



# The OLLI UPdate

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A Halloween-themed background image featuring a dark blue night sky with a full moon, silhouettes of bare tree branches, and several bats in flight. The text "Boo, y'all" is written in a white, cursive font across the center of the image.

Boo, y'all

**OCTOBER 29, 2020**

Hi, Friends!

Well, this weather is wrecking havoc on our trees, as well as our classes! We are sorting out this week's missed classes for *TED Circles*, *Oklahoma Originals*, *Soft Pastels*, *US Supreme Court* and *Creative Writing*. Hang tight and keep an eye on your email for updates. Don't lose track of your Zoom links as we'll do our best to use the same links for the makeup classes.

In the meantime, the October 12 ***Tulsa Race Massacre*** makeup day will be Nov. 16, 1:00 - 2:30 pm and ***Spice Trails***, Nov. 3, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. Also, ***The End of the Cold War*** course will be extended by one week at the request of the instructor; the final lecture will be presented on Nov. 17, 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Use the same links for these classes as you have been.

The OSU Dept. of Communication Sciences & Disorders is providing free cognitive screenings to OLLI members. Use this sign-up [link](#). To make a reservation, open the link and choose a date and time between now and Nov. 6. Testing is done online, one-on-one and takes about 20 minutes. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. You'll need to enter your name, email address and phone number so the organizers can confirm the meeting time and send you a Zoom link. Additional times may be added for the week of Nov. 9. This new link should bypass any tech difficulties you might have had with the previous one. Give it a try.

Lastly, this is also a good time to remind you that if you accept text messages on your phone, make sure that the OLLI office has your cell number and carrier. We share class cancellations through text messages as well as email when they happen.

Kindly, Robbin - Your OLLI Director



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# November Lectures

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Lectures are free for members, \$10 for non-members. Invite a friend.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## **Women of the Third Reich**

**Tuesday, Nov. 3, 9:00 - 10:30 am**

Examine the expectations and realities of women in Nazi Germany with historian Anette Isaacs.

## **400 Years of Poetry in 90 Minutes**

**Wednesday, Nov. 4, 9:00 - 10:30 am**

This presentation will give you insight and understanding into poetry that spans from the mid 1600s to current day. It's not just designed to expose you to poetry...it's designed to make you fall in love with it. Matthew Vaughan is a former educator with a background in entertainment and a B.A. in English Literary and Cultural Studies.

## **Oklahoma History: Sainted Wives & Soiled Doves**

**Wednesdays, Nov. 4 & 11, 3:00 - 4:30 pm**

Often overlooked, underrated or ignored, women's contributions to Oklahoma deserve close study. Take a look at the lives of women in oil boom towns in the early to middle 20th century. From patient wives living in horrible conditions to prostitutes looking for financial stability, the women of boom towns came from varied backgrounds and lived different experiences. Your instructor is Elizabeth M. B. Bass, who has served as the Director of Publications at the Oklahoma Historical Society since 2012.

Note: This is a two-part lecture.

## **Family History at Your Fingertips**

**Thursday, Nov. 5, 9:00 - 10:30 am**

Chad Williams and Jan Davis show you how Oklahoma libraries, archives and museums as well as institutions around the nation make family history easily accessible.

## **The Reverse Underground Railroad**

**Thursday, Nov. 5, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Join Richard Bell, Professor of History at the University of Maryland and author of *Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped Into Slavery and Their Astonishing Odyssey Home*, to learn about the reverse underground railroad. Listen to his interview on NPR One's podcast, *On the Record*, [here](#).

## **The Transcendence of Watercolors**

**Friday, Nov. 6, 3:00 - 4:30 pm**

Fatemeh Kian shared her love of watercolors with Stillwater OLLI students until she moved to Los Angeles in 2017. She's back with us on Zoom to demonstrate how she creates her award-winning masterpieces. Learn more about Fatemeh's work and her background [here](#).



## Resources for Further Research

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### 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Centennial Commission

In his role as project director for this Commission, OLLI instructor Phil Armstrong is a popular man in the news media. This article from the [Tulsa World](#) is a good starting point to learn about the Commission and the man leading it.

### From Good To Know

A few weeks ago, Mr. Jae Oh made a presentation on Medicare in which he shared a wealth of information. You can explore other resources relating to his book, *Maximize Your Medicare*, including [YouTube Channel](#), [Newsletter](#) and podcast on [Spotify](#) or [iTunes](#).

### From World Class Museums & Collections

Our friends at the New York Historical Society offer virtual tours and other information exhibits, [Meet the Presidents](#) and [Women March](#). Also, check out [Women at the Center](#) blog and [Women in the Archive](#). The NYHS offers wonderful digital resources on all their exhibits. Find their home page [here](#).

