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From OLLI at UCI

Fall 2023



OLLI

AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

Monday, December 4, 2023

Greetings OLLI Members!

We have another great week of exciting classes, so bring a friend as our guest!

- **AH 110: CA The Melting Pot**
Thursday, December 7; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **SC 208: Politics of the U.S. Space Program**
Friday, December 8; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Don't forget to RSVP to our annual OLLI at UCI:

OLLI Jolly Holiday Party

**Friday, December 8th
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

All members received and Evite via email last week. If you did not receive the Evite, please email our office and we'll send you the link: olli@uci.edu.

We look forward to seeing you in the classroom or online AND at our OLLI JOLLY HOLIDAY PARTY ON FRIDAY!

Warmly,

OLLI at UCI

FANTASTIC FEEDBACK

- **"Professor Barringer's presentation was so much fun AND informative. Chocolate will never taste the same!"**

- *OLLI Members in response to: SC 207 Chocolate Chemistry*
- **"Dr. Tesla Monson is an excellent presenter and her presentation was superb."**
 - *OLLI Members in response to: SC 206 Evolution of the Human Brain Size, Fetal Growth Rate and Pregnancy*
- **"The best group of thinkers, who often find things in each story that I had not even considered."**
 - *OLLI Members in response to: AH 104 American Short Story Masterpieces - The Art of the Short Story*
- **"Mr. Boyd is an excellent instructor, always well prepared and a good group leader, making sure all feel comfortable at sharing their writing or not."**
 - *OLLI Members in response to: AH 102 Writing Life Stories*

FALL SEMESTER SPECIAL EVENTS

(Click on the Special Events images to register)

<p>ORANGE COAST COLLEGE PLANETARIUM 2023: A Space Odyssey</p> <p>SE 410</p> <p>Date: Wednesday, December 13</p> <p>Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM</p> <p>Cost: \$25 Plus parking.</p> <p>Location: Self-drive to Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa</p> 	 <p>A guide takes us through images of mysterious other worlds that share our solar system.</p> <p>Immerse yourself in faraway constellations, star clusters and other wonders of the universe at the new Orange Coast College state-of-the-art Planetarium.</p> <p>Bounce around the surface of the moon. See an astronaut's eye-view of the earth as it changes by the minute.</p> <p>A 70-foot diameter dome in the heart of the campus peeks out from the center of the galaxy mimicking the Milky Way. Look up and touch the cosmos right here in Orange County.</p>
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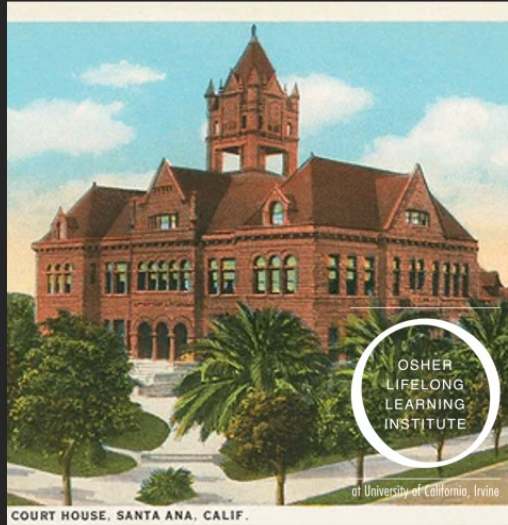
**OLD ORANGE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE:
Court is in Session**
SE 403

Date: Friday, December 15
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Cost: \$25

Location: Self-drive to
Old Orange County Courthouse
211 W. Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701



It started out as a jail. It's a museum now and you can get married here too. The Old Orange County Courthouse built in 1901 of granite and red sandstone is an eye-popping example of Renaissance-Revival architecture in the Santa Ana Historical District. Completely restored in 1992 to look as it did at the turn of the century, archives highlight events and court proceedings that shaped Orange County's early history. A docent leads us through the storied old building that is part of our local heritage. Enjoy lunch on your own in Old Santa Ana.



COURT HOUSE, SANTA ANA, CALIF.



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**BEHIND THE SCENE AT
SEGERSTROM CENTER AND
A FINAL REHEARSAL**
SE 413

Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Time: 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM (arrive at 6:15 PM)
Cost: \$50 Includes tour of the Halls and
symphony rehearsal (parking \$15)

Location: Self-drive Segerstrom Center for
the Arts, 600 Town Center Dr., Costa Mesa

A first for OLLI and a music lover's dream! Join us for a private docent-led tour of the Segerstrom Center for the Arts and Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall. Following the tour and thanks to the generosity of the Pacific Symphony, we are invited to attend the final rehearsal of the Kern Plays Rach 3 concert series conducted by the Symphony's Music Director Carl St. Clair. Segerstrom's experienced and enthusiastic guides are certain to entertain us on our walk with good stories and little-known facts that may surprise and delight. This is a rare opportunity to see behind the curtain at one of the nation's most renowned performance venues right here in Orange County.



