

# KIT Mail (Keep in Touch)



AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

From OLLI at UCI  
Fall 2023

Monday, October 16, 2023

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**MORNING Mingle**

The graphic features a purple background with a yellow border. It includes a pink alarm clock, a coffee cup, and a banner that says "MORNING Mingle". The text is in various colors and fonts, including bold and italicized styles.

## Greetings OLLI Members

Join us for our second of three **OLLI Morning Mingles** this week, **Thursday, October 19th from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM before SC201: Robots Activate!** These events are hosted by your OLLI Board of Director's and are a great time to get to know other OLLI members, meet your BOD and committee volunteers, and enjoy coffee and pastries before class!

Make sure you read through each KIT and look for any Important Class Notices below if you are a Zoom Only member, since you will not receive class emails about changes.

And don't forget to register for our upcoming Special Events... they are filling up fast! See Upcoming Upcoming OLLI at UCI Events below for more information and click on the images to register!

We look forward to seeing you in the classroom or online! Have a wonderful week ahead.

Stay Curious!

OLLI at UCI

**FANTASTIC FEEDBACK**

- "This class came at the very time in my life that I needed it. Thank you so much... it was amazingly helpful. I will be attending next semesters classes too!"
  - *OLLI Member in response to: AH 106 - Positive Philosophy*
- "The depth and breathe of your knowledge is phenomenal. Thank you for sharing it with us."
  - *OLLI Members in response to: SS 303 - European History Series*
- "Great stories, interesting approach to the humanness of history."
  - *OLLI Members in response to: SS 303 - European History Series*

## UPCOMING OLLI at UCI EVENTS

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- **Morning Mingles** are an opportunity to meet other members before the following classes. Our OLLI Board of Director's hosts these events with pastries and coffee beginning at **9:30 AM**. Please join us!
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## FALL SEMESTER SPECIAL EVENTS

(Click on the Special Events images to register)



# PINOT NOIR AROUND THE WORLD

## An OLLI Fundraising Event

### SE 412

**Date:** Saturday, October 28


**Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Cost:** \$40.00 Includes wine, snacks, and a donation to OLLI

**(NOTE: Please bring 3 wine glasses for the tastings.)**

**Location:** OLLI classroom, 15207 Barranca Parkway Irvine


Join us for a relaxing Saturday afternoon with OLLI friends, tasting Pinot's from around the world, chosen by our favorite wine expert and longtime member, Al Glasky. Pinot Noir has a unique profile dominated by aroma compounds known as esters. These give it a complex array of flavors, from ripe cherry and raspberry to intriguing undertones of forest floor, tea leaves, and sometimes even clove. On the nose, Pinot Noir is all about the symphony of red fruits. Yet, it also unveils layers of earthiness, spice, and, when oak-aged, gentle wafts of vanilla and smoke. As it ages, you might catch hints of mushroom and leather. On the palate, Pinot Noir is usually light to medium-bodied, with lower tannins (thanks to thinner skins) and high acidity, making it a wine of grace and subtlety.




**BOWERS MUSEUM:**  
A Great Wave  
SE 404

**Date:** Tuesday, October 31  
**Time:** 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
**Cost:** \$40  
**Location:** Self-drive to Bowers Museum  
2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana

Sublime, energized, intense. Words that describe the works of renowned Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai. His seminal work, *The Great Wave* is considered one of the most iconic prints ever made. This exhibition includes a beautiful early example of *The Great Wave* and a selection of other works created over a 70-year career. Hokusai inspired many collectors and European artists such as Monet and Van Gogh. Our docent-led tour follows a presentation at Olli on October 20th by Bowers Museum Director of Exhibition Development. Also enroll in AH 111 for Bowers Presentation.



Beyond the Great Wave:  
Works by Hokusai from  
The British Museum





**COME FROM AWAY:**  
**OLLI on Broadway**  
SE 406

**Date:** Saturday, November 11  
**Time:** 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
**Cost:** \$50 Includes Lunch  
**Location:** OLLI Classroom

September 11, 2001. You're on a plane heading to New York. The pilot suddenly announces that the flight has been diverted. This filmed version of the hit Broadway musical *Come From Away* takes you into the heart of the remarkable true story of 7000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that graciously welcomed them.

