

Summer 2021

July-August



Educational courses & events
for adults age 50+



Join us online this summer!

***Learn for
the joy of it!***



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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, (\$50 for 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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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

Meet the OLLI Staff



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Join us for these fun member events

Until further notice, all member events will meet online via Zoom. These events are free to OLLI members.

Coffee Hour

9-10 a.m.

Please join us for coffee and some fun, friendly conversations with Program Coordinator, Johnna Norris. Enjoy these lively conversations, see some old acquaintances, and make some new friends.

Tuesday, June 15

Interview with Steve Thaxton

This coffee hour will feature a lively discussion with Executive Director of the Osher National Resource Center at Northwestern University, Steve Thaxton. Come learn more about Steve and his background with lifelong learning programs, Osher National Resource Center, and how OLLIs across the country have worked both independently and together to weather a pandemic.

Monday, July 12

Interview with Dick Oliphant

Join us for this engaging conversation with Dick Oliphant, the chair of the PDC Advancement Committee, a supporter of OLLI, and a founder of the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership. Dick is a lifetime member of the California State University, San Bernardino Board of Governors and was co-chair to raise funds to construct the Palm Desert campus. Come learn about his life, what led him to the Coachella Valley, and how he has supported the creation and growth of the Palm Desert campus.

Happy Hour

3-4 p.m.

Wednesday, July 14

Birds of Prey of the Coachella Valley

Please join us for this presentation by Friends of the Desert Mountains. You will see some surprising birds and get tips on identification. From the smallest to largest you will learn about birds of prey that hunt in our valley. Come learn more about the life in the desert that is all around us every day, and discover another way to connect to our beloved desert.

Watch your email for news about additional events as they are scheduled.

Have an idea for a fun event? Let us know at olli@csusb.edu or call 909-537-8270.

Three-Week Courses \$30 each

Rhythm and Jews: Jews on American Popular Music

Emanuel Abramovits, MBA

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

July 13, 20, 27

This course explores the contribution of Jewish artists, composers, producers, and record label executives to the music of the 20th century, as well as the fascinating connection with the Afro-American community that shaped the music, entertainment industry, and American popular culture. Explore the genres of jazz, blues, rock, punk, protest songs, and more through this interesting perspective. An audio-visual journey based on anecdotes and humor, this course will include first-hand stories about some of the artists.

About the Instructor

Emanuel has been a concert promoter since 2000, directly involved in many shows by both American and international artists such as Itzhak Perlman, Gustavo Dudamel, Sarah Brightman, Roger Hodgson, Kansas, Kenny G, and local symphony orchestras. He designed and staged many original orchestral events including Mozartfest, Pink Floyd Nuestro Tributo, and several world premieres. He also served as the cultural director at Union Israelita de Caracas from 2008 to 2019, in charge of documenting Holocaust survivors' stories, art exhibits, lectures, and history.

Across the Range: The Mountain in Film

Bernard (Butch) Epps, MFA

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

July 13, 20, 27

Mountains come in all forms and sizes in life, literature, and film. This course will explore the power and meaning of this mighty symbol as expressed in a diverse range of films. Up first, examine a mountain climbing tragedy as told in Rashomon-like fashion in the documentary, *The Summit* (2012). Then unearth the underlying dramatic elements in the sci-fi classic *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977). And finally, scale the poetic heights of a high-brow Civil War tale of love and loss in *Cold Mountain*. We will meet online via Zoom for an introduction of the 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. Additional film rental fees are not included; approximately \$10 for all three 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*.

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.

REFER A FRIEND

Current members, refer a new member and receive a voucher for one free course!

Learn more:

csusb.edu/OLLI/membership



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Mastermind: How to Think Like Sherlock Holmes

Arlette Poland, JD, PhD

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

July 14, 21, 28

"Tell me to what you pay attention and I will tell you who you are." This course will explore the "brain attic", Sherlock Holmes' creative metaphor for our mental processes. Holmes believed that the human brain is like a little empty attic, and one must stock it with such furniture as one chooses. Learn about the art of deduction, and the science and art of self-knowledge. To be like Sherlock Holmes requires that that one knows their own thinking in order to understand the thinking of others.

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.

Current Events Discussion Group

Lara Bloomquist, JD

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

July 15, 22, 29

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About the Instructor

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The Life and Times of Luciano Pavarotti

Barry Schoenfeld, BS

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

July 15, 22, 29

Great tenors can also be divas. While Luciano Pavarotti's professional life was nothing but a success, and his duets with Joan Sutherland legendary, his personal life was less than perfect. Wives, mistresses, and tax evasion are just a few of his personal struggles. Come watch and listen to Pavarotti's greatest arias, duets, trios, and quartets from stages around the world, along with the story of his life you may have never heard.

About the Instructor

Barry has over 20 years of experience in advertising, marketing, strategic planning, research, and business development. He is intimately familiar with the social media that shape and influence contemporary communications. His clients have included American Express, Walmart, Trader Joe's, Suzuki, 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.

