

Spring 2022

April-June



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for adults age 50+



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PALM DESERT CAMPUS

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Learn for the joy of it.

Take non-credit, university-level courses with other mature learners and experience all the joy of learning, but without the grades, tests or homework.

A wide variety of courses are offered each quarter, including topics in the arts and humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. You may also enjoy our educational trips and shared interest groups. OLLI is engaging, interesting and fun!

Membership

- \$50 membership fee for the spring term only, includes a parking permit
- Choose as many courses as you like and pay by the course
- Enjoy a variety of fun events, trips and university activities.
- Most courses are held once a week, for either six or three weeks.
- Is cost a concern? Contact us for more information.



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Osher membership offers you opportunities to:

- **Continue learning:** You're never too old to learn. Explore a wide variety of topics as you engage intellectually, challenge your thinking and build your knowledge.
- **Participate in interesting activities:** Become part of a dynamic learning community that is full of diversity, insight, wisdom and intellectual stimulation. Enjoy lively conversations, share opinions and discover new ideas.
- **Meet new people:** Meet and mingle with mature adults who share your interests and those with very different perspectives. You'll build new and rewarding friendships.

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Locations

Choose courses on both Palm Desert and online via Zoom, all with one low annual membership.

CSUSB Palm Desert Campus 37500 Cook St., Palm Desert

A parking permit is required 24/7 at the Palm Desert Campus and is included with your OLLI membership. Permits will be distributed during the first week of class or can be picked up in the OLLI office. Permits must be displayed at all times while on campus to avoid a citation. Daily parking passes can be purchased from the kiosk in the parking lot for \$6 on weekdays or \$3 on weekends.



Registration

Register early for the best course selection!

Registration Deadline:

April 4 for 3-week courses

May 2 for 6-week courses



Mail (pay by check)
OLLI @ CSUSB
Palm Desert Campus
37-500 Cook St.
Palm Desert CA 92211



Online
(pay by credit or debit card)
osher.csusb.edu

Refunds

Refund requests must be submitted 48 hours prior to the start of the course. If approved, a credit will be issued for a future course in lieu of a cash refund. If there are extenuating circumstances and a refund is approved, a \$25 administrative fee will be deducted from the refund. If a course is canceled by OLLI, you may choose a refund or credit for the full course amount. There is a \$25 fee for all declined credit cards or returned checks.

**Current & New
Members, Refer a
Friend & Receive a
Voucher for 1 Free
course!**



Join us for these interesting member events!

Unless noted, these events are free to OLLI members and a guest.

American Documentary Film Festival Sneak Peek

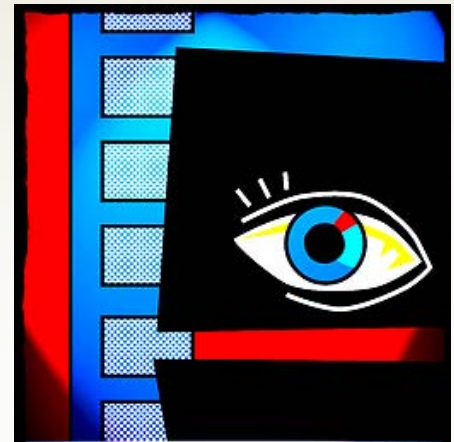
Presenter: **Teddy Grouya, AmDocs director**

Tuesday, March 8

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Oliphant Auditorium

Join us for this special preview just for OLLI members and guests. This insider's sneak peek of the 2022 AmDocs Film Festival will offer an introduction to some of this year's best and most compelling short-subject documentary films from around the world. The festival screens over 250 thought-provoking, entertaining and unforgettable films set across six screens in theaters in Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage and Palm Desert, attracting thousands of visitors over the festival's five-day period. The festival also attracts over 150 filmmakers and industry guests from around the globe. This year's festival promises an equally exciting line-up.



Coffee Hour



Presenter: **CSUSB President, Tomas Morales**

Thursday, March 10

3:00-4:00 p.m.

