



# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

## Widener University

### Fall 2017

The mission of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Widener University is to provide opportunities for intellectual development, cultural stimulation, personal growth, civic engagement, and social interaction for mature adults in an academic cooperative run by its members who volunteer their time and talents. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's program is centered on classes developed and led by its members.

### Membership Fees

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is an adult educational and social organization. A Membership includes unlimited on-campus classes, as well as access to the library, gym, pool, fitness classes, and other amenities of Widener's campus. Members are eligible to participate in clubs and committees, and also received discounted rates on trips, events, and excursions throughout their membership.

Term Memberships may be purchased for \$150 for the spring, summer, or fall semesters. Annual Memberships cost \$275, and include membership benefits for the calendar year.

#### **Fall 2017 SPECIAL:**

**FALL 2017 TERM MEMBERSHIPS ARE 50% OFF!** That's unlimited on-campus classes, access to campus amenities, eligibility for clubs and committees, and discounted trips and events for just \$75!

### Registration Process

Students can register in person or by mail. Please call 610-499-4279 with any questions. Seats are first come, first served. In the event that we receive more registrations than class seats on the first day of registration, a lottery system will be used. **Several of the courses have limited seats, so register early!**

### Parking and Building Access

Parking will be reserved in our Old Main parking lot for all registered students and a university shuttle will transport all students and instructors from that lot directly to the door of the University Center (where classes are held). All OLLI members will be issued a Widener University parking tag and student ID card prior to the start of the semester. Your parking tag must be on display in order to park in the campus parking lots. Your student ID card gives you access to University Center, campus academic buildings, Wolfgram Memorial Library, and other Widener University facilities and amenities.

# Fall 2017 Courses

## Session A- September 11- October 13

### Serene Scenes: Meditative Walking

#### OLLI 4301 A

Day: Mondays, September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9

Time: 9:00AM-10:00AM

Taylor Arboretum, now a part of Widener University's campus, is a stunning 30 acre property in Wallingford, intended as a sanctuary for the study and enjoyment of the natural world by its visitors. Our group will meet weekly (weather permitting) to explore the beauty of the arboretum. Participants should be aware that some paths are hilly and the ground can be uneven in spots. Walkers should be moderately vigorous to enjoy the experience. Persons with mobility restrictions can enjoy the upper gardens and gather for conversation on the chairs and benches.

### Our Five Best Presidents

#### OLLI 1549 A

Day: Mondays, September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9

Times: 1:00PM-2:10PM

This course will outline the life and accomplishments of our five best presidents: Lincoln, FDR, Washington, Jefferson, and Teddy Roosevelt.

#### Paul Mattheiss

*BA, University of Delaware*

*MA, University of Illinois*

Paul's expertise is in science, technology, math, computers, and world and U.S. history. He taught computer courses from 1963–1967 at Widener when it was Pennsylvania Military College. In the mid 1990s, he taught chemistry and general science in two high schools.

### Four Famous American Trials

#### OLLI 1505A

Day: Mondays, September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9

Time: 2:30PM-3:40PM

This course will consider the following four great trials: The Dred Scott Decision, The Scopes Monkey trial, Brown v. the Board of Education, and Roe v. Wade. In each case, the drama leading up to the trial, the struggle of the trial, and then the aftermath will be addressed.

**Paul Mattheiss** (see bio above)

### Thriving in Retirement

#### OLLI 4511 A

Day: Tuesdays, September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10

Time: 9:30AM-10:30AM

Strategies for all your health and insurance needs. We will address Medicare changes, Open Enrollment, and taking the confusion out of Medicare Supplement and Prescription Choices.

#### Joe Cisco

BS, Business Administration, Widener University.

Joe is the President of Caise Benefits, health insurance advocates and consultants with over 25 years' experience. He is also currently instructing at the Temple, Immaculata, and University of Delaware (both Wilmington & Lewes) OLLIs.

### Rational Happiness

#### OLLI 4500 A

Day: Tuesdays, September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10

Time: 10:45AM-11:55AM

In this course we examine how our basic beliefs about ourselves, others, and the world influence our happiness. We discuss how we can internalize specific rational beliefs to experience more healthy emotions and useful behaviors. The course material is inspired largely by Stoic philosophy and rational emotive behavior therapy.

