



**WINTER
STORM
UPDATE**



**VIRTUAL 2021
SPRING
SEMESTER**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings, OLLI Family!

Welcome to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UNT's Spring 2021 Catalog! It is with great excitement that we unveil a virtual spring semester filled with intellectually stimulating courses, socially engaging special interest groups and many exciting cultural/educational events. All programming for the spring 2021 semester will be offered once again in a virtual format. The changes and adaptations we have all had to make this year remind me of a quote by Japanese scholar, Kakuzo Okakura, who said "The art of life is a constant readjustment to our surroundings." You have done an amazing job 'readjusting' to the virtual OLLI world, and for that we are thankful.

Enjoy perusing this catalog and discovering courses and other activities that pique your interest. The spring calendar can be found on pages 6 through 9. I encourage you to read through all of the special events we have planned for you which include amazing opportunities to learn from and engage with authors and film directors, learn how to cook incredible Mediterranean fare, and learn about specific medical issues from renowned physicians. It truly will be a semester to remember!

As we prepare for the holiday season amidst a global pandemic, you might consider sharing OLLI with family, friends or neighbors as a way to help them stay intellectually engaged. To make it easy on you, when you buy one membership for \$50 we are offering a second membership for \$25. An OLLI membership also makes a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer! And since we are virtual, people can join our OLLI from anywhere!

I want to thank our amazing OLLI staff, Jordan, Lily, and Lakshimi, for all they do to keep OLLI at UNT running smoothly and keeping our members up to date. I also want to thank YOU, our beloved OLLI members. Each one of you is an important part of OLLI and I appreciate your willingness to stay the course as we continue navigating these unique times.

Sending you all warm wishes for a blessed holiday season that is filled with good health, joy and peace.

Warm regards,



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Due to the pandemic, we are not accepting walk-ins at this time. Please contact us to schedule an appointment. **UNT requires all visitors to wear a face covering.**



Live Lessons Taught on Zoom

olli.unt.edu/zoom

Many of you have undoubtedly already used Zoom as a way of staying connected to your colleagues, friends, and family. Zoom is a video conferencing tool that can be used with most computers, smart phones, and tablets. On our website, we've compiled some helpful tips and tutorials on how to get started if you're new to Zoom. We recommend that you familiarize yourself with Zoom before attending your first virtual course.

Advisory Council

The ten members of the OLLI at UNT Advisory Council work with Director Reinke to provide strategic planning that ensures successful program growth and quality that closely aligns with the needs of the

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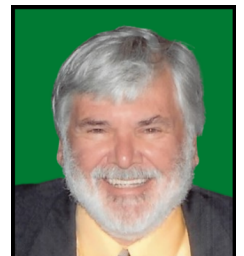
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Get Involved olli.unt.edu/volunteer

We encourage you to consider becoming an OLLI at UNT Ambassador or serving on one of our Standing Committees. Go to our website to learn how you can take an active role in shaping our program. Notes from Advisory Council and Committee meetings are available on our website for all members to access.



Membership Information

\$50 Per Person

We have temporarily adjusted our membership structure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are currently offering a single semester membership for just \$50 per person. This membership fee includes access to all of our spring courses, with no additional course fees. It also includes our Special Interest Groups (SIGs), OLLI Social Hours, as well as access to a selection of offerings from The Great Courses. All special events are inclusive except where an additional cost has been clearly marked in this catalog.

\$25 Per Person Discounted Memberships

Discounted membership options are available for:

- Active, dues-paying members of the [UNT Alumni Association](#) and [UNT Retiree Association](#)
- Active, dues-paying members of [The Grove at Frisco Commons](#) and the [Flower Mound Senior Center \(Seniors in Motion\)](#)
- [Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces](#) and their spouses

Membership Duration: The spring semester will begin the first week of February and run through the end of April. All Spring 2021 memberships will be active from the date of purchase until April 30, 2021.

Course Recordings: We receive permission from many of our instructors to record their Zoom courses. If you happen to miss a session, check our weekly email for a link to the recording.

Purchase A Membership

Buy 1, Get 2nd Half Off: If you purchase a full price membership online, you will receive a Promo Code for a 50% discount on a second membership in your confirmation email. Share that code with a friend or loved one to encourage them to join you for OLLI at UNT's spring semester. Our downloadable registration form (which is available on our website) also contains a page for adding a second membership at half price for those who wish to register by mail.

Returning Members: Sign in to the Member Portal (oli.unt.edu/members) to purchase your Spring 2021 membership through the "Membership" category using a credit card. To pay by mail, send a check made payable to "OLLI at UNT" to 1155 Union Circle #310560, Denton, TX 76203. If you're unsure when your current membership expires, please email oli@unt.edu.

New Members: To register by mail, go to our website and download our registration form. Complete and print the form; then mail it along with a check to the address indicated on the form. If you prefer to register online, our website also contains instructions on how to create a new member account and purchase your membership using a credit card.

Downloadable forms and instructions for registering online are available at:

oli.unt.edu/virtual



Enrollment Instructions

Enroll Online

Member Portal: oli.unt.edu/members

To enroll in live Zoom courses, events, and Virtual Special Interest Groups, or to request access to our selection of titles from The Great Courses, sign in to your personal account in the OLLI at UNT Member Portal. Please consult the **Member Portal Guide** that is available to download from our website for helpful tips about how to navigate the Portal.

Enroll by Email or Phone

Submit your selections to oli@unt.edu or 940-369-7293.

You also have the option to enroll in any of our fall offerings by sending us an email or calling our office. Let us know which courses you're interested in and we'll be happy to enroll you manually.

Save Your Confirmation Emails

Whether you enroll through the Member Portal, by email, or by phone, please save your confirmation emails! Once your enrollment is complete, you will receive a confirmation email that includes your personal schedule and instructions on how to join each session live on Zoom. All of the courses, lecture series, and Special Interest Groups in this catalog will have a unique Zoom link. When it's time for each course session to begin, consult your confirmation email and click the link to open the meeting.

Please contact our office if you need to have your confirmation emails resent to you.

Evaluations & Handouts

oli.unt.edu/handouts

As instructors make handouts available to us, we will post them to the handouts page on our website. We encourage members to check the site prior to attending each new course.

oli.unt.edu/evaluations

Our program has undergone many changes due to the pandemic. Your feedback will be vital to our staff's efforts moving forward. After the final session of each course, attendees will receive an email reminder with a link to our evaluation form. The form will allow you to provide comments to be shared with faculty as well as staff.



SPRING 2021 CALENDAR

| FEBRUARY | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | MONDAY 1 | TUESDAY 2 | WEDNESDAY 3 | THURSDAY 4 | FRIDAY 5 |
| 10:00 AM 11:30 AM | | Kara Lebanik Retiree Investment Series (Session 1 of 4) | | | Jim Hooper Introduction to Digital SLR Photography |
| 1:00 PM 2:30 PM | Andrew Torget The Rise and Fall of Spain in Texas (Session 1 of 2) | | Andrew Torget The Rise and Fall of Spain in Texas (Session 2 of 2) | UTSW Healthcare Series Georges Bounajem Hip and Knee Arthritis: What It Is and What Can I Do About It? | Fred Busche Hurricanes and Severe Storms |
| 2:45 PM 4:15 PM | Author Event Irv Lubliner Only Hope: My Mother and the Holocaust Brought to Light | Venky Venkatraman Movie Review of <i>The Man Who Knew Infinity</i> (Session 1 of 2) | Darrel VanDyke Peleliu: The Little-Known WWII Pacific Battle | | OLLI Social Hour |
| | MONDAY 8 | TUESDAY 9 | WEDNESDAY 10 | THURSDAY 11 | FRIDAY 12 |
| 10:00 AM 11:30 AM | Bruce Ralston First Ladies of the 19th Century | Kara Lebanik Retiree Investment Series (Session 2 of 4) | Bert Hayslip Suicide in Later Life: Calling Attention to a Serious Problem | Guy Chet The American Revolution & The Americanization Debate | |
| 1:00 PM 2:30 PM | Gary Koenig 2020 US Tax Preparation w/ Emphasis on Newly Single (Session 1 of 2) | Chef Jodi Duryea Cooking Demos (Session 1 of 6) | Woodworking SIG | Laura Evans Taken: The Theft of Gainsborough's <i>The Duchess of Devonshire</i> | Richard B. McCaslin Waldine Tauch: Student, Partner, Master |
| 2:45 PM 4:15 PM | Jordan Williams Discovering Afrofuturism | Venky Venkatraman Movie Review of <i>The Man Who Knew Infinity</i> (Session 2 of 2) | Book Talk with Dr. Jean Greenlaw | Jim McLaren Texas Cultures: History of Immigration to Texas in the 19th Century | Richa Yadav Short Stories by Guy de Maupassant |
| | MONDAY 15 | TUESDAY 16 | WEDNESDAY 17 | THURSDAY 18 | FRIDAY 19 |
| 10:00 AM 11:30 AM | | | | | |
| 1:00 PM 2:30 PM | | | | | |
| 2:45 PM 4:15 PM | | | | | |