OLLI Office, Mary Stuart Rogers Gateway Building, Room 109

Join us for these fun, informal gatherings. No program or agenda, just drop in for a cup of coffee and a chat with staff and other OLLI members. Please join us for coffee and some fun, friendly conversations. Enjoy these lively conversations, see some old acquaintances, and make some new friends. We hope to see you. Come discuss campus operations and OLLI with CSUSB's President, Dr. Tomas Morales. Dr. Tomás D. Morales is the fourth president in Cal State San Bernardino history, having been named to the position in 2012. A staunch advocate of empowering student success,

throughout his extensive career as an educator and administrator, he has championed the importance of access to higher education and preparing young people for collegiate success. At CSUSB, President Morales has overseen sustained growth in overall enrollment, the number of degrees awarded, community engagement and university fundraising.

Lunch & Learn: It's More Than Ice Hockey



Presenters: **John Bolton, Acrisure Arena General Manager**
& **Steve Frazer, Firebirds President**
Friday, April 8
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Everything you want to know about our new neighbor, the Acrisure Arena located in the heart of the Coachella Valley at I-10 and Cook Street, on land owned by the H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation. This world-class arena will also be built for music and host the best and biggest names in the music industry on an annual basis. In addition to sports and entertainment, the arena will accommodate conventions, large meetings, international events as well as award shows and exhibitions.

Palm Springs Mid-Century Architecture Bus Tour

Presenter: **Barry Schoenfeld, OLLI director**

Friday, June 17

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Meet at The Home Depot parking lot in Palm Springs

\$35 per person

Come experience Palm Springs mid-century modern architecture with OLLI! Tour picks up at Home Depot lot in Palm Springs. Our first stop is KOFFI for coffee on Tahquitz Canyon Way to get you ready for the three-hour motor coach trip around Palm Springs with photo stops and visits to Historic Mid-Century Modern architecture by Albert Frye, Donald Wexler, Richard Neutra, William Cody, and celebrity locations such as the John Lautner, Bob Hope Home, duBois "Swiss Miss" and Elvis's Honeymoon Hideaway. We end back at the corner of Ramon and Gene Autry for lunch on your own.



Stay Tuned!

Be sure to check your Inside OLLI emails and OLLI's events page on the website for more events throughout the spring!

Learn more: osher.csusb.edu/events

Travel with OLLI!

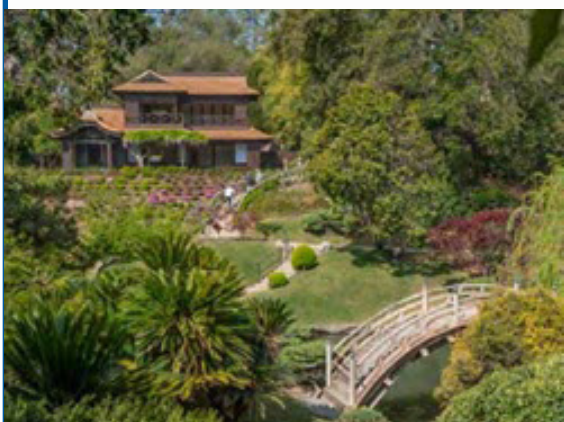
Come and explore some great adventures around Southern California, across the U.S. and abroad. OLLI is the perfect partner to combine your love of learning with your love of travel. Trips are open to current OLLI members and a guest.

Register now for OLLI day trips! • Let's Go Travel! 760-320-3009

Academy Museum of Motion Picture Arts

Wednesday, Mar. 16 • \$110

Join us on a fantastic trip to the newly opened Academy Museum of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences in Los Angeles! Constructed by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, it is devoted to the history, science, and cultural impact of the film industry, and is the first large scale museum of its kind in the United States. The museum offers unparalleled exhibitions and programs illuminating the fascinating world of cinema. The exhibits are immersive & dynamic, and explores the art, technology, artists, history, and social impact of cinema through a variety of diverse and engaging voices.



