



Monday, April 17, 2023

Greetings OLLI Members!

Over the past few years, OLLI at UCI has been partnering with the **UCI Working Memory and Plasticity Lab** under the direction of neuroscientist Dr. Susanne Jaeggi. As a world class research university, UCI reaches out to our OLLI members for volunteer participants in research projects. Several members have done this in the past, including OLLI President Lonnie Horn (pictured above), and they have all found the experience positive and interesting. Currently there are three projects that need our demographic. If you are interested in participating, please contact them at: wmplab@uci.edu. To join their mailing list, click [here](#).

Dr. Jaeggi has also been an OLLI at UCI presenter and her recorded lectures can be viewed through your [OLLI Remote Learning Center](#) account. In the top left "Search" bar, type in "Jaeggi" and you will be able to view the following lectures:

- [Aging Mind: Working Out Your Memory](#) (May 15, 2017)
- [Energizing the Adult Brain](#) (October 26, 2022)

We look forward to seeing you in the OLLI classroom or online as we finish the second of two lectures for SC 205: I Feel the Earth Move Under My Feet: Tectonics and Super Continents presented by OLLI STEM member, Gary Oberts, and the final two sessions from Dr. Edgar Moran, SS 306: The Renaissance. You can view the previous recorded sessions on your [OLLI](#)

University of California, Irvine
Working Memory and Plasticity Lab

The **Working Memory and Plasticity Laboratory** at the **University of California, Irvine**, under the direction of neuroscientist **Dr. Susanne Jaeggi**, conducts studies with older adults on memory training.

- Participating in computerized memory training games
- Participating in an in-person sleep and memory study with EEG
- Testing at-home intervention aimed at improving drawing and cognitive skills

Sign up for our email list
Questions? Contact us at wmplab@uci.edu.

Stay Curious!

Warmly,

OLLI at UCI

FANTASTIC FEEDBACK FROM OLLI MEMBERS

- **"This woman is so passionate. Excellent!"**
 - *OLLI member in response to: AH 108: Famous Abstract Expressionist Couples*
- **"Outstanding. Informative. Detailed information. Arresting."**
 - *OLLI member in response to: SC 205: I Feel the Earth Move Under My Feet: Tectonics and Super Continents*
- **"Thoroughly enjoyed - learned a great deal of interesting and practical information. AND the doctor is a kick to listen too.....he enjoys life and his work and can articulate it all to an audience!"**
 - *OLLI member in response to: SS 306: The Renaissance*

UPCOMING OLLI at UCI EVENTS



Toastmasters Speech Contests: A Special Event!

Have you heard of Toastmasters?
If you have, we have something special for you. If not, an event is popping up you do not want to miss. Toastmasters is an experiential educational program developing communication skills.

The **World Championship of Public Speaking®** starts in Toastmasters clubs across the globe. No matter what country or city you are in – you can find a Toastmaster Club to join and develop your speaking skills. Contests are a way to strengthen your performance, to hone your craft! Every Spring speech contestants put their skills to the test by delivering inspirational speeches on their path to the **World Championship of Public Speaking®**. Each speech lasts between five to seven minutes. For many amateur speakers, this competition is the opportunity of a lifetime. Past winners have used this accolade to become prominent paid speakers, delivering keynotes and speeches around the globe.

Here at **OLLI** you can see the Spring 2023 Speech Contests in Toastmasters Founder's District! An opportunity to see the best speakers in Orange County. Find a date and time that meets your schedule and register on the OLLI website!



SS315: Saturday, April 1; 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM
SS316: Saturday, April 15; 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
SS317: Saturday, April 15; 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM
SS318: Saturday, April 22; 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM

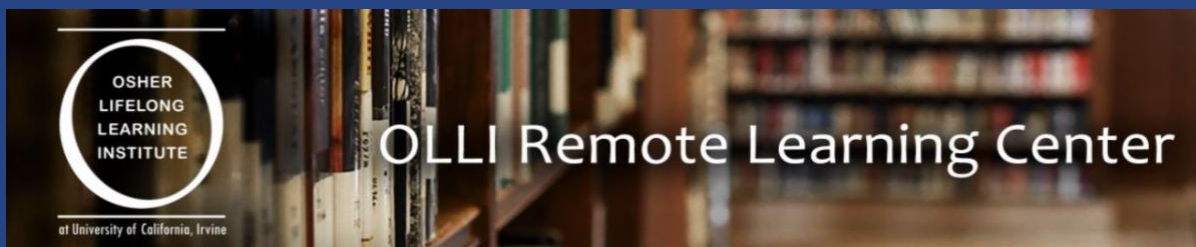
OLLI at UCI welcomes members to the Founder's District Toastmaster Speech Contests in the OLLI Onken Classroom! A **FREE event!**

To learn more or to register for your preferred section, click the links below.