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| | MONDAY 22 | TUESDAY 23 | WEDNESDAY 24 | THURSDAY 25 | FRIDAY 26 |
|----------------------|---|---|---|--|---|
| 10:00 AM 11:30 AM | | | Bert Hayslip Growing from Grief | Darrel VanDyke How the Microprocessor and Ideas of the 1970s Changed the World | David Causey Scams: Awareness and Avoidance |
| 1:00 PM 2:30 PM | | Chef Jodi Duryea Cooking Demos (Session 2 of 6) | Woodworking SIG | Maristella Feustle Treasures of the UNT Music Library | Starts at 2:00 PM Great Books SIG |
| 2:45 PM 4:15 PM | | | Rudy Ray Seward St. Patrick 'Day' Celebrations, Period and Place Variations, Proliferation Worldwide, and Progress Achieved | Jim Goodnow Great Decisions: Global Supply Chains and National Security (Session 1 of 8) | |
| MARCH | | | | | |
| | MONDAY 1 | TUESDAY 2 | WEDNESDAY 3 | THURSDAY 4 | FRIDAY 5 |
| 10:00 AM 11:30 AM | Fred Busche Update on the Climate: Still Changing or Have We Solved the Problem? | Kara Lebanik Retiree Investment Series (Session 3 of 4) | James Mueller Custer's Last Stage: The Battle of the Little Bighorn as the Culmination of a Life's Work | Stephen Dubrow Opera 101: An Introduction to Opera (Session 1 of 4) | |
| 1:00 PM 2:30 PM | Bryan Lovelace How to Spot Media Bias | Kyle Schlabach Financial Workshop (Session 1 of 4) | J. Michael Spector Learning to Think More Carefully and Critically | | Emily Richardson Your Family History: Different Ways to Share Your Family History |
| 2:45 PM 4:15 PM | | Venky Venkatraman Engineer/Manager to Lawyer - My Encounters with the Family Court System in Texas (Session 1 of 2) | | Jim Goodnow Great Decisions: Persian Gulf Security Issues (Session 2 of 8) | OLLI Social Hour |
| EVENING | | 5:30 – 6:30 PM Author Event Mamta Chaudhry <i>Haunting in Paris: The Story Behind the Story</i> | | | |
| | MONDAY 8 | TUESDAY 9 | WEDNESDAY 10 | THURSDAY 11 | FRIDAY 12 |
| 10:00 AM 11:30 AM | Gauri Junnarkar Eat Well, Live Well with Ayurveda | Hepi Wachter Color Matters (Session 1 of 3) | Emily Richardson Your Family History: Military Records (Revolutionary War through Civil War) | Stephen Dubrow Opera 101 - An Introduction to Opera (Session 2 of 4) | |
| 1:00 PM 2:30 PM | Darrel VanDyke The Doolittle Raiders: The Mission for The Bombing of Tokyo | Kyle Schlabach Financial Workshop (Session 2 of 4) | Woodworking SIG | | Kyle Schlabach Outsmart the Scammers |
| 2:45 PM 4:15 PM | 3:00 – 4:30 PM Anette Isaacs The Amazing Adventures of Bertha Benz and the History of the German Automobile | Venky Venkatraman Engineer/Manager to Lawyer: My Encounters with the Family Court System in Texas (Session 2 of 2) | UTSW Healthcare Series Puru Nagarkar Hand Surgery: Common Causes of Hand Pain...and Treatment Options | Book Talk with Dr. Jean Greenlaw | Jim Goodnow Great Decisions: Brexit and the European Union (Session 3 of 8) |
| | | | | Richa Yadav Works of Anita Desai: An Overview | |



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| | MONDAY 15 | TUESDAY 16 | WEDNESDAY 17 | THURSDAY 18 | FRIDAY 19 |
|----------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| 10:00 AM 11:30 AM | Robin Cole-Jett Red River Steam <i>Rescheduled from Feb 4</i> | Kara Lebanik Retiree Investment Series (Session 4 of 4) | Jim Hooper Introduction to Photoshop | Stephen Dubrow Opera 101 - An Introduction to Opera (Session 3 of 4) | |
| 1:00 PM 2:30 PM | Jim McLaren Then and Now: History of Denton and Denton County | Kyle Schlabach Financial Workshop (Session 3 of 4) | John Booth How Democracies Form and How They Fail | John Neal The History and Applications of Typography | |
| 2:45 PM 4:15 PM | Recipes: Show, Tell, & Share SIG | Chef Jodi Duryea Cooking Demos (Session 3 of 6) | Maristella Feustle How Did They Do That? A Jazz Guitar Primer for Listeners | Jim Goodnow Great Decisions: Struggles over the Melting Arctic (Session 4 of 8) | OLLI Social Hour |
| EVENING | | 6:00–7:00 PM Take-Home Event Ten:One Artisanal Cheese Shop Cheese Styles 101 \$20 per member | | | |
| | MONDAY 22 | TUESDAY 23 | WEDNESDAY 24 | THURSDAY 25 | FRIDAY 26 |
| 10:00 AM 11:30 AM | Gauri Junnarkar Healthy Eating for Mind, Body, and Your Gut | Hepi Wachter Color Matters (Session 2 of 3) | Glen Biglaiser The History and Future of United States-Mexico Relations | Stephen Dubrow Opera 101 - An Introduction to Opera (Session 4 of 4) | Leigh Hilton SECURE Act: How Does it Affect Taxation on Your Retirement Accounts? |
| 1:00 PM 2:30 PM | Rick Thomas Understanding Our Partisan Divide | Kyle Schlabach Financial Workshop (Session 4 of 4) | Woodworking SIG | Patti Richard Women and Politics in the U.S. | Starts at 2:00 PM Great Books SIG |
| 2:45 PM 4:15 PM | | | | Jim Goodnow Great Decisions: China's Role in Africa (Session 5 of 8) | |
| MARCH - APRIL | | | | | |
| | MONDAY 29 | TUESDAY 30 | WEDNESDAY 31 | THURSDAY 1 | FRIDAY 2 |
| 10:00 AM 11:30 AM | | Hepi Wachter Color Matters (Session 3 of 3) | | | Leigh Hilton Who Gets Your Stuff When You Die? |
| 1:00 PM 2:30 PM | | Chef Jodi Duryea Cooking Demos (Session 4 of 6) | Kyle Schlabach Time Matters: A Women's Retirement Outlook | | UNT Sky Theater Virtual Planetarium Event <i>Birth of Planet Earth</i> |
| 2:45 PM 4:15 PM | | | | Jim Goodnow Great Decisions: The Korean Peninsula (Session 6 of 8) | OLLI Social Hour |
| EVENING | | 5:30 – 7:30 PM Take-Home Event Painting with a Twist \$37 per member | | | |



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| APRIL | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|---|--|---|
| | MONDAY 5 | TUESDAY 6 | WEDNESDAY 7 | THURSDAY 8 | FRIDAY 9 |
| 10:00 AM 11:30 AM | Kerry Goldmann Performing Jewish Identity: A History of Jews on the American Stage (Session 1 of 2) | | Max Morley How We Think About Classical Music & the Fine Arts in American Culture | James Robinson History of American Political Parties | |
| 1:00 PM 2:30 PM | Stephen Souris Great Poems by Contemporary American Poets | Filmmaker Spotlight Virtual Screening: <i>The Disappeared</i> | | | Filmmaker Spotlight Virtual Screening: <i>Altina</i> |
| 2:45 PM 4:15 PM | | Q&A with Director Peter Sanders | | Jim Goodnow Great Decisions: Roles of International Organizations in a Global Pandemic (Session 7 of 8) | Q&A with Director Peter Sanders |
| | MONDAY 12 | TUESDAY 13 | WEDNESDAY 14 | THURSDAY 15 | FRIDAY 16 |
| 10:00 AM 11:30 AM | Kerry Goldmann Performing Jewish Identity: A History of Jews on the American Stage (Session 2 of 2) | | | | |
| 1:00 PM 2:30 PM | | Chef Jodi Duryea Cooking Demos (Session 5 of 6) | Woodworking SIG | | |
| 2:45 PM 4:15 PM | UTSW Healthcare Series Jacqueline Mersch Cancer: Is it in Your Genes? Dr. Samira Syed Breast Cancer Prevention | Gary Koenig Appealing Your 2021 Denton County Property Appraisal | Book Talk with Dr. Jean Greenlaw | Jim Goodnow Great Decisions: The End of Globalization? (Session 8 of 8) | OLLI Social Hour |
| | MONDAY 19 | TUESDAY 20 | WEDNESDAY 21 | THURSDAY 22 | FRIDAY 23 |
| 10:00 AM 11:30 AM | | | | | |
| 1:00 PM 2:30 PM | | | | Kaye Nubel Men and Women in Communication: "He Says. She Says." | Starts at 2:00 PM Great Books SIG |
| 2:45 PM 4:15 PM | Recipes: Show, Tell, & Share SIG | | | Craig Neumann Healthful Ways to Cope with COVID | |
| | MONDAY 26 | TUESDAY 27 | WEDNESDAY 28 | THURSDAY 29 | FRIDAY 30 |
| 10:00 AM 11:30 AM | | | | | |
| 1:00 PM 2:30 PM | | Chef Jodi Duryea Cooking Demos (Session 6 of 6) | Woodworking SIG | | |
| 2:45 PM 4:15 PM | | | | | |



Virtual Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) meet for about an hour on the scheduled dates and times listed below. To join the following SIGs, sign in to the Member Portal and find them under the Virtual SIG category or email olli@unt.edu. Once you join, you will receive the link for their Zoom meetings.

Virtual Yoga

SIG Chair: Sheila Holinчек

Postponed to Summer 2021

This SIG is being postponed until our Summer 2021 semester to allow Sheila time to rehabilitate a recent injury.

Woodworking

SIG Chair: Jeff Whitcomb

This SIG will be a portal for all things woodworking. Members of all experience levels are invited to come share ideas, best practices, and suggestions for where to acquire supplies. This SIG will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 1:00pm.

Recipes: Show, Tell, & Share

SIG Chair: Kim Kinnear

Do you have a recipe you would love to show off? Do you want to find new recipes? This is the group for you. Come join us for fun and food. This SIG will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month from 2:45pm - 4:15pm.

Great Books

SIG Chair: Donna Zelisko-McLaughlin

This longstanding book club is accepting 12 new members for their discussions of great works of literature. This SIG will meet on the 4th Friday of each month from 2:00pm - 3:30pm.

