About OLLI at WVU
Dedicated to enriching the lives of older adults throughout West Virginia, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at West Virginia University (OLLI at WVU), an affiliate of the WVU School of Public Health, is a member-driven organization whose mission is to promote connection, curiosity, exploration, discovery, and discussion through learning and social engagement in non-credit classes, lectures, field trips, and events designed for adults 50+.

OLLI at WVU continues to grow as an organization with the unwavering commitment and generosity of our patrons and supporters. We acknowledge and thank the following:
- The Bernard Osher Foundation
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- WVU Foundation
- WVU School of Public Health (SPH)
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- OLLI $100K Club, Donors, and Sponsors
- Our Distinguished Instructors
- OLLI Members

OLLI stimulates one’s mind with great courses and provides social interaction to enliven the whole person.

- OLLI member

The Bernard Osher Foundation
The Bernard Osher Foundation seeks to improve quality of life through the support of lifelong learning institutes such as OLLI at WVU. The Foundation was founded in 1977 by Bernard Osher, a respected businessman and community leader. The Foundation has now funded 125 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes on campuses of colleges and universities from Maine to Hawaii. Funding for OLLI is contingent upon membership growth goals, so membership matters. To learn more about the Bernard Osher Foundation, please visit their website at www.oberfoundation.org.

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From Our President

“Hope springs eternal in the human breast; Man never Is, but always To be blest.”

- Alexander Pope
From “An Essay on Man”

As I write this, the holiday celebrations will soon be here and we will say farewell to 2021 and bid welcome to 2022. Reflecting a bit on this past year, what a year 2021 has been! From trying to find an appointment to receive a vaccination in January to being able to get a booster shot in October, we (of a certain age) may have protected ourselves from Covid to the extent we were able to do so. Perhaps we even ventured out of our homes for activities which were denied to us in 2020.

Mask-wearing is still a constant in crowded indoor spaces for me but I have learned that I can safely socialize with my vaccinated family or friends once again to celebrate birthdays, reunions, holidays, and special occasions. The spread of the Delta variant in late summer and early fall reminded us all that we are not free of this pandemic just yet, but “hope springs eternal” that 2022 may prove to be the year that we can breathe a bit easier and resume more activities that we love.

Here at OLLI, we operated on a somewhat hybrid schedule for the fall term. Some of us have continued to take many of our classes via Zoom. But we have had in-person only classes or classes that had participants in the classroom and watching on Zoom. We have been following WVU guidelines requiring masks if you choose to come to the classrooms. And many of our special interest groups are meeting regularly now.

My hope is that soon OLLI will be able to welcome us all back to more in-person classes in Morgantown and in the Kanawha Valley.

We have been changed by Covid-19 but not deterred. We need to continue to challenge our minds and bodies and stay active by interacting with each other in a safe and responsible way. I hope to see you in the winter term classes that will begin in January. Hope does indeed spring eternal!

Happy Holidays!

Beverly Kerr
President, OLLI Board of Directors

From Our Director

For many years, OLLI has emphasized the importance of staying intellectually engaged as one ages, highlighting the health benefits of continued learning. OLLI embraces the adage, learn something new everyday, and encourages members to expand their horizons by taking classes that introduce them to topics that they have not previously explored and information they don’t know.

The past nearly two years have also taught us the importance of personal connection and staying socially engaged. As we continue to offer learning opportunities for older adults in our communities, we are focusing equally on bringing people together. The addition of a special interest group and reopening of our physical classrooms present opportunities for our members to reconnect with long-time friends and make new friends as they share their OLLI experiences. Our member relations and marketing committees are exploring new ways of welcoming new members. And we need your help.

How did you hear about the OLLI at WVU? What, or who, has brought you to OLLI?

Did you know that more than 75% of OLLI members cite word-of-mouth as their introduction to our program? A friend or family member suggested they try a class or social event. Or a current OLLI member invited them along.

OLLI members make the best ambassadors. If you’re a current OLLI member, we invite you once again to bring a guest to an in-person class* this winter as an introduction to our program. Be sure to contact the OLLI office in advance to be sure there is a seat available.

You can also pass along a course catalog or share your experience with the purchase of a gift membership.

If you’re new to OLLI, welcome! All new members receive a welcome letter in the mail with information to help you get started. Please feel free to contact the OLLI office with any questions. We are thrilled to have you with us!

During this 2022 winter term, OLLI at WVU is offering more than 30 lectures, workshops, discussion groups, activities, and social events for our members. We will also host events that are free and open to the community, such as the Martin Luther King Jr Day Celebration.

