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On-campus and online learning for those age 50 and better.

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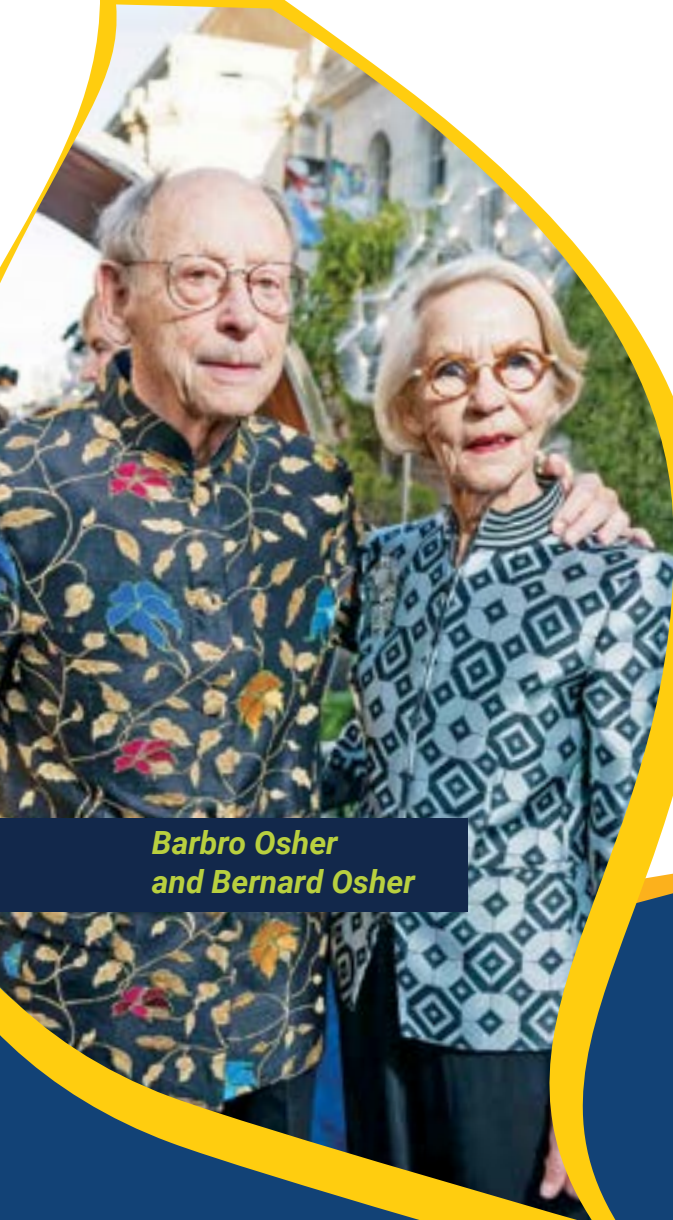


Who we are

“We” are the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Fresno State: a unique community of lifelong learners, age 50 and better, eager to explore traditional and new areas of knowledge without the stress of tests or grades.

We offer a wide variety of interesting topics with courses in art, history, literature, health, music and science, current events, and so much more. Our offerings are a mix of in-person, online, and hybrid courses and activities. Our curriculum is designed to keep minds and bodies active.

You pay a membership fee to participate in the full range of offerings.



*Barbro Osher
and Bernard Osher*

Your OLLI Membership Includes:

- ▶ Admission to all keynotes
- ▶ One guest pass per keynote
- ▶ Opportunity to enroll in OLLI courses and activities
- ▶ FREE parking for OLLI campus events
- ▶ Information on Fresno State events

Membership fees are non-refundable and non-transferable

Join us and become part of “we.”

Bernard Osher FOUNDATION

There are 124 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes spanning all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Each is part of a college or university. Our support comes from a grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation, Fresno State, membership and class fees, and donations.

*We don't talk about trees
getting older, we say
they're "growing."
Let's use that same
term for ourselves.
We're not getting older,
we're just "growing."
That's the spirit of living.*

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Principles of Community:

How We Treat Each Other

We all play a role in fostering an inclusive work and learning environment of respect, kindness, collaboration, and accountability where every member of the student body, faculty, staff, and administration can thrive. Our Principles of Community reflect our core values of **Exploration, Excellence, Inclusion and Community** as well as our deep commitment to our mission “to empower students for success through a transformative education rooted in active service with diverse communities.” These Principles were developed collaboratively by faculty, staff, and administrators. They exemplify what we aspire to be.

• WE ARE RESPECTFUL

To approach interpersonal interactions with collegiality and integrity, we strive to...

- Value all employees and welcome their contributions.
- Listen with attention to all perspectives with the intent to understand.
- Consider the impact of our communication.
- Honor our word and commitments.
- Maintain confidentiality and privacy as appropriate.

• WE ARE KIND

To foster a sense of belonging and demonstrate compassion, empathy, care, and concern, we strive to...

- Contribute to making Fresno State a welcoming community for all.
- Use words thoughtfully and be mindful of our actions.
- Assume good intentions.
- Acknowledge the contributions of others.
- Be patient and supportive.

• WE ARE COLLABORATIVE

To work together to achieve common goals, support the greater good and embrace Fresno State's mission, we strive to...

- Build relationships to create a positive work and learning environment.
- Communicate to engage and be supportive of each other's goals.
- Consider diverse ideas and opinions.
- Participate fully as a team member, do our share and make space for others to shine.

• WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE

To hold ourselves and our colleagues accountable for behaviors and outcomes, we strive to...

- Clearly communicate expectations and, when appropriate, jointly develop goals and objectives.
- Explain the purpose of decisions and actions.
- Share honest, meaningful feedback in a timely manner and receive feedback with an open mind.
- Own responsibility for our behaviors and actions.

University's Definition of Diversity: Individual differences (e.g., personality, language, learning styles, and life experiences) and group/social differences (e.g., race/ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation/sexual identity, country of origin, and ability status as well as cultural, political, religious, or other affiliations) that can be engaged in the service of learning.

Code of Conduct

Members of OLLI at Fresno State agree that the program maximizes learning and enjoyment for all members. Opposing viewpoints must be respected, the dignity of others maintained at all times, and members must be sensitive to the desire for everyone to have a voice in classroom discussions. OLLI staff and instructors reserve the right to limit or disallow participation in OLLI classes, events, and/or activities, including online synchronous (Zoom) activities. If a member is disruptive, interrupts classroom discourse, or creates a safety concern, they may be asked to leave the class/event/activity and potentially banned from future OLLI participation.



Library cards are back!

All OLLI members may receive a free library card. Renewable each semester with your paid membership. Pick your card up on September 3rd after our FREE tour of the library. Don't forget to sign up when you register for classes.





Keynote Speakers

California's Great Dilemma: To Grow or Not to Grow in a time of Wildfires and Climate Change?

Mark Arax

Thurs., Sept. 18 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Satellite Student Union

Award-winning journalist and author Mark Arax, a favorite Fresno State OLLI keynoter, will share his thoughts about a major challenge for California land-use planners: Balancing the need for growth against threats of climate change and wildfires. As weather conditions become less predictable, more people move into the state. They need somewhere to live, preferably with urban services that include fire and police protection, roads, affordable housing, utilities, waste management and water. Greater residential development in exurban areas, though, stretches urban infrastructure and services, adds to environmental concerns, and will require possibly painful solutions to guarantee a sustainable future.



Non-Violence is a Weapon of the Strong

H.E. Bawa Jain

Thurs., Oct. 2 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Satellite Student Union

A trailblazer in global leadership and religious diplomacy, H.E. Bawa Jain has made a lasting impact from the United Nations to the World Economic Forum. Rooted in the timeless legacies of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., this keynote explores nonviolence as a bold and transformative force in confronting the world's deepest challenges. Far beyond passive resistance, nonviolence will be presented as a dynamic strategy for leadership—one that demands moral courage, inner strength, humility, and a commitment to justice. The session will call for a new generation of responsible leaders who lead with compassion, serve with humility, bridge divides, and act with the conviction that peace is not merely the absence of conflict, but the presence of dignity, truth, and shared humanity.