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OLLI Remote Learning Center

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.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Calendar at a Glance

Monday 12/4	Tuesday 12/5	Wednesday 12/6	Thursday 12/7	Friday 12/8
	<u>10:00 AM</u>			<u>9:40 AM</u> SE 409 Full
<u>10:00 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u> AH 105 FORMAT A Not Recorded Full	<u>10:00 AM</u> AH 110 FORMAT B/C	<u>10:00 AM</u> SC 208 FORMAT B/C
<u>1:30 PM</u> AH 108 FORMAT A Not Recorded Full	<u>1:30 PM</u>	<u>1:30 PM</u>	<u>1:30 PM</u> AH 107 FORMAT A Not Recorded Full	<u>1:30 PM</u>
				<u>4:00 PM</u> OLLI Jolly Holiday Party

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)

Upcoming Class Descriptions

To view our Fall 2023 catalog of courses click [here](#). We look forward to seeing you in person or online via Zoom! Stay Curious!

Monday, December 4th

AH 108
Format A
Not Recorded
Full

WORDS WITHOUT BOARDERS (Session 4 of 4)

Monday, December 4
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Presenter: Milly Lugo-Rios, retired librarian; Yasmin Vali, published author, retired high school English teacher, retired UCI-DCE Instructor.

As we find ourselves in an increasingly globalized society, literature can provide us with knowledge and worldviews beyond our own borders. We invite you to this interactive adventure.

We will explore human experiences through reading and analyzing various national and cultural societies.

Participants will have an opportunity to select short stories from pdf documents provided by the presenters and to develop questions for discussions.

Tuesday, December 5th

No Scheduled Classes Today.

Wednesday, December 6th

AH 105
Format A
Not Recorded
Full

FILM AS A LITERARY FORM (Session 4 of 4)

Wednesday, December 6

This four-class series will be a fascinating journey into film as a form of literature.

Participants will enjoy watching films critically on Netflix and analyzing them as if critiquing a novel.

Each participant will bring questions for discussion. Some topics for discussion will be plot, social relevance, theme, symbol, metaphor, setting, character

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Presenter: Yasmin Vali, published author, retired high school English teacher, retired UCI-DCE Instructor.

analysis, actors and their acting, music, director, and the impact of worldviews on cinematic content.

Access to Netflix streaming is required as all films are chosen from this platform.

Thursday, December 7th

AH 110
Format B/C

CALIFORNIA THE MELTING POT: Cultures of the Middle East

Wednesday, December 7
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**This class was rescheduled from
10/11/2023**

Presenter: Safineh Tahmassebi, retired from 28 years of teaching ESL, Cross-Cultural Studies, and teacher training at UCI-DCE, holds a Master's degree in Linguistics, and has presented at numerous professional conferences.

The first of the cultural awareness series, this interactive course is an overview of the multiple cultures of the Middle East.

Participants will be introduced to the art, culture and history of the region, and the different races, ethnicities, and religions that have for centuries co-existed in this ancient and tumultuous region of the world.

Audience participation, interaction, and questions are highly recommended and welcomed in order to gain a better understanding of the large Middle Eastern immigrant population in California.

AH 107
Format A
Not Recorded
Full

GETTING PERSONAL WITH SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS

(Session 5 of 8)
Thursday, December 7
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

“All the world’s a stage” ... and Shakespeare the master.

The class will read two of his plays aloud with roles pre-assigned by the facilitators.

Our discussion will include historic context and select video clips. Indulge a secret passion for acting or enhance your appreciation of timeless theater, and have fun!

Friday, December 8th

SC 208
Format B/C

THE POLITICS OF THE U.S. SPACE PROGRAM

Friday, December 8
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Presenter: Nicole Pankiewicz,
Ph.D., Assistant Professor of
Political Science, College of Coastal
Georgia.

**NOTE: Dr. Pankiewicz will be
presenting remotely.**

Review of the history of the U.S.
Space Program with a focus on the
role of presidents, Congress and the
federal bureaucracy in the creation
and development of the modern
space program from Project Mercury
to Artemis.

We will also review the race for
privatization of space and its
implications for American politics at
home and around the world.

SE 409

**All registered members and
guests received an email last
week with event details.**

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT OLLI STYLE: Back by Popular Demand!

Friday, December 8
9:40 AM - 12:00 PM

Developer: Marj Besemer, 949-
246-4435, mlbesemer@cox.net

Be careful where you leave your
shoe prints.

The Orange County Crime
Laboratory (OCCL) provides all
public law enforcement agencies in
the County with services for
collecting, evaluating and
recognizing physical evidence.

A guide takes us through multiple
sections of the Laboratory including
toxicology, forensics, firearms and
more.

Your OLLI at UCI Board of Director's warmly
invites all members to our annual:

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IMPORTANT CLASS NOTICES

SE 411
DIRECTOR'S VOICE II: KING LEAR
RESCHEDULED
NEW DATE:
Sunday, February 4, 2024

Due to a schedule change with UCI Clair Trevor School of the Arts, we have rescheduled this event from the original date of Sunday, January 28 to the **new date of Sunday, February 4, 2024**.



No supplemental material this week. Please check back next week!



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 and first booster at the first class meeting or special event a member attends.
- 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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