Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
What's Next in Your Life?

Spring 2008 Calendar

Division of Continuing and Global Education
California State University, Fresno
As we enter our sixth semester as an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, we thank you for your commitment to our OLLI as we strive to offer educational opportunities that will satisfy your zeal for learning. The lecturers often comment about how enthusiastic you are and how enjoyable it is to be with you.

We continue to venture into new formats and we were delighted with your response to the short courses this past semester. Your recommendations for future lectures, courses, field trips are welcomed; please be assured that your recommendations are brought to the table for discussion. In fact, you may find your suggestion realized in this spring, 2008 schedule of offerings.

As we continue to expand the OLLI program, we encourage your involvement. For example, if you would like to start a discussion group, we can assist in getting the word out to our membership about where you plan to meet, the date(s) and time.

Our kick-off session for this semester will be on January 24 at the Satellite Student Union. In addition to music by the Protean Visions jazz quartet, we will give you a brief overview of the spring offerings and respond to any questions you have.

Please bring any friends who you think will enjoy finding out more about OLLI or just spending an afternoon enjoying the jazz quartet and having light refreshments.

As always, you can get your thoughts and questions to us at 559-278-0008 or by e-mail: osher@csufresno.edu. By the way, the university offices will be closed between December 21, 2007 through January 2, 2008, so responses may be delayed during that period.

We look forward to seeing you this spring!

Shirley Bruegman, Director

John R. Dunn, Program Advisor
The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at California State University, Fresno, is designed for adults age 50+ who wish to continue learning and exploring for the sheer joy of it. Renew your enthusiasm for learning in a relaxed atmosphere, without entrance requirements, grades or exams.

Funded in part by the Bernard Osher Foundation, the OLLI is a vibrant learning community offering a rich array of workshops, short courses, and field trips of particular interest to retired or semi-retired adults.

General Memberships are just $55 for a single or $90 for a couple. Because we know that many of you have busy schedules and cannot attend all of the OLLI general sessions, we’ve designed a special Associate Membership. For just $15, you can attend any two of the General Session events of your choice (on a space available basis). Associate Members can also take advantage of the short courses and field trips scheduled for this spring.

With the exception of our opening Kick-Off Session on January 24, all Spring 2008 events are open ONLY to OLLI members. However, seating is limited for some events so be sure to send your registration in as soon as possible.

We have an exciting schedule of activities that will challenge, inspire, and motivate you—why not join us today?

Photos, top to bottom:
A docent shares information during the field trip to the Castle Air Museum in Atwater; OLLI members participate in an activity during L-Jay Fine’s lecture; author Mark Arax signs an autograph for OLLI member Viola Bedford, his former journalism teacher.
Fresno State’s OLLI has a variety of choices for member participation, ranging from General and Associate memberships to short courses and field trips. You choose how involved you wish to be, depending on your availability and interests. Seating is limited for some events so RSVP as early as possible! With the exception of our Opening Session on January 24 (which is open to the public), only registered OLLI members may attend OLLI activities. Membership fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Members who must cancel their field trips or short courses will be refunded only if their space can be filled by another member.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** – Fee $55 single, $90 couple
- Free admission to all seven (7) General Sessions scheduled during the Spring 2008 semester
- Opportunity to sign up for short courses (see schedule for details)
- Opportunity to sign up for field trips (see schedule for details)
- Free parking on campus during all General Session events
- Madden Library privileges
- Reduced admission fees at Fresno area museums
- OLLI-Mail announcements of Fresno State events via email

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** – Fee $15 per person
- Free admission to TWO (2) General Session events (your choice) during the Spring 2008 semester
- Opportunity to sign up for short courses (see schedule for details)
- Opportunity to sign up for field trips (see schedule for details)
- Free parking on campus during two (2) General Session events
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**FIELD TRIPS** – Fee varies depending on destination
- Open only to OLLI members (General and Associate)
- Field trips are self-supporting; a minimum enrollment is required or trips may be cancelled
- Registration for all field trips is first come, first served