OLLI's extra-large classroom screen shows faces up close that pull you into the story as if you are there. You'll both laugh and cry as closed captions capture every word. Join us for lunch and a show.

**ORANGE COAST COLLEGE**  
**PLANETARIUM 2023:**  
A Space Odyssey  
SE 410

**Date:** Wednesday, December 29  
**Time:** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Cost:** \$25 Plus Parking  
**Location:** Self-drive to Orange Coast College Costa Mesa





A public lecture through images of space exploration other worlds that drive us to other worlds.

Involve yourself! Trivia, contributions, new classes and other wonders of the universe at the new Orange Coast College planetarium and Planetarium.


Be amazed at the surface of the moon. See an unusual perspective of the earth that is always in the moon.

A brief lecture about the best of other planets available from the center of the galaxy including the Milky Way. Talk to and touch specimens right here in Orange Coast.

**OLD ORANGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE:**  
Court is in Session  
SE 403

**Date:** Friday, December 15  
**Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Location:** Self-drive to Old Orange County Courthouse  
2711 N. Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701


A guided tour as well as a presentation and you can get history lessons. See Old Orange County Courthouse and grounds of the historic building. Hear the story of the building and the history of the county. Hear the story of the building and the history of the county. Hear the story of the building and the history of the county.




**DIRECTOR'S VOICE-11**  
**KING LEAR**  
SE 411

**Date:** Sunday, January 28, 2024  
**Time:** 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
**Cost:** \$20 Includes Director's Talk and Performance  
**Location:** UCI Clear Theater Theatre Irvine

Considered among Shakespeare's greatest tragedies, King Lear is a play of tragedy and loss amongst the great of his Britain. Preparing to split his kingdom, Lear asks his three daughters how much they love him. His youngest, Cordelia, says she cannot quantify her love. Her father then disowns her and gives his kingdom to his other daughters. When King Lear is blinded by the storm, Cordelia is driven to insanity in his old age. Cordelia is the last to be forgiven for her rebellion and the fear of aging and death.





at University of California, Irvine

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 10/16	Tuesday 10/17	Wednesday 10/18	Thursday 10/19	Friday 10/20
<u>10:00 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u> SS 304 FORMAT A Not Recorded	<u>10:00 AM</u> AH 105 FORMAT A Not Recorded Closed	<u>9:30 AM</u> <b>Mornin g Mingle</b>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
			<u>10:00 AM</u> SC 201 FORMAT B/C	
<u>1:00 PM</u> AH 104 FORMAT A Not Recorded Closed	<u>1:30 PM</u> SS 305 FORMAT B/C Not Recorded	<u>1:30 PM</u> SS 302 FORMAT B/C Not Recorded	<u>1:30 PM</u> AH 107 FORMAT A Not Recorded Closed	<u>1:30 PM</u> SS 303 FORMAT B/C

## 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

To view our Fall 2023 catalog of courses click [here](#). We look forward to seeing

## Monday, October 16th

**AH 104**  
**Format A (Not Recorded)**  
**Class Full**

### **AMERICAN SHORT STORY MASTERPIECES: Art of the Short Story**

**Monday, October 16**  
**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**  
**(Session 2 of 6)**

**Presenter: Susan Fouts**, OLLI member and long-time short story class.

This six-class series is a fun, interactive adventure in reading and discussing renowned American short stories. Participants choose a favorite story from the text, develop questions and lead the discussion. Guidance for developing discussion questions and sample questions will be available.

The textbook is *THE SCRIBNER ANTHOLOGY OF CONTEMPORARY SHORT STORIES (2nd Edition)*, edited by Lex Williford and Michael Matone, available on Amazon in paperback and as an e-book.