### Date Night

Every Friday in November, tune into PBS for Great Performances *Broadway's Best*. Here's a [preview](#) with descriptions of their superb line-up which includes *One Man, Two Guvnors* on Nov. 6; followed by *Lea Salonga in Concert; Fiddler: Miracle of Miracles; and Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn*. *Now that you are so good at using Zoom, you can watch a show on your TV together with friends (or that special someone) on a Zoom call.*

### OLLI @ Furman

Our OLLI friends at Furman University invite you to *Upstate Cocktails with a Curator* on Fridays at 4 pm Central. Each 30-minute session is free and features a curator who will introduce you to significant objects from collections across Upstate South Carolina. Join live using this Zoom [link](#) or watch later on [YouTube](#).

Topics include:

10/30 Women's Ghost Stories of the 1920s and 1930s

11/6 Dying to Be Beautiful: The Case of the 1840s Corset

11/3 A Key Document Relating to Furman's History of Slavery

Suggested Cocktail: Hanky Panky

Suggested Cocktail: Gin & Tonic

Suggested Cocktail: Rob Roy



## Your Favorite Haunts

This content may disturb some readers

Some like it spooky but, let's face it, the idea of scaring up some fun this Halloween is just witchful thinking. That's why we've put together this Halloween kit for you. It's full of bone chills and cheap thrills. It has something for everyone--both tricks and treats--and it's our way of saying Happy OLLIween!

Start here by setting the mood with the right music: [J.S. Bach's Toccata & Fugue in D Minor](#)

While you're listening, mix up a batch of Halloween [mocktails](#) (that's non-alcoholic cocktails, a real treat).

Let's work on a creepy vibe. Visit a haunted house in [Muskogee](#) and some haunted castles in [England](#).

Maybe you have an infestation of [ancient Mesopotamian spirits](#). Who ya gonna call? Irving Finkel, curator at the British Museum!

Gather round, children. It's time for a story. Lore-tellers of New England dive into the mysterious, strange and occult in National Public Radio's podcast [Listen with the Lights On](#).

Have you ever wondered, "Why [sugar skulls?](#)" And speaking of skulls, did this [skeleton crew](#) haunt your childhood?

Time for another musical interlude. [Mr. Valentine's Dead](#) is a sad song about a guy in a bar.

The horror of it all! Here is an [animation](#) on why you should read Edgar Allan Poe. Find frightening classics by Poe, Bram Stoker, Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley and many more when you search [Gutenberg.org](#) for "horror" and download books for free.

Are you in the mood for sinister whimsey? Allow us to introduce you to [Edward Gorey](#).

All of this may be too intense for some folks, so let's bring it down a notch. Work off your Halloween treats while you learn the steps to the [Monster Mash](#). And let's come back down to earth with this talk on a [scientific approach](#) to the paranormal.



## Events Calendar

These events are free for OLLI members and \$10 each for non-members. Registration is not required for Coffee Talks. Use the links below. [Register here](#) for everything else.

Please note that the [Art History lectures with Jena Kodesh](#) have been cancelled. We look forward to rescheduling Jena at a later date.

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| 10/29 | 9am     | <b>Makeup class: The End of the Cold War</b>   |
| 10/29 | 5:30 pm | <b>Concert: Miss Brown to You</b> with Louise Goldberg & Mary Reynolds, piano & guitar |
| 11/3  | All Day | <b>Election Day VOTE</b>   |
| 11/3  | 9 am    | <b>Women of the Third Reich</b> with Anette Isaacs                                     |
| 11/4  | 9 am    | <b>400 Years of Poetry</b> with Matt Vaughn  |
| 11/4  | 3 pm    | <b>Oklahoma History: Women in Boom Towns, Part I</b> with Elizabeth Bass               |
| 11/5  | 11 am   | <b>The Reverse Underground Railroad</b> with Richard Bell                              |
| 11/5  | 9 am    | <b>Family History at Your Fingertips</b> with Chad Williams & Jan Davis                |
| 11/6  | 3 pm    | <b>The Transcendence of Watercolors</b> , a demonstration with Fatemeh Kian            |
| 11/9  | 11 am   | <b>Under Her Wings Was the Universe</b> with sculptor romy owens                       |
| 11/10 | 9 am    | <b>Genealogical Research Using Fire Insurance Maps</b> with Patricia Nunes             |
| 11/10 | 11 am   | <b>The Wonderful, Wacky Windsors (Pt. 1)</b> with Christianne Chase                    |
| 11/11 | 3 pm    | <b>Oklahoma History: Women in Boom Towns, Part II</b> with Elizabeth Bass              |
| 11/12 | 11 am   | <b>Chilocco Through the Years</b> with Sarah Milligan                                  |
| 11/13 | 11 am   | <b>The Wonderful, Wacky Windsors (Pt. 2)</b> with Christianne Chase                    |