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Message From The Director

CSUSB OLLI Director, Angela Allen



As we are coming out of COVID isolation, experts agree that keeping physically active and socially engaged is vital for recovering our mental and physical health. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at CSUSB offers the perfect combination of in-person socialization and stimulating classes. At OLLI, there are no exams or grades and reading is always optional. Our Spring 23 semester at the CSUSB Palm Desert campus on Cook Street offers 3-Week and 6-Week courses that will stimulate your mind, body and soul. Membership has been discounted to \$50 for the remainder of the term and gives you access to many free speaker events as well as fairly priced courses and fun, educational travel! There are a variety options such as in-person on our campus, on-line via Zoom, or hybrid classes where you can choose between the two. The Spring semester begins April 10th and runs through June 19th 2023. *Stay curious!*

"Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death." — Albert Einstein

More information and course details are on our website CSUSB.EDU/OLLI or by or calling 909-537-8121. Discounted Annual membership is just \$50.00 and includes a campus parking permit.

Angela Allen, Director angela.allen@csusb.edu
20 years working in non-profit industry as a director.
This is Angela's second year as director of OLLI.

Membership

- Now only \$50! Annual membership includes a parking permit.
- Choose as many courses as you like and pay by the course
- Free Olli and campus speaking events.
- Enjoy a variety of fun educational day trips.
- Most courses are held once a week, for either six or three weeks.
- Is cost a concern? Contact us for more information.



Membership in OLLI at CSUSB, Palm Desert Matters. Here, we invite you to delve into subjects you may have been interested in for years but simply didn't have time to study.



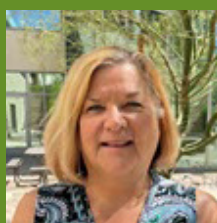
OLLI ON THE GO! Going out of town? That's ok! Take OLLI with you. Many classes are hybrid; come when you can and zoom the rest! Most courses will be recorded and are available upon request.

Meet the OLLI Staff



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Locations

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 7 for 3-week courses

May 5 for 6-week courses



Mail (pay by check)

OLLI @ CSUSB
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Online

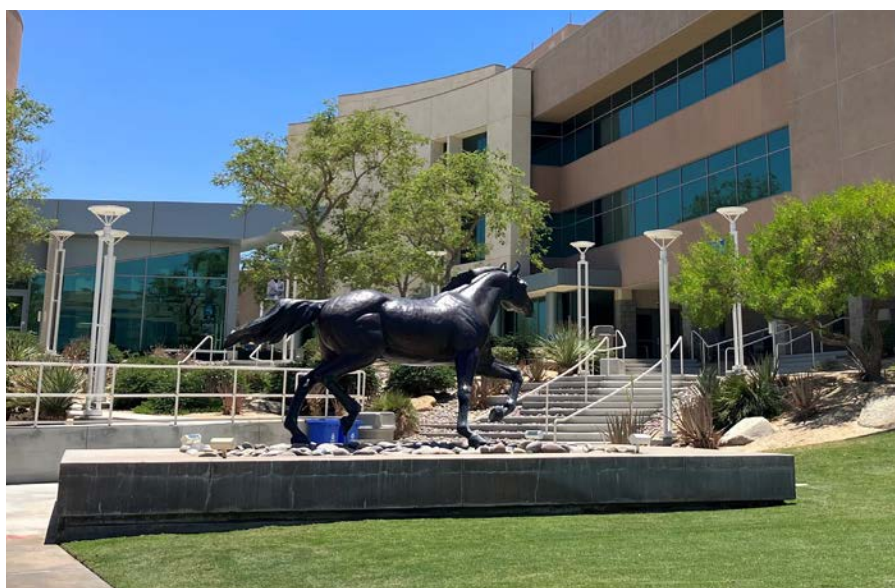
(pay by credit or debit card)
osher.csusb.edu

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.

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There are many ways to get involved with OLLI...Volunteer

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. Your commitment to the growth of our Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is truly appreciated.

Contact Lydia at 909-537-8121 or lydia.petrie@csusb.edu



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

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.