Sponsored in part by the M.K. Gandhi Center: Inner Peace and Sarvodaya

Keynote Speakers



Why Journalism Still Matters in a Distrustful World

Jim Boren

Thurs., Oct. 16 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Satellite Student Union and **Zoom**

The collapse of local news is eroding American democracy, but new models of journalism are trying to rebuild public trust and civic engagement. Disappearing newspapers and other media cutbacks leave behind “news deserts,” where communities lack reliable, watchdog reporting. Former Fresno Bee Executive Editor Jim Boren, founding executive director of Fresno State’s Institute for Media and Public Trust, will explore the need to preserve local journalism; the impact of its decline on democracy and civic life; and how nonprofit newsrooms, public media, and community-driven efforts – many in our region – are restoring trusted local reporting. This timely keynote also will teach us how to help meet this challenge.

Table Knockers and Spirit Guides: The Victorian Spiritualism Craze

Micheline Golden

Thurs., Oct. 30 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Satellite Student Union and **Zoom**

In the early 1900s, talking to the dead was almost as popular as talking to your best friend. Ouija boards, automatic writing, seances, and spirit parties were all the rage. Participants in these dubious activities included people who probably should have known better and many who just didn’t want to lose contact with their dearly departed. Historian Micheline Golden, a popular Fresno State OLLI presenter, has been fascinated with early 20th century spiritualism since meeting a ghost on the Queen Mary. She promises a fun talk about that encounter and about ghosts, mediums, scams, and spirits – just in time for All Hallows’ Eve.





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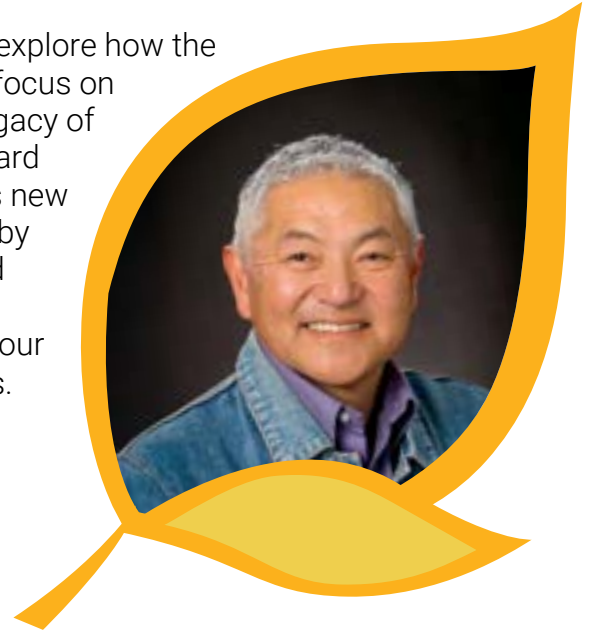
Shadow Music the Sounds of Our Valley

David “Mas” Masumoto

Thurs., Nov. 13 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Satellite Student Union

Listen as farmer and author David “Mas” Masumoto invites us to explore how the sounds of stories from family history can be told musically. We’ll focus on four generations of Japanese-American farm women and their legacy of resilience through the melody of their lives – the disharmony of hard times and rhythms of working our lands. The themes are from his new book “Shadow Music” and the musical composition was inspired by his writing and performed by the Fresno Philharmonic. Words and music fuse to capture a community soundscape that feeds our imagination to understand our past, present, and future; expands our sense of place; and amplifies the power of the anthem of our lives.



Who Is the Other? An Exploration of Cultural Beliefs in Our Valley

Dr. Veena Howard

Thurs., Dec. 4 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Satellite Student Union

Cultural and religious differences can sometimes feel unfamiliar – even daunting – when vastly different from our own experiences. Fresno State Philosophy Professor Veena Howard leads us on an exploration of the rich cultural and religious diversity of South Asian communities in the Valley, focusing on Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, and Sikhism. We’ll reflect on the teachings, practices, and traditions that shape the lives of many of our neighbors. Timed with the spirit of the holiday season, OLLI members will reflect on teachings, practices, and traditions that shape many of our neighbors’ lives. From Dr. Howard, we’ll learn about the values, rituals, attire, festivals, and foods that define these traditions.



Once A Month



Become a Career Champion: Support the Next Generation of Bulldogs

FREE Tues., Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4,
Dec. 2 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.
TBD

Presenter: **Mary Willis**

OLLI is celebrating 20 years at Fresno State with a new monthly opportunity for members to make a difference in the lives of students, whose campus we share. Mary Willis, executive director of the university's Career Development Center, will help us learn how to support students as they explore their career options and develop the skills every employer wants in new employees. We'll learn strategies for having meaningful conversations with students about our career and life experiences using the proven Candor Career Advising Platform. It's an opportunity to share our wisdom with the next generation of Bulldogs.

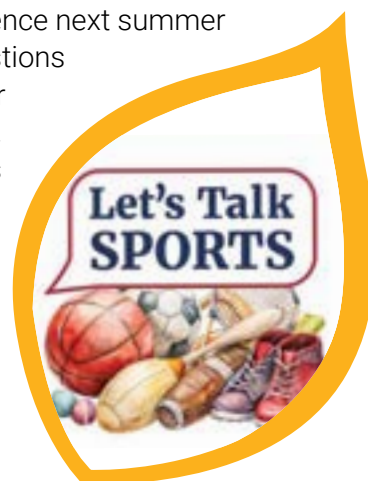


Let's Talk Sports

\$30 Wed., Sept 3, Oct. 1, Dec. 3
1 to 2:30 p.m. | **ED140**

Presenter: **Ken Robinson**

Sports fans have their strong opinions and Fresno State OLLI provides the venue for us to share them during a monthly in-person discussion. Locally, Fresno State athletics is counting down the months before joining the Pac-12 conference next summer and there are a lot of questions surrounding this and other aspects of Bulldog sports. Former Fresno Bee sports journalist Ken Robison knows that, like him, sports fans' interests run the gamut from high-school and college athletics to the ever-changing professional sports scape. To add perspective and interest, Ken invites guests to add their expertise to the discussions and answer our questions. There's nothing quite like it for sports fans.



Current Events

\$40 Thurs., Sept. 4, Oct. 16, Nov. 6, Dec. 4
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | **ED140** and **Zoom**

Presenter: **Lanny Larson**

As this catalog is being prepared in mid-summer, we can't predict with certainty what will be news during the fall. If you're an OLLI member who's OK with learning about the unexpected, we invite you to be an active participant in our monthly sessions on what's happening. Retired multimedia journalist Lanny Larson pays close attention to what's happening locally and throughout the nation and world. He develops questions to provoke thoughtful, pointed, respectful discussions in-person and via Zoom about recent news and its coverage by media. Each meeting is an opportunity to share our thoughts and concerns and to listen to opposing points of view of other OLLI members.



Once A Month



Book Club

\$40 Fri., Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5
9:30 to 11 a.m. | ED140 and Zoom

Presenter: **Kay Davies**

One of Fresno State OLLI's most popular and enduring offerings invites participants to read one book each month and then join online or in-person for a spirited discussion led by educator and avid reader Kay Davies. Our first-Friday lineup for Fall 2025:

Friday, September 5

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

This multiprize-winning novel, inspired by Charles Dickens' David Copperfield, follows a boy born to a teenaged single mom in Appalachia with only his dead father's good looks and red hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce survival instinct as rural gets ignored and urban is amplified.

Friday, October 3

Agent Josephine by Damien Lewis

Pre-World War II, American ex-patriate Josephine Baker was a music-hall diva celebrated for her singing and dancing, beauty, and sexuality. Her color got her banned from Paris when the Nazis occupied it, so overnight she switched from performer to spy for the Resistance.

Friday, November 7

Burn Book: A Tech Love Story by Kara Swisher

This part memoir, part history chronicles tech's most powerful players through the notes of an award-winning journalist who covered the explosion of the digital sector as it developed in the early 1990s and established a new world order.

Friday, December 5

Backyard Bird Chronicles by Amy Tan

Best-selling author Amy Tan in 2016 became overwhelmed by the state of a world fueled by hatred, misinformation, social media, and divisions. Peace came through the birds visiting her yard and reminding her about the human-nature connection and what it can teach.

