

**OLLI**

**A Brief 25-Year History!**

by Steve Benson, founder and director from 1995–2013

In the summer of 1995, University of Minnesota Professors Miriam Seltzer and Clarke Chambers, retired Associate Dean Roger Page, and I went to see Vice President Mel George to discuss a proposal for a “community of learners.” We began to describe the exciting idea I had heard about of a membership organization with an annual fee where courses would be led by volunteers. To our amazement, George was quick to respond with, “You don’t have to sell me on this. We need to make it work for the university!”

In the late summer of 1995, we held a standing-room-only information meeting. In September, a series of six courses was launched in the Campus Club with one hundred members who joined us untried experiment called The Elder Learning Institute (ELI). In 2004, because of our innovative programming, we were invited to join the Osher Network. At our 10th anniversary in 2005, University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks presented us with a surprise—a one million dollar endowment check from the Osher Foundation! A second million was awarded in 2006.

As we enter our 25th anniversary year, a final observation that speaks for OLLI, “Members join for the intellectual challenge and stay for the friendships and relationships that we form.” What a journey from the 100 original members and 6 fall courses to an annual membership of around 1200 with 300 courses per year and plans for continued growth. Join us for the 25th anniversary “OLLI into the Future” celebration in September 2020!

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**Exciting Winter Courses start on January 6!**

As we move into winter, there are many unique learning opportunities waiting for you at OLLI! Learn about our water in the land of 10,000 mostly frozen lakes, the presidential nomination process, the Islamic State, interpreting Minnesota criminal law or how to age gracefully. Remember the Mayflower 400 years later. Discuss, what is poetry, what is a utopia, what is truth? Celebrate African American music. Enjoy the U of M’s Women and Work exhibit. Check out OLLI Talks-Science! Experience the Guthrie or Penumbra Theatre. Explore the Skyways. Think about feeding the world, mindfulness, the digital economy, J.S. Bach, etc. with OLLI Scholars. And, finally, SKOL! Learn about the Minnesota Vikings.

In addition to the many fabulous courses this term, consider joining a Special Interest Group, traveling on the Civil Rights Movement trip, or being an OLLI volunteer!

— Peg, Taki, Carmi, Ian

*OLLI at the UMN Staff*
Welcome to OLLI!

Founded in 1995, OLLI at the U of M offers a wide array of noncredit courses, special interest groups, local and international trips, and volunteer experiences that add to the joy of retirement and healthy aging. We welcome you to our community of 1200 engaged lifelong learners who enjoy over 300 course sections per year in more than 40 locations around the Twin Cities (usually with free parking!).

Our OLLI is part of the College of Continuing and Professional Studies at the University of Minnesota and a part of a network of 124 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) programs nationwide supported by the Bernard Osher Foundation. OLLI’s Values and Traditions are: High-quality volunteer-led educational programs and activities; promotion of friendships through active participation and social interaction; volunteer leadership and shared involvement; a welcoming, inclusive, supportive environment; affordable membership and accessible programs; an eagerness and curiosity for learning, creative thinking and innovation, and a fun-loving, cooperative, open-minded and flexible spirit.

OLLI Member Benefits

1. Meet Others Who Share a Love of Learning. In courses, SIGs, events or trips, there are many great people to meet. Wear your name badge and introduce yourself. And invite others to coffee after a course. And invite your friends to join us - the more lifelong learners the better!

2. Attend High-Quality Courses! Taught by retired faculty, OLLI Scholars (grad students), and other experts, we explore topics from history to art to science. Without tests or papers! As you register, remember that enrollment is based on an equal opportunity allocation for popular courses.

3. Join a Special Interest Group! These peer-directed groups range from books to biking to bridge.

4. Enjoy OLLI’s Events and Travel. Including social events, local tours of interesting spots in Minnesota, national and international travel opportunities.

5. Volunteer! The Osher Foundation encourages strong volunteer opportunities to infuse OLLI programming with your talents and skills. We agree! Other volunteers tell us they also enjoy using their skills, gaining new ones, learning about leadership and meeting other OLLIs. Consider being a course leader, course assistant, Board member, committee member (Curriculum, Development, Marketing Team, Member Events, Planning, Volunteer, etc.), or helping with special projects/events (25th Anniversary). Volunteers and Course Leaders are provided orientation or gatherings and are recognized at annual luncheons.

6. Keep Informed. The Up-To-Dater e-newsletter provides OLLI announcements regarding OLLI courses including; added courses, date/location changes, skip dates. Please join the OLLI Facebook page which includes invitations to participate in U of M events, community awareness and research projects. Our members are welcome to the Board meetings or committee meetings.

7. Receive Discounts. OLLI is proud to partner with the University of Minnesota Alumni Association (UMAA), where OLLI members can join for a special fee (2-years for $50 — includes a U of M Bookstore and D’Amico’s discount, the Alumni magazine, and free online webinars). Join the U of M Retirees Association (UMRA) at a $20 discount. Participate in LearningLife programs at a discount too! LearningLife, a noncredit education program of the University of Minnesota’s College of Continuing and Professional Studies, offers OLLI members a 10-percent discount on courses, seminars, and immersions. You must mention or select the OLLI discount when registering by phone (612-624-4000) or registering online ccaps.umn.edu/learninglife. (does not include Headliners or Encore Transitions.)

8. Be Kind. To promote a great organization, we invite you to greet others, to enter into each discussion with kindness and respect, and to share talking time. In order to be fair, do not attend a course for which you are wait-listed, and let us know if you need to drop a course. Also, remember that OLLI is a guest at course sites, so please honor their policies so that we are invited to return.

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Winter 2020 Course Guide

Jan. 6—Feb. 21

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HOW COURSES ARE LISTED:
Courses are listed by day of the week, start time, and start date. Some courses meet outside of the regular term. Please pay particular attention to session dates listed. Complete addresses for facilities/host sites are listed on page 13.

OLLI Scholars courses, so indicated in the title, are taught by exceptional graduate students and postdocs who are provided a paid opportunity to teach in OLLI.

Culture Corps courses, so indicated in the title, are led by international graduate students through a partnership with the International Student and Scholar Services program.

