UT OLLI FORUM

FALL 2019 SEMINARS & LECTURES

Fridays, October 4 — November 8
WELCOME!

WHAT IS THE OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE (OLLI)?

UT OLLI is one of 121 Osher Lifelong Learning institutes made possible by generous grants and endowments from the Bernard Osher Foundation. These institutes operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and collectively have more than 163,000 engaged members in more than 360 communities throughout the US.

The University of Texas at Austin Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (UT OLLI) is where curious adults can enjoy classes in a relaxed community of friends among leading scholars and experts who share an interest in exploring fascinating areas of knowledge and traditional disciplines. It’s learning at its best . . . no tests, grades, or papers! Instruction is at the university level, but no particular educational background is required. UT OLLI members have the opportunity to grow and learn inside and outside the classroom via campus events, local affinity groups, and group discounts to local cultural and art events.

Members come from all walks of life and bring a lifetime of experiences to the classroom. Programming is uniquely developed and driven by member interests as a way to enhance collaboration and program engagement.

WHO IS FORUM?

UT OLLI FORUM is one of five very successful programs of OLLI within TEXAS Extended Campus at the UT at Austin. It consists of stimulating, participatory seminars and lectures designed by the membership for people who love intellectual inquiry and discussion. Morning seminars and afternoon lectures are held on Fridays.

A seminar is a course that meets weekly for six consecutive weeks. Seminars either have a single speaker or multiple speakers that present on a theme for the entire seminar series. A lecture is a one-time event on a topic of general interest given by one or several speakers. There is typically a 15-minute question and answer period at the end of each lecture.

Six areas are considered in creating the seminars and lectures: History, Religion and Philosophy, The Arts (music, literature, drama, government, and politics), Science, Health, and Contemporary Living. Members participate in the process of developing the curriculum through seminar and lecture committees. Optional social events are also member designed. The program itself is a learning cooperative where members, outside academics, and experts provide the instruction. Seminar Directors and Lecturers are not compensated.

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2019-2020 FORUM SESSIONS

Fall 2019:
Registration: SEP 13 - SEP 27
Session: OCT 4 - NOV 8

Winter 2020:
Registration: TBD
Session: JAN 17 - FEB 21

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Session: APR 3 - MAY 8
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**Online Registration: September 13 — 27, 2019**
UT OLLI FORUM NEEDS YOU!

You may not realize it, but volunteer committees are responsible for ALL curriculum development, membership drives, events, and special interest groups (SIGs). It’s amazing how much talent resides in the leaders of the UT OLLI community who care about this program. Like any active and growing organization, UT OLLI is dependent upon new people — to energize it and bring in fresh ideas, new perspectives, and more help in addressing our program and organizational needs. This is YOUR chance to help us by taking on a volunteer role!

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It is not necessary to have direct experience—all you need is a positive attitude, an interest in learning something new, a willingness to take on a fresh challenge, a desire for growth, and a contribution of your time. That is what matters. If you have any interest in helping, we welcome your involvement. Please take the time now to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

“Volunteers don’t necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”
FORUM FALL EVENTS

TUESDAY
OCT 22

HILL COUNTRY OLIVE OIL CO. & WIMBERLEY GLASSWORKS TOUR

Ride through beautiful fall vistas for a fun day beginning with specially tailored events and lunch at Texas’ most awarded olive oil company, located outside of Dripping Springs. Then, away we go to Wimberley Glassworks in San Marcos – Texas’ premier hand blown glass lighting and art glass studio.

MONDAY
NOV 4

END OF SESSION LUNCHEON AT MATT’S EL RANCHO

Join your fellow UT OLLI FORUM members in honoring our seminar directors from the fall session at Matt’s El Rancho. This “Austin tradition” has been charming taste buds since 1952. It’s no surprise that Lyndon B. Johnson often flew from D.C to Austin just for some chile rellenanos. P.S.: Get the world-famous Bob Armstrong dip.
TOUR OF COMMUNITY FIRST! VILLAGE

Get an up close, personal look at the most talked about neighborhood in Austin. Community First! Village is a 51-acre master planned community that provides affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for men and women coming out of chronic homelessness. A development of Mobile Loaves & Fishes, this transformative residential program exists to love and serve our neighbors who have been living on the streets, while also empowering the surrounding community into a lifestyle of service with the homeless.

UT OLLI FORUM EXCELLENCE FUND

Donate: Give to what you love.

Your UT OLLI FORUM Excellence Fund — solely supported by your donations — is a vital resource for UT OLLI FORUM, providing support beyond that afforded by membership fees and the Osher Foundation endowment. Your support will help to ensure OLLI can grow and expand program offerings, assure adequate staffing, space, equipment, and publicity for programming, remain accessible and affordable to the Austin community, and provide scholarship assistance to those in need.

