



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Widener University

Fall Session 2018

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is an academic cooperative that provides adults 50+ with opportunities for intellectual development, cultural stimulation, and social interaction.

The foundation of the OLLI at Widener University program is its classes. Each course is developed and taught by a member, who volunteers their time and talents to share their knowledge and interests. Topics covered may include current events, geography and travel, history, literature, music, philosophy, psychology, and religion. The courses offered vary each semester.

OLLI courses are non-degree courses. No credits are earned, and no grades are assigned for the completion of the courses. There are no tests and no homework, simply invested and interested adults who are all present to engage and learn.

OLLI at Widener classes are scheduled during the day in an accessible and multi-media capable classroom. Parking is reserved for all registered OLLI students during each class. No member is required to search for parking or walk across campus to attend a class. 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.

Never stop learning!

Membership Benefits and Fees

A Full Membership to OLLI at Widener includes unlimited on-campus classes, as well as access to the library, gym, pool, fitness classes, and other amenities of Widener's campus. Full members are eligible to participate in clubs and committees, and also received discounted rates on trips, events, and excursions throughout their membership. Full memberships are available in:

Annual Full Membership (\$275): valid for 1 calendar year or 3 academic terms. *Only available for purchase during the winter-spring semester.

Term Full Membership (\$150): valid for 1 academic term (spring, summer, or fall). Individuals interested in the courses offered at our partnership facilities may become Satellite Members. Satellite Memberships include two academic classes at participating satellite facilities.

Satellite Membership (\$55): includes 2 courses at participating On-The-Road locations.

Participants may elect to take one individual course for \$75 on our main campus or \$30 at a satellite location.

Registration Process

OLLI at Widener is now offering **ONLINE registration!** Fill out the form at <https://go.widener.edu/register/fall2018ollireg>, then follow the prompts to make any necessary payments. *Remember, if you purchased an Annual Membership in 2018 you have unlimited classes for the year!

Students who do not wish to register online can still register over the phone or by mail. Please call 610-499-4279 with any questions. Seats are first come, first served. Some of the courses have limited seats, so register early!

Parking and Building Access

Parking is always reserved for every registered OLLI member during every OLLI event on campus. Parking is in our Old Main parking lot, across the street from University Center (where classes are held). Shuttles are available for any member with mobility concerns. All OLLI members will be issued a student ID card prior to the start of the semester. Your student ID card gives you access to University Center, campus academic buildings, Wolfgram Memorial Library, Pride Recreation Center, and other Widener University facilities and amenities.

JOIN US! OLLI Open House!

When: Wednesday, August 8 from 10:00 a.m.–noon

Where: Widener University, Wyman Room, University Center

A Letter from Marian Eberly, Assistant Director

Greetings! I am so pleased to be joining Widener University as the new assistant director of Extended Learning with primary responsibility for OLLI. A sustaining joy of my life has been the journey of discovery, growth, exploration, and learning that is essential to human experience. The highlights of this journey have most often been learning experiences that were shared with other learners. As its core mission, the OLLI at Widener provides opportunities for people to come together for intellectual dialogue, cultural stimulation, and social exchange. The very nature of the collaborative, with its programming, events, and activities chosen and delivered primarily by its members, typifies the best of any learning journey. I am proud to be associated with this fine organization.

I look forward to working on a number of initiatives in the coming months. First is to complete and expand the programming offerings for fall 2018 and beyond. Stay tuned for updates and additions. I also extend a sincere invitation to members (and prospective members) to share your ideas and suggestions. What courses would you like to see offered? Can you recommend a topic and/or an instructor? Are there particular excursions you'd like to help arrange? A museum you'd like to visit with OLLI friends? A nature walk you'd like to lead? A musical or play you'd like to join OLLI friends in seeing? A club you'd like to form? Please share your ideas. OLLI is built on its members' interests and talents. Use your voice and see what can happen. The OLLI office number is 610-499-4279 and the e-mail is OLLI@widener.edu.

Please let me hear from you! In the meantime, I'll be working hard to enhance OLLI programming and activities. Watch for announcements, and invite your friends to join and enjoy the benefits of OLLI membership.

Above all, never stop learning!

