 3D printing technology is revolutionizing spine surgery. Learn how customized, FDA-cleared implants are created to match each patient's anatomy, improving outcomes and reducing revision surgery. This talk will explore the design process, the role of AI in planning surgery, and what's next for personalized medicine. Whether you're curious about medical innovation, engineering, or the future of healthcare, this presentation will open your eyes to the power of 3D printing in modern medicine.

**Friday, May 15; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Mike Cordonnier, CEO, and Co-founder, Carlsmed, Inc.

**Developer:** Howard Mirowitz

## SC 217 BREAKTHROUGHS IN SCIENCE 2025



In December's issue of *Science* magazine, the weekly journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), goes out on a limb and describes the major scientific breakthroughs of the past year. We will describe the selections, what qualifies them as breakthroughs, what the possible impacts on non-scientists may be, how future research might be affected, and what their status is at the time of this presentation.

**Monday, June 8; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Robert B. Wilson, PhD, NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center (retired). **NOTE:** Presenter will lecture remotely via Zoom.

**Developer:** Marc Nussbaum

**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, Mel Roth, Juan Salcedo, Jaime Schvartzman, and Melvin Anolik.

Come join us and share your thoughts and ideas with other OLLI members!

**Wednesdays, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 13, June 17; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenters/Developers:** Current Issues Committee

**SS 302 HAPPINESS 101 – PURSUING HAPPINESS IN CHALLENGING TIMES**

This class will explore the concept of happiness from the perspectives of philosophers, indigenous cultures in different parts of the world, and contemporary behavioral health scholars and helping professionals such as clinical social workers, marriage and family counselors, psychologists and psychiatrists. Happiness is a complex value with cultural, religious, ethnic, social, and interpersonal dimensions. Together, we will explore the roles that the following dimensions play in the experience of happiness: age, health, marriage, religion, wealth, and ethnicity. Finally, we will discuss what values and general behaviors enhance personal happiness.

On the premise that the achievement of happiness is a combination of genetics, random circumstances, (chance) and deliberate personal choices, class participants will identify how they can enhance their own happiness.

**Thursdays, February 19, 26; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter/Developer:** Mel Roth earned his Master's in Social Work (MSW), Degree from San Diego State University. His principal focus is on the impact of the social environment on human behavior and personality development.

**SS 303 ORANGE COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER FOUNDATION**

The Orange County Family Justice Center Foundation serves survivors of family violence through comprehensive services and strong community partnerships. Supporting survivors of family violence through healing programs, education, and their work in Orange County is an important conduit for a stronger community. Complements of SE 4 Orange County Family Justice Center on March 4.

**Tuesday, March 3; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Joanne Yammie, Associate Executive Director, Orange County Family Justice Center Foundation. Visit their website: <http://www.ocfjcfoundation.org>, office number: (714) 765-1645.

**Developer:** Linda Robinson

**SS 304 PRISONPANDEMIC**

In the 172 prisons, jails, and ICE detention facilities throughout California - fear, uncertainty, and isolation are daily experiences. In March of 2020, the situation was about to become much worse. PrisonPandemic was created by a group of faculty and students who study the experiences and effects of incarceration in the US, to preserve the stories of those incarcerated in California. Join for a presentation of this living archive which bears witness to what the men and women behind bars and their loved ones, were experiencing during the pandemic.

**Tuesday, March 10; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Joanne DeCaro is a Ford Foundation and AAUW fellow. She is a director at the non-profit Restorative Justice Fund. She is currently a PhD Candidate in the Department of Criminology, Law and Society at the University of California, Irvine.

**Developer:** Karen Tyson

**SS 305 HOW TO BE AN LGBTQ ALLY**

 This course will increase your understanding of the LGBTQ+ experience, including the discrimination and legal obstacles the community faces in our current political climate. Additionally, the course explores how to be an ally to family members, friends, coworkers, and anyone in your life who identifies as LGBTQ+. Through group discussion, activities, and presentation of real-life examples, you will learn how to be a better ally—personally, socially, and in your local community.

**Tuesday March 17; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Lance Kayser, Professor of English Literature, Cerritos College. His areas of expertise include American Literature, Creative Writing, Literature and Film, and Queer Literature. Lance created the Safe Zone training program and the LGBTQ Studies program at Cerritos College. Lance has a passion for assisting students in their journey to improve their writing and critical thinking skills as well as creating spaces that foster security and growth.

**Developer:** Juan Salcedo

**SS 306 STORIES IN THE STAMPS EPISODE 3: DANIEL BOONE, THE MAN OR THE MYTH**

 "Stories in the Stamps" explores the stories pictured on our U.S. commemorative stamps, and their impact on our American history. Our third episode explores one of the most well-known figures of our American folklore: Daniel Boone, the trailblazer who opened the Kentucky frontier. Contrary to that 1960's TV show, he was not the "rippin'est, roarin'est, fightin'est man, the frontier ever knew". But without Daniel's contribution to our history, our country would have looked much different.

How much of the Daniel Boone legend is actually true? Separating the man from the myth, this is the real story of Daniel Boone.

