



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute • Fall 2009



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Dear OLLI Member,

As we anticipate the beginning of our sixth year this fall, we can look back on a highly productive year. In the 2008-2009 academic year we received a one million dollar endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation, registered our 600th member, and experienced the intellectual excitement of both our excellent returning faculty and several new, dynamic instructors.

Members of the Advisory Council were more active than ever as class leaders who took attendance and were available to fellow classmates. A new committee structure created in the spring will ensure that the Council will be more involved and creative than ever in the coming year.

In his famous *Preface to the Lyrical Ballads*, the poet William Wordsworth wrote, "We have no knowledge, that is, no general principles drawn from the contemplation of particular facts, but what has been built up by pleasure, and exists in us by pleasure alone... The knowledge both of the poet and the scientist is pleasure." Surely there is no program that embodies the integration of pleasure and knowledge more than the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Dominican University of California, where we experience the pleasure and the thrill of acquiring knowledge in all major disciplines.

Katherine Henderson
Director, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Dominican University of California

Calendar

Fall 2009

Session dates: September 14 – November 9
Tour of Chinatown: September 9

Winter 2010

Session I dates: January 11 – February 19
Session II dates: March 1 – April 9

Spring 2010

Session dates: April 19 – June 14

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Thank you to our fall session partners:

Margaret Todd Senior Center • The Tamalpais • Marin Symphony

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Fall Session: September 14 - November 9

Mondays



John Syer,
OLLI Instructor

U.S. Intelligence in a Post 9/11 World

This course contrasts traditional espionage methods used during the Cold War with non-traditional techniques needed to deal with terrorists today. The focus is on methods of human intelligence collection (i.e., recruiting and handling agents) as opposed to technical collection (i.e., intercepts and imagery). How should U.S. intelligence be transformed in order to obtain as much accurate and timely information as possible on threats to our national security posed by terrorists?

September 14 – November 9, 2009

No class on September 28
(makeup class will be held on November 9)
10:00 – 11:45 a.m. (8 classes)
Location: **Dominican Campus**
Instructor: **John Syer, PhD**

The Art and Architecture of Spain

See how Phoenician, Roman, Visigothic, Catholic and Islamic culture wove the tapestry of Spanish Art. Highlights include the Roman aqueducts, Visigothic churches, Romanesque sculpture and frescoes and brilliant manuscript illuminations. We'll focus on Toledo where Christians, Jews and Muslims coexisted – her cathedral, mosque and synagogues. In Cordoba, the magnificent Mezquita; in Granada, the incomparable Alhambra; in Seville, the Cathedral and some intriguing Baroque surprises! In Madrid, at the Prado and elsewhere, we'll study El Greco, Velasquez, Zurbaran and Goya.

September 14 – October 19, 2009

1:30 – 3:15 p.m. (6 classes)
Location: **Dominican Campus**
Instructor: **Kerrin Meis, MA**

Tuesdays

Understanding Human Evolution: An Overview

You don't have to be a scientist to understand the underpinnings of human development. The 3 million-year-old Lucy, a 60,000-year-old Neanderthal boy, a tiny skeleton known as "the Hobbit" from Indonesia, and the 4,000-year-old Ice Man all provide questions about what makes us human and defines our physical heritage. Included are casts of bones to examine, as well as slides and videotapes of the instructor's work in Africa and Europe.

September 15 – October 20, 2009

10:00 – 11:45 a.m. (6 classes)
Location: **The Tamalpais**
501 Via Casitas, Greenbrae
Instructor: **Betty Goerke**



Two Koreas and Japan

The countries of North East Asia are among the main international actors of our time. Sixty years after the armistice that ended the fighting in the Korean War, the divisions on the peninsula remain. Their roots lie deep in the historical relationships among Japan, China and Korea. This course will survey the basics of these relationships, both historic and contemporary. Videos, a guest speaker on North Korea and slides will be part of the course.

September 15 – October 20, 2009

1:30 – 3:15 p.m. (6 classes)
Location: **Dominican campus**
Instructor: **Gloria Neumeier, MA**

Trips, Clubs, Partnerships, and Tours

Tour of Chinatown

Take a walk in the past. Explore San Francisco's Chinatown as it was at the turn of the 20th century. Start out in Portsmouth Square which is considered the living-room of the Chinese community. Walk through the back alleys visiting a true pagoda, the Ma Su Tao temple, a fortune cookie factory, an herbalist and many other informative historical sites. Learn about the history of Chinatown. After our walk, led by docents from City Tours, we'll enjoy a dim sum lunch at the Zagat rated Oriental Pearl restaurant.

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration Deadline: **August 14, 2009**

Cost: **\$55 for all members (includes bus transportation, lunch, docent-guided tour and all gratuities)**

Withdrawal: **Refunds will be given after August 14 only if a substitute is available from the wait list.**

Look for more trips in Spring 2010 to Filoli Gardens in Woodside and The Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito!

Up Close and Personal With the Marin Symphony

Enjoy a "behind the scenes" look at the Marin Symphony's 2009-10 season. Experience each concert with higher levels of understanding and enjoyment thanks to Professor Sally Johnson's insightful exploration of the histories, composers and soloists of the works performed.

