Course listings, membership information and registration

OLLI @ OSU
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Oklahoma State University

Spring 2019
Tulsa | Bartlesville | Stillwater | Oklahoma City

Online enrollment available:
https://education.okstate.edu/olli
What is the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute?

OLLI @ OSU is a program of educational courses for people who want to enrich their lives through new learning experiences. Non-credit courses on a variety of topics are offered each semester to the public. Instructors are qualified volunteers from various career backgrounds, including academia, business, the arts, and government. Courses are geared toward those 50 and older who have a genuine interest in continuing their learning experiences and intellectual excitement.

Sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the OSU College of Education, Health and Aviation, OLLI @ OSU is governed by a Board of Directors elected by the membership. Each site has an Executive Committee. Members may attend classes and social events and recommend instructors and courses. Member fees and support from the Bernard Osher Foundation and Oklahoma State University fund OLLI @ OSU operating costs.

To enroll

Enroll online at education.okstate.edu/olli or complete the form for your city, located on pages 44, 45, 46 or 47 of this booklet, and mail with your check or credit card information to us. A confirmation will be sent to you.

Best Value: Joining at the $200 Annual Membership level allows unlimited course enrollment through 6/30/2019!

Questions?

Need-based scholarships are available.

Contact the OLLI @ OSU office for more information.

There are no tests or grades… just the joy of learning.
2018 – 2019 Membership

The only requirements for membership are that you are an adult with an interest in continuing educational experiences and will support the program through participation and payment of a membership fee.

Choose your membership level:

$200 Unlimited Annual Membership: unlimited attendance to dozens of courses during the Fall, Spring & Summer sessions at any OLLI location - Stillwater, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Bartlesville.

$40 Annual Membership: each course costs an additional $25.

Membership is valid through 6/30/2019. If you joined in the Fall semester, do not pay your membership fee this semester!

Membership allows participation in all social events, travel opportunities, and other special programs, OLLI luncheons, committee membership, voting privileges, and course evaluation. Membership runs July 1 through June 30. The membership year has 3 semesters: Fall (6 weeks), Spring (6 weeks), and Summer (3 weeks).

Information Texts & Materials

Please pre-pay for texts and materials fees listed in the catalog. Individuals who pay later than 10 days prior to the beginning of a course are not guaranteed texts and/or course materials. Include payment with your registration. You may pick up your materials the first day of class. Texts are not required for the courses but highly recommended.

Note: If public schools are cancelled due to inclement weather, OLLI @ OSU classes will also be cancelled.

Handicapped Parking: Available for those who display the appropriate signage.

Lunch: Enrollees may purchase lunch on designated days (see registration page, payable in advance, priced per semester) or bring a brown bag lunch and join your OLLI friends. Please indicate your intention to participate, and pay at time of registration.

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Enroll Online for OLLI @ OSU’s Lifelong Learning Classes & sign up for our day trips!

To enroll online:
- Go to the website: https://education.okstate.edu/olli
- Follow the link to register online.
- On the right-hand side of the page, there is a box titled LOGIN.
  - If you enrolled online previously, enter your password.
  - If not, click FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD. You will then be prompted to enter your email address. An email will be sent to you with your login information.
- Our annual membership runs July 1- June 30. You will need to decide on your membership level before enrolling. Membership must be purchased separately from classes, so remember to choose your classes after purchasing a membership.
  - If you choose the $200 unlimited membership, you may enroll in classes in Tulsa, Bartlesville, Stillwater, and Oklahoma City without additional tuition fees through June 30, 2019.
  - If you choose the $40 membership, your tuition will cost an additional $25 per class.
- Once you’ve logged in as a paid member, you will be able to research the classes offered and enroll. You may pay your fees, purchase texts, and purchase lunches on this site. Classes are listed by city through the selection of the Stillwater, Tulsa, Bartlesville, and Oklahoma City Program Type.
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*Pictured:  Dr. Mary Frye, Stillwater Member and OLLI @ OSU 
Board of Directors Member.
Straddling two continents, Asia and Europe, Turkey is the link that connects East to West with ancient traditions, breathtaking landscapes and international flair. The Turkish culture is one of family, friendship, and welcome to the stranger, so whether this is your first exposure or you’re a long-time admirer, you’ll enjoy this excursion. Beginning with an understanding of modern Turkey’s history, with its roots in the 600-year Ottoman Empire, you’ll also experience Turkish cuisine with a cooking demonstration, hear live traditional music, and watch ebru art (water marbling) performed by an artist in the classroom. Discussions of politics over the past 20 years, questions of democracy, human rights and freedom of speech will give you insight into current events.