**Tuesday, March 24; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Developer/Presenter:** Bruce Bollinger, MBA, OLLI member and American history presenter.

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

 In the continuing history of modern European history, this semester will focus on the development and growth of science during the reign of Louis the 14th, Royal absolutism in Europe and the Enlightenment.

**Wednesdays, April 7, 21, 28; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Wednesday, April 14; 10:00 AM - 12:00 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 LOOKING BACK TO THE FUTURE: THE CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS OF ORANGE COUNTY AND SO CAL.**

 The transformation of Orange County's population by race and ethnic background since the 1970s is a story of dramatic change, not only in the county but throughout California, and especially in the southern regions of the state. It is a story about international migration, changing neighborhoods, and changing political economies. The talk will highlight some of these changes that remade Orange County over the past half century (the presenter will share some personal-familial stories).

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

**Presenter:** Albert Camarillo, Professor Emeritus of History and Latino/Chicano Studies, Stanford University. Camarillo has published seven books and dozens of articles and essays dealing with the experiences of Mexican Americans and other racial and immigrant groups in American cities. **Note: Presenter will lecture via Zoom**

**Developer:** Juan Salcedo

## SS 309 WORKING WITH MEMORY: MEMOIR WRITING IN DEAR QUEER SELF



Jonathan Alexander discusses the practice of writing memoir, with special focus on the "problem" that memory poses to any writer. He asks what happens when we set out to write from memory and in the process discover what we thought we knew about our past might not be true? He takes as his case in point his own writing of his memoir *Dear Queer Self*, in which he realized that some of his own self-understanding of his early life as a young queer man might have rested on wrong assumptions, even mis-remembered parts of his past. Memory is important as it is to our self-understanding, might be an "unreliable narrator" at times. Alexander focuses on how his own writing practice not only led him to grapple with the problem of memory, but how foregrounding the unreliability of memory might in fact be the most interesting thing to write about.

**Thursday, April 9; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Jonathon Alexander, Chancellor's Professor of English and Informatics School of Humanities: Chair, Department of English, University of California, Irvine. Author of 4 non-fiction books, including *Dear Queer Self: An Experiment in Memoir*.

**Developer:** Juan Salcedo

## SS 310 THE SUPREME COURT: A REVIEW OF CURRENT CASES



During the past three years, the Supreme Court has reviewed and decided upon numerous controversial cases. The fact that the Supreme Court has a 6-3 conservative majority intensifies the drama that the Supreme Court generates. This class will review and discuss current and often controversial cases. We can expect far-reaching impacts of the court's decisions on American society.

**Meet the Presenter:** Stay after class on June 10 for some light refreshments and take part in an interactive roundtable discussion with our presenter from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM.

**Wednesdays, May 27, June 3, 10; 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 311 THE 2026 MIDTERM ELECTIONS: A PREVIEW



The 2026 midterm elections will be highly contested. The House of Representatives is nearly evenly divided, and many states will have been redistricted, potentially reducing the already small number of competitive seats. In this class, we will reflect on the outcomes of the 2025-26 redistricting fights and the early 2026 primaries to get a sense of the issues driving the 2026 race and the locations of the competitive seats that will determine the outcomes of the election. We will also assess early efforts to potentially change the rules and procedures under which the election will be conducted.

**Monday, June 1; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

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

**Developer:** Juan Salcedo

## 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).

# INTRODUCING OLLI's Brand New Curriculum: LIVING & LEARNING

Dig into learning! Living & Learning, OLLI's newest committee, goes live this Spring with a variety of interactive, stimulating courses, ranging from hands-on science and art to book parties, board games, TED Talk discussions, and more!

These new offerings don't quite fit into our traditional three curriculum categories, Arts & Humanities, STEM, and Social Science, but they capture the spirit of lifelong learning in fresh and engaging ways.

## LL 401 RACE ACROSS AMERICA

 RAAM is considered by most sports writers to be the toughest sporting event in the world. Fewer people have completed RAAM than have stood on the summit of Everest. The Race Across America is a bike race from Oceanside in California to Atlantic City New Jersey. The race is a continuous one and must be completed in 12 days. Racers typically ride 20 hours or more per day, completing 3100 miles and over 190,000 feet of climbing, riding over 12,000 foot passes, across deserts, tornado alley, Appalachia, Rockies, Mississippi river, Monument Valley, encountering 120 degree heat in Arizona and below freezing temperatures in Colorado. Mark Gibson is one of the few rookie racers to complete the race on his first attempt and did so at the age of 56. Come learn what it takes to train for and then race in the toughest sporting event in the world.

**Tuesday, February 24; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Mark Gibson, lecturer at UC Irvine Paul Merage School of Business

**Developer:** Elona Pertica

## LL 402 WHAT I LEARNED FROM MY PROFESSIONAL CAREER



In this class we will learn about the professional experience of four of our OLLI members and two or three "life lessons" they carry from their experience that hold meaning for all of us in our retirement years. Our presenters for this session are:

- ⦿ Andrew Hoffman, who had a 45-year career in the management and operation of non-profit corporations
- ⦿ GK Kannan, who had a lifelong career as a pharmaceutical executive
- ⦿ Nancy Hogg, who had a 38-year career in education and who has travelled to every continent except Antarctica
- ⦿ Jim Oldham, who had a 35-year career as an ordained Baptist minister, including 23 years as a Protestant Chaplain in the USAF

What a wealth of experience and knowledge these four will have to share with us.