Tech Host

Are you tech savvy? As a tech host, you can help facilitate our online and hybrid courses. Training and support are provided to help you get started.

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.

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 our website to get started.



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 in-person or online. 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 Wed. of each month from 4-5:30 p.m at the OLLI office, RG 109. This class is ongoing.
Coordinator: **Shelley Mitchell** Contact: 707-496-8689 or shelleydmitchell@gmail.com

START YOUR OWN SHARED INTEREST GROUP

If you have a hidden talent to share, share it with OLLI. Are you great at playing Bridge? Or Bunko? Or are you passionate about a specific topic? Share your skills or knowledge by leading a special interest group, contact Angela at angela.allen@csusb.edu. We'd love to share your interest with our OLLI MEMBERS!

SAGES & SEEKERS - PILOT PROGRAM



Coming to OLLI CSUSB Palm Desert Campus Fall 2023!

Sages and Seekers is a groundbreaking program designed to stimulate intergenerational relationships between OLLI Members (Sages) and CSUSB Students (Seekers). Amanda Reigle, a student majoring in Relational and Organizational Communication at CSUSB, has been assigned as the student program coordinator to prepare and launch the Sages and Seekers program through the OLLI office at the Palm Desert campus. A steering committee of OLLI members has been assembled to offer counsel. With the approval of CSUSB Dean Jake Zhu PhD., and the expressed support of the university's Communication Department, the program is scheduled to launch during the FALL 2023 semester. Select CSUSB students (Seekers) will have the opportunity to enroll in a 15-week independent study course where they will earn 3 credits towards their degree. Participating Olli members (Sages) will commit to meeting in-person for 9 of those 15 weeks and be assigned to one Seeker to have impactful one-on-one discussions. There is a reportable amount of statistical evidence proving that this specific program positively affects participants. Our Sages and Seekers steering committee has collectively decided to utilize the Fall 2023 launch of the program as a vehicle for further research seeking to better understand the concept of "loneliness" across generations.

Please contact OLLI if you are interested in becoming a Sage or researching loneliness. Space is limited!



Behind the Pink Walls

Presenter: Elizabeth Haertel

Date: Thursday, April 6

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Location: The Oliphant Auditorium

Free, Open to the public

Register on online or on our email at olli@csusb.edu Subject Line: Pink

Elizabeth Haertel knows what really happens behind the pink walls of Sunnylands. Working for Ambassador and Madam Annenberg for over 14 years at their Rancho Mirage Estate, she has humorous and charming memories to share. Elizabeth opens her personal scrapbook of never before seen photos and private interactions with royalty, presidents and world leaders who frequented the home. She also shares a peak behind the estate's daily workings at this private gathering place for the world's elite. Join us as Elizabeth shares her personal experiences and answer our questions about life behind the pink walls.



Tracking Glacial Retreat Around the Globe!

Presenter: Dr. Claire Todd

Date: Friday, April 7

Time: 10 AM - 11 AM

Location: On Campus & On-Line via Zoom

Register online or on our email at olli@csusb.edu Subject Line: Glacier

Join Dr. Claire Todd as she shares glacial geologic research from multiple locations, including the Transantarctic Mountains and Mount Rainier National Park in Washington State. You'll learn about different field experiences and research techniques for tracking glacier change across annual to millennial timescales. We'll compare these case studies to observations of widespread glacial retreat around the globe.



Louis Sullivan: The Struggle for American Architecture - A Feature-Length Documentary Film

Presenter: Butch Epps

Date: Tuesday, April 11

Time: 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: The Oliphant Auditorium

Free, Open to the public

Register online or our email at olli@csusb.edu Subject Line: Sullivan

Louis Sullivan (1856-1924) is known by historians as the "father of the skyscraper" and creator of the iconic phrase, "form follows function" at the height of his profession in 1890. Then a series of setbacks plunged Sullivan into destitute obscurity from which he never fully recovered. Yet his persistent belief in the power of his ideas created some of America's most beautiful buildings, and inspired Sullivan's protégé, Frank Lloyd Wright, to fulfill his own dream of a truly American style of architecture. A brief discussion will follow the screening of this documentary.