A Letter from the OLLI at Widener Staff

We are so glad that you are considering joining our OLLI at Widener family! In this catalog you will find all the information you need to select and register for our Fall 2018 term. We, at OLLI at Widener, want you to know that we value our members and prioritize the needs and interests of those in our community who can benefit from our program. We welcome and encourage your input and feedback throughout the year so that we can continue to grow and improve the curriculum we provide.

New this year is our online registration platform. You are now be able to register and pay online rather than filling out paper registration forms and mailing in a check. We are also excited to integrate more social events into our catalog this year.

We plan to offer some afternoon excursions, coffee hours, and fun activities. Stay tuned for e-mails from the OLLI office as we schedule some fun and exciting excursions as an opportunity to mingle and socialize with other OLLI members outside of class.

In an effort to expand our program and increase the opportunities we offer to our community, we are now offering courses Monday–Thursday. With four days of programming we hope to offer more variety and meet the needs of more of our community members. Beginning this fall term, we are adding evening and weekend programming!

As always, we are interested in new instructors and course proposals as we continue to grow in our programmatic variety.

Thank you for your interest and your support of OLLI at Widener. If you have any questions about the program or how we can meet your needs, please never hesitate to call or e-mail us. The OLLI office number is 610-499-4282, and the e-mail for general inquiries is OLLI@widener.edu.

An Important Message about E-mail...

OLLI at Widener uses e-mail to communicate important information throughout the year. OLLI at Widener will never share members' e-mail addresses with outside organizations. You can expect to see e-mails regarding:

- News and updates about OLLI at Widener
- Class confirmation and room locations
- Changes to classes including unforeseen cancellations
- Invitations to OLLI and Widener University events

If you do not have access to a computer or e-mail, we strongly recommend you connect with someone in your class, or in the Institute, to learn about program updates.

Course Cancellation

OLLI at Widener reserves the right to cancel a scheduled course due to low enrollment, non-availability of an instructor, or any other unavoidable circumstance.

Members will be notified as early as possible.

OLLI Course Policies and Procedures

OLLI classes meet once a week for 5 weeks. All classes are held in the Wyman Room, on the first floor of the University Center, unless otherwise noted in the course description.

ID card access is not needed to enter the University Center through the main entrance. The OLLI office is located on the first floor of the Kapelski Learning Center, across the street from the University Center. If you ever need assistance while on campus for OLLI programming, please call the main office (610-499-4282) to reach someone who can help.

Main Campus Schedule: Session A

September 10–October 12

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00– 10:10 am		Wake Up and Walk (Taylor Arboretum)		
10:15– 11:25 am	Mindfulness Meditation		Understanding the Brain	A More Perfect Union: Struggle for American Values—Part I
11:30 am– 12:40 pm		Archaeology and History	The Creative Theatre Experience	
1:00– 2:10 pm	Almost Presidents	How to Live Like a Stoic	Music of the Roaring 20's	Fun with Linguistics
2:15– 3:25 pm	Understanding the Human Living Cell	Thriving in Retirement	Nature's Beauty	OLLI Seminar Series <i>(see Seminar Series for topic, date, and time)</i>
3:30– 4:40 pm			Armchair Travel	
5:45– 6:55 pm	Simon Bolivar and the Liberation of South America			

Main Campus Schedule: Session B

October 15–November 16

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00– 10:10 am				
10:15– 11:25 am		Rock 'n' Roll—A Social History of the U.S.		A More Perfect Union: Struggle for American Values—Part II
11:30 am– 12:40 pm		Rogers and Hart	The Art of Public Speaking	
1:00– 2:10 pm	The Face in Art	Musical Echoes of the Depression Era	Fairy Tales— Yesterday and Today	
2:15– 3:25 pm				OLLI Seminar Series <i>(see Seminar Series for topic, date, and time)</i>
3:30– 4:40 pm				
5:45– 6:55 pm	Charlemagne: A Light in the Dark Ages			

Session A (Main Campus) September 10–October 12

Mindfulness Meditation

Day: Mondays

Time: 10:15–11:25 am

Mindfulness meditation is the practice of being fully present to your life experience as it unfolds. This ancient practice, illuminated by recent research in neuroscience, is a powerful tool for settling both mind and body, creating space for relaxed, non-judgmental awareness in each moment. In this class, you will learn simple breathing techniques, guided meditations, and mindful living skills to help you focus attention, improve equanimity, and reduce stress. Join us now to discover the calm, clear presence that mindfulness practice can cultivate in your life.

