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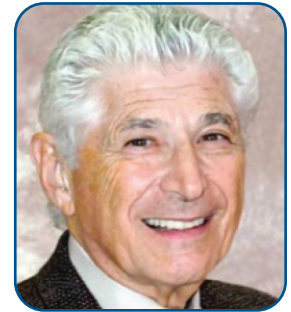
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ED STOLMAN

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.

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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.

*- 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*



OLLI ART CLUB

Joan Mitchell: A world premiere!

For updated information on the Friday, November 12 Art Club field trip to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art for the Joan Mitchell exhibit, go to the OLLI website at:

<http://olli.sonoma.edu/olli-activities-and-events/olli-art-club>



OLLI CINEMA CLUB

Lifelong Friends of Film

is an extracurricular club that partners with the Rialto Theater in Sebastopol. The Rialto shows film features on the last Friday of the month where club members can meet afterward to discuss the film. For information about October and November programs, contact Barbara Spear, spearb@sonoma.edu.

You can also find information at

<http://olli.sonoma.edu/olli-activities-and-events/olli-cinema-club>

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)

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