Games You Love to Play

\$40 Fri., Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5
1 to 3 p.m. | ED140

Presenter: **Cathy Self**

It was the title of a Monty Python sketch, "And Now for Something Completely Different" that perfectly describes a popular Fresno State OLLI offering. Last year, Cathy Self was part of an experiment that blended learning, fun, and socializing into one relaxed session each month. Participants learned multiple card games they could share with others and practice with their OLLI classmates. The experiment worked and now is a regular feature of our once-a-month offerings.

It's an opportunity to unplug from our devices and duties to enjoy some new low-tech entertainment possibilities and make new friends doing it.



Short Courses



Evidence for Evolution

\$30 Tues., Sept. 2, 9, 16 | 1 to 2 p.m.
Zoom

Presenter: **Dr. Johnnie Hendrickson**

How can we be sure humans evolved from a branch of the Great Apes? If that happened, why are there still apes? How does one species give rise to another? Is evolution still happening? What's the "theory of evolution by natural selection," its origin, and how sure are scientists about it? Popular presenter Dr. Johnnie Hendrickson, a teaching professor in molecular sciences at Arizona State University, answers those questions and more as we examine evidence scientists use to understand evolution, speciation, and the variety of life. Besides examining ancient evolution, we'll explore how humans have continued to evolve since taking our modern form.

Pioneer Women of Fresno County

\$20 Wed., Sept. 3, 10 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.
ED 140 and Zoom

Presenter: **Dr. Jeannine Raymond**

What would history look like if written by women who lived it? Celebrated California author and local historian Dr. Jeannine Raymond gives us a glimpse through stories from her new book, Ernestine Winchell and the Pioneer Women of Fresno County, California. Winchell's first-hand accounts of life in late 19th

century Fresno County – written in the 1920s – attracted statewide interest and included interactions between indigenous people and settlers. We'll also meet the woman famous for research on dairy cows, learn the origin of the street name Minnewawa, and meet women who built prominent businesses, getting a better appreciation of what it took to cross the country by wagon, arrive in an inhospitable landscape, and survive.

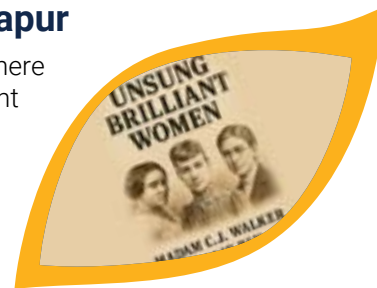


Unsung Brilliant Women

\$30 Thurs., Sept. 4, 11, 18
9 to 10:30 a.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **Gopal Kapur**

Across American history, there have been countless brilliant women who have been celebrated by as pioneers, political leaders, artists, writers and more. Women innovators, inventors, and explorers often don't get the same recognition in the male-dominated march of time. In this OLLI class, we'll try to correct oversights by hearing about some groundbreaking women who deserve our respect for using their vision, passion, investment, and inspiration as entrepreneurs. Presenter Gopal Kapur, an entrepreneur throughout his adult life, will introduce us to Madam C.J. Walker, our nation's first female self-made millionaire, journalist and women's rights advocate Nellie Bly, and architect Julia Morgan, whose accomplishments include Hearst Castle.



Surviving Genocide: A Survivor's Story

\$20 Thurs., Sept. 4, 11
1 to 2:30 p.m. | ED140 and Zoom

Presenter: **Dr. Amila Becirbegovic**

Regrettably, genocides around the world don't seem to stop, but only to relocate. Additionally, they often are told in the broad swath of numbers, rather than in the personal stories more likely to promote understanding and support. In this class, Dr. Amila Becirbegovic, an associate professor of German and Ethnic Humanities at Fresno State, will discuss the Bosnian genocide of the late 20th century, which she survived by escaping. She will help us understand why genocide happens, how ordinary citizens become perpetrators, and what each of us can do to stop future genocides from happening.



Short Courses



Are You Eating Healthy? Let's Find Out

\$30 Mon., Sept 8, 15, 22
9 to 10:30 a.m. | **Zoom**

Presenter: **Gopal Kapur**

According to the American Heart Association, nearly half of American adults 50 or better have diagnosed with cardiovascular or chronic disease. Medical research proves that diet can have a huge impact on overall health and fitness. Diet affects many key elements of cardiovascular disease, both directly and indirectly: obesity, physical activity, cholesterol, sleep, and nutrition. While most well-publicized commercial diets have low success rates, we need a solid nutrition plan to manage potential late-life health liabilities. In this new OLLI class, we'll learn valuable, life-extending lessons from Gopal Kapur, whose Roseville-based nonprofit distributes meal boxes through food banks and other organizations that feed the hungry.

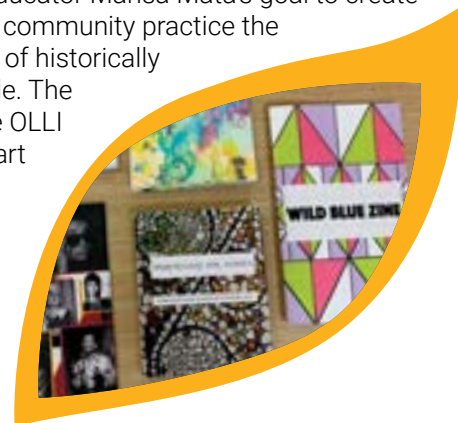


Out of the Drafts: Preserving Your Life's Stories

\$50 Mon., Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6
3:30 to 5 p.m. | **ED140**

Presenter: **Marisa Mata**

Participants will receive prompts to generate their own original pieces of writing and learn techniques to preserve their work in unique collections that can be shared with family and friends. It is part of Fresno writer, artist, and educator Marisa Mata's goal to create space to uplift into community practice the art and storytelling of historically marginalized people. The class will introduce OLLI members to book art and design tools, printing methods, and hand-binding skills to add intimacy to the presentation of our words.



Mindful Photography Expressions

\$40 Mon., Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29
1 to 2:30 p.m. | **ED140**

Presenter: **Ken McCoy**

Mindfulness applied to and developed through photography offers the opportunity for you to develop your ability to be present in the moment with your subject matter, connected to your whole photographic experience, and expand your perspective. Ken McCoy, a worldwide syndicated photojournalist and popular Fresno State OLLI presenter, will provide the keys to learn the importance of Mindful Photography and how it works. The class will offer weekly photographic assignments and discussions about the images and the "next level" of visual expression connections, emotions, and interpretation. All camera devices are welcome.



5 Problems From Not Planning Your Estate

\$15 Tues., Sept. 9
10 to 11:30 a.m. | **ED140**

Presenter: **Gary L. Winter**

Whether you've already completed your estate plan or are just getting started, this course will help you escape the most likely issues that pop up. This OLLI how-to course is presented by Dr. Gary L. Winter, a Fresno attorney with decades of estate planning experience, who teaches the discipline at San Joaquin College of Law. Included will be the five most common (and avoidable) problems that arise from not planning – or from outdated plans. Participants will have an opportunity to refresh their knowledge, ensure their wishes are properly documented, learn about creating a plan that works, and understand the documents essential to every plan. We'll have time for your questions, too.

Short Courses



Grandmama Europe: Queen Victoria's Plan to Reform the World with her Children

\$15 Tues., Sept. 9
3 to 4:30 p.m. | ED140

Presenter: **Micheline Golden**

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert had nine children, 42 grandchildren, and 87 great grandchildren representing nine of Europe's royal houses leading into World War I. These marriages and children were (mostly) the result of marriages carefully orchestrated by Victoria herself to fulfill a plan created early in her own marriage. British history buff Micheline Golden, a much-requested OLLI presenter, is our guide to how the royal couple plotted to liberalize European monarchy and society by spreading their children and politics across the continent. We'll learn how WWI pitted cousin against cousin and also which children and grandchildren broke free to marry for love instead of duty.



Teddy Roosevelt in Yosemite

\$15 Wed., Sept. 10
1 to 2:30 p.m. | ED 140

Presenter: **Dan Carrion**

President Theodore Roosevelt traveled to California in May 1903 – less than two years after succeeding the assassinated William McKinley and 18 months before his own re-election in 1904. On his train trip West, Roosevelt visited many places throughout the West. But the signature event was a three-night camping trip in the Yosemite area with explorer John Muir. Fresno State Professor Dan Carrion, a favorite OLLI presenter who has studied local history most of his adult life, will help us understand how that meeting of two signature men made an indelible mark on the United States. Before leaving office in 1909, Roosevelt oversaw the creation of more than 150 national parks, monuments, forests, and reserves.