Book Talk with Dr. Jean Greenlaw



This discussion group will meet three times this spring on Zoom. The topic for each meeting will be the theme of Dr. Greenlaw's column that appears in the *Denton Record-Chronicle* on the first weekend of each month. It is not necessary to read the books mentioned in the column, but it will make your participation more meaningful for you if you do read a book that fits the theme. It can range from a picture book for children to the most complex book you find on the topic. Dr. Greenlaw will begin each session by discussing the topic and a few books from her column. Then members will participate by discussing the book they read. There are three points she would like participants to be ready to discuss with the group: 1. How does the book you read fit the theme? 2. What was your most important takeaway from the book? 3. Why would others be interested in reading the book?

Wednesday, February 10th: the theme will be Black history. Please be sure that the book you wish to read and discuss is about Black history and not a current topic.

Wednesday, March 10th: the theme will be Women's history. The same as above applies.

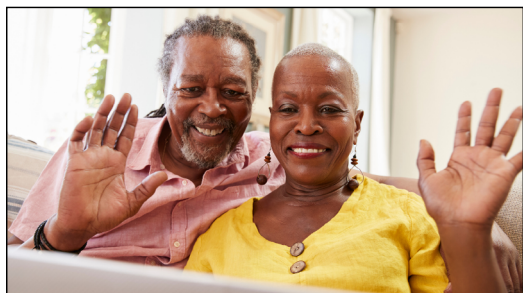
Wednesday, April 14th: the theme will be saving the Earth, in accord with this year's Earth Day.

Each session will begin at 2:45pm. If you wish to be a member of the SIG and not participate in the discussion, you are welcome. It just is more fun for you if you put your 2 cents worth in the discussion!



OLLI Social Hour

1st and 3rd Fridays @ 2:45pm



Join your fellow members on Zoom for casual, friendly discussions. We invite you to come share your thoughts about an interesting book you've been reading or discuss something you learned in a recent OLLI class. These sessions are meant as an open forum for members to interact and get to know one another. An OLLI staff member will be on hand to facilitate and suggest topics for discussion.

OLLI at UNT Podcast

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The OLLI at UNT podcast will give you a deeper look into the professional and personal lives of various members of the OLLI at UNT community. In each episode, host Susan Supak showcases her talent for bringing out interesting facts about the faculty who volunteer to teach our courses. She also partners with the UNT Alumni Association to interview notable UNT graduates as part of the Alumni Spotlight Series. If you've ever left an OLLI course and wished the conversation didn't have to end, this podcast is for you. New episodes will be released this spring. Our archive of over 50 prior episodes is available on our website.

UNTRA Events

The **UNT Retiree Association (UNTRA)** is a social organization for the university's retired faculty and staff. Housed within the same department that administers OLLI at UNT, UNTRA regularly invites OLLI members to join them for their events. Some of the virtual events they are planning for the spring semester include Evenings with Maestro David Itkin (conductor of UNT's Symphony Orchestra) and Academic Updates from both CLEAR (the center assisting faculty with online learning) and Dr. Laura Evans of the College of Visual Arts & Design. OLLI members will receive email invitations to several UNTRA events throughout the semester.



Take-Home Events

Painting with a Twist ❄️

Tuesday, March 30; 5:30 - 7:30pm

\$37 per member

Create fun art, not fine art, from the comfort of home! No art experience is necessary. In this Zoom session, Jacobi Painter from PWAT's Denton studio will walk you through the "Simple Bluebonnet" painting step-by-step. By the end, you'll have created your own individual version of the artwork.

Jacobi Painter has been local to Denton for 20 years and painting for a little longer. He has worked for Painting with a Twist Denton since it first opened in 2014 and at the beginning of 2020 became the new owner.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, March 23



Painting kits (16" x 20" canvas, paint, and paint brush) will be provided. They will be available to pick up from the OLLI at UNT office at **1716 Scripture Street** in Denton during business hours on **Feb. 22 & 23**. You will need to provide your own paper or plastic covering for your painting surface as well as a pencil or chalk.

Cheese Styles 101

Tuesday, March 16; 6:00 - 7:00pm

\$20 per member

This Zoom session will consist of a guided, educational cheese tasting covering six different styles of cheese, including their history, tasting notes, common examples, and pairing suggestions. Each board has 3 oz of cheese alongside French bread from Ravelin Bakery.

Benjamin Matt has over 7 years experience working with cheese as well as culinary experience. He is an encyclopedia of cheese and food knowledge!

Justin Bonard has owned and operated Ten : One Artisan Cheese for over two years but been an enthusiast for over a decade. He is also a Certified Cicerone (beer specialist/ beer sommelier).

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, March 9



Participants will need to pick up their cheese trays on the day of the event between 11:00am and 5:00pm at **Ten : One Artisan Cheese Shop**, located at 515 South Locust Denton, TX 76201.



Cooking Demonstrations

Taste of the Mediterranean



Session 1: Tuesday, February 9; 1:00 – 2:30pm

Session 2: Tuesday, February 23; 1:00 – 2:30pm

Session 3: Tuesday, March 16; 2:45 – 4:15pm

Session 4: Tuesday, March 30; 1:00 – 2:30pm

Session 5: Tuesday, April 13; 1:00 – 2:30pm

Session 6: Tuesday, April 27; 1:00 – 2:30pm

Join Chef Jodi Duryea for a series of virtual cooking demonstrations. Follow along on Zoom as Chef Duryea prepares Mediterranean dishes live on camera. The series will start in Italy with how to make pasta before moving on to Greece for dips and homemade pita. The next stop will be Turkey for kibbeh, flatbread, and chicken tagine with couscous. The series will then pass through Spain for Seafood Paella and finish in the south of France for pastry/dessert. Recipes will be provided to participants in advance of each session.



Chef Jodi Duryea, M.S., is a Principal Lecturer in UNT's College of Merchandising, Hospitality, and Tourism. She graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in New York in 1991. Her experiences range from Garde Manger, line cook, Sous Chef, Patisserie and Executive Chef in kitchens in Corpus Christi, Pittsburgh, Williamsburg, and New York. She has been Chef at Jerry's in Soho, and Sous Chef at Café Luxembourg and other venues. She has a Bachelor's degree from SUNY Albany in History and an MS from Texas A&M Corpus Christi in Education as well as a Master's certificate in Hospitality Management from UNT. She started teaching in 1999 at Del Mar College and started their Pastry program. Chef Duryea has been teaching at UNT since 2005. She currently teaches Professional Food Preparation and International Cuisine.



Give the Gift of OLLI

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Do you know someone who would enjoy our spring semester? Go to our website to find out how you can purchase a membership for them.



Filmmaker Spotlight



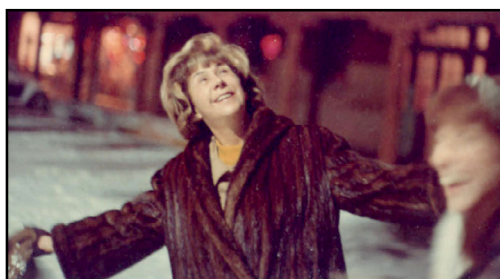
The Disappeared: A Personal Story About Argentina's Dirty War

Tuesday, April 6

Virtual Screening: 1:00 - 2:30pm

Filmmaker Talk and Q&A: 2:45 - 4:15pm

The Disappeared relates the horrors of Argentina's Dirty War (1976-83) through the experience of Horacio Pietragalla, a young man raised by the maid of the officer who kidnapped him after the military brutally murdered his parents. The film follows Horacio as he reconstructs the cause for which his real parents gave their lives and, through this search, reclaims his true identity. This personal journey internalizes the tragedy that ravaged the country for seven years and exposes polarized views on state-driven terrorism in groundbreaking interviews with top military officials, concentration camp victims, human rights activists, journalists who covered the events, and members of Horacio's surrogate and biological families. *The Disappeared* represents the first time a filmmaker has followed a child of desaparecidos in his journey of discovery for a period of five years, capturing the only case in which a person was able to recover the remains of both parents. It also records the first interviews ever granted by top military officers who had remained silent for nearly a quarter of a century.



Altina

Friday, April 9

Virtual Screening: 1:00 - 2:30pm

Filmmaker Talk and Q&A: 2:45 - 4:15pm

Altina Schinasi (1907 - 1999) created a fashion sensation in the 1930s with her design for Harlequin eyeglasses. Free of academic constraints and confident in her keen intellect, she crafted fragments of her life into sculptures that defined her surreal and original world. Her whimsical art was also anchored in social issues. Her film on George Grosz took on the Holocaust. She befriended Martin Luther King Jr. and supported his struggle. During the Red Scare, she did not hesitate to hide John Berry, who was blacklisted for having directed a documentary on the Hollywood Ten, in her Beverly Hills home. *Altina* is an affecting, provocative, and richly informative documentary about an American trendsetter, a woman before her time.



Peter Sanders is an award-winning documentary filmmaker who holds a graduate degree in broadcast journalism from New York University and an undergraduate degree in history from the University of Vermont. Sanders' wide range of interests include penetrating portraits of writers and artists. He is CEO of Eight Twelve Productions, a company he founded in 2006. *The Disappeared* was awarded a special prize for best documentary by the 2007 Documentary and Fiction Festival of Hollywood. The film was also chosen by the government of Argentina to represent the country at a conference on Human Rights sponsored by the United Nations.



