

GRAY MATTERS

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Hello OLLI Friends,

It is not too late to register for Fall 2022 Classes! If you are registering for an online class and missed the first session, we are happy to email you a link to view the recording. You are also welcome to register for a class in person, although we advise pre-registration in case a classroom fills up. For class listings, visit olli.sonoma.edu. Call **707-664-2691** to register.

Enjoy the following OLLI classes this fall:

In-Person Classes – Fall 2022

Research in Memory Disorders, with Allan Bernstein (In-Person) – Friday, Sept. 23, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
(Single, 2-hour class)

Ranier Maria Rilke: His Mentors and Teachers, with Jon Jackson (In-Person) – Fridays, Sept. 30 – Oct. 14, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. *(3 weeks)*

Online Classes – Fall 2022

Garry Trudeau, with Martin Marshall (Zoom)* –
Wednesdays, Sept. 14 – Oct. 19,
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. *(6 weeks)*

Women of the Gold Rush, with Leah Halper (Zoom)*
– Fridays, Sept. 16 – Oct. 21,
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. *(6 weeks)*

Vincent van Gogh, with Maureen DeGeller (Zoom)* –
Wednesdays, Sept. 14 – Oct. 19,
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. *(6 weeks)*

Exploring Broadway, with James Sokol (Zoom) –
Thursdays, Oct. 6 – 20,
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. *(3 weeks)*

Upheaval and Unrivaled, with David McCuan (Zoom)* – Thursdays, Sept. 15 – 29,
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. *(3 weeks)*

Images of Ukrainian Women, with Cathine Held (Zoom) – Oct. 21,
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. *(Single, 2-hour class)*

**You may still register for Zoom classes even if classes have already begun. You have the option to attend the Zoom classes live, view recorded classes or a combination of both.*

A SCIENTIFIC JOURNEY with Warren Wiscombe

Warren Wiscombe had already imagined a science career back in his high school days in Salt Lake City. After just one year at the University of Utah, he was admitted as an undergrad at MIT, majoring in physics.

After earning his master's degree in physics at Caltech, he decided he didn't like the particle physics that dominated the field in the late 1960s and switched to applied mathematics. Upon graduating in 1970, his Ph.D. advisor suggested he "go out and apply his mathematics" rather than seek a faculty job. This advice eventually led to a career in applying mathematics to climate studies. In 1970, Warren took a job offer in La Jolla, California, working with a small research company, Systems Science and Software (or S-cubed), with senior scientists from the Manhattan Project and General Atomics. They worked mainly on underground nuclear weapons test codes!

While at S-cubed, Warren learned radiative transfer, Fortran programming and computer

numerical analysis before moving into climate work. His work there earned him a role at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, where he worked for six years. After a stint as a professor at NYU, Warren took an offer from NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, where he worked during the golden years of climate research, 1984 to 2013.

Warren also worked on a Department of Energy project called Atmospheric Radiation Measurements (ARM), eventually spending five years as ARM Chief Scientist on loan from NASA. ARM later became the most important climate program in the U.S. government. After an extremely satisfying career, Warren retired in 2013.

Warren first heard of OLLI when his wife began taking classes through John Hopkins University. Upon moving to Santa Rosa, Warren connected with a professor at the SRJC that insisted he meet an SSU professor, which then led him to OLLI@SSU. Warren has taught



several OLLI science classes ranging from paleoclimate to global warming to exoplanets. He has also given single lectures on "A Tour of the Solar System" and "Fear of 5G and effects of Electromagnetic Radiation." Warren is also a regular hiker and recently gave an OLLI lecture, "Hiking and Paddling the North Bay," for which he brought all his paddling paraphernalia.

You won't want to miss Warren's Fall class, "The Science behind Science Fiction," on Tuesday mornings. Even though classes have started, you are still welcome to join for the remaining weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, with Wynton Marsalis

Saturday, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m. *Weill Hall & Lawn*

Women in Conversation, featuring Captain Sandra Yawn

The Experience*: Wednesday, Sept. 21,
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Wednesday, Sept. 21,
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

*Come visit the OLLI table at "The Experience"

DDAT

Combining jazz, funk and soul music with an original southwestern feel
Saturday, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Santa Rosa Symphony Fantastique

Saturday to Monday, Oct. 1 – 3 (various times) *Weill Hall*

For tickets and more info, check out the website:

<https://gmc.sonoma.edu/all-events/>



SENSATIONAL FILMS TO ENJOY! By Barbara Spear, 20-year OLLI Instructor

Here are a few wonderful films to stream at home. They will entertain you and give you a lot to think about. Available for a fee (\$2.99 or \$3.99) from Amazon Prime. Or, visit the app, "Just Watch," for additional streaming possibilities.