I hope to see you in class soon!

Jascenna Haislet
Director, OLLI at WVU
OLLI Membership

Membership is open to curious adults interested in programs designed specifically for those 50 and over who want to engage socially and intellectually.

The Benefits of OLLI Membership
• The opportunity to learn and to meet new friends.
• Discounts on travel and events in the community.
• At least one free Special Member Event per term.
• Access to the OLLI collection of Great Courses DVDs and books.
• Weekly email bulletin.
• A voice in OLLI governance.
• The right to be added to a course wait list.

Annual membership is $20
Membership year runs July 1st to June 30th.

*Some member benefits may not be available during terms when OLLI, for the sake of public health, is holding classes online only.

Term Registration Fee
• Unlimited courses for $25 per term with membership.
• Other fees may apply and are noted on individual courses, events, or groups.
• Special Member Events are free to all current OLLI members unless otherwise noted.

Financial Assistance Available
OLLI at WVU tries to keep fees to a minimum while providing the highest quality experiences to our members. However, we recognize that membership and registration fees may be out of the reach of some individuals. Therefore, fee waivers are available. To apply, ask for a confidential application at the OLLI office or fill out the form on our website at www.olliwvu.org.

How to Register

Winter term runs January 10th through April 2nd.

To register, you must have a current membership and have paid the required fees for the term.

Individuals may purchase or renew a membership and register for classes in any of the following ways:
• Call the OLLI office at 304-293-1793.
• By mail, using the enclosed membership/registration form.

Please make checks payable to the WVU Foundation. If you pay with a credit or debit card, the charge will show as: WV OLLI.

Membership is non-refundable. Refunds for registration and other fees are considered on a per-case basis.

Winter registration begins January 10, 2022

Mark Your Calendar!
Important Dates

Jan. 12 OLLI Open House
Jan. 14 OLLI Board Meeting
Jan. 18 Spring course proposals due
Jan. 24 Winter term begins
Mar. 11 OLLI Board Meeting
Mar. 28 Spring registration begins
Summer course proposals due
Apr. 11 Spring term begins
May 13 OLLI Board Meeting
June 20 Summer registration begins
Fall course proposals due
July 11 Summer term begins
Sept. 12 Fall registration begins
Oct. 3 Fall term begins
Oct. 10 Winter course proposals due
How to Take an OLLI Class

This winter, OLLI classes and events will be offered in one of four ways for members to participate. These include:

- **In-person only** - Instructor will be present in the classroom with OLLI members. Classroom location is listed in description.

- **Online only** - Instructor and participants will meet via Zoom, as stated in class description.

- **Hybrid** - Instructor will be present in the classroom with OLLI members. Other members can participate via Zoom. Classroom location is listed in description.

- **Hybrid with streaming** - Instructor will not be in the classroom but teaching via Zoom. The class will be streamed to an OLLI classroom. OLLI members can participate via Zoom at home or come to an OLLI classroom to do so. These classes are indicated by the symbol ♦ next to the classroom location.

When registering for hybrid or hybrid with streaming classes, please indicate on the form in which ways you would prefer to participate. **If you register to take a class on Zoom but later wish to attend in person, you must check with the office prior to arriving to be sure there is a seat available for you.**

Zoom links will be emailed to all participants in online and hybrid classes by 9:00 a.m. the morning of the class/event. **Please check your inbox, as well as spam and junk boxes, for the email at least 30 minutes prior to the start of your class.** If you do not see an email for your class, call the OLLI office at 304-293-1793. We’re happy to resend the email.

**IMPORTANT**

Please read

Need assistance with Zoom?

Interested in taking an OLLI class this winter but not sure how to use the online meeting software, Zoom? OLLI’s professional technologist, Michelle Klishis, will walk you through the steps you’ll need to take, from downloading and installing the Zoom app on your device, to entering the virtual classroom, to using the chat function, and more. If you don’t have a computer or personal electronic device, learn how you can join Zoom with your phone. Contact the OLLI office to arrange a session.

Technical Assistants Needed

OLLI is seeking volunteers at home and in the classroom to assist instructors teaching Zoom and hybrid classes. Volunteers will operate the technology that delivers OLLI classes to our members online. OLLI will provide training so no experience is necessary. Email olli@hsc.wvu.edu for more information or to volunteer.

Volunteers assisting 12 hours or more during a term will receive an OLLI gift card.