Donations are tax deductible and may be made in honor or in memory of a current or former member, or anyone of special significance to you. UT OLLI will send a letter to this person (or family) informing them of your gift; just provide us with the address to mail the acknowledgement. They will not be informed of the amount.

Join the many UT OLLI FORUM members who are regular contributors. To donate online, go to: https://olli.utexas.edu/giving. To send a check, make it payable to The University of Texas at Austin, indicate UT OLLI FORUM as the program you wish to support in the memo line, and mail to: UT OLLI, PO Box 7879, Austin, TX 78713-7879.

Your contribution and support is truly appreciated. Thank you!
FALL 2019 SEMINARS

What You Don’t Know about Down Below
Seminar Director: Sara Sauder

A lively and informative seminar on the pelvic floor and what happens when down below gets out of whack. The seminar will cover causes, symptoms and non-surgical interventions.

WEEK 1: The Anatomy & Physiology of the Pelvic Floor & its Relationship to the Body
WEEK 2: Symptoms, Causes, & Treatment for Urinary Leakage
WEEK 3: Symptoms, Causes, & Treatments of Vulvovaginal & Prostate Infections
WEEK 4: Symptoms, Causes, & Treatments for Bowel Dysfunction
WEEK 5: Pelvic Pain
WEEK 6: Sexual Dysfunction

About the Seminar Director: Sara Sauder PT, DPT is a Physical Therapist with Urology Austin. She received her Doctor of Physical Therapy from Texas Woman’s University in 2010. She specializes in pelvic floor dysfunction and teaches and mentors pelvic floor physical therapists throughout the country.

Dr. Sauder co-owns Alcove Education, a continuing education company that teaches how to treat pelvic floor dysfunction. She also co-instructs two courses — Vestibulodynia: A Pelvic Floor and Orthopedic Approach, and How to Treat a Man in Pain: Part 1. Additionally, she is a chapter co-author to the International Society for the Study of Women’s Sexual Health’s newest medical textbook and has most recently published an opinion piece in the Journal of Sexual Medicine.

Sauder is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association’s Section of Women’s Health, the International Pelvic Pain Society, the International Society for the Study of Women’s Sexual Health, the International Society for the Study of Vulvovaginal Disease, and the National Vulvodynia Association.
World War II in Six Easy Lessons
Seminar Director: Richard Brook

An in-depth look at the course of World War II, beginning when the Nazis came to power in 1933, through Germany’s surrender in May of 1945. Among the topics to be covered, this seminar examines little-known details of the politics behind the war, the development and role of the atomic bomb, and the Germans who stood up against Hitler.

WEEK 1: General Conduct of the War in Europe
WEEK 2: The Holocaust
WEEK 3: The Making of the Atomic Bomb
WEEK 4: Cracking the Enigma
WEEK 5: The Nuremberg War Crimes Trials
WEEK 6: The German Resistance to Hitler

About the Seminar Director: Richard Brook worked in the high-tech industry for many years. While traveling to Europe and Asia on business, he began visiting the locations of various battle sites where relatives of his had fought during WWII. His interest in WWII history has since expanded, resulting in a wealth of research and visits to hundreds of museums and war-related sites. Brook has taught seminars on the history of World War II for NOVA and QUEST.
FALL 2019 SEMINARS

Survey of Religious Landscape in India
Seminar Director: Anand Kruttiventni

With nearly 1.4 billion people, Indian society hosts all the major world religions in its fold. Three of the world’s largest five religions originated in India. This enormous diversity of religious practice is as ancient as Indian society itself. But as times change, the traditions within each religion are changing. The interaction between the plurality of religions is also changing along with the relationship between religion, civic life and politics. This seminar will aim to hit some of the overarching highlights of this diverse, complex and exciting aspect of Indian society.

The seminar is more a journalistic exploration, relying on known and authoritative sources and is an overview; a survey of the topic. It is NOT a research based, scholarly discussion of theological aspects of religion or a deep dive into any one religion.

About the Seminar Director: Anand Kruttiventni, after a nomadic career spanning 35 years (25 of those outside of India), 6 countries, and 3 continents, chose Austin as the place to settle down and chill. He was Vice President and Head of Corporate Leadership for Metro Group, Germany. Prior to that he worked 23 years for Procter & Gamble, starting in India and ending up in the US running Learning and Leadership Development function globally. He worked and lived in Singapore, Japan, and Saudi Arabia besides India, the US, and Germany. He and his wife are active in OLLI (FORUM and LAMP, respectively) and are busy getting to know Austin, its people, and its culture. Anand’s interests include management consulting, executive coaching, researching and talking about India, travel, and making pottery.
Jane Austen in Video
Seminar Director: Rose Ann Roth

Jane Austen is considered one of the greatest writers of all times as proved by the 37 versions produced for TV or film of her six published books. In this seminar we will get to know Jane Austen to see how her own life influenced her books and a comparison will be made between each book and the available video versions. This seminar is not just for those who love Jane Austen and want to rediscover her. For those who mistakenly think the Austen books are just romance novels, we will see that her sharp wit and perceptive portraits of the people and customs of her era are the reason for her continuing widespread popularity and praise. Note: plot summaries of the books and films will be provided before the seminar to maximize the use of class time.