The Huntington Library, Collections & Gardens

Thursday, April 14 • \$125

It's always a beautiful time to visit the magnificent Huntington, an expansive estate near Pasadena featuring art galleries, a library of rare manuscripts, and 150 acres of one of the world's finest botanical gardens. We'll start with a one-hour guided walking tour of the famous estate and gardens. Then you can explore at your own pace the Huntington mansion gallery, whose treasures of 18th-century British art include the famous Blue Boy and Pinkie paintings. You can visit the conservatory, stroll lush gardens and visit a host of other galleries housing world-class art. Save time to experience the serenity

of the Chinese "Garden of Flowering Fragrance," featuring a 1.5-acre lake bordered by Taihu rocks, hand-carved stone bridges, a stream, and a canyon waterfall. Lunch is on your own at the estate's cafes.

Aquarium of the Pacific

Wednesday, May 4 • \$120

Travel to cool Long Beach for a wonderful adventure! Take a journey of discovery through the world's largest ocean at The Aquarium of the Pacific, which features a collection of over 11,000 animals representing over 500 different species in exhibits ranging in size and capacity from about 5,000 to 350,000 gallons. More than 100 exhibits introduce the inhabitants and seascapes of the Pacific, while also focusing on specific conservation messages associated with each region. The Pacific Ocean is the focus of three major permanent galleries, sunny Southern California and Baja, the frigid waters of the Northern Pacific and the colorful reefs of the Tropical Pacific. Also enjoy the Lorikeet Forest walk-through aviary and penguin habitat.



Learn more: osher.csusb.edu/travel

Register now for this multi-day trip! • Escorted by Sue Anderson!

New England Fall Foliage

Escorted by Sue Anderson

Saturday, October 1-Sunday, October 9, 2022

\$2,299 per person (dbl occup) • Land tour only, air available separately



New England is scenic year-round, but it's spectacular in the fall. Join us for this amazing small group tour that includes breathtaking views of nature's glorious fall palette and lots of fascinating colonial American history. During this tour, our visits include Boston's Old North Church, built in 1723; Plymouth Rock, the traditional site of disembarkation of the Mayflower Pilgrims; a working cranberry farm in Massachusetts; Quechee Gorge,

Vermont's deepest gorge; Cold Hollow Cider Mill, one of New England's top producers of fresh apple cider; a guided tour of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream factory; and the Seashore Trolley Museum, world's oldest and largest museum of mass transit vehicles.

Register now for this amazing international trip!

Canadian Rockies with Victoria & Vancouver

Escorted by Sue Anderson

Call now to reserve: **1-267-585-5100** (booking code 2093172)

September 5-14, 2023 •

10 days/9 nights \$3,595* per person (dbl occup)

Land tour only, air available separately

Join us on for this incredible motorcoach tour that begins with the spectacular Canadian Rockies and spans British Columbia to Victoria and Vancouver. Highlights of this tour include Banff National Park, Lake Louise, Jasper National Park, and Athabasca Glacier. Then we head east to

enjoy the beauty and sites in and around Victoria and Vancouver, including the famous Butchart Gardens and Stanley park. Lots of inclusions at a great price.



Enjoy Travelling with OLLI? Join the Travel Committee

Share your love of travel to help us plan and promote fun, educational trips for our OLLI members. Help us research travel companies and tour options, both far and near, to provide unique learning experiences that meet the interest of our members. For more information contact OLLI director, Angela Allen.

Learn more: osher.csusb.edu/travel

Three-Week Courses

\$30 each

100 Years of Fashion: The History of Fashion & Costume

Nan Turner, BS

Mondays, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

April 11-25

Online via Zoom

This course will explore the vibrant world of fashion and costume, starting with Marie Antoinette and ending in the 1980s (or possibly later). When did fashion begin? Who were the fashion leaders of previous centuries? What is a couturier and who was the first one? How was fashion impacted by World War I and what drives fashion changes in general? This guided illustrated journey will also include discussions on advances in textile technology, production advances, and the changing role of women in society as evidenced by fashion.

About the Instructor

Nan Turner is a fashion designer who has worked in New York City and Paris. She started sewing in elementary school and sold her original creations on consignment in the boutiques of Carmel, CA in the 1970s. Most recently, she taught Fashion Marketing in Paris for UC Davis Study Abroad. Her book, *Clothing Goes To War: Creatively Inspired by Scarcity in World War II*, will be published in March 2022.