Key: Course Categories

| 10000s: Arts | 20000s: Science & Technology | 30000s: Social Sciences | 40000s: Interdisciplinary | 50000s: Tours |

MONDAY

10110 Darker than Night: Film Noir Styles Part II
“Through the slatted blinds, the midnight California street glistens with rain...” From its start in the 1940s, the American film noir style evolved to its specific artistic vision of the world. While looking at classic noir movies and excerpts, we’ll identify its key elements (visuals, music, sound, fictional world). We’ll see how the noir protagonists evolve, along with the city settings and social contexts against which this powerful and fascinating film style flourished. The course continues for three terms, featuring different major films and material each term. Winter: High noir period, 1945—1955. Seats: 40 Larry Crawford, OLLI member with an interest in film
6 sessions, Mondays, Jan. 6–Feb. 17 (No class Jan. 20), 9:30 am–12:00 pm, Johanna Shores, Theater, Arden Hills

10163 Poetry: Beautiful but Pointless?
What is poetry? How does it do what it does, and how does it do it? Explore basic questions about the genre. How does poetry differ from prose? How can “modern” works with neither rhymes nor recognizable forms be considered poems? Aren’t today’s poems merely prose written in shorter lines? How can someone like Billy Collins compare in any way with, say, John Keats? Read, consider, discuss sample texts, and present favorite “poems” in class.
Seats: 20
Dr. Walter Blue, emeritus professor of romance languages, Hamline University.
6 sessions, Mondays, Jan. 6–Feb. 17 (No class Jan. 20), 10:00–11:30 am, The Waters of Highland, Well Being Studio, St. Paul

NEW 10525 Bookend Noura
As a newly minted U.S. citizen, when Noura prepares to host a genuine Iraqi meal for Christmas, she grows more homesick by the minute. Her husband and son have embraced their American names and identities, but Noura feels restless and displaced. Dinner guests arrive and secrets are revealed, leaving everyone spinning. Noura by Heather Raffo is inspired by Henrik Ibsen’s A Doll’s House. Learn about and discuss the play and production. Noura runs at the Guthrie Jan. 11–Feb. 16. Seats: 40 Carla Steen, dramaturg, Guthrie Theater
2 sessions, Mondays, Jan. 6 and Feb. 17, 10:00–11:30 am, Becketwood, Kensington Square, Minneapolis

NEW 20429 State of Our Water in the Land of 10,000 Mostly Frozen Lakes
What is the state of our water? How do our daily activities influence water quality in the metro area? How can we make a positive difference in the water in our homes and communities? Connecting science, technology, the environment, art, and math (data and research)—the “STEAM” issues—the community-based social marketing approach used by the Freshwater Society, participants will engage in both dialogue and action plans to inspire and inform meaningful change. Free Minnesota Weatherguide donated by Freshwater for all who register! Seats: 40 Anna Barker, Washington County master gardener and master water steward
5 sessions, Mondays, Jan. 6-Feb. 10, 10:00-11:30 am, Wilder Foundation, Summit-University Room 2510, St. Paul

NEW 30621 SKOL! The History of the Minnesota Vikings, Part II
The Minnesota Vikings have been an NFL franchise for nearly 60 years. This course will cover the history of the team, from an expansion team in 1961 through four Super Bowl appearances; a journey of accomplishment and disappointment. Attendance at the previous course is not required.
Seats: 40
Tom Rooney, stadium docent, U.S. Bank Stadium
6 sessions, Mondays, Jan. 6–Feb. 17 (No class Jan. 20), 10:00–11:30 am, Lenox Community Center, Little Theater, St. Louis Park
NEW 30632 The Civil Rights Movement: Minnesota, Alabama, and Georgia
These three sessions will cover the Civil Rights Movement in Minnesota, and in the southern states of Alabama and Georgia. Those who registered for the Road Scholar trip in March (Mar. 15–22, 2019) will continue this journey through the Deep South to hear powerful stories of struggle and be inspired by resilient heroes. Seats: 40
Cherie Hamilton, course convener, OLLI travel affinity group chair
3 sessions, Mondays, Feb. 3–17, 10:00–11:30 am, McNamara Alumni Center, Room 235, U of M

NEW 30633 Plato’s Republic (Books II–V): The Cold Shower Vision of Moral Virtue and Beyond
This course will continue our study of Plato’s defense of Socrates against the charges brought by the city of Athens against both Socrates and philosophy. Seats: 30
Michael Ormond, former instructor of political philosophy, California State Long Beach and former family law practitioner
6 sessions, Mondays, Jan. 27–Mar. 2, 10:00–11:30 pm, Crystal Community Center, Valley Room, Crystal

30070 Presidential Nominations
Over the years, U.S. presidential nominations have been determined by congressional caucuses, party conventions and, over the past half century, state primary elections and caucuses. We will cover this process, with emphasis on recent nominations, especially 2020. Seats: 30
Don Ostrom, emeritus professor of political science, Gustavus Adolphus College, and former Minnesota state legislator
6 sessions, Mondays, Jan. 6–Feb. 17 (no class Jan. 20), 12:30–2:00 pm, Abibitan Mill City, Classroom, Minneapolis

NEW 30618 James Walvin, Sugar: The World Corrupted: From Slavery to Obesity
How did a simple commodity, once the prized monopoly of the monarchy, become an essential ingredient in the lives of millions, before mutating into the cause of a global health epidemic? Prior to 1600, sugar was a costly luxury, the domain of the rich. But with the rise of the sugar colonies in the New World, sugar became cheap, ubiquitous and an everyday necessity. The combination of sugar and slavery would transform the tastes of the Western world. Seats: 20
Bonnie Nelson, retired humanities educator and OLLI member
7 sessions, Mondays, Jan. 6–Feb. 24 (No class Jan. 20), 12:30–2:00 pm, The Kenwood, Den, Minneapolis

NEW 30627 Utopia—What Is It?
Ideas of utopia are ancient; real communities began in the 1600s. This is a discussion class. We will share our thoughts about the practices and limitations of utopias in human society. You can select from a list of optional readings to develop and expand your ideas. Seats: 50
Karl Willson, OLLI member
6 sessions, Mondays, Jan. 6–Feb. 17 (No class Jan. 20), 12:30–2:00 pm, Becketwood, Kensington Square, Minneapolis

20024 Exploring Minnesota’s Diverse Landscapes
Join John Toren, author of The Seven States of Minnesota, for a guided tour around the state. With the aid of photographs and maps, Toren will share a lifetime of insights into the geography, history, and natural beauty of the state’s regions, from the Boundary Waters to the western prairies, with stops on the Iron Range, the northern bogs, the Mississippi bluff country, and other out-of-the-way locales. Seats: 50
John Toren, OLLI course leader, educator in the LearningLife Program, and author of four books about Minnesota. He contributes regularly to regional and national publications
6 sessions, Mondays, Jan. 6–Feb. 17 (no class Jan. 20), 12:30–2:00 pm, Wilder Foundation, Frogtown Room 2510, St. Paul

TUESDAY

NEW 10524 Flicks on Tuesdays: The Social Cinema of Sidney Lumet
Unlike many of his fellow directors, Lumet searched for grittiness beginning with his first feature film, 12 Angry Men. Martin Scorsese has said, “Our
vision of the city has been enhanced and deepened by classics like *Serpico*, *Dog Day Afternoon* and, above all, the remarkable *Prince of the City.* Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg called Lumet “one of the great chroniclers of our city.” We will see these and other films, including the remarkable Network. Seats: 50

Jack Stuart, emeritus professor of history, California State University, Long Beach

7 sessions, Tuesdays, Jan. 14–Feb. 25, 9:30 am–12:00 pm, Plymouth Congregational Church, Jackman Room, Minneapolis

**NEW 30626 History of Human Understanding**

Over the course of history, humans have created multiple ways of understanding reality. This course will consider how different kinds of “truth” were invented and how they now coexist. The result is disagreement, conflict, and confusion.

