



The OLLI UPdate

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY



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Hi, Friends!

Now that the summer session has kicked off, it's been so good to see your faces again in the summer classes this week. Not resting on our laurels, we have added another class with longtime OLLI instructor, Dr. Martin Banschbach. Dr. B has offered up three single sessions on "Understanding COVID." As we (hopefully) are moving past this pandemic, it's important that we take a moment to learn about what we've been through and what is still to come. More info, including dates and a link to register for the classes is below.

OLLI is hitting the road this week. We'll be hosting an informational table at the Montereau Wellness Fair on Wednesday, May 26 from 9am to 1pm. Montereau is located in Tulsa off of Granite and 71st. Come and see us!

Good news - OSU has lifted the mask policy and it looks like we'll be able to have in person classes for the fall session! We're still planning to have both in person and streaming classes. That plan continues to evolve - stay tuned!

Enrollment for the Friday tours is light. If you are interested in joining us, please enroll by the Monday of the week of the tour. We need at least four people to secure the tours. The driving tour is full.

See you soon!

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Your OLLI Director



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Understanding COVID-19

INSERT DATES & TIMES

Is COVID-19 the first coronavirus to jump from bats to humans? Why is veterinary science involved in coronavirus research? What do coronaviruses and measles have in common? Will we develop more effective vaccines? How do scientists track the virus mutations? Will COVID-19 affect life expectancy for Americans?

Who do you trust when misinformation is running rampant? Let's ask OLLI's favorite Professor of Biochemistry, Dr. Martin Banschbach. Martin received his Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Nutrition from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1973, and he has been teaching human nutrition to OSU medical students, OSU graduate students, Rogers State University Nursing Students and TCC students for 20+ years. We're excited to announce that Martin will return to give you the latest science behind the pandemic. Knowledge is power, and this lecture will make you strong!

This lecture is free for OLLI members and \$10 for non-members. Martin will make this presentation on May 27 at 1pm, June 14 at 11am and again on June 17 at 1pm. These are multiple dates but the same presentation. You are welcome to attend more than one.

Enroll



Join the Conversation

NATIONAL ISSUES FORUMS INSTITUTE

The National Issues Forums Institute is joining a broad coalition of civic organizations across the country as a "hosting partner" for the fourth annual National Week of Conversation, an opportunity for Americans to come together in a wide range of discussions about issues that impact the country, and the world. During the week of June 14, online National Issues Forums are being convened on voting.

This year's National Week of Conversation will be preceded by America Talks, a two-day event on June 12-13 that provides opportunities for Americans with different experiences and viewpoints to connect in one-on-one, face-to-face online discussions.

For information on ***America Talks: A Weekend of Connection in the Midst of Deep Division*** click [here](#).

For information on the ***National Week of Conversation: Courage over Contempt*** click [here](#).

The National Issues Forums Institute's mission is to promote the use of public deliberation in schools, colleges, civic organizations and religious institutions in the United States. The institute's members are volunteers drawn from leaders in government, colleges and universities, libraries, civic organizations, the media and medicine. For more information click [here](#).



Center of the American West

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO - BOULDER

The Center of the American West takes as its mission the creation of forums for the respectful exchange of ideas and perspectives in the pursuit of solutions to the region's difficulties. They believe that an understanding of the historical origins of the West's problems, an emphasis on the common interests of all parties and a dose of good humor are essential to constructive public discussion.

Check out the resources at the Center's [home page](#) and including their free, open-to-the-public webinars. From the website: "[Historians Imagine](#) is a monthly webinar in which hosts Patty Limerick and Matthew Jacobson talk with path-breaking historians about the inventiveness and vision of their work, and about the more mysterious aspects of their practices—their imaginative spark and the virtues that lie beyond rigor and out of reach of your typical “how to” manual. These conversations will appeal to professional historians, to be sure, and might offer liberation from the academy’s constraints and the disciplining demands of convention. But they will equally engage anyone who is interested in how new stories are made from old materials and how great storytellers and historical sleuths think to do what they do.”

Click on a webinar topic for a description and registration information.

Also worth checking out and very enjoyable is Patty Limerick's blog, [Not My First Rodeo](#). Patty is the Faculty Director and Chair of the Board of the Center of the American West and, as mentioned above, one of the webinar hosts.