Suzanne Hayward

Almost Presidents

Day: Mondays

Time 1:00–2:10 pm

While our history books celebrate the men who were elected to the presidency, some very significant individuals failed to reach the White House yet impacted our history in a significant manner. Men such as Stephen A. Douglas, William Jennings Bryan, Charles Evans Hughes, and Adlai Stevenson lost their tries for the White House but made their mark on American history, while others such as Henry Wallace and Hannibal Hamlin lost their position as vice president before the death of their president would have lifted them to the Oval Office. This course will tell their stories.

Dave Hudiak

Understanding the Human Living Cell

Day: Mondays

Time: 2:15–3:25 pm

Our bodies include over twelve trillion cells. Each of these tiny life units originated from the ancestral cell that was formed by one of our mother's eggs and one of our father's sperm cells. That ancestral cell was just barely visible to the human eye, about the size of a dot made by a very sharp pencil point. While cells are very small, over the past sixty years scientists have learned much about the internal structure of cells and how they carry out their "responsibilities" to maintain our health and wellbeing. This course is a lay person's exploration of the structure of living cells and how cells work internally under normal conditions. What underlies a variety of conditions such as cancer, mental illness, and infectious disease also takes place.

Ted O'Tanyi

Simón Bolívar and the Liberation of South America

Day: Mondays

Time: 5:45–6:55 pm

Simón Bolívar was the leading figure in carrying out the overthrow of Spain's empire in South America. Inspired by the ideas of the Enlightenment and the example set by our own Founding Fathers, Bolívar raised the flag of revolt in 1808. Despite repeated setbacks and reversals, by 1821 Bolívar had managed to free Colombia and his homeland of Venezuela. He followed this up with campaigns in the Andes that ended Spanish control over Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru by 1825. Unfortunately, Bolívar found governing this vast territory far more difficult than liberating it and died in disillusionment in 1830.

Paul Walsh

Wake Up and Walk!

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 9:00–10:10 am

Get your steps in and explore the beauty of the Taylor Arboretum. Our group will meet weekly (weather permitting) for a guided walk through the arboretum. NOTE: 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.

Tom Kirk; Marian Eberly

Archeology and History

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 11:30 am–12:40 pm

Archaeology as the science of the past has often shown itself to be allied with history. This five-part course will explore the techniques and perspectives of archaeology (2 sessions) and three cases—the origin of the state in Mesopotamia, archaeology and the Hebrew Bible, and Archaeology and American History—to show how this relationship works.

Mitchell Rothman

How to Live Like a Stoic

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 1:00–2:10 pm

Why live like a Stoic? The short answer, as Seneca wrote, is that one who practices Stoic principles must "necessarily be attended by constant cheerfulness and a joy that is deep and issues from deep within." While the stereotype of a Stoic is one who suppresses feelings, this stereotype distorts the philosophy of Stoicism as practiced in ancient Greece and Rome. What Stoics did believe was that being overwhelmed by unhealthy emotions did not make for a satisfying life. Today, the philosophy is undergoing a revival and guiding many people in living with greater tranquility and happiness

amid the complexities of our modern world. In this course, we will focus on practical application of core Stoic concepts, disciplines, and exercises that can lead to an unshakeable peace of mind.

Bill Broadwater

Thriving in Retirement

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 2:15–3:25 pm

This course will cover options for choosing health insurance, social security, lifetime income, and a new model for primary care physicians. Topics will include: **Session I:** Health insurance options—pre-Medicare and current Medicare choices **Session II:** Medicare changes for 2017 and Medicare 101—What do all those letters mean? **Session III:** A new model of primary care with your own private physician. Do you feel like another number in your primary care physician’s coffee? **Session IV:** Social Security planning and options for lifelong income (guaranteed) **Session V:** Open Enrollment—What does this mean for Medicare beneficiaries and individuals approaching Medicare?

Joseph Cisco

Understanding the Brain

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 10:15–11:25 am

The gross anatomy of the human brain is organized into distinct parts that have specific functions, much like the gross anatomy of the human body. Using a variety of modes in class, the course examines basic neurobiology and the major parts of the brain and their functions. The basis of disabling conditions like Bipolar Disorder, Clinical Depression, Parkinson’s Disease, and Alzheimer’s disease is explained. The use of animal models to determine brain functions and to develop possible drug treatments is examined.