**Monday, March 2; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Developer:** Jim Oldham

## LL 403 TED TALKS: "IDEAS CHANGE EVERYTHING"

 TED Talks are brief influential videos from expert speakers on education, business, science, and creativity offered online for free distribution. In this class, we will watch three or four TED Talks each session, followed by a time of discussion on each. After the first two sessions, facilitated by OLLI member Jim Oldham (BA History, MS Education), volunteers will be sought from the class membership to choose the videos from the large archive of TED Talks and lead the class discussion.

**Max enrollment 25.**

**Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenters:** Jim Oldham and Class Members

**Developer:** Jim Oldham

**LL 404 INTRODUCTION TO DUPLICATE BRIDGE** 

 Why do millions of people, generation after generation, call duplicate bridge their favorite game - socially, intellectually, and emotionally? This class will give you a taste of why.

 Whether you're simply curious with no prior experience, or you played years ago in college, now is your chance to give it a try. Let's deal!

 In this one session, you will get an overview of the game and practice playing hands in a supportive, welcoming setting

The South Orange County Bridge Center (SOCBC) in San Juan Capistrano offers daily lessons and games and is affiliated with the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL.)

Want to learn more? Visit the ACBL's "Learn Bridge" page: <https://www.acbl.org/learn/>

SOCBC website: <https://southorangecountybridge.center/wordpress/>

**Thursday, March 19; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenters:** Janie Matlaf and Bob Levine, South Orange County Bridge Center. Janie is an OLLI member, and the Education Chairperson at SOCBC; Bob has been teaching Introduction to Bridge and Intermediate Bridge at SOCBC since 2022. Both Janie and Bob are Gold Life Masters with a passion for spreading the word about their favorite hobby.

**Developer:** Linda Robinson

**LL 405 GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION** 

 This class will include an overview of the American Legion's mission, history, organization, priorities, and membership criteria. Following this general information the presenter will provide us with some information about the size and needs of the veteran community in Orange County and describe some of the ways the local American Legion Post is reaching out to help meet the needs of this community. If you are a Legion member, be sure to wear your cap to the presentation.

**Tuesday, April 14; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter:** Cory Vigil is a 9-year member of the Newport Beach American Legion Post 291, the second largest Post in the country, and has served as the Post's Service Officer since 2018.

**Developer:** Jim Oldham

**LL 406 STEAMY CEPHALOPODS** 

 Come ready to dive into the mysterious world of Cephalopods! DISSECT a squid and learn all about their anatomy and adaptations. CREATE a one-of-a-kind watercolor painting of an octopus using their ability to change color as your inspiration.:

This new experiential class will use the STEAM (Science Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) method of hands-on learning to explore the underwater world of cephalopods. Complements SE 14 on June 6. **Max enrollment 20.**

**There is a \$5.00 material fee.**

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

**Presenter/Developer:** Danelle Hickman is currently the Education Director of Project 3R, an environmental nonprofit based in San Juan Capistrano. She has 20 years' experience working at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point, where she led the "Visiting Classroom" outreach program.

**LL 407 WRITE ON: A HANDS-ON, INTERACTIVE OPPORTUNITY** 

 Writing prompts help you develop your creative muscle, let you crawl through your memories, and hear each other's stories about life's adventures. You'll have a few minutes to write about a topic, such as "tell us about a smell from your childhood," "write about a teacher you remember," "talk about a favorite sound". You might end up with a few sentences or a page or two. The best part is, there's no right or wrong. Then you'll have a chance to share your writing with the group, if you like. Bring your favorite notebook and pen.

**Max enrollment 20.**

**Wednesdays, April 29, May 20; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter/Developer:** Janine Lehrer

## LIVING &amp; LEARNING

**LL 408 PAGING ALL BOOK LOVERS** 

 Who doesn't love a party? But this one has a twist. It's a book exchange party - with wine and cheese, of course, as well as brief book reviews and a chance to choose, trade or steal a book. Bring a book that you enjoyed and are ready to give away. One book only please.

**Thursday, May 14; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenter/Developer:** Janine Lehrer

**LL 409 POP TRIVIA** 

 What therapeutic mattress was patented in 1971? Who shot J.R.? What song plays while Benjamin and Elaine (*The Graduate*) elope?

Join us for a fun and interactive session that will test your trivia knowledge in categories like pop culture, television, history, music, movies, and more.

No prizes, just bragging rights and the opportunity to have fun with other OLLI members.

**Tuesday, May 19; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Co-Presenters:** Anne Rosse and Jessie Billings

**Developer:** Elona Pertica

**SE 1 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AND LUNCHEON**

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, resources, shared interest groups, volunteer opportunities, our Remote Learning Center, and more!