Van Gogh & the Rebels: How Post- Impressionists Ignited Modern Art

\$20 Thurs. Sept. 11, 18
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **Dr. Deborah Robin**

Journey into the vibrant world of Post-Impressionism, where four extraordinary artists transformed the language of painting forever. Watch Van Gogh and Gauguin unleash the emotional power of art through explosive color and bold imagination. Meanwhile, Seurat and Cézanne approached painting with scientific precision, which pioneered radical new theories of color and form. Arizona-based art enthusiast and educator Dr. Deborah Robin, who presents courses for OLLI programs throughout the nation, will be Fresno OLLI members' guide to this extraordinary transformative time at the dawn of what we think of today as Modern Art.



Trusts 101: How to Be a Trustee

\$15 Tues., Sept. 16
10 to 11:30 a.m. | ED140

Presenter: **Gary L. Winter**

Attorney Gary L. Winter, who has practiced in Fresno for decades, is presenting this Fresno State OLLI course to educate people who've been nominated as a trustee or anyone who is simply wanting to know what happens with a trust after someone dies. It's an opportunity to gain the foundational knowledge and practical tools that are needed serve with confidence. The course also will provide information to avoid common pitfalls and ensure the trust is administered properly.

Short Courses



Speleothems

\$15 Wed., Sept. 17
10 to 11:30 a.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **Dr. Stephenie Slahor**

You may not be familiar with the course title. No, it's not something bacterial nor originating in outer space. Dig deeper, because Speleothems are found only in one type of place—in planet Earth's caves. Our guide is Dr. Stephenie Slahor, who entertains and educates OLLI classes throughout the nation with intriguing courses primarily in the natural sciences and history. In this course, we'll search for these unique, beautiful, and odd formations. They range from stalactites to cave bacon (Yes, there is such a thing!).



Those Plucky Women of WWII Part 2

\$15 Wed., Sept. 17
1 to 2:30 p.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **Kayleen Reusser**

Between 1942 and 1945, 350,000 American women helped their country in its greatest time of need by enlisting in the military. As members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Army Air Corps, they were taught unique tasks despite disapproval that often included from their own families. Author Kayleen Reusser, who has written 10 books about people who served in World War II, will teach us about women who nursed wounded soldiers in hospitals overseas, wore uniforms, and took over jobs previously assigned to men. They served and, by doing so, set new examples of pioneering spirit that paved the way for future women to do the same and have military careers.

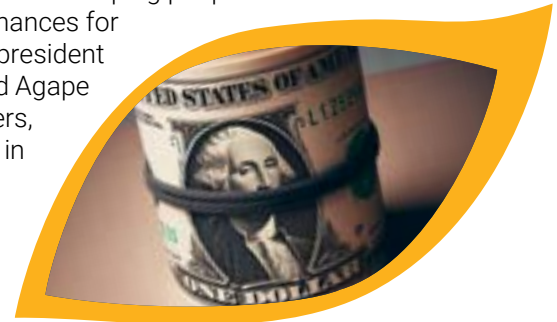


Keep the \$1s on the Outside: Simple Tips to Take Control of Your Financial Life

\$15 Tues., Sept. 23
10 to 11:30 a.m. | ED140

Presenter: **Nathan Moore, CFP®, CKA®**

We're all bombarded with suggestions across a broad range of opportunities to expand or protect our hard-earned financial assets. It can be difficult to choose the strategy that best fits our financial situation and what we hope to accomplish. In this course, Nathan Moore will help Fresno State OLLI members make informed financial plans, offering useful, practical tips and tools to successfully navigate these waters. Nathan's new to OLLI, but he has been helping people manage their finances for many years as president of Fresno-based Agape Planning Partners, which operates in eight states.



Elder Fraud

\$15 Tues., Sept. 23
1 to 2:30 p.m. | ED140

Presenter: **Holly Peacock**

In her role as a victim specialist with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Holly Peacock, whose college degrees are in criminology and marriage and family therapy, has become well-acquainted with the never-ending efforts to separate people – especially OLLI-aged folks – from their money. She works out of the Fresno and Bakersfield resident FBI agencies on a range of cases that extends to human trafficking, armed robbery, child kidnapping, and financial fraud. Holly will share her expertise about frauds, scams, and swindles and offer suggestions about how to keep from becoming a victim.

Short Courses



Cooking Through the 20th Century

\$15 Wed., Sept. 24
1 to 2:30 p.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **Kayleen Reusser**

Cookbooks are still very much a thing today, published by the thousands. Yet certain books that adorned Grandma's kitchen shelves and shaped America's eating habits may be well-thumbed, faded, and coming apart from their binding; but that's part of the charm. Kayleen Reusser has collected more than 1,000 cookbooks and cooking pamphlets from more than 40 years ago and established a blog, Vintage Eats. She will share recipes from her cookbook collection, representing each decade of the 20th century, and probably inspire class members to delve into their own cookbook nostalgia.



Heroes and Inspirational Stories in our National Park System

\$30 Thurs., Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9
9 to 10:30 a.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **David Kroese**

With 433 units across the United States managed by the National Park Service, there seems like no end to the experiences we can enjoy. And who better to guide us on this latest OLLI exploration of what our national parks, preserves, monuments, memorials, historic sites, seashore, and battlefields have to offer than David Kroese, one of fewer than 100 visitors to all of them? Dave will share stories of courage, determination, perseverance, and brotherly love from just 28 places that will inspire us as much today as ever and remind us of our individual potential to contribute to the present and future.



The Lie We Create: Writing and Selling Fiction

\$40 Thurs., Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16
1 to 2:30 p.m. | ED140

Presenter: **Bonnie Hearn Hill**

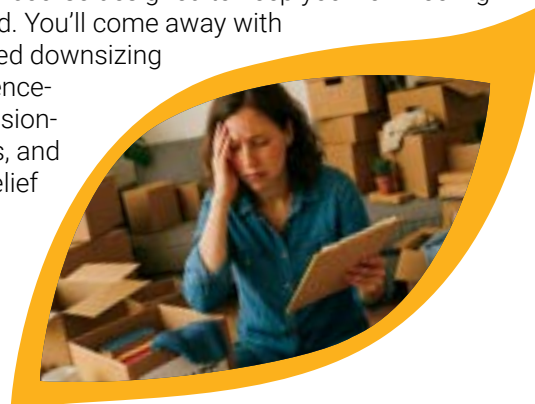
Fiction is the lie we create in order to tell a truth, although not THE truth, says prolific novelist Bonnie Hearn Hill, whose reputation as a writing coach and mentor for other authors is also well established. This OLLI course is designed for anyone struggling with a novel, has an idea for a short story, and/or is Interested in learning more about flash fiction. You'll get help finding your story while you develop your characters. Participants will also learn the basics of the writing craft, including scene creation, dialogue, and (that dreaded) point-of-view. Optional class assignments and editing are included.

Downsize with Ease: Simplifying Life for the Next Chapter

\$15 Tues., Sept. 30
10 to 11:30 a.m. | ED140

Presenter: **Joanne Bazarian**

For a lot of OLLI members this is the time of life when we think about relocating to someplace smaller and less labor-intensive. Realtor Joanne Bazarian has seen enough of those downsizing moves during her career to learn plenty of strategies for moving into a smaller home, simplifying your lifestyle, or reducing the clutter and reclaiming your space. For OLLI, she plans a supportive and practical course designed to keep you from feeling overwhelmed. You'll come away with a personalized downsizing plan; confidence-building decision-making tools, and a sense of relief that comes with making your plan to move forward.



Short Courses



The History and Mystery of Color: Purple

\$15 Wed., Oct. 1
10 to 11:30 a.m.
Zoom



Presenter:
Eleanor Schrader

As we move through the prismatic spectrum, this time we focus on purple, a royal color that for millennia has symbolized wisdom, power, spirituality, luxury, and nobility. Popular OLLI presenter Eleanor Schrader, who has been an educator in art and architecture history for many years, is our guide. "Purple stimulates the imagination and is related to fantasies and dreams," she says, "as magic is often portrayed as purple in popular culture." We'll examine purple in art history, including surprising origins in the creation of the pigment and how artists used the color to convey an array of meanings.