Ted O’Tanyi

The Creative Theatre Experience

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 11:25 am–12:40 pm

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, script in hand.

Loretta Wehbe

Music of the Roaring 20’s

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 1:00–2:10 pm

Travel back in time when recordings and early radio burst upon the scene and brought music into the homes of the masses. People could get more than sheet music and hear the actual

performers! We’ll sample early recordings by some of the greats through vintage sounds and view them in the first talkies.

Dick Smolens

Nature’s Beauty

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 2:15–3:25 pm

Survey beautiful photographs and art created from nature and natural surroundings, as participants read short literary excerpts on nature’s beauty and respond in original prose or poetic reflections. Ruminates on your own garden landscape, favorite beach, woods, or waterway along with music and/or natural sounds. Design an ideal outdoor sanctuary or reimagine your current backyard plot. Above all, relax and draw inspiration from the environment!

Kathleen Hall Scanlon

Armchair Travel

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 3:30–4:40 pm

Escape without leaving town, as we survey spaces, places, and enchanting traces of magical vistas sure to intrigue! Contemplate people, landscapes, natural wonders, and national treasures ... then respond in thought and discussion, through art or with a pen. Experience a wonderful way to draw upon your Muse—and renew your spirit!

Kathleen Hall Scanlon

A More Perfect Union: Struggle for American Values—Part I

Day: Thursdays

Time: 10:15–11:25 am

Several times in our history, events have threatened to undermine the values that have contributed to American exceptionalism. We will look at those events and examine how the “better angels of our nature” have prevailed.

Michael Simeone

Fun With Linguistics

Day: Thursday

Time: 1:00–2:10 pm

Take a relaxed stroll through some interesting and fun aspects of linguistics. This class takes an unscientific approach to language structure, semantics, and language acquisition. Why are some languages easier to learn than others? How does a language accommodate or shape culture? Do animals have language? Topics covered are chosen specifically to be fun and interesting. Examples are drawn from many different languages. Laughter is an essential ingredient of this class.

Marian Eberly

Session B (Main Campus) Schedule Preview October 15 – November 16

The Face in Art

Day: Mondays

Time: 1:00–2:10 pm

What do facial portraits tell us about the culture, historical setting, and emotional state of the subject and artist? Exploring a different portrait each week, this course will focus on color, technique, facial construct, and background features. Each portrait tells a story. Join this course as we discuss the many aspects that have made these portraits meaningful.

Lois S. Levine-Elman

Charlemagne: A Light in the Dark Ages

Day: Mondays

Time: 5:45–6:55 pm

Charlemagne, ‘Charles the Great’, was one of the towering figures of the European Middle Ages. He inherited the throne of the Kingdom of a people known as the ‘Franks’ in 768 and, by the time of his death in 814, his Empire included most of western and central Europe, prompting Pope Leo III to crown him as Emperor of a newly restored Roman Empire in the year 800. But his peaceful achievements were equally spectacular, governing his vast territory with a sophisticated administration and promoting a revival of learning. Small wonder that Charlemagne has been called the ‘Father of Europe.’

Paul Walsh

Rock ‘n’ Roll—A Social History of the U.S.

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 10:15–11:25 am

How did the crazy quilt of clashing cultures across America lead to the American invention called Rock ‘n’ Roll? This course will examine the origins of Rock ‘n’ Roll music from Appalachia, the Mississippi delta, New Orleans, and the big cities from its early days up to 1960.

Ahmet Erispaha

Rodgers and Hart

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 11:30 am–12:40 pm

From the mid-twenties into the early forties, the team of Richard Rogers and Lorenz Hart contributed mightily to our nation’s musical scene. Starting at Columbia University and Broadway—on to Hollywood and returning to New York, their music became the staple of performers over the years. We’ll examine their partnership, hear how the songs were introduced, and sample the creative singers through the years.

Dick Smolens

Musical Echoes of the Depression Era

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 1:00–2:10 pm

The Depression era provided some of the most memorable songs of our musical heritage. The swing era with its big bands, the movies, Broadway, and radio reflected both the mood of the people and their attempts to escape. We’ll have an intriguing look at the characters and music that shaped and reflected a generation.