WEEK 1: Getting to Know Jane (1775 -1817)
WEEK 2: Jane’s Life in Film & Earliest Published Novel
WEEK 3: She Hits It Big — *Pride and Prejudice* (1813), plus *Death Comes to Pemberley*
WEEK 4: *Mansfield Park* (1814) & *Emma* (1815)
WEEK 5: *Northanger Abbey* (1816-1818) & *Persuasion* (1816-1818)
WEEK 6: The Last One & Other “Stuff”

About the Seminar Director: Rose Ann Roth worked for IBM for 25 years in Software Programming, Management, and Project Management. She retired from IBM in 2004 and was a charter member of UT OLLI FORUM. She served on the FORUM Curriculum Committee from 2005-2016 on the Film/Lit Subcommittee and was the 2010-11 Chair of the FORUM Executive Committee. Rose Ann travels extensively, babysits her 4 young grandchildren, and hosts her 30-year-old grandson’s band. She has taught five different seminars for FORUM, QUEST, NOVA, and SAGE. Over the past 11 years, she has presented the following seminars: “A Forum of Austin Authors”, “Creative Insight from the Austin Film Community”, “Life, Love, Larceny”, “British Mysteries”, “Doris Day & the Romantic Comedies”, “American Female Investigators in Books, TV & Film”, “Award for the Best Quirky Movie Goes to …”, and “British Mysteries Revisited”. 
Heading West
Seminar Director: Myra McIlvain

This is the latest of Myra McIlvain’s popular Traveling Texas seminars, taking us to Castroville, Big Bend country, the Permian Basin, and points in between.

About the Seminar Director: Myra Hargrave McIlvain has spent most of her career as a teller of Texas tales, writing historical markers for the Texas Historical Commission, authoring five books based on Texas history, and articles for magazines such as "Texas Highways," and for newspapers in the US and Canada.

After years of leading historic tours all over the world, McIlvain currently lectures for all five OLLI programs and other venues in the Austin area and pursues her love of historical fiction.

Legacy, her coming of age novel, is a family story that takes place in a Texas town struggling through the last year of World War II. Her second novel, Stein House, paints a compelling family saga of German immigrants thrust into the bustling nineteenth century Texas seaport of Indianola. The Doctor’s Wife, a prequel to Stein House, is the story of the Germans who first arrived on the Texas coast and their development of the Indianola seaport. McIlvain’s latest book, Texas Tales, Stories that Shaped a Landscape and a People, is a nonfiction collection of 113 stories that make history fun to read.
Cancer Immunotherapy: A Gentle Introduction  
Seminar Director: William Sofer

This seminar will focus on Sofer’s yearlong attempt to teach himself the basic biology of immunology and cancer, two subjects that he was completely ignorant of despite his background in molecular biology. For reasons that he’ll explain, he became interested in these areas last year. The seminar will not be a guide to individual therapies. No medical advice will be offered. Instead, Sofer will describe the basic mechanics of how immunity works, how tumors develop, and the creative ways that genetic engineers are manipulating the immune system in order to combat cancer. If you’d like to see how the course will be structured, head over to his website, billsofer.com, and look at the entries under Bill’s Blog.

WEEKS 1-2: Innate & Adaptive Immune System  
WEEKS 3-5: Molecular Biology of Cancer  
WEEK 6: Immunotherapy

About the Seminar Director: William “Bill” Sofer earned a BS in Biology from Brooklyn College in 1961. He graduated with a PhD in Cell and Molecular Biology from the University of Miami in Coral Gables in 1967. In 1966, he was a post-doctoral fellow (supported by a NIH Fellowship) at Johns Hopkins University. He joined the faculty of Johns Hopkins in 1970 and remained in Baltimore for 10 more years. In 1980, he moved to Rutgers University in New Jersey where he was a member of the Waksman Institute and a Professor of Genetics. He is the author of over 35 scientific papers and 6 educational computer programs. He moved to Austin in 2007 to join his son, daughter-in-law, and two grandsons.
In the 16th century, Christianity was fighting a losing battle against the Muslim Ottoman Empire: Constantinople had fallen in 1453, Christian forces were chased from Rhodes in 1523, and North African pirate/corsairs conducted massive slaving expeditions along the Southern European Mediterranean coast.

Then, on May 18, an invasion force of 30,000 Muslims appeared off the coast of Malta, ready to finish off the defenders. The Battle of Malta is a cliff hanging account of men who faced incredible odds defending the fate of Christian Europe. This class will portray the struggle of those men and their triumph over superior numbers.