Return to Classroom Health & Safety Protocols - UPDATED

- **Please Mask Up** - OLLI follows WVU policy regarding the wearing of masks. Therefore, masks are required for all OLLI classrooms during our winter term. When wearing a mask, please be sure it is covering your nose and chin. **Masks may be required for a class hosted in a location other than an OLLI classroom. OLLI is happy to provide you with a disposable mask if you need one during a class. Just ask your class host.**

- **Wash Your Hands** - Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom and the member lounge.

- **Physical Distancing** - Although six feet may not always been possible, please keep space between yourself and other members in the class.

- **Cleaning** - Disposable wipes will be available in the classrooms if you wish to wipe off a table prior to sitting.

Per WVU policy, OLLI is not requiring vaccination against COVID-19 as of publication. However, the situation is fluid and changes will be made as necessary.
Thank You to Our Donors

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at WVU is dedicated to providing the highest quality educational, recreational, and social opportunities possible to our members. For many years, we have been able to offer 200 or more classes, workshops, lectures, discussions, and field trips annually. In March 2020, OLLI quickly transitioned programming to an online platform for classes and new social events to keep our members engaged while physically distancing.

In order to sustain and grow the program, your financial support is needed. Although OLLI receives support from WVU and earnings from the Osher Endowment, this funding covers only about 50% of our expenses. Membership and registration fees cover another 25%. Therefore, the remaining 25% must be raised through donations, gifts, sponsorships, and grants. Your donation to OLLI can help ensure that OLLI will be here when we return to our classrooms in Morgantown and Charleston.

As OLLI at WVU strives to achieve financial sustainability, we would like to say thank you to all who have given so generously this year. The following reflects donations processed between July 1 and December 22, 2021, per the WVU Foundation. If your name is not listed and you believe it should be, please call the OLLI office at 304-293-1793.

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OLLI members and friends may give during the Annual Giving Campaign, when you renew a membership or enroll for classes, or any time during the year. You may choose to set up a monthly recurring gift. You can choose to designate your gift to OLLI’s area of greatest need, the $100K Club, the scholarship fund, or the OLLI endowment. You may choose to leave a Legacy Gift, make a Tribute Gift, or give through an IRA Charitable Rollover.

With a variety of giving options, you can choose the gift that works best for you.

For more information, call the OLLI office at 304-293-1793. To give today, visit https://olliatwvu.org/make-a-gift/ or add your tax-deductible donation to the enclosed class registration form.

Thank you for your continued support of lifelong learning and OLLI at WVU.
## Winter 2022 Schedule at a Glance

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Ask a Geek
Michelle Klishis*
Tuesdays, Jan. 25 - Mar. 29, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Zoom

Sometimes you have questions about technology that don’t fit into a specific class or course. For those times, OLLI’s Professional Technologist, Michelle Klishis, is on hand to help. Participants are encouraged to email questions to olli@hsc.wvu.edu in advance if you believe them to be complicated or beyond the scope of an hour-long session. Please include “Geek Question” in the subject line. Please note that Michelle’s strengths are Android phones, Windows PCs, MS Office software, and digital security and privacy.

OLLI Virtual Happy Hour
Sundays, Jan. 16 - Mar. 20, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Zoom

Back by popular demand! Join us for an on-line happy hour with OLLI members! We’re going to chat and socialize and check in on each other! Take this opportunity to dress up and chat with people you haven’t seen for awhile or maybe haven’t met in person before!

Special Member Events & Opportunities

Special member events, opportunities, and interest groups, unless otherwise noted, are free or discounted for current OLLI members! Payment of term enrollment fee is not required.

Special Interest Groups

OLLI Special Interest Groups (SIGs) offer members the opportunity to share a common interest in a social setting. Many meet year-round so you register only once per year. SIGs are open to all OLLI members, although some restrictions may apply. See descriptions for more detail.

Campus Club Morning Book Discussion
3rd Tuesday of the month, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Facilitator: Lynne Ostrow
Zoom

Members of the Morning Book Discussion give input into the selection of books and create a list from the suggestions. The following criteria are used for the selection: at least one non-fiction choice, consideration of local or regional authors, stories with West Virginia ties, recommendations from members who have read a book or reviews of books, and current “buzz” about a book. New members are always welcome.

Campus Club Evening Book Club
Hilary Attfield
2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Zoom

Believing that a good book is one that encourages a good discussion, the evening group tries to read an eclectic variety of books: novels, non-fiction, biography, etc. Books are suggested by members and the group tries to have books lined up two to three months in advance. Discussion of the book is always followed by social time to encourage friendship and catch up! New members are welcome and new voices appreciated.