Seats: 60

Ted Farmer, emeritus professor of history and global studies, U of M

7 sessions, Tuesdays, Jan. 7–Feb. 18, 10:00–11:30 am, McNamara Alumni Center, Room 235, U of M

**NEW 30628 G.W.F. Hegel’s Analysis of Consciousness in the Apprehension of Truth**

At the beginning of the 19th century, Hegel believed that human consciousness had arrived at the point where it was capable of comprehending its own processes in its understanding of the truth of reality. Hegel considered his work to be a continuation and culmination of Western philosophical thought dating back twenty-five hundred years to the pre-Socratics. This class will provide an overview of Hegel’s project and attempt to foster an appreciation of the scope and method of his work.

Seats: 30

John Robertson, emeritus professor of psychology, North Hennepin Community College

7 sessions, Tuesdays, Jan. 7–Feb. 18, 10:00–11:30 am, The Waters on 50th, Community Room, Minneapolis

**NEW 30634 The Presidents—George H.W. Bush, Part II**

This is the second quarter of George H.W. Bush with a concentration on world affairs and his retirement. You need not have taken the fall term course to attend these sessions. These are standalone lectures.

Seats: 220

Course Fee: $12

J.B. Andersen, educator, curator, and writer

6 sessions, Tuesdays, Jan. 7–Feb. 11, 10:00–11:30 am, Roseville Lutheran Church, Community Room, Roseville

**NEW 30619 Feeding the World—OLLI Scholar**

According to the United Nations, the right to be free from hunger and malnutrition is a fundamental human right. But food is never simply about sustenance. Food—what we eat and where it comes from—reveals larger economic, social, cultural, and political systems. By focusing on foodways in the Americas, this interdisciplinary course will consider the ways that food production and consumption intersect with gender, race, labor, and migration.

Suggested readings will be sent weekly via email.

Seats: 50

Sam Poindexter, Ph.D candidate, feminist studies, Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change, U of M

7 sessions, Tuesdays, Jan. 7–Feb. 18, 12:30–2:00 pm, McNamara Alumni Center, OLLI Classroom 235, U of M

**NEW 30625 The Fundamentals of Conservatism**

We will explore what it means to “be” conservative through the eyes of prominent conservatives including Edmund Burke, Michael Oakeshott, and Russell Kirk. Next we will examine why do people have a conservative disposition, by reviewing the literature of psychology including works by Jonathan Haidt and John Jost. We conclude with a look at evolution, evolutionary psychology, and genetics (Bouchard, Sapolsky, Alford, Hibbing, etc.) to try to answer the question, is it nature or nurture?

Seats: 60

John Fredell, M.D., U of M, B.A., English/political science, SCSC; B.S., biology, U of M

Quest for the source of our political ideology.

7 sessions, Tuesdays, Jan. 7–Feb. 18, 12:30–2:00 pm, Johanna Shores, Fellowship Hall, Arden Hills

**NEW 10508 Books You Don’t Have Time to Read, West Metro**

Experienced presenters summarize books of interest, answer questions, and lead a discussion of salient points.

Books are chosen by presenters for their current and historic interest.

Seats: 40
Jim Martin, convener, retired attorney 
5 sessions, Tuesdays, Jan. 14–Feb. 11, 
12:30–2:00 pm, Plymouth Congregational 
Church, Jackman Room, Minneapolis 
Jan. 14: Bad Blood by John Carreyrou, 
presented by Fred Beier.

Jan. 21: No Property in Man: Slavery and 
Antislavery at the Nation’s Founding by 
Sean Wilentz, presented by Dan Hunt.

Jan. 28: Blowout: Corrupted Democracy, 
Rogue State Russia, and the Richest, Most 
Destructive Industry on Earth by Rachel 
Maddow, presented by Judy Hoover.

Feb. 4: Justice on Trial: The Kavanaugh 
Confirmation and the Future of the 
Supreme Court by Mollie Hemingway 
and Carrie Severino, and The Education of 
Brett Kavanaugh: An Investigation 
by Robin Pogrebin and Kate Kelly, 
presented by Jim Martin.

Feb. 11: Tariffs and the New Nation. Ed 
Lotterman, Pioneer Press columnist of 
Real World Economics.

Feb. 18: Tariffs and the Global Economy. 
Ed Lotterman, Pioneer Press columnist of 
Real World Economics.

Feb. 25: NO CLASS (Early Voting)

March 3: Not for Sale/Not in our 
Neighborhood. History Theatre presents 
scenes from two new plays on racism in 
Minnesota

NEW 30636 Mindfulness—OLLI Scholar 
This course will discuss mindfulness as 
a state of mind in which one observes 
what is happening around one at the 
time. Mindfulness is believed to relieve 
pain and help mitigate depression. 
The course will address several 
mindfulness-based interventions 
(MBIs) which are used in psychotherapy. 
Among its uses are mindfulness-based 
stress reduction (MBSR), mindfulness- 
based cognitive therapy (MBCT), 
dialectical behavior therapy (DBT), 
mindfulness-based relapse prevention 
(MBRP), and mindfulness-oriented 
recovery enhancement (MORE) 
protocols. Seats: 40

Feb. 4: Mapping Prejudice in 
Minneapolis. Kirsten Delegard, 
affiliated with the Department of 
Geography, Environment and Society, U 
of M

Feb. 11: Tariffs and the New Nation. Ed 
Lotterman, Pioneer Press columnist of 
Real World Economics

NEW 30630 Tuesday Scholar: OLLI 
Talks—Roseville Library

Join scholars from area colleges and 
elsewhere as they share their specialized 
knowledge and enthusiasm. It’s like 
hearing your favorite college professors 
again, without worrying about writing 
papers or taking finals! Seats: 65 
Judy Woodward, history coordinator, 
Ramsey County Library 
7 sessions, Tuesdays, Jan. 14–Mar. 3 (No 
class Feb. 25), 1:00–2:30 pm, Roseville 
Library, Community Program Room

Jan. 14: A Minnesota Preview of the 2020 
Election. Lori Sturdevant, veteran Star-
Tribune columnist, author, co-author or 
editor of 11 books, most recently When 
Republicans Were Progressive which she 
coauthored with former U.S. Sen. Dave 
Durenberger

Jan. 21: Where Do Words Come From? 
Anatoly Liberman, author of the 
Oxford Etymologist (blog) and professor 
emeritus, U of M

Jan. 28: Slavery’s Reach in Minnesota. 
Christopher Lehman, author of Slavery’s 
Reach: Southern Slaveholders in the 
North Star State, professor of ethnic 
studies, St. Cloud State University

NEW 20432 OLLI Talks—Science and 
Technology

Join local science and technology 
experts as they share their specialized 
knowledge and enthusiasm. Topics and 
speakers for this term are listed below. 
Seats: 150