Poetry in Social Context: Black, Brown & Lavender

Lorenzo Taylor, BA

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

April 12-26

Online via Zoom

April is National Poetry Month. This course will examine the lives and poetry of three writers each week: one African American, one Latino, and one LGBTQ. Come hear their poems read in their own words as they reflect on their unique cultural perspectives and what inspired them to write. Some of the poets will include Black writers such as Dunbar, Hughes, and Angelou; Latino poets Neruda, DeBurgos, and Herrera; and LGBTQ

poets Ginsburg, Lorde, and Hemphill. The final class will explore the works of Richard Blanco, a gay Latino who was national poet laureate in 2013.

About the Instructor

Lorenzo Taylor was born in Birmingham, Alabama and was a witness to the civil rights movement of the 1960s. He has studied African American history and international affairs at the University of Michigan and Georgetown University. He worked for Walter Mondale while getting a master's degree in public affairs at the Hubert Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota. He is retired after a career in public health policy and intercultural exchange with the federal government. He is also a published fiction writer and playwright.

Introduction to the Enneagram

Mary Melbo, PhD

Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 12-26

In person at the CSUSB Palm Desert Campus

The Enneagram is a system of nine personality types that has been in existence for millennia. It focuses on the question of what drives or motivates each individual. This course will define the Enneagram as a psychological and spiritual system, and will explore the three centers of intelligence: body, heart, and head. We will discuss the nine personality types and their interaction, and identify each type's strengths and weaknesses. You will leave this course with tools and practices for self-improvement, a greater empathy and understanding for others, and ultimately the ability to be more present in your own life.

About the Instructor

Mary received her PhD in counseling psychology from the University of Minnesota and is currently a psychologist emeritus. She has worked as an executive coach for over 20 years, focusing on developing strong leadership skills for corporate and non-profit executives. Dr. Melbo has also served as a human resources executive for two financial service organizations and is a certified Enneagram instructor. She resides in Palm Springs during the winter months.

Strauss, Steiff, Benz: Three German Innovators

Anette Isaccs, MA

Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

April 12-26

Online via Zoom

Almost everybody has worn a pair of Levi's jeans at some point or cuddled a cute teddy bear or dreamed of one day owning a gorgeous Mercedes Benz. All of these iconic products were created by Germans in the 19th century who used their marvelous business sense and German ingenuity to leave a long-lasting impact on our world. This course takes a fascinating look at the lives and times of Levi Strauss, Margarethe Steiff, the inventor of the teddy bear, and Bertha Benz who was the first human being ever to drive an internal-combustion-engine automobile over a long distance.

About the Instructor

Anette is a German historian and public educator who has been presenting hundreds of programs on more than 30 different topics pertaining to her native country's history, politics, and culture. Ms. Isaccs holds master's degrees in American studies, political science, and history, and is an adjunct faculty member at the lifelong learning departments of five community colleges and universities in Illinois. She is also a popular instructor at Florida Atlantic University's OLLI in Boca Raton.

Questions in Health & Nutrition: What You Should Know

Fred Abramson, PhD

Wednesdays, 10:00-12:00 p.m.

April 13-27

This hybrid course will meet in person at the CSUSB Palm Desert Campus and online via Zoom

This course will examine various contemporary questions such as: Is physical therapy worth your time or money? How effective is Coenzyme Q10 in preventing muscle pain from statins? Is taking statins worth the effort and cost? What is the value of regular dental exams? Is coffee (or tea) good for you or bad for you? Is there such a thing as Chinese restaurant syndrome or MSG sensitivity?

How bad is fructose or gluten? What's new about fish oil's benefits and what nutritional supplements you should be taking (or not)? For each topic, the background, discoveries, and evaluation of risks and benefits will be presented.

About the Instructor

Dr. Abramson received his BS in chemistry from Western Reserve University in 1962 and his PhD in chemistry from The Ohio State University in 1965. After two years of postdoctoral experience and five years in industry, he joined the pharmacology department at the George Washington University School of Medicine in 1972 and retired after 31 years on the faculty. He holds a long-term interest in transmitting science to the general population. He and his wife Judy live in La Quinta.