THE GENERAL (1926; silent film):

In the great comic genius Buster Keaton's best movie, he plays a Confederate in the Civil War South. When Northern spies steal his train, he infiltrates Union lines to retrieve his locomotive. This laugh-filled film recalls the work of photographer Matthew Brady, yet it also gives excellent insight into modern life and the value of orienting ourselves within our environment.



Photo Credit: Wikipedia

HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY (1941):

John Ford won the second of his four Oscars as Best Director for this film, which was awarded a total of five Oscars,



Photo Credit: Wikipedia

including Best Picture. At the turn of the 20th century, in a Welsh mining village, the Morgans raised coal-mining sons and hoped their youngest would find a better life. Strong themes include family and community bonds and how people and places change. The stunning cast includes Walter Pidgeon, Maureen O'Hara, Anna Lee, Donald Crisp and Roddy McDowall.

THE RIVER (1951):

Director Jean Renoir's first film in color is based on his adaptation of Rumer Godden's 1946 novel. It's a romantic drama about Britishers living in the Bengal region of India, where the movie was filmed. Three young girls about to come of age have their friendships tested, and their world



Photo Credit: Wikipedia

expanded with the arrival of Captain John, a charismatic American veteran who's been seriously wounded. "The River" explores the fragile connections between transitory emotions and everlasting nature.

BABETTE'S FEAST (1987):

This Danish movie won the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film and is considered a masterpiece of culinary cinema. Stephane Audran stars as Babette, a renowned chef who's been exiled from France and finds refuge as the family servant for strict Danish Protestants who regard food as a necessity not to be enjoyed. When Babette wins a lottery, she prepares a feast for the entire village.



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SSU ART GALLERY EXHIBITION

Exhibit information: <https://artgallery.sonoma.edu/exhibitions/upcoming-exhibitions>

Gallery Hours:

Tuesday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Weekends, 12 – 4 p.m.

(Closed on Mondays and holidays)



Farmworkers: Photographs, Prints, Paintings

Morrie Camhi Erik Castro
Jay Mercado Christie Tirado

September 8 –
October 16, 2022

University Art Gallery
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Attending classes at SSU? Meet up with OLLI friends at...

SIP: an excellent place for coffee, tea, cold beverages, pastries and breakfast sandwiches. Stop in for lunch with an array of sandwiches, wraps, salads, sushi, and more. Located in the SSU Student Center, first floor. Indoor and outdoor seating available.



Hours: Monday through Friday,
7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Lobo's: SSU's campus pub, with specialty pizzas, sandwiches, burgers, appetizers, desserts and beverages, including beer on tap. Indoor and outdoor seating available. Stop by for lunch after a morning class or enjoy refreshments after an afternoon class.



Hours: Monday through Friday,
11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

LIFE TRIBUTE TO BERKELEY MALM

Charter Member and OLLI Legacy Circle Member Berkeley Malm, 82, passed away on August 25, 2022, in Santa Rosa. According to Barbara Brooks, OLLI Advisory Board Member and past Coordinator for OLLI@SSU, Berkeley was involved with OLLI since its early days. She never missed an OLLI Open House and would take all eight classes if her schedule allowed. She was involved in the OLLI Lunch Bunch and would share stories about her

volunteer work in Sebastopol and her travels worldwide with OLLI travel groups. Her friends thought of her as “French in temperament,” an independent thinker, and an avid reader who did not shy away from a spirited debate. Berkeley cared deeply about the world around her, and her wit, sincere gentleness and intelligence will be greatly missed by her many OLLI friends and those fortunate enough to have known her.



Enjoy an article by Berkeley Malm, [Three Women and a Sailboat](#), from the Grey Matters Newsletter, September 20, 2004:

[Life Tribute for Berkeley Malm, September 7, 2022, Press Democrat](#)



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