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UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON
Welcome to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UNC Wilmington

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

I want to extend a very warm welcome to those of you who are joining OLLI at UNCW for the first time and to those of you who have continued to return – in many cases year after year. It was so heartwarming to see many of you in person for the first time in more than 18 months in our classroom and in our outdoor programs.

We learned a tremendous amount about offering our high-quality educational programs using a technical delivery format. A big thank you and special recognition to our strong team of volunteers who willingly gave so much of their time, attention, dedication and expertise! Volunteers worked as curriculum planners, society and forum leaders, tech support and course moderators, all while fine-tuning our hybrid and Zoom models of delivery. We appreciate our members' patience as we worked through the many technical challenges during the sessions. However, the experience and knowledge gained benefitted everyone. Using this technology has offered our members increased flexibility to choose how they want to participate in their learning experience.

I am also filled with such gratitude that so many in our community continue to support lifelong learning at UNCW. We have had to reinvent ourselves in many ways to meet the challenges imposed as we go through our mode of recovery. However, our members have been such strong supporters of our mission to this community. We are surviving and, in many ways, thriving! Thank you all for being mindful and gracious in prioritizing the health of others by following UNCW's COVID guidelines while on campus. We have pulled together as a community and will continue to do so in our future for the good of the whole.

And always, I want to thank Amy Keith, Susan Williams and Donna Treolo for working so well together as such a strong team. I continue to thoroughly enjoy working with them each and every day. The best!

Shelley L. Morse, Director

LETTER FROM THE ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIR

Greetings to all!

As we continue to adapt to the circumstances of COVID in our personal lives, whether it be traveling globally or simply running a local errand, OLLI has answered the call for change. This past semester, we welcomed yet another way to participate with your fellow members: the hybrid option.

The value of the hybrid model is evident. For the courses that offer this option, participants can either remain at a comfortable location of their choosing or meet in the OLLI building with their fellow classmates. Also evident, especially to the Distance Learning Team volunteers, is the increased complexity of hosting this mixed mode. In order to implement this change, an investment in both the camera and audio systems in classroom technology became necessary, and as a result, the DLT volunteers spent numerous hours in training. Thank you to ALL of our DLT members for your time and dedication in bringing this to fruition!

Additionally, it is worth mentioning the efforts of our course volunteer leaders, who organize and submit topics each semester to enrich our catalog offerings.

As a result of these collective works over the past semester, OLLI membership and course offerings have grown. We owe our thanks to you, our valued members, for continuing to support OLLI both by staying active and giving through your generous donations.

In closing, I invite you to review our new spring 2022 catalog, which was designed to offer a variety of options for your enjoyment!

Bruce Myers, Advisory Council Chair (2020-22)

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UNCW is to be the premier lifelong learning opportunity for members 50 years of age or older in southeast North Carolina who seek academic, social and experiential learning. This is achieved through:

1. Fostering a high-quality, intellectually stimulating curricula centered on programs developed and led by university faculty, fellow OLLI members and others throughout the region.

2. Sustaining a positive, open environment that offers respect for sharing ideas and perspectives where people feel valued.

3. Connecting the university and lifelong learning community by serving as a gateway to university events and creating opportunities for involvement in teaching, research and service.

4. Partnering with area organizations to support the mission of OLLI.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be a diverse, member-driven organization committed to being an exceptional community of lifelong learners.

WHO WE ARE

OLLI at UNCW is a membership organization which seeks to foster lifelong learning opportunities, individual growth and social connection. Funded in part by the Bernard Osher Foundation, we are part of a national network of 124 lifelong learning institutes on college and university campuses in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The common threads among members of the network are: an advisory council; lifelong learning programs specifically developed for “seasoned” adults age 50+; university connection and support; volunteer leadership; and a diverse selection of intellectually stimulating courses.

We depend on OLLI members to contribute to the success and growth of OLLI at UNCW by serving as volunteers either in our classrooms, on our Advisory Council or on many committees which design our high-quality programs and events.

BECOMING A MEMBER

Membership is a requirement for enrollment in all OLLI courses or events.

- Spring membership: $30 (expires June 30, 2022)

Membership entitles you access (fees apply) to all courses and activities, members-only special events, as well as the many advantages of being a member of the UNCW community.
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As the University of North Carolina Wilmington and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) resume in-person activities, guidelines are in place to create a safe and healthy environment for everyone.

By using a variety of learning formats, we have expanded our options for finding speakers and for making our classes accessible to more members while at the same time allowing you to choose the class format that meets your comfort level and expectations.

**Please note:** The icons below appear throughout the catalog to identify the particular course format.

**OLLI does not record or distribute presentations.**

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**COURSE FORMATS**

**In-Person/Face-to-Face** – Classes that meet in person are also called “face-to-face.” These include programs that meet outdoors, in the OLLI building, on the UNCW campus and off-campus locations. Instructors are usually in-person, but they may occasionally be remotely streamed into the classroom.

**Online/Zoom** – Zoom is an online videoconferencing software, and Zoom courses are streamed live. After you register for classes, OLLI will email you a meeting link to participate. Using a personal computer, participants may attend class, hear the lecture, see slides, participate in discussions, and ask questions or make comments through a “chat” function.

**Hybrid** – The hybrid format offers a choice for how people want to participate in selected programs. Members choose to register for the in-person version of the course or to register for the online/Zoom version of the course. The course will be delivered in the OLLI building, but will also be streamed through Zoom to participants remotely. If you chose to participate in a class online, you must complete the course in the online format. Our registration office cannot facilitate format changes for course participants.
NEW MEMBER WELCOME
Tuesday, Feb. 1 • 2 – 3 p.m.
Free to OLLI members, registration required.

New to OLLI? The New Member Welcome provides new members with the opportunity to talk with staff and volunteers. All questions are welcome! Ask about our programs, the culture of volunteerism, OLLI committees, and OLLI’s ongoing relationship with UNCW. Enjoy meeting other “newbies!”

OLLI building is at 620 S. College Road.

NATURAL HISTORY OF THE COLORFUL EASTERN BLUEBIRD

with Charlie Owens, New Hanover County Bluebird Coordinator and George Wesoloski, Ph.D.

Friday, Feb. 4 • 10 – 11 a.m.
Free to OLLI members, registration required.

Come learn about the recent decline of the bluebird and efforts to restore the species in North Carolina. The complete life cycle of the bluebird will be explained, including breeding, hatching and fledgling of the young. Various houses that can be used for the cavity nesting bluebird will be shown, as well as tips on feeding, observing, house placement and problem solving so that you can attract this fascinating bird to your yard.

OLLI SPEED FRIENDSHIP

Monday, April 4 • 2 – 3 p.m.
Free to OLLI members, registration required.

Join us for a fun afternoon of connections and laughs. We will send a list of questions to prepare to break the ice and to meet new friends. Smiles are guaranteed or your money back! The 60-minute session will include small group breakouts to introduce yourself and to get to know others. You will share a bit about yourself with everyone during the event. And if you choose, your contact information (name/email) will be shared with others after the event.

OLLI SPEED FRIENDSHIP

Tuesday, March 8 • 1 – 2 p.m.
or
Wednesday, March 9 • 1 – 2 p.m.
Free to OLLI members, registration required.

Cicero once said, “If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.” Join OLLI for a tour of UNCW’s beautiful Randall Library. Learn how the library serves the university community through collections, resources, space, exhibits and events. Walk through the library to become comfortable with the world inside Randall. Learn how you can make use of our UNCW library as a community member.

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Many people want to explore their family history but are just not sure where to begin or how the process works. This class will focus on relevant local sources for researching African American family history. Anyone attending this session will learn the first steps on what can be a fun, exciting and addicting journey!

Tim Pinnick is an experienced genealogist and avid historian specializing in post-emancipation African American research. He has been an associate instructor in the biennial “Researching African American Ancestors” course at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research since 2006. Tim was the lead researcher for the New Hanover County Community Remembrance Project, which focused on finding African American descendants of residents living in Wilmington during 1898.

Randall Enlow ran a Medicine Show and Melodrama Theatre troupe for the Yankee Peddler Festival, a Colonial America Fair. This troupe performed for 14 years and Enlow is happy to share photos, memories, anecdotes and fun history. Come hear the tale of selling Doc Spellbinder’s Power, Potent, Patented, Life Saving Elixer for “two-bits!” Enlow wrote and performed in the medicine shows and adapted Shakespeare’s best known works to perform by day and by torchlight.

Enlow began a professional theatre career at age six in the Cleveland Play House Children’s and Youth Theatre training programs (1962 - 1974). He designed scenery and lighting for hundreds of shows – dramas, comedies, musicals and operas. For more than 30 years, he has been teaching at the university and college level, and he is an assistant professor in UNCW’s department of theatre.

Join your OLLI member peers for an exclusive program at the Cape Fear Museum of History and Science! Explore the museum’s history exhibits, including the latest temporary exhibit, MacMillan: Artist as Soldier with museum historian Jan Davidson. Investigate ways to contribute to local citizen science initiatives related to the H2O Today exhibit with Darcie Roten, Science Content Developer. Discover the museum’s extensive permanent collection of 56,000+ artifacts with Curator Heather Yenco.
ANTHROPOLOGY

Religion and Politics in France, Turkey and the United States
with Hikmet Kocamaner, Ph.D.

Wednesdays, Feb. 2 – 16
Three sessions • 3 – 4:30 p.m.
$45

How does religion get intermingled with politics? How do governments regulate religion in different parts of the world? This course will explore these questions by focusing on three secular states that claim to separate religion from politics: France, Turkey and the United States. Each of these countries has a unique political arrangement to deal with the question of the place of religion in politics and public life.

Hikmet Kocamaner is an assistant professor of cultural anthropology at UNCW, where he has taught since 2017. He obtained a doctorate in anthropology and Middle Eastern and North African studies at the University of Arizona and his master's in English Literature at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey. His research and teaching interests include anthropologies of religion, mass media, politics, gender, sexuality, and the family, focusing on the Middle East and Turkey.

ART HISTORY

Leonardo’s Universe
with Abigail Upshaw, Ph.D.