## Tuesday, October 17th

**SS 304**  
**Format A (Not Recorded)**

### **ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY**

**Tuesday, October 17**  
**10:00 PM - 12:00 PM**

**Presenters: Doug Gillen**, President of the Grand Juror's Association of Orange County (an alumni group of former grand jurors). **John Siragusa** was the Foreperson for the recent 2022-2023 Grand Jury. His panel wrote eight civil investigative reports during their one-year term.

This class discusses the Orange County Grand Jury: its purpose, how it operates, and how you can serve on it.

The California Grand Jury is unique in its function and selection process compared to other juries, including petit and trial juries and federal grand juries. Note that we are NOT talking about "Jury Duty".

The Doug Gillen and John Siragusa are going to explain to you how the Orange County Grand Jury operates with respect to criminal indictments and civil investigations.

Doug Gillen who has served three separate one-year terms on the grand jury will start the discussion with a brief overview of the Grand Jury.

John Siragusa will discuss several

of the reports from last years civil investigative reports that received the most attention from the citizens of Orange County, as well as heated responses from some County officials.

**SS 305**  
**Format B/C (Not Recorded)**

## **CALIFORNIA VISIONS: How Art Reflects the History and Culture of the Golden State**

**Tuesday, October 17**  
**1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenters:** **Mary Platt**, Director of the Hilbert Museum of California Art at Chapman University since 2017. She earned a master's degree in art history from Michigan State University. She studied art and cultural history at the University of Florence, and in Germany.

**...AS SEEN AT THE HILBERT  
MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA ART AT  
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY**

The renowned Hilbert Museum of California Art is in Old Towne Orange.

Founded by Mark and Janet Hilbert with a gift of \$10million, the collection includes more than 1,000 works in oil and watercolor created between the 1930s and 1970s by California artists, reflecting the History and Culture of the Golden State.

## **Wednesday, October 18th**

**AH 105**  
**Format A (Not Recorded)**  
**Class Full**

## **FILM AS A LITERARY FORM**

**Wednesday, October 18**  
**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**(Session 2 of 4)**

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

**Note:** Session date changes. All enrolled member received an email.

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 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

**SS 302**  
**Format B/C (Not Recorded)**

## **CURRENT ISSUES FORUM**

**Wednesday, October 18**  
**1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Presenters:** **Bob Greenberg** is the committee Chair and collaborates with committee members to select the topics and lead the discussion. Committee members presenting with him this fall are: **Bradley Gilbert, Scott Greenspan, Katherine Jones, Mel Roth, Mike Schlesinger, Jaime Schvartzman, and Yasmin Vali.**

Current Issues is a lively discussion group where we want to hear all points of view. A committee of OLLI members chooses the topics and one will present information to facilitate the discussions.

Our next class is on Wednesday October 18th at 1:30pm and while attendance can be in person or Zoom, for the best experience we encourage in person attendance.

Here's the agenda:

First hour - "Is the U.S. Overmedicated?" Jaime Schvartzman will do a ten minute presentation of some background information and everyone is encouraged to provide their perspectives.

Second hour - Potpourri: In this hour there will be no presentation, just discussions of these topics:

1. The Speaker of the House was removed for the first time in our history, what got us to this point?
2. Should we spend billions of dollars exploring Space when we have other needs?
3. Should the Biden Administration build a 20 mile wall at the Southern border?

We look forward to hearing from you!

## **Thursday, October 19th**

**SC201**  
**Format B/C**

## **ROBOTS ACTIVATE!**

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## Morning Mingle

before class from 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

**Presenters:** **Evan Woolley**, V.P. Licensing for Acacia Research Group LLC, and Columnist for SERVO Magazine; **Bryce Woolley**, Associate Professor of Law for Academic Support and Bar Preparation, and **Bill Woolley**, retired, Robotics Enthusiast.

See Enhance Your Experience section below for additional details from your presenters.

Combat Robots has become an increasingly popular sport over the past 20 years. Some call it carnage, but Battle Bots competition actually demonstrates the cutting edge designs, technologies, and materials employed in today's robotics.

