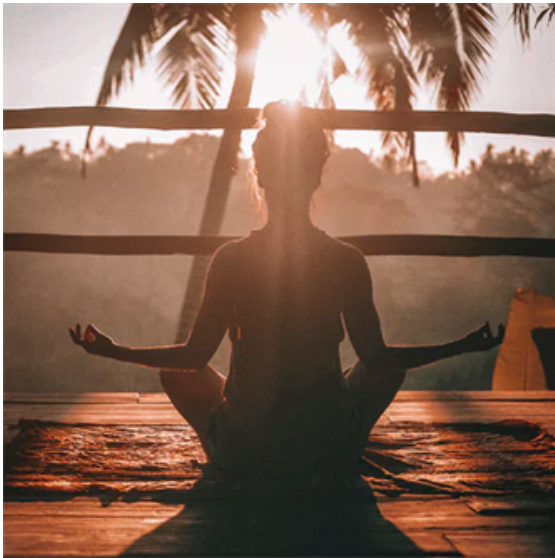




Learn new Things, make new Friends!

Fall A and B Schedule 2023 Virtual Classes (on ZOOM)



INTERACTIVE SELF-CARE: ENGAGE. MEDITATE. REGROUP.

Date: Wednesday, August 30
Time: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Instructor: Beth Sullivan-Jawitz
Members \$0 / Non-members \$0
Location: Virtual

Join us for an inspiring and engaging session to regroup and connect with others. Each week will include an interactive discussion followed by a mediation with Beth Sullivan-Jawitz. Beth is a certified master NLP practitioner and coach. She has more than a decade of experience practicing as a psychiatric mental health nurse. Each weekly session will offer an opportunity to leave you feeling rejuvenated and ready for the week ahead. Presented by AvMed.



CINEMA POST DISCUSSION: EVENING SERIES VIA ZOOM

Dates: Thursday, Sept. 7 to October 5
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Instructor: Shelly Isaacs
Members \$60 / Non-members \$80
Location: Virtual

Cinema Series (Evening) NOTE: This series will be the same set of movies offered during the day series on Mondays. This series includes four (4) live, virtual post-discussions for the term.

Dates: Four (4) Thursdays, September 7, 21, 28 and October 5 (No class on Thursday, September 14 in observance of Rosh Hashanah)



CINEMA DAY POST DISCUSSION

Dates: Monday, Sept. 11 to October 9

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Instructor: Shelly Isaacs

Members \$60 / Non-members \$80 Location: Virtual

Cinema Series (Day) NOTE: This series includes four (4) live, virtual post-discussions for the term. If you will not be able to attend all discussions, we send the video recording of the session, so you don't miss the conversation!

Cinema Post-Discussion: Movie titles TBA

Four (4) Mondays, September 11, 18, October 2 & 9



CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Date: Tuesday, September 12

Time: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

with Bob Raymond

Members \$0 / Non-members \$10

Location: Virtual

Meet up with other inquisitive adults who are at least 50 years of age to discuss various topics. No preparation needed. The rules are simple: Each participant may submit up to three (3) questions of choice (no politics, no religion, and no current affairs). 1. A question about a simple topic 2. A question about a personal topic 3. A question about a serious or heavy topic The facilitator will randomly select a question from one of the bowls, read it aloud, and then give the first response.



A-LIST ANIMALS: HOLLYWOOD'S FUNNY STARS!

Date: Wednesday, September 13

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Instructor: Annette Bochenek

Members \$10 / Non-members \$15

Location: Virtual



While classic Hollywood had its fair share of human actors, many memorable animal stars also enjoyed success and appreciation of audiences all over the world. Join Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents a variety of animal performers and explores their careers and their legacies today. This delightful program will include a multimedia presentation consisting of photos, video clips, and captivating stories.

**ICONIC PLACES:
BUNDLE AND SAVE ON OUR LECTURE SERIES**

Date: Wednesday, September 13 to October 25
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Members \$25 / Non-members \$40
Location: Virtual



What do Hollywood, Ellis Island, and legendary Jewish Communities around the world in common?

Well, one could subsume them under the header: Iconic Places!