Martha Joy, convener and OLLI member 
Martha Tateosian, co-chair OLLI 
science and technology affinity group, 
OLLI member 
4 sessions, Wednesdays, Jan. 29–Feb. 
19, 10:00–11:30 am, Continuing Education 
and Conference Center, Room 42, U of M, 
St. Paul Campus

Jan. 29: Residential Mechanical 
Systems (furnaces, air conditioners, 
water heaters, etc.): Be in the Know! 
Barb Gacek, retired engineer and OLLI 
member

Feb. 5: Milkweed, Monarchs, and 
Miracles, Marge Sagstetter, retired 3M 
enGINEER, Washington County master
gardener since 1996, tree care advocate and citizen pruner through the U of M

**Feb. 12:** Lakota Culture, Mitakuye Oyasin (All Our Relations) and Unci Maka (Grandmother Earth) and Our Responsibilities, Cante Suta-Francis Bettelyoun, Oglala/Lakota, coordinator of the University of Minnesota Native American Medicine Gardens

**Feb. 19:** Science and Technology are FUN! Play with 3M visiting wizard kits, Martha Tateosian, retired 3M engineer and OLLI member

**NEW 30629 Maps & Mapmakers in the Age of Sail**
Maps are one of the most fascinating tools we have to learn about the world around us and its history. This course focuses on the maps created in the Golden Age of Sail, when Europeans ventured out into the world, mapped lands they hadn’t known existed, and changed the course of history. This course uses the actual maps in the James Ford Bell Library collection at the U of M, both parchment and print, from the 15th through 18th centuries.

**NEW 10528 Understanding the Universe—Part VII**
Join us for the finale of the grand tour of the universe—learning about the cosmos from its very beginning (the Big Bang) to what we know today about astronomy and cosmology, and what we have left to learn (e.g., dark energy, dark matter, the end game). Each week, view two 30-minute lectures by Alex Filippenko, astronomy and astrophysics professor, augmented with class discussion. Part VII will cover, among other things, dark energy, the unification of theories, and the fate of the universe.

**NEW 20431 Winter Tree ID**
Brave the winter weather to learn how to identify our Big Woods trees before they have any signs of leaves! Learn how to recognize trees by their bark, twigs, and buds. Come dressed for the weather as we will take a hike outside to do some identification the field. Seats: 20

Course Fee: $5

Lauren Borer, interpretive naturalist, Eastman Nature Center

**NEW 30617 The Roseville History Book Club**
The Roseville History Book Club meets monthly for discussions on a wide variety of topics from American history. Enrollment is limited to ensure an intimate discussion experience. Copies of the books available at the library.


Judy Woodward, history coordinator, Ramsey County Library

Clarence White, associate director, East Side Freedom Library

2 sessions, Wednesdays, Jan. 15 & Feb. 19, 1:00–2:30 pm, Roseville Library, Community Program Room

**NEW 10519 Shifting the View: Seeing Art @ Mia through many Lenses**

How we understand, interpret, and react to art depends on the particular lens through which we view it. In this course, we will stray outside our comfort zones and use a variety of “lenses”—personal, socioeconomic, gender, historical, spiritual, emotional, racial, and storytelling—to learn how the use of different perspectives changes our reactions and insights, both to artworks seen for the first time and to those seen many times before. Seats: 30

Emily Shapiro, Mia docent and OLLI member and Kay Miller, Mia docent and OLLI member

**Section 1:** 2 sessions, Wednesdays, Jan. 8 & 15, 2:15–3:45 pm, Mia, Minneapolis
NEW 30620 The New Digital Economy: Key Themes and Debates—OLLI Scholar

From on-demand labor platforms, like Uber, to surveillance technologies to online retail, our world has been transformed by software yet again. Sociologists are vigorously debating and theorizing this new digital economy. We will draw from this work and sink our teeth into the latest research on data extraction, automation, labor exploitation, new business models, and resistance. Relying on film clips, discussion, lectures, and readings, our goal will be to better understand what is at stake with the rise of Platform Capitalism. Seats: 40 Devika Narayan, Ph.D. candidate, sociology, U of M

7 sessions, Wednesdays, Jan. 8–Feb. 19, 2:15–3:45 pm, McNamara Alumni Center, Room 235, U of M

NEW 10520 Beating the Winter Blues @ Mia

The Farmers’ Almanac promises this winter will be a doozy, so join us as we banish those cold-weather blues within Mia’s shelter and warmth. Scientists tell us that light, laughter, and great ideas and conversations all help boost the brain chemicals that make us feel terrific. This course will take a light, lively approach to a potpourri of artworks—big beautiful ones, small unassuming ones, and a few that are just plain intriguing. Seats: 60

Emily Shapiro, Mia docent and OLLI member, Kay Miller, Mia docent and OLLI member, James Allen, Mia docent and OLLI member

3 sessions, Wednesdays, Feb. 5–19, 2:15–3:45 pm, Mia, Minneapolis

THURSDAY

NEW 10513 American Classic Films

Join us to view and discuss the following films. Lots of great spots nearby to continue the conversations! Seats: 50 Bonnie Nelson, retired humanities educator and OLLI member

7 sessions, Thursdays, Jan. 9–Feb. 20, 9:30 am–12:30 pm, Walker Library, Calhoun Meeting Room, Minneapolis

Jan. 9: The Pawnbroker (1:54)
Jan. 16: North by Northwest (2:16)
Jan. 23: On the Waterfront (1:52)
Jan. 30: Bull Durham (1:48)
Feb. 6: E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (2:01)
Feb. 13: Paths of Glory (1:27)
Feb. 20: Casablanca (1:42).

NEW 10529 The Book & Movie Course II

In each class, we will watch a movie which originated as a novel, novella, or short story and then discuss the similarities and differences between the two. Members are encouraged to read the material prior to class. The first three readings/movies will be: Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen; Holes by Louis Sachar; and Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer. Screen reader support enabled. Seats: 40

Paul Steffek, former middle school teacher, substitute teacher and course leader for Life Long Learning Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
3 sessions, Thursdays, Jan. 9, Jan. 30 and Feb. 20, 9:30 am–12:30 pm, Johanna Shores, Fellowship Hall, Arden Hills

NEW 30622 Minnesota Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence—A Survey

This course will provide an overview of the laws that govern crimes and punishments in Minnesota, including how to read and interpret them. In addition, we’ll review the procedures by which criminal cases are governed, and the rules that regulate admissibility of evidence in these cases. Questions and discussion are encouraged. There will be no assigned readings, but we’ll dip into Minnesota statutes, and the rules of procedure and evidence. Seats: 30

Dick Carlson, retired assistant Hennepin County public defender
7 sessions, Thursdays, Jan. 9–Feb. 20, 10:00–11:30 am, Edina Senior Center, Classroom 2, Edina