Twilight Trivia
3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Zoom

Grab a beverage and some snacks, settle into a comfy chair with your laptop, tablet, or smart phone, and test your knowledge of trivia and the trivial against your fellow OLLI members during our monthly virtual game night!

* Look for the asterisk next to instructor names.

An asterisk next to an instructor’s name indicates that the instructor is a member of the OLLI Honor Roll and has taught at least 10 courses and 60 class session hours.

OLLI membership has opened a whole new world for me and has given me a challenging and very rewarding activity for my retirement years.

- OLLI member
Community Events

Community events, hosted by OLLI at WVU, are free and open to the public. OLLI membership not required although reservations are.

16th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration
Monday, Jan. 17, 2:00-3:30 p.m. on Zoom

Hosted by The Community Coalition for Social Justice,
Main Street Morgantown, and OLLI at WVU.

Free Family-friendly Program - All Are Welcome

2022 Theme: RESPECT

- Learn about respect from some of our local religious and social action groups.
- Local NAACP group uses Martin Luther King Jr.’s words to underscore the importance of continuing to “Teach History.”
- Reading of a children’s book about respecting others.
- Local soloists and children’s choirs sing songs of relevance for respect and social action.

To learn more about the Community Coalition for Social Justice, please go to www.ccsjwv.org. The City of Morgantown provides financial support for this program.

Register at https://bit.ly/3Cni4u5 or on the enclosed registration form.

A Taste of OLLI
a Virtual Open House

Wednesday, January 12, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Free and open to the public

Register at https://bit.ly/3AJVBXT
or join us on Facebook Live!

Learn how you can stay engaged and connected this winter with OLLI classes.
Hear from instructors and meet other OLLI members!
The Arts

Falling in Love with Love
Robert Harrison
Thursday, Feb. 10
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Schoenbaum Center

How or why do people fall in love? Is there a potion people can take to help them fall in love? Or is there something more people look for in a partner? Gaetano Donizetti’s comic opera the Elixir of Love attempts to humorously answer these four questions just in time for Valentine’s Day.

Lap Dulcimer
Judy Werner*
Mondays, Jan. 24 - Mar. 14
10:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Zoom

The dulcimer is an easy instrument to play, but you can keep learning more forever. No previous musical experience is required. Come and enjoy learning more songs, as well as some new skills (such as simple chords and finger-picking) on your lap dulcimer. This course is designed for those who have some knowledge (but not a lot) on the dulcimer and want to learn more old-time fiddle tunes, waltzes, and patriotic songs. There are some dulcimers available for loan. Please indicate this need when you register.

Learn to Play the Tin Whistle
Judy Werner*
Thursdays, Feb. 3 - Mar. 17
10:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Zoom

Be ready to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with some music of Ireland by learning to play the tin whistle. The whistle is an easy instrument to learn with additional complexity to keep you learning for a long time. This beginners class is designed for individuals with little or no musical experience. You will need to have a tin whistle in the Key of D.

Norman Rockwell, American Artist
Melora Cann*
Mondays, Feb. 21 & 28
10:00 - 11:45 a.m. Zoom
Fridays, Feb. 25 & Mar. 4
10:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Schoenbaum Center

Rockwell is best known for his covers on the Saturday Evening Post magazine over a period spanning five decades starting in the early 1900s and capturing everyday life, often with a gently humorous touch. Some of his later, most well-known works that honor the “Four Freedoms” are now iconic.

The Ohio River Floodwall Murals
Jascenna Haislet
Tuesdays, Feb. 22 & Mar. 1
12:45 - 2:30 p.m. Zoom
Monday, Mar. 14, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Schoenbaum Center
Lunch break: 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

American artist Robert Dafford has painted over 400 large scale works of public art across the U.S., Canada, and Europe. In 1988, he began working with communities in the Ohio River Valley, using his talents to help revitalize old downtown districts. Floodwalls along the river, from Pt. Pleasant, WV, to Paducah, KY, serve as canvases for over 200 murals created by Dafford and his team, many depicting the history of the communities. Learn more about this prolific artist and the Ohio River floodwall murals prior to joining OLLI for a possible trip to see some of the work this spring.