After the presentation, we invite you to stay for a complimentary lunch, great conversation, and a chance to start making new friends right away!

If you have any questions, please email [olli@uci.edu](mailto:olli@uci.edu) or call 949-451-1403.

**Wednesday, February 11; 10:00 AM - 1:30 AM**

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** OLLI at UC Irvine Classroom

**SE 2 THE BROAD**

Hop aboard Metrolink with OLLI for an art-filled adventure to downtown Los Angeles! Our destination is The Broad, a contemporary art museum celebrated for its striking architecture and world-class collection, steps away from the Bunker Hill Metrolink Station. Highlights of our visit include Robert Therrien's whimsical, larger-than-life sculptures and Yayoi Kusama's mesmerizing *Infinity Mirrored Room—The Souls of Millions of Light Years Away*, an immersive installation of dazzling lights and reflections. After exploring the galleries, enjoy free time to grab lunch nearby or stroll along Grand Avenue. Relax and let the train do the driving - this is a traffic-free, bus-free, stress-free way to experience one of L.A.'s cultural treasures..

**Friday, February 20; 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Cost:** \$85 – Includes train, museum fees, and special exhibit

**Location:** Irvine Train Station

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

### SE 3 PREMIER WORLD DISCOVERY TRAVEL - MUSIC CITIES: FALL 2026

Join us in an exciting informational presentation to learn more about this adventure. If you love jazz, the blues, or country music, this trip is for you! Premier Travel will be on hand to share details, answer questions, and help plan your trip.

#### New Orleans

- ♪ Paddlewheel Steamboat Cruise
- ♪ City Tour
- ♪ School of Cooking Dinner
- ♪ French Quarter Jazz

#### Memphis

- ♪ B.B. King Museum
- ♪ Elvis Presley's Graceland
- ♪ Sun Studio, birthplace of Rock & Roll
- ♪ Blues on Beale Street

#### Nashville

- ♪ Delta Heritage and Tina Turner Museum
- ♪ Country Music Hall of Fame
- ♪ City Tour
- ♪ The Grand Ole Opry

Leaves LAX October 5, 2026, for 8 days/7 nights. \$3,899 per person double occupancy + \$1,100 single supplement. 20 seats held for OLLI until April 4.

**Monday, February 23; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** OLLI at UC Irvine Classroom (members can watch via ORLC)

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

### SE 4 ORANGE COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

This on-site tour provides participants with an overview of the Orange County Family Justice Center and the journey of survivors of family violence. Participants will visit key spaces, explore how multidisciplinary teams collaborate to provide trauma-informed care, and have the opportunity to engage with detectives and advocates to better understand the Center's role in promoting safety, support, and justice in the community. This is a companion Special Event to course SS 303 Orange County Family Justice Center Foundation on March 3.

**Wednesday, March 4; 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM**

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Self-Drive to Orange County Family Justice Center, 150 W. Vermont, Anaheim

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



OLLI members and guests at the Ocean Institute, A Day at the Harbor, event in June 2025.

**SE 5 DIRECTOR'S VOICE I: NOISES OFF**

*Noises Off* is a brilliantly crafted, side-splitting farce that pulls back the curtain on a theater company in total disarray. As the hapless cast and crew attempt to stage the fictional play *Nothing On*, everything that can go wrong does, from forgotten lines and missing props to romantic entanglements and mistimed entrances. Doors slam, sardines fly and egos clash in this uproarious play-within-a-play, where backstage drama and onstage mishaps collide in a whirlwind of slapstick chaos. *Noises Off* is a love letter to the theater and a masterclass in perfectly timed comedic mayhem.

**Sunday, March 8**

**Director's Talk: 1:00 PM - 1:40 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 UCI Claire Trevor Theatre, 4000 Mesa Road, Irvine

**Developer:** Maura Hunter Byrne, 917-513-7079, maurahunterbyrne@gmail.com

**SE 6 ORANGE COUNTY BIRDS OF PREY CENTER**

The Orange County Birds of Prey Center cares for injured, sick, and orphaned birds by providing extensive rehabilitation and valuable time and space needed for healing. The Center is closed to the public, and we have been invited for a private tour. Learn how birds are rescued and brought to the Center, which takes its mission seriously to educate the public about the challenges raptors face and how to help. We will meet several Ambassador birds on our tour. The event is not physically challenging. This is a unique opportunity not to be missed.

**Monday, March 9; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Cost:** \$35

**Location:** Self-drive instructions to be provided prior to the event

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

**SE 7 HUELL HOWSER ARCHIVES AT CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY**

Huell Howser made us happy explorers on his long-running PBS show California's Gold. California was his playground, traveling the state to discover little-known places and the people who talked about them with such joy and enthusiasm that viewers returned for an astounding 445 episodes. Gone now, but his ever-curious and ever-jovial persona lives on. Giant glass shelves display hundreds of artifacts, memorabilia, and gifts, surrounded by his colorful art collection. The Center for American War Letters comprises an extensive collection of personal writings from soldiers in every American conflict. Handwritten letters from the Revolutionary War to emails from Afghanistan and Iraq reflect the experience firsthand of those who served and are a tribute to them. Enjoy lunch on your own in Old Town Orange before the tour.

