ED STOLMAN

Any celebration of OLLI’s 20th birthday would be incomplete without recalling the extraordinary contributions of Ed Stolman to the program’s creation. After several successful business careers, Ed retired to Sonoma County and made both OLLI and SSU’s Green Music Center the focus of his visionary efforts. Having experienced “Lifelong Learning” as a participant in the Fromm Institute at the USF, he approached SSU in the Fall of 2000 with the idea of starting a similar program here in the North Bay.

After meeting with Ed and the Director of the Fromm Institute, it became clear to me that given sufficient community support, such a program could be mounted through the School of Extended Education. With seed money from Ed, administrative support from both SSU’s President Ruben Arminana and Vice President Bernie Goldstein, and the amazing work of Barbara Brooks and my School of Extended Staff, we managed to mount the first OLLI classes during the memorable week following September 11, 2001.

For the remainder of his life, Ed supported OLLI as a fundraiser in the larger community, as advisor and coach, always urging the program to expand both in size and in academic quality, and as its best promoter. His friendship with San Francisco philanthropist, Bernard Osher, ultimately led to our link to the Osher Foundation, which then adopted our OLLI model as the basis of constructing an entire national network of Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes at more than 125 institutions across the country.

Ed Stolman earned and received an honorary doctorate from Sonoma State University for his multiple contributions to the campus, the community, and to the continuing “Lifelong Learning” of thousands of North Bay residents.

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- Les Adler, Emeritus Dean
  School of Extended Education
THANK YOU TO
2020-2021
OLLI DONORS!

JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021

OLLI received $18,442 in contributions for 2020-2021

A BIG THANK YOU
to OLLI members and friends, for contributions to the 2020 end of year campaign, Spring 2021 Board Match, and the SSU Inaugural Giving Day in April 2021. OLLI was the #1 contributor to SSU Giving Day with 53 OLLI donors raising $3,395 with an average donation of $79. OLLI members and friends outdid themselves!

Considering the challenging year it has been for you, we really appreciate that you kept OLLI in mind and in your heart when making charitable contributions.

If OLLI missed listing your name, please contact us at olli@sonoma.edu so that we can properly recognize your contribution. Thank you.

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DON’T MISS OUT ON | THESE GREAT FALL CLASS OFFERINGS

Friday, October 29
Writing a Legacy Letter, with Jay Sherwin
10 a.m.–12 p.m. | ZOOM
An opportunity to write down your own stories for future generations to enjoy

Friday, November 5
Leonardo da Vinci’s Hidden Message: Leonardo’s Knot, with Caroline Cocciardi
10 a.m.–12 p.m. | IN PERSON at SSU Campus
Learn about Leonardo’s hidden message unlocked by author, Caroline Cocciardi

Friday, November 12
Japanese American Incarceration during WWII and Its Relevance Today, with Jodi Hottel
10 a.m.–12 p.m. | IN PERSON at SSU Campus
Hear the stories of Sonoma County Japanese Americans

Friday, November 19
A Charlie Brown Christmas: How an Unconventional Approach Created a Holiday Classic, with David Sandri
10 a.m.–12 p.m. | IN PERSON at SSU campus
The much-loved holiday classic almost didn’t air on TV in 1965! Find out why!

Olli Winter 2022 Program Dates
Olli Course Preview Open House Monday, January 10 @ 9:30 a.m. IN PERSON – (location TBD)
Winter Class Dates: Monday, January 24 – March 4
OLLI Off-Season Dates: March 11 – April 1

Six Week Classes

Mondays
Intuition: The Light of Inner Guidance, Dr. David Sowerby
The Rolling Stones: The World’s Greatest Rock n’ Roll Band, Richie Unterberger

Tuesdays
At War with our Mother: Civilizations Relations with the Earth, Douglas Kenning
Peanuts by the Decade, David Sandri

Wednesdays
Will I need a Passport? A Virtual Tour of the World’s Great Museums, Charlie Goldberg and Heidi Chretien
The Making of Modern Ireland, Scott Meyer

Thursdays
A Dragon Threading the Eye of a Needle: 7 Major Issues in China in 2020, Douglas Lee
Stolen: Art Crime & Western Culture, Maureen de Geller

Note: Most OLLI classes will be offered on Zoom during winter session. We are working to secure classroom space, but due to the construction of Stevenson Hall and the loss of classrooms, we are doing the best we can with what is available and financially feasible. Thank you.

Three Week Classes

Fridays: Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 4 – Inner Geographies: Cave of Secrets, River LaMoreaux

OLLI A La Carte Classes

Friday, March 11 – Marc Chagall, Linda Loveland Reid
Friday, March 18 – Custer’s Luck: The Life and Times of the Son of the Morning Star, John Stephan Futini
Friday, March 25 – More than Pointy Hats and Broomsticks: Witches and Women’s History, Heidi Chretien
HAPPENINGS AT SSU

In response to the Academic Affairs’ Call to Action in the summer of 2020, the University Library is hosting an anti-racism reading group with the support of the Sonoma State’s Center for Community Engagement (CCE) and funded by the Office of the Provost. Engage in a monthly, text-based discussion focused on understanding race and uprooting systemic racism along with other, converging forms of oppression. Each virtual session features a different faculty facilitator who selects texts and guides group dialogue around themes related to racial justice.

Access session descriptions, recommended readings, and the full calendar at https://libguides.sonoma.edu/OutOfTheMargins. Or register for individual sessions below:

**Film Consumption Through an Anti-Racist Lens**, Facilitated by: Dr. Malinalli López Arreguín (AMCS)  
October 20, 2021 | 5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Register for the Event

**Beyond Stereotypes: Inspired Natives**, Facilitated by: Dr. Mary Churchill (NAMS) & Dr. Erica Tom (NAMS)  
November 17, 2021 | 5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Register for the Event

**Scholarly Publishing and Baked-In Bias**, Facilitated by: Rita Premo (University Library)  
January 26, 2022 | 5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Register for the Event

**Failures of School Desegregation**, Facilitated by: Dr. Kyla Walters Doughty (Sociology)  
February 23, 2022 | 5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Register for the Event

**A Walk-Through of So You Want to Talk about Race by Ijeoma Oluo: the 2022-23 Common Read**, Facilitated by: Dr. Suzanne Toczyski (French) & Dr. Anthony Rizzuto (English)  
April 27, 2022 | 5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Register for the Event

All SSU faculty, staff, and students are welcome. The purpose is to provide space to collectively work to unlearn structures of racism and white supremacy. See you there!

- Catherine Fonseca (University Library) & Merith Weisman (Center for Community Engagement)