NEW 40031 Understanding Multiple Intelligences

In his book Multiple Intelligences, Howard Gardner, Ph.D. says that our schools and culture give the most esteem and attention to linguistic and logical-mathematical intelligence. He notes that we should also place equal attention on individuals who show gifts in the other six intelligences: the artists, architects, musicians, naturalists, designers, dancers, therapists, entrepreneurs, and others who enrich the world in which we live. You will be asked to journal, discuss, and write reflections on Gardner’s (Harvard) concept of multiple intelligences. Seats: 40

Launa Ellison, trained with Dr. Gardner and taught in Singapore, South Africa, and Bangladesh
5 sessions, Thursdays, Jan. 9–Feb. 6, 10:00–11:30 am Becketwood, Kensington Square, Minneapolis

10045 The Story of the Silver Screen Cowboys

Hoppy, Roy, Gene, and a host of other silver screen cowboys entertained generations, and then seemingly drifted away. How did they come to be the idols of our childhood? Who were they in real life? Where and why did they go? Explore the nature of the film industry, and its reflection of both technological and social changes through the lens of some of the greatest (and lessers) to catch them bad guys... while singing in the saddle. Seats: 50

Len Freeman, longtime film critic, poet, and cowboy B movies/serials buff
7 sessions, Thursdays, Jan. 9–Feb. 20, 10:00–11:30 am, McNamara Alumni Center, Room 235, U of M

NEW 22 & 29, 2:15–3:45 pm, Mia, Minneapolis

Section 2: 2 sessions, Wednesdays, Jan. 22 & 29, 2:15–3:45 pm, Mia, Minneapolis

NEW 20516 American Classic Films

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Feb. 20: Casablanca (1:42).

NEW 20529 The Book & Movie Course II

In each class, we will watch a movie which originated as a novel, novella, or short story and then discuss the similarities and differences between the two. Members are encouraged to read the material prior to class. The first three readings/movies will be: Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen; Holes by Louis Sachar; and Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer. Screen reader support enabled. Seats: 40

Paul Steffek, former middle school teacher, substitute teacher and course leader for Life Long Learning Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
3 sessions, Thursdays, Jan. 9, Jan. 30 and Feb. 20, 9:30 am–12:30 pm, Johanna Shores, Fellowship Hall, Arden Hills

NEW 30622 Minnesota Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence—A Survey

This course will provide an overview of the laws that govern crimes and punishments in Minnesota, including how to read and interpret them. In addition, we’ll review the procedures by which criminal cases are governed, and the rules that regulate admissibility of evidence in these cases. Questions and discussion are encouraged. There will be no assigned readings, but we’ll dip into Minnesota statutes, and the rules of procedure and evidence. Seats: 30

Dick Carlson, retired assistant Hennepin County public defender
7 sessions, Thursdays, Jan. 9–Feb. 20, 10:00–11:30 am, Edina Senior Center, Classroom 2, Edina

NEW 40031 Understanding Multiple Intelligences

In his book Multiple Intelligences, Howard Gardner, Ph.D. says that our schools and culture give the most esteem and attention to linguistic and logical-mathematical intelligence. He notes that we should also place equal attention on individuals who show gifts in the other six intelligences: the artists, architects, musicians, naturalists, designers, dancers, therapists, entrepreneurs, and others who enrich the world in which we live. You will be asked to journal, discuss, and write reflections on Gardner’s (Harvard) concept of multiple intelligences. Seats: 40

Launa Ellison, trained with Dr. Gardner and taught in Singapore, South Africa, and Bangladesh
5 sessions, Thursdays, Jan. 9–Feb. 6, 10:00–11:30 am Becketwood, Kensington Square, Minneapolis

10045 The Story of the Silver Screen Cowboys

Hoppy, Roy, Gene, and a host of other silver screen cowboys entertained generations, and then seemingly drifted away. How did they come to be the idols of our childhood? Who were they in real life? Where and why did they go? Explore the nature of the film industry, and its reflection of both technological and social changes through the lens of some of the greatest (and lessers) to catch them bad guys... while singing in the saddle. Seats: 50

Len Freeman, longtime film critic, poet, and cowboy B movies/serials buff
7 sessions, Thursdays, Jan. 9–Feb. 20, 10:00–11:30 am, McNamara Alumni Center, Room 235, U of M
NEW 50052 A Woman’s Place: Women and Work
Enjoy a gallery talk and tour of the exhibit, “A Woman’s Place: Women and Work” at Anderson Library, home of the U of MN Libraries Archives and Special Collections. Whether their work is paid or unpaid, by choice or by necessity, a path to freedom or a system of exploitation, the idea of “women in the workplace” embodies many of society’s greatest hopes and fears about what it means to be a woman. Discover working women as laborers, pioneers, troublemakers, and reformers. Seats: 20
Linnea Anderson, Archivist, Social Welfare History Archives, U of M, Kate Dietrick, Archivist, Nathan and Theresa Berman Upper Midwest Jewish Archives, Caitlin Marineau, Assistant Curator, Children’s Literature Research Collections, Exhibit Designer, Darren Terpstra
1 session, Thursday, Feb. 13, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, Elmer L Andersen Library, Main Gallery and Room 120B, U of M

NEW 30624 New York Times Podcast: “Caliphate”
This Peabody Award-winning podcast is a ten-part series about the Islamic State and their attempt to set up a government in Iraq. Based on reports from foreign correspondent Rukmini Callimachi, who penetrated so-called ISIS bombed-out strongholds and captured a wealth of inside information, the series is both chilling and tender in parts. The podcast features a Canadian who joined the Islamic State, was forced to kill two people, became disillusioned and escaped back to Canada. Seats: 40
Dale A. Anderson, retired banker, Colloquium on Violence and Religion member, OLLI member
7 sessions, Thursdays, Jan. 9–Feb. 20, 11:00 am-12:30 pm, Parkshore Senior Residence, Lower Level Card Room, St. Louis Park

NEW 10523 The Narrative Ritual of Bach’s St. John Passion—OLLI Scholar
This course offers an in-depth, experiential look at the St. John Passion of J.S. Bach. The work’s textual sources, musical structure, and reception history will be explored, including critical examination of its anti-Semitic reputation. The work will be performed by the U of M School of Music in April 2020, so course participants will have the opportunity to observe and attend rehearsals and outside lectures, if desired. Seats: 50
Andrew Stoebig, Ph.D. student, musicology, U of M
7 sessions, Thursdays, Jan. 9–Feb. 20, 12:30–2:00 pm, McNamara Alumni Center, Room 235, U of M

