RuthAnn McCarthy Sirbaugh
Director

RuthAnn McCarthy Sirbaugh began her work with Lifelong Learners while working for the College of Education Outreach Unit. After receiving funding from the Bernard Osher Foundation, RuthAnn accepted the position of director of the institute. Sirbaugh has worked in the educational arena for 25 years. RuthAnn holds a BA in English and a Master's degree in Educational Psychology. She worked as an academic advisor for 8 years in OSU’s Athletic Services, owned her own tutoring center in Stillwater, and returned to OSU to work In Education Outreach, managing weekend-evening courses, online courses and special events. Sirbaugh also created the OSU Summer Enrichment camps, which gave pre-service teachers the opportunity to gain teaching experience and curriculum development skills. RuthAnn’s background in education includes working with learning-disabled college students, gifted students, incarcerated, delinquent and deprived youth, and everything in-between. Her passion and drive in life is to develop a love of learning for all ages. RuthAnn and husband, Kenny, are the proud parents of two sons and a daughter: Dylan, Regan, and Logan. Her husband claims she’s married to her job, but really – there's just an awful lot of work to do!

Barbara Swiggart
Tulsa Site-Coordinator

A Tulsa native, Barbara Swiggart earned a B.A. from the University of Tulsa in Radio & TV. While employed at University Center at Tulsa (now OSU-Tulsa), she completed course work for a Master's degree in Communications at the University of Oklahoma.

A seasoned communications professional, Barbara worked in shopping center marketing at both Utica Square and Williams Center. In 1987, she moved into the higher education field, serving as Assistant to the President for Public Affairs at UCT before joining OSU in 1995. Barbara was the marketing liaison for OSU’s successful Bringing Dreams to Life fundraising campaign. She managed general communications and publications at OSU before retiring in September 2004. Barbara has been OLLI’s Tulsa Site-Coordinator since 2008.

An active community volunteer, Barbara currently serves on the Board of Directors of Chamber Music Tulsa, on the Mayor’s Commission for the Status of Women, as well as a Linnaeus Gardner. She has served with the Junior League of Tulsa, as Mayfest chairperson, and chaired the Greenwood Jazz Celebration for 15 years. Barbara is married to Hurst Swiggart and they have two daughters, Lisa Gray and Leslie Krause, both of Tulsa.
Kandi Speer
Stillwater Site-Coordinator

Kandi Speer holds a BA in English and began her career as a Project Director and Fundraiser for a non-profit before moving on to working as a Congressional caseworker. She left the workforce to raise her three daughters. During that hiatus, she served as a volunteer in many capacities. Kandi was one of the original founders and board members of the Oklahoma Wondertorium and a board member for the Payne County Chapter of the American Red Cross. She has volunteered in the public schools’ PTA/PTOs, she has been a Girl Scout leader for 10 years, and an Odyssey of the mind coach for 5 years. She also enjoys serving in her church. Kandi has been OLLI’s Stillwater Site Coordinator since spring 2011. She and her husband, Dan, and their three daughters, Kelsey, Natalie and Lyndsey, live in Stillwater.

Jana Bright
Oklahoma City Area Site-Coordinator

Jana Beaty Bright is the Oklahoma City Site-Coordinator for OLLI at OSU and has taught courses for OLLI @ OSU for four semesters. Jana has a BS in Business Administration–Marketing from OSU and a BS in Nursing from OU Health Sciences Center. She is also a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma City. Jana is an avid community volunteer serving as an event chair for the OKC Arts Festival, a grief group facilitator, a member of the committee for the Oklahoma Visual Artists Coalition, founder of the Casady Community of Readers, and a variety of outreach roles for the impoverished of Oklahoma City.

Sally Barnard
Bartlesville Site-Coordinator

Sally Barnard joined OLLI@OSU during the fall 2012 semester. She has four grown children and has been involved in education with private, public and home schools since 1991. She has co-authored a complete home school curriculum, which teaches research and critical thinking skills and has an emphasis on lifelong learning. Sally serves on the board of the Bartlesville Area History Museum.
Barbara Mintmire
OLLI @ OSU Wordsmith

Barbara Mintmire has been with OLLI @ OSU since August 2006. Originally a site coordinator, she now focuses on writing and editing course brochures and other OLLI communications. Barbara has a BA in English from the University of Florida and has worked as a conference organizer, writer, editor and book reviewer. She is hooked on art and has taught classes through community art programs and the public schools on a wide variety of topics including murals, assemblage and miniatures. Barbara enjoys volunteering at Elite Repeat Resale Shop and at her church. She and her husband, John, live in Stillwater and have two daughters, Elizabeth and Catherine.

Adeana Sallee
Administrative Assistant

Adeana Blakley Sallee was born and raised in Stillwater. After receiving her BS and MS degrees from OSU, she taught in the Stillwater School District for 18 years while serving as an adjunct in the College of Education and earning her Ed.D. in Curriculum Instruction. For the next 13 years, Adeana taught both undergraduate and graduate Education courses at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Enid where she was the Elementary Program Coordinator until her retirement in 2010 as Professor Emeritus of Education. She is excited to be a part of the invigorating passion that emanates from continued discovery and lifelong learning.

Logan Sirbaugh
Student Employee

Logan Sirbaugh is a sophomore Electrical/Computer Engineering student. He graduated as a Valedictorian from Stillwater High School in 2012 where he was actively involved in National Honor Society, Odyssey of the Mind, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Band, Choir, and Theater. Since enrolling at OSU, Logan has participated in the OSU Chorale, OSU Statesmen, and Odyssey of the Mind. Logan enjoys the simple things in life: dancing in the rain, long walks on the beaches, sipping a Piña Colada on a hot summer day, so on and so forth.
Haley Hedges  
Student Employee  

Haley Hedges is a freshman at Oklahoma State University majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders with the dream of being a speech pathologist. She graduated from Cashion High School in the Spring of 2013. In high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society and was valedictorian. Haley enjoys watching Oklahoma State football and is proud to call herself a Cowboy.

Sam Cave  
Student Employee  

Sam Cave is a senior at OSU majoring in Business Marketing with a minor in Management. He graduated in 2010 from Pearce High School in Richardson, TX where he was the captain of the wrestling team. Sam is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity on campus, and was the past secretary. He is the youngest of four siblings, and has two nephews. Sam enjoys spending time outdoors, fishing, and cheering on OSU sports teams.