Play Seminar for Fresno State's Production of "A Raisin in the Sun"

\$35 Wed., Oct 1, 8
3 to 4:30 p.m. | ED140
Play on Tues. Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.

Ticket included for the play

Presenter: **Dr. Nicola Olsen**

This is a three-part course that precedes, includes, and follows this fall's Fresno State Theatre Production of "A Raisin in the Sun" by Lorraine Hansberry, which won a Pulitzer Prize after its 1959 debut and has become an icon of live theater. Dr. Nicola Olsen, an assistant professor in theater education at Fresno State, plans a preshow class that will enlighten us about the playwright, themes of the play, and its history to enhance everyone's enjoyment of the production. After the performance we'll meet again to share our views about the play, its interpretation, and design, and hear others' points of view.



Leadership in Italy: From Machiavelli to Mussolini

\$40 Mon., Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
ED 140 and Zoom

Presenter: **Dr. Andrea Polegato**

OLLI members are invited to examine the evolution of leadership in Italy in this class presented by Dr. Andrea Polegato, an associate professor in Italian Studies at Fresno State and resident director the California State University's international programs in Florence. In this course, participants will learn about such leaders of Italy as Italian Renaissance luminary Niccolò Machiavelli and Benito Mussolini, whose alliance with Germany's Adolf Hitler led Italy onto the losing side in World War II. More generally, we'll explore how various political ideas and leadership styles have influenced Italy and global politics up to the present.



Armenian Culture: Church and Language

\$20 Mon., Oct. 6, 13
1 to 2:30 p.m. | ED140

Presenter: **Barlow Der Mugardechian**

Prof. Barlow Der Mugardechian, the Berberian coordinator of Armenian Studies at Fresno State, will lead OLLI class participants on a two-part exploration of Armenian culture, helping us understand more about this unique group woven into the fabric of the Valley community. In the first part, we'll focus on Christianity in Armenia and the Armenian Church and their imprint on the culture of a people. The second part will focus on the Armenian language and the Armenian alphabet.



Short Courses



The Turning Point of 1960s American Music

\$40 Tues., Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28
3 to 4:30 p.m. | **ED140**

Presenter: **Dr. Matthew Darling**

The 1960s were characterized by folk, folk rock, psychedelic rock, and protest music. Fresno State Music Professor Matthew Darling, a popular presenter with OLLI, will reacquaint class participants with Bob Dylan, the Byrds, Jefferson Airplane, Jimi Hendrix, the Grateful Dead, the Doors, John Fogerty and so many others, who were the creators of music that reflected, then changed, a generation. We'll explore how the Civil Rights movement, Vietnam, and the pervasive drug culture were the driving forces that changed popular music in America during the decade.



Medications: Advocating for Yourself and Others

\$40 Wed., Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29
1 to 2:30 p.m. | **ED140**

Presenter: **Dr. Neal Howard**

Retired pharmacist and OLLI member Dr. Neal Howard will lead an exploration of how we can be more active and effective participants in our medication decisions. It begins with an assessment of what class members have been prescribed, so information can be tailored to class needs. Follow-up sessions will explore specific medications and provide tools to be effective advocates for ourselves in the prescription process. Dr. Howard will teach us how to promote respectful dialogue with doctors, understand generic vs. brand-name drugs, and know how drug formularies are developed. The class will focus on the need for skepticism about consumer drug advertising and also consider future trends in healthcare.



Bay Area Figurative Art Movement

\$20 Wed., Oct. 8, 15
10 to 11:30 a.m. | **Zoom**

Presenter: **Diane Levinson**

The Bay Area Figurative Movement in the 1950s is considered by many to be the region's most singular contribution to 20th century art. In an important moment in the development of abstract painting after World War II, San Francisco-area artists David Park, Richard Diebenkorn, and Elmer Bischoff reincorporated subject-matter into their work in defiance of the pure abstraction favored by the New York School: Mark Rothko, Jackson Pollock, et al. Artist, art instructor, and arts advocate Diane

Levinson will guide us through what happened as the Bay Area Figurative Movement evolved in tandem with the rise of beat culture in San Francisco and the development of West Coast jazz.



Bridging the Divide: 35 Years of German Unification

\$15 Thur., Oct. 9
3 to 4:30 p.m. | **Zoom**

Presenter: **Anette Isaacs**

This October 3 is the 35th anniversary of Germany's reunification. Bringing together two countries separated for 45 years remains a profound chapter in its modern history. German history expert Anette Isaacs, who has made many presentations to Fresno State OLLI members, will guide us through the past three decades marked by hope and hardship. We'll learn how East and West Germany have struggled to bridge deep and complex political, economic, and cultural divides, facing many challenges and triumphs that have shaped the New Germany – a leader in the European Union and a respected member of the world community.

Short Courses



The Role of U.S. First Ladies in Presidential Politics

\$30 Mon., Oct. 13, 20, 27
3 to 4:30 p.m. | ED 140

Presenter: **Dr. Diane Blair**

Since the earliest days of the republic, First Ladies have grappled with the proper performance of this un-elected role that holds considerable celebrity status and public visibility. Becoming First Lady enables the women to wield a somewhat intangible, imprecise, yet significant political power, but not any constitutional authority. Helping OLLI members understand more is Dr. Diane Blair, interim chair of Fresno State's Department of Communication. Participants will learn about the influences of social and political custom, political necessity, and the personal preferences and individual style of first ladies shaped the role historically. We'll also explore some of the ways first ladies have exercised political influence and power in presidential politics.

Understanding Religions in the Central Valley: How Stained-Glass Windows Promote Beliefs

\$30 Tues., Oct. 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m.,
Saint John's visit on Oct. 21 from 1 to 2:30 p.m., St. Michael on Oct. 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. | ED140, Saint John's Cathedral, and St. Michael the Archangel Anglican Church

Presenter: **Ron Orozco**

They come in all shapes, sizes, and colors, but stained-glass windows at Valley places of worship share many purposes in common. Former Fresno Bee religion writer Ron Orozco, a favorite OLLI presenter since his retirement in 2015, has seen literally hundreds of examples of stained glass across a broad swath of religious beliefs. The colorful glass, he says, is there to inspire, educate, calm, and heal visitors to temples, mosques, and churches. Ron will introduce the class to some of the remarkable stained glass he's seen locally and we'll go see some for ourselves, too.

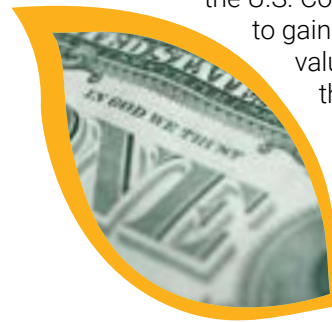
Saint John's Cathedral, 2814 Mariposa St, Fresno, CA 93721
and St. Michael the Archangel Anglican Church, 5073 N. Palm Ave, Fresno, CA 93704

Religion, Nationalism, and the Constitution

\$40 Wed., Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 12
3 to 4:30 p.m. | ED 140

Presenter: **Dr. Andrew Fiala**

Fresno State Philosophy Professor Dr. Andrew Fiala will lead participants on a discussion of religious nationalism, based upon his new book, Christian Nationalism and the Paradox of Secularism. We'll discuss perennial issues in Christian theology, contemporary political controversy, and carefully consider religious liberty in the U.S. Constitutional system. Expect to gain insight into the strength and value of the First Amendment and the secular orientation of the American tradition. As with his other popular OLLI courses, Dr. Fiala encourages dialogue about controversial subjects and invites "questions and an open mind."

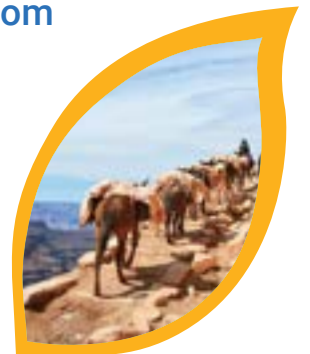


What Makes the Grand Canyon "Grand?"