Author Events

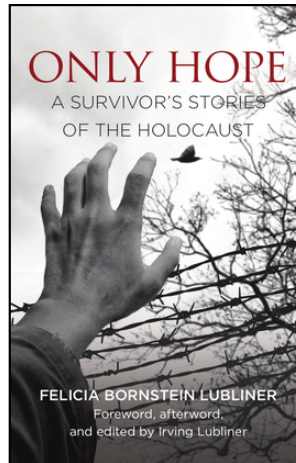
Only Hope: My Mother and the Holocaust Brought to Light

Monday, February 1; 2:45 - 4:15pm

Before she passed away in 1974, Felicia Bornstein Lubliner wrote about her internment in Polish ghettos and two Nazi concentration camps, Auschwitz and Gross-Rosen. Her powerful stories have recently been published by her son, Irv Lubliner. He will share excerpts from *Only Hope: A Survivor's Stories of the Holocaust*,

shedding light on his mother's experiences and indomitable spirit, as well as his experience as a child of Holocaust survivors and his process in bringing the book to fruition. This will be followed by a Q & A session.

Irv Lubliner teaches math, music, and literature classes for the OLLI program at Southern Oregon University, where he also serves on the Council of Directors. An emeritus professor specializing in mathematics education, he taught for 40 years and led seminars for math teachers in 39 states. In 2019, he created Felabra Press and published his mother's writing about her experiences during the Holocaust, the book that will serve as the theme for this presentation.

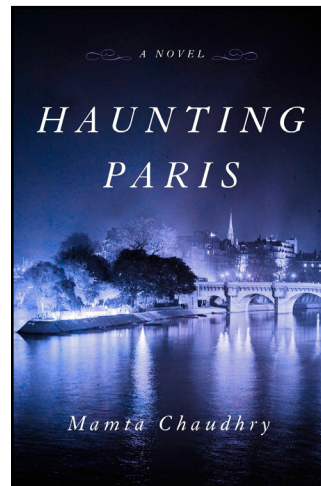


Haunting Paris: The Story ❄️

Behind the Story

Tuesday, March 2; 5:30 - 6:30pm

Mamta Chaudhry's debut novel, *Haunting Paris*, has been praised as "elegantly wrought" by *The New York Times Book Review* and "a heart-wrenching love letter to Paris" by *Publishers Weekly*. Marilynne Robinson called "this fine first novel . . . a small parable, pondering the nature of civilization itself," and Russell Banks described it as "powerful and moving . . . with a heartbreaking, profoundly adult love story at its center." In a special talk for OLLI at UNT, she will take members behind the scenes to tell the backstory of *Haunting Paris*, and the joys and challenges of writing about the City of Light.



Mamta Chaudhry grew up in Calcutta and came to the U.S. for graduate studies in Journalism at the University of Florida; later, she got a Ph.D. in English from the University of Miami. Much of her professional career was in television and classical radio. Her early fiction, poetry, and feature articles have been published in newspapers and magazines in the U.S. and in India. Mamta has also taught literature and creative writing at the University of Miami. She is currently working on a second novel. [Author Photo by Daniel Fryer]



Great Decisions

Guided Group Discussions

Thursdays, February 25 - April 15; 2:45 - 4:15pm

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on the most critical global issues facing America today. Each session on Zoom will begin with a short, informative video on that week's topic followed by a group discussion guided by Dr. Jim Goodnow.

February 25 - Global Supply Chains and National Security

March 4 - Persian Gulf Security Issues

March 11 - Brexit and the European Union

March 18 - Struggles over the Melting Arctic

March 25 - China's Role in Africa

April 1 - The Korean Peninsula

April 8 - Roles of Int'l Organizations in a Global Pandemic

April 15 - The End of Globalization?

Please Note: Dr. Goodnow recommends purchasing the Foreign Policy Association's Briefing Book as a resource for these discussions. You can purchase the book online at: www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_materials.



Dr. Jim Goodnow is a retired Adjunct Professor of International Studies at UNT and Professor Emeritus of International Business at Bradley University. He received his BA from Albion College and MBA and DBA from Indiana University. He is a Fellow of the Academy of International Business and has taught economics, marketing and international business at universities in the U.S. and abroad.

UNT Sky Theater

Virtual Planetarium Event

Friday, April 2; 1:00 - 2:30pm

Although UNT's Sky Theater remains closed to the public due to the pandemic, we have arranged to bring the planetarium to you through a private streaming event. Join us on Zoom for a special screening of *Birth of Planet Earth* followed by a virtual tour of the evening sky and a general Q&A session with Sky Theater staff.

Birth of Planet Earth tells the twisted tale of our planet's origins. Scientists now believe that our galaxy is filled with solar systems, including up to a billion planets roughly the size of our own. The film employs advanced, data-driven, cinematic-quality visualizations to explore some of the greatest questions in science today: How did Earth become a living planet in the wake of our solar system's violent birth? What does its history tell us about our chances of finding other worlds that are truly Earth-like?



UT SOUTHWESTERN HEALTHCARE

Aging Gracefully ❄️

Postponed to Summer 2021



Christine Stiles, M.D., is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Plastic Surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Dr. Stiles earned her medical degree with high honors at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She completed a residency in pediatric medicine at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, followed by an integrated residency in plastic surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. After 18 years in private practice, she joined the UT Southwestern Department of Plastic Surgery faculty in 2020. Dr. Stiles is committed to improving the appearance and enhancing the self-esteem of her adult and pediatric patients and is skilled at using nonsurgical treatments, minimally invasive procedures, and surgery, as needed.

In this special lecture series, doctors from the **University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center** in Dallas will provide members with useful health information as well as an update on some of the latest medical advances in their fields.

Hip & Knee Arthritis:

What Is It & What Can I Do About It?

Thursday, February 4; 1:00pm - 2:30pm



Georges Bounajem, M.D., is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center. He specializes in hip and knee arthritis, primary and revision hip replacement, and primary and revision knee

replacement. Dr. Bounajem earned his medical degree at UT Southwestern Medical School. He completed a residency in orthopaedic surgery at the University of Kansas Medical Center and received advanced training in adult hip and knee reconstruction through a fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School. He joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2020. Dr. Bounajem is a member of the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association, the American Medical Association, and the Texas Medical Association. In 2018, he received the James R. Olney, M.D. Memorial Award for Academic Achievement from the University of Kansas Medical Center's Department of Orthopedic Surgery.

Common Causes of Hand Pain with Non-Surgical and Surgical Treatment Options

Wednesday, March 10; 2:45pm - 4:15pm



Purushottam Nagarkar, M.D., is an Assistant Professor of Plastic Surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center. His clinical focus is on hand surgery and microsurgical reconstructive techniques. Dr. Nagarkar earned his medical degree at UT Southwestern. He completed his residency in plastic and reconstructive surgery at UT Southwestern, and then received advanced training in hand and microsurgery at University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Nagarkar is currently researching non-invasive treatments for Dupuytren's disease. He is also researching ways of improving resident training and selection using big data analysis.

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Cancer: Is It In Your Genes? & Breast Cancer Prevention

Monday, April 12; 2:45pm - 4:15pm



Jacqueline Mersch joined UT Southwestern Medical Center's Cancer Genetics program in 2014 after completing her Master of Science in genetic counseling at University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in Houston. Prior to her career as a genetic counselor, she worked in hematopoietic stem and progenitor cell preservation. In addition to supervising the UT Southwestern Cancer Genetics Program in Fort Worth, she sees patients at risk for hereditary cancer syndromes at multiple UT Southwestern clinics. Her current research interests include the clinical impact of variant reclassification and psychosocial screening for genetic counseling patients.



Samira Syed, M.D., is an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center. She has a strong clinical background in medical oncology, drug development, and clinical research. She currently specializes in breast cancer. Dr. Syed is originally from Pakistan and earned her medical degree at Aga Khan University. She completed her residency in internal medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. She then completed fellowships in Hematology Oncology at Baylor College of Medicine and at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Her clinical practice emphasizes patient and family centered care as well as providing her patients with clinical research trial options. Prior to joining the UT Southwestern faculty in 2012, she focused on the treatment of solid tumors and phase 1 clinical trials. She was on the faculty at UT Health Science Center San Antonio and focused on drug development.

ARTS & HUMANITIES

Color Matters

Tuesdays, March 9, 23, & 30; 10:00am - 11:30am

This course will provide an exploration of color and how color matters in everyday life. Topics will include: a brief history of color and color theory; color symbolism and its powerful cultural effects; color psychology and what color is telling us about people; color physiology and how we are affected by color; and color demographics and how it relates to age, gender, nationality, and religion.

Dr. Hedi Wachter is a Professor and Chair at the UNT College of Visual Arts and Design's Department of Design. He holds degrees in Interior Architecture, Architecture, and a Master of Fine Arts in Sculpture. He taught Interior Design and Architecture at the University of Oklahoma from 2001 to 2017 and has taught at UNT since 2017. His research focus is on environmental gerontology.

Discovering Afrofuturism

Monday, February 8; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

With the massive success of Marvel's 2018 superhero movie *Black Panther*, interest in the concept of Afrofuturism skyrocketed. Similar to the artists and intellectuals who highlight how African perspectives are often missing from or misrepresented in mainstream histories, Afrofuturists incorporate the black experience into visions that challenge our assumptions about where civilization is headed. In this course, members will learn about the history of Afrofuturism (including a surprising connection to Martin Luther King, Jr.) and explore examples ranging from *Star Trek* to the mysterious space jazz of Sun Ra.

Jordan Williams received his Bachelor's degree in Creative Writing and Master's degree in Literature, both from UNT. His writing has appeared in *American Microreviews & Interviews* and the *Tulsa Voice*.



Great Poems by Contemporary American Poets

Monday, April 5; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This course will cover some of the contemporary poets included in the most recent *Norton Anthology of American Literature*. We'll read great poems by Billy Collins, Gloria Anzaldua, Sharon Olds, Louise Gluck, Yusef Komunyakaa, Rita Dove, Sherman Alexie, Natasha Trethewey, and Tracy Smith. The format will be guided discussion where members can offer their interpretations and engage with the instructor's views. The chosen poems will be made available to members in advance.