Butch Epps has 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 also served as the academic liaison to high profile professional faculty, including studio heads, development executives, and others. Butch has taught over 30 film appreciation courses in the Coachella Valley over the past 9 years while developing a book - his magnum opus - on Orson Welles's Mercury Production of Citizen Kane.



Save the Date:

CSUSB Student ShowCASE -

Hosted by CSUSB students and faculty

Wednesday, May 10, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

CSUSB Palm Desert Campus and

Our OLLI Offices RG109 ART SHOW & RECEPTION

An Exhibit and Silent Auction of a selected painting from our illustrious Art Instructors here at OLLI CSUSB; Cash Baxter, Arlette Poland and Jack Flannigan.

Wine & Cheese reception for all our members!

Mindful Conversation: A Practice for Life

Presenter: Peter Gibb

Date: Thursday, April 13

Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: On-Line via Zoom

Free to OLLI members

Register online or at our email at olli@csusb.edu Subject Line: Life

Don't confuse talk with conversation. Mindful Conversation, a unique, powerful approach to speaking authentically and connecting deeply with others, could be "the most important life skill that you never studied in school". Whether you see yourself as introverted or extroverted, if you experience stress in conversation, or are dissatisfied with your level of connection or self-expression, this practical, inspiring, and fun Zoom event could be for you. Learn how to speak so others want to listen, and listen so others want to connect with you. Whether with children or grandchildren, a spouse, friends, colleagues, a boss or strangers, mindful conversation will help you find the confidence and skill to be fully you. All attendees eligible for a free book drawing.

Presenter: Peter Gibb is the Award-winning author of Mindful Conversation: Speak Openly, Connect Deeply, Live Joyously, also a sought-after speaker and coach. Peter has spent 25 years speaking, teaching and writing about Mindful Conversation, presented on 4 continents and in 3 languages.



The Inflation Reduction Act: The Green New Deal in disguise?

Presenter: Scott McKnight

Date: Thursday, April 13

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: On-Line via Zoom

OLLI members only, \$10 registration fee via our website

Big industrial policy is back, baby! The recently passed Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) is America's attempt to drastically reduce its carbon footprint while also boosting industries in the unfolding green revolution. This one-part lecture will address what is the Inflation Reduction Act and why now, while delving into bigger efforts of stimulating innovation and making America more competitive as the global economy moves down a less carbon-intensive path.

Scott McKnight is currently a research associate and lecturer at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs. His research examines the political economy of innovation and energy with a particular focus on China. His doctoral work focused on the comparative political economy of oil. McKnight holds a PhD from the University of Toronto and a Master's Degree in International Relations from China's Renmin University, where he also worked as a lecturer. He is fluent in Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese and French.



GREEN NEW DEAL

Demystifying Hypnosis

Presenter: Kevin Richardson PhD

Date: Thursday, May 4

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Location: On Campus

Free to OLLI Members

Register online or at our email at olli@csusb.edu Subject Line: Mystery

Join Dr. Richardson as he explains the benefits of hypnotherapy and how it can help create better habits. Hypnotherapy can be used to help control your pain, help you stop smoking, manage your weight and improve your life. Come demystify hypnosis and learn how hypnotherapy is a gift for a better you.

Dr. Kevin Richardson is a retired Occupational Therapist working 40+ years with the geriatric population. Dr. Richardson developed a focused interest in teaching fall prevention techniques following the death of three family members because of their falls. While practicing as an Occupational Therapist, Dr. Richardson was also a Certified Aging in Place Specialist through the American Builders Association and Home Modification Specialist through University of Southern California. Dr. Richardson brings an expertise in functioning safely within the home environment.



SPRING 2023 Three Week Courses

In-Person, Zoom and Hybrid Classes

How to Think Like an Economist

Instructor: Jane Johnson, M.A.