About the Lecturer: Wayne Dawson writes for *The Williamson County Sun*, and has written for *History Magazine, Focus on Georgetown, The Georgetown Advocate, and SAFVIC Law Enforcement Newsletter*. He was an Adjunct Professor of History for ten years at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, California, where he taught American and World History. In 2013, Dawson published *Vienna’s Last Jihad*, available on Amazon. He wrote *The Darkness That Could Be Felt* in 2016. His third book, *Caught Between Two Pagans*, released in 2017.
FALL 2019 LECTURES

OCT 18  Radio Dreams: The Story of The Outlaw DJ & The Cosmic Cowgirl
Lecturer: Kimmie Rhodes

Multi-platinum selling singer songwriter Kimmie Rhodes sings songs and tells stories from her book, *Radio Dreams: The Story of The Outlaw DJ and The Cosmic Cowgirl*. A “duet memoir” that weaves her own poetic prose with wry and witty musings from her late soulmate, beloved radio personality Joe Gracey.

After several years of sifting through archives and journals left behind by Gracey, Rhodes put the finishing touches on *Radio Dreams*, inviting readers into their private world, returning Joe to the conversation to help tell the fascinating story of their lives. Her trippy songwriter’s tales and his alternately hilarious and poignant writings take readers on a time-machine adventure, from Saturday mornings spent watching country-and-western TV stars to the wild ‘70s era in which Vietnam war-protesting hippies, weary of the fight, kicked back with rednecks to play some music in the “Groover’s Paradise” of Austin, Texas.

Rhodes has released 16 solo albums, written and produced three musical plays, published a novella/cookbook and written many multi-platinum songs, recorded by such stellar artists as Willie Nelson, Wynonna Judd, Trisha Yearwood, Amy Grant, CeCe Winans, Joe Ely, Waylon Jennings, Peter Frampton, Mark Knopfler, Emmylou Harris, and others. A native Texan, she was raised in Lubbock, where she cultivated the spirited mix of talent and determination that still fuels her success.

OCT 25  The SXSW Interactive Festival
Lecturer: Hugh Forrest

The SXSW Interactive Festival provides a variety of compelling networking experiences that complement the many learning opportunities at the SXSW Conference.

**About the Lecturer:** Hugh Forrest serves as the Director of the South by Southwest (SXSW) Interactive Festival, the five-day gathering of digital creatives that occurs in Austin every March. Over the last few years, SXSW Interactive has emerged as one of the world’s most influential events for the new media industry. He was named "Austinite of the Year" in February 2012 by the Austin Chamber of Commerce (along with fellow SXSW Directors Roland Swenson, Louis Black, and Nick Barbaro). Forrest graduated from Austin High School in 1980, and then majored in English at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. He held several jobs in the newspaper industry before surrendering to the digital revolution.
FALL 2019 LECTURES

NOV 1  Amazing World of Bats
Lecturer: Fran Hutchins

Do you like chocolate? How about tequila? Can you see in the dark? Explore the mysterious lives of BATS and why these amazing animals are so important to us.

About the Lecturer: Fran Hutchins directs educational programs and restoration work at BCI’s Bracken Cave Preserve, and works with Central Texas landowners to protect other bat roosts. His work at the Preserve protects the world’s largest colony of bats.

Fran shares his passion, leads tours and speaks to groups about the importance of bats, their habitats and the need for conservation. He has been featured on Texas Country Reporter, Travel Channel, several documentaries as well as Texas Highway Magazine and Nature Conservancy magazine. In 2013 he was recognized by the US Forest Service for Wings Across the Americas / BatsLIVE education program.

NOV 8  Clean Water . . . So Simple, So Profound!
Lecturer: Dick Moeller

There are almost 1 billion people in the world that do not have daily access to clean water. Motivated to be a catalyst to others to express their generosity to help, Water to Thrive has had a blessed journey, from birth to over 1,000 water projects in 10 years, providing clean, safe, sustainable water to bring health and hope to over 500,000 in Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Uganda. At our core, we apply sound for-profit business principles to our unique not-for-profit model to insure efficient use of our supporters’ resources. We will discuss the elements needed to execute our programs in the most remote areas of East Africa and describe the lasting impact on communities that enjoy the benefit of clean, safe sustainable water for the first time in their history.

About the Lecturer: Dick Moeller is the founder and Board Chair of Water to Thrive. In approximately 10 years, Water to Thrive has funded approximately 1,000 projects providing water to over 500,000 rural Africans who have struggled for a clean drink of water every day. He also serves as the founding Principal of Enovate Enterprises, LLC, a consulting firm focused on assisting entrepreneurs, founders, companies and organizations to achieve their full potential with strategic planning, mentoring/coaching, market strategy, governance design, and board services.
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