Dick Smolens

The Art of Public Speaking

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 11:30 am–12:40 pm

Learn to use the art of public speaking in front of a large group of people with style and wit. We will develop certain motivations and skills to gain the attention of the audience and learn to relax and feel confident.

Loretta Wehbe

A More Perfect Union: Struggle for American Values—Part II

Day: Thursday

Time: 10:15–11:25 am

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Michael Simeone

Special Events

OLLI Book Club

The OLLI Book Club, facilitated by Susan Tsiouris, Head of Access Services at Widener’s Wolfgram Memorial Library, begins its third year in September 2018. They have read and discussed fourteen books so far. The club is open to OLLI Annual or Term members. Club participants choose the books they will read and often plan activities or events related to their chosen books. The club has traditionally met on the last Friday of the month. Contact Susan at sctsiouris@widener.edu for details.

WWI 100th Anniversary Symposium

November 9, 2018

8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Widener University Campus

OLLI Seminar Series

Every Thursday afternoon OLLI at Widener presents a different one-time seminar. These seminars are free of charge and open to the community at large. Please register with the OLLI office to reserve your seat and parking.

Understanding The Bible as Literature

Day: Thursday, September 13

Time: 2:30 pm

Recent scholarship has shed much light on the literary styles used in various books of the library commonly known as The Holy Bible. We will look at the two versions of creation and the great flood as presented in the Book of Genesis as well as the love poetry of the Song of Solomon. Contradictions and their implications will be examined in books of the “New Testament.” The Apocrypha, Books of the “Old Testament” that are not included in some versions of the Sacred Scriptures, will be explored.

Ted O’Tanyi

Homeopathy, Vitamins, and Supplements: 21st Century Snake Oil

Day: Thursday, September 20

Time: 2:30 pm

The underlying principles of medical practice in the U.S.A., Allopathic (MD) and Osteopathic (DO), will be explored as will the basis of chiropractic (DC) and physical therapy (DPT) practices. The basic principles of less recognized “complementary and alternative” medical practices such as homeopathy and naturopathy will also be discussed. How and why the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) strictly regulates foods, prescription medications and over the counter medications, but not supplements, vitamins, homeopathic and naturopathic remedies will be examined in detail.

Ted O’Tanyi

Crafty Classes with Linda: Necklace Making

Day: Thursday, September 27

Time: 2:30 pm

In this seminar, you will learn to make a light-weight adjustable necklace. The instructor will provide all the supplies.

Linda Sivilich

My Journey with a Pair of Great Horned Owls

Day: Thursday, October 4

Time: 3:30 pm

Pamela Dimeler, photographer and amateur naturalist, will present a multimedia presentation entitled “My Journey with a Pair of Great Horned Owls.” Pam has been observing the behaviors of these owls for six years and has studied and documented their various behaviors. Pam will share her observations through photography and videography including

examples of preening, flying, stretching, mating, and even hooting duets between King Tuft and Queen Athena. You do not want to miss this exciting, educational, and very unique program! Following the program there will be time for questions and answers.

Pamela Dimeler

Lavendar Soap Scrub Class

Day: Thursday, October 11

Time: 2:30 pm

In this hands-on seminar, you will learn to make a lavender scented hand scrub. All supplies provided by instructor.

Linda Sivilich

Two Twentieth Century Artisitits

Day: Thursday, October 18

Time: 2:30 pm

Explore history through art. Come learn about history from someone who was ‘there.’ Two pioneering twentieth century female artists will put their art in historical and social context in a fun, interactive class. Your virtual time travel to early 20th century Paris and mid 20th century Mexico will be reinforced by the instructor’s period-appropriate costumes and accents. No background in history or art history necessary.

Jaen Troltenier

Snowflake Window Display

Day: Thursday, October 25

Time: 2:30 pm

In this seminar, you will learn to make a large decorative snowflake. All supplies will be provided by instructor.

Linda Sivilich

The Beauty of the Celtic Harp

Day: Thursday, November 1

Time: 3:30 pm

Pamela Dimeler will play several Irish and Scottish tunes on her Celtic harp. She will share a brief history of the songs she plays and will talk about her unique instrument. During the last portion of her program she will have a sing-a-long including well known tunes such as Danny Boy, Loch Lomand, and When Irish Eyes are Smiling. Pam has been playing the Celtic harp since 2001 and is a member of the Brandywine Harp Orchestra, directed by Janet Witman.