Muhammet Ali Sezer is the Executive Director of the Dialogue Institute and the Raindrop Turkish House of Oklahoma. Muhammet graduated from Suleyman Demirel University with a degree in Mathematics. He earned the College Counseling Certificate from the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA Extension). Muhammet is an alumnus of Leader Tulsa Class 58 and an active member of Tulsa Young Professionals Diversity Crew. He is also a member of Tulsa Global Alliance Program Council, Board Member for Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice. He is married to Zuleyha and they are the parents of three children.
Life, Work & Death in America

We will investigate stunning examples of conflict in America’s fields, mines, and communities. Prize winning documentaries will stoke our discussions and force us to take sides. Sometimes choices will seem easy, sometimes not. **Harlan County, USA** will challenge us with a bitter coal mining strike of 1973. Miners and their wives take on the Eastover Coal Co. in this Academy Award winning documentary. It is a brutal story, but you mustn’t look away. **Farmingville** tells of conflict in a small New York town when 1,500 Mexican day laborers arrive in this community of 15,000. Attempted murders and hateful rhetoric provide a mosaic of civil unrest. This early 2000s’ clash of races and values previews today’s acrimony over immigration.

And finally, **Libby, Montana**. This is a story of betrayal that “raises alarming questions about the role of corporate power in American politics.” The strip mining of vermiculite asbestos results in “the worst case of industrial poisoning of a whole community in American history.” Today, over 35 million homes throughout the United States have vermiculite asbestos as insulation. The saga of Libby, Montana therefore could impact people far removed from the 6,000 inhabitants of this northwest Montana town.

So, buckle up. This ride will take us to places and events far from our comfort zone. But we need to go there!

**Lloyd K. Musselman** has taught American history at the high school and college levels for some 50 years. During his 38 years of teaching for Oklahoma City University, he was twice named faculty member of the year. Though Lloyd is retired from full time teaching, he occasionally teaches in an OCU program in Singapore. In 2007, he was inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame. Lloyd has given presentations throughout the state using his unique blend of scholarship and love for American history to engage people in conversation and study of our great country.
February 19: From mapping wind farms to planning for sensitive watersheds, from a deadly rig explosion to coal ash management, Joe Wertz has covered it. As a senior reporter and managing editor for StateImpact Oklahoma, he reports on energy and environmental issues and the intersection of government for national NPR audiences. He knows firsthand how these events affect the lives of Oklahomans, and he will offer an inside look into the reporting process and the topics that are headline news.

February 26: The numbers are staggering, the results devastating. Every week in OKC, about 200 households are evicted, and many, if not most, of these renters have little knowledge of their rights or access to legal help which can resolve tenant/landlord conflicts. OKC’s eviction rate—totaling 6,433 evictions in 2016—is one of the highest in the nation. Recognizing the fact that eviction leads to homelessness, joblessness, and a downward spiral of poverty, OCU Housing Eviction Legal Assistance Program helps families pro bono before the problems escalate. Richard M. Klinge, Director and supervising attorney, will introduce the program’s origin and focus and the impact it makes on the people it serves and our community.

March 5: Oklahoma may seem like one of the last places to experience a violent Socialist uprising, but things were different in the Summer of 1917 when starving tenant farmers in the South Canadian River valley were being asked to sign up to fight overseas in World War I – which they condemned as a “Rich Man’s War.” Hundreds assembled in south Seminole County to march to Washington, D.C., and overthrow the U.S. government, but their quixotic journey quickly turned into folly, prison, and death, and it helped change the course of Oklahoma politics. Learn more about this almost-forgotten chapter in state history from a man raised in the region, who has researched and written about the uprising, and who had two great uncles arrested as suspects in “The Green Corn Rebellion.” Dale Ingram has a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Oklahoma State University, where he served as editor of The Daily O’Collegian. An award-winning writer, he was the Washington, D.C., correspondent for the Tulsa Tribune, and transitioned to a career in corporate communications for Fortune 100 companies. Dale has contributed stories about Oklahoma historical characters and events to This Land Press, The Oklahoman, the Tulsa World, the Arkansas Times and other publications.
March 12: If you think your job is tough, you need to talk to Terri Angier. As Chief of the Media & Public Relations Division of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), she’s responsible to you, the public, for all public relations and information management. She’s also the media relations liaison between senior management and staff for projects with state agencies right up to the governor’s office. She leads ODOT communications for crisis management, such as the Murrah Building bombing in 1999, the 2002 Webbers Falls bridge disaster, the 2013 tornado disasters, and 2015 flooding and rockslides. And then there’s the day-to-day work of making available timely and accurate information, which is a job in itself. Meet Terri and come to appreciate the many facets of ODOT.