Desert Discovery

Kerry Berman

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

April 13-27

In person at the CSUSB Palm Desert Campus

This course will cover the creation of the Sonoran Desert 150 million years ago and the geological activity that followed. It will also cover the struggles and challenges that the Native American Cahuillas faced and how this harsh desert environment was tamed by the pioneers, culminating in one of the most famous vacation destinations in the world. Today, our desert is a unique environment that may be referred to as the renewable energy capital of North America, with the presence of wind, sun, hydro, biomass, and geothermal alternatives. Discover why this is paradise found.

About the Instructor

Kerry is a retired real estate broker and mortgage banker. He moved to Palm Springs in 1973 after serving in the Marine Corps in Vietnam as a tunnel rat. Playing tennis every day lost its luster and a friend mentioned the tour business. Now 10 years later, Kerry is considered one of the most knowledgeable certified interpretive guides in the desert. He teaches geology for the Living Desert University, is a hike leader for Friends of the Desert Mountains, and takes seniors and students on tours throughout the Coachella Valley, in addition to giving private tours.

Meditation & the Western Mind

Rhonda Shirley, DD

Thursdays, 10:00-12:00 p.m.

April 14-28

Online via Zoom

Treat yourself to an intriguing course that will cover various types of meditation as presented by three specific branches of Eastern Religion: Taoism, Zen, and Tibetan Buddhism. Learn how to use Taoist techniques to bring order to your life, Zen methodology to remain in the present moment, and Tibetan Buddhism to enrich your existence with compassion. This course is taught by a 9/11 survivor, who utilized these methods to attain wholeness after the experience. Come learn how to improve your life and attitude in only a few weeks!

About the Instructor

Rhonda is a writer, abstract artist, and nondenominational crisis counselor. A former journalist, her background includes two decades of comparative religion research, including attending a week of classes with the 14th Dalai Lama in 2010. She is also the former Outreach Director for PoweringPotential.org, a nonprofit dedicated to installing solar powered computer labs in rural Tanzania, Africa and the Peruvian Amazon. Dr. Magdelene currently creates meditative art & ghostwrites for a private client base through her venture Ambria Arts.

The Tao by Lao Tsu

Adam Cavnar, MAT, MeD

Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 14-28

In person on the CSUSB Palm Desert Campus

The Tao by Lao Tsu is a timeless classic. It can be read in an hour. It can be read for a lifetime. The Tao provides a metaphysical description about "what is" and a practical prescription about how to live one's life. This course will apply a thematic approach to the text in order to see the broad differences between Eastern and Western thought as well as the simple nuances within a single stanza. Small group investigations will be used to help synthesize ideas.

About the Instructor

Adam's interest and passion for all things philosophic pushed him to a BA in Philosophy from Rutgers University and an M.A.T. in Philosophy for Children. His career in education brought him to urban high schools, junior colleges, doing school interventions, and administration in a large country day school. Adam believes that "Philosophy is not so much of a thing to do as it is a way to do things." He enjoys playing the piano, bicycling, and trying to keep up with his wife.

Current Events Discussion Group

Lara Bloomquist

Fridays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

April 15-29

Online via Zoom

You have a right to your opinion about the news and this is the course to express it. Or, you can sit back and listen to others voice their thoughts. Each week the class covers the hot topics of the day based on articles from *The New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New Yorker*, *The New Republic*, *The Economist*, *Time* magazine and many more. You will be alerted in advance of class which articles will drive the week's discussions. All thoughtfully delivered points of view are encouraged and will be respected because different opinions spark engaging discussions.

About the Instructor

As an attorney, former prosecutor, and criminal justice instructor, Lara has had a long professional and personal interest in civic and social issues. She headed the Domestic Violence Division of the Los Angeles City Attorney's office, was named Woman Prosecutor of the Year by the League of Women Prosecutors, and was selected by the L.A. County Bar Association to be the recipient of their Prosecutor of the Year award. Lara has been active in many of the social, political, and judicial issues that drive today's news.



Love Your Enemy: How to Have More Frenemies

Arlette Poland, JD, PhD

Fridays, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 15- 29

In person on the CSUSB Palm Desert Campus

Can you turn your so-called enemy into your frenemy? A frenemy is someone with whom one is friendly despite a fundamental dislike or rivalry. Can you communicate with your enemy in a kind way while standing your ground? This course intends to help you say "yes" to both of these questions.