\$30 Mon., Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3
1 to 2:30 p.m. | Zoom

Presenter:
Dr. Stephenie Slahor

No wonder the Grand Canyon is on bucket lists, especially being less than two days' drive from the Valley. Not only is it a natural wonder to behold, this popular National Park System unit accommodates a broad range of interests – river rafting, hiking, photography, indigenous artifacts, stargazing, vintage railroad trips, and much more. Stephenie Slahor, who learns from every place she visits and generously shares what she learns with OLLI members all over, will share facts and stories about the Grand Canyon, including its geology, archaeology, trails, modern human history, wildlife and, yes, those famously sure-footed mules.



Short Courses



Meteor Crater, Arizona

\$15 Thurs., Oct. 30
10 to 11:30 a.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **Dr. Stephanie Slahor**

Just recently a meteor crossing the summer sky over the southeastern states exploded spectacularly over Alabama, igniting new interest in Earth's close encounters with celestial objects. However, 50,000 years ago a meteorite smashed into the desert west of Winslow and east of Flagstaff, Arizona – a long day's drive from the Valley. The site is Meteor Crater Natural Monument and is a unit of our National Park System. Popular OLLI presenter Dr. Stephenie Slahor is our guide to this attraction. We'll learn what happened in the collision, mining there, and the crater's role as a tourist and scientific destination billed as "the best-preserved meteorite impact site on earth."



The James Webb Space Telescope – Revisited

\$20 Wed., Nov. 12, 19
1 to 2:30 p.m. | ED140 and Zoom

Presenter: **Larry Parmeter**

Our Spring 2025 OLLI class on the James Webb Space Telescope outlined its history, celebrated its achievements, and looked toward its future. However, its discoveries since then have left the astronomical world stunned and grasping for answers that, with supporting evidence from other observatories, may well completely rewrite the origin, composition, and fate of the universe. OLLI member and retired high-school teacher Larry Parmeter keeps up to date through his lifelong interest in astronomy, space sciences, and the space program. He'll share the new findings and explain why they're causing an upheaval in current scientific thinking.



Cucina e cultura italiane a casa. Italian Cooking and Culture at Home

\$15 Mon., Dec. 1
12 to 1:30 p.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **Dr. Andrea Polegato**

Italian cuisine is so much more than pizza and pasta – although it's hard to argue with those two as starting points. Fresno State Italian Studies Professor Dr. Andrea Polegato will broaden OLLI members' culinary repertoire and knowledge in this learn-by-doing session. Class participants will receive a list of ingredients in advance, so they can cook along with Dr. Polegato in the comfort of their own kitchen through the technical magic of Zoom.

The menu includes traditional Venetian cicchetti (small bites) and cacio e pepe (cheese and pepper pasta). Class participants may like things so much, they will venture farther through their own Italian cooking adventures.



Frohe Weihnachten: Unwrapping the Charms of German Christmas Tradition

\$15 Mon., Dec. 8
3 to 4:30 p.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **Anette Isaacs**

Uncover the rich history and cultural significance behind cherished customs such as the Advent calendar, Christkindlmarkt, and St. Nicholas Day. Delve into the heartwarming tales of the Christkind and the festive decoration of the Tannenbaum, while also exploring the delectable delights of traditional holiday treats like lebkuchen and stollen. Join German historian Anette Isaacs and journey through time and tradition, exploring how Germany's unique customs have shaped the magic of Christmas celebrations worldwide.

Adventures



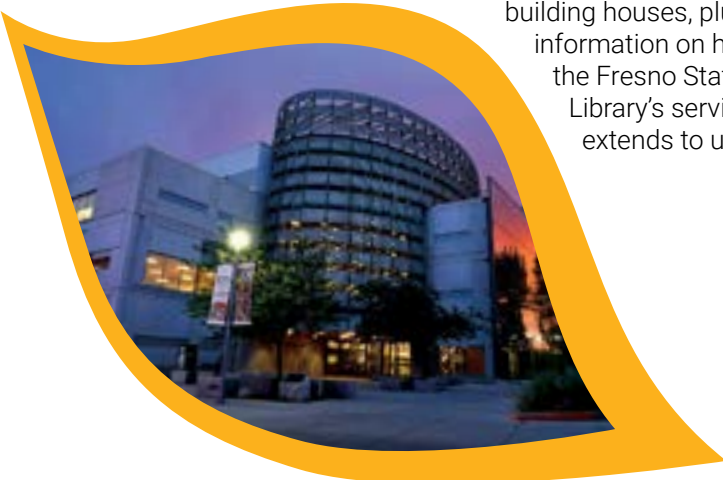
OLLI Goes to the Library: Tour and Card Pick Up

Wed., Sept 3 | 10 a.m.

Fresno State Library

FREE, members only

The Fresno State Library opened in 2009, replacing the building that was here when most OLLI members first came to the campus. The expanded, architecturally exciting new library was purpose-built to serve the needs of students and researchers far into the future, to become an attraction for community-attracting cultural and educational events, and to house existing and anticipated special collections. OLLI members will get a tour and introduction to the many and varied parts that the building houses, plus information on how the Fresno State Library's service extends to us.



Downtown Fresno in 2035: Revitalization Under the Hood

Wed., Sept. 24 | 9 a.m.

**DOWNTOWN FRESNO PARTNERSHIP
2020 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721**

\$25 members only | Limit 20

Prepaid parking included

Presenter: Elliot Balch

Step into the future of Downtown Fresno guided by Elliott Balch, CEO of the Downtown Fresno Partnership. It begins with a discussion of the vision, strategy, and hidden mechanics of revitalization shaping the city's heart. "Thriving cities, and especially complex and thriving downtowns, don't just happen," says Balch. He'll tell us how thoughtful development incorporates economic forces, community-driven projects, infrastructure, and bold planning and coordination. Together they are transforming the landscape of Downtown Fresno. OLLI members will get a close-up look at what, how, when, and where it's happening and a glimpse into Downtown Fresno's future during a walking tour.



Germany's Liquid Bread: A Refreshing Look at the History of Beer and Beer Tasting

**Tue., Sept. 30 | 3 p.m. | The Mad Duck,
7050 N Marks Ave., Fresno, CA 93711 (Herndon and Marks)
\$45 members only | Limit 30**

Presenter: Anette Isaacs

Once so essential to daily diets that it was referred to as liquid bread, beer to this day is a source of great cultural and national pride, especially in Germany. First we'll join Anette Isaacs on **Zoom**, to explore the history of this iconic drink. We'll also learn about some of the lucky brewers who brought their expertise with them to the United States and became the beer barons helping Americans develop a taste for this cornerstone of German culture. Watch the Zoom and celebrate your new-found knowledge with a brewer led sampling of locally brewed beers and a Bavarian soft pretzel at The Mad Duck in Northwest Fresno.



Adventures



Stanford University Galleries: The Cantor Arts Center and The Anderson Collection

Course: **Wed., Oct. 22, 29**
10 to 11:30 a.m. | Zoom

Bus Trip: **Wed., Nov. 5 | 8 a.m. | Limit 38**
328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way,
Stanford, CA 94305

Course and Bus Trip: \$70 members and
\$80 non-members | Bus Trip ONLY \$65
members and \$75 non members

Only 1 guest per member allowed to enroll
Lunch is not included

Presenter: Diane Levinson

The Bay Area is home to many world-class museums, one of which is Stanford University's Cantor Arts Center and Anderson Collection. Harry and Mary Margaret Anderson have assembled an extraordinary private collection of 20th-century art, bringing together East and West Coast artists. The Cantor also was founded by a private family dedicated to building a general collection of world art to rival the late 19th-century Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Experience 2 Zoom lectures with Diane Levinson and then board a bus to Sanford to enjoy the museums with a guided tour led by Cantor Museum docents, will allow OLLI members to explore highlights from both collections.

It's Monumental History: A Tour of the Madera Foothills and the Raymond Museum

Thurs., Oct. 23 | 8 a.m. | Limit 38
\$50 members | \$60 non-members

Only 1 guest per member allowed to enroll

Presenter: Dan Carrion

There's history in them
thar Madera County
foothills. Around
Hensley Lake,
Raymond,
Road 600, and
Highway 49
are interesting
historic sites

that mark lumber flumes, stage-coach robberies,
gold mining, Indian reservations, and a ceremonial
roundhouse. Our guide on this daylong close-to-home
adventure is Fresno State Professor Dan Carrion,
whose presentations about local history resonate with
OLLI members. Dan's the historian for the Jim Savage
Mariposa Battalion Chapter of the statewide historical
group E. Clampus Vitus. He'll guide us to sites marked by
the Clampers and the Raymond Museum. We'll stop for a
no-host lunch at the Hitching Post in Ahwahnee. Best of
all – it's a bus tour, so leave the driving to us!