NEW 20428 Minnesota Ecology and Conservation Biology—OLLI Scholar
Explore the waters, grasslands, and forests right in your backyard in this overview of Minnesota ecology and conservation biology. Participants will learn the theory behind an application of ecology, conservation biology, and natural resource management in an overview of Minnesota’s natural history, native species, current threats, and future conservation needs. Course methods include lectures, discussions, and 1–2 field trips.
Seats: 30
Meg McEachran, Ph.D. student in conservation sciences, U of M
7 sessions, Thursdays, Jan. 9–Feb. 20, 12:30–2:00 pm, The Waters of Highland, Well Being Studio, St. Paul
NEW 10515 Intro to Modern Korean Literature
Korean literature from the early twentieth century to present day addresses a dynamic chapter in Korean history including colonial oppression, the fight for independence, civil war, dictatorship, fighting for democracy, and finally political and economic stability. Through Korean authors we will come to understand the spirit of the times and the resulting sea change. Classes will begin with a short reading and a brief lecture regarding the work, followed by discussion. Seats: 40 Sungjin Shin, Ph.D. candidate in English, U of M, born and educated in Seoul, South Korea until I came to the U.S. for my Ph.D.
7 sessions, Thursdays, Jan. 9–Feb. 20, 2:15–3:45 pm, McNamara Alumni Center, Room 235, U of M

NEW 10521 The Mayflower after 400 Years: Plymouth to Salem and Beyond
In 1620, The Mayflower, carrying 102 passengers and a crew of about 30, sailed from Plymouth, England, to North America, arriving after 66 days at sea. Naming their colony “Plymouth Plantation,” these English colonists undertook what historians have called “An Errand into the Wilderness.” In 2020, Plymouth–in Massachusetts and England alike–will celebrate this 400th anniversary. Who were these colonists and those to follow? How did their errand work out? Together, we’ll study their history and their literature. Class will begin with a short reading and a brief lecture regarding the work, followed by discussion. Seats: 30 Rick Menzel, veteran history teacher, retired Army officer
3 sessions, Fridays, Feb. 7–21, 10:00–11:30 am, Edina Senior Center, Sherwood Room, Edina

NEW 10514 WITNESS—30th Anniversary
For 30 years VocalEssence has contributed the celebration of African American music through the annual WITNESS concert. Join the director for this pre-performance lecture. Attend the performance on your own. Seats: 100 Ann Buran, convener and OLLI member Philip Brunelle, founder and artistic director, VocalEssence
Presentation: 1 session, Thursday, Feb. 20, 2:15–3:45 pm, Plymouth Congregational Church, (LaSalle St. entrance), Guild Hall, Minneapolis

FRIDAY

NEW 10517 Bookend: Backstage with The Bridges of Madison County
Meet the creative team and actors from Artistry’s production of The Bridges of Madison County. Get background information about the show and tour the set of the production.
Seats: 100
Anita Ruth, music director, Artistry
2 sessions, Friday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 14, 10:00–11:30 am, Artistry at the Bloomington Center for the Arts, Council Chambers, Bloomington

NEW 30623 Patriot Trail: The Fighters and the Fallen
In the past, it was the common practice to commemorate key moments in American history in our public art—sculptures of heroes, copies of important artifacts, even odd bits of military hardware. In this course, we will learn how to use these physical items to tell our own stories of America’s past, sharing our knowledge with those whose lives we touch. Seats: 30
Rick Menzel, veteran history teacher, retired Army officer
3 sessions, Fridays, Feb. 7–21, 10:00–11:30 am, Edina Senior Center, Sherwood Room, Edina

NEW 30631 Celebrate Birthdays Not Your Own
Join in to celebrate the real birthday of Charles Dickens on Feb. 7 (1812). We’ll hear a talk by Anatoly Liberman and end with a toast, beverage provided. Keep an eye out in the OLLI Spring course guide as we will celebrate Robert Frost’s birthday on Mar. 26!
Seats: 50
Course Fee: $6
Jeannie Hanson, OLLI member, retired literary agent/professional science journalist, birthday celebrant
1 session, Friday, Feb. 7, 10:00–11:30 am, Continuing Education and Conference Center, Room 42, U of M St. Paul Campus

30156 The Joy of Mathematics—Part 1
The joy of mathematics—for those who don’t think they like the subject! Explore patterns and connections among various branches of elementary mathematics. Please bring a pencil, paper, and a calculator as mathematics is not learned by osmosis.
Seats: 20
Thomas Kilkelly, former high school mathematics teacher, author
7 sessions, Fridays, Jan. 10–Feb. 21, 12:30–2:00 pm, Edina Senior Center, Classroom 2, Edina

NEW 10526 Bookend: Twelfth Night
When a shipwrecked Viola washes up on Illyria’s shores, she disguises herself as a boy and finds employment with Orsino, who is lovesick for Olivia. In her disguise Viola woos Olivia for Orsino and ... you know what’s coming: Mistaken identities lead to an entangled love triangle. And there are clowns! Learn about and discuss Shakespeare’s text and characters, and interpretations of the play, which promises laughter, love, and music. Twelfth Night runs Feb. 8–Mar. 22.
Seats: 40
Carla Steen, dramaturg, Guthrie Theater
2 sessions, Fridays, Jan. 31 and Feb. 21, 12:30–2:00 pm, Abiitan Mill City, Classroom, Minneapolis
Knitting/West Metro: 2nd Wednesdays, 1:30 pm, Shir Tikvah Congregation library, Minneapolis (usually). Nancy Garland, ng68@cornell.edu.

Memoir Writing: 3rd Thursdays, 1:00 pm Franklin Library, Minneapolis. Ken Rich, krich@gmail.com.

OLLI Qwesters – Biking: Weekly on Wednesdays, May–Sep., Nell Bean, nellalbean@gmail.com.

NEW/ OLLI Stammtisch: Practice conversational German, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 1:00 pm, various locations, Deb Wentworth, wentw001@umn.edu.

Play Reading: 2nd Fridays, 10:00 am, Sep–June, Walker Place, Janet Kramer-Barr, janetkramer7@gmail.com; Jack Harkness, gjharkness@comcast.net.

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN Discussion Group: 4th Fridays, 1:00 pm, Southdale Library, Edina. Cora Wortman, crwortman@earthlink.net, Anne Morrow, anne.morrow@hotmail.com.

Scrabble: Weekly Wednesdays, at 1:00 pm at the Lenox Community Center, St. Louis Park. On bus line 17, free parking behind the building. $2 fee per person, per session for use of room. Contact Marlyce Helm, 612-926-8178, tt237.nodak@yahoo.com.

St. Paul Chamber Orchestra: Attend four concerts (Series 4A, Ordway Concert Hall), Friday, 11:00 am, Sep–Apr 2019. Buy own tix www.thespco.org. Optional lunch nearby. Dave Bucheck, djbucheck@yahoo.com.

Wednesday Walkers: Weekly. Members take turns choosing and leading the walks in various locations. Optional lunch follows. Judy Remington, judyrem@comcast.net.

BOOK CLUB SIGs

American History Books: 1st Thursdays, 1:30 pm, Highland Park Library, St. Paul. No meetings in July or Aug. Jack Christensen, jecmdc@gmail.com.

Awesome Book Club: Books by or about women. 2nd Tuesdays, 1:30 pm, April thru November, St Paul JCC. Deborah Tabert, ddtab7220@comcast.net, Dot Delegard, dotdelegard@gmail.com.