Save 20 percent on ticket prices by purchasing a 5-concert subscription (required to register for this class); price includes free companion ticket to any single performance in the season. For the complete 2009-10 season program, visit www.marinsymphony.org. Please call 415-479-8100 for information on purchasing your subscription.

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 30, 2010

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: **Dominican Campus**

Instructor: **Sally Johnson, professor of music**

Theater Appreciation Club

This club, led by one of our own premium members, will meet six times during the fall session. Its purpose is to give members the opportunity to sample the excellent and varied community theater that exists in Marin County. Class meetings will be used to read and discuss the play that we will see that evening and read from other scripts when possible. Dinner will follow the class, and after dinner participants will drive, separately or together, to that night's selected theater. Registrants for the course must purchase all tickets and their own dinners.

Thursdays, September 17 – October 22, 2009

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (6 classes)

Location: **Dominican Campus**

Instructor: **Sandy Levitan, MA**

Cost: **\$50 for Basic Members**
Maximum of 25 participants

Walking Tour Through Dominican's Grounds

On this walking tour through the central sites of Dominican's beautiful grounds, the principal focus will be the trees and gardens. Brief histories of major buildings will be included, with the opportunity for questions. This tour will be led by Michael Henkes, associate director of facilities services at Dominican University of California.

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Location: **The class will meet in front of Caleruega Hall.**



Membership and Fees

Basic Annual Membership

After paying the Basic Annual Membership Fee of \$20, basic members may then enroll in OLLI courses by paying the individual course fees.

Single Session Membership

After paying the Session Membership Fee, members may register for up to five courses in that session. The cost for courses in excess of five is charged at the regular rate.

Premium Annual Membership

After paying the Premium Annual Membership Fee, members may register for up to five courses per session during the four sessions in the academic year (Summer 2010 not included.) The cost for courses in excess of five is 25% off the regular course fee.

Fees

Basic Annual Membership Fee: \$20

Single Session Membership Fee: \$225

Premium Annual Membership Fee: Before August 31, 2009: \$430; After August 31, 2009: \$460

Course Fees: 6-week course: \$100
8-week course: \$130

See course description for trips, clubs, and partnership fees.

Registration

Early registration is recommended. All members must register by the first day of the course(s). Registration can be done by mail or phone. To register by phone with a credit card, please call 415-458-3763.

Enrollment Confirmation

You will receive an enrollment confirmation by mail. If you have any questions, please call 415-458-3763.

Discounts

Dominican University of California faculty, staff, alumni and residents of our partner locations may be eligible for discounts.

Refund Policy

Members are eligible for a refund of all fees minus an administrative fee of \$20 if the request is received one week before the first class of the session.

Fee Assistance Programs

If you wish to be considered for a scholarship, please send a personal letter with contact information explaining your situation and course choices to the OLLI office by August 28, 2009. If you are selected for a full or partial scholarship, you may pay only an administrative fee of \$20.

Contact OLLI

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OLLI Fall 2009 Session Registration Form

Name _____
First Last

Address _____
Street City State ZIP

Phone _____
Day Evening E-mail

Where did you hear about the program? _____

Fall Session Course Choices (September 14 – November 9, 2009)

Monday

- U.S. Intelligence in a Post 9/11 World
- The Art and Architecture of Spain

Tuesday

- Understanding Human Evolution: An Overview
- Two Koreas and Japan

Wednesday

- Secrets of the Brain
- Tour of Chinatown
- Up Close and Personal With The Marin Symphony
- Walking Tour through Dominican's Grounds

Thursday

- Marvelous Men of the Movies
- Muses In Their Own Right
- Theater Appreciation Club

Friday

- Poetry, Gossip and the Pursuit of Pleasure
- Writing From Our Lives

Membership Fees

- Basic Membership Fee: **\$20**
- Session Membership Fee: **\$225**
Enroll in up to five courses in the Fall 2009 session only.
- Premium Annual Membership Fee:
Before August 31, 2009: \$430
After August 31, 2009: \$460
Enroll in up to five courses in the four sessions in the academic year - does not include Summer 2010.

Membership and Course Fees

Basic Members Only:

- Basic Membership Fee \$ **20**
- # of courses x \$100 \$ _____
- # of courses x \$130 \$ _____
- Theater Appreciation Club \$ _____
- Tour of Chinatown \$ _____
- Total fees enclosed \$ _____

Make a Donation to OLLI

- I would like to become a Friend of OLLI and make a tax-deductible donation to the program.
Amount \$ _____
- Check enclosed
- Charge amount on my credit card

Payment Information

- Check Enclosed **or** Please charge my account: Visa MasterCard American Express

Name on card _____

Account Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Signature _____

Mail completed form to: Dominican University of California
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"Youth is the gift of nature, but age is a work of art."
– Garson Kanin



Sle P., San Rafael

Fall Open House

Tuesday, August 18, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Guzman Lecture Hall, Dominican Campus

Hosted by Katherine Henderson, OLLI Director

For more information and to RSVP, please call 415-458-3763 or e-mail olli@dominican.edu

During the Open House each instructor will give a short preview of his or her course. The Open House is a great time to meet people, register for classes and find other people for carpooling. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.



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