**Friday, April 10; 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Cost:** \$25 - Includes guided tour (Parking \$3)

**Location:** Self-drive to Chapman University, Leatherby Libraries, 1 University Dr., Orange

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

**SE 8 SPRINGSTEEN TRANSFORMED: DELIVER ME FROM NOWHERE**

Crank up the amps and join us for *Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere*, the hot new biopic starring Jeremy Allen White (*The Bear*) as the Boss himself. This isn't your typical rock-star glory story — it's a gritty, soul-searching ride into the making of *Nebraska*, Springsteen's raw and haunting acoustic masterpiece. You'll watch Bruce wrestle with fame, isolation, and his own creative demons — and emerge with one of the most legendary albums ever. Enjoy a laid-back buffet lunch during intermission, and a lively group chat. Swap insights, favorite tracks, and maybe even share a few "Glory Days" of your own.

**Saturday, April 18; 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

## SE 9 ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP SERIES

Planning for the future can feel overwhelming—but it doesn't have to be. UC Irvine's Office of Planned Giving is offering a six-part workshop designed to give you the knowledge and confidence to build or update your estate plan. Whether you're starting fresh or fine-tuning, these sessions provide clear guidance and practical tools to help protect your legacy and loved ones.

The series was developed by Roland Ho, UC Irvine Associate Vice Chancellor, Strategic Planning. Presenters will be professionals from UC Irvine and the legal, financial, and charitable community.

### Schedule of Topics

- Apr 23 – Introduction & Basics
- Apr 30 – Health Care Directives, Powers of Attorney & Trusts
- May 7 – Charitable & Tax Planning
- May 14 – Retirement Assets [IRA, 401(k), 457(b)]
- May 21 – Executors, Trustees, & Fiduciaries
- May 28 – Review & Action Planning

**Thursdays, 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM**

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** OLLI at UC Irvine Classroom (members can watch via ORLC)

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

## SE 10 MODJESKA HOUSE

Who was Helena Modjeska? A world-renowned actress known in her time for her tragic roles, Madame Modjeska created an idyllic retreat amidst a live-oak grove on the banks of Santiago Creek. A docent-led tour takes us through her century-old Stanford White-designed rambling white cottage with picturesque windows and grounds she named Arden for its forest setting from Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. A 1930's redwood grove remains as well as yews, lilacs, and palms from the Modjeska era. Arden is designated a National Historic Landmark and is a true gem of Orange County.

**Saturday, April 25; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Cost:** \$30 – Includes docent led tour

**Location:** Self-drive to Modjeska House, 29042 Modjeska Canyon Rd., Silverado

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

## SE 11 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.

**Tuesday, April 28; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Cost:** \$30 – Includes tour and donation to the museum.

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

**Developer:** Karin Paul, 714-624-2586, kspaul120@gmail.com

## SE 12 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 then 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.

**Saturday, May 16; 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Cost:** \$35 - Includes tour and donation

**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 13 DIRECTOR'S VOICE II: *at the very bottom of a body of water*

Through surreal storytelling and dreamlike sequences, the piece delves into themes of grief, spiritual disconnection and the enduring ties of family. At its heart is a striking moment, a fish gutted live onstage, serving as a visceral metaphor for inner reckoning and the persistence of memory. Engage in an intimate, atmospheric and subtle emotional exploration.

**Sunday, May 31**

**Director's Talk: 1:00 PM - 1:40 PM**

**Performance: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

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

**Location:** Self-drive to UC Irvine Robert Cohen Theatre, 4000 Mesa Road, Irvine

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

## SE 14 A DAY AT THE HARBOR

Climb aboard Ocean Institute's 65 ft. Sea Explorer to observe marine mammals and other coastal sea life. The ocean never disappoints, as there is always something new to see and learn about! Tour the labs inside the Ocean Institute when you arrive. Staff and docents are available to answer questions about the live animals on display and to help guide you through the interactive exhibits. Complements of LL 406 Steamy Cephalopods class on April 22.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The boat cannot accommodate wheelchairs. Walkers are permitted, but the size of ocean swells cannot be predicted and there is limited seating.

**Saturday, June 6; 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

**Ocean Institute: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Boat trip: 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Cost:** \$60 - Includes institute and boat trip. Lunch on your own at the harbor.

**Location:** Self-drive to Ocean Institute, 24200 Dana Point Harbor Dr., Dana Point

**Developer:** Danelle Hickman, 714-403-4204, [hickman.danelle@gmail.com](mailto:hickman.danelle@gmail.com)

## SE 15 ANNUAL MEETING AND MEMBER APPRECIATION LUNCH

Join us for our Annual Meeting! A special opportunity to reflect on the past year, celebrate the contributions of our volunteers and donors, and get a first look at the exciting plans ahead for OLLI at UC Irvine.