That is what we here at OLLI have done with our virtual lecture series that will brighten up your Wednesday nights!

- 1) September 13th at 6 p.m.: A-List Animals: Hollywood's Furry Stars with Dr. Annette Bochenek**
- 2) September 27th at 6 p.m.: Becoming and American: The History of Ellis Island with Dr. Jerry Franz**
- 3) October 25th at 6 p.m.: Curry & Kreplach: A look at unique Jewish communities around the World with Dan Fellner**



**CHAT GPT UNMASKED:
EXPLORING THE COMPLEXITIES OF CONVERSATIONAL
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)**

Date: Thursday, September 14
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m
Instructor: Mamoun Benmamoun (Ben)
Members \$10 / Non-Members \$15
Location: Virtual



In this indispensable lecture, Dr. Benmamoun delves deep into the critical components of ChatGPT, exposing the inner workings of this powerful language model. Discover the ethical considerations and potential biases that come with deploying such advanced AI technology for human-like conversations. With a keen focus on its limitations and challenges, Ben's thought-provoking lecture offers a balanced perspective on the implications of ChatGPT in the modern world. Join us to explore the captivating, yet complex, landscape of conversational AI and its impact on society.

(Guess what, OLLI Members? This lecture description was created by AI itself! ChatGPT took exactly 2 seconds to come up with this! Believe us, you will want to know how this transformative technology works.)



FREE MEMBER EVENT!

MARGERETE STEIFF - THE WOMEN BEHIND THE TEDDY BEAR

Date: Monday, September 18

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Instructor: Anette Isaacs

Members \$0 / Non-members \$10

Location: Virtual

It is common knowledge that President Theodore Roosevelt, who was born 165 years ago, was the namesake of the iconic Teddy Bear. Hardly anyone knows, though, that this delightful toy was invented by an amazing woman who overcame terribly sickness and incredible challenges and turned her tiny workshop into one of the most recognizable international brands -- and all that in the male dominated world of the 19th century! Join German Historian and OLLI at FIU Director Anette Isaacs as she relates the story of the truly awe-inspiring life of toy maker and business maven Margarete Steiff!

This virtual lecture is **FREE FOR OLLI MEMBERS!** Call our office to learn how to become a member!

Book



BOOK CLUB

Date: Tuesday, September 19

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Instructor: Eda Valero-Figueira

Members \$0 / Non-members \$0

Location: Virtual

Book: TBA

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ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO DISCUSS

Date: Thursday, September 21

Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Instructor: Alan Fisher

Members \$15 / Non-members \$20

Location: Virtual

This lecture will explore the current events taking place around the world at the time of the lecture. Also, you will learn about the headlines four months before they appear in the Mass Media.

BECOMING AN AMERICAN: THE HISTORY OF ELLIS ISLAND



Date: Wednesday, September 27
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Instructor: Dr. Jerry Franz
Members \$10 / Non-members \$15
Location: Virtual



It is estimated that approximately 40% of all American citizens can trace at least one of their ancestors to Ellis Island. Using images and many immigrant quotes, Dr. Franz will tell the story of American immigration in the 19th and early 20th centuries. His talk will focus on New York's Ellis Island which was the most popular entry point into the United States. Immigrants came from so many countries, and for so many reasons, and they greatly contributed to the work and success of our nation.

JAZZ AS SOCIAL PROTEST -A 6 WEEK VIRTUAL COURSE-



Date: Saturday, October 7 to November 11
Time: 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Instructor: Dr. Caleb Westby
Members \$70 / Non-members \$90
Location: Virtual



OLLI at FIU is delighted to introduce a special collaboration with our big sister: the OSHER National Resource Center (NRC) in Chicago! They created the new learning platform OSHER ONLINE and are offering 6 week virtual classes by accomplished instructors to all OLLIs throughout the United States!

Be part of this exciting new program and sign up for:

Jazz as Social Protest with Dr. Caleb Westby

Jazz is a storied and complicated genre within the landscape of American popular music. Over the course of six weeks, we'll evaluate a variety of different artists, subgenres, and songs through the lens of social activism and protest. We will examine what core components are necessary to make a genre or song "protest music." Our course will cover a wide variety of artists, but will focus especially on the output of some of jazz's more socially active personalities such as Charles Mingus, Nina Simone, and Billie Holiday.

