

Summer 2020

July-August



@ Cal State San Bernardino

Educational courses & events
for adults age 50+



*Join us online this summer.
It's fun and easy!*

*Learn for
the joy of it!*



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

- \$75 annual membership fee, 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.



OLLI 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.

For more information: 909-537-8270 or olli@csusb.edu

Learn more about OLLI membership: csusb.edu/olli/membership
Join or renew now: csusb.edu/olli/join

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Join us for these fun member events.

All summer and fall member events will meet online via Zoom. Please register in advance; you will receive the link to join the event via email a few days prior to the event. These events are free to OLLI members.

Welcome to OLLI

Tuesday, September 15

10-11 a.m.

If you love to learn just for the joy of it, you're going to love OLLI! Join us to learn what the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is all about. Get an overview of the OLLI national network, and have a look at the unique courses, trips, discussion groups, and activities you can access as a member. Hear from a panel of instructors and members, and learn about the wide variety of volunteer opportunities available. You'll likely make a few new friends too. This interesting and fun-filled discussion is open to members and non-members alike.

Welcome Back Social

Wednesday, September 16

3-4:30 p.m.

It's the start of a new OLLI year and we'd love to see you at this fun and unique bring-your-own party! Grab your favorite ice cream treat from your freezer or your favorite cocktail from your bar and drop in via Zoom to say hello. This casual get together will include a short musical program by singer/songwriter and OLLI instructor, Mark Guerrero, at 3:30, so don't miss it. Please join us to help celebrate the start of our fall term.

OLLI Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, September 29

1-2:30 p.m.

Join us via Zoom for an update on what's happening at OLLI. We'll start with a brief overview of our program's past and current state, then share some of our goals as outlined in our recently updated strategic plan. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please bring your comments and questions and plan to join us!

Coffee Hour

Tuesdays

July 7, 14, 21, 28

9-10 a.m.

Join your OLLI friends every Tuesday morning via Zoom for coffee and conversation. Each coffee hour will feature a live interview with a different OLLI member, instructor, or staff member. You won't want to miss this fun opportunity to meet some interesting people and make some new OLLI friends. Pour yourself a cup of coffee or tea and drop in to say hello. We'd love to see you.

Happy Hour

Wednesdays

July 8 & 22, Aug. 5 & 19

3-4 p.m.

Take a break from the summer heat with a fun and interesting program that's sure to make you smile. Each happy hour will feature a short program that highlights some of the wonderful talent within our OLLI family, followed by plenty of time to chat with your OLLI friends. You won't want to miss this fun opportunity from the safety of your home. Pour yourself a beverage and join us via Zoom. We hope to see you.

Register by mail: complete the attached registration form

Register online: csusb.edu/olli/events

Register by phone: 909-537-8270 or 909-537-8121

Courses are \$30 each. All summer courses will meet online via Zoom. You will receive the link to join the course via email a few days prior to the first class.

Documentary Series: The Story of Women & Art

Butch Epps, MFA
Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
August 11, 18, 25

In three one-hour episodes, Professor Amanda Vickery presents the history of women artists in Europe from the Renaissance onwards. Guided discussion will follow each documentary. Week 1: Journeying from Renaissance Italy to the Dutch Republic and beyond, Vickery reveals overlooked women artists of the 16th and 17th centuries. Week 2: In 18th-century Britain and France, women artists were typically considered “amateurs”—creating art for the love of it, but a number of enterprising women made art their professions. Week 3: As women clamored for more rights in the 19th and 20th centuries, they blazed new trails in the artistic arena.

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*.

Nevada: Meet Your Neighbor

Stephenie Slahor, JD, PhD
Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
August 12, 19, 26

Sure, you might know Las Vegas or Reno, maybe Laughlin, too, but there's more to our neighboring state, Nevada, than those three famous cities. Nevada is unique among all the states in our nation's union and you'll find out why in this course that covers such topics as the geology, archaeology, ancient and modern history, state parks, and the diverse terrain and wildlife of Nevada. And, yes, you'll also learn about Nevada's famous and infamous Area 51!

About the Instructor

Dr. Slahor is a writer, professor, lawyer, and lecturer. She is a life member of the Southwest Marine Educators' Association, the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, and the Coachella Valley Archaeological Society. Stephenie is also a member of the Shadow Mountain Gem and Mineral Society, the Astronomical Society of the Desert, and the Lions Club. Her hobbies include travel, kayaking, snorkeling, geology, astronomy, selenology, meteoritics, and the natural sciences.