Halloween Cookie Decorating

Fri., Oct. 31 | 10 a.m. | ED140 | Limit 30
\$65 members only

Presenter: Brandi Abbott

Looking for sweet new inspiration to make Halloween 2025 a special event and ideas to make future All Hallows' Eves a treat, too? Fresno State OLLI offers the perfect answer with a class dedicated to Halloween cookie decoration. We'll learn from the best, the Brandi who has made her mark via BrandiCakes Desserts in Fresno. For two decades, Brandi was a cake artist and added cookies to her lineup about 10 years ago. She also has lots of experience helping others just like OLLI members learn some of the skills necessary to turn goodies into memorable sweets.





Adventures

William Saroyan House Museum

Thurs., Nov. 6 | 2 to 3 p.m. | Limit 15
2729 W. Griffith Way, Fresno, CA 93705
\$30 members only

Presenter: Prof. Barlow Der Mugrdechian

To get a sense of what inspired an artist, museums typically load their exhibit spaces with personal effects. The William Saroyan House Museum in Fresno is a far cry from typical. Saroyan, who died in 1981, was a Pulitzer Prize winning author, whose work was shaped by his time in Fresno. In his final years, Saroyan lived in an unexceptional mid-20th-century tract house in a modest neighborhood, which became the museum in 2018. Instead of personal effects, the open space of this museum exhibits artworks intended to be thought-provoking. Fresno State Professor Barlow Der Mugrdechian, the Berberian coordinator of the Armenian Studies Program, will discuss how the museum reflects Saroyan and lead us on a tour.

Wreath Making Workshop

Wed., Dec. 3 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Belmont Nursery
7730 E. Belmont Ave, Fresno, CA 93737
\$70 members | \$80 non-members

Lunch is not included

Presenter: Jana B

Love the smell of fresh pine at Christmas? Join us at Belmont Nursery for a Wreath Making Workshop! Fresh greenery, holiday accessories, supplies, and expert instruction you need to create a one-of-a-kind holiday decoration. Whether it's for your home or as a thoughtful gift, you'll leave with something truly special!.



How it Works



Make your Selections

- ▶ Review this semester's offerings and make your selections. You may choose additional courses and activities at a later date.
- ▶ It may be helpful to use the enclosed form as a worksheet before using the online registration system. That way you'll also have a copy for future reference.
- ▶ Registrations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Some activities may have participant caps.
- ▶ **OLLI courses and activities are self-supporting - a minimum enrollment is required.**
- ▶ **Course fees vary according to course length and are non-refundable and non-transferable.**

Guidance for hybrid OLLI offerings

- ▶ When you register, you will be asked to choose **"IN-PERSON"** or **"ZOOM"** for our hybrid classes.
- ▶ If you register for an in-person course and change your mind to attend online, please notify us so we can offer your in-person seat to those on the waiting list.
- ▶ ***We do our best to offer hybrid classes. However, those participating online may not be able to fully participate in the discussion due to technology limitations. We are committed to providing the best experience possible, recognizing that glitches may happen. We thank you for your understanding.***



Register Online

- ▶ It's super quick and easy to register and pay online. No Math. No Envelopes. No Stamps.
- ▶ Just register online, pay through the secure payment portal, and you'll be registered in a flash.
- ▶ **Go to fresnostate.edu/olli**
- ▶ **First time?** When you first use the online registration system, you will be prompted to provide information and you'll select a username and password.
SAVE YOUR PASSWORD!!
- ▶ **Returning Member?** All your information is already saved – just login with your password and make your selections!



Register By Mail

- ▶ Complete all sections on both sides of the registration form, place in your envelope, affix a stamp and pop it in the mail. Our address is on the registration form.
- ▶ If you need help, please call **559.278.0008** and we will answer your questions.



How it Works



New Parking Permit Process Fall 2025

Fresno State is transitioning to license plate-based permitting for all students and campus visitors, including OLLI members. Physical permits will no longer be distributed or honored.

You will be able to register your license plate when you enroll. Please allow 5 business days for processing. An enrollment confirmation will be sent to your email. Each OLLI member is entitled to register one vehicle per semester.

Members will need to renew their parking permit every semester.



Share Your OLLI Enthusiasm

- ▶ Invite your friends and family to join OLLI. Learning is even more fun when shared with others.
- ▶ Follow Fresno State OLLI on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FresnoStateOLLI/
- ▶ Post about your OLLI classes on your social media and tag "us" Fresno State OLLI.



Install Zoom

- ▶ Zoom is the platform we use for our OLLI online offerings. It takes just a minute to get a **FREE** Zoom account.
- ▶ Please do not be intimidated. You can learn anything!
- ▶ From your desktop or laptop computer, phone or tablet:
 - Apple device (iPhone, iPad): Download Zoom from the Apple App Store.
 - Android device (phone or tablet that's not an Apple product): Download Zoom from the Google Play Store.
 - Open the app or go to www.zoom.us and follow the instructions on screen.
- ▶ To participate in live video, Zoom will use the camera on your device (phone, laptop, tablet) if it has one. If you do not have a camera on your device, you can listen in by phone but others won't be able to see you.
- ▶ **NOTE:** You do not need to upgrade or pay for your account to participate in OLLI Zoom events. Our license is through the university and allows you to participate fully. If you decide to host your own Zoom meetings with family, friends or interest groups, you may wish to upgrade someday - but there is no need to for OLLI.
- ▶ If you cannot log in to a video platform, you can listen to classes via telephone. The phone number to dial in to will be provided once you register.
- ▶ We do our best to offer these hybrid classes; however, those joining us on Zoom may not be able to fully participate.



Fall 2025 Registration Form

☐ New Member ☐ Returning Member

► Register online at: fresnostate.edu/olli
► Use one registration form per member

Member Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

What is your occupation (current or previous): _____

Are you a Fresno State alumna/u? ☐ Yes ☐ No Year of Graduation: _____

Degree: _____

Your age group: ☐ 50-60 ☐ 61-70 ☐ 71-80 ☐ 81-90 ☐ 90+

☐ Other: _____

Will you need campus parking? ☐ Yes ☐ No License Plate #: _____ State: _____

Fall 2025 Selections

Membership fee

Discount Code:

Once A Month

OLLI Courses

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OLLI members and friends of the Osher Institute are encouraged to consider making a tax deductible donation to the Fresno State Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Your donation helps us continue to provide excellent, lifelong learning opportunities and to keep OLLI fees affordable.

Payment

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Fresno State OLLI

5005 N. Maple Ave. M/S ED76

Fresno, CA 93740-8025

Questions? 559.278.0008 | osher@csufresno.edu

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Selections

Select	Start	Once A Month	
	9/2	Become a Career Champion – IN PERSON	FREE
	9/3	Let's Talk Sports – IN PERSON	\$30
	9/4	Current Events – IN PERSON	\$40
	9/4	Current Events – ZOOM	\$40
	9/5	Book Club – IN PERSON	\$40
	9/5	Book Club – ZOOM	\$40
	9/5	Games You'll Love to Play – IN PERSON	\$40
Select	Start	Short Courses	
	9/2	Evidence for Evolution – ZOOM	\$30
	9/3	Pioneer Women of Fresno County – IN PERSON	\$20
	9/3	Pioneer Women of Fresno County – ZOOM	\$20
	9/4	Unsung Brilliant Women – ZOOM	\$30
	9/4	Surviving Genocide – IN PERSON	\$20
	9/4	Surviving Genocide – ZOOM	\$20
	9/8	Are You Eating Healthy? – ZOOM	\$30
	9/8	Mindful Photography Expressions – IN PERSON	\$40
	9/8	Out of the Drafts – IN PERSON	\$50
	9/9	5 Problems From Not Planning Your Estate – IN PERSON	\$15
	9/9	Grandmama Europe – IN PERSON	\$15
	9/10	Teddy Roosevelt in Yosemite – IN PERSON	\$15
	9/11	Van Gogh and the Rebels – ZOOM	\$20
	9/16	Trusts 101: How to Be a Trustee – IN PERSON	\$15
	9/17	Speleothems – ZOOM	\$15
	9/17	Those Plucky Women of WWII Part 2 – ZOOM	\$15
	9/23	Keep the \$1s on the Outside – IN PERSON	\$15
	9/23	Elder Fraud – IN PERSON	\$15
	9/24	Cooking Through the 20th Century – ZOOM	\$15
	9/25	Heroes and Inspirational Stories in our National Park System – ZOOM	\$30
	9/25	The Lie We Create – IN PERSON	\$40
	9/30	Downsize with Ease – IN PERSON	\$15
	10/1	The History and Mystery of Color: Purple – ZOOM	\$15
	10/1	Play Seminar for Fresno State's Production of "A Raisin in the Sun" – IN PERSON	\$35
	10/6	Leadership in Italy – IN PERSON	\$40
	10/6	Leadership in Italy – ZOOM	\$40