Dr. Stephen Souris, Professor of English at Texas Woman's University, teaches modern American literature. He has offered courses at TWU on U.S. Poets Laureate and Texas Poets Laureate and is the host of Texas Poets Podcast (tinyurl.com/y83bgob2). He is also the producer of "Professor's Corner: A Literary Discussion Group" at the Denton Public Library (tinyurl.com/y5ggzl3p). He can be reached at SSouris@twu.edu

How Did They Do That? A Jazz Guitar Primer for Listeners

Wednesday, March 17; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

This course will include a live demonstration of the basic sounds and techniques of jazz guitar, including achieving a 'jazz' sound, solo arrangements, and bebop basics. Members will come away with a better sense of what they are hearing in music they enjoy.

Maristella Feustle is the Music Special Collections Librarian at UNT. She oversees the processing and curation of over 100 special collections in the UNT Music Library, and her research interests include jazz history and digital humanities. She is active as a jazz guitarist in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, occasionally doubling on banjo, ukulele, mandolin, and lute.

How We Think About Classical Music and the Fine Arts in American Culture

Wednesday, April 7; 10:00am - 11:30am

This will be a lecture-audio-visual course in which we explore the following questions: What is it about classical music that makes it enjoyable and interesting? Is it possible that you know more about classical music than you realize? Is it possible that classical music is a more important piece of the American culture than you realize? Join Dr. Morley for some music listening and practical and philosophical discussions around these questions.

Dr. Max Morley retired from the School of Music at Stephen F. Austin State University in 2009. He held three positions at SFA: 20 years as trumpet specialist; 15 years in Arts Programming and Development; and five years teaching music history and literature. He holds the degrees, BM, MM, and DMA from UNT.

Introduction to Digital Photography with the DSLR Camera

Friday, February 5; 10:00am - 11:30am

This introductory course will highlight many of the features that are commonly found in today's digital Single-Lens-Reflex (DSLR) cameras, as well as basic compositional tips to get the most out of your DSLR Camera. This course is designed for amateur photographers who own, or are interested in buying, their first DSLR camera and are ready to take the next step.

Jim Hooper has been a photographer for over 20 years, starting out primarily in landscape and nature photography and more recently diving into the many aspects of portrait photography. His work has been featured in numerous magazines, and he is also the VP and Education Chair of the Finger Lakes Photography Guild in NY. He is a member of the Photographic Society of America and a graduate of the New York Institute of Photography.



Introduction to Photoshop ❄️

Wednesday, March 17; 10:00am - 11:30am

Photoshop is the gold standard for photo editing software, and for good reason. This course will give you a basic introduction to the Photoshop CC platform, including understanding the layout of the user interface, a basic introduction to editing using the basic tools of cropping, cloning, color and exposure adjustments, selection tools, and more. Members will also be introduced to Photoshop Layers, and some basic masking.

Jim Hooper (see bio on previous page)

Movie Review of *The Man Who Knew Infinity*

Tuesdays, February 2 & 9; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

The Man Who Knew Infinity is a movie about how an impoverished mathematician from India made it to England in the early 1900s and whose discoveries are considered path-breaking even today. The movie accurately depicts the cultural and religious norms in India in those days and the confluence between Western science and Indian religion. The instructor happens to be the great-grandson of a mentor to this mathematician and so has some additional insights to offer. It is recommended that members watch the film in advance. It is available to rent from most major streaming platforms and may also be available at your local library.

Venky Venkatraman, JD, has degrees in electrical engineering, management, and law. He is Principal Consultant/Advisor/Mediator at Zenith Advisory Services.

Opera 101: An Introduction to Opera

Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25;
10:00am - 11:30am

Opera has always been intended as a glorious entertainment - one that beguiles all the senses. If you've ever been tempted to find out what opera's attractions are, but have been put off by seemingly incomprehensible conventions, then this is the course for you. Focusing on the operas of the late 18th, the 19th, and the early 20th centuries, members will discover together those elements that continue to attract opera audiences who love a great tale well told, thrilling sound, the dance, passions on display, and the arts working together to move the heart and lift the spirit.

Steve Dubrow received his undergraduate degree from Columbia University followed by a graduate degree from Princeton. He taught at Brown University before serving a 25-year stint as a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service. He then spent 19 years as a teacher of world languages in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Performing Jewish Identity: A History of Jews on the American Stage

Mondays, April 5 & 12; 10:00am - 11:30am

This course explores the history of Jewish playwrights, plays, and entertainers on the American stage in a broad survey from the late 19th century to the present. The first session will trace the birth of Jewish American theatre from the turn of the 20th century to World War II. The second session will explore the changing Jewish American experience of the modern era and how it played out on the stage as therapy through tumultuous times as well as a celebration of Jewish life and culture. Each session will be accompanied by a short list of suggested plays for learners to read prior to the session if they wish.

Dr. Kerry Goldmann received her Bachelor of Arts and her Master of Arts in History, both from UNT. She has taught minority theatre, culture, and histories as an adjunct professor at UNT in the Theatre and History departments. She is currently a Lecturer in the History department at UNT.



Short Stories by Guy de Maupassant

Friday, February 12; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Guy de Maupassant is considered one of the greatest French short story writers of the 19th century. His 300 stories were written in the naturalist style and often described the life of the lower and middle classes. This course will summarize some of his stories, exploring his style of writing and common themes.

Richa Yadav is a freelance writer who has lived in the US for almost two decades.

Taken: The Theft of Gainsborough's *The Duchess of Devonshire*

Thursday, February 11; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

In this lecture, members will delve into the theft of Thomas Gainsborough's portrait of Georgina Cavendish Spencer. The portrait of the 5th Duchess of Devonshire was stolen in the 1800's by the criminal mastermind Adam Worth. Unlike many art thefts, this one is also a love story!

Dr. Laura Evans is an Associate Professor of Art History and Art Education and the Coordinator of the Art Museum Education Certificate at UNT. Her research interests are in the intersections between art museum education, interpretation, gender and narrative. Evans has also interned or worked at galleries across the world.

The History and Applications of Typography

Thursday, March 18; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

When we create documents, signs, or newsletters on a computer, we are using typography. Our choices of fonts and awareness of other factors, such as spacing between letters and between lines of type, can have a considerable influence on the way a message is perceived, something that advertisers and other mass communicators consider carefully. This presentation will include information about the history of lettering, the introduction of movable type, the categories of typefaces, the terminology of typography, and ways to use letterforms correctly and creatively. The contributions of some influential type designers will also be discussed.

Dr. John F. Neal taught journalism and mass communication at the college level for more than 30 years. He received his Ph.D. from UNT and while in graduate school at The University of Texas at Austin, he worked in the photography collection of the Harry Ransom Center. Dr. Neal has given presentations for the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association and the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Treasures of the UNT Music Library ❄️

Thursday, February 25; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This course will provide an overview of the rare, unique, and weird offerings of the UNT Music Library's special collections. Members will learn how they can enjoy many of these items through the UNT Digital Library, and get a sense of how these collections enhance teaching and research, with an assortment of materials that is uniquely "UNT."

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Works of Anita Desai: An Overview

Friday, March 12; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Anita Desai is a novelist and the Emerita John E. Burchard Professor of Humanities at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. As a writer, she has been shortlisted for the Booker Prize three times. She has authored sixteen works of fiction. Among them, *Clear Light of Day*, *In Custody*, and *Fasting, Feasting* are well-known. Desai was born in Mussoorie, India, and spent her childhood in Delhi. She grew up speaking multiple languages and readers get to see a mix of cultures in her writing. She looks at India as an Indian and as an outsider as well. Mrs. Yadav will explore Desai's perspective on India as a resident of the U.S., as the distance could be a key to understanding the writer.

Richa Yadav (see bio on previous page)

CURRENT EVENTS & SOCIAL ISSUES

From Engineer to Lawyer: My Encounters with the Family Court System in Texas

Tuesdays, March 2 & 9; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Nothing gives more heartburn to people than their encounters with the Family Court system anywhere in the U.S. Mr. Venkatraman's encounter with that system began in 2004 and it has still not ended in 2020 although his children are now adults. During this period, he went from being an Information Technology specialist who knew nothing about this system to a lawyer who now knows the ins and outs of this system. During this course, he will share the highlights and lowlights of his journey which will benefit anyone who has had encounters with the Family Court system or is likely to have one in the future.

Venky Venkatraman, JD, has degrees in electrical engineering, management, and law. He is Principal Consultant/Advisor/Mediator at Zenith Advisory Services.

How to Spot Media Bias

Monday, March 1; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Modern reporting far too often strays from the facts. The result is biased reporting. According to AllSides.com, 72% of Americans believe traditional news sources report fake news, falsehoods, or content that is purposely misleading. Media bias isn't new and isn't necessarily a bad thing as long as it is identified. Hidden media bias, on the other hand, misleads and manipulates the consumer. The solution is to educate the public on how to spot hidden media bias. This course will identify 11 types of hidden media bias with examples taken from popular sources.

Bryan Lovelace, MS, BCBA, LBA, is an Adjunct Professor in UNT's Department of Behavior Analysis. He is a board-certified behavior analyst who received his B.S. in Applied Behavior Analysis and an M.S. in Behavior Analysis from UNT.

Learning to Think More Carefully and Critically

Wednesday, March 3; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The notion informing this course is that a habit of inquiry and seeking evidence and explanation can and should be developed early so as to foster critical thinking skills in a domain-general or multi-disciplinary context. In addition, an attitude of respect for those with alternative perspectives and a willingness to be wrong are also part of becoming a critical thinker.