#### Bill Broadwater

*BA, The Pennsylvania State University*

*MS, Hawthorn University*

Following a career in the federal government, Bill trained as a life coach and received a certification in wellness coaching. He also pursued studies in the science of happiness and earned a certificate in positive psychology for coaches. For the past two years, Bill has been studying Stoic philosophy and how it may be practiced effectively in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### The Creative Theatre Experience (A)

#### OLLI 1000 A

Day: Wednesdays, September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11

Time: 10:00AM-12:00PM

Students will create vivid, complex characters using different voice/body techniques. They will learn acting, writing and creative thinking using scenes and improvisations. We will write and perform a One Act Play with script in hand.

**Loretta Wehbe** is a Theater Director /Playwright Actress/ Singer Founder/ Director Performing Arts Youth Theatre, Philly Youth Theatre Co-Founder/ Director Young People's Theater Workshop.

## **Hollywood Women Directors: Ups and Downs**

### **OLLI1004 A**

Day: Wednesdays, September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11

Time: 12:00PM-2:00PM

Kathryn Bigelow is the only woman who has won an Academy Award for Best Director since the first Academy Award ceremony was held in 1929. In 2009 the Academy honored her for her film, "Hurt Locker."

Why did it take 80 years for a woman to win? We'll look at a history of women film directors from 1895 to present, at two of Bigelow's films and discover what set her apart from all the others and what puts her on par with the men who dominate the category. \*Students are encouraged to bring their lunch to class!

#### **Kate Currihan**

BA, English from Trinity College, Washington, D. C.

Doctoral work at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Personal Effectiveness Program, 9 years, Villanova University, Villanova, PA

## **The Way We Used to Be: the 1950's**

### **OLLI 1503 A**

Day: Thursdays, September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12

Time: 10:00AM-11:10AM

A nostalgic look at the things that filled our lives when we were young, and the political, social and technological forces that wiped them out. We will also cover the events that grabbed our attention during this important, yet often overlooked decade.

#### **Michael Simeone**

*AB, Ohio University*

*MEd, Temple University*

*Doctoral Work in History, Temple University*

Michael's career in education has included his beginnings as a high school social studies teacher in the Philadelphia public schools, through being a member of the faculty of the College of Education at Temple University, and the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences at Widener University. He has also served as an administrator at Glassboro (now Rowan) State College and as a management consultant at Achieve/Global, Inc.

## **Doing the NY Times Crossword**

### **OLLI 4404 A**

Day: Fridays, September 15, 22, October 6, 13 \*NO CLASS 9/29

Time: 10:00AM-11:30AM

NY Times crossword puzzles will be projected on-screen for the class to solve as a group. The puzzles will be at a difficulty level appropriate to the class. Tips and tricks will be discussed to prepare participants to solve puzzles on their own.

#### **Donald Raskin**

PhD, MA (Physics) Columbia Univ

BS (Math) Univ. of Chicago

Donald led developments of technical products in a range of fields. He has enjoyed solving crosswords and other word games since a very young age.

## **Session B- October 16-November 17**

### **Tune Up Your Brain, Sharpen Your Mind**

#### **OLLI 3900 A**

Day: Mondays, October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13

Time: 11:00AM-12:10PM

Join Lois in an ongoing dialogue about ways to proactively keep your mind young! Lois' expertise in mental health and cognitive function will guide you through exercises and tools to tune up your brain, and sharpen your mind!

#### **Lois Levine-Elman**

*BA, Brooklyn College*

*MS, Yeshiva University*

*PA State Certified School Psychologist, Immaculata University*

Lois has taught psychology and literature courses at Rowan University, University of Phoenix, and Delaware County Community College. At Ursinus College, she designed and presented an interdisciplinary course focusing on the question, "What makes us human?" Ms. Elman has presented talks to older adults on issues related to the importance of maintaining mental health and cognitive acuity.

### **Four Women Who Changed the World**

#### **OLLI 1506 A**

Day: Mondays, October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13

Time: 1:00PM-2:10PM

This course focuses on four women who, over time, have made significant contributions to the way we live. Eleanor Roosevelt, Margaret Sanger, Sara Weddington, and Sandra Day O'Connor will be discussed.