Fiction/St. Paul East: 3rd Mondays, 1:00 pm, Grateful Table, Roseville. Sharon Thronson, sathrons@q.com.

Fiction Minneapolis: Full

Fiction/Nonfiction Arden Hills: Full

Literary Fiction Uptown: 3rd Tuesdays, 1:30–3:00 pm, Walker Library, Carla Waldemar, cwal砷mar@comcast.net.

Mysteries: 1st Tuesdays, 2:30 - 4:00 pm, St Paul JCC, Karen Koepp, kkoepp11@gmail.com

Nonfiction Minneapolis: Every month since 2003! 2nd Fridays, 1:00 pm, Franklin Library, Kate Anderson, anderson1466@msn.com.

Nonfiction St. Paul: 4th Thursdays, 1:30 pm, various locations & lunch. Ron Tabar rjtabar@comcast.net.

St. Paul Contemporary Fiction: Open for 3-4 members. 3rd Fridays, 10:30 am, St Paul JCC. Followed by optional lunch. Della Shupe, djshupe@gmail.com, 651-428-1492

The Rather Odd Book Club: Oddly, members do not all read the same book. We choose a decade in history and pool our insights, perspectives, and information. 4th Fridays, 3:00 pm, Edina. Jeannie Hanson, jkhans913@gmail.com or Shawn Hartfeldt, shartfeldt@yahoo.com.
OLLI TRAVEL

Exploring Southeastern Minnesota: Winona, Wabasha and Rochester
September 9-12, 2020, $795 double occupancy, $995 single
Hop on the bus and travel with your OLLI friends to sights in the southern Minnesotan towns of Winona, Wabasha and Rochester. Included will be tours of the Mayowood estate, MN Marine Art Museum, and National Eagle Center. Along the way we will make stops to learn about owls, covered bridges, historic architecture and the Winona houseboat community along the Mississippi River. Activity level: Easy, walking around small towns and museums. Space limited to 50.

Designed by OLLI member, Marghe Tabar with tour director, Lynde Vespoli of Destinations and Tours. To reserve a seat, contact Lynde at destinationsandtours@gmail.com. 440-840-6334

Civil Rights Movement: Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma, Birmingham
March 15–22, 2020 from $2299
REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO MONDAY, JANUARY 6
Now open to non-OLLI members.
Journey south to gain a deeper understanding of the struggle for racial equality in the U.S. Follow in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., hear the moving story of Rosa Parks and walk across the Selma Bridge with an activist who took part in the peaceful protest that devolved into unforgivable violence known as “Bloody Sunday.” Pay homage at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church to the victims of the 1963 KKK bombing. Study how these catalysts ignited a movement and how they echo through the racial climate in America today. Activity level: Walking up to 2 miles a day. Space limited to 24.

To reserve a spot, call Road Scholar toll free at (800) 322-5315, reference Program # 22657

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UMAA TRAVEL

OLLI members are eligible to participate in the University of Minnesota Alumni Association’s educational leisure tours. Inquiries should be directed to the UMAA or the tour operators listed below. Call 612-624-2323 or visit www.umnalumni.org/travel for more information and to view the full list of travel opportunities.

Discover Southeast Alaska
June 26–July 3, 2020 from $3,495
Enjoy the flexibility of small-ship travel, up-close encounters with wildlife, stunning scenery, cultural experiences, and the guidance of two expert naturalists including an Orbridge Expedition Leader. Capture the sight of whales breaching next to your boat, bears fishing along the shoreline, and eagles looking down from their nests. Contact Orbridge: 866-639-0079

Great Journey through Europe
July 7-18, 2020 from $3,995
This extraordinary 11-day “Grand Tour” of Europe combines river, rail, lake and mountain travel and features Switzerland, France, Germany and the Netherlands. Cruise aboard the deluxe Amadeus Silver III along the Rhine River. Ride aboard three legendary railways—the Pilatus Railway, the Glacier Express and the Gornergrat Bahn. Contact Gohagan: 800-922-3088

Nordic Magnificence
August 16-26, 2020 from $4,495
Feel the region’s cozy, optimistic charm as you explore enchanting Copenhagen, Oslo and Bergen. Discover palaces, modern architecture and Viking history. Storybook landscapes unfold as you cruise canals and the North Sea, and ride the Bergen Railway to Norway’s pristine Aurlandsfjord on this journey. Contact AHI: 800-323-7373

Dates, prices, and itineraries are subject to change. Check with the tour provider or UMAA for updated information.
Remember that OLLI is a guest at course sites. Please honor their policies so that we are invited to return. Please welcome the site guests to OLLI courses—that is part of our agreement with them. To be respectful to the sites’ requests, and fair to other members, please do not attend a course for which you are wait-listed, or not registered, and let us know if you need to drop a course.

Thank you!

Abiitan Mill City
428 S 2nd St.
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Artistry at the Bloomington Center for the Arts
1800 W Old Shakopee Rd.
Bloomington, MN 55431

Becketwood
4300 W River Pkwy.
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Calvary Center Cooperative
7600 Golden Valley Rd.
Golden Valley, MN 55427

Crystal Community Center
4800 Douglas Dr. N
Crystal, MN 55429

Eastman Nature Center, Elm Creek Park Reserve
13351 Elm Creek Rd.
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Edina Senior Center
5280 Grandview Sq.
Edina, MN 55436

First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis
900 Mt. Curve Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Hennepin County Library-Walker
2880 Hennepin Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Johanna Shores
3200 Lake Johanna Blvd.
Arden Hills, MN 55112

Lenox Community Center
6715 Minnetonka Blvd.
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

Mia
2400 3rd Ave. S
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Parkshore Senior Campus
3663 Park Center Blvd.
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Penumbra Theatre
270 N Kent St.
St Paul, MN 55102

Plymouth Congregational Church
1919 Lasalle Ave., Door 1
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Ramsey County Library - Roseville
2180 Hamline Ave. N
Roseville, MN 55113

Roseville Lutheran Church
1215 Roselawn Ave. W
Roseville, MN 55113

The Kenwood
825 Summit Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55403

The Waters of Highland Park
678 Snelling Ave. S
St. Paul, MN 55116

The Waters on 50th
3500 W 50th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55410

U of M, James Ford Bell Library
309 19th Avenue S Minneapolis
Minneapolis, MN 55455

U of M, McNamara Alumni Center
200 Oak St. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Parking Information:
Call Parking at 612-626-7275 on the day of class to inquire about any events which may reduce parking in the University Ave. Ramp. Also, visit https://www.pts.umn.edu/content/parkme-app for real time updates on available space in lots and ramps on the East Bank.

U of M, Wilson Library
309 19th Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Wilder Foundation
451 Lexington Pkwy N
St. Paul, MN 55104

Be Our Guest

Know someone, or yourself, who is interested in becoming an OLLI member - and enjoying OLLI’s learning opportunities and camaraderie - and you want to show them how great OLLI is?