March 19: Though arguably the most advanced economy in the world, the United States still uses centuries-old numbers to measure trade. These antiquated numbers mangle understanding of the US-China trade relationship, shrinking America’s true economic size and competitiveness, while swelling China’s. We’ll break down the numbers with Anthony Cambas, Director of the Wes Watkins Center for International Trade and Development and the International Trade Center – Small Business Development Center at OSU. He is a former U.S. Customs official and Licensed Customs Broker with more than 25 years’ experience in international trade and development in the public and private sectors and has been a senior advisor on Customs Reform and Modernization projects in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

March 26: The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested. The United States and Mexico have a long, intertwined history, with both countries prominently featured in each other’s politics and agendas. The war on drugs, immigration and trade issues have taxed the relationship over the years. What impact will new leadership in both countries have on this crucial partnership? Speaker TBA.
The Bison as American Icon

Few animals conjure the power and symbolic presence of the North American bison. Wild and fundamental, the bison is a familiar part of our shared heritage. Explore the National Cowboy Museum’s newest exhibit through lively lectures, exhibition tours, a reading and discussion program, and an award-winning documentary film.


February 28: A Curator’s Perspective of The Bison Exhibit, lecture by Eric Singleton, Ph.D., Curator of Ethnology, National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

March 7: Facing the Storm: Story of the American Bison, film screening and discussion


March 21: The Buffalo Wars, lecture by Michael Grauer, McCasland Curator of Cowboy Culture, National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

March 28: Q & A: The National Buffalo Foundation, discussion with Cecil Miskin, President of the National Buffalo Foundation and Dick Gehring, President of the National Bison Association.
The Liberal & Conservative Movements in America

Since our nation’s birth, Americans have struggled to reconcile conflicting ideals derived from conservatism and radicalism. In the late 19th century, industrialism spawned the progressive movement to correct economic injustice. These reformers, recasting themselves as liberals, transformed American political and economic institutions during Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deals and Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society. Yet, behind the scenes, a coalition of intellectuals, businessmen, and religious groups joined forces to reign in the state, contain Communism, and preserve traditional values. Although conservatives lost the 1964 election, developments in the 1960s and 1970s precipitated a backlash against liberalism. In 1980, Ronald Reagan seized the moment to win the presidency and popularize conservatism, a consensus that proved shortlived as a new millennium witnessed not only a resurgent liberal movement but intense ideologocial polarization. This spring, we will come together to study the ideas and people that defined the liberal and conservative movements.

David Prentice has a Ph.D. in history with concentrations in U.S. foreign relations and American intellectual history. He is currently revising a book manuscript on the domestic origins and international ramifications of America’s exit strategy from Vietnam, tentatively titled Ending America’s Vietnam War. Broadly, he employs multi-archival, international research to examine questions related to U.S. foreign policy and the relationship between American motivations and foreign actors’ interpretations of these motivations and policies.

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Course(s) Enrolling in:

☐ Turkish Culture, Mondays, 1-3 pm, Raindrop House, 2/18-3/25
☐ Life, Work & Death in America, Tuesdays, 10-Noon, OHC, 2/19-3/26
☐ City Forum, Tuesdays, 1-3 pm, OHC, 2/19-3/26
☐ Bison as American Icon, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am, NCWHM, 2/21-3/28
☐ Liberal & Conservative Movements, Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 pm, NCWHM, 2/21-3/28

*Cafes are located Oklahoma History Center, and the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum and our OLLI students are encouraged to join their friends for lunch. There is a brown bag lecture/lunch series at the Western Heritage Museum during our semester and OLLI Students are welcome to attend, free of charge.

*If you paid your membership for Fall 2018, do not pay that fee again this semester.

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