Dates: 04/10 – 04/24 MONDAYS

Times: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: ZOOM



Course Description

Join Jane Johnson as she teaches you how to cultivate an analytic mindset.

This course shows how powerful tools used by economists shed light on current events and human behavior. We will discuss how economic principles apply to examples from everyday life. Economists utilize a “tool kit” to analyze real-world situations and predict behavioral outcomes. This course will introduce participants to some of these important concepts---opportunity cost, the law of supply and demand, price floors and price ceilings, the law of unintended consequences, subsidies and taxes, present value, and several other strategies.

About the Instructor

Jane Johnson taught economics and statistics for 15 years at two collegiate institutions in the Seattle area before retiring several years ago. Her extensive managerial and professional experience includes over thirty years' employment with organizations as diverse as H&R Block, the University of Washington, Central Washington University, Shoreline Community College, New York State government, the Federal government and George Washington University. She particularly delights in analyzing and explaining technical, tax, economic, financial, and public policy.

Bridging the Divide: An Introduction to LGBTQ+ Studies

Instructor: Jenny Rain, B.A., M.A.

Dates: 04/10 – 04/24 MONDAYS

Times: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Location: HYBRID – ON CAMPUS & ZOOM



Course Description

LGBTQ+, do you know what all those letters mean? What about the different personal pronouns? Bridging the Divide: An Introduction to LGBTQ+ Studies is an engaging 3-week curriculum that will invite participants to explore transformations within gender presentation, identity, and sexual orientation exemplified in the growth of the LGBTQ+ community since the early 1970's; changes not always easily understood by many.

About the Instructor

Jenny Rain has 30+ years of training, coaching, and consulting experience. She is a business & relationship coach, a published author, “Raised by Unicorns: Stories from People with LGBTQ+ Parents,” and was a Board Member for One Million Kids for Equality. Jenny is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Pacifica Graduate Institute. She received her B.A. from University of Iowa in 1992 with a Major in English and a Minor in Communications. She received her M.A. from Mercer University in 2011.

Defying Congressional Intent: The Supreme Court and Reconstruction

Instructor: John Montoya, J.D.

Dates: 04/11 – 04/25 TUESDAYS

Times: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: HYBRID – ON CAMPUS & ZOOM



Course Description

Delve into the U.S. Supreme Court's early interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment, granting citizenship to all persons "born or naturalized in the United States," including formerly enslaved people, and provided all citizens with "equal protection under the laws," and includes the 1870 Enforcement Act. In particular, this course looks at the Congressional intent behind each and compares this intent to the Court's conclusions. Several leading cases of the era will be discussed, each followed by an assessment of Court outcomes on civil rights and the rise of Jim Crow laws. s.

About the Instructor

John Montoya is retired lawyer from Seattle, now living in Rancho Mirage. He litigated complex employment discrimination and served for seven years as Deputy Director of the Seattle District Office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. John worked several years in different capacities at the National Labor Relations Board in San Francisco and taught evening classes in labor relations, collective bargaining, and certain human resources topics at Central Washington University (Seattle campus).y.

Rhythm & Jews: Anecdotes and Stories of Jazz and Blues

Instructor: Emanuel Abramovits, M.B.A.

Dates: 04/11 – 04/25 TUESDAYS

Times: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Location: ZOOM



Course Description

Discover the legacy of the most relevant performers, producers, record labels and venues in the history of Jazz and Blues. We'll discuss how minorities in America transformed the industry of entertainment and popular culture with names like George Gershwin, Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, Norman, Granz, Doc Pomus, Stan Getz, Al Kooper, Mike Bloomfield, Kenny G and many more. Minorities in America combined to transform, not only the music of the 20th century, but the whole industry of entertainment and popular culture.

About the Instructor

Emanuel Abramovits has been a concert promoter since 2000, directly involved in many concerts by international artists, like Itzhak Perlman, Gustavo Dudamel, Sarah Brightman, Roger Hodgson, ASIA, Journey, Kenny G and many more. Designed and staged many original orchestral events, including an Event of the Year winner and several world premieres. He served as the Cultural Director at UNION ISRAELITA DE CARACAS from 2008 to 2019, releasing books, organizing film cycles, concerts and art exhibits. He has been consistently teaching online and in presence across the US since 2020.