Wednesdays, April 6 – May 4
*no class on April 13
Four sessions • 3 – 4:30 p.m.
$60

In “Leonardo’s Universe,” we will trace the artist’s life and career from his beginnings in Florence through his time as court artist in Milan and his travels throughout Northern Italy, and finally to his latter years at the court of Francis I in France. We will attend closely not only to Leonardo’s extant completed works, but also his writings, drawings, models and ephemeral productions. Discover throughout the course that Leonardo pursued both art and science – primarily as ways to understand the world and humans' place in it. No prior knowledge of art history is required!

Abigail Upshaw is a scholar of early modern Italian visual and material culture. Her research tends to the materiality and function of ephemera in early modern social, religious and political life, particularly in the court centers of northern Italy. Her current project investigates Leonardo da Vinci’s involvement with the theater during his nearly 20-year tenure at the Sforza court of Milan.
ACADEMIC COURSES

BIOLOGY

Microbial Symbiosis: Ocean Health
with Patrick Erwin, Ph.D., MBA

Wednesdays, April 6 – 20
Three sessions • 10 – 11:30 a.m.
$45

The world that we see is profoundly influenced by a world we cannot. A shadow world of symbiotic microorganisms (“microbiomes”) exists just beyond the limits of human perception. Increasingly recognized as a key determinate of human health, these microbial partners also support marine animal health and ocean ecosystem functioning. This course will focus on how we study marine animal microbiomes and their role in understanding and predicting ocean health. Through some of the smallest organisms on the planet, we will advance some of the biggest questions in marine biology: what are the biological networks that support productive and healthy oceans, and how will these interactions change in the face of growing human impacts?

Patrick Erwin is an associate professor of biology and marine biology at UNCW. His primary field of interest is microbial ecology – studying how the diverse microscopic life on our planet interacts with higher plant and animal life to sustain a habitable biosphere. His current research program focuses primarily on symbiotic microbial communities (“microbiomes”) in ocean life. Erwin has received more than $1 million in research funding that has resulted in over 50 peer-reviewed publications and supported over 30 undergraduate and graduate students.

CREATIVE WRITING

Short Story Writing
with David Braga, MFA

Tuesdays, Feb. 15 – March 22
Six sessions • 3 – 4:30 p.m.
$70

or

Thursdays, Feb. 17 – March 24
Six sessions • 3 – 4:30 p.m.
$70

Students will read short stories and work on how to create compelling characters and write short fiction. There will be prompt-writing in class, reading and discussion, and workshopping of one another’s work. By the end of the course, students will have written a draft of a short story.

David Braga is a writer based in Wilmington, NC. He studied creative writing at Emerson College in Boston. Braga’s fiction has been published by Redivider, Necessary Fiction and Pantheon, among others. His film criticism has been published by Bright Wall/Dark Room, IndieFilmMinute and WhatCulture!

DANCE

What is Modern Dance?
with Nancy Carson, B.A.

Fridays, Feb. 4 – 18
Three sessions • 1 – 2:30 p.m.
$45

Have you ever wondered what modern dance is and what makes it different from other dance forms? Modern dance is hard to define, but this course will look at the historical events and changes that caused a revolution in dance and the movers and shakers who created a new way of presenting choreography and stories on stage. Take a journey beginning with the free-spirited Isadora Duncan to current choreographers and explore how modern dance is merging with contemporary forms as it continues to evolve and change.

Nancy Podrasky Carson is an educator, choreographer and dancer who has taught, created work, and performed with professional and nonprofit companies, universities and community groups throughout the United States. Nancy has taught dance at UNCW since 1998. She serves as the resident choreographer for Opera Wilmington and is a founder, teacher and choreographer for The Dance Cooperative, a local 501(c)3.

The Anthropology of Tribal, Folk and Social Dance
with Nancy Carson, B.A.

Monday, Feb. 21 • One session • 3 – 4:30 p.m. • $15

How we move is deeply rooted in our history. This program will take an introductory look at why people dance the way they do and how dance has been used as a way to make sense of the world before science existed. Explore how dance was used as a form of self-expression for romantic, social and religious purposes and as a means of self and community preservation.
**ACADEMIC COURSES**

**ECONOMICS**

**Infrastructure Economics**  
*with Jon Haveman, Ph.D.*

**Monday, Jan. 31**  
One session • 1 – 3 p.m.  
$15

Learn more about the history of infrastructure spending and the importance of infrastructure spending for the economy. Evidence will be provided on the state of infrastructure in the United States and what might be done to improve it. We will also discuss just what definition of infrastructure is important. Should it include human infrastructure?

Jon Haveman is the executive director of the National Economic Education Delegation. He is a noted California economist and an expert on economic policy issues. Prior to starting NEED, Haveman was a principal at Marin Economic Consulting, a founding principal at Beacon Economics and the director of the Economy Program at the Public Policy Institute of California. He has been a senior economist with the President’s Council of Economic Advisers, an economist with the Federal Trade Commission, and held a faculty position in the business school at Purdue University. Haveman holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Michigan.

**ENGLISH**

**Journalism and American Democracy**  
*with Josh Roiland, Ph.D.*

**Thursdays, Jan. 27 – March 3**  
Six sessions • 1 – 2:30 p.m.  
$70

Explore the history and present relationship between journalism and American democracy. Examine how this connection has changed over time, as both the news media and our understandings of democracy have changed. We’ll debunk popular (but erroneous) ideas about the press and its role by exploring these questions: How is journalism made? How do citizens use the press? How does public discourse respond to different styles of journalism? Why are “bias” and “fake news” such popular ways to talk about the news media? In answering these questions, our class will take a historical look at the changing conceptions of democracy and the professional conventions of the news media. It will also apply historical lessons to contemporary issues.

Josh Roiland is originally from Minnesota. He is an assistant professor in the English department at UNCW. He has a Ph.D. in American studies, and he teaches and researches in the areas of literary journalism, journalism and democracy, and the practice of creative nonfiction essays. Before coming to Wilmington, he held positions at the University of Maine and the University of Notre Dame.

**The Metaphysical Poets**  
*with Alessandro Porco, Ph.D.*

**Thursdays, April 14 – 28**  
Three sessions • 1 – 2:30 p.m.  
$45

In his 1921 review of Herbert J.C. Grierson’s Metaphysical Lyrics and Poems of the Seventeenth Century, T.S. Eliot remarked, “Not only is it extremely difficult to define metaphysical poetry, but difficult to decide what poets practice it and in which of their verses.” Such difficulty notwithstanding, Eliot proffered a definition, suggesting a particular and peculiar “sensibility”: that is, metaphysical poets do not distinguish between thought and feeling.

Taking up Eliot’s challenge, we will read key works by 17th-century poets associated with the “metaphysical” school (a designation first coined by Samuel Johnson in 1769). We will consider how one might best define, or redefine, metaphysical poetry today, taking up questions of form, erotic love and religious experience along the way. We will primarily read poems by Donne, Cowley, Herbert, Carew, Lovelace, Marvell, Vaughan, and the Earl of Rochester; however, in the final class, we will also explore possible inheritors of the metaphysical sensibility in the 20th century.

Alessandro Porco is an associate professor in the Department of English at UNCW. He specializes in 20th-century poetry and poetics. Porco is currently working on a book-length study of M.C. Richards.
ACADEMIC COURSES

History of the English Language
with Cleve Callison, Ph.D.

Thursdays, April 21 – May 12
Four sessions • 3 – 4:30 p.m.
$60

Why does English “sound different” from other European languages? Why has it become an international language? Where did it come from? We’ll examine odd words, unusual names and the role of French, Latin and computer-speak in crafting our language over almost 1,500 years. We’ll review examples of English words and expressions that shed light on the history of the language.

OLLI instructor, member and volunteer, Cleve Callison is the retired station manager of WHQR Public Radio. He has a B.A. in English from Duke and an M.A. and Ph.D. in English from Wisconsin, specializing in Anglo-Saxon language and literature. He has previously taught the history of English for Wake Forest University, the Miami University (Ohio) Institute for Learning in Retirement, and with OLLI at UNCW.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Natural Solutions to Climate Change
with Warren Darrell, P.E., M.S.

Tuesdays, March 22 – April 5
Three sessions • 1 – 2:30 p.m.
$45

Preserving and restoring ecosystems can mitigate anthropogenic climate change and its harmful effects by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the land, absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, improving water supplies and agricultural productivity, reducing coastline erosion and flooding, and providing plant and animal habitat. We will explore natural solutions to climate change in North Carolina, Virginia’s eastern shore, Texas, the Everglades, Cuba, Central America, and China.

Warren Darrell is an active volunteer with the Ecologic Development Fund in Latin America, the North Carolina Coastal Reserve and the North Carolina King Tide Project. He is a registered professional engineer with an M.S. in Environmental Engineering from the University of Alabama and an M.S. in Environmental Science from Montana State University. Darrell lives in the Wilmington area and is an avid sea kayaker.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE and LITERATURE

French for Travelers
with Donna McQueen, M.A.

Thursdays, Jan. 20 – Feb. 24
Six sessions • 6 – 7:30 p.m.
$70

Bienvenu! Planning to meander the streets of Marseille? Bask in the sun in Biarritz? Come to a beginner-level introduction to conversational French in this class designed especially for travelers. Learn those critical phrases, including asking questions, asking directions, telling time, greetings and numbers. The class will include discussions of French culture and expected manners in public places, like restaurants and grocery stores. There will even be an explanation of the Paris Metro!

Donna McQueen is a French teacher with 28 years of experience teaching middle school, high school and college-level courses. She teaches French in the UNCW Department of World Languages and Cultures. She holds a master of arts in romance languages from Appalachian State University. McQueen loves to travel and share in cultural immersion.
Spanish for Beginners
with Heather Beal, M.A.
Mondays, Jan. 24 – Feb. 28
Six sessions  •  6 – 7:30 p.m.
$70

Bienvenidos! This lively course will introduce the basics of essential conversational Spanish related to travel, health, food, the weather and much more. This course will focus on the sounds and speech of different Spanish dialects in Latin America and Spain so that students are able to converse with native Spanish speakers in the U.S. and when traveling abroad.

Heather Beal has a passion for sharing her love of the Spanish language with students of all ages and skill levels. She went to graduate school at UNCW, where she studied Spanish with a focus in Hispanic linguistics. Her study abroad experience in the Dominican Republic sparked her interest in the beauty of the Spanish language within a multitude of different cultures. She currently teaches Spanish at UNCW.