Dr. Jonathan Michael Spector received his PhD in Philosophy from the University of Texas at Austin in 1978. He has been working in the fields of computer science and educational technology since the 1980s. His current project involves the development of applications to promote the development of inquiry and critical thinking skills, especially in children.



Men and Women in Communication: “He Says. She Says.”

Thursday, April 22; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Men and women often use very different styles when communicating with one another. Some popular writers and researchers believe that men and women speak in distinct ways, as if they are from different cultures. Understanding these differences can help in creating and enjoying positive relationships. This interactive lecture will include the following topics: History of Gender & Interpersonal Communication; Stereotypes of the Past; Communication Styles Of Present; and Developing Behavioral Flexibility.

Kaye Nubel is a former Associate Professor, has taught at university and college levels for over 25 years, and provided workshops and seminars in the public arena. Her areas of expertise are in Public Speaking, Interpersonal Communication, Intercultural Communication which includes Gender Communication, Group Dynamics and Team Building. She has facilitated courses at OLLI in California as well as Texas.

Scams: Awareness and Avoidance

Friday, February 26; 10:00am - 11:30am

In today’s world scammers are abundant. They use ever-evolving tactics to take advantage of our community. During this course, Officer Causey will discuss some of the tactics, but more importantly, some red flags that someone may attempt to take advantage of you with.

Officer David Causey is a graduate of UNT, a certified TCOLE instructor, a certified Gracie Survival Instructor, and a Field Training Officer. Officer Causey has served 8 years with the UNT PD. Seven of those years were on patrol, and he is now currently the Community Relations Officer.

Suicide in Later Life: Calling Attention to a Serious Problem

Wednesday, February 10; 10:00am - 11:30am

Underscored by the isolation many older adults are experiencing because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this course will explore suicide in later life: its origins, explanations, and consequences for survivors, to include suicides among older veterans. Emphases will be put on recognizing older persons who are at risk for taking their own lives and access to services and interventions to help them maintain not just the quantity of life, but its quality.

Dr. Bert Hayslip Jr. received his doctorate in Experimental/Developmental Psychology from the University of Akron in 1975. He was on the UNT faculty from 1978 to 2013, where he is now Regents Professor Emeritus. He has taught Psychology of Aging, Life Span Developmental Psychology, and Death and Dying at UNT, as well as many courses relevant to lifelong learning for OLLI at UNT.

Understanding Our Partisan Divide

Monday, March 22; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

In this course, members will learn about the Graves Theory of human psychosocial development, and explore how it applies to them and their interactions with their families, friends, and our society in general. The course objective will be to better understand the strong divisions we see in our country today.

Rick Thomas has been a university professor, a manager with the IBM Corporation, and a Life coach. He enjoys helping others in their quest to better understand themselves and the world we live in.



Update on the Climate: Still Changing or Have We Solved the Problem?

Monday, March 1; 10:00am - 11:30am

The climate has been changing rather rapidly. It is time to update as to whether things are getting better, staying the same as a year ago, or getting worse. This is an update.

Dr. Fred Busche earned his BS and his MS in Geology from the University of Illinois and the University of Hawaii, respectively. His PhD in Geochemistry was completed at the University of New Mexico, where he worked with lunar samples from Apollo 11 through 15. He currently teaches as an adjunct professor at Brookhaven College, a member of the Dallas Community College System, and is on the Board of Directors of Signal One International.

Women and Politics in the U.S.

Thursday, March 25; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

In the last few years we have had the first female major party presidential candidate and record-breaking numbers of women running for political office. So, have we come a long way, baby? In this course members will examine where women are as voters, office-holders, and candidates, the gender gap in voting, and the concept of representation. Members will also look at the results of the 2018 and 2020 elections.

Dr. Patricia Richard is Trustee Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Ohio University. From 1992-2001 she served as Dean of University College and Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies. In her scholarly work, Dr. Richard has written extensively about democracy, elections and campaigns, public opinion, and women's rights. She recently published *Latin American Political Culture: Public Opinion and Democracy* with John A. Booth.

2020 US Tax Preparation with Emphasis on the Newly Single

Mondays, February 8 & 15; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This course will discuss tax filing for singles and couples, with emphasis on the newly-single and what the tax implications are with that new-single status. 2020 tax law changes will be discussed as they affect personal (non-business) tax returns. This course will assist those filing their own tax returns or preparing their documentation for tax preparation assistance.

Mr. Gary Koenig has a BS degree in Computer Science and a Masters in Business Administration. During his corporate work career he was involved in computer programming, data center operations, project and program management, and ended his career as CFO of a small company. Mr. Koenig has volunteered providing free tax counseling for senior citizens and low-income households through AARP's Tax-Aide program for over 15 years. Gary is a Tax-Aide instructor as well as a volunteer Tax Counselor.

Appealing Your 2021 Denton County Property Appraisal

Tuesday, April 13; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

For those over 65, some or all of your property taxes may be capped. For those under 65, that is probably not the case, and appealing your property appraisal is one of the steps in minimizing your property taxes. This course will show you how to gather data necessary to successfully appeal your property appraisal without engaging paid consultants. While Denton county will be the focus of the course, all of the information will be applicable to other TX counties as well. Some of those over 65 could help their tax situation as well.

Mr. Gary Koenig (see bio above)



Financial Education Workshop

Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, & 23; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Financial education is an important step to helping you achieve a better future and this course will help you get there. Session 1 will cover the key features of bonds, stocks and mutual funds. Session 2 will provide steps you can take to prepare for retirement. Session 3 will explore how insurance can help protect against unexpected life events. Session 4 will cover the basics of estate planning.

Kyle Schlabach is a financial advisor with Edward Jones who focuses on retirement, estate, and legacy strategies. He received his Bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University.

Outsmart the Scammers

Friday, March 12; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Incidents of fraud are on the rise and scammers' tactics are becoming more complex. This course will help provide the information you need to outsmart the scammers. During the session, Mr. Schlabach will discuss how to spot certain red flags that may indicate a fraudulent encounter, resources you can turn to in the event you or your loved one is targeted and steps you can take now to help protect yourself and your loved ones in the future.

Kyle Schlabach (see bio above)

Retiree Investment Series

Tuesdays, February 2, 9 and March 2, 16;
10:00am - 11:30am

Session 1 of this course will focus on investing for a rising income. Session 2 will cover estate planning. Session 3 will deal with tax-free income in retirement. Session 4 will cover proper diversification post-retirement.

Kara Lebanik a financial advisor with Edward Jones. She has an extensive background in many different types of investment vehicles, and working closely with those who are unfamiliar with how investing works.

SECURE Act: How Does it Affect Taxation on Your Retirement Accounts?

Friday, March 26; 10:00am - 11:30am

The SECURE Act (effective January 1, 2020) is changing how retirement accounts are taxed and the required minimum distributions. In this course, Mrs. Hilton will discuss strategies to minimize taxes and replace the stretch-out that was allowed under the former law. Members will also learn how the SECURE act affects you, your retirement plans, retirement plan trusts, and IRA Inheritance Trusts.

Leigh Hilton is an Accredited Estate Planner. She received her law degree from the South Texas College of Law in Houston and is a member of the Wealth Counsel, National Association of Elder Law Attorneys, and Elder Counsel.

Time Matters: A Women's Retirement Outlook

Wednesday, March 31; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This course will share perspectives on financial concerns facing women who are getting ready for or have recently transitioned to retirement. It will discuss retirement income strategies, including perspectives around Social Security, and withdrawal and reliance rates. It will also address how to prepare for the unexpected, including market and inflation risks, and the rising costs of health care and long-term care.

Kyle Schlabach (see bio, left)

Who Gets Your Stuff When You Die?

Friday, April 2; 10:00am - 11:30am

Who gets your stuff when you die? Helping you plan for the two most important things in your life: everything you own and everyone you love.

Leigh Hilton (see bio above)



HISTORY

Custer's Last Stage:

The Battle of the Little Bighorn as the Culmination of a Life's Work

Wednesday, March 3; 10:00am - 11:30am

George Armstrong Custer's Last Stand in 1876 has often been viewed as a defeat brought on by hubris. This course, based on a new biography, argues that Custer's decisions were logical and based on his previous military experiences. In a new interpretation of Custer's life, this course will show how Custer had the soul of the artist rather than a soldier, and that his actions at his final battle created a narrative that endures in the American story.

Dr. James E. Mueller is a professor of journalism at UNT whose research focuses on 19th century history. The author of three books, Dr. Mueller is currently finishing a biography of George Armstrong Custer that illuminates his success as a writer and self-promoter.

First Ladies of the 19th Century

Monday, February 8; 10:00am - 11:30am

This course will examine four fascinating first ladies of the 19th century - Dolley Madison, Julia Tyler, Mary Todd Lincoln & Frances Cleveland - including their roles as hostesses and teammates while in the White House.

Bruce Ralston is a Civil War living history actor. He taught US History for 45 years in California.

History of American Political Parties

Thursday, April 8; 10:00am - 11:30am

Where do American political parties come from? Why does the United States have only two, while other democracies have dozens? How did our two parties evolve and where did they go wrong? This course will take members through the tangled history of the two parties, from colonial times to the 1992 rise of Ross Perot. Along the way, we will discover forgotten parties like the National Republicans and the Know Nothings, and discuss why third parties always seem to disappear. No current political divisions will be brought up, just historical facts. Therefore, you can leave the tar and feathers at home and just enjoy seeing how we got here!

Mr. James Robinson is a recently-retired teacher of American and Afro-American History. His Master's degree involved Civil War origins. Mr. Robinson currently volunteers for the Denton County Office of History and Culture, specifically in the Traveling Museum project, which brings museum artifacts and presentations to school children all over the county.