Color Codes



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Selections *(continued)*

Select	Start	Short Courses <i>(continued)</i>	
	10/6	Armenian Culture: Church and Language – IN PERSON	\$20
	10/7	Turning Point of 1960s American Music – IN PERSON	\$40
	10/8	Bay Area Figurative Art Movement – ZOOM	\$20
	10/8	Medications: Advocating for Yourself and Others – IN PERSON	\$40
	10/9	Bridging the Divide: 35 Years of German Unification – ZOOM	\$15
	10/13	The Role of U.S. First Ladies in Presidential Politics – IN PERSON	\$30
	10/14	Understanding Religions in the Central Valley – IN PERSON	\$30
	10/15	Religion, Nationalism, and the Constitution – IN PERSON	\$40
	10/20	What Makes the Grand Canyon "Grand?" – ZOOM	\$30
	10/30	Meteor Crater, Arizona – ZOOM	\$15
	11/12	The James Webb Space Telescope-Revisited – IN PERSON	\$20
	11/12	The James Webb Space Telescope-Revisited – ZOOM	\$20
	12/1	<i>Cucina e cultura italiane a casa</i> – ZOOM	\$15
	12/8	Frohe Weihnachten: Unwrapping the Charms of German Christmas Tradition – ZOOM	\$15
Select	Start	Adventures	
	9/3	OLLI Goes to the Library: Tour and Card Pick Up – MEMBERS ONLY	FREE
	9/24	Downtown Fresno in 2035 – MEMBERS ONLY	\$25
	9/30	Germany's Liquid Bread – MEMBERS ONLY	\$45
	10/22, 10/29, 11/5	Stanford University Galleries – MEMBER (includes course and bus trip)	\$70
	10/22, 10/29, 11/5	Stanford University Galleries – NON-MEMBER (includes course and bus trip)	\$80
	11/5	Stanford University Galleries – MEMBER (bus trip only)	\$65
	11/5	Stanford University Galleries – NON-MEMBER (bus trip only)	\$75
	10/23	It's Monumental History – MEMBER	\$50
	10/23	It's Monumental History – NON-MEMBER	\$60
	10/30	Halloween Cookie Decorating – MEMBER ONLY	\$65
	11/6	William Saroyan House Museum – MEMBERS ONLY	\$30
	12/3	Wreath Making Workshop – MEMBER	\$70
	12/3	Wreath Making Workshop – NON-MEMBER	\$80
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 LABOR DAY	2 10 a.m. Become a Career Champion: Support the Next Generation of Bulldogs 1 p.m. Evidence for Evolution	3 10 a.m. Library Tour 1 p.m. Let's Talk Sports 3 p.m. Pioneer Women of Fresno County	4 9 a.m. Unsung Brilliant Women 11 a.m. Current Events 1 p.m. Surviving Genocide: A Survivor's Story	5 9:30 a.m. Book Club 1 p.m. Games You Love to Play
8 9 a.m. Are You Eating Healthy? Let's Find Out. 1 p.m. Mindful Photography Expressions 3:30 p.m. Out of the Drafts: Preserving Your Life's Stories	9 10 a.m. 5 Problems From Not Planning Your Estate 1 p.m. Evidence for Evolution 3 p.m. Grandmama Europe: Queen Victoria's Plan to Reform the World with her Children	10 1 p.m. Teddy Roosevelt in Yosemite 3 p.m. Pioneer Women of Fresno County	11 9 a.m. Unsung Brilliant Women 11 a.m. Van Gogh & the Rebels 1 p.m. Surviving Genocide: A Survivor's Story	12
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29 1 p.m. Mindful Photography Expressions 3:30 p.m. Out of the Drafts: Preserving Your Life's Stories	30 10 a.m. Downsize with Ease: Simplifying Life for the Next Chapter 3 p.m. Germany's Liquid Bread – a Refreshing Look at the History of Beer!			



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		1	2	3
		10 a.m. The History and Mystery of the Color: Purple	9 a.m. Heroes and Inspirational Stories in our National Park System	9:30 a.m. Book Club
		1 p.m. Let's Talk Sports	1 p.m. The Lie We Create: Writing and Selling Fiction	1 p.m. Games You'll Love to Play
		3 p.m. Play Seminar for Fresno State's Production of "A Raisin in the Sun"	3 p.m. Non-Violence is a Weapon of the Strong	
6	7	8	9	10
11 a.m. Leadership in Italy: From Machiavelli to Mussolini	10 a.m. Become a Career Champion: Support the Next Generation of Bulldogs	10 a.m. Bay Area Figurative Art Movement	9 a.m. Heroes and Inspirational Stories in our National Park System	
1 p.m. Armenian Culture: Church and Language		1 p.m. Medications: Advocating for Yourself and Others	1 p.m. The Lie We Create: Writing and Selling Fiction	
3:30 p.m. Out of the Drafts: Preserving Your Life's Stories	3 p.m. The Turning Point of 1960's American Music 7 p.m. "A Raisin in the Sun"	3 p.m. Play Seminar for Fresno State's Production of "A Raisin in the Sun"	3 p.m. Bridging the Divide: 35 Years of German Unification	
13	14	15	16	17
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3 p.m. The Role of U.S. First Ladies in Presidential Politics	3 p.m. The Turning Point of 1960's American Music	3 p.m. Religion, Nationalism, and the Constitution	3 p.m. Why Journalism Still Matters in a Distrustful World	
20	21	22	23	24
11 a.m. Leadership in Italy: From Machiavelli to Mussolini		10 a.m. Stanford University Galleries: The Cantor Arts Center and The Anderson Collection	8 a.m. It's Monumental History: A tour of the Madera Foothills and the Raymond Museum	
1 p.m. What Makes the Grand Canyon "Grand?"	1 p.m. Understanding Religions in the Central Valley	1 p.m. Medications: Advocating for Yourself and Others		
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November

Fall 2025 Calendars

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
	10 a.m. Become a Career Champion: Support the Next Generation of Bulldogs	8 a.m. Field Trip Stanford University Galleries	11 a.m. Current Events	9:30 a.m. Book Club
1 p.m. What Makes the Grand Canyon "Grand?"			2 p.m. William Saroyan House Museum	1 p.m. Games You Love to Play
10	11	12	13	14
	VETERANS DAY			
		1 p.m. The James Webb Space Telescope-Revisited		
		3 p.m. Religion, Nationalism, and the Constitution	3 p.m. Shadow Music: The Sounds of Our Valley	
17	18	19	20	21
		1 p.m. The James Webb Space Telescope-Revisited		
24	25	26	27	28
			THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	

December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4	5
	10 a.m. Become a Career Champion: Support the Next Generation of Bulldogs	10 a.m. Wreath Making Workshop - Belmont Nursery	11 a.m. Current Events	9:30 a.m. Book Club
12 p.m. <i>Cucina e cultura italiane a casa.</i> Italian Cooking and Culture at Home		1 p.m. Let's Talk Sports		1 p.m. Games You'll Love to Play
			3 p.m. Who Is the Other? An Exploration of Cultural Beliefs in Our Valley	
8	9	10	11	12
3 p.m. Frohe Weihnachten: Unwrapping the Charms of German Christmas Tradition				

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