HEALTH
A Model for Holistic Wellbeing
with Seth Boynton, LCSW, and Holly Konrady, M.Ed.
Tuesdays, April 19 – May 17
*no class May 3
Four sessions  •  10 – 11:30 a.m.
$60

This program is designed to prevent disease by managing the damaging effects of stress. You will identify the psychological, emotional and physical effects and triggers of stress. Once you identify what stress is in your world and how it impacts you, you will learn and practice techniques to manage it. We can’t stop stress from happening but if we can mitigate the effects on our emotions, our thoughts and our body, we can live a much healthier, balanced life.

Seth Boynton is a licensed clinical social worker with a Master of Social Work from Boston University. His current focus is the creation of the Calm Institute – a model for holistic well-being that supports all groups of people in understanding and treating their stress and mental health.

Holly Konrady holds a master’s degree in education from Colorado State University. She has a background in exercise through the American College of Sports Medicine and has obtained 500 hours of yoga teacher training. Currently, she is the stress management specialist for three programs in cardiac rehab at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

HISTORY
A Study of Medieval English Kings
with Larry Usilton, Ph.D.
Mondays, May 9 – 23
Three sessions  •  6 – 7:30 p.m.
$45

In 1945, the English historian V.H. Galbraith published an article entitled “Good Kings and Bad Kings in Medieval English History” in the journal History. In the article, Galbraith discussed the criteria used by medieval English monks, the historians of the day, to determine whether their kings were good, bad or tyrannical. Using this foundation, examine the undulating perceptions of historians through the centuries regarding these kings. Special attention will be given to King John, Edward Longshanks, William the Conqueror, Richard the Lionheart, and the last of the medieval English kings, Richard III.

Larry Usilton is a professor emeritus and a medievalist with a specialty in the history of England. From 1971 to 2021, he was a member of the Department of History at UNCW, where he served as the university’s first director of the Swansea (Wales) Study Abroad Program and also as chair of the history department for four years. He is a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine and a member of the Order of Isaac Bear. One of his proudest achievements is the creation of a travel program called “Medieval Sampler,” leading learners of all ages to see the historic sites of the British Isles and Western Europe.
ACADEMIC COURSES

Sex and the Civil War
with Chris E. Fonvielle Jr., Ph.D.

Tuesday, March 15
One session • 1 – 2:30 p.m.
$15

When you think about the American Civil War, various battles, historic sites and famous participants are usually the first things that come to mind. In this presentation, Chris Fonvielle, emeritus professor of history at UNCW, Civil War aficionado and author, takes a different point of view, discussing the risqué, provocative, hot topic of sex in the Civil War era. According to Fonvielle, “the prudish and squeamish need not apply.” Join OLLI for this intriguing and frank look at the Civil War from a whole new perspective.

The New Hanover County Community Remembrance Project
with Tim Pinnick, B.S. Business Administration

Wednesdays, Jan. 26 – Feb. 2
Two sessions • 1 – 2:30 p.m.
$30

In November 2021, the New Hanover County Community Remembrance Project (NHCCRP) conducted a soil collection ceremony to honor the victims of Wilmington’s 1898 coup and massacre. NHCCRP made efforts to identify and reach out to the descendants of the African American community whose ancestors witnessed the tragedy. This program will provide an inside look at the research process, the results, and discuss the possible paths forward as the group continues the mission of collecting and telling the stories of the African American community.

Tim Pinnick is an experienced genealogist and avid historian specializing in post-emancipation African American research. He has been an associate instructor in the biennial “Researching African American Ancestors” course at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research since 2006. Tim was the lead researcher for the New Hanover County Community Remembrance Project, which was focused on finding African American descendants of residents living in Wilmington during 1898.

PHILOSOPHY and RELIGION

Death and Mourning in American Religious History
with Jamie L. Brummitt, Ph.D.

Mondays, Feb. 7 – March 14
Six sessions • 1 – 2:30 p.m.
$70

This course explores the material culture of death and mourning in American religions, such as Protestantism, Catholicism and Judaism, from the early 1800s to today. Topics include mourning the death of George Washington in the early American republic, Protestant and Catholic relics of the dead in the 19th century, African American cemeteries and death work, the development of the modern funeral industry after the Civil War, Jewish deathways, and baptizing the dead through genealogical work.

Jamie L. Brummitt is an assistant professor of American religions at UNCW. Brummitt holds a Ph.D. in American Religion from Duke University as well as graduate minors in American Islam and art, art history and visual studies. She researches the material culture of death and mourning in American religions. Her book, Protestant Relics in Early America, is forthcoming with Oxford University Press.

1898 and African American Migrations
with Tim Pinnick, B.S. Business Administration

Wednesday, Feb. 23
One session • 3 – 4:30 p.m.
$15

The 1898 coup and massacre led to forced and voluntary migrations from the city of Wilmington. Where did they go? How did they fare? This class will examine the dynamics of African American movement involving Wilmingtonians from November 1898 and beyond, tracking them to several key destinations in the North and telling their stories.

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with Tim Pinnick, B.S. Business Administration

Wednesdays, Jan. 26 – Feb. 2
Two sessions • 1 – 2:30 p.m.
$30

In November 2021, the New Hanover County Community Remembrance Project (NHCCRP) conducted a soil collection ceremony to honor the victims of Wilmington’s 1898 coup and massacre. NHCCRP made efforts to identify and reach out to the descendants of the African American community whose ancestors witnessed the tragedy. This program will provide an inside look at the research process, the results, and discuss the possible paths forward as the group continues the mission of collecting and telling the stories of the African American community.

Tim Pinnick is an experienced genealogist and avid historian specializing in post-emancipation African American research. He has been an associate instructor in the biennial “Researching African American Ancestors” course at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research since 2006. Tim was the lead researcher for the New Hanover County Community Remembrance Project, which was focused on finding African American descendants of residents living in Wilmington during 1898.

PHILOSOPHY and RELIGION

Death and Mourning in American Religious History
with Jamie L. Brummitt, Ph.D.

Mondays, Feb. 7 – March 14
Six sessions • 1 – 2:30 p.m.
$70

This course explores the material culture of death and mourning in American religions, such as Protestantism, Catholicism and Judaism, from the early 1800s to today. Topics include mourning the death of George Washington in the early American republic, Protestant and Catholic relics of the dead in the 19th century, African American cemeteries and death work, the development of the modern funeral industry after the Civil War, Jewish deathways, and baptizing the dead through genealogical work.

Jamie L. Brummitt is an assistant professor of American religions at UNCW. Brummitt holds a Ph.D. in American Religion from Duke University as well as graduate minors in American Islam and art, art history and visual studies. She researches the material culture of death and mourning in American religions. Her book, Protestant Relics in Early America, is forthcoming with Oxford University Press.

1898 and African American Migrations
with Tim Pinnick, B.S. Business Administration

Wednesday, Feb. 23
One session • 3 – 4:30 p.m.
$15

The 1898 coup and massacre led to forced and voluntary migrations from the city of Wilmington. Where did they go? How did they fare? This class will examine the dynamics of African American movement involving Wilmingtonians from November 1898 and beyond, tracking them to several key destinations in the North and telling their stories.
PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Crime and Community in the Cape Fear
with Benjamin David, District Attorney for New Hanover and Pender Counties

Four in-person meetings with the DA and eight asynchronous online lectures

Monday, Jan. 24
Introductory Zoom • Noon – 1 p.m.

Online Lectures
Recorded sessions. Password provided for access.

Friday, Feb. 25
Discussion Session at OLLI • 1 – 3 p.m.
Friday, March 25
Discussion Session at OLLI • 1 – 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 9
Courthouse Tour • 5 p.m.

Monday, March 14
Service Above Self Awards • Time and Location TBA

$65
Optional companion text is available to purchase from $68 – $84:

Join District Attorney Ben David as he explores a broad introduction to topics relating to crime and punishment in the American legal system as viewed through the lens of the Cape Fear Region. Criminal activity is often thought of as a scourge on society that must be punished or dealt with in the sternest way possible to deter others from committing future crimes. Over time, we have come to understand that crime and its associated punishments do not always appear to be the same or even related. Our understanding of crime has changed, as has our understanding of the appropriate way to punish criminal behavior. This series introduces several topics related to the legal process and explores a number of solutions to crime in the Cape Fear region; many are unique to the area.

A Century of U.S. Intervention in Latin America
with Jennifer Horan, Ph.D.

Thursdays, March 17 – April 7
Four sessions • 3 – 4:30 p.m.
$60

According to mid 19th-century political thinkers, it was the “manifest destiny” of the United States to spread democracy and capitalism across the western hemisphere. This course examines the course of U.S. imperialism in Latin America and the Caribbean. This examination includes an evaluation of the relative successes and failures of various U.S. foreign policy actions and an assessment of the implications of U.S. action for the future of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Jennifer Horan studied political science at Tulane University. She is an associate professor in the Department of Public and International Affairs at UNCW. Horan teaches and researches in the area of comparative politics with a specialization in Latin America.
SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

Is the World Ready for... This?  
_with John LaSala, Ph.D._

Wednesdays, Feb. 23 – March 16  
Four sessions • 1 – 2:30 p.m.  
$60

Continuing the theme from last semester, we consider the basis for and consequences of three important science and technology areas that will impact us and our families in many ways in the coming years. Topics include:

**Feb. 23 and March 2: Climate Change**  
**March 9: Genetic Information**  
**March 16: End of Moore’s Law**

OLLI member John LaSala earned his Ph.D. in applied physics at Stanford University. He served as active duty U.S. Army officer for 12 years as a physics professor and lab director at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. He also held the Class of ’67 Endowed Professor of Physics role at West Point, where he developed a course on renewable energy. Upon retirement from the Army, he spent 15 years in private industry, specializing in lasers and optics to develop new products and businesses. He volunteers as a business student mentor in UNCW’s Cameron Executive Network.

A fuller description and possible fine-tuning of course content can be found at [http://www.johnlasala.net/spring-2022.html](http://www.johnlasala.net/spring-2022.html).
Complex Systems and How They Fail  
with Lee Ward, Ed.D.  