**SHORT COURSES** – Fee varies depending on number of class meetings
- Open only to OLLI members (General and Associate)
- Short courses are self-supporting; a minimum enrollment is required or courses may be cancelled
- Registration for all short courses is first come, first served
- Participants are responsible for any course materials required
- All courses are non-credit and cannot be applied to a degree at Fresno State or any other institution
Spring 2008 Schedule of Activities

General Sessions

Kick-Off/Bring a Friend Event
Thursday, January 24, 4:30 – 6 pm
Satellite Student Union
Parking in Lots J, N, O & P

This event is open to the public and OLLI members are encouraged to bring a friend (or two) to hear about the Spring semester of activities. Join us for refreshments and entertainment provided by Fresno State’s Jazz Quartet.

Love in Early Christianity and the “Problem” of Mary Magdalene
Wednesday, February 6, 3:30 – 5 pm
Satellite Student Union
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One of the hallmarks of early Christians was their display of love (agapê) towards one another as well as strangers in need of help. Several early Christian writers give us insight into how the love expressed in Jesus’ teachings and in Paul’s famous formula in 1 Corinthians could be misconstrued by non-Christians as heinous acts of cannibalism and incest; most of the misunderstanding can be traced to the practice of the Christian agapê, the “love” feast, and possibly outré behavior by certain Christians in their meetings. Not only did Christians have trouble combating external gossip, but they suffered from internal turmoil over what Jesus actually taught his disciples, and whether Jesus loved Mary Magdalene more than the rest of his disciples, as is claimed in texts such as the Gospel of Mary. Honora Howell Chapman is Associate Professor of Classics and Humanities and Coordinator of Classics at California State University, Fresno. She received her A.B. and Ph.D. in Classics from Stanford University. Currently she is helping to prepare Flavius Josephus: Translation and Commentary, vol. 1a: Judean War 2, forthcoming in 2008. She received the Provost’s Award for Promising Young Scholar at California State University, Fresno, in 2006.

Don’t Drink the Water—Don’t Eat the Food: Water and Food Security in a Flat World
Wednesday, March 12, 5 – 6:30 pm
Satellite Student Union
Parking in Lots J, N, O & P

Dr. Charles Boyer is Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at California State University, Fresno. Prior to joining Fresno State in 2006, Dr. Boyer served as Associate Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Associate Director of Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station (2003-2006) at Oregon State University. Dr. Boyer received his Ph.D. in Genetics from Pennsylvania State University. He did postdoctoral work in the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics at the University of California, Davis. He has held faculty positions at Rutgers University and the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Boyer’s teaching and research interests include plant breeding and biochemical genetics.

Be Sharp, Stay Sharp: Neuroscience, the New Fountain of Youth
Choose one session: Monday, March 24, 3 – 5 pm OR
Monday, March 24, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Alice Peters Auditorium
Parking in UBC Lot

This lecture will review recent neuroscience research that applies to normal development and aging of the human brain. Learn practical methods to maintain optimum cognitive performance that include diet, physical activity, cognitive exercises, and social connections. Find out what type of cognitive exercises are most effective at improving memory, increasing processing speed, and improving quality of life. Research evidence will outline physical changes in the brain as a result of specific training. You will leave with resources, ideas and understanding about how to maintain optimum cognitive functioning. Kathryn Wage, speech pathologist, received B.A.
and M.A. degrees from California State University, Fresno in Communicative Disorders and Speech Pathology. Ms. Wage has taught at Fresno State and at Fresno Pacific University.

**Ice, Guano and Feathers: My Life with the Penguins**
**Tuesday, April 8, 3:30 – 5 pm**
**Satellite Student Union**
**Parking in Lots J, N, O & P**

Adelie penguins have an entire continent to themselves, but their habitat is changing. These penguins who thrive in the harshest environment on Earth have survived and raised their families for millions of years. Can they survive global climate change? Jean Pennycook received her degree in Wildlife Fisheries Biology from the University of California, Davis in 1972 and made her career as a science educator. She serves Fresno Unified School District as a Teacher on Special Assignment working to enhance science education throughout her district and has just returned from her sixth trip to Antarctica where she reaches out to classrooms across the country about the Polar Regions, penguins and global climate change. Supporting and integrating research and education is the mission of outreach educators like Jean.