**Paul Mattheiss** (see bio above)

### **The Histories of Longwood Gardens, and Winterthur, Two Great Local DuPont Estates**

#### **OLLI 1522 A**

Day: Mondays, October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13

Times: 2:30PM-3:40PM

Longwood Gardens is one of the greatest gardens of the world, created to save an arboretum. Winterthur is the home of a daughter of the original DuPonts who came to America to not lose their heads to the guillotine in France. Henry DuPont turned it into a world class home of American art and architecture. This course will culminate in a trip to Longwood Gardens to see the holiday display!

**Paul Mattheiss** (see bio above)

## **Survey of American Musical Theatre**

### **OLLI 1002 A**

Day: Tuesday October 24, 2017 \*One-time Seminar

Time: 11:00AM-12:45PM

In this seminar you will enjoy listening to live songs, followed by guided discussions on their context within their musicals. Repertoire ranges from early American Musical Comedies to modern musical interpretations. \*Students are encouraged to bring lunch.

#### **Bridget O. Thompson, EdD**

*BM, West Chester University of PA*

*MM, Manhattan School of Music*

*EdD, Widener University*

Bridget has been studying music and performing for most of her life. She has a Bachelor and Master of Music in voice performance, and a Doctorate in Higher Education. She currently works as the Assistant Director for OLLI at Widener University, and has been on the music faculty at Delaware County Community College for 7 years.

## **Warfare in the Middle Ages**

### **OLLI 1513 A**

Day: Tuesdays, October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14

Time: 1:15PM-3:15PM

The 'knight in shining armor' is among the most iconic figures in Western Civilization and, like all iconic figures, it's surrounded by as many myths as truths. Learn how knights and other categories of fighting men actually waged war during the 1,000 year period of European history known as the Middle Ages. This course will explore the organization of armies and navies, the formulation of strategy, the practice of tactics in battles and sieges, and the impact of warfare on society from the end of the Roman Empire to the eve of the Renaissance (476-1480).

#### **Paul Walsh**

*BA, West Chester University of PA*

*MA, Temple University*

Paul worked as an adjunct history instructor at Delaware County Community College from 1999 to 2009.

## **The Creative Theatre Experience (B)**

### **OLLI1000 B**

Day: Wednesdays, October 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15

Time: 10:00AM-12:00PM

**Loretta Wehbe** (See description and bio above)

## **Grandmom and Me**

### **OLLI 1410 A**

Day: Thursdays, October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16

Time: 9:00AM-10:00AM

The best part of being a grandparent is really enjoying time with your special little ones. Come to Grandmom and Me (Granddads welcome too) to do just that! Watch their faces for the looks of excitement and wonder as you read a story together, and then create a special art project to take home. Good for children 1-4.

## **The Sixties: Days of Hope, Days of Rage**

### **OLLI 1504 A**

Day: Thursdays, October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16

Time: 10:00AM-11:10AM

Probably no single decade in our history has changed the social, political, and cultural fabric of the country more than the 60's. We will examine the youth rebellion, the war, the arts, the key events and the people who transformed the nation and our lives during those ten years

**Michael Simeone** (See bio above)

## **The Art of Food**

### **OLLI1005 A**

Day: Thursday – October 19, 2017 \*One-time Seminar

Time: 12:00PM-3:00PM

This is not a creative cooking class! We won't be making or eating food, we'll be looking at it in art through the ages. Since people have been making art, as far back as the Stone Age, they have been depicting food. Some areas we will explore: What symbolic provender did ancient Egyptians take with them to the afterlife? What did a famously famous artist eat for lunch every day? Why did the Dutch paint SO many pictures of food on tables? Many people wash down their food with a drink. So we'll also look at a few beverages in art and of course delve into their histories too. The artworks we will discuss are arranged thematically, according to a rubric which participants have to uncover themselves, deepening their engagement. So what do we learn in such a class? Obviously, a lot about food, both foods we eat ourselves, and foods eaten by other cultures. But also about history: How and why and when foodstuffs traverse the globe. Thirdly, foods in art can be symbols, ones that need some elucidation to us in different centuries and places. And lastly, looking at art from many centuries and cultures expands our understanding of art history in general. Discover the luminescent, the delicious, the wacky world of food in art.

#### **Jaan Ingle Troldenier**

*BA, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga*

*MA, Louisiana State University*

A well-respected former Latin instructor, Jaan has honed her interactive presentation technique by spending over a decade as an art history docent. She regularly appears at OLLI, local schools and libraries, as well as at regional Civil War roundtables. An habitué of art museums in the U.S. and Europe, she combines a love of research with a passion for both history and art history. She draws upon her frequent art museum forays,

interest in history, and love of language to create her historical and artist interpretations, which are bolstered by painstaking research.