Wednesdays, March 23 – April 13  
Four sessions • 10 – 11:30 a.m.  
$60

Examine the nature of complex systems and take a fun, fast and fascinating dive into man-made disasters. No technology or science background required; just an interest in how corporate, government and community decisions put systems - and you - at risk every day.

I. Thinking about Complexity and Man-made Disasters. By using concepts such as tight coupling, feedback loops and emergent properties, explore modern disasters, learn about systems thinking, and uncover the origin and impact of manufacturing, aerospace, financial and health care disasters.


III. Safety and Your Next Hospital Stay. Before your next hospital stay, you’ll want to know more about why patient safety is a challenge in many healthcare settings. Using a model of safety dynamics – and recent cases from U.S. hospitals – we will examine how hospital sacrifice patient safety in favor of profits.

IV. Thanksgiving Dinner and Nuclear Meltdowns. In 1979, a near meltdown at a nuclear power plant was on the minds of people across America; fortunately, it was just the release of the film “The China Syndrome.” Two weeks later, fiction became reality at Three Mile Island nuclear power plant. Dive in to understand how nuclear plants and your next Thanksgiving dinner are remarkably similar.

Lee Ward is an adjunct professor at UNCW and faculty emeritus from James Madison University, where he spent 29 years in faculty and administrative roles. He has taught, consulted and studied in Great Britain, Japan and China, and is a former college baseball coach and professional scout.

American Indian History and Literature

Mondays, Feb. 21 – 28  
Two sessions • 10 – 11:30 a.m.  
$30

Feb. 21: “Civilize” or Remove: How We Got to the Trail of Tears  
with David La Vere, Ph.D.

In the early 1800s, the United States government had plans for the Indians of the Southeastern United States. When these plans did not turn out the way the government wanted, it led to the Trail of Tears. We’ll find out why.

David La Vere is a professor of history at UNCW. He is an ethnohistorian and the author of seven books on American Indian history. Currently, La Vere teaches and researches on Southeastern Indians, especially those of the Carolinas. In the past, he has written extensively on Southern Plains and Texas Indians.

Feb. 28: Joy Harjo: Native American “Poet Warrior,” Musical Activist, Poet Laureate  
with Barbara Waxman, Ph.D.

We explore selected poems by Harjo and passages from her memoir Poet Warrior: A Memoir (2021) that voice the tragic history of her Muskogee tribe, their forced migration west and the government’s suppression of their culture. We also discuss the poet’s fight for justice and themes of healing through nature, music and shared memories.

OLLI member Barbara Waxman is a professor of English emerita at UNCW, where she taught literature for three decades. Her teaching interests include multicultural American literature, memoirs and Victorian literature. She co-chairs OLLI’s American Women of Valor Forum and is a member of OLLI’s academic courses committee.
ACADEMIC COURSES

Wondrous European Waterways
with Julie Hunt, B.S.
$45

Option I: Full Course in a Week
Monday, Feb. 28
Wednesday, March 2
Friday, March 4
Three sessions • 3 – 4:30 p.m.

~ OR ~

Option II: Thursday Evenings Class
Thursdays, March 3 – 17
Three sessions • 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Dreaming of travel to foreign shores? Come hear a series of three lectures on some well-loved destinations from a seasoned, intrepid traveler. Topics include:

Loire Valley, France – Playground of French royalty who left behind spectacular Chateaux and wonderful wines. Amsterdam, The Netherlands – The center of the Dutch Golden Age, a period of wealth, power and flourishing culture. St. Petersburg – Designed by Peter the Great to be Russia’s most European city, the influence of the Czars remains even today.

Illustrated with plenty of photographs and personal experience, you may be inspired to become a tourist in France, the Netherlands or Russia yourself!

Julie Hunt is a sought-after travel expert and consultant to the travel and cruise industry for the last 20 years. She has served as producer, creative director and client advocate for a multitude of projects, and has project-managed 12 new cruise ship deliveries, most recently Seabourn Ovation in Valletta, Malta. Hunt also works as an advisor on travel-related television programs, most recently for Jeff Corwin’s Ocean Treks.

Croatia and Its Islands
with Julie Hunt, B.S.

Tuesday, May 17
One session • 3 – 4:30 p.m.
$15

It’s easy to understand why this beautiful country on the Adriatic Sea is one of Europe’s growing hot spots for tourism. Once part of the former Yugoslavia, Croatia is loved for historic sites and natural beauty, more than 1,000 islands, shimmering beaches, warm hospitality, delicious food and wine. It has a fascinating blended culture that is rooted in Mediterranean, Slavic, Roman, Byzantine worlds and more. Eager to visit but want to learn more? Come hear from one who has been there!

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SOCIOLOGY

Illiberal Democracy in Eastern Europe

with Anthony Oberschall, Ph.D.

Tuesdays, Jan. 25 – Feb. 8
Three sessions • 10 – 11:30 a.m.
$45

“Illiberal Democracy” is a term coined by Hungarian Prime Minister Orban for challenging the liberal democracies in Europe and the United States. Orban ideology highlights nationalism, anti-immigration policy, winning the culture wars for “Christian” and nationalist values. Illiberal democracy is actually autocracy, and the regime thrives on corruption. There are elections, but the regime wins; there is freedom of speech, but the regime controls 90% of media access; opponents are not imprisoned, but are excluded from most positions, struggle to make a living or emigrate. Orban promotes illiberal democracy and culture as the model for Europe’s future.

Anthony (Tony) Oberschall is emeritus professor of sociology at UNC-Chapel Hill and a native of Budapest, Hungary. He was educated at Harvard and Columbia; has taught at UCLA, Yale, Vanderbilt; and overseas on Fulbright in Beijing and in Hungary. His latest book is Conflict and Peace Building in Divided Societies: Responses to Ethnic Violence (2007).

ACADEMIC COURSES

OLLI NEW HORIZONS BAND

with Dominic Talanca, D.M.A.

Mondays, Jan. 24 – April 18
Twelve sessions • 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
$79 OLLI Members
(No rehearsal on March 7)

Free Community Concert:
Monday, April 25 • 7:30 p.m.
Kenan Auditorium

In cooperation with the UNCW music department, the OLLI New Horizons Band provides an ensemble experience for adult brass, woodwind and percussion players interested in making music. New Horizons International Music Association provides opportunities for music-making for adults, including those who were active in school music programs but have been inactive for a long period. Each weekly session includes full band rehearsals. The band performs one concert each semester, which is free and open to the public.

Dominic Talanca, DMA, UNCW assistant professor and director of bands, conducted bands for 10 years in the Texas public school system at Marcus High School and Durham Middle School. He received his Bachelor of Music in music education and his Master of Music in wind conducting from the University of North Texas, and his Doctor of Musical Arts in wind conducting at Northwestern University.
Active and Outdoors

Oakdale Cemetery Historical Tour
with Eric Kozen

Wednesday, March 16 • 10 a.m. – noon
or
Tuesday, March 22 • 10 a.m. – noon
or
Monday, March 28 • 10 a.m. – noon
$15

Join Eric Kozen for a two-hour walking tour of Oakdale Cemetery, a natural outdoor museum. Learn the history of this majestic cemetery in Wilmington, which dates from the mid-1800s. In addition, Oakdale Cemetery’s grounds represent an arboretum treasure and are abundant with mature native and landscape horticultural specimens, along with towering monuments. The cemetery is a unique blend of history, nature and funerary art. Kozen shares stories and guides us through the memorial park.

Eric Kozen has been superintendent of Oakdale Cemetery since 2002. His primary work includes the operation and management of the cemetery. He is also responsible for budgeting, sales, fundraising, building and grounds maintenance, planning, repairs and historic preservation.

New Hanover County Arboretum Tours
with Friends of the Arboretum Master Gardeners

Camellias – Tidewater Camelia Club
Thursday, April 14 • 1:30 – 3 p.m.
$15

Roses – Master Gardener
Wednesday, April 20 • 1:30 – 3 p.m.
$15

Gardening in Southeastern NC
Tuesday, May 3 • 1:30 – 3 p.m.
$15

Join OLLI for three informative presentations and tours of the New Hanover County Arboretum. The Arboretum contains more than seven acres of beautiful plants and flowers. Additional features include a Japanese tea house, a stunning rose garden, an herb garden, vegetable gardens, native plants, a stormwater demonstration, and pollinator gardens – so much to see! There will be a formal presentation to kick off each tour, followed by a walking tour of the gardens.

We look forward to sharing this hidden gem with you and helping you to enhance your gardening skills.

Airlie Gardens: Seeds for the Season
with Alyssa Taylor

Wednesdays, Feb. 23 – March 9
Three sessions • 1 – 2:30 p.m.
$45

Feb. 23 The History of Seeds
March 2 Harvesting, Growing and Propagating Wildflowers
March 9 Milkweed and Monarchs and Building Mini Milk Jug Greenhouses (1 – 3 p.m.)

Learn all about different types of seeds, big and small! This series will touch on the history of collecting and storing seeds, starting with what makes a seed, a seed! Participants will learn best practices for germination and successful planting. The final class will last two hours to discuss the plight of the monarch butterfly and its relationship to milkweed. Participants will then create a mini-greenhouse out of recycled milk jugs to seed butterfly weed. Take the time to explore Airlie Gardens in this active three-part series.

Materials and seeds for greenhouses will be provided.
Airlie Gardens: All About Seeds – Zoom Series
with Alyssa Taylor

Thursdays, Feb. 24 – March 10
Three sessions • 1 – 2 p.m.
$30

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Discover Carolina Beach State Park (with Smartphone App!)
with Dennis S. Kubasko Jr., Ph.D. and Amy Taylor, Ph.D.

Session I • $15
Friday, April 8 • 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Session II • $15
Friday, April 22 • 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Carolina Beach State Park is a popular coastal attraction, featuring both historical and natural diversity. There are 13 different island ecosystems along nine trails in the small park, highlighting a variety of easily accessible flora and fauna to explore, including the Venus flytrap.

First, a state park ranger will provide an introduction to the park. Then, participants will engage their smartphones with a new electronic hiking companion called Coastal Eco Explorers, in a field-based exploration of plants and animals of coastal ecosystems. Spend a morning learning about the electronic companion and hiking the unique park with the mobile application creators.