How Democracies Form and How They Fail

Wednesday, March 17; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Democracy is today in retreat around the world, after decades of sustained growth. After defining democracy at the political system level, Professor Booth will examine several historical waves of democracy formation and decline. The historical record helps identify factors and processes that favor the establishment of democracy in nation states, and others that contribute to its failure. Where is democracy at risk of failing today, and is the United States among nations whose democracy is in peril? If so, which factors appear to push us toward or hold us back from the brink of democratic failure?

Dr. John A. Booth is Regents Professor Emeritus of Political Science at UNT. His research and teaching have focused on Latin American politics and public opinion, democratization, and political violence and revolution. He is a member of the OLLI at UNT Advisory Council.



How the Microprocessor and Ideas of the 1970s Changed the World

Thursday, February 25; 10:00am - 11:30am

This course will describe the computer industry before 1970, and then the explosion of ideas that came about from the tiny microprocessor and turned the world on its spinning head. Members will leave understanding how computers end up working and why they (usually) do the wonderful things they do.

Dr. Darrel VanDyke holds a PhD in Computer Science and has worked with several early computer companies. He is also an author of the book, *Fire in the Mind*, which details the computer ideas that came about during the 1970s. He is a member of the OLLI at UNT Advisory Council.

Peleliu: The Little Known WWII Pacific Battle

Wednesday, February 3; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

This course will provide background on why Japan entered into the world war. Members will see how the U.S. decided to fight their way across the South Pacific. The focus will be on one strategic battle, the battle of Peleliu, and what it was like for a soldier (both Japanese and American) to fight on a coral atoll in the middle of an ocean. Through many interviews with soldiers who fought there, members will come to understand the battle from a personal perspective and gain a new appreciation for those who participated in the battle.

Dr. Darrel VanDyke (see bio above)

Red River Steam

Monday, March 15; 10:00am - 11:30am

Originally scheduled for Thurs. Feb. 4 at 10am

For almost seventy years, steam boats plied the waters of the Red River Valley from its mouth at the Mississippi River to several places in Texas and Indian Territory. Their journeys could not have taken place without extensive environmental modification and changing economies in the 19th century. Understanding the potential and reality of steam boats in the Red River Valley offers a fascinating, in-depth view of American history, and you're invited to float the river with Robin, the Red River Historian.

Robin Cole-Jett is a graduate of ETSU, UNT, and TWU. For the past two decades, she's been known as the Red River Historian, chronicler of the history of "where the South meets the West."

St. Patrick's 'Day' Celebrations:

Period and Place Variations, Proliferation Worldwide, and Progress Achieved

Wednesday, February 24; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

The original religious retreat to honor St. Patrick expanded to include festivals, parades, politics, music, drink, food, and more. Their success suggests the growing influence and impact of the Irish worldwide. Such as, the annual Shamrock Ceremony and related events in the U.S. capital that played a major role in the Northern Ireland peace process resulting in The Good Friday Agreement on 10 April 1998.

Dr. Rudy Ray Seward is a descendant of Mary Davis, born on Christmas Day in 1792 in County Tyrone, Ireland. He first visited Ireland in 1971 and in 1998 was Research Fellow at National University of Ireland, Galway. In 2012, he was designated Professor Emeritus at UNT after 39 years on faculty. He has authored a book, book chapters, and journal articles dealing with family issues, including Irish families, fathers, demographic history, and work/family balance.



Texas Cultures: History of Immigration to Texas in the 19th Century

Thursday, February 11; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

This course will examine the various types of immigrants who were drawn to Texas in the 19th century and follow their accomplishments to the present day. Members will examine each culture in depth and record what they brought to Texas and how their cultures meshed into what we call the Texas Culture.

Jim McLaren is a lifelong resident of this area. He has traveled widely throughout the state and experienced many of its wonders. After retiring in 2012 from The Denton State Supported Living Center, he has spent many hours volunteering at various non-profits in the area. He also volunteers at the Denton County Office of History and Culture.

The Amazing Adventures of Bertha Benz and the History of the German Automobile

Monday, March 8; 3:00pm - 4:30pm

The superb reputation of German cars is legendary: Porsche, BMW, AUDI, and Mercedes Benz have millions of fans all over the world and are synonymous with the quality and success of German engineering. But hardly anyone knows that the history of the automobile's origin is, to a great extent, due to Bertha Benz, a young mother of 5, who became the first human being ever to drive an automobile over a long distance. Join German historian Anette Isaacs as she introduces you to Bertha Benz and her exciting and history-making adventure of 1888!

Anette Isaacs, MA, is a German historian and public educator who has been presenting hundreds of programs on more than 30 different topics (all pertaining to her native country's history, politics, and culture) in the Chicagoland area and in South Florida. Ms. Isaacs holds Master's Degrees in American Studies, Political Science, and History and is an adjunct faculty member at the lifelong learning departments of several colleges in Illinois. She is also a popular instructor at Florida Atlantic University's OLLI in Boca Raton.

The American Revolution & The Americanization Debate

Thursday, February 11; 10:00am - 11:30am

What effect did life in America have on English colonists? Did it transform them from conventional Englishmen into something else – Americans? Many have pondered this question ever since 1776, and it was always tied to the question of why Americans seceded from the British Empire. The debate, therefore, is whether American independence was a product of slow, gradual Americanization, or a product of Anglicization, that is, a product of the colonists' English identity & culture.

Dr. Guy Chet was raised in Ness Ziona, Israel. He earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Haifa, and his MA and PhD at Yale University. He serves as Professor of History at UNT, teaching classes on early-American and military history. He is the author of several books addressing narratives of Americanization and Anglicization, and pointing to trends of cultural continuity between the Old World and the New.

The Doolittle Raiders: The Mission For The Bombing of Tokyo

Monday, March 8; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This course tracks the lives of 85 airmen before, during, and after WWII. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, these 85 men in one brave mission, changed the course of the war against Japan. Members will put themselves in the co-pilot's seat of plane #1 as it takes off from the U.S.S. Hornet.

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The History and Future of United States–Mexico Relations

Wednesday, March 24; 10:00am - 11:30am

Relations between the United States and Mexico have experienced many ups and down. The 19th and early 20th centuries reflect some of their low points, with war and violations of sovereignty undermining positive connections between the neighboring countries. Since the 1930s, relations have continued the roller coaster ride with immigration receiving much attention, but generally collegiality has replaced the bitterness of the past. What led to the challenges in United States-Mexico relations? How should we expect the countries to coexist in the future?

Dr. Glen Biglaiser is a professor in the Department of Political Science at UNT. His areas of specialization include comparative politics, Latin American politics, and economic and political issues in the developing world. He has written widely on foreign direct investment, portfolio investment, bond ratings by credit rating agencies, economic sanctions, and the International Monetary Fund.

The Rise and Fall of Spain in Texas

Monday, February 1 & Wednesday, February 3;
1:00pm - 2:30pm

This course will follow Spain's disastrous and sometimes comical efforts to conquer and control Texas. Beginning with the shipwreck of Cabeza de Vaca on Galveston in 1528 and ending with the epic collapse of Spain's presence in the region by 1820, this two-part course will offer a ground-level view of the clashes between Spanish authorities and the Indians of Texas that remade the region forever.

Dr. Andrew J. Torget is a historian of 19th century North America at UNT, where he directs a digital humanities lab. His most recent book, *Seeds of Empire*, won twelve major book prizes and was hailed by *Texas Monthly* as "the most nuanced and authoritative rewriting of the Texas origin myth to date."

Then and Now: History of Denton and Denton County

Monday, March 15; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This course will present the origins of the first settlers in North Texas and the creation of Denton and Denton County. Members will also explore the progress of Denton and Denton County from origin to present day.

Jim McLaren (see bio on previous page)

Waldine Tauch: Student, Partner, Master

Friday, February 12; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Waldinde Tauch was the first woman born in Texas to create monumental sculptures. She created not one but many such monuments and memorials, as well as a host of popular smaller images. Beginning as a student of Pompeo Coppini, then working alongside him as an assistant for decades, and finally emerging on her own as a master of her chosen medium of sculpture, Tauch created an artistic legacy that is still the subject of much admiration today.

Dr. Richard B. McCaslin is a TSHA Endowed Professor of Texas History in the Department of History at UNT where he currently teaches classes on Texas and 19th century U.S. military history. His primary interest is in addressing the myths of our past and finding the truth that lies within, as well as explaining the not-so-true elements that develop.



Your Family History: Different Ways to Share Your Family History

Friday, March 5; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Once a genealogist finds records and stories on their ancestors, they typically get excited about how to share that information with their family and relatives. This course will look at multiple ways to share family history without having to write a multi-chapter book. Come find that in today's age of social media and technology, producing a family history has never been easier.

Dr. Emily C. Richardson worked in higher education for 30 years as an administrator and a tenured faculty member, before retiring in 2018 to follow her passion and open her genealogy business, Kinsearchers. She has done genealogy research for over 40 years and has taught this topic to college students and adult learners. She is a member of the OLLI at UNT Advisory Council.

Your Family History: Military Records (Revolutionary War through Civil War)

Wednesday, March 10; 10:00am - 11:30am

This course will focus on both finding military records, and discovering what is in the record. The focus will be on the conflicts within the United States beginning with the Revolutionary War and building through the Civil War. Participants will gain an understanding of the wealth of information that is found in these records.

Dr. Emily C. Richardson (see bio above)

NATURE & GARDENING

Hurricanes and Severe Storms

Friday, February 5; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Severe storms and hurricanes have plagued the weather in the Western Hemisphere over the last year. Is this due to just bad luck or is it due to our climate being warmer than in the past? This course will address the problem and discuss what choices we have to be concerned with to avoid this happening in the future. Climate Change possibilities will be discussed as well as evidence that supports that this year is just a bad year for storms.