### **OLLI Partnerships**

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Widener University will be offering courses on-site at Bellingham Retirement Community, Chester Senior Center, Downingtown Area Senior Center, Freedom Village, Granite Farm Estates, Heatherwood Retirement Community, Jenner's Pond, Lima Estates, Living Branches, Maris Grove, Normandy Farms Estates, Plush Mills, Riddle Village, Shannondell, Surrey Services (Devon location), Tel Hai, Villages at Hillview, Waverly Heights, and Wellington at Hershey's Mill this fall. These courses are open to the residents of their respective retirement communities, as well as the general public.

### **Fees for Attendance**

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute has established a fee of \$30 for each five-week course. There is a special rate of \$55 if you sign up for two courses at the same facility.

### **Bellingham Retirement Community**

#### **The Art of Food**

#### **OLLI 1005 BR**

Day: Thursdays, September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12

Time: 2:00PM-3:10PM

**Jaan Ingle Troltenier** (See description and bio above)

### **Chester Senior Center**

#### **Tune Up Your Brain, Sharpen Your Mind**

#### **OLLI 3900 CS**

Day: Mondays, October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13

Time: 1:00PM-2:10PM

**Lois Levine-Elman** (See description and bio above)

### **Downingtown Area Senior Center**

#### **Watercolor Wonder**

#### **OLLI 1003 DT**

Day: Wednesdays, September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18

Time: 9:30AM-10:40AM

These classes will explore beginning techniques and shortcuts in transparent watercolors. Each class will present a new technique that can be applied to a project. No experience needed, just enthusiasm! You will combine the techniques we have learned into a finished painting. Please bring the following to the first class: small sheet hot press watercolor paper, brushes, paper towel, palette and tube watercolors (cobalt blue, aureolin yellow, rose madder, violet)

#### **Pam McKee**

Completed two masters classes in Botanical Illustration, England Botanical Illustration, Longwood Gardens Kellogg College (nursing)

Pam currently teaches art classes on cruise ships with Odyssey Art at Sea. She is co-founder of flying Colors Art group and participates in several juried art shows annually. Her studio is on the annual juried Chester County Studio tour and is also a juried member of Artists Circle. She is co-author/illustrator of 3 cookbooks. She has been painting for 25 years.

### **Freedom Village**

#### **Lincoln**

#### **OLLI 1525 F**

Day: Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 10:30AM-11:40AM

Lincoln was arguably our finest President. He had many other skills: frontiersman, lawyer, politician, writer, and negotiator. He came from humble beginnings and received little to no formal education. Yet his accomplishments rank him as one of the most revered Americans ever. This course will attempt to understand what made Lincoln tick. It will trace his childhood in Kentucky and Indiana, his self-study program to learn the law, his entry into politics, and his marriage to Mary Todd. It will focus on his evolving view of the slavery question and his handling of the many complex issues before and during the Civil War. Wherever possible, we will use Lincoln's own words. Many historians have called Lincoln a genius. Let's find out why.

#### **Gerald McNeff**

*BA, LaSalle University*

*MBA, Western New England University*

Gerald spent his business career working for General Electric, Marti Marietta, and Lockheed Martin. He progressed from being a programmer in the engineering organization to serving as a vice president of finance before his retirement.

### **The Way We Used to Be: the 1950's**

#### **OLLI 1503 F**

Day: Wednesdays, September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11

Time: 10:30AM-11:40

**Michael Simeone** (See description and bio above)

### **Granite Farm Estates**

#### **Lincoln**

#### **OLLI 1525 GFE**

Day: Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 10:30AM-11:40AM

**Gerald McNeff** (See description and bio above)

### **Heatherwood Retirement Community**

#### **The Trail of Tears**

#### **OLLI 1518 H**

Day/Date: Tuesdays, October 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7

Times: 3:00PM-4:10PM

In 1830, Congress passed a law entitled “The Indian Removal Act,” signed and implemented by President Andrew Jackson. Most people are not familiar with what followed because it was a dark chapter of our nation’s history. This course will deal with events leading up to the forced removal of the “Five Civilized Tribes” from the Southeastern United States to areas west of the Mississippi River, during which thousands of native Americans died from cold, hunger, and disease. History now refers to this as “The Trail of Tears.”