**Jazz-In-Action@Fresno State**
**Wednesday, April 23, 1 – 2:50 pm**
**Concert Hall, Music Building**
**Parking in Lots A & B**

**Jazz Band “A” in Concert**

In this session, you will hear from some of the most-noted young jazz talent on the West Coast. The group performs professional level arrangements and features 16 outstanding soloists. Jazz Band “A” recently performed, by invitation, at the prestigious 2007 California Band Directors Association Conference and 2007 California Association for Music Education Conference. The group is under the direction of Dr. Michael Caldwell, 2007 CMEA Central Section Jazz Educator of the Year. Dr. Caldwell is Associate Professor of Music at California State University, Fresno, where he has served since Fall 2002. He is also the Director of the award-winning Fresno State Jazz Band “A” and the Clendenin Brass Quintet.

**Cotton: Fabric of the Valley**
**Thursday, April 24, 3:30 – 5 pm**
**Satellite Student Union**
**Parking in Lots J, N, O & P**

Dr. Bruce A. Roberts is a 1975 graduate of Fresno State with a bachelor of science degree in agronomy and soils. Dr. Roberts earned his master’s degree at Utah State University and his Ph.D. in ecology from the University of California, Davis. In 2004, he was appointed the first holder of the J. G. Boswell Endowed Chair in Plant Science at California State University, Fresno. His research revolves around plant and soil ecology for sustainable management. He has an extensive background in all of the major agronomic crops of the Central Valley.

**Short Courses**

Our short courses meet once each week for 3 – 6 weeks and are designed for smaller groups, providing the opportunity for more interaction with the instructors. These courses are self-supporting and require a minimum enrollment.

**Photography and its Roots in the Visual Arts** with Douglas Dertinger, M.F.A.

An exploration of photography and its roots in the visual arts. We will be discussing basic interpretation of images, the rudiments of the medium’s history, and its social significance in the modern world. Course is lecture and discussion with supplementary readings. Douglas Dertinger earned a B.F.A. at Colorado State University and a M.F.A. at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. He has exhibited his photography in galleries in Nova Scotia, Colorado and Virginia, with group exhibitions in Fresno, Virginia, Texas, Colorado, Canada and Italy. Mr. Dertinger has taught at the University of Virginia, the College of Wooster and Colorado State University. He now teaches in the Department of Art and Design at California State University, Fresno.

4 Tuesdays • January 22, 29, February 5 & 12 • 3:30 – 5 pm
Fee: $20 per person • Limited to 24 students due to room capacity
Location: Peters Building, Room 192
Parking: UBC Lot
The 2008 Elections: Are You Ready for Three Statewide Elections in Nine Months? with David Schecter, Ph.D.

Fresno-area voters will be faced with presidential candidates, mayoral candidates and any number of ballot initiatives when elections are held in the Golden State in February, June and November. We will do our best to get everyone ready for these exciting contests by delving deep into the issues and studying the candidates’ records and achievements. We will study the structure of the presidential race with a look at the primary battles in select states and then we will move to a deeper discussion of the Fresno mayoral race and the candidates asking for our support at the local and state level. Come prepared for some serious discussions and an occasional light-hearted look at the campaign process! Dr. David Schecter is Associate Professor of Political Science at California State University, Fresno. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in History and Social Science and a Master’s degree and Ph.D. in Political Science. In the mid 1990s he served for four years as a City Councilman in his hometown of Ormond Beach, Florida.