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Goddesses & Western Feminism

Instructor: Rhonda Magdelene

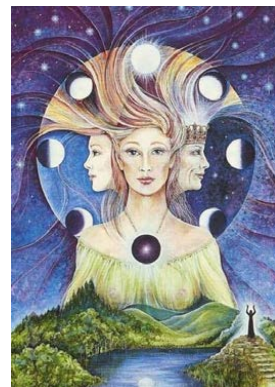
Dates: 04/12 – 04/26 WEDNESDAYS

Times: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: ZOOM

Course Description

To be feminine is not just about being gentle and soft. Durga, The Morrigan & Pele teach us to be strong in our elemental state. The faces of Tara show us how to cultivate proper compassion for ourselves and others, which also means breaking cycles of co-dependency and self-delusion. Lastly, Tiamat, Innana, and Au Set help us face our inner monster, train her to be our ally and fly with her into the stars. Join Magdelene on the self-discovery of the Feminine unlike any other..



About the Instructor

Magdelene is a career writer & meditative artist. Her background includes over two decades of comparative religion research. In her spare time, Magdelene is a United Nations Volunteer creating international nonprofit publicity content for causes in the developing world. She also serves as a nondenominational crisis counselor & Justice of the Peace to those of all faiths and none.

Fall Prevention (Did You Have a Nice Trip This Fall?)

Instructor: Kevin Richardson, PH.D.

Dates: 04/12 – 04/26 WEDNESDAYS

Times: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: ON CAMPUS

Course Description

Falls are the leading cause of death, injury and hospital admissions among the elderly population. According to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report, one out of every four Americans aged 65 and older falls each year. This 3-week course focuses on fall prevention. The first week will look at the intrinsic and extrinsic aspects that can lead to a fall. These will include the personal physical aspects such as age, physical limitations, and medical history that impact falls. Additionally, we will look at the environment and how the environment impact falls. The second week will look at the three types of falls and typical causes of each type. Week three will look at fall prevention methods that will help to reduce the potential for falls.



About the Instructor

Dr. Kevin Richardson is a retired Occupational Therapist working 40+ years with the geriatric population. He developed a focused interest in teaching fall prevention techniques following the death of three family members because of their falls. While practicing as an Occupational Therapist, Dr. Richardson was also a Certified Aging in Place Specialist through the American Builders Association and Home Modification Specialist through University of Southern California. Dr. Richardson brings an expertise in functioning safely within the home environment. .

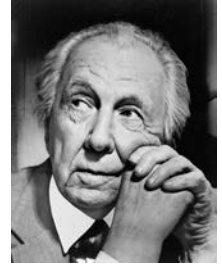
The Genius of Frank Lloyd Wright

Instructor: Barry Schoenfeld, B.S.

Dates: 04/12 – 04/26 WEDNESDAYS

Times: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Location: ZOOM



Course Description

Frank Lloyd Wright's early work reinvented the design of houses – more free, dynamic, open – in ways that changed the course of modern architecture. Despite personal catastrophes and excursions into professional oblivion, he kept working until his death at 91. Wright is uncannily like two other architecture giants, Le Corbusier and Mies van der Rohe, who were self-mythologizing, tyrant-chasing, client-confounding. Join Barry, as your guide, as he traces Frank Lloyd Wright's life, loves, clients, and more than 500 of his designs that changed the course of modern architecture. With drone footage, video "walk-throughs," and more, we will see and discuss Wright's title as "America's Best Architect."

About the Instructor

Barry Schoenfeld has over 40 years of experience in the marketing, advertising, research, social media & consulting fields, including executive positions in New York and Los Angeles. He is also the owner of a consulting business, Clear Vision Partners, which he founded in 2001. He moved to the desert in 2014, and almost immediately began teaching at OLLI/CSUSB and OLLI/UCR, OLLI/DUKE, Arizona State, Johns Hopkins and OLLI/Tufts. He teaches about his many fields of interests and "teaches from his passions" – from opera to social media; from archeology to mindful meditation to architecture.