Dennis S. Kubasko Jr. is an associate professor of science education at UNCW. Every summer since 2011, Kubasko has used Carolina Beach State Park as a classroom. He pairs Watson College of Education teacher candidates with environmental studies students for an innovative and unique “Island Ecology for Educators” course.

Amy Taylor is a professor of science education in the Watson College of Education at UNCW. She teaches elementary science methods courses to pre-service teachers, as well as elective courses for the department of environmental sciences. She co-teaches the “Island Ecology for Educators” course, which sparked the creation of the Coastal Eco Explorers mobile application project.

Airlie Gardens Tulip Tour
with Alyssa Taylor

Wednesday, March 23 • 1 – 2:30 p.m.
or
Wednesday, March 30 • 1 – 2:30 p.m.
$15

March is a great time to see tulips and Airlie’s early flowering trees in bloom! Join Airlie Gardens educators on a walk through the grounds to learn about the various plant species throughout the garden. Highlights will include both native and introduced species and the history of the grounds and plantings.
ACTIVE AND OUTDOORS

Masonboro Shelling Excursion with Joe Abbate and Wrightsville Beach Scenic Tours

Tuesday, April 26 (rain date April 28)
1:30 – 3 p.m. • $32

or

Wednesday, May 4 (rain date May 5)
1:30 – 3 p.m. • $32

Captain Joe and Wrightsville Beach Scenic Tours lead this guided tour to Masonboro Island, a pristine, undeveloped 8½-mile-long barrier island located just south of Wrightsville Beach. A short ride on the Shamrock will deliver you to the island. Build your shell collection on this active walking tour as you search for Scotch bonnets, North Carolina’s state shell!

Holly Shelter Creek Kayaking with Don Harty and Mahanaim Adventures

Wednesday, May 18 • 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
One session • $69

Come along for a guided kayaking adventure on Holly Shelter Creek, a small blackwater stream with abundant birds and other wildlife. The creek gets its name from the many holly trees in Holly Shelter Game Lands, a Pender County forest of nearly 60,000 acres. This adventure is perfect for the first-time kayaker and also fun for those more experienced on the water. The group will launch from Sawpit Landing Wildlife Boat Ramp at 527 Whitestocking Road Extension, Burgaw, NC 28425.

Historic Eagle Island Kayaking Adventure with Don Harty and Mahanaim Adventures

Thursday, April 14 • 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
One session • $69

Eagle Island is just minutes away from Downtown Wilmington and offers a great chance to view wildlife in a natural habitat. The island lies in the confluence of the Cape Fear and Brunswick Rivers in the Lower Cape Fear River Basin. It consists of approximately 3,100 acres and was originally cultivated in the 1700s as a rice and indigo plantation. This is an easy five-mile kayaking adventure that is timed to take advantage of the tides. View the beauty of Eagle Island, learn about its history, and explore some of the still existing, original rice canals on the island. This adventure should take no longer than three hours, from the time the group launches from the Brunswick River Walk landing in Belville.

Birding the Intracoastal Waterway with Joe Abbate and Wrightsville Beach Scenic Tours

Tuesday, May 10 (rain date May 11)
10:30 a.m. – noon. • $32

or

Thursday, May 12 (rain date May 13)
10:30 a.m. – noon. • $32

Join OLLI for a discovery birding boat cruise of Masonboro Island and Bradley Creek. This guided eco-cruise on the Shamrock is designed to increase awareness about local wildlife conservation efforts in the sensitive coastline habitats of New Hanover County.

The Birds of Southeastern North Carolina with Jill Peleuses, owner, Wild Bird & Garden

Tuesdays, April 12 – 26
Three sessions • $45

April 12 • 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Oakdale Cemetery

April 19 • 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Airlie Gardens

April 26 • 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Oleander Gardens Cemetery

Located along the Atlantic Flyway, Southeastern North Carolina is a haven for many different bird species. Join us to discover the birds of our region as you birdwatch in some of our area’s great birding hotspots. Students observe and learn how to identify spring migrants, backyard birds and resident songbirds throughout this class. You will soon be hooked on this lifelong hobby.

Birding Brunswick Town with Jill Peleuses, owner, Wild Bird & Garden

Wednesday, April 27 • 9 – 11 a.m.
One session • $15

Brunswick Town is a historical landmark located along the Cape Fear River; its habitat is an ideal location for many bird species. Enjoy a guided bird walk on paved paths to see herons, egrets, woodpeckers, woodland birds and many others. This bird walk will be enjoyable for both beginners and advanced bird watchers.
Downtown Wilmington Walking Foodie Tour
with Taste Carolina Gourmet Food Tours
Friday, April 22
2 – 4 p.m. • $88
or
Friday, April 29
2 – 4 p.m. • $88

Taste Carolina tours get to the heart of Wilmington’s delicious downtown! Sample an eclectic assortment of restaurants, enjoy food and drink and meet some of the city’s best chefs. You’ll also learn about the downtown area, including its history, architecture and the overall culinary scene. Find out where to eat and learn why the Port City has become a food lover’s paradise!

Getting Started in Genealogy Research
with Tim Pinnick, B.S.
Wednesday, March 23 • 2 – 4 p.m.
One session • $15

Where does a professional genealogist start? The city of Wilmington offers a wide array of resources at research locations throughout the city. They include online databases, a variety of books, microfilm and other materials. This class will provide a detailed overview and prepare you for a successful venture into genealogical research.

Learn to Play Beautiful Piano Music
with Warren Darrell, P.E., M.S.
Fridays, April 1 and 8
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Two sessions • $30

This course will teach learners to play piano by the “chord method” used by popular music musicians. Playing beautiful music does not require a piano virtuoso; anyone can learn to play great music such as “Red River Valley,” “Moon River,” “Summertime” and more. Warren will instruct using his portable piano, and you, too, will be making music in no time. He will share resources you can continue to use to teach yourself your favorite songs. Beginner or intermediate learners will learn to make music in two short lessons!

Warren Darrell has been playing keyboards since childhood. He has performed in rock bands, playing oldies like “Twist and Shout,” and he now performs in local venues playing ragtime, ballads, smooth jazz, folk, oldies rock, and rhythm and blues.

The Game of Bridge
with OLLI member Paul Stone
This program meets online and in-person. Mondays, March 21 – April 18
Five sessions • 10 – 11:30 a.m.
$55

March 21 Basic description of the game (Zoom)
March 28 Bidding (Zoom)
April 4 Play (Zoom)
April 11 Table bidding, simple play and discussion (OLLI classroom)
April 18 Table bidding, more complex play and discussion (OLLI classroom)

Paul Stone has been a serious bridge player for a significant part of his life. He has not been heavily involved in the duplicate bridge world (i.e., the American Contract Bridge League), hence he has no Master Points. For Stone, bridge is engaging entertainment with friends, cognitive exercise, a serious learning opportunity and fun. Please join us for more of the same.
ACTIVE AND OUTDOORS

Gentle Somatic Yoga – Zoom Series
with Heather Till, e-ryt 500
Eight sessions • $69 • 9 – 10 a.m.

Series I
Mondays, Jan. 24 – March 21
*no class March 14

Series II
Mondays, April 4 – May 23

Gentle Somatic Yoga is a unique “art of movement” practice that combines traditional Hatha yoga, Hanna Somatic Education, breathing techniques and healing visualizations. Through a practice of slow, mindful, self-corrective exercises called Somatic Movement Flows, one learns to raise bodily awareness, unwind from old stress holding patterns and find greater ease and freedom throughout the body. GSY meets you where you are to create a more integrated experience of body and mind, bringing greater states of inner peace and joy.

Yoga for Balance – Zoom Series
with Heather Till, e-ryt 500
Eight sessions • $69 • 9 – 10 a.m.

Series I
Thursdays, Jan. 27 – March 24
*no class March 10

Series II
Thursdays, April 7 – May 26

Discover a balance of effort and ease. These classes are a combination of floor yoga and standing poses (using a wall, chair or free-standing). They are designed to improve coordination and increase physical strength and stability. The classes are a fun and slightly challenging exploration of finding more balance in our bodies, minds and lives.

Heather Till, e-ryt 500, is a Certified Professional Yoga Therapist and Integrative Nutrition Health Coach (Institute for Integrative Nutrition). She teaches simple practices for mindful living that help individuals to reclaim their natural energy and live healthier, happier lives.

Qigong
with Kerrie Grant
Tuesdays, March 15 – April 19
Six sessions • 11 a.m. – noon
$55

This ancient Chinese practice is simple, low-impact and easy for any age or fitness level. A combination of gentle movement and breathing included in the practice of Qigong can be transformative. Qigong aims to align mind, body and breath and create a greater flow of energy between all the systems in the body. This gentle system may improve flexibility, strength, and balance, as well as reduce stress, strengthen the immune system and ease pain. The practice can also facilitate mediation and self-healing.

Kerrie Grant has practiced Qigong for 12 years. For the past four years, she has trained and practiced with Master David J. Coon of Qigong Awareness and Golden Dragon Medical Qigong, where she became a certified Level 2 Qigong instructor. She also has an advanced certification in teaching esoteric sound from the School of Sacred Sound, working with toning and singing to access the inner voice.
Shared Interest Groups (SIG)

A SIG is a group of OLLI members looking to meet people who share a specific common interest. SIGs may evolve from an OLLI class, in which members are motivated to continue to explore the subject in more depth. SIGs may begin when a member wants to create a new group to share an interest or experience. SIGs may include less formalized learning such as book clubs, walking groups, genealogy research, etc.

These member-led groups are free to OLLI members; registration is required, and space is limited.

Racism, Discrimination and Hate
Co-facilitators: Donna Coulson and Jim Hoge
Fridays, February 18, March 18, April 8 and May 20
2 – 3:30 p.m.

This SIG will continue to learn about and discuss the topics of racism, discrimination and hate. Sessions may include book and film discussions, guest speakers, and facilitated conversations.

OLLI Walkers SIG
Facilitator needed!
1st and 3rd Mondays, March, April and May
10 a.m.

This walking SIG seeks to foster the enjoyment of walking in the greater Wilmington area. Group leaders provide varied levels of walks to meet the needs of group members, introduce a variety of walking locations and provide a social outlet to interact with other OLLI members. Meeting locations for each walk will be communicated through email.