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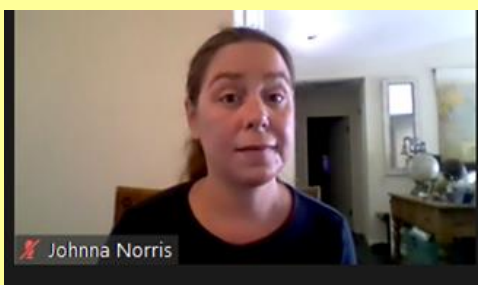
Never Forget: The Germans and the Holocaust

Anette Isaacs, MA
Mondays, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
August 9, 16, 23

Even 76 years after the end of World War II, generations of Germans are still grappling with their country's and, in many cases, their own family's horrible legacy of the Nazi dictatorship. Join German historian Anette Isaacs for a fascinating discussion of how the German nation has, over the last seven and a half decades, attempted to cope with the guilt of having caused the Holocaust.

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. Isaacs 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.



Mountain Men...and Women

Stephenie Slahor, PhD
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-1200 p.m.
August 10, 17, 24

Before the homesteaders, sodbusters, miners, ranchers, and cowboys of the old west, the mountain man existed in regions of the American and Canadian West. It was an era of trapping, hunting, and exploring unlike any other in history. The course will discuss the trapper, hunter, and fur trader life, the characteristics of the animals they sought, life in the West's wildlands, and the modern expression of the mountain man lifestyle in outdoor life careers and services. The course will combine history, biology, and fun so wear your fur (or faux fur) hat and learn about the fur trade.

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.

Plant-Based Cooking and Eating

Denise Rose, PhD and Georgie Campas
Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
August 10, 17, 24

Plant-based diets are supported by major medical organizations as an excellent strategy for optimizing health and significantly reducing risk for chronic disease. This course combines live cooking demos of delicious plant-based recipes with discussion on what components of plants make them so healthy to eat. Recipes will be shared in advance for those who would like to cook along with us.

About the Instructors

As a couple, Dr. Denise Rose and Georgie Campas have been teaching whole food, plant-based cooking and eating for several years. Denise is a sociologist with an interest in public health. Georgie learned to cook from restaurant jobs in his early life and has shared his love of cooking with family and friends ever since. They produce cooking videos for social media and conduct interviews with people who have optimized their health through plant-based eating.

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You will receive the link to join the course via email a few days prior to the first class.

Writing a Legacy Letter

Jay Sherwin, JD

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

August 11, 18, 25

This course is designed to introduce the concept of legacy letters and to encourage you to craft your own. A legacy letter, or ethical will, is a brief written document that allows you to share your life lessons, express your values, and transmit your blessings to future generations. Writing one is a rewarding experience that creates an enduring gift for children, grandchildren, and other loved ones. The course includes discussion and brief writing exercises, and offers advice and a model structure to help you organize your thoughts and start writing.

About the Instructor

Jay created the Life Reflections Project to educate people about legacy letters, ethical wills, and other legacy documents. He has practiced law, worked with five different charitable foundations, and served as a philanthropy consultant and a hospital chaplain. He has extensive experience teaching and facilitating online learning programs, including recent presentations for six other OLLI programs.

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The Coachella Valley Economy: Growing Beyond Tourism

Laura James, MBA

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

August 12, 19, 26

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a movement to build resiliency and expanded opportunity into the Coachella Valley economy, which is driven largely by tourism and a seasonal influx of part-time residents. This course will examine the driving factors behind the growth of the valley's tourism industry and its effects on local jobs, households, businesses, and governments. Learn about the current efforts underway to expand and improve the regional economy. Amidst new changes to work and life brought about by technology, explore growth possibilities that are both optimistic and realistic for this unique region.

About the Instructor

As VP of Innovation at Coachella Valley Economic Partnership, Laura helps guide organizational and regional economic development strategy, and leads small business support programs. An Ohio native, she has been in the desert for over 20 years. Laura holds an MBA from Auburn University, a BA in education, and graduate certificates in nonprofit management, economic development, and information systems management. She sits on the Auburn University MBA Advisory Board and has served on several local nonprofit boards.

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 unless otherwise noted. 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

Additional SIGs will start again when they can meet on campus.

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

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You will receive the link to join the course via email a few days prior to the first class.



Special Event

Film Screening of *Olympia*

Date: To Be Announced

Location: Online via Zoom

Keep an eye on your email for the date of this special members-only event. The director of the recently-released documentary *Olympia* will be on hand with a behind-the-scenes peek into the making of this film about an extraordinary woman. With her 60+ years on stage and unforgettable characters in *Moonstruck*, *Steel Magnolias*, and *Tales of the City*, Olympia Dukakis is a performer with uncommon range, passion, and grit. And her personal story--from the daughter of immigrants to mother to acting legend--encourages people of all ages, genders, and walks of life to embrace themselves and fight for their dreams. Please join us as we watch Olympia Dukakis' iconic, rebellious, and inspiring life story.