Desert Discovery Tour of the Sonoran Desert

Instructor: Kerry Berman

Dates: 04/13 – 04/27 THURSDAYS

Times: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: ON CAMPUS

Course Description

This course will cover the creation of the Sonoran Desert 150 million years ago and the geological activity that followed. We 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.

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Current Events Discussion Group

Instructor: Lara Bloomquist, J.D.

Dates: 04/14 – 04/28 FRIDAYS

Times: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: ZOOM



Course Description

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.

History of the U.S. Supreme Court & Members

Instructor: Arlette Poland, PH.D., J.D.

Dates: 04/14 – 04/28 FRIDAYS

Times: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: HYBRID – ON CAMPUS & ZOOM



Course Description

Who were our first Justices? Why are they called Justices rather than Judges? Why are there only 9 and not, say, 15? What does the Supreme Court have to do with your everyday life? What sort of robe do they wear and why? Has the robe changed over time? All these questions answered in just three weeks! Join us, won't you?!

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.

SPRING 2023 Six Week Courses

In-Person, Zoom and Hybrid Classes

The One and Only Humphrey Bogart

Instructor: Frank Furino, B.A.

Dates: 05/08 – 06/19 MONDAYS

NO CLASS MONDAY 5/29

Times: 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: Oliphant Theater



Course Description

Fun fact: Although he rarely participated in celebrity tournaments, Bogart was one of Hollywood's better golfers. There was only one "BOGIE" and in this series we will explore six of his classic films. From "DARK PASSAGE", "THE MALTESE FALCON", "TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT", "KEY LARGO", "THE BIG SLEEP", and of course, "CASABLANCA". Along the way we'll learn about his non-screen life and loves as well as the how and why he became a foundational part of the Hollywood film industry.

About the Instructor

Frank brings 25 years of Hollywood experience to his Osher courses, including writer/producer credits for major hit shows Dynasty, Dallas, General Hospital, Falcon Crest, New Year's Rockin' Eve and more. He was also staff director with ABC News covering political conventions, space launches and major news events and later owned an advertising agency. He taught creative writing at UCLA and is a member of the Rancho Mirage Cultural Commission. Frank is a successful playwright and is currently working on his first novel

Broadway Musicals: A Fascinating History

Instructor: Emanuel Abramovits, M.B.A.

Dates: 05/09 – 06/13 TUESDAYS

Times: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: ZOOM



Course Description

Musicals have been a major part of American theater, from the Tin Pan Alley-driven comedy works of the early part of the 20th century, to the integrated musicals that flourished in the heyday years of midcentury America. We'll also explore book musicals, concept musicals, and the arrival of British mega-productions late in the century. We'll profile some of the theater world's leading composers, lyricists, writers, choreographers, directors, and will study some of the most unforgettable shows, like Oklahoma, My Fair Lady, Showboat, Guys and Dolls, Company, Hair, Cabaret, Rent, Wicked, Hamilton and many more.

About the Instructor

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Exploring Caran d'Ache Pastels

Instructor: Jack Flanigan, M.F.A.

Dates: 05/09 – 06/13 TUESDAYS

Times: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: ON CAMPUS

Course Description

Drawing with Caran d'Ache allows you to gain technical drawing principles while exploring the use of color. Caran d'Ache is a water-soluble watercolor crayon capable of use transparently or opaquely. It's a drawing tool that can become fluid with brush and water and is a fantastic tool for beginning an understanding of color. This medium is very forgiving, fast, and fun. Materials needed: Caran d'Ache box (available from Amazon or Dick Blick), large pad of water color paper, #2 pencil, Chinese bamboo brush, jar for water, and a rag. Come create and let's have some fun!



About the Instructor

Jack is a native of Lima, Ohio and has been teaching both studio and academic courses for over 40 years in California, Colorado, Illinois, Wisconsin, and New Hampshire. Throughout his career, he has been a practicing artist and has had his work exhibited in both shows and galleries. The focus of his study has been painting, with a deep interest in art history. Jack is presently the resident artist at the La Quinta Resort & Club.