Come learn useful tools to empower your best and kindest self in some of the most precarious situations imaginable. Want to be part of the recovery towards a kinder world? That is the aim of this course.

About the Instructor

Dr. Poland is a retired lawyer turned theologian and professor. She holds a BS in political science from UC Berkeley, a MA in religion from Claremont School of Theology, a MA in ethical leadership from Claremont Lincoln University, a JD from San Francisco Law School, and a PhD in philosophy of religion from Claremont Graduate University. She has been teaching at the college level since 1999 and lecturing with OLLI since 2005. Her areas of specialty based on her Ph.D. include Buddhism, Judaism, science and religion, and world religions.

Six-Week Courses

\$50 each

Music, Noise, or a Little of Both

Harry Nugent-Patten, MA

Mondays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

May 9-June 20

**No class on May 30, Memorial Day
In person on the CSUSB Palm Desert Campus**

This music appreciation course will be a solution for welcoming non-music majors to the art of listening to classical music. There will be a focus on learning the elements of music, fostering a unique path to listening and understanding. Through a step-by-step guidance come learn the elements of music, as well as listen to a number of selections for a better understanding of the musical experience. This course will equip you with the language, tools, and listening skills required to sustain an enthusiasm for music.

About the Instructor

Harry Nugent-Patten has a Bachelor degree in Music Education and a Masters in Secondary Education and Educational Administration. Harry was an instrumental music teacher in inner city Detroit for 21 years and a professional musician for 25 years. He performed with many accomplished musicians such as Aretha Franklin and Tony Bennett. He has also played many Broadway shows at Detroit's Fischer and Masonic Temple Theaters, doing multi-month runs of shows like *West Side Story*, *Phantom of the Opera*, and many others.

World War I & the Origins of the 20th Century

Jared Day, PhD

Mondays, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

May 9-June 20

**No class on May 30, Memorial Day
Online via Zoom**

This course will provide an overview of one of the twentieth century's most formative events: World War I. World War I fundamentally altered the direction of world history and the peoples of the world have been sorting out the myriad problems left from its unresolved traumas, cultural and political shocks, and new forms of thought spawned by it. Examine the causes of the conflict, the experience of the average soldiers, and the war's long-term legacies

About the Instructor

Jared taught American history at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh for sixteen years. His areas of specialization are U.S. political, urban, and cultural history as well as world history from the fifteenth century to the present. He is the author of several books along with numerous other popular and peer-reviewed articles. He now teaches at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, CT.

New World Wines: The Rest of the New World

Shawn Richcreek

Mondays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

May 9-June 20

**No class on May 30, Memorial Day
Online via Zoom**

Fantastic wine is being made all over the world today, from China to Canada and from New York to New Zealand. This course will explore the culture, geography, production techniques, laws, and quality standards that are being developed in some of the world's newest and most exciting wine growing regions. This fun, entertaining course will cover the wines, grapes, and growing regions of Canada, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States (except California...that's a whole other class!). Wine lists will be sent prior to each class meeting so you can enjoy wine relevant to the evening's class.

About the Instructor

Shawn Richcreek is currently the Regional Business Partner for Sales and Service on the West Coast, for Total Wine & More,



supporting 60+ locations. Prior to Joining Total Wine & More, Shawn worked for 13 years for Beverages & More where he was the Director of Training for their retail stores. Prior to that, Shawn was the Southern California wine buyer for Cost Plus World Market and has worked on the retail side of the Wine and Spirits business in Southern California for more than 25 years.

Strangers in a Strange Land: The Foreigner in Japan in Film

Butch Epps, MFA

Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

May 10-June 14

Online via Zoom

This course focuses on how American film productions present East-West relations in stories about the western foreigner in Japan and the attendant obstacles of assimilation. At the least, it is a contrast of values and, at worst, open conflict of varying degrees. Our theme will work its way backwards in time through six films that range from modern Japan to the Meiji period of the late 19th century as follows: *Lost in Translation*, *The Yakuza*, *Sayonara*, *Emperor*, *Bridge on the River Kwai*, and *The Last Samurai*. Substitutions could be made depending upon streaming availability of films at time of class. We will meet online via Zoom for an introduction of each film, then you rent and watch the film independently via the streaming service of your choice. After the film, rejoin us for an open discussion of each film's topic and depiction of the issues. While it is not unusual that class discussion may run longer than scheduled time for class, in the case of films with long running times, class will run to 4:30 pm. Class will be informed during first session when this would be the case. Additional film rental fees are not included; approximately \$25 for all six films.