[SS318: Saturday, April 22; 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM](#)

For questions about the event, please contact the course developer, Linda Robinson at: robinson.linda@ymail.com.

To learn more about the Founder's District Toastmaster International, click [here](#).



To view online classes, you will need to create an account for the [ORLC](#). If you have not received your OLLI Membership ID, please email: olli@uci.edu.

If you already created an account for the [ORLC](#), you can use the same log in and video password that you created. If you have forgotten your (Video) password, the office can reset it, by emailing: olli@uci.edu.

NOTE: Please allow 5-10 business days for a video recording to become available after a classes has concluded due to the editing process. Thank you.



Calendar at a Glance

Monday 4/17	Tuesday 4/18	Wednesday 4/19	Thursday 4/20	Friday 4/21
10:00 AM SS 307 Format B/C	10:00 AM AH 112 Format B/C CANCELLED	10:00 AM AH 101 Format D FULL	10:00 AM SS 301 Format B/C NOTE: Time Change	10:00 AM SE 405 FULL
		10:00 AM SC 207 Format B/C		

1:00 PM

1:30 PM

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AH 109

SS 308

SC 208

Format A

Format B/C

Format B/C

FULL

Upcoming Classes

CLASS FORMAT LEGEND:

A: Classroom ONLY (Presenter and Audience attend in person)

B/C: Hybrid with Presenter in person or via Zoom (Audience attend in person or via Zoom)

D: Zoom ONLY (Presenter and Audience attend via Zoom)

Upcoming Class Descriptions

Monday, April 17th

SS 307
Format B/C

PANDEMIC POLITICS

Monday, April 17
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Instructor: Professor Sara Goodman, Ph.D, (Georgetown University) teaches classes at UCI and is on the faculty at the Center for the Study of Democracy

COVID-19 has killed more people than any war or public health crisis in American history, but the scale and human toll of the pandemic were not inevitable.

Health is not an inherently polarizing issue, but the Trump administration's partisan response to COVID-19 led ordinary citizens to prioritize what was good for their "team," rather than what was good for their country.

Democrats, in turn, viewed the crisis as evidence of Trump's indifference to public well-being.

Americans came to see the pandemic in partisan, divisive terms.

Pandemic Politics reveals the profound and troubling implications of COVID-19 for the future of democracy.

Tuesday, April 18th

AH 112
Format B/C

CANCELLED

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IS BEAUTY IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER?

Tuesday, April 18
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This course was cancelled at the beginning of the semester. All enrolled members were notified via email.

AH 109
Format A
FULL

IS BEAUTY IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

Tuesday, April 18
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Discussion Leader:
Susan Fouts

In this "limited edition" book discussion group, we will discuss three novels which give a new twist to three of Shakespeare's best-known plays, allowing us to see their timeless themes in a new light.

Participants should read the books in advance of the meetings; all titles are available on Amazon.

- Fool by Christopher Moore
- Vinegar Girl by Anne Tyler
- Speak Easy, Speak Love by McKelle George

Wednesday, April 19th

AH 101
Format D
**FULL - Enrolled members will
receive a Zoom link via email**

WRITING LIFE STORIES

Wednesday, April 19
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Discussion Leader:
Tim Boyd

This friendly class is where you will write down the stories of your life. Share your stories and listen to those of others in the group.

The workshop provides prompts, ideas, and writing craft resources. For those with the goal of creating books to share, you will have an opportunity to learn about design and printing.

This workshop involves a commitment to attend regularly and to write a two-page story every two weeks.

SC 207
Format B/C

STEM CELL RESEARCH CENTER UPDATE (Session 2 of 2)

Wednesday, April 19
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Instructor:
Aileen Anderson, Ph.D.
Director, Sue and Bill Gross
Stem Cell Research Center,
UCI

Stem cells will revolutionize medical practice, heralding humankind's next giant leap in disease prevention and treatment. The engineering of cellular function will address currently incurable diseases, brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, eye disorder, cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's and more. The UCI Stem Cell Research Center spans the schools of Medicine, Biological Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Arts, and Law. We will discuss what stem cells are, current clinical trials, and the exciting research work at UCI.