Osher Online

THE WORLDS OF COMEDY



Osher Online

Date: Tuesday, October 10 to November 21
Time: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Instructor: David Misch
Members \$70 / Non-members \$90
Location: Virtual



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Be part of this fun new program *OSHER ONLINE* and sign up for:

The Worlds of Comedy with David Misch

There are survey courses in art, history, art history, and (this is true) history of art history. Isn't it time for one of the most vibrant and popular of the arts to be taken seriously? This course has the temerity to claim humor is an art form, then try to prove it by looking at what it is and how it works – the history, mythology, anthropology, biology, psychology, philosophy and even theology of comedy. Examples come from the form's most expert practitioners: Chaplin, Keaton, Groucho, Wilder, Sellers, Allen, Martin, Ferrell, Python, Pryor, Colbert, C.K., Stiller, Silverman and Schumer. David also draws from his background in comedy to show how professional humor is constructed.

CONVERSATION CIRCLE



Date: Tuesday, October 10
Time: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
with Bob Raymond
Members \$0 / Non-members \$10
Location: Virtual

Meet up with other inquisitive adults who are at least 50 years of age to discuss various topics. No preparation needed. The rules are simple: Each participant may submit up to three (3) questions of choice (no politics, no religion, and no current affairs). 1. A question about a simple topic 2. A question about a personal topic 3. A question about a serious or heavy topic The facilitator will randomly select a question from one of the bowls, read it aloud, and then give the first response.

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BOOK CLUB

Date: Tuesday, October 17
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Instructor: Eda Valero-Figueira
Members \$0 / Non-members \$0
Location: Virtual

Book:

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO DISCUSS



Date: Monday, October 23
Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Instructor: Alan Fisher
Members \$15 / Non-members \$20
Location: Virtual

This lecture will explore the current events taking place around the world at the time of the lecture. Also, you will learn about the headlines four months before they appear in the Mass Media.

CURRY & KREPLACH:

A LOOK AT UNIQUE JEWISH COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD



Date: Wednesday, October 25
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Instructor: Dan Fellner
Members \$10 / Non-members \$15
Location: Virtual



Join one of America's leading travel journalists, Dan Fellner, and follow him on a virtual journey to some of the most interesting and off-the-beaten-path Jewish communities around the world. You will learn about Jewish life on four different continents in such fascinating places as Hong Kong, Ukraine, India, Japan, Alaska, and Myanmar. Dan's highly visual presentation will explore the survival and resilience of Jewish life in places you might least expect to find it.



CINEMA DAY POST DISCUSSION

Dates: Monday, October 30 to November 20

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Instructor: Shelly Isaacs

Members \$60 / Non-members \$80

Location: Virtual

Cinema Series (Day) NOTE: This series includes four (4) live, virtual post-discussions for the term. If you will not be able to attend all discussions, we send the video recording of the session, so you don't miss the conversation!

Cinema Post-Discussion: Movie titles TBA

Four (4) Mondays, October 30, November 6, 13, 20



AN OLLI HALLOWEEN... WITH SCARY FUN MUSICALS!

Dates: Tuesday, October 31

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Instructor: Sam Camponegro

Members \$10 / Non-members \$15

Location: Virtual

Are you thrilled by musicals? Yes, musicals can be thrilling, filled with wonder and whimsy, and they occasionally also come with a touch of horror or a bit of the macabre. Travel with us on a creepy -crawly journey on this Halloween Tuesday, exploring musicals such as the "Rocky Horror Picture Show", "The Addams Family", "Little Shop of Horrors" and others. Let's do the time warp again! We dare you not to enjoy it!

FREE MEMBER EVENT!!