How to Spot Fake News

Barry Schoenfeld, BS
Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.-noon
August 13, 20, 27

These days, with 500 news channels, streaming information, and rumors posing as news on Facebook, Twitter and the like, how is anyone to separate the rumors and conspiracy theories from the real facts? It's actually easier than you might think. If you learn just a few simple techniques and tricks to evaluate any news you hear, see, or read in the media or that is sent to you by well-meaning friends and relatives, you can become the neighborhood and family source for reliable and accurate "news facts." Come and find out how.

About the Instructor

Barry has over 20 years of experience in advertising, marketing, strategic planning, research, and business development. He is very familiar with the social media that shape and influence contemporary communications. His clients have included American Express, Walmart, Trader Joe's, Toyota, NY/NY Hotel & Casino, Samsung, and Eastern Airlines. Five years ago, Barry founded The California Community of Men on Facebook; the group now boasts over 11,000 members worldwide. He received his bachelor's degree from Cornell University and has enjoyed a love for opera since high school. He is a practicing Buddhist and his other avocations include photography, archaeology, and travel.

Into the Cultural Mix: Creative Communities

Butch Epps, MFA

Thursdays, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

August 13, 20, 27

This documentary course will examine the melting pot of three distinctive creative communities. Week 1: *Ballet Russes* traces the history of the famous Ballet Russes' companies who spread the art form all over the world in the 20th century. Week 2: *Cinema Exiles: From Hitler to Hollywood* traces the experiences of the European filmmakers who, on the eve of WWII, took refuge in Hollywood. Week 3: From the changing of the old studio guard to the roots of the modern blockbuster, *Raging Bulls/Easy Riders* focuses on the emerging New Hollywood community of the 1970s.

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Current Events Discussion Group

Lara Bloomquist, JD

Fridays, 10:00 a.m.-noon

August 14, 21, 28

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 social, political, and judicial issues that drive today's news.

Dark Money & Citizens United

Arlette Poland, JD, PhD

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

August 14, 21, 28

What is dark money and what has it got to do with the 2010 Supreme Court case *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*? The case ruled that now labor unions and corporations could spend money on electioneering communications and, thus, directly advocate for or against certain candidates of their choice. In this course, we will discuss that issue in detail and will consider the implications for current and future elections and governance in the United States.

About the Instructor

Dr. Poland is a retired lawyer turned theologian and professor. She holds a BS in political science from UC Berkeley, an MA in religion from Claremont School of Theology, an 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 PhD include Buddhism, Judaism, science and religion, and world religions.

Register by mail: complete the attached registration form

Register online: csusb.edu/olli/courses

Questions? Call us at: 909-537-8270 or 909-537-8121

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.

All SIGs will meet online via Zoom this summer and fall. Sign up today 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 at a time and place that works for all of us. We will 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.

Coordinator: Shelley Mitchell

707-496-8689 or shelleydmitchell@gmail.com

Genealogy Club

Genealogy is the study of families, family history, and the tracing of lineages. Who are your ancestors? Where did they live? What did they do? How did their life choices lead to where you are today? This SIG will help you explore your family history using multiple resources. Come develop an understanding of genealogy and unlock the mysteries of your family's past.

Meets upon request.

Coordinator: Dick Knapp

760-861-2010 or knappassoc@aol.com

Glass Club

Man has been fascinated with glass, naturally formed or man-made, for thousands of years. Whether fashioned for utilitarian, decorative or personal use, glass has been an important commodity throughout history; that's even more true today. This SIG will explore many facets of glass history including, but not limited to, glass objects of historical/stylistic periods, fabrication in the past and present, historical glass designers and artists, popular glass collectibles, and more. Possible visits could include nearby museums, collections and glass hot shops. No prior knowledge is required.

Meets the first Wednesday of each month starting in October.

Coordinator: David Novick

760-345-8041 or dtnovick@earthlink.net

Don't see a group that interests you? Contact us at 909-537-8270 to discuss your ideas.

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Ways to Support OLLI

Our 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. 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. Your gift ensures 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 ability to serve lifelong learners throughout the Coachella Valley
- the resources to be innovative and entrepreneurial, whatever the economic climate

Please consider a gift to OLLI at a level that is comfortable for you. Your support matters and is appreciated.