**Dick Calef**

BS, University of New Hampshire

Prior to retirement, Dick spent more than 40 years in marketing and sales management positions with General Electric and Hughes Aircraft Companies, serving the electric power and aerospace industries. He has previously taught “Reign of the Czars,” “Stalin,” “Hitler,” and “The Trail of Tears” and has been a frequent presenter at the OLLI Wednesday Speaker Series.

**Jenner’s Pond**

**The US Supreme Court, Part 1**

**OLLI 4501JP**

Day: Wednesdays, Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8

Time: 1:00PM-2:10PM

The United States Supreme Court is the most powerful institution of its kind in the world. The Court is shrouded in secrecy, yet their decisions affect the life of every American. Join us as we discuss what takes place behind closed doors of the Court, the justices who shaped the Court, landmark cases, the impact of the possible change in the makeup of the Court and current issues as they arise.

**Barbara Falini**

BA, MA, West Chester University

MA, Villanova University

Barbara Falini was a classroom teacher in the West Chester Area School District for 42 years in the fields of economics and government. During this time, she was actively involved in curriculum development, monitoring new teachers, and advising the student government. Barbara received two National Science Foundation (NSF) grants to study economics and sociology as well as honors for developing curriculum in economics. She was nominated for Teacher of the Year for Pennsylvania during her career in education. Since her retirement as a classroom teacher, she has taught a number of courses at the Academy for Learning in Retirement, and now OLLI.

**The Arab/Israeli Dilemma to WWI**

**OLLI 4854JP**

Day: Mondays, Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20

Time: 1:00PM-2:10PM

The Arab/Israeli dilemma has dominated the world’s continuous attention over the past seventy years. Since the founding of Israel in 1948 there have been multiple wars, conferences, and refugees. This course will look at the historic background behind the Arab and Israeli claims for the land known as Palestine up to World War II. The intention is to clarify the impact of WWI which turned a dispute based on factual realities into one dominated by partisan fears and passion.

**Jeff Heim**

BS, MA, The Pennsylvania State University

MA, Temple University

Jeff taught high school for 37 years. He is a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow (Arabic Novels in Translation, 1986), a Fulbright Fellow (to India. 1989), and an Annenberg Fellow (Conference for Teachers of the Middle East, 1994). This is Jeff’s sixth year of teaching for OLLI.

**Lima Estates**

**American Immigrants**

**OLLI 1529 L**

Day: Mondays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 11:00AM-12:10PM

It has often been said that the United States is a land of immigrants. Except for the Native Americans, practically everyone in this country is a descendant of someone who came here from somewhere else. In this 10 week course, we will examine in some detail 10 groups of immigrants to find out who they were, where they came from, when they came, how they got here, where they settled, and what they did once they got here. We will also identify some notable persons who are or were descendants of immigrants from each of these various groups.

**Bob Collins**

BS, MS, Villanova University

Bob worked as a registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania for 45 years. He was primarily involved in soil and foundation investigations; laboratory testing of soils, concrete, and asphalt; pavement design and construction; utilization of industrial by-products; and construction inspection. Since retiring at the end of 2011, his principal interests have been American history, immigration, current events, sports (especially baseball), and oldies music (especially doo-wop).

**Living Branches**

**First Ladies**

**OLLI 4507 LB**

Day: Fridays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1, 8

Time: 10:30AM-11:40AM

In writing the Constitution, the framers made no mention of the role the First Lady would play or her duties. Join us as we review the impact these ladies have had on our social and cultural life, as well as their influence in the development of political policy.

**Barbara Falini** (See bio above)

**Secrets of the Presidents**

**OLLI 1550 LB**

Day: Thursdays, September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12

Time: 10:00AM-11:10AM

If you think you know all about our chief executives, remember that the 24-7 news cycle is only a few decades old. For most of our history, the lives of our leaders were cloaked in privacy and myth. We will peek into the recesses of presidential closets to uncover

some little known and truly surprising facts about the people whose names we know so well.

**Michael Simeone** (See bio Above)

### **Maris Grove**

#### **Current Events, Part III**

##### **OLLI 4602 M**

Day: Wednesdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4

Time: 12:45PM-2:00PM

Continuing our discussion on pertinent world events, we will concentrate on the Far East and other emerging nations. The question is what part these nations are playing in world trade, the balance of power and the potential impact on the United States. The course will also update and review timely events of the nations we have already covered.