Dr. Fred Busche earned his BS and his MS in Geology from the University of Illinois and the University of Hawaii, respectively. His PhD in Geochemistry was completed at the University of New Mexico, where he worked with lunar samples from Apollo 11 through 15. He currently teaches as an adjunct professor at Brookhaven College, a member of the Dallas Community College System, and is on the Board of Directors of Signal One International.



WELLNESS & LIFESTYLE

Eat Well, Live Well with Ayurveda

Monday, March 8; 10:00am - 11:30am

Ayurveda is a unique system of wellness which focuses on the mind-body relation and the importance of balance to ensure health. Learn what you can do every day to maximize your bodies potential, positively impact your health and promote healthier sustainable living as you age. Simple Ayurvedic foods, spices and doable, easy to fit Ayurveda lifestyle will be discussed in the course.

Ms. Gauri Junnarkar is the founder of 'Ayurnutrition.' She is a Registered Dietitian, Ayurveda Practitioner and Certified Diabetes Educator. She has 18+ years of experience teaching, practicing Ayurveda and 13+ years in the field of nutrition. Gauri is an acclaimed speaker, who conducts workshops, cooking classes & presentations.

Growing from Grief

Wednesday, February 24; 10:00am - 11:30am

This course will help members understand the nature of grief as a response to loss. Emphases will be on the nature of grief, its impact on persons who have lost loved ones, and ways of helping those who are grieving. The unique ways people grieve will be discussed, as will the many factors that influence grief.

Dr. Bert Hayslip Jr. received his doctorate in Experimental/Developmental Psychology from the University of Akron in 1975. He was on the UNT faculty from 1978 to 2013, where he is now Regents Professor Emeritus. He has taught Psychology of Aging, Life Span Developmental Psychology, and Death and Dying at UNT as well as many courses relevant to lifelong learning for OLLI at UNT.

Healthful Ways to Cope with COVID

Thursday, April 22; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

This course will identify the adaptive and maladaptive ways that people have used to cope with COVID across the globe. Emphasis will be placed on healthy ways of coping with the uncertainties of COVID and the social isolation that comes with it.

Dr. Craig Neumann has been active teaching and conducting research in the Clinical Psychology Graduate Training Program at UNT for over 20 years. He has published over 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and been invited to share his research in dozens of book chapters. His research has substantial international impact and he has been consistently funded by The William H. Donner Foundation. In 2018, Dr. Neumann was selected for the UNT Distinguished Research Professor Award.

Healthy Eating for Your Mind, Body, and Gut

Monday, March 22; 10:00am - 11:30am

This course will focus on healthy eating for your mind, body, and your gut! It will cover simple nutrition and food concepts that can be applied to everyday food choices.

Ms. Gauri Junnarkar (see bio, left)



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The American West: History, Myth, & Legacy

The Great Trials of World History and the Lessons They Teach Us

The conquest and settlement of the American West transformed the United States from a regional republic into a continental power. An area that Thomas Jefferson believed would take 1,000 years or more to settle was overrun with in a century. Believed by European colonial powers to be the least enticing area of the Americas, the West instead became the heartland of the richest and most powerful nation in the history of the world. The idea of the West exercised a great fascination over generations of Americans, and remains a central part of American folklore and self-understanding. The 24 lectures of this course explore the processes of Western history and show how they became the stuff of myths, legends, movies, political speeches, and continuing claims about the exceptional character of the United States.

Join award-winning law professor Dr. Douglas O. Linder of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law for a 24-lecture investigation of important legal cases from around the world and across the centuries. From the trials of Socrates in ancient Athens and Thomas More in Henry VIII's England to the Nuremburg Trials in the wake of World War II and the media frenzy of the O. J. Simpson murder case, you'll discover what each of these fascinating and profound trials has to teach us about ourselves and our society. The horror of the Salem Witch Trials, the drama of the Scopes "Monkey" Trial, the trial for Nelson Mandela's life—inside these and other cases are enduring lessons that can help us avoid repeating the errors of the past and that will strengthen your appreciation for the goal of justice.

America's Founding Fathers

Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, and many others—are larger than life in our collective memory, having near-mythical status. The truth is that the Founders were flawed, contradictory people with their own radical views on what America's new government should look like. Through their lives, opinions, and deeds, one can see just how messy and rancorous a process was the formation of a "more perfect union." Now, more than ever, any well-informed citizen should understand how the Constitution lives, breathes, and endures. America's Founding Fathers is a deep dive into the creation of the U.S. Constitution as it actually happened – not as many are led to believe it happened. Professor Allen C. Guelzo of Gettysburg College delivers 36 compelling lectures on the remarkable men who played their own unique role in the creation (and survival) of American democracy.

Books That Matter: *The Federalist Papers*

Despite their lack of official or legal status, it would be difficult to overstate the influence of *The Federalist Papers*. These 85 brilliant essays have served as the single most important guide to the interpretation and application of the United States Constitution for more than 230 years. Authored by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, they offer a detailed blueprint for building a successful democratic republic. Taught by acclaimed professor and legal scholar Joseph L. Hoffmann of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, these 12 thought-provoking lectures take you back to the hot summer weather of Philadelphia in 1787, when the delegates from the states gathered to revise the Articles of Confederation.

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Peoples and Cultures of the World

In *Peoples and Cultures of the World*, Professor Edward F. Fischer reveals the extraordinary power of anthropology—and his subspecialty, cultural anthropology—as a tool to understand the world’s varied human societies, including our own. As a science that incorporates many disciplines, including psychology, biology and genetics, politics, economics, and religion, anthropology probes human behavior from nearly every possible perspective. These 24 lectures give you an opportunity to survey the full scope of the field of cultural anthropology.

The Life and Work of Mark Twain

Samuel Clemens, the man known to history as Mark Twain, was more than one of America’s greatest writers. He was our first true celebrity, one of the most photographed faces of the 19th and 20th centuries. This course explores Twain’s dual identities as one of our classic authors and as an almost mythical presence in our nation’s cultural life. It seeks to appreciate Twain’s literary achievements and to understand his life by highlighting seven of his major works. Professor Stephen Railton is extraordinarily qualified to bring to light the subtlest insights into Twain’s texts. An expert on Twain, he has appeared on *The Newshour with Jim Lehrer* as a distinguished Twain scholar and is the creator of *Mark Twain in His Times*, an award-winning Internet archive about Twain’s life and career. Professor Railton shows the issues that concerned Twain most throughout his lifetime and that appear repeatedly in the pages of his books.

America after the Cold War: The First 30 Years

Contemporary life is changing so rapidly that it can be daunting to take a step back and tell a cohesive story from 1990 to 2019, but this is precisely what “America after the Cold War: The First Thirty Years” offers. Taught by esteemed professor Dr. Patrick Allitt of Emory University, these 12 fascinating lectures tie the threads of contemporary life together to give you a rich understanding of the United States after the threat of war with the Soviet Union had passed.

Leonardo da Vinci and the Italian High Renaissance

This 36-lecture course—packed with illustrations and animations that bring you closer than ever before to Leonardo’s paintings, sculptures, sketches, and notebooks—is like touring an imaginary and comprehensive exhibit devoted to his entire career. Through Professor George R. Bent of Washington and Lee University, you’ll gain fresh insights into da Vinci’s iconic paintings, his important anatomical studies, and his astonishingly prescient visions for machines we now take for granted. But more than that, you’ll experience what it was like to live in Leonardo’s world and to understand the High Renaissance as it swept through great Italian cities such as Florence, Milan, and Rome.

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Great Minds of the Eastern Intellectual Tradition

In 36 lectures, award-winning Professor Grant Hardy of the University of North Carolina at Asheville introduces you to the men and women responsible for molding Asian philosophy and for giving birth to a wide variety of spiritual and ideological systems, including Hinduism, Daoism, Confucianism, Sufism, and Buddhism. By focusing on these key thinkers in their historical contexts, you'll witness the development of these rich traditions as they shaped and defined Eastern cultures through the rise and fall of empires, the friendly and hostile encounters with each other and with the Western world, and the rapid advancements of the modern age.

Travel Opportunities

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Shades of Ireland

September 18 - 27, 2021

Spotlight on New York City Holiday

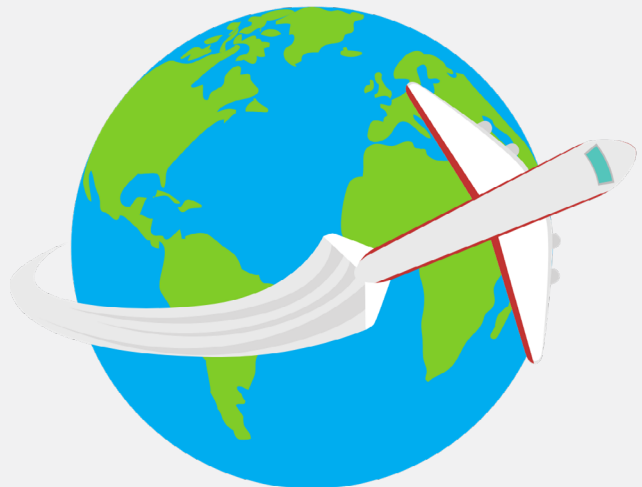
November 29 - December 3, 2021

Treasures and Thieves

Tracing Art Crimes through the Great
Museums of Europe with Dr. Laura Evans
May 4 - 15, 2022

Environment and Culture in the Galapagos with Dr. Fred Busche

September 7 - 15, 2022



Denton Black Film Festival

“We Tell Our Stories”

Film selections to be announced on December 18, 2020.

Open Passes go on sale December 18. Individual tickets become available on January 2, 2021.