Pamela Dimeler

The American Vice-Presidency

Day: Thursday, November 8

Time: 2:30 pm

Much has been written about the American presidency; far less has been written about the vice presidency. This seminar will discuss the Constitutional powers of the vice president. It will

then trace the evolution of the office, as well as its electoral significance throughout our history. The seminar will profile some of the great and not so great occupants of the office. Fun facts (interesting historical tidbits) about our vice presidents will be presented.

Dave Hudiak

American Pop—Sounds of the City

Day: Thursday, November 15

Time: 2:30 pm

This seminar will explore Rock and Roll history from the perspective of the American cities that spawned and nurtured the music. The instructor will bring the sounds of the city to life by singing and playing representative songs from Memphis, New Orleans, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and others.

Ahmet Erispaha

OLLI Partnerships

OLLI on the Road: OLLI at Widener partners with local senior facilities to offer courses on-site at a discounted rate in a program we call OLLI on the Road. These courses are not included in regular memberships. There is a fee of \$30 for each five-week course presented at a satellite facility. There is a special rate of \$55 to become a satellite member, which includes two classes at participating facilities during a given term. OLLI On the Road classes for the fall 2018 term are listed on the following pages.

OLLI on the Road: Satellite Location Courses

(\$30 per course, \$55 for satellite membership)

Bellingham

1615 East Boot Rd., West Chester, PA 19380

The Roaring Twenties

Day: Tuesdays, September 11–October 9

Time: 10:00–11:10 am

Travel back in time when recordings and early radio burst upon the scene and brought music into the homes of the masses. People could get more than sheet music and hear the actual performers! We'll sample early recordings by some of the greats through vintage sounds and view them in the first talkies.

Dick Smolens

American Popular Songbook

Day: Thursdays, October 18–November 15

Time: 10:00–11:10 am

Born on Broadway, Hollywood, and Harlem, songs from the first half of the twentieth century have become the standard repertoire of both instrumentalists and vocalists. We'll sample how these "standards" were originally presented and explore interpretations and/or artists through the years.

Dick Smolens

Granite Farms Estates

1343 West Baltimore Pike, Media, PA 19063

John and Abigail Adams

Day: Thursdays, September 13, 27, October 4, 11, 18

Time: 1:15–2:30 pm

John and Abigail Adams were the first "power" couple in American politics. John was one of the Founding Fathers and the second president of the United States. Abigail was his wife and closest adviser. Their correspondence sheds much light on the events surrounding the birth of our nation. Join us to better understand this dynamic couple!

Jerry McNeff

Kendal-Crosslands Communities

1660 West Street Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348

A More Perfect Union: The Struggle for American Values

Days: Wednesday, October 31; Fridays, November 9, 16, & 30;
and Friday, December 7

Time: 10:00 am

Several times in our history events have threatened to undermine the values that have contributed to American exceptionalism. We will look at those events and examine how the "better angels of our nature" have prevailed.

Michael Simeone

Living Branches

275 Dock Dr, Lansdale, PA 19446

Historical Myths: The Search for the Real American Past

Day: Fridays, October 5–November 2

Time: 1:00–2:00 pm

The icons and events that inform our national story have often been obscured by our unwillingness to confront the reality of

historical fact. We will look at some of the most prevalent myths of our history and uncover the real American past.

Michael Simeone

Maris Grove

200 Maris Grove Way, Glenn Mills, PA 19342

Historical Myths: The Search for the Real American Past

Day: Fridays, November 9–December 14, 2018 (*no class on Nov. 23*)

Time: 1:00–2:15 pm

The icons and events that inform our national story have often been obscured by our unwillingness to confront the reality of historical fact. We will look at some of the most prevalent myths of our history and uncover the real American past.