Join us for a Member Appreciation Lunch and enjoy celebrating a wonderful year with your fellow OLLI members.

**Thursday, June 18; 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** OLLI at UC Irvine Classroom (members can watch via ORLC)

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

# 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.



# Class Calendar February 2026

## FEBRUARY 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday /Sunday
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2	3	4 10:00am: Meet OLLI at UC Irvine	5	6	7
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9	10	11 10am SE1: New Member Orientation and Luncheon		13	14
					15
	17 First Day of Spring Classes 10am AH101: Taming Newport Harbor 1870-1936   12pm: Meet the Presenter	18 10am AH102: Writing Life Stories   1:30pm SS301: Current Issues Forum  	19 10am SS302: Happiness 101: Pursuing Happiness in Challenging Times   1:30pm AH103: Getting Personal with Shakespeare's Plays  	20 9am SE2: The Broad	21
President's Day OLLI Office Closed					22
23 10am SE3: Premier World Discovery Travel – Music Cities: Fall 2026	24 10am AH104: Film as a Form of Literature   1:30pm LL401: Race Across America  	25 1:30pm AH105: American Short Stories (Session 1)  	26 10am SS302: Happiness 101: Pursuing Happiness in Challenging Times   1:30pm SC201: Living Well: Bloating, Heartburn and Reflux  	27 1:30pm SC202: Old Brains; New Tricks: Which Video Games Are Good for You?  	28

# Class Calendar March 2026

## MARCH 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday /Sunday
					1
<b>2</b> 10am LL402: What I Learned from My Professional Career  1:30pm AH106: Giants of the Great American Songbook (Part 3) 	<b>3</b> 10am SS303: Orange County Family Justice Center Foundation  1:30pm AH107: Three Intriguing Women Artists  	<b>4</b> 10am AH102: Writing Life Stories   2pm SE4: Orange County Family Justice Center	<b>5</b> 10am SC203: Neuropsychology of Hoarding Disorder   1:30pm AH103: Getting Personal with Shakespeare's Plays 	<b>6</b> 10am LL403: TED Talks: "Ideas Change Everything"   1:30pm AH109: The Folger Shakespeare Library: Legacy of Obsession with the Bard  	<b>7</b>
					<b>8</b> 1pm SE5: Director's Voice I: <i>Noises Off</i> <i>OLLI in Japan</i>
<b>9</b> 10am SE6: Orange County Birds of Prey Center 1:30pm AH106: Giants of the Great American Songbook (Part 3) 	<b>10</b> 10am SS304: Prison Pandemic  1:30pm AH107: Three Intriguing Women Artists  	<b>11</b> 11am AH108: Discovering Your Family History   1:30pm AH105: American Short Stories (Session 1)   <i>OLLI in Japan</i>	<b>12</b> 10am AH110: Around the World with Short Stories   1:30pm AH111: The Journey: Novels About Road Trips   <i>OLLI in Japan</i>	<b>13</b> 10am LL403: TED Talks: "Ideas Change Everything"   <i>OLLI in Japan</i>	<b>14</b> <i>OLLI in Japan</i>
					<b>15</b> <i>OLLI in Japan</i>
<b>16</b> 1:30pm AH106: Giants of the Great American Songbook (Part 3) 	<b>17</b> 10am SS305: How to be an LGBTQ Ally  1:30pm AH107: Three Intriguing Women Artists  	<b>18</b> 10am AH102: Writing Life Stories   11am AH108: Discovering Your Family History   1:30pm SS301: Current Issues Forum   <i>OLLI in Japan</i>	<b>19</b> 10am LL404: Introduction to Duplicate Bridge   1:30pm AH103: Getting Personal with Shakespeare's Plays 	<b>20</b> 10am LL403: TED Talks: "Ideas Change Everything"   <i>OLLI in Japan</i>	<b>21</b> <i>OLLI in Japan</i>
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<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10am SS306: Stories in the Stamps Episode 3: Daniel Boone, The Man or the Myth 	<b>25</b> 11am AH108: Discovering Your Family History   1:30pm AH105: American Short Stories (Session 1)  	<b>26</b> 10am SC204: Space Security Update: Keeping the World Safe  	<b>27</b> 10am LL403: TED Talks: "Ideas Change Everything"   1:30pm SC205: Sex Differences in Aging and Longevity   <i>OLLI in Japan</i>	<b>28</b> <b>3pm: Butterfly Donor Event</b>
					<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 1:30pm AH106: Giants of the Great American Songbook (Part 3) 	<b>31</b> 10am AH104: Film as a Form of Literature   1:30pm AH112: California Melting Pot: Mongolia's History & Culture  				