Have an idea for a Shared Interest Group? Find others to explore a shared interest or passion! To propose a new SIG, review the guidelines and complete a Shared Interest Group proposal form on the OLLI webpage. Please contact Program Coordinator Susan Williams (williamssl@uncw.edu) if you have any questions.

Travel with OLLI!

We are thrilled to return to our small-group educational tours. Come with us to appreciate experiential, cultural learning with a bit of adventure, too. Spread your wings and make new friends on an OLLI trip.

Visit www.uncw.edu/olli/travel.html for more information or call 910.962.2792.
Feb. 15  Fort Fisher: The African American Soldier’s Story
How much do you know about the involvement of African Americans in defense of our country? John Moseley, historic sites manager at Fort Fisher State Historic Site, will share information about the experiences of the African American soldier at Fort Fisher from the time of the fort’s construction through World War II. We are happy to celebrate African American History Month with this presentation.

Feb. 22  The History and Science of Beer Brewing in North Carolina
Jud Watkins, owner, brewer and head oyster shucker of the Wrightsville Beach Brewery, will share how North Carolina’s moonshine history is transitioning into craft beer brewing. The increasing popularity of homebrewing beer in the 1970s, the rise of microbreweries in the 1990s and the current spread of microbreweries across NC have led to a boom in commercial beer brewing in NC. Learn about this transition and how modern brewers have perfected the craft so that NC now has the largest number of craft breweries in the American South.

March 1  The World After COVID
Rich Cooper, a member of our PLATO group, will help participants review the positive events we have experienced through COVID and why future pandemics may be less consequential to us. We will also explore a video by Israeli author and professor Yuval Noah Harari and review portions of an article he wrote about the lessons learned from the COVID pandemic.

March 15  What’s New for the Arts Scene in the Wilmington area?
Rhonda Bellamy, executive director of The Arts Council of Wilmington/New Hanover County, will give an overview of Wilmington arts initiatives to include the Wilmington Rail Trail, Fourth Friday Gallery Nights, and art at the Wilmington International Airport. New things are happening in the arts world of the Lower Cape Fear region.

March 22  Let’s Talk Turtles!
Kathy Zagzebski, director of the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue & Rehabilitation Center, will discuss how the center conserves and protects all species of marine turtles, both in the water and on the beach, through the rescue, care and release of sick and injured sea turtles and the threat of their extinction. Learn about the center, the sea turtles it protects and what you can do to help!

March 29  Gender Aging Issues, Research, Resources and Opportunities
Noell L. Rowan, Ph.D., professor and associate director in the School of Social Work at UNCW, will share an overview of major issues related to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender aging, including educational film clips of the award-winning film, GEN SILENT, that depicts members of the LGBT older adult communities in the Boston, Massachusetts area. We will discuss local and national resources and opportunities for community service involvement. Highlights of Rowan’s research projects will be provided as well.

April 5  The Honey Bee
Tom Roper, a member of the Pender County Beekeepers Association and NC Certified Beekeeper, manages 13 colonies of bees in two locations at Roper Apiaries. He will discuss biology, pollination, equipment, hive products and the effects of pesticides on the bee population. As a special treat, there will be some honey tasting at the end of the presentation.

April 12  Destination Health: A Vision for Health and Quality of Life in Southeastern NC
Charles J. Hardy, Ph.D., founding dean and professor at UNCW College of Health and Human Services, brings news from CHHS. CHHS was formed in 2010 with a goal of helping individuals, families and communities in Southeastern NC live healthier, more prosperous and empowered lives. Explore the ways in which the college has impacted the education, health care and economics of our region and how its strategic plan will continue these efforts.
Jan. 26  NC Constitution and Government Overview
with Benjamin R. David, New Hanover and Pender County District Attorney

Considering both the U.S. and the NC Constitutions, District Attorney David will explore the law and its daily application in the criminal justice system. Referencing some recent amendments to the Constitution, including an expansion of crime victims’ rights and defendants’ rights to waive a jury trial, David will explain how all citizens interact with Constitutional law and how that ensures fair treatment for all under the law.

Feb. 2  Council of Government
with Allen Serkin, AICP, CZO, Executive Director of Cape Fear Council of Governments (COG)

Serkin will discuss the scope, functions and responsibilities of the COG serving the 44 local governments in Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender counties. The talk includes: Area Agency on Aging, Workforce Development Board, Tri-County Homeless Continuum of Care, Rural Transportation Planning Organization, local government services, and opportunities for coordination and collaboration among area municipal and county governments. The most pressing regional COG issues will be described, as well as a general introduction to local government in North Carolina.

Feb. 9  Public Safety
with Anna McRay, M.S., Assistant Director of New Hanover County Emergency Management

Being ready for disasters is the ultimate partnership. Learning about threats and hazards, how to prepare for them, and how to recover afterwards depends on local government, regional/state/federal partners and private sector groups. Most importantly, it depends on citizens knowing what to do and how to help in “blue sky” days and “gray sky” days. Emergency management helps to facilitate these planning, response and recovery efforts. We’ll look at these partnerships, what “EM” is and how you can be better prepared.

Feb. 16  Development
with Rebekah Roth, CZO, AICP, Planning Director for New Hanover County and Christine Hughes, Comprehensive Planning, Design, and Preservation Group Leader for the City of Wilmington

Planners from New Hanover County and the City of Wilmington will provide an overview of the history of planning and development in New Hanover County and the regulatory framework for planning activities. They will also provide information on current planning policies and the county and city’s next steps in addressing the opportunities and challenges of growth in this region.

Feb. 23  Department of Transportation
with Chad Kimes, PE, Division Engineer at NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and Caitlin Marks, PE, Division Planning Engineer at NCDOT

The effective function of our highways is a vital part of the life of the area, involving not only public mobility, but the entire economy. Speakers from the planning and engineering forces of both the local highway department and the local port will discuss current projects and planning and the integration of their efforts.

March 2  Judicial
with Julius “Jay” H. Corpening, II, chief district court judge for the 5th Judicial District, serving New Hanover and Pender counties.

The program on the judicial system will introduce you to the Superior and District Court Judges, along with the Magistrates of this district, their duties, and their selection process in North Carolina. The functions of the Superior and District Courts will be introduced. Along with the role of alternative dispute resolution in our courts in both Superior and District Court, learn about court-connected programs like the Misdemeanor Diversion Program, Juvenile Attendance Council and School Justice Partnerships.
Feb. 2  Cleopatra’s Pearl: Medicine, Luxury and the Feminine in Renaissance Europe
Lynn Wood Mollenauer, Chair of the UNCW History Department, shares her research on wonder drugs. She tells how a centuries-old legend about Cleopatra, who was renowned for her extravagance, shaped understandings about the efficacy of one of the Renaissance era’s most popular medicines.

Feb. 16  The Electoral College: Who Are They, How Are They Chosen and Why Does It Matter?
Barbara Burrell, Professor of Political Science Emerita, Northern Illinois University, explains the history of the Electoral College and the importance of the electors themselves. Her research focuses on the 2020 electors who cast official ballots and their personal reflections on the experience.

March 2  Remembering the Cold War
Carol Fink, Professor of History Emerita at UNCW and author of Cold War: An International History (3rd Edition, 2022), presents new insights into the global U.S.-Soviet rivalry that dominated the second half of the 20th century and still resonates today.

March 16  The North Carolina NAACP: Its Local History and the Fight for Environmental Justice
Deborah Dicks Maxwell, a military veteran, a retired social worker and the first woman to lead the North Carolina chapter of the NAACP, speaks about the local chapter’s history and her work with the NAACP advocating for voter registration and for the impact of climate change on communities of color.

March 30  Refugees in Central America: Perspectives from a Field Study
Julia Morris, UNCW assistant professor of International Studies, describes her research on forced migration in Central America and refugee resettlement globally. She draws on recent fieldwork in Guatemala to discuss USAID conservation programs designed to improve local livelihoods in the region.

April 13  The History of Drugs and Drug Trafficking in Latin America
Eva Maria Mehl, UNCW associate professor of history and associate director of the Honors College, offers an overview of the history of mind-altering drugs in the Americas to show that drugs have not always been connected to crime. She explores the history of psychoactive drugs from pre-Columbian times to their criminalization, resulting in the emergence of drug control regimes and global illicit drug trafficking in the 20th century.
THINKING ON THURSDAYS

Thinking on Thursdays is an opportunity to learn about and discuss meaningful subjects. OLLI has partnered with the Town of Leland to present a five-seminar program in Leland.

Thinking on Thursdays meets in the Leland Arts Cultural Center.

Thursdays, April 7 – May 5
Five sessions • 10 a.m. – noon • $30

Committee members: Suzanne Kaminski and Jacqueline LaMar

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April 7 Brunswick County, One of the Fastest Growing Areas in NC
Kirstie Dixon, Brunswick County Planning Director

A presentation on Brunswick County’s 2040 blueprint, results of the 2020 Federal Census, some of the new projects underway, and the impact of the county’s rapid growth with its low taxes, direct access to downtown Wilmington, and an abundance of shopping and dining options of its own.

April 14 Hurricane Cookbook
Meghan Lassiter, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, NC Cooperative Extension

The southeast region typically experiences adverse weather, tropical storms or even a hurricane between the months of June and October. Some essential items people often forget to prepare are shelf-stable and nutritious food items. During Hurricane Florence in 2018, we experienced power outages and then bare shelves in local grocery stores for weeks due to impassable roads. Let’s be ready for next time!

April 21 Plan, Respond, Recover, Adapt – Building Resilience in Coastal NC
Sarah Spiegler, Coastal Resilience Specialist, and Cayla Cothron, Climate Resilience Extension Associate, NC Sea Grant

North Carolina Sea Grant’s new coastal resilience specialists tell why resilience means much more than “bouncing back.”

April 28 The NC Wildlife Commission Green Growth Toolbox: Nature-based Planning for NC Local Governments
Kacy Cook, Land Conservation Biologist, NC Wildlife Resources Commission

The Toolbox is a non-regulatory resource for local governments, planners, planning-related boards, GIS specialists, communities and developers. The Toolbox provides a handbook, wildlife habitat maps, case studies, and methods to improve conservation of declining wildlife and habitats through local land use planning, policy making and development design.