Prehistoric European Art
Melora Cann*
Mondays, Jan. 24 & 31
10:00 - 11:45 a.m. Zoom
Fridays, Jan. 28 & Feb. 4
10:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Schoenbaum Center

Focusing on cave paintings of Altamira (Spain) and Lascaux (France) and the sculpture of Venus of Willendorf (Germany), participants will learn about early/pre-historic art (77,000 – 15,000 years ago) and explore theories that surround the work as well as theories of the evolution of the creation of art by the human species. In the end, it is a celebration of the visual arts!

Vincent van Gogh, Artist
Melora Cann*
Mondays, Feb. 7 & 14
10:00 - 11:45 a.m. Zoom
Fridays, Feb. 11 & 18
10:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Schoenbaum Center

Vincent van Gogh was a Dutchman who only found his calling as an artist in his mid-twenties, after working as an assistant art dealer, teacher, and preacher. Both an intellectual and a great believer in the honor of manual labor, van Gogh would use his art to celebrate his life, love of nature, and deep commitment to expression through his paintings and drawings. Extreme emotional distress and possible health issues consumed him during his short life of 37 years, yet he produced some of the world’s most impactful and now well-loved images, most notably Starry Night.
Winter 2022 Classes

Business

The West Virginia Mine Wars: A Business Case Study
Ed Johnson*
Fridays, Jan. 28 & Feb. 4
12:45 - 2:30 p.m. Zoom
Friday, Mar. 18
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Schoenbaum Center
Lunch break: 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

The class will discuss events of the Mine Wars, from the Paint Creek/Cabin Creek strikes to the Battle of Blair Mountain and then focus on underlying management principles and organizational behavior concepts, including motivation; expectancy; communication; leadership; influence, power, and authority; acceptance; and the psychological contract. Internal and external environments will also be examined.

Health & Wellness

Medication Safety and Poison Prevention
Carissa McBurney
Tuesday, Feb. 8, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Schoenbaum Center

Poisonings can happen to anyone at any time and are not limited to children or individuals with children. Poison knowledge, safety, and prevention are all important for everyone in every stage of life. Medication errors are a form of poisoning. The more medicine available in a home, the more chance for medication poisonings. In this course, the instructor will discuss poisons, poison prevention, medication safety, and the West Virginia Poison Center.

History & Literature

History of the Middle Ages: The Dark Ages
Kenton Colvin*
Wednesdays, Feb. 9 - 23
10:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Schoenbaum Center & Zoom

With an emphasis on the Dark Ages, this course will explore the history of Europe and the world in the Middle Ages that lasted from the 5th to the 15th centuries, from the fall of the Western Roman Empire until the Renaissance. Participants will discuss how this time period affected the whole world, especially the results of the "Black Death" Plague, famine, and persecution. We will learn about men and women who shaped the future and affected justice, knowledge, and innovation of the time, including Alaric, Charles the Hammer, Clovis, Charlemagne, St. Benedict, Empress Theodora, and many others.

Mind Your Mama! Presidential Mothers and Their Impact
Jack Hammersmith*
Wednesdays, Mar. 2 & 9
10:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Schoenbaum Center & Zoom

Following up the fall course, “President's Wife or First Lady,” this one will look at the feminine impact on U.S. presidents from a different perspective: as mothers, not spouses. Unlike the prolific studies of First Ladies, relatively little has been written of maternal influences. Bonnie Angelo's First Mothers is a partial exception, but her work covers only recent First Mothers, from domineering Sara Roosevelt through matriarch Barbara Bush. Thus, in lieu of being able to do exhaustive original research, this two-part course will focus largely on those dozen figures, briefly surveying a few additional, influential ones.

Early Women Landscape Architects in the United States
Barb Howe*
Thursday, Jan. 27
10:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Schoenbaum Center & Zoom

This class will provide a survey of the women landscape architects in the United States who began to be recognized for their work in the late 19th century. Beatrix Jones Farrand, the niece of Edith Wharton, was the best known member of this pioneering group.

Homefront WWII America
Russ Hutchins
Fridays, Feb. 18 - Mar. 4
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Schoenbaum Center & Zoom

Come join us to go back to 1939-1946 to visit the times in America during WWII. We will discuss rationing, women going to work, and children being affected by fathers and brothers being away to war. War bonds, Walter Winchell, Edgar R. Morrow, scrap metal drives and Movie Tone news will all play a role in how Americans made do during the war years. Hard times and news from the front by radio and newspapers made life very hard for the greatest generation. We will take a look at the Atomic Ladies as well as Rosie the Riveters playing a part in keeping the home front going while the men were away. The music of Glen Miller Tommy Dorsey and the movies of John Wayne and Humphrey Bogart made swing the way to dance.
Hobbies & Interests

Single Copy Book Publishing
Wallace Venable*

Tuesday, Mar. 8, 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Schoenbaum Center♦ & Zoom

Printing, copy machine, and PC printer technologies have evolved and merged to the point that it is now possible to print an inexpensive single copy of that book you wrote! This class will describe the instructor’s experiences in publishing Norma Venable’s *Tales of Dunkard Ridge* through Amazon’s Kindle Direct Publishing. All of the work was done on a computer at home using an office and a graphics package to create two PDFs.