The Architect as Artist: The Genius of Architecture

Instructor: Butch Epps, M.F.A

Dates: 05/09 – 06/13 TUESDAYS

Times: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Location: HYBRID – Oliphant Theater & ZOOM

Course Description

This documentary course will focus on a group of distinguished architects and their notable work spanning from mid-century modern to the Louvre Pyramid. The form and function of this course is to help us develop a deeper appreciation and understanding of the form and function of their genius. The documentaries we will watch are listed as follows according to screening order: "I.M. Pei: First Person Singular"; "My Architect: A Son's Journey"; "Eero Saarinen: The Architect Who Saw the Future"; "Eames: The Architect and The Artist"; "Visual Acoustics: The Modernism of Julius Shulman" and "Philip Johnson: Diary of an Eccentric Architect".



About the Instructor

Butch Epps has 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 also served as the academic liaison to high profile professional faculty, including studio heads, development executives, and others. Butch has taught over 30 film appreciation courses in the Coachella Valley over the past 9 years while developing a book - his magnum opus - on Orson Welles's Mercury Production of Citizen Kane.

Workshop on the Environment

Instructor: Fred Abramson, Ph.D.

Dates: 05/10 – 06/14 WEDNESDAYS

Times: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: ON CAMPUS



Course Description

This will be a group-based interactive set of discussions on the environment. But, realize the environment is much broader than just climate change, which will be the first topic. Other topics include: water, energy production (renewable and non-renewable), regulation (the rules and activities of the US EPA compared to agencies in other countries), recycling (does it accomplish what we want it to), and the politics of climate change: what are the political benefits and hindrances to legislative approaches? Enrollment is limited to 12 students who will be interactive participants.

About the Instructor

Dr. Abramson received his A.B. in Chemistry from Western Reserve University in 1962 and his Ph.D. in Chemistry from 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 began teaching in continuing education programs soon after moving to La Quinta in 2004. Teaching science to non-scientists has become his passion.

Profiles in Power: Europe in the Age of Absolutism, 1648-1783

Instructor: Jared Day, Ph.D.

Dates: 05/10 – 06/14 WEDNESDAYS

Times: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Location: ON CAMPUS - INSTRUCTOR LIVE STREAM VIA ZOOM



Course Description

This series will examine the emergence of “absolute monarchs” in 17th and 18th century Europe. Absolutism was the order of the day as monarchs sought to expand their empires, their palaces, and even remake nature itself to impose order and civilization in the chaotic wake left by the Thirty Years War. We will showcase figures such as Louis XIV, Russia’s Peter the Great, Prussia’s Frederick the Great and others.

About the Instructor

Jared Day, Ph.D., 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 Connecticut history, African American history and 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.

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The Animal Kingdom – Well Some of it Anyway

Instructor: Stephanie Slahor, PH.D., J.D.

Dates: 05/11 – 06/15 THURSDAYS

Times: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: ON CAMPUS - INSTRUCTOR LIVE STREAM VIA ZOOM



Course Description

Dr. Slahor offers intriguing titles and fascinating courses, with this one will being no exception! Earth's animals are, to put it mildly, diverse, living in habitats that are also diverse. This six-week course will study some of the animals who spend most of their time in the air, arboreal, on land, underground, in fresh water, and in salt water. We cannot cover the whole kingdom in six weeks, but we will certainly have enough time for more than a few interesting and fascinating species!

About the Instructor

Dr. Stephanie Slahor, surely a Renaissance woman, is a retired lawyer and professor, and now writes and lectures. She enjoys travel, kayaking, snorkeling, geology, astronomy, natural science and selenology. She is a member of Lions International and a former President of her local American Business Women's Association.

Current Events Discussion Group

Instructor: Lara Bloomquist, J.D.

Dates: 05/11 – 06/15 THURSDAYS

Times: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: ZOOM



Course Description

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.

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