6 Wednesdays • January 30, February 13 & 27, March 5 & 26, April 23 • 3:30 – 5 pm
Fee: $30 per person • Minimum 30 students
Location: Alice Peters Auditorium
Parking in UBC Lot

Classical Myth and Literature with Linda Cano

This course will be a study of the interrelationships among the arts of the Classical World. It will include classical myth and literature, including themes and ideas within the context of ancient world humanities and will specifically explore the myths of Crete, Iliad, Odyssey and Aeneid. Linda Cano teaches Classic Myth and World Humanities at California State University, Fresno. She has also taught in the Honors Program at Fresno City College. This course is offered concurrently with Art History: The Art and Architecture of Ancient Greece and Rome (see next course description); you may take either class or both classes depending on your schedule and interests.

4 Mondays • February 4, 11, 25 & March 3 • 2 – 3:30 pm
Fee: $20 per person • Minimum 30 students
Location: Alice Peters Auditorium
Parking in UBC Lot

Art History: The Art and Architecture of Ancient Greece and Rome with Tina Mastropolito Bruno

Study in depth the art and architecture of ancient Greece, Rome, and Etruria with art historian Tina Mastropolito Bruno. Covering artifacts from 3000 BC in the Ancient Aegean through the Christian conversion of the Roman Emperor Constantine in 312 AD, this course will explore the visual arts as they relate to the lives and cultures of the ancient people.

This four-week course will culminate with an optional visit to the Getty Villa in Malibu (see description under Field Trips) to examine first hand the ancient classical works and architecture inspired by the ancient villas of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Tina Mastropolito Bruno currently teaches Art History and Photography at Reedley College. Concurrently with this course, Ms. Linda Cano will be teaching Classical Myth and Literature (see previous description). You may take either class or both classes depending on your schedule and interests.

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William Saroyan: Views on Ethnicity and Identity with Barlow Der Mugrdechian

The 100th anniversary of the birth of noted Armenian-American writer William Saroyan takes place in 2008. This course will look at some of his old and new works, some of which touch upon questions of identity and ethnicity. Course participants will have the opportunity to read and discuss selected works in the course. Books to read: William Saroyan: An Armenian Trilogy (available through the University Press; contact Carla Millar, 278-3056 or email carlarn@csufresno.edu for ordering information) and Saroyan’s Armenians: An Anthology, edited by Alice K. Barter, 1992 (available in bookstores and online). Barlow Der Mugrdechian has taught Armenian language, literature, history, and culture courses in the Armenian Studies Program at Fresno State for the past twenty years. Der Mugrdechian is a graduate of Fresno State and UCLA. He is a third-generation native of Fresno and has taught courses on the Armenians in California and the Armenians in Fresno. He received the Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching (Faculty Service) in 1995.

2 Thursdays • February 21 & 28, 3:30 – 5:30 pm
Fee: $20 per person • Minimum 30 students
Location: Alice Peters Auditorium
Parking in UBC Lot

Español for the Novice with Cathleen Colby

This five-week course will have you speaking basic Spanish in the following topics: vocabulary used in markets, cooking, and in restaurants; greeting of people, how to give instructions, and how to ask questions; travel (including money and how to check in and out of hotels); numbers—how they are used in exchanging money, etc. This short course will be about conversation, culture, and fun while learning the basics for communicating with success in the Spanish language. An optional field trip to Fresno’s Arté Americas museum on April 15 will continue the theme (additional fee applies, see Field Trips). Instructor Cathleen Colby teaches Spanish at Sunnyside
High School and is currently seeking her masters in Spanish at Sacramento State. She has spent time studying abroad in Mexico, Costa Rica, Peru and Spain.

5 Tuesdays • February 26, March 4, 11 & 25, April 1 • 4:30 – 6 pm  
Fee: $25 per person • Minimum 30 students  
Location: Peters Building, Room 194  
Parking in UBC Lot

The Modern Middle East with Jay O’Brien

This course will introduce you to the history of the peoples, societies and cultures of the Middle East. The concentration will be on the core Middle Eastern countries and on Islam. The course will also identify the historical roots of contemporary conflicts. Jay O’Brien teaches history, economics and sociology in the College of Social Sciences at California State University, Fresno. He lived and worked in Sudan for five years and has published widely on agricultural labor and economic development and on ethnicity in Sudan. He has taught courses on the Middle East for 25 years.