April 19: Updates by UCI Stem Cell researchers on select topics

SS 308
Format B/C

WHAT IS CRITICAL THEORY?

Wednesday, April 19
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Instructor:
Benjamin Joseph Brisson,
Ph.D. candidate in Political
Science at UCI, specializing in
the subfield of Political
Theory, with an emphasis on
Critical Theory

Critical Theory has been widely discussed in the news recently and has been blamed for many societal ills. It has been targeted by conservative media in association with Critical Race Theory.

But what is Critical Theory? This lecture will approach this question from its foundational roots in the Frankfurt School in the early 20th century, partly in response to the development of fascism in Germany.

We will touch on how it is different from Critical Race Theory but was also key to its development. We will explore why Critical Theory is important and relevant for us today.

Thursday, April 20th

SS 301
Format B/C

**Reminder: Zoom members are
observation only.**

**Please note the time change for
this class only: Thursday April 20
from 10am to noon.**

Current Issues is a stimulating discussion group that meets monthly

CURRENT ISSUES FORM

Thursday, April 20
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Discussion Leaders:
Bob Greenberg
Katherine Jones
Yasmin Vali
Mike Schlesinger
Mel Roth
Jaime Schvartzman

to cover timely issues in the news.

In the first hour Katherine (Kitte) Jones, a Current Issues Committee member, will present on the topic of Teen Suicide which unfortunately is a growing problem. She'll provide background and some facts and then we'll discuss various questions on this important subject.

Hour two is called "Potpourri" with no presentation, just free flowing discussions about various topics of interest.

Join us and share your thoughts!

SC 208
Format B/C

WILD CANINES: WOLVES, COYOTES, AND DOGS

Thursday, April 20
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Instructor:
Skie Bender, Educational
Outreach Specialist, Wolf
Haven International

Wolves and Coyotes Education Program takes a close look at the differences and similarities between wolf and coyote biology, behavior, family pack, historical and current ranges, ecosystem roles, hiking in wolf country, and of course the latest updates on wolves in California.

We will also discuss coexistence with urban coyotes and how our domesticated dogs compare and contrast to these wild canids.

This program has fantastic and engaging video footage of Wolf Haven's wolves, wild wolves and coyotes.

Friday, April 21st

SE 405
Full - second session added
for Fall 2023.

ORANGE COUNTY LANDFILL: Where is My Trash?

Orange County Waste & Recycling takes all that icky stuff and gives it back in ways that protect and enhance our environment. Engineers and biologists will lead us on a tour that uncovers the mystery of operating one of the largest landfills in the United States.

Learn how landfill gas is converted

**Friday, April 21
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Developer:
Lonnie Horn,
mail4lonnie@aol.com**

to green energy. See the habitat restoration area, monitoring of groundwater wells and odor-controlling misting machines.

This is not just a place where trash goes but a place of extraordinary feats of environmental engineering.



IMPORTANT CLASS NOTICES

**AH 113
CANCELLED**

SHAKESPEARE'S SONNETS

**Tuesday, April 25
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Instructor:
Julia Lupton, Ph.D.**

CANCELLED

- This course has been cancelled due to the instructors request. All enrolled members were notified via email.

Please join us back for the rescheduled FALL 2023 date of: Monday, September 19th.



No additional resources for this weeks courses. Please check back in the next KIT Mail for next weeks enhancements!

OLLI at UCI INFORMATION

UCI COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY



OLLI at UCI COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

- OLLI will continue to ask members to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination at the first class meeting or special event a member attends.
- To view UCI's Vaccination Policy, click [here](#).
- If a member (or guest) is not vaccinated, OLLI requests that they attend class online.

To add your digital State of California COVID-19 vaccination record to your phone, fill out the following form: <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov>

UCI COVID-19 MASK POLICY

From the UCI Campus Public Health Response Team:

Face coverings will continue to be recommended indoors, but not required, regardless of vaccination status consistent with current [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#) guidance on the use of face masks in California. Therefore, individuals should feel free to continue to wear face coverings if they desire.

- OLLI at UCI will continue to provide face coverings to those that request one.

For the latest COVID-19 information, please continue to visit the [UCI Forward website](#). Thank you for your ongoing compliance with COVID-19 protocols to help with campus health and well-being.



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