May 5 Gullah Geechee History and Rice Growing in Brunswick County
George Beatty, Chairman, Board of Directors, NC Rice Festival

Journey deep into the North Carolina low country, where rice was gold, landscapes were reconfigured, and waterways were harnessed to bring this prized and profitable crop to market. This was due largely to the horticultural knowledge and agricultural skills of the enslaved Africans who were brought to this region by force to sow, tend, and harvest a bounty, though indigenous to their homelands, that they themselves would never reap.
Jan. 27  Dolphin Communication: Fact and Fiction
Laela Sayigh, Ph.D., Research Specialist, Biology Department, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Ever wonder how marine mammals communicate with each other in an expansive dark ocean? Most of their communication is through the sense of sound, and their vocalizations can travel great distances in the ocean. The idea that dolphins communicate with a complex form of language has been entrenched in our culture since the days of the TV show “Flipper.” Learn how this idea originated and about its continuing impact. This presentation will give a brief history of the study of dolphin communication, the current state of knowledge, and examples of recent and ongoing marine mammal communication research, including new technologies for recording cetacean sounds.

Feb. 3  The Science and Business of Making New Medicines
Jim Demarest, Ph.D., Independent Pharma R&D Consultant; Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Immunology, Duke University Medical Center

There are MANY prescription medications approved by the FDA for a variety of illnesses, diseases and symptoms; but not for all! Why is that? Explore the factors that influence the pharmaceutical industry’s approaches to drug discovery, clinical drug development and commercialization of new medicine. Learn about the challenges of getting new medicines from test tube to bedside.

Feb. 10  Living Shorelines for Coastal Resiliency: A Sustainable Option to Protect Shorelines from Coastal Hazards
Troy Alphin, Senior Research Associate, Center for Marine Science, UNCW

North Carolina’s estuaries are home to vast, lush salt marshes, mounds of oyster reefs and flowing seagrass beds, but they are increasingly under threat. Hazards include wave energy from boat wakes, severe storms, sea level rise and unsustainable development. To protect our shorelines from coastal hazards, coastal managers use a range of solutions from bulkheads to nature-based approaches such as living shorelines. What are living shorelines, and how can these sustainable approaches to coastal hazards make a perpetual positive impact on our environment?

Feb. 17  UNCW Sustainability and Climate Resiliency Plan
Kathryn Pohlman, Chief Sustainability Officer, Business Services, UNCW

Kathryn Pohlman will present an overview of UNCW’s Sustainability and Climate Resiliency Plan. The UNCW Sustainability Program started in 2007; its primary purpose was to develop plans and initiatives to lower the university’s environmental impact. UNCW now has a Chief Sustainability Officer and a Sustainability and Climate Resiliency Plan. This plan was developed by students and focuses on six broad areas: Energy & Operations, Transportation, Natural Areas & Landscaping, Waste Diversion, Hurricanes & Sea Level Rise, and Campus Dining.
Feb. 24 Coastal North Carolina Gardening and Climate Change
Barbara J. Sullivan, Certified Master Gardener, Author

Changes in climate due to global warming will no doubt create some enormous new challenges for gardeners. What are the climate change predictions for southeastern coastal North Carolina? How will our gardens be affected? What can gardeners do to cope with these challenges? As gardeners, we are both guardians and stewards of our environment. Learn how we can become part of the solution while enjoying our gardens in the coastal South.

March 3 Improve Your Aging Brain’s Health: Research-based Findings That Can Change Your Life
Len Lecci, Ph.D., Professor and Director of Clinical Services at MARS Memory-Health Network

Several important scientifically vetted studies illustrate the potency of lifestyle changes on the health of our aging brain, even for those with high risk factors, those experiencing abnormal cognitive decline and those over the age of 70 (i.e., it’s not too late!). These findings will be discussed along with recommendations to help you achieve a healthy brain that is minimally affected by degenerative neurocognitive disorders like Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

March 10 The Ecology, Distribution and Movements of Hummingbirds in North Carolina
Susan Campbell, Science Director, Cape Fear Bird Observatory; Research Affiliate, NC Museum of Natural Sciences

Hummingbirds are beautiful, mysterious and provide immense joy to gardeners and bird enthusiasts. This presentation will provide an overview of hummingbirds in North Carolina with a focus on the southeastern coast of the state. Learn about the fascinating habits of these amazing creatures, including breeding season behaviors and the phenomenon of local wintering.

March 17 CleanAIRE NC
Joel Porter, Policy Manager and Daisha Williams, Environmental Justice Manager, CleanAIRE NC

Pollution drives climate change. Climate change intensifies poor air quality. Dirty air harms our health. CleanAIRE NC advocates solutions that address these issues. Policy Manager Joel Porter will discuss the challenges of climate change while also confronting a long history of environmental inequities in our state. Environmental Justice Manager Daisha Williams will discuss the disproportionate impact of air pollution and climate change in affected vulnerable communities. Learn what we can do to promote potential solutions that benefit people and the environment.

March 24 An Overview of NC’s Geology and Natural History
Roger D. Shew, Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences, Department of Environmental Sciences, UNCW

North Carolina is divided into three physiographic provinces: Blue Ridge, Piedmont and Coastal Plain. All three have a varied topography, geology and flora. Topics covered will include the geologic origins of North Carolina and descriptions of landforms, natural areas and resources that are present statewide from the mountains to the sea. We will look in detail at the historical development and the natural and other resources that have had a significant impact, including gold, rice production and naval stores. A tour of UNCW’s DeLoach Rock Garden will supplement the discussion. The Garden was recently featured as a key component of UNCW’s Green Ribbon Award for Sustainability from the U.S. Department of Education.

March 31 The History and Evolution of Spirit Distillation in NC
Shane Faulkner, Founder, End of Days Distillery

North Carolina distilleries have been slow to prosper, thanks to prohibition, restrictive laws and other factors. But as the laws change, locally owned distilleries in our state are producing incredible gin, vodka, rum, whiskey, bourbon and other spirits. Join us to discuss the challenges and rewards of opening one of the first distilleries here in the Port City with Shane Faulkner, founder of End of Days Distillery. EOD Distillery is producing the first legal bourbon released in Wilmington since prohibition was enacted in 1908. Shane will talk us through the evolution of his industry, and the business of making some of our favorite beverages.
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Special-interest forums are thought-provoking discussions led by OLLI member volunteers and special guests. Participants are encouraged to suggest topics, lead the discussion on topics of special interest to them and help develop the agenda for future sessions.

**AMERICAN WOMEN OF VALOR**

Tuesdays, Feb. 8 – May 10
Four sessions • 2 – 4 p.m.
$32

Committee Chairs: Nancy Nail and Barbara Waxman

Each session brings a knowledgeable volunteer discussion leader who has researched the chosen valiant women's lives and work using various biographical, autobiographical and historical sources. Participants in the forum will be encouraged to ask questions and to join the conversation.

Feb. 8  Facing Internment: Dorothea Lange and Sue Kunitomi Embrey
        led by Patricia Kopchick

March 1  Joy Harjo and Her Memoir, Poet Warrior: Language, Nature and Native American Activism
        led by Barbara Waxman

April 12 Sally Ride, Billie Jean King and Barbara Jordan: Three Lesbian Professionals Who Fought for Civil Rights and Women's Equality
        led by Mary Lowrance

May 10  Pauli Murray: North Carolinian, Black Activist, Feminist, Writer, Lawyer, Priest
        led by Gayle Keresey
THE LANGUAGE FORUM

The Language Forum presents relevant topics of historical and present-day significance on the development, evolution and usage of languages. UNCW faculty and other knowledgeable individuals share their expertise and create a forum for discussion. We welcome suggestions for future topics and speakers.

Chaired by Stan McLeroy
Committee members: Cleve Callison, Carol Cole, Elizabeth Hickmon, Louis St. Peter and Suzanne Thatcher

Second and Fourth Fridays, Feb. 11 – April 8
Five sessions • 10 a.m. – noon • $40

Feb. 11 The Sacred and the Profane: Text and Music in Renaissance Europe
led by Aaron Peisner, Doctor of Musical Arts, Asst. Professor and Director of Choral Activities, UNCW

This presentation will explore two of the most prevalent genres of vocal music in the Renaissance, the motet and the madrigal. Using the words of prayer and poetry as their guide, Renaissance composers expressed profound spirituality through the motet while exploring more earthly experiences through the madrigal. Numerous musical examples will be used to guide your ear through the nuances of this beautiful music and illustrate how the sound and meaning of words shape both genres.

Feb. 25 Inhuman Language: Rhetorical Appeals in Dietary and Job Web Postings
led by Jeremy Tirrell, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of English, UNCW

Why does rhetoric have such a bad reputation? Dr. Tirrell will give an overview of rhetoric in its classical and modern forms and apply its methods to illuminate some very strange language found in two different types of web postings, which depict human beings as either quantities of nutrients, or as ersatz automatons.

March 11 Communicating Through Word and Image: A Cartoonist’s View of the World
led by Jeff Stahler, Columbus College of Art and Design graduate and trustee; former editorial cartoonist; creator of nationally syndicated comic panel “Moderately Confused”

How does a professional cartoonist go about communicating ideas in the very constricted space of a one-panel cartoon? What comes first, the caption or the picture? How does each reinforce the other (ideally) to make a third thing? What is the real “language” of a cartoon? How easy was it to go from editorial cartooning to a broad-based comic? Is a picture really worth 1,000 words? Are some cartoons harder to caption than others? This conversation will address the many challenges of linking language to pictures.

March 25 Part 1: Shakespeare’s English
led by Cleve Callison, Ph.D., English, retired station manager WHQR Public Radio, Wilmington

20th century productions of Shakespeare’s plays tended to be in a speaking style called Received Pronunciation, the British term for language heard in formal setting of the universities, early broadcasters and in the halls of government. A father-son team of language sleuths has worked to reconstruct the English of Shakespeare’s London, of all classes. The results reveal many examples of word-play and puns whose senses are lost in typical 20th and 21st century productions.

Part 2: Constructed Languages: The Third Wave
led by Stan McLeroy, M.S., Computer Science

This session will be a quick recap of the presentation on constructed languages from spring 2020, followed by a discussion of language construction since WWII (the Third Wave), and introduction of a few artistic conlangsers.