5 Mondays • April 7, 14, 21, 28 & May 5 • 3:30 – 5 pm  
Fee: $25 per person • Minimum 30 students  
Location: Peters Building, Room 194  
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Field Trips

Madama Butterfly Performance by the Fresno Grand Opera with introduction by Judith Dickison-Ryskamp

This opera, in three acts, was written by Giacomo Puccini and its first performance was at La Scala, Milano on February 17, 1904. It has become one of the most beloved and performed operas in the entire operatic repertoire. It is a story of love, betrayal and death. The beautiful young geisha Cio-Cio San marries the dashing naval officer B. F. Pinkerton. Believing him to be faithful to her, she waits for his return to her after he must go back to America. Some of Puccinni’s most beautiful melodies are found in this moving example of grand opera. Pre-performance lecture by Judith Dickison-Ryskamp, who has performed with the New York City Grand Opera and the San Francisco Opera and has had leading roles in numerous regional operas.

Sunday, February 10, 1 pm (pre-performance lecture followed by opera at 2:30 pm)  
Meet at the Saroyan Theatre, 600 M Street, Fresno  
Fee: $80, including pre-performance lecture and orchestra seating; lecture only $20 (if you already have opera tickets); all lecture attendees must have tickets for the Sunday matinee performance

Maximum 20 matinee performance tickets available; first come, first served.

Getty Villa escorted by Tina Mastropolito Bruno and Linda Cano

The Getty Villa in Malibu is an educational center and museum dedicated to the study of the arts and cultures of ancient Greece, Rome, and Etruria. The museum includes Greek, Roman, and Etruscan antiquities arranged by themes including Gods and Goddesses, Dionysos and the Theater, and Stories of the Trojan War, as well as Roman-inspired architecture and gardens. During the Getty trip, Ms. Bruno and Ms. Cano will provide gallery talks on selected works as they relate to the topics of their respective courses. The two educators have traveled extensively through Greece and Italy.

Friday, March 7 • 7 am – 9 pm  
Fee: $100 per person  
Minimum 40 participants; Gallery Talks limited to 40 participants, first come, first served

Arté Americas

Arte Américas is a celebration of Arts in Mexico, Latin America, the Southwest and California. Its focus is on the ability of art to be both culturally specific and universally understood. Join us for a visit to this downtown Fresno museum, where you’ll enjoy their current exhibits as well as a lecture on Ancient Calendaring with a focus on the Aztecs and Mayans. Docents will be available to give tours and gallery talks during your visit.

Tuesday, April 15, 2 pm  
Meet at Arté Americas, 1630 Van Ness, Fresno  
Fee: $15 per person (maximum 100 guests)
Spring 2008 Calendar at a Glance

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Visitors with DMV-issued Disabled plates or placards may park at any parking meter when attending campus events.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute cannot be responsible for parking citations received by those parking in the wrong lots.
Member(s) Name(s): _____________________________________________________________________________________
Street: _________________________________________________________________________________________________
City/Zip  ______________________________________________  Phone __________________________________________
Email Address ___________________________________________________________________________________________
How did you hear about the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute?
☐ I'm an OLLI member  ☐ Heard from a friend  ☐ Newspaper  ☐ Brochure  ☐ Other ______________________________
Please indicate your age group:  ☐ 50-60  ☐ 61-70  ☐ 71-80  ☐ 80+
Are you:  ☐ retired  ☐ semi-retired  ☐ work part-time  ☐ work full-time

MEMBERSHIP FEES – CHOOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

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Arté Americas ...............................................................................................................................................$15 per person $ ______
Getty Villa ...............................................................................................................................................$100 per person $ ______

TOTAL FEES:.............................................................................................................................................$ ______

Payment Method:
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