**Barbara Falini** (See bio above)

### **Normandy Farms Estates**

#### **Civil War Art**

##### **OLLI 1001 NF**

Day: Tuesdays, Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21

Time: 10:00AM-11:10AM

We all remember learning about the Civil War in high school history class. In this class, we will examine what the images of this critical period in American history looked like. Artworks are primary sources, just as diaries, newspaper articles and books. What can the art of the Civil War period tell us about how Americans viewed this war? We will look at the roles of women, examine slavery and its terrible human costs, and investigate the paintings of two seminal artists of the period. Our focus will be paintings, but we will also delve into popular art of the time, as well as photography. And of course, we will look at the art created on both sides of the Mason-Dixon line. How does a painting of icebergs relate to the Civil War? What famous French artist painted a Civil War battle scene? How were women involved in the War? Sign up and find out...

**Jaan Ingle Troltenier** (See bio above)

#### **Islam: An Introduction to My Neighbor**

##### **OLLI 4852 NF**

Day: Mondays – Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16

Time: 10:00AM-11:10AM

As our communities grow more diverse, understanding each other becomes increasingly essential. This course affords the opportunity to get to know one another through presentations and discussions about Islam. Topics will include the history and culture of pre-Islamic Arabia; the history of the life of the Prophet Muhammad and the conundrum of who should succeed his leadership; and familiarization with Muslim beliefs and practices. It is hoped that during the last class, participants will have an opportunity to share ideas and questions that emerge during the first four weeks.

**Jeffrey P. Heim**

*BS, MA, The Pennsylvania State University*

*MA, Temple University*

Jeff taught high school for 37 years. He is a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow (*Arabic Novels in Translation, 1986*), a Fulbright Fellow (to India, 1989), and an Annenberg Fellow (Conference for Teachers of the Middle East, 1994). This is Jeff's seventh year teaching for OLLI.

### **Plush Mills**

#### **Islam: An Introduction to My Neighbor**

##### **OLLI 4852 P**

Day: Tuesdays – Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7

Time: 2:30-3:40

**Jeffrey P. Heim** (See description and bio above)

### **Riddle Village**

#### **Current World Issues**

##### **OLLI 4602 RV**

Day: Fridays, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 10:30AM-11:40AM

With the rapid growth of communication and technology, we are instantly exposed to changing domestic and foreign events. Join us as we discuss pertinent current events in the Middle and Far East, what part the United States is playing in these issues and how they potentially impact the United States.

**Barbara Falini** (See bio above)

### **Shannondell**

#### **History That Didn't Happen**

##### **OLLI 1514 S**

Day: Tuesdays, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12

Time: 2:00PM-3:10PM

We know the events of our history because they have been recorded and studied over the years. But what about the close calls, the decisions not made or the chance occurrences that could have had a major impact on the past. We will look at a few of these 'almost' events and see how easily history could have been rewritten.

**Michael Simeone** (See bio above)

#### **An Intro to the History of Ireland**

##### **OLLI 1519 S**

Day: Mondays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 2:00PM-3:10PM

This course will examine the development of Ireland, from prehistoric times to the present day, within the broader context of events in the British Isles as a whole, within Europe, and in world history. Coverage begins with the structure of society in Pagan Celtic Ireland, followed by the introduction of Christianity and up through the ages concluding with the events surrounding the partition of Ireland and the ensuing "Troubles".

**Paul V. Walsh** (See bio above)

## Surrey Services

### The Arab/Israeli Dilemma to WWI

#### OLLI 4854 SS

Day: Mondays, Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20

Time: 1:00PM-2:10PM

**Jeff Heim** (See description and bio above)

### Sing, Play, and Entertain with Johnny Turk

#### OLLI 1101 SS

Day: Tuesdays, Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19

Time: 10:30AM-11:40AM

“Johnny Turk, a veteran professional entertainer and trainer will sing popular songs by Frank Sinatra and others and lead discussions of how speaking and singing are so closely related. During this 5 week program, you will be encouraged to participate in group activities including reading, speaking, and playfully singing lines from small scenes in a movie or Broadway play.”

#### **Johnny Turk**

MS Information Science, Penn State University

BA Communications, Rowan University

Computer Programming Diploma, The Chubb Institute

Johnny currently works as Sr. Curriculum Developer for a global software company. He has extensive experience as a technical trainer with adult learners, as well as professional experience as a musician/singer.