April 8 Writing Systems of Children’s Trauma Drawings
led by Rabbi Chaya Bender, B’nai Israel Congregation; B.A., Anthropology, Brandeis Univ.; MJED, The Jewish Theological Seminary

As long as there have been human beings, there have been writing systems as a form of language. Together we will explore and interpret children’s drawings from the Holocaust and other moments of mass trauma through the lens of cultural semiotics.
FRIDAY FORUM
Committee Chair: Don Anderson.
Committee members: Bruce Myers and Jim Horan

First and Third Fridays, March 4 – June 3
*no class April 15
Six sessions • 10 a.m. – noon
$48

The Friday Forum is a program for individuals who seek adventures in collaborative learning and informed discussion. Each group member becomes a vital contributor to the learning experience and is expected to lead a session after two semesters of attendance. The objective is to have group members increase their knowledge of significant issues facing us in the 21st century.

March 4  The Transition to Renewable Energy:
A Global Challenge
led by Bruce Myers

Energy sources, consumption and their ensuing environmental impact have commanded world-wide attention. The goal of this session is to offer perspective on some important questions:

• What is the world’s projected energy need?

• What challenges do renewable energy sources introduce?

• Would it be beneficial to utilize a combination of energy sources?

March 18  The World After COVID/Yuval Noah Harari
led by Rich Cooper

After viewing a 29-minute video by Israeli intellectual, author and professor Yuval Noah Harari and reviewing portions of an article he wrote about the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, long-time Friday Forum member Rich Cooper will help participants review the positive events we experienced, share their own experiences and learn why future pandemics may be less consequential to us.

April 1  The Fermi Paradox
led by Mike Roberts

Are we alone? These three words are the epitome of the question that has intrigued so many scientists and lay people for more than a century. The desire to know for certain an answer to this question has led to “canals on Mars” theories and to recent Area 51 conspiracies. This class will attempt to explore some of the facts and suppositions about the question of our place in the galaxy.

May 6  Student Debt
led by Jim McNally

Student debt. Where did it come from and where is it going? Is it yours or mine? Who are the beneficiaries? Are they entitled? If you think there is a cure, then share it with us. But remember, reality bites!

May 20  Revolutionary War:
Turning Point in the South
led by Jim Horan

In 1780, the British saw an opportunity for ending the war in America by invading the Southern states. Two years later they were forced to surrender their army at Yorktown. What happened in between is the subject of this session as we follow the cat-and-mouse game that turned the tide in the war for America.

June 3  Tax System That Benefits the Nation,
Not Special Interests
led by Clauston Jenkins

The American Revolution really began as a tax revolt, and soon after our republic was created, its existence was threatened by the Whiskey Rebellion. The enactment of the 16th Amendment in 1913 has led to what is now a huge, complex and mostly unfathomable tax system benefiting those who are able to lobby for provisions that benefit them. Let’s outline a tax system that benefits the nation, not special interests. Let’s see if we can agree on major changes to our taxes, even while we acknowledge there is little likelihood that such changes can be enacted.
The Public Issues Forum
Committee Chair: Don Messer, Committee members: Rich Cooper, Bruce Jordan, Jim Horan, Len Bull

Second and fourth Mondays, Feb. 14 – May 9
Seven sessions • 1 – 3 p.m. • $50

The Public Issues Forum is for those interested in gaining a deeper understanding of major political, economic and societal issues. When speakers provide them, short background articles will be provided. Members are encouraged to read a book or articles on the subject. The format may include lectures by UNCW faculty or other experts, book discussions, viewing of certain public affairs programs, and presentations by members. Presentations are followed by a facilitated conversation.

Feb. 14 What’s in the Water We Drink in the Lower Cape Fear Basin?
Emily Donovan, co-founder of Clean Cape Fear, will discuss contaminants that improved analytical capability has enabled us to identify in the Cape Fear River, a major source of our drinking water. Donovan will discuss the efforts that are underway to identify the contaminant sources, eliminate them, and remove those that we know are there.
Facilitator: Len Bull

Feb. 28 Book Discussion: The Impossible Presidency by Jeremi Suri, Ph.D.
The problem isn’t the President, but that the nature of the job has become virtually impossible. In his book The Impossible Presidency: The Rise and Fall of America’s Highest Office (2017), Jeremi Suri, history professor at the University of Texas at Austin, will show the historic evolution of that job and how difficult it has become. Suri will present via Zoom.
Facilitator: Bruce Jordan

March 14 School Boards – Democracy at Work or Anti-Democratic Activism?
OLLI Member Rich Cooper will share information about the school board conflicts occurring throughout the country, including confrontations about mask wearing, the teaching of “Critical Race Theory,” 1619 vs. 1776 curriculums, etc. Reaction/discussion by members will also be encouraged.
Facilitator: Rich Cooper

March 28 How to Make an Ethical Decision, with Olga Lenczewska, Ph.D.
The news media repeatedly highlights numerous ethical problems but rarely shows how someone could make a sound decision based on ethical foundations. Lenczewska, assistant professor of philosophy at UNCW, will explain how a person can make an ethical decision.
Facilitator: Bruce Jordan

April 11 Executive Privilege
OLLI Member Jim Horan will discuss the history of Executive Privilege, the principle that permits the President to withhold information from Congress, the courts and the public. This session will examine the issues surrounding the use of Executive Privilege by presidents of both parties and the challenges to the use (and abuse) of that principle to prevent the release of information.
Facilitator: Jim Horan

April 25 Population Growth in Brunswick County with Kirstie Dixon
Brunswick County’s population is the fastest-growing county population in North Carolina, necessitating many changes to manage that growth successfully. Kirstie Dixon, Brunswick County’s planning director, will discuss what the county is planning to do to oversee the needed changes.
Facilitator: Bruce Jordan

May 9 Climate Change Impacts on Insurance
This session will take a look at how climate change will likely impact the insurance industry. What types of insurance will be more expensive? What types of insurance may companies start refusing to offer coverage for?
Facilitator: Don Messer
The OLLI Wine Society offers educational programming for those interested in learning about the many aspects of wine. Discover more about your own palate and preferences.

This semester we are offering two options in our popular wine tasting programs. OLLI members may attend all three tastings in Option I: Three Monthly Tastings, which meet in the OLLI building and include wine and food. Option II is to attend the tastings virtually, on Zoom, from the comfort of your home. Registration is required for each session. Wine list with food suggestions will be shared in advance.

**OPTION I**

Classes presented in the OLLI building, paired with delectable bites by UNCW’s chef.

**Three Monthly Tastings $85**

*Wednesdays, Feb. 23, March 23, and April 27 • 6 – 8 p.m.*

**The Best Pizza Wine? – It’s Not the One You Think**  
*with OLLI member John Tufano*

Is a pizza wine whatever bottle of red or white wine you have on hand? Maybe you have Chianti, a Cab or perhaps a Chardonnay. With all the pizza toppings and combinations available, is it possible to pair a wine with pizza? Explore some excellent Italian wines that you could pair with your next pepperoni, mushroom or perhaps a white pizza. The chef will make phyllo/flatbread/crostini style pizza appetizers for this wine tasting.

**Wine 201**  
*with OLLI members John Tufano and Don Brisson*

OLLI’s Wine 101 class taught meaningful basics about white, pink and red wines. Wine 201 will go a bit deeper into topics of sight, smell and taste of different wines, how to choose one bottle over another and some elementary food pairing suggestions. Tufano and Brisson look forward to sharing this slightly higher-level course in wine and invite everyone to join. Wine 101 is not a prerequisite!

**A Modern Take on the Wines of Greece**  
*with Chris Miller*

Join the OLLI Wine Society for a contemporary visit to Greece, a country rich in history and wine culture. This region is rapidly evolving and can be easily and often overlooked based on past reputation. Wilmington area representative for Charlotte-based distributor Kellogg Selections, Chris Miller will lead us on a curated excursion through the regions, landscapes and tastes that make up the wide variety and uniqueness of the wines of Greece, 2022 style.

**OPTION II**

Zoom Tastings from Home

**The Best Pizza Wine?**  
*with OLLI member John Tufano*

*Wednesday, Feb. 23  
6 – 7:30 p.m.  
$10*

**Wine 201**  
*with OLLI members John Tufano and Don Brisson*

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6 – 7:30 p.m.  
$10*

**A Modern Take on the Wines of Greece**  
*with Chris Miller*

*Wednesday, April 27  
6 – 7:30 p.m.  
$10*
The OLLI at UNCW presents two stunning selections from the 2021-22 season of Met Opera Live in HD, the Metropolitan Opera’s award-winning series of live transmissions. The broadcasts are shown on screen, in high definition, in UNCW Lumina Theater and are subtitled in English. Broadcasts feature interviews with cast, crew and other behind-the-scenes extras.

Visit [www.uncw.edu/metopera](http://www.uncw.edu/metopera) for up-to-date information on the Met Live in HD program.

**RIGOLETTO • Giuseppe Verdi**
Saturday, Jan. 29 • 1 – 3:45 p.m.
Tony Award–winning director Bartlett Sher creates a bold new take on Verdi’s timeless tragedy, resetting the opera’s action in 1920s Europe, with Art Deco sets by Michael Yeargan and elegant costumes by Catherine Zuber. Baritone Quinn Kelsey, a commanding artist at the height of his powers, brings his searing portrayal of the title role to the Met for the first time, starring alongside soprano Rosa Feola as Gilda and tenor Piotr Beczala as the Duke of Mantua, with leading maestro Daniele Rustioni on the podium.

**TURANDOT • Giacomo Puccini**
Saturday, May 7 • 1 – 3:45 p.m.
Superstar soprano Anna Netrebko makes her long-awaited Met role debut as Puccini’s icy princess—live in cinemas on May 7. Tenor Yonghoon Lee is the bold prince determined to win Turandot’s love, alongside soprano Ermonela Jaho as the devoted servant Liù and legendary bass Ferruccio Furlanetto as the blind king Timur. Marco Armiliato conducts Puccini’s stirring opera, which takes the stage in the company’s dazzling, ever-popular production by Franco Zeffirelli.

![Anna Netrebko in the title role of Puccini’s “Turandot.” Photo: Ken Howard / Met Opera](image-url)
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