Michael Simeone

Normandy Farms Estates

9000 Twin Silo Drive, Blue Bell, PA 19422

The Arab/Israeli Dilemma, Part II

Day: Mondays, October 15–November 12

Time: 10:00 am

Where Part I brought the contention over Palestine into the open, Part II examines the post WWI political processes that have led to current Arab/Israeli volatility. The impacts of colonialism, national aspirations, cultural memory, genocide, political maneuvering, security, justice and stereotyping all come into play. The study emphasizes the increasing insolvability of a crisis that continues to increase the number of issues in dispute. Layering decreases the likelihood of a solution because it obscures the source[s] of the dilemma. (*Note: It is NOT necessary to have taken Part I prior to Part II.*)

Jeff Heim

Plush Mills

501 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford, PA 19086

Almost Presidents

Day: Tuesdays, September 11–October 2

Time: 1:15–2:45 pm

While our history books celebrate the men who were elected to the Presidency, some very significant individuals failed to reach the White House yet impacted our history in a significant manner. Men such as Stephen A. Douglas, William Jennings Bryan, Charles Evans Hughes, and Adlai Stevenson lost their

tries for the White House but made their mark on American history, while others such as Henry Wallace and Hannibal Hamlin lost their position as vice president before the death of their president would have lifted them to the Oval Office. This course will tell their stories.

David Hudiak

Shannondell at Valley Forge

10000 Shannondell Dr., Audubon, PA 19403

Historical Myths: The Search for the Real American Past

Day: Tuesdays, September 4–October 2

Time: 2:00 pm

The icons and events that inform our national story have often been obscured by our unwillingness to confront the reality of historical fact. We will look at some of the most prevalent myths of our history and uncover the real American past.

Michael Simeone

Who's Who?

The OLLI Instructors

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 certifications in wellness coaching and positive psychology for coaches. Along with teaching courses on topics related to wellbeing, Bill works with groups on increasing resiliency and happiness. Bill has a special interest in Stoic philosophy and how it might enhance human flourishing in the 21st century.

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.

Pamela Dimeler

BS, Music Education, Lebanon Valley College

Pam has been playing the Celtic harp since 2001 and is a member of the Brandywine Harp Orchestra, directed by Janet Witman. Pam is the director and founder of Parkside Academy of Music and Dance in Parkside, PA, celebrating 32 years of teaching music and dance to children of all ages.

A photographer and nature enthusiast, Pam has been observing and documenting a pair of Great Horned Owls since 2012. Her lectures feature photos and videos of various species of owls and also programs on conservation efforts to help the Eastern Bluebirds.

Marian Eberly

BS, Eastern Mennonite University; MA, Michigan State University; Ed.D Rutgers, the State University of NJ

Dr. Eberly spent many years teaching English, French, and English as a Second Language in various schools and colleges and in three countries. She spent the past twenty years in college administration, and joined Widener University in July 2018 as the Assistant Director for Extended Learning/OLLI.

Ahmet Erispaha

BA, Glassboro State College (a.k.a. Rowan University); MS, The Pennsylvania State University

Ahmet currently works as a musician, singer, and entertainer at restaurants and senior communities after retiring as a Sr. Curriculum Developer at a global software company. Prior roles have included technical trainer, business analyst, and computer programmer.

Suzanne Hayward

ClearLight Institute; MAEd Goddard College

Suzanne is a certified meditation teacher and lifelong practitioner. Following a career as a classroom teacher and community arts educator, she studied classical meditation and mindfulness with Scott and Nancy McBride, receiving her certification from ClearLight Meditation Institute. She holds a BS and MA in Education, focusing on the uses and benefits of mindfulness practice in educational settings. She has also trained in stress management, non-violent communication, and mind/body practices. Her approach to meditation is informed by ancient wisdom and modern neuroscience.

Jeff Heim

B.A. Sec. Ed., The Pennsylvania State University; M.A. Ancient/Medieval History, The Pennsylvania State University; M.A., British Colonial History, emphasis on India, Temple University

Jeff taught high school for 37 years in Maryland and Pennsylvania. He won Teacher of the year twice. He was an NEH Fellow and spent a year as a Fulbright Fellow in India. Since 2008 he has been teaching for OLLI at Widener and the OLLI at Immaculata University.

David Hudiak, Esq.

BA, Haverford College; JD, University of Pennsylvania Law School

Mr. Hudiak has been a licensed attorney for more than 35 years and is a member of the Bars of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the District of New Jersey. He has extensive teaching experience, having taught numerous paralegal classes

as well as seminars in law school admission test preparation. He has been listed in both Who's Who in American Law and Who's Who in American Education.