About the Instructor

Butch received his MFA degree from the UCLA Department of Film and Television's Independent Producers Program where he focused on story development and working with screenwriters. He served as the academic liaison to high profile professional faculty, including studio heads, development executives, and others. Since stepping away from the day-to-day rigors of the film industry, Butch has been teaching film appreciation

courses while developing a book on Orson Welles's Mercury Production of *Citizen Kane*.

Something Happening Here: The Vietnam Era Through Short Fiction

Robert Weibezahl, MA

Wednesdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

May 11-June 15

Online via Zoom

Combat on the ground, student protests at home, families torn apart, the trauma of returning Vets, refugees making new lives—the war in Vietnam was a divisive period that rocked and shaped a generation. This course will look at the many experiences of this turbulent period through the prism of short fiction by American and Vietnamese writers, both male and female, and explore how they document and make sense of the historic and emotional truths of a controversial time. Students will be sent stories in advance of class sessions, then engage in lively discussions about their messages and interconnections.

About the Instructor

Robert is a writer, editor, cultural critic, and publishing industry veteran who has worked with Nobel laureates, Pulitzer Prize winners, and countless bestselling authors. The author of two novels and two award-nominated non-fiction books, as well as short stories and poems, he writes a monthly literary column for *BookPage*. As an internationally-produced playwright, he also has worked in theatre and film production. A lifelong learner himself, Weibezahl has a MA in humanities, a BA in English, and an AA in music.

Mid-Century Architects of the Desert

Barry Schoenfeld, BS

Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

May 12-June 16

Online via Zoom

In the 1950s through 1970s, Palm Springs embraced Mid-City Modern architecture in a big way, building almost 3000 structures. It became a hidden jewel of Mid-Century homes with more still standing today than anywhere else in the world. This course will integrate archival photos, footage, short films, and architectural documents to discuss the who, what, when, where, and why of

Palm Springs Mid-Century architecture. Learn more about architects E. Stewart Williams, Richard Neutra, John Lautner, Donald Wexler, Albert Frey, Bill Krisel, and William Cody while also learning more about the history of Palm Springs.

About the Instructor

Barry has had a lifelong interest & attraction to architecture, and after visiting dozens and dozens of Frank Lloyd Wright buildings all over the country, he bought a 1963 home in Los Angeles designed by a student of Richard Neutra, who was in turn, a student of Frank Lloyd Wright. After moving to Palm Springs, he bought a 1962 "Alexander Home", and turned his attention to the wealth of Mid Century Modern architecture in the Coachella Valley. He has led private tours of many of these commercial & residential buildings for over five years, while studying the history of architects in depth.

Join OLLI & Barry on June 17 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. for the OLLI event, Palm Springs Mid-Century Architecture Bus Tour! Registration is required.

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Shared Interest Groups

Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) are free, peer-facilitated discussion groups that foster fellowship and active learning. They are open to current OLLI members and meet throughout the year, so you can participate as your schedule allows. Sign up on the enclosed registration form or on our website to get started. Don't see a group that interests you? Contact us at 909-537-8270 to discuss your ideas.

Book Club

Are you a reader? Are you ready to take the next step and engage in fun and stimulating conversations about the books you've read? Join the OLLI Book Club. We will meet once a month at a time and place that works for all of us. We'll agree on which book(s) we will read and then get together to discuss them. Members of the group will take turns volunteering to lead the discussion. Books may be any genre, vintage, or subject that the group wants to explore.

Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m.

Coordinator: **Shelley Mitchell**

707-496-8689 **or** shelleydmitchell@gmail.com

Gentle Yoga

Learn simple ways to effectively move your body without pain to regain flexibility, strength, endurance, focus, and concentration. There will be an emphasis on correct alignment linked with breathing techniques. Gentle yoga is appropriate for all fitness levels. All yoga poses can be modified depending on your level of fitness, even if you have hip, knee, or shoulder limitations. Please bring your own yoga mat and a small towel. Wear loose, comfortable clothes. Prepare to feel better in your body!