# Class Calendar April 2026

## APRIL 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday /Sunday
		<b>1</b> 10am AH104: Writing Life Stories   11am AH108: Discovering Your Family History   1:30pm AH113: Positive Philosophy  	<b>2</b> 10am AH110: Around the World with Short Stories   1:30pm AH103: Getting Personal with Shakespeare's Plays   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>3</b> 10am LL403: TED Talks: "Ideas Change Everything"   1:30pm SC206: Curiosity Café: Tech Talks (April Session)   <b>3:30pm: Meet the STEM Team Presenters</b> <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>4</b> <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>
<b>6</b> 1:30pm SC207: Living Well: Increasing Motion through Your Spine   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>7</b> 10am SS308: Looking Back to the Future: Changing Demographics of OC and So Cal   1:30pm SS307: Modern European History: Royal Absolutism   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>8</b> 11am AH108: Discovering Your Family History   1:30pm AH105: American Short Stories (Session 1)   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>9</b> 10am SS309: Working with Memory: Memoir Writing in Dear Queer Self   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>10</b> 10am LL403: TED Talks: "Ideas Change Everything"   1pm SE7: Archives of Chapman University <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>11</b> <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>
<b>13</b> 1:30pm SC208: AI and Breakthroughs in Digestive Medicine   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>14</b> 10am SS307: Modern European History: Royal Absolutism   1:30pm LL405: Getting Acquainted with the American Legion   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>15</b> 10am AH102: Writing Life Stories   1:30pm SS301: Current Issues Forum   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>16</b> 10am AH110: Around the World with Short Stories   1:30pm AH103: Getting Personal with Shakespeare's Plays   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>17</b> 1:30pm SC209: Anthropologic Factors in Infectious Disease   <b>18</b> 11am SE8: <i>Springsteen Transformed: Deliver Me from Nowhere</i>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 1:30pm AH114: American Short Stories (Session 2)   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>21</b> 10am SC210: Living Well: Physical Intimacy After 60   1:30pm SS307: Modern European History: Royal Absolutism   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>22</b> 1:30pm LL406: Steamy Cephalopods   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>23</b> 8am SE9: Estate Planning Workshop Series 1:30pm AH111: The Journey: Novels About Road Trips   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>24</b> 1:30pm SC211: Europa Clipper Mission and the Search for Life   <b>25</b> 10am SE10: Modjeska House	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10am SE11: Orange County Holocaust Museum 1:30pm SS307: Modern European History: Royal Absolutism   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>29</b> 10am AH102: Writing Life Stories   1:30pm LL407: Write ON: A Hands-On, Interactive Opportunity   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>	<b>30</b> 8am SE9: Estate Planning Workshop Series 10am AH110: Around the World with Short Stories   1:30pm AH103: Getting Personal with Shakespeare's Plays   <b>OLLI in Croatia</b>		

# Class Calendar May 2026

## MAY 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday /Sunday
				<b>1</b> 1:30pm AH115: New Swan Shakespeare Festival Preview 	<b>2</b>
<b>4</b> 10am SC212: Nobel Prizes in STEM 2025  1:30pm AH114: American Short Stories (Session 2) 	<b>5</b> 10am AH104: Film as a Form of Literature  1:30pm SC213: Protecting Yourself as a Patient: Part One (Spring Session) 	<b>6</b> 10am SC214: Wearable Technology: How Smart Devices Shape Daily Life  1:30pm AH113: Positive Philosophy 	<b>7</b> 8am SE9: Estate Planning Workshop Series 10am AH110: Around the World with Short Stories  1:30pm AH103: Getting Personal with Shakespeare's Plays 	<b>8</b> 1:30pm SC215: Curiosity Café: Tech Talks (May Session) 	<b>9</b>
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<b>11</b> 1:30pm AH116: Heartland: Painters of the American Midwest 	<b>12</b> 1:30pm SC213: Protecting Yourself as a Patient: Part One (Spring Session) 	<b>13</b> 10am AH102: Writing Life Stories  1:30pm SS301: Current Issues Forum 	<b>14</b> 8am SE9: Estate Planning Workshop Series 1:30pm LL408: Paging All Book Lovers 	<b>15</b> 10am SC216: Medical Applications for 3D Printing 	<b>16</b> SE12: Back Bay Center Walking Tour
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<b>18</b> 11am SE8: <i>Springsteen Transformed: Deliver Me from Nowhere</i> 1:30pm AH114: American Short Stories (Session 2) 	<b>19</b> 10am LL409: Pop Trivia  1:30pm SC213: Protecting Yourself as a Patient: Part One (Spring Session) 	<b>20</b> 1:30pm LL407: Write ON: A Hands-On, Interactive Opportunity 	<b>21</b> 8am SE9: Estate Planning Workshop Series 1:30pm AH111: The Journey: Novels About Road Trips 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>OLLI in Canada</i>
					<b>24</b> <i>OLLI in Canada</i>
<b>25</b>  Memorial Day OLLI Office Closed <i>OLLI in Canada</i>	<b>26</b>  <i>OLLI in Canada</i>	<b>27</b> 10am SS310: The Supreme Court: A Review of Current Cases 	<b>28</b> 8am SE9: Estate Planning Workshop Series  <i>OLLI in Canada</i>	<b>29</b>  <i>OLLI in Canada</i>	<b>30</b>  <i>OLLI in Canada</i>
					<b>31</b> 11pm SE13: Director's Voice II: <i>at the very bottom of a body of water</i> <i>OLLI in Canada</i>