No one knows this better than "Double/trouble", the robotics team of Evan, Bryce and Bill Woolley.

Lawyers by day, robot designers by night, they will share their early start in combat robotics, the inspiration behind the unique design of their robot "Double Jeopardy", and how their legal background comes in handy in the battle box.

AH 107  
Format B/C

## GETTING PERSONAL WITH SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS

Thursday, October 19  
1:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
(Session 2 of 8)

**Presenters:** Beth Mersch and Mitch Samuelson.

"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, October 20th

SS 303  
Format B/C

## EUROPEAN HISTORY SERIES:

See Important Class Notices for a note from your class developer below...

Originating in 2017, this history series traces the development of modern European civilization from



## Middle Ages Continued from Spring 2023

**Friday, October 20  
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
(Session 3 of 5)**

**Presenter: Rainer Feldt**, a favorite OLLI presenter, taught European history at Saddleback College for 16 years. He served as AP European History grader for the College Board.

the 14<sup>th</sup> century to the present.

This final series expands the spring 2023 lecture from the Medieval Ages in preparation for next spring 2024 session which will delve into the epoch of The Renaissance: abandoning the stagnant feudal system of the Middle Ages to usher in a new and dynamic society, giving birth to the modern world.

To view spring lectures for this class, logon to your [OLLI Remote Learning Center](#) account and search for "European History Series."



## IMPORTANT CLASS NOTICES

**SE 403  
Old Orange County Courthouse  
RESCHEDULED  
NEW DATE:  
Friday, December 15**

Due to the Old Orange County Courthouse calendar for upcoming weddings, we have rescheduled this event from the original date of Friday, October 13 to the **new date of Friday, December 15.**

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**SS 33  
EUROPEAN HISTORY SERIES:  
The Renaissance of Western Europe  
A note from your class developer regarding  
course topic change**

Thank you all for attending our Fall Semester SS303 European History Series class last week.

Our presenter, Rainer Feldt, opened the class by telling us how much more Medieval History he discovered even as he was delving into the transition to the Renaissance period. He specifically talked to us about the Vikings - a source of Medieval conquest and culture not well developed in the last Spring Semester Series.

Because of Rainer's commitment to delivering the best possible content, and because of his commitment to excellence for our OLLI members, he asked us to allow him to present a more detailed history of the Medieval period before moving into the Renaissance and Reformation. This additional information from the Medieval period is instrumental in enhancing our understanding of how the birth of the Renaissance spread throughout Europe.

OLLI is a place for us to be curious and to exercise our minds. The opportunity to learn more than we anticipated could be considered an unexpected gift. As the Developer for this course, I am hoping you join me in accepting Rainer's commitment to excellence for his expanded content of Medieval history. Rainer will present an extended Renaissance and Reformation History Series in Spring Semester 2024.

See you on Friday!

Linda Robinson

[robinson.linda@ymail.com](mailto:robinson.linda@ymail.com)



SC201

## Robots Activate!

Thursday, October 19

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Meet Team Double Trouble: Evan, Bryce, and Bill Woolley.** These robotics enthusiasts are the creators of the combat robot **Double Jeopardy**, a unique and sophisticated machine specifically designed to battle against other combat robots in the growing and exciting world of robotics competition.

The Team and their robot Double Jeopardy will be in the OLLI classroom where they will share their story, how robotics and robotic design captured

their imagination at a young age and influenced their lives and careers, the engineering and technology that is behind a combat robot, and their experiences competing in the exciting world of combat robotics.

Combat robotics has been a great forum for motivating young people to become involved in engineering and technical design. It is truly is a fun sport to watch, it is fast paced and very entertaining, and .... nobody gets hurt! The Woolleys have provided an introduction video just for OLLI at UCI that you can find here at this link <https://youtu.be/A-XgB4oIT1s>, and they look forward to seeing you in the OLLI classroom on October 19th!

For more details on Team Double Trouble and their robot Double Jeopardy, you can also visit their Facebook website, <https://www.facebook.com/teamdoubletroubledoublejeopardy>  
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## 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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