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m.

Coordinator: **Luciana LoPresto**

Yogatrips@mac.com



There are many ways to get involved with OLLI.

In addition to taking fascinating courses and participating in fun events, many of our members also volunteer. There are lots of flexible options to share your time and talents in a way that meets your interests and schedule. We rely on the active engagement and leadership of our members. Please consider where you might fit in.



Ambassadors

This is a great role for those who love to socialize and meet new people. Tasks include greeting members, taking attendance, and addressing other needs of the class.

Curriculum

At the core of our Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is curriculum planning. As a member of this committee, you will help recruit instructors, solicit course proposals, and assist with the selection and scheduling of OLLI courses.

Development

A sustainable OLLI requires resources beyond what we collect from membership and course fees. Assist with the planning and implementation of fundraising initiatives to help OLLI continue to grow and thrive.

Marketing

Share your enthusiasm about OLLI with others. This committee plans and coordinates activities to spread the word about OLLI and attract new members.

Membership

The focus of this committee is to make all OLLI members feel welcome and engaged. This group plans and delivers fun programs to keep our members coming back for more.

Shared Interest Groups

Maybe you'd like to coordinate a discussion group to explore a subject at a deeper level. As an interest group coordinator, you can determine the discussion platform, meeting frequency and location. Training and support are provided to help you get started.

Teach

The ultimate volunteer experience! If you are current or retired faculty, or have an area of expertise that you are passionate about, let's talk. We're always interested in offering new courses. The first step is to submit a course proposal and your resume.

Travel

Share your love of travel to help us plan and promote fun, educational trips for our OLLI members. Help us research travel companies and tour options, both far and near, to provide unique learning experiences that meet the interests of our members.

Make the OLLI Legacy YOUR Legacy

Your Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is a financially self-supporting program that does not receive any state funding. Membership fees and endowment interest are our largest sources of revenue, but they still don't cover our full operating costs. We rely on the generosity of our members to keep the program thriving and affordable. Making a financial gift is one way to appreciate the impact OLLI has had on your life in retirement. Your gift will help ensure the long-term sustainability of the enriching educational and social programming that touches the lives of so many seniors throughout the Coachella Valley. Please consider a gift to OLLI at a level that is comfortable for you.

You can help ensure that OLLI has:

- the capacity to expand and adjust to changing needs
- the staff to provide a high level of service for all members and instructors
- the space and means to serve lifelong learners throughout the Coachella Valley
- the resources to be innovative and entrepreneurial, whatever the economic climate



"We support OLLI because it enriches our lives through exposure to new subjects, journeys to new places, making new friends, gaining new knowledge, and developing new skills. We want to ensure this opportunity continues."

Betty Baxter, EdD (OLLI member since 2003)
Cash Baxter (OLLI instructor since 2004)

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■ Wills, Trusts & Retirement Accounts

One of the simplest ways to provide a charitable legacy is through your will or trust. Life insurance policies, investment accounts, and retirement accounts can also be used to create your charitable legacy. You select the specific amount or percentage, and you maintain the ability to change or revoke the gift throughout your lifetime. This option is the easiest and most flexible.

■ Stocks

Typically, you select the stock to be gifted at its appreciated value and make an outright gift through a transfer of shares. You can minimize or eliminate taxes on capital gains, and in most cases, you can deduct the full amount of the fair market value of the stock as a donation.

■ Annuities

In exchange for your annuity gift, you will receive a fixed, periodic payment for life, sometimes at a higher payout than other investment options. A portion of the distributions may be tax-free or taxed at a more favorable rate. Annuities often provide an immediate federal income tax deduction for a portion of the gift.

■ Charitable Remainder Trusts

A charitable remainder trust allows you to receive an income now through fixed, periodic payments. At the termination of the trust, the remainder is transferred to OLLI at CSUSB. This type of trust can eliminate taxes on capital gains, plus you can select the payout rate and duration of the trust.



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