# Class Calendar June 2026

## JUNE 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday /Sunday
<b>1</b> 10am SS311: The 2026 Midterm Elections: A Preview   1:30pm AH114: American Short Stories (Session 2)   <i>OLLI in Canada</i>	<b>2</b> <i>OLLI in Canada</i>	<b>3</b> 10am SS310: The Supreme Court: A Review of Current Cases   1:30pm AH113: Positive Philosophy  	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 11:30am SE14: A Day at the Harbor <b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10am SC217: Breakthroughs in Science 2025  	<b>9</b> 10am AH104: Film as a Form of Literature  	<b>10</b> 10am SS310: The Supreme Court: A Review of Current Cases   <b>12pm: Meet the Presenter</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1:30pm SS301: Current Issues Forum  	<b>18</b> 10am SE15: Annual Member Meeting and Member Appreciation Lunch	<b>19</b> Juneteenth OLLI Office Closed	<b>20</b> <b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>28</b>
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9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Irvine Train Station  
15207 Barranca  
Parkway  
Irvine, CA 92618

**WEBSITE: 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

Our quarterly newsletter will be emailed each Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer, offering an inside look at the OLLI program. Each issue will feature member spotlights, presenter highlights, information on upcoming open special events, and more. It's a great way to stay connected and engaged with everything happening at OLLI at UC Irvine.

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## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OLLI AT UC IRVINE

### SPRING SEMESTER ENROLLMENT

Enrollment opens January 28 at 7:00 AM for online. Phone and mail enrollments will be processed beginning at 9:00 AM.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Spring 2026 semester membership is \$175: February 2026 – June 2026

#### Important Membership Term Update

We are updating our membership term structure to better align with our fiscal year and improve consistency in our planning and reporting processes. Effective Spring 2026, the new membership terms will be:

- **ANNUAL: July – June**
- **SPRING: February – June**
- **FALL: September – January**
- **SUMMER: July – August**

*If you have any questions, please reach out to the OLLI office.*

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.

# 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.

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OLLI EXTRAS ARE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS CREATED AND LED BY MEMBERS

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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).



### 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).



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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

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**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

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**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).

**Make a gift today and stay curious!**

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

January 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025

## BUTTERFLY LEVEL DONORS

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

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



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Anonymous	Stuart & Gretchen Gibson	Robert Penney
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Jeremy Freimund	Jeanette Mitsuhata	Steven Trish
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Danielle Garr	Gary & Kristin Oberts	Tani Welsh
	Barbara O'Connor	Joanne Yeager
		Tamara Zahavi

# OLLI TRAVEL

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

OLLI at UC Irvine has partnered with Premier World Discovery to offer domestic travel experiences! See where we're going in Fall 2026, pick up a brochure in the OLLI lobby.

## MUSIC CITIES - NEW ORLEANS, MEMPHIS & NASHVILLE

October 5, 2026 – 8 Day Tour

### TOUR RATES:

- 蝴蝶 \$3,899 pp double
- 蝴蝶 Single Supplement + \$1,100
- 蝴蝶 20 seats held for OLLI until April 4

### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- 蝴蝶 French Quarter Walking Tour
- 蝴蝶 Café du Monde
- 蝴蝶 New Orleans School of Cooking
- 蝴蝶 New Orleans City Tour
- 蝴蝶 Graceland
- 蝴蝶 Beale Street Dinner
- 蝴蝶 Memphis City Tour
- 蝴蝶 B.B. King Museum
- 蝴蝶 Grand Ole Opry
- 蝴蝶 Nashville City Tour
- 蝴蝶 Country Music Hall of Fame
- 蝴蝶 And More!

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

- 套房 3 Nights – Bienville House Hotel, New Orleans
- 套房 2 Nights – Sheraton Downtown or Westin, Memphis
- 套房 2 Nights – Doubletree Downtown or Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville



### INCLUSIONS:

- 蝴蝶 Roundtrip Airfare – LAX
- 蝴蝶 10 Meals: 7 Breakfast & 3 Dinners
- 蝴蝶 Professional Tour Director
- 蝴蝶 Motorcoach Transportation
- 蝴蝶 Hotel Transfers
- 蝴蝶 Baggage Handling at Hotels

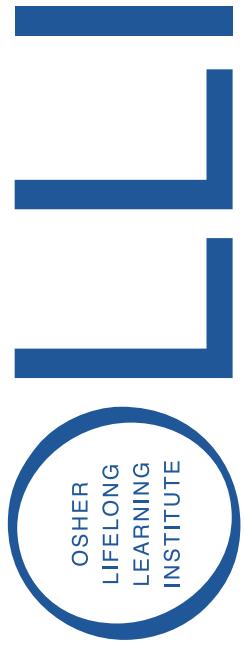
Stay tuned for our exotic plans for Spring 2027. We are planning to offer 2 trips from Collette travel, an African Safari, and a Costa Rica Adventure!

JOIN US on February 23 at 10:00 AM in the OLLI classroom for an informational presentation by Premier World Discovery (register for SE 2).



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