Call the OLLI office first and ask to “bring a guest” for ONE course session. (The Office will check whether this works for the site and the course leader, and then let you know). Thanks for spreading the news.
OLLI Traditions & Tips

1. Support OLLI’s value of creating a welcoming, inclusive, supportive environment.
   • Be courteous and drop if you can no longer attend a course. The office will contact the next person on the wait list – and you may just make their day!
   • Check in on the roster that the course assistant or leader has before each class.
   • Respect our site partners and keep classrooms neat and clean.
   • Complete the course comment forms you are sent truthfully and tactfully. We use your feedback in our future planning.
   • Wear your name tag - it helps the course leader and everyone!

2. Accessibility. OLLI is committed to providing equal access to its programs. If you have vision, hearing, mobility or other accessibility concerns that may interfere with your full participation in our courses and/or activities, please call the OLLI office at 612-624-7847, in advance to request accommodations.

3. Missing a Class. If you need to miss a class, please let your course assistant know.

4. Weather Cancellations. We cancel classes if either the Minneapolis Public Schools or the University of Minnesota are closed. If OLLI cancels courses due to inclement weather, we will email all course leaders and course participants by 8:00 am the day of the class and post it to the OLLI home page. We call those without email. Yes, we’d prefer to not cancel any course, but we need to consider everyone’s safety and our many sites’ closure decisions.

5. Membership Fees. Only $240 for a year of unlimited course requests, SIGs, etc.! Memberships run one year from the date of purchase—365 days of OLLI.

6. Photographing. OLLI reserves the right to take photographs or videos during any program and to use them for promotional purposes. Participants who prefer that their images not be used are asked to contact the OLLI office.

7. Teaching. If you are interested in being a course leader or coordinating a new course or know someone who may be interested, go to olli.umn.edu and click on the Suggest a Course/Leader button on our home page. We are always looking for fresh, interesting, quality ideas!

8. Time or Location Changes. Periodically, class times or locations may change. The most up to date info can be found in the online OLLI Course Guide and is sent in an Up-To-Dater.

9. Going Green! OLLI members can choose to Go Green and eliminate the cost of printing and postage for a printed guide. To receive the course guide online only, login to you OLLI account, go to My Account, select My Profile and select the Go Green box. We currently print about 28K pages each term.

How to Join OLLI!

We invite you to join OLLI to enroll in OLLI courses, attend events, participate in SIGs, join tours and travel opportunities, and meet other curious cohorts!

Join Online: Go to OLLI.UMN.EDU and click on the Membership and Registration button on the right side of the page. At the Sign-In Page, read instructions under New to OLLI and follow the prompts to setup and purchase your OLLI membership.

Join by Mail: Mail a check for $240 along with your course requests in order of priority, before December 2, 2019. Make check payable to the University of Minnesota. Mail to: OLLI, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. SE, Suite 250, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Please include your full name (as you wish to be called), address, daytime phone number, and email address. You will receive an email confirmation within 24 hours of receipt of your check and course requests.

OLLI Scholarships are available. If you are interested in an OLLI membership scholarship, please call the office at 612-624-7847 for more information.

Ask OLLI Llama

Dear OLLI Llama,

Q: Is OLLI really 25 years old?

A: Yes, sort of. As you read in the cover article, Steve Benson founded ELI (Elder Learning Institute) in 1995. ELI changed its name to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Minnesota in 2005 when it received the generous 1 million dollar endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation. (A few years later, we received another million dollar endowment from the Osher Foundation!) This September and all year, OLLI at the University of Minnesota celebrates turning 25! You can read more about the Bernard Osher Foundation’s great work and interest in lifelong learning at: http://www.oshерfoundation.org. Also fun is to watch 84-years young Barney learning to surf in Waikiki at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CvE2gHo949A

Thanks for asking!
OllI uses an Allocation/Lottery to assign member requests to courses on an equal opportunity basis. (A lottery is only run on courses that have more requests than seats available.)

There are three periods: Request, Allocation, and Additional Registration.

1) Course Request Period
During this period, members decide which courses they want and enter their requests online or by mail. During this period, members are “requesting” the courses they want.

a. Request courses based on your preferences. A first request will be marked as Priority #1; a second request will be Priority #2, and so on. Members can request as many courses as they would like during the Course Request Period.

b. At any time during the Course Request Period, members may change priorities and add requests. To remove/drop a request, you must contact the office by email at olli@umn.edu or phone 612-624-7847.

2) Allocation Period
Allocation is only run on courses that have more requests than seats available. The computer software fills courses according to member priorities. The database is closed during this period to retain the integrity of member requests/priorities.

3) Additional Registration Period
Begins after the Allocation Period is complete and ends two days prior to the course start date. Members may register for as many additional courses with seats still available as they wish. A list of courses with seats still available is sent via email through the OLLI Up-to-Dater before the Additional Registration Period begins.

## Request Courses

1) How to request courses:
   - Go to olli.umn.edu and click on the Membership/Registration button on the right side of the screen.
   - On the Sign In page, find the Sign in to Existing Account option and enter your username and password.
   - Follow the instructions listed under How to Request/Register for Courses.
   - Select the category from the column on the left of the page.
   - Select a course from the list on the right.
   - Click the Request Course box.
   **TIP:** Be sure to click on the Request Course button for each course.
   - Once all of your requested courses are added to your cart, check your selections. Remove unwanted courses by clicking on Remove. Once you are satisfied, click on Check Out.
   - Verify your personal data on Check Out: My Information. Verify your email address. Click Next.
   - Double-check your order and click Purchase.
   **TIP:** Be sure to click Purchase or your requests will not be retained.
   - You will receive a Course(s) Request Acknowledgement email listing the courses you have requested.
   **TIP:** Members do not pay course fees during the Course Request Period. After you receive your course confirmation email you need to log in to your account and pay any course fees that may be due.

2) How to double-check your Requests and Priorities after you purchase:
   - Click on My Account, then Course Priorities
   - Check your course priorities and re-prioritize using the dropdown list under the column Priority
   - Then click Save Priorities
   **TIP:** Is your membership current? Log in to your account, click on My Account and then My Membership to view your membership expiration date.

## Requesting Courses by Mail

The office must receive course requests no later than **Monday, Dec. 2, 2019**, at 4:00 pm to be included in the Allocation Period. Send the following information to: OLLI, U of M, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 SE Oak St, Ste 250, Minneapolis, MN 55455

- Contact Info: first and last name, mailing address, daytime phone and email address
- Course requests (course number and title) in order of your priority; #1 being your highest priority.
- Do NOT send payment for course fees at this time.
- DO submit payment for New or Renewing Membership purchase, if necessary.

**TIP:** Is your membership current? Log in to your account, click on My Account and then My Membership to view your membership expiration date.
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Important Dates

Term Dates
Jan. 6–Feb. 21, 2020

Request Period
Nov. 18–Dec. 2, 4 pm

Allocation Period
Dec. 3–5

Additional Registration Period
Dec. 6,–til two days before the first day of the class

Sept. 15, 2020
OLLI at the UMN 25th Anniversary Event!