## Tel Hai

### World War II in Europe and the Pacific

#### OLLI 4605 TH

Day: Mondays, Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9

Times: 1:00PM-2:10PM

World War II had its roots in World War I and the Treaty of Versailles. This course will discuss the causes that led Germany, Italy and Japan to seek a path of world conquest. The first five weeks will cover the war in Africa and Europe with the emphasis on U.S. involvement. The home front was vitally important in the success of our armed forces, and that area will be discussed with great emphasis. The war in the Pacific was a different world from Europe and Africa. The nature of the enemy required death rather than surrender. Every attack required an amphibious assault, the most dangerous type of attack. The geography was entirely different, involving thousands of square miles. Only the development of the atomic bomb prevented a costly invasion of the Japanese homeland. (Please note that both sections will be covering the same course material.)

#### **Ross Kershey**

BA, Temple University

Ross taught American history at Coatesville High School for 42 years. He also coached basketball for 28 years and track for 18 years. He was the first teacher at Coatesville to receive the “Educator of the Year” Award, and upon his retirement that award was named for him, as is the school’s gymnasium. This is his eleventh year teaching at OLLI.

## Villages at Hillview

### America’s Hidden Past

#### OLLI 1508 V

Day: Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Time: 11:00AM-12:10PM

Most of the history that we learn (and remember) centers on the famous people and the major events of the past. This class will tell the stories of the little known people and events that lie mostly hidden but still influenced the course of American History.

**Michael Simeone** (See bio above)

## Waverly Heights

### The American Past: Myth and Reality

#### OLLI 1508 WH

Day: Fridays, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1

Time: 10:00AM-11:10AM

Much of our knowledge of history comes from textbooks and films that based their content on commercial considerations. This course will look behind the curtain to examine some of the key events and people in our past. The real stories may surprise you.

**Michael Simeone** (See bio above)

## Wellington at Hershey’s Mill

### Secrets of the Presidents

#### OLLI 1550 WHM

Day: Fridays, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20

Time: 11:00AM-12:10PM

**Michael Simeone** (See description and bio Above)

### **OLLI Lunchtime Speaker Series**

These lunchtime talks are held on selected dates from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm at Widener University's Main Campus. They are free to attend and are open to OLLI members, campus students and staff, and the general public. No reservations are required. For a complete schedule of our Spring Speaker Series, please visit: [www.widener.edu/olli](http://www.widener.edu/olli).

### **Refund Policy**

Full refunds will be made prior to the beginning of the semester for any registered OLLI participant. After the first week of spring classes, no refunds will be made for cancellations unless it is due to illness, an urgent family situation, or other emergency circumstances beyond a member's control. All requests for refunds must be made in writing and submitted directly to the director of OLLI.

### **Clubs**

These clubs are just one additional way for our members to socialize with other members who have similar interests.

#### *Book Club*

A monthly meeting, facilitated by our Library Liaison, discussing a different literary work each time.

#### *Civic Engagement Club*

This group gets involved with Widener's civic engagement initiatives: collaborating with local organizations to give back to our community.

#### *Grandparenting Discussion Group*

A monthly meeting of OLLI members who are raising grandchildren, discussing resources, issues, and practical ways to navigate grandparenting.

#### *Delaware County Community Theatre Club*

This club meets to attend and support local community theatres, and enjoys discussions about the performances afterward.

### **Committees**

OLLI at Widener University operates with the help of members who volunteer to participate in one of the following committees. Help is always appreciated. Some of our committees include:

#### *Curriculum Committee*

Discusses and influences the choices of courses and special events to be offered each semester

#### *Hospitality Committee*

Assists in making the public and new members feel welcome at OLLI; includes planning of OLLI Open Houses, and the Annual OLLI luncheon

#### *Special Events Committee*

Coordinates all of the field trips and other special events

#### *Outreach Committee*

Develop strategies to increase and maintain membership, including public relations campaigns and press releases, as well as outreach to area retirement communities

For more information call (610)-499-4279, or email [OLLI@widener.edu](mailto:OLLI@widener.edu)





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**Registration Schedule**

**Mail in:**

Beginning August 14, 2017.  
Registrations must include a completed course registration form and a check (or credit card information) made payable to Widener University.

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