

GRAY MATTERS

News of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
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The Summer Season

At OLLI, we urge you to enjoy all that summer has to offer, from farmers markets to free outdoor music, barbecues, local baseball games (Go Prune Packers!), a walk among the redwoods or tasty garden-grown tomatoes, squash, cucumbers and strawberries. Whatever you love most, enjoy the bounty of Sonoma County and the beautiful long sunny days. Just don't miss the final **Golden State Summer Adventures with OLLI** classes this summer on *Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 10 – 11:50 a.m.*

August 2 — *California Politics: How We are the Driver of the National Political Scene* with David McCuan (*Zoom*)

August 4 — *How Geology Formed California* with Nicole Myers (*Zoom*)

August 9 (Rescheduled) — *A Private Viewing: Art Works of the Leissring Gallery*, with Linda Reid, (*now on Zoom*)

Register at oli.sonoma.edu or call OLLI at 707-664-2691 to register today!



RUTH WALTENSPIEL Receives Honorary Doctorate in Science from SSU

“Ruth began taking courses at Sonoma State in 1984, where she developed a passion for the campus. For more than a decade, Ruth has been a valued supporter of Sonoma State as an active participant in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) and the School of Science and Technology. Ruth has served as an ambassador for OLLI and has served on the Advisory Board since 2014. She also maintains a passion for supporting students in STEM and is an active participant in SSU’s annual research

symposium. A trusted advisor and volunteer to SSU, Ruth’s passion led to a generous gift to the School of Science and Technology to support STEM and health programs. In addition, she has generously supported the school with donations of wine from her vineyard.

Deeply appreciative of the help and kindness she has received from fellow students and instructors over the years, she has pledged to continue taking classes, volunteering and supporting SSU.”



CONGRATULATIONS RUTH!

Excerpt from the SSU 2022 Commencement Program

To read the full article, visit <https://olli.sonoma.edu/gray-matters-newsletters/articles>

OLLI FALL 2022 CLASS SCHEDULE

In-Person / Zoom classes Morning classes: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. | Afternoon classes: 1 – 3 p.m.

Mondays

Morning

9/26 – 10/31 (starts later) | *Theodore Roosevelt’s America* with Mick Chantler, *In-Person*

Afternoon

9/12 – 10/17 | *Memphis Soul Music: Grit, Grease, and Grace in American Music* with Pete Elman, *In-Person*

Tuesdays

Morning

9/13 – 10/18 | *The Science Behind Science Fiction* with Warren Wiscombe, *In-Person*

Afternoon

9/12 – 10/17 | *Romanticism and Revolution: The Birth of Individual Expression in Classical Music* with Andrew Harrison, *In-Person*

Wednesdays

Morning

9/14 – 10/19 | *Garry Trudeau: From Doonesbury to Alpha House* with Martin Marshall, *Zoom*

Afternoon

9/14 – 10/26 (no class on 9/26) | *Vincent Van Gogh: His Art – His Life – His Legacy* with Maureen De Geller, *Zoom*

Thursdays

Morning

9/15 – 9/29 (3 weeks) | *Upheaval and Unrivaled: The Dynamics of Midterms – November 2022* with David McCuan, *Zoom*

10/6 – 10/20 (3 weeks) | *Broadway Mini Series* with James Sokol, *Zoom*

Afternoon

9/15 – 10/20 (6 weeks) | *Reading the U.S. Constitution* with Bill O’Connor, *In-Person*

Fridays

Morning

9/16 (one 2-hour course) | *Argonauts in Skirts: Women in the California Gold Rush* with Leah Halper, *Zoom*

9/23 (one 2-hour course) | *Research in Memory Disorders: Where Are We Now* with Allan Bernstein, *In-Person*

9/30 – 10/14 (3 weeks) | *Rainer Maria Rilke: His Mentors and Teachers* with Jon Jackson, *In-Person*

10/21 (one 2-hour course) | *Images of Ukrainian Women: Amazons and Mothers* with Catherine Held, *Zoom*

Afternoon

9/16 – 10/21 (6 weeks) | *Age of Reptiles: Evolution of Scales and Feathers during the Mesozoic Era* with Nicole Myers, *Zoom*

Fall course descriptions available at olli.sonoma.edu beginning Wednesday, August 17, when registration opens.

GET READY FOR FALL 2022 OLLI CLASSES!

Monday, September 12 – Monday, October 31

Join us in person at the

OLLI Fall 2022 Course Preview Open House

- Sonoma State University – Evert B. Person Theater
- Wednesday, August 31
9 a.m. (doors open) – 11:45 a.m.
- 9 a.m. – Breakfast reception
- 10 a.m. – Instructor class presentations

RSVP between **Aug. 22 – 30** at [OLLI.sonoma.edu](https://olli.sonoma.edu)
Registration for Fall OLLI classes will be accepted
at the Open House. Payment by credit card and
check accepted.

OLLI AT THE JULY 9 SANTA ROSA SENIOR EXPO!

OLLI members Eric Norrbom, Pat Kavanaugh, Joanne Lapinski, and Ruth Waltenspiel, along with OLLI Program Coordinator, Grace Burroughs, represented OLLI at the Santa Rosa Senior Expo at the Finley Center on July 9. Hundreds of area seniors visited OLLI at the event. Thank you to OLLI members for helping to share OLLI with the community.



Pictured: Eric Norrbom, Pat Kavanaugh, Joanne Lapinski

Do you have something to share with OLLI?

Would you like to write an article for Gray Matters? We would love to hear from you!
Contact OLLI at: olli@sonoma.edu

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