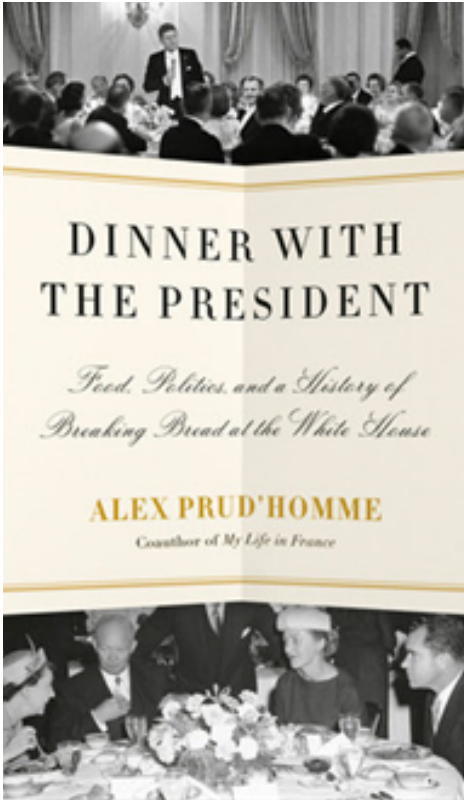
DINNER WITH THE PRESIDENT: AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR ALEX PRUD'HOMME

Dates: Wednesday, November 1
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Instructor: Alex Prud'Homme
Members \$0 / Non-members \$10
Location: Virtual



Let's gather in the most important kitchen in America!
Join us via Zoom and meet Alex Prud'homme, author of: *Dinner with the President* (2023)

Julia Child's great nephew, Alex Prudhomme, tells us about his new bestseller, *Dinner with the President*, a narrative history of American food, politics, and twenty-six presidents, from George Washington to Donald Trump's burger banquets, and Joe Biden's "performance enhancing" ice cream in 2022. The White House is the most important home in the world, and the meals served there communicate many things: the meals our leaders eat, who prepares and consumes them, and the context of presidential gatherings.



Book



Club



BOOK CLUB

Date: Tuesday, November 7
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Instructor: Eda Valero-Figueira
Members \$0 / Non-members \$0
Location: Virtual

Book:

CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Date: Tuesday, November 14
Time: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
with Bob Raymond
Members \$0 / Non-members \$10
Location: Virtual

Meet up with other inquisitive adults who are at least 50 years of age to discuss various topics. No preparation needed. The rules are simple: Each participant may submit up to three (3) questions of choice (no politics, no religion, and no current affairs). 1. A question about a simple topic 2. A question about a personal topic 3. A question about a serious or heavy topic. The facilitator will randomly select a question from one of the bowls, read it aloud, and then give the first response.



ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO DISCUSS

Date: Monday, November 20
Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Instructor: Alan Fisher
Members \$15 / Non-members \$20
Location: Virtual

This lecture will explore the current events taking place around the world at the time of the lecture. Also, you will learn about the headlines four months before they appear in the Mass Media.



CAMELS, DOLPHINS, AND MULES: EXPLORING OUR MARVELOUS MAMMALS!

Date: Friday, December 1 to December 15
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Instructor: Stephanie Slahor
Members \$45 / Non-members \$55
Location: Virtual



Welcome to a whimsical adventure that shines the spotlight on three marvelous mammals! Get ready to dive into their captivating histories, quirky lore, and heartwarming partnerships with humans. We'll delve into their unique anatomies, explore their fascinating lifestyles, and marvel at how they adapt to various environments. From hilarious encounters to extraordinary collaborations, these wonderful animals have been our faithful allies in the most unexpected ways, leaving us in awe of their incredible abilities. Join us for a wildly fun journey as we uncover the delightful tales of these loyal co-adventurers!

CONVERSATION CIRCLE



Date: Tuesday, December 5
Time: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
with Bob Raymond
Members \$0 / Non-members \$10
Location: Virtual

Meet up with other inquisitive adults who are at least 50 years of age to discuss various topics. No preparation needed. The rules are simple: Each participant may submit up to three (3) questions of choice (no politics, no religion, and no current affairs). 1. A question about a simple topic 2. A question about a personal topic 3. A question about a serious or heavy topic The facilitator will randomly select a question from one of the bowls, read it aloud, and then give the first response.

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Club

BOOK CLUB

Date: Tuesday, December 12
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Instructor: Eda Valero-Figueira
Members \$0 / Non-members \$0
Location: Virtual

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