Tom Kirk (Taylor Arboretum)

Located in Nether Providence Township in Delaware County, Taylor Arboretum at Widener University is a 30-acre reserve of plantings and natural lands dedicated by J.C. Taylor to the memory of his wife, Anne Rulon Gray, and intended to promote the "health, enjoyment and education of the public in perpetuity." The arboretum is held in trust and operated by Widener University, and is open to the public year round without charge, for the appreciation of its natural beauty. Tom Kirk, manager and naturalist, has been with the Arboretum since 2001.

Lois S. Levine-Elman

BA, Comparative Literature, Brooklyn College; MS, Developmental Psychology, Yeshiva University; PA School Psychologist Certification, Immaculata College

Lois S. Levine-Elman has taught psychology and literature at Rowan University, the University of Phoenix, and Delaware County Community College. At Ursinus University, she designed and presented an interdisciplinary course focusing on the question, "What Makes Us Human?" Ms. Elman has presented talks to older adults on maintaining mental health and cognitive acuity. As an artist, she has designed a hand-dyed, wool, hooked-rug portrait of her family. Inspired by an early American Folk Art tradition, her own hair is hooked into her self-portrait.

Gerald McNeff

BA Mathematics, LaSalle University; MBA Western New England University

Gerald's business career was spent with General Electric, Martin Marietta, and Lockheed Martin. His career experience progressed from a systems analyst in the Engineering organization, to serving as a Vice President of Finance.

Theodore O'Tanyi

BS, Pennsylvania Military College (now Widener University); MS, PhD, Lehigh University

Ted taught biomedical ethics, comparative animal physiology, zoology and principles of biology for non-science majors at Widener University and was Chair of Biology and Division Head of Science. He also taught comparative animal physiology at Lehigh University and central nervous system physiology at Temple University.

Mitchell Rothman

BA, University of Michigan; MA, Hunter College; PhD, University of Pennsylvania

Mitchell has spent the last 25 years as Professor, Founder, and Chair of the Department of Anthropology Widener University.

Kathleen Hall Scanlon

BS Education, West Chester University of PA; MA Education, Gratz College

Kathleen is a seasoned educator with experience in English, as well as interdisciplinary topics. She has worked in K–12 environments and higher education. Kathleen’s passion for learning translates in the classroom and she is looking forward to collaborating with OLLI members in her courses this term.

Michael Simeone

AB, Ohio University; MEd, Temple University

Michael started his career in education as a high school social studies teacher in the Philadelphia public schools. He was a member of the faculty in the College of Education at Temple University and the College of Arts and Sciences at Widener University. He also served as a program administrator at Glassboro State College and was a management consultant for 22 years with AchieveGlobal. He has completed doctoral course-work in history at Temple University. For the past 8 years he has been teaching history and film courses in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Temple and Widener.

Linda Sivilich

Old Dominion University

Linda retired from American Airlines after 35 years. Her interests include jewelry making, origami, mosaics, furniture refinishing, cooking, sewing and crocheting.

Richard Smolens

BA; MS; EdD

Dick was a full-time teacher for 37 years, and a lecturer/performer, on “Golden Age of American Popular Song” since retirement. Dick has been a disc jockey for University of Delaware (WVUD) on “The Swing Era,” and, as vocalist, leading small jazz groups in New York, Pennsylvania, and Florida for many years. Dick specializes in the popular music of the first half of the twentieth century; performers, composers, personalities, and bands of roaring twenties, depression and swing eras, musical theater, and WWII.

Jaan Ingle-Troltenier

BA in Spanish, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; BA in Latin, 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, libraries, and retirement communities, as well as at regional Civil War roundtables. An habitue of art museums in the U.S. and Europe, she combines a love of research with a passion for art history. She draws upon her interests in history and love of language to create her lectures, which are painstakingly researched and full of vivid stories of artists and their times.

Paul Walsh

*BA, West Chester University
MA, Temple University*

Paul taught as an adjunct history instructor for nine years (1999–2009) at Delaware County Community College and has worked as a volunteer instructor for OLLI since 2010.

Loretta Wehbe

Theatre Director, Playwright, Actress, Singer

Loretta is the founder and director of the Performing Arts Youth Theatre, co-founder of the Philly Youth Theatre, and director of the Young People’s Theater Workshop.

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