Give for Today

- Make a single donation of any amount.
- Make a multi-year pledge with convenient payments to fit your budget.
- Gifts help fill the gap between membership revenues and operating costs, and provide flexibility to create new initiatives and programs.
- You can designate your gift to support a specific program, course, or instructor.



"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 the opportunity continues."

Cash & Betty Baxter

Give for Tomorrow

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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Give online: csusb.edu/olli/donate

Contact us by phone: 909-537-8248

Learning via Zoom is easy & fun!

If you've never used Zoom before, we understand it can feel a little scary. But...it really is quite simple. If you use email or can get to our website, you have the skills necessary to participate in a Zoom course online. To help you feel more comfortable, we've created a few resources that you can either view now or print and keep for later reference.

Let's get started...

- Sign up for online classes just like you do for all other OLLI courses and activities. You can either register on our website or mail in a registration form.
- A few days before your first class, you'll receive an email that includes a link you'll click to join your class. That's it. Just click the link and you're in. **Be sure to save that email as you'll need the link to join the class.**
- If it's your first time using Zoom, you'll be prompted to download the application on your device; simply follow the instructions on your screen. You don't need to purchase anything or set up an account. It's safe, easy, and free.
- You can participate via your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Most laptops, tablets, and smartphones have a built in camera and microphone, which will enhance your Zoom experience. No camera or microphone? You can still participate from your computer by watching the screen and typing any comments or questions in the Chat section. You can also join in from your telephone (with or without a computer) to listen in.

Zoom Orientation Workshops

We offer a variety of opportunities to help you get started or to explore some more advanced features when you're ready. To participate, just click on the workshop title below or visit our website for the links. Remember, if this is your first time using Zoom, you'll be prompted to download the application on your device; simply follow the instructions on your screen.

Zoom for iPads

Wednesday, July 8, 10-11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 983-9657-2491

Zoom for Beginners

Wednesday, July 15, 10-11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 963-7520-6860

Zoom 2.0

Friday, July 17, 10-11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 963-7126-6743

Zoom Refresher

Thursday, July 30, 10-11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 958-8997-0282



For Zoom orientation workshop links, a printable resource guide, and additional information about learning online, visit our website:

csusb.edu/olli/online-learning-resources

Need help? Don't hesitate to call us:

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Debbi Vesey: 909-537-8121

Summer 2020 • Registration Form

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

August 3 for August courses

\$25 late fee after the deadline

PLEASE NOTE:

Annual membership begins with the summer term.

Your annual membership and parking permit are valid from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

ABOUT YOU

(PLEASE PRINT)

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

☐ Returning OLLI member ☐ New OLLI member

Referred by: _____

LOCAL Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Date of Birth*: ____/____/____

*Required for registration

Email _____ Male _____ Female _____

For information regarding disability accommodation, please call (909) 537-5975.

CHOOSE YOUR COURSES

Three-Week Courses (\$30 each)

- ____ Documentary Series: The Story of Women & Art
- ____ Nevada: Meet Your Neighbor
- ____ How to Spot Fake News
- ____ Into the Cultural Mix: Creative Communities
- ____ Current Events Discussion Group
- ____ Dark Money & Citizens United

Shared Interest Groups (no fee)

- ____ Book Club
- ____ Genealogy Club
- ____ Glass Club

Events (no fee)

- ____ Coffee Hour (multiple dates)
- ____ Happy Hour (multiple dates)
- ____ Welcome to OLLI
- ____ Welcome Back Social
- ____ OLLI Town Hall Meeting
- ____ Danube River Cruise Preview

MEMBERSHIP & COURSE FEES

____ Annual Membership (required): \$75

(July 1, 2020-July 30, 2021)

ANNUAL Parking Permit is included in your membership

____ Three-Week Courses: \$30 each

____ \$25 Late Fee (after registration deadline)

____ Optional donation to OLLI (tax deductible)

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

REFER A FRIEND

Refer a new member and you receive a voucher for one free course.

Learn more: csusb.edu/olli/membership

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.

PAYMENT

Make check payable to **CSUSB**. Mail registration form and check to:

OLLI @ CSUSB Palm Desert Campus
37500 Cook St.
Palm Desert CA 92211

I agree to abide by the university policies as outlined in the CSUSB catalog and on the website at csusb.edu/policies.

Signature _____

Date _____

You can also register online:

csusb.edu/olli/register