This sublimely intimate fly-on-the-wall verité documentary tells the poignant story of a woman finding her own voice on her own terms to assert a gigantic creative force into the world. Rebelling against her old world, panty-sniffing, suspicious Greek mother to assert her strong sexual drive, fighting the feeling she was “too ethnic” amid the Boston Brahmin at BU, and starting her own theatre company in New Jersey instead of waiting for the phone to ring, **Olympia Dukakis** models how to live life with blazing courage.

Throughout an engrossing story that seamlessly blends past and present, she opens her heart and exposes her truest self to the audience. The raw honesty with which Olympia leads us into the core of her self is what makes this film luminary. As fellow actors with whom she has shared the limelight Laura Linney, Diane Ladd, Whoopi Goldberg, and Austin Pendleton all testify, Olympia is “totally open and crazy”, which is what turns out to be the marker of her absolute sanity.

This intimate portrait of a working-class professional, a scholar actor of intense intuitive power, and a woman beloved around the world, culminates on the steps of the Dukakis' humble ancestral home in Lesbos, Greece. Here we see Olympia's life come full circle, both personally and professionally.

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

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.

Give by mail: add a donation on your registration form

Give online: csusb.edu/OLLI/donate

Contact us by phone: 909-537-8270

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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.

For printable resource guides and additional information about learning online, visit: csusb.edu/OLLI/online-learning-resources

We're here to help!

If you need additional assistance, don't hesitate to call us:

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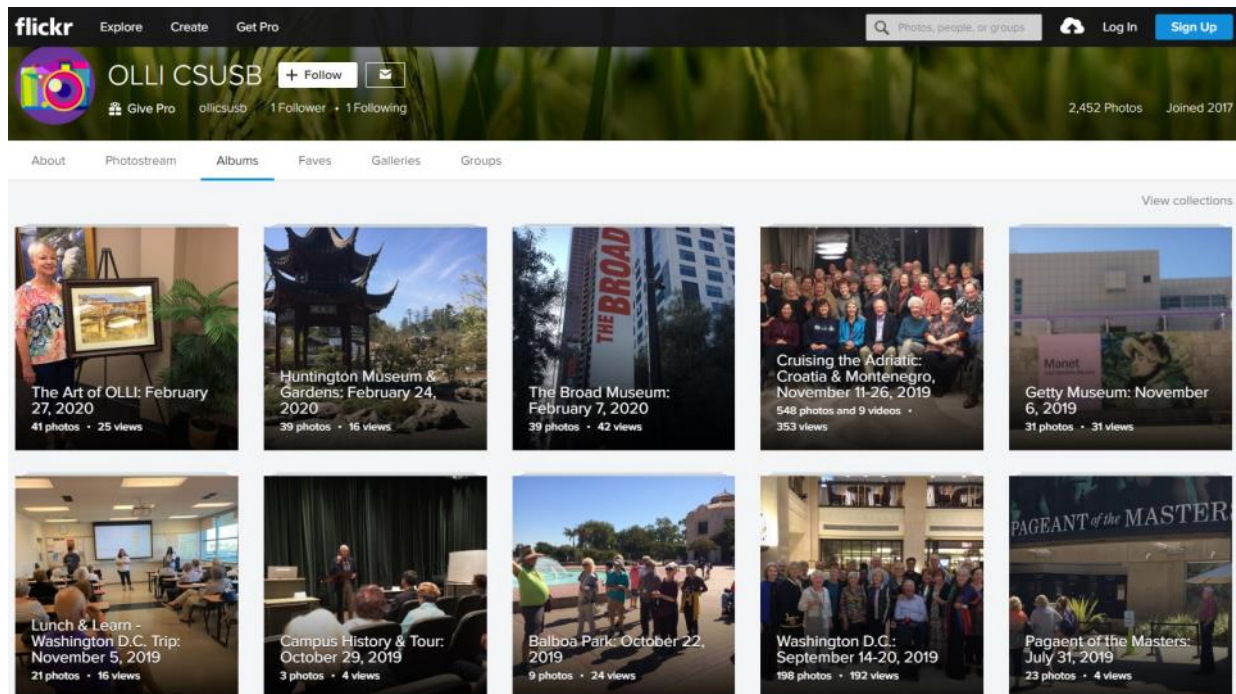
IN CONVERSATION: The Voices of OLLI

Listen in on these fun conversations with OLLI members, instructors, staff, and university partners. Our OLLI podcast is like an on-demand radio program. Enjoy!

[Click here to listen or subscribe.](#)

Visit our Flickr page to revisit some of the fun times we've had at OLLI over the years. Enjoy photos from past trips, activities, and member events.

[Click here to view the OLLI Flickr page.](#)



Summer 2021 • Registration Form

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

July 5 for July courses

August 2 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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.

MEMBERSHIP & COURSE FEES

_____ **Annual Membership** (required): **\$75**
(July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

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 \$ _____

PAYMENT

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

OLLI @ CSUSB Palm Desert Campus
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Palm Desert CA 92211

CHOOSE YOUR COURSES

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Shared Interest Groups (no fee)

- ___ Book Club

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.

I agree to abide by the deadlines, policies, and refund and withdrawal procedures as outlined in the CSUSB university catalog (policies.csusb.edu).

Participant Signature

Date

You can also register online at
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