Philosophy & Religion

Encounters with the Midrash: What Rabbinical Legends Teach Us About the Bible and Ourselves
Rabbi Joe Blair & Rabbi Victor Urecki

Tuesdays, Jan. 25 - Feb. 15
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Schoenbaum Center♦ & Zoom

An introduction to the Midrash, the classic rabbinic texts that incorporate folklore, legends, background material for stories in the Bible, and moral teachings. We will learn about this form of Jewish scholarship, look at the authority and weight it carries, and read multiple stories that will showcase and highlight the broad range and rich diversity of this form of literary endeavor that exists in Judaism.

Science & Math

A. D. Hopkins, Father of American Entomology
Jim Rentch

Thursday, Feb. 24, 12:45 - 2:30 p.m.
Schoenbaum Center♦ & Zoom

Andrew D. Hopkins was born in 1857 on a farm in Jackson County, WV. His formal education was limited to high school. When 32, he convinced the director of the WV Agricultural Experiment Station to hire him as station entomologist. He went on to investigate large insect infestations in spruce and pine forests in WV. In 1899, he began collaborating with the USDA Bureau of Entomology, investigating insect outbreaks in Maine, South Dakota, the Pacific Northwest, and the South. The authority, diversity, and volume of Hopkins’ publications is unmatched and he is today still considered “the father of American entomology.”

Bison (Buffalo) in West Virginia
Jim Rentch

Thursday, Feb. 17, 12:45 - 2:30 p.m.
Schoenbaum Center♦ & Zoom

The bison is an iconic American symbol and the national mammal. At the time of European settlement, as many as 60 million bison roamed the Great Plains of the U.S. and Canada. Less appreciated is the fact that as many as four million could be found east of the Mississippi River, including a large portion of West Virginia. This talk will present recent research in WV that led to a detailed map of old buffalo traces that crisscrossed the state. These traces later became Native American trails, then trails for early settlers, and finally, a number of major U.S. highways.

Einstein’s Oeuvre Beyond His Famous E = mc²
Sumitra Reddy*

Thursday, Feb. 3, 12:45 - 2:30 p.m.
Schoenbaum Center♦ & Zoom

A century ago, Albert Einstein (1879 -1955) received the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics. The Nobel Prize was not for his Special and General Theory of Relativity but rather, “for his services to Theoretical Physics, and especially for his discovery of the law of the photoelectric effect.” Einstein’s contributions to modern physics led scientists to look at energy, matter, gravity, space, and time in a new way. Einstein’s other pioneering works, including the theory of Brownian Movement, refrigerators without moving parts, Unified Field Theory, Bose-Einstein Condensate, and more will be briefly described in the class.

Donora, PA—Where the Clean Air Movement Started
Jim Rentch

Thursday, Mar. 3, 12:45 - 2:30 p.m.
Schoenbaum Center♦ & Zoom

In 1900, West Columbia, PA, was a rural crossroads of 12 people along the Monongahela River. Two years later, it was an industrial town of 5,000 called Donora, home to the world’s largest nail mill and what would become the world’s largest zinc smelter. In October 1948, a temperature inversion trapped mill emissions—a toxic mixture of sulfuric acid, fluorine, carbon monoxide, and airborne heavy metals—at ground level. The effect was deadly. Four days later, the poisonous air had killed 20 people, hospitalized 50, and 7,000 people were treated for respiratory ailments.
Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, What are the Prettiest Minerals of Them All?
Steven Holsclaw
Thursday, Mar. 10, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Schoenbaum Center

Geologists are asked what are the prettiest minerals in the mineral kingdom. There are many adjectives to describe beauty: pretty, lovely, breathtaking, timeless, radiant and jaw-dropping to name a few. In a final determination, pretty and beautiful are basically “in the eye of the beholder.” Class members are offered the opportunity to select from an expansive pictorial gallery their favorite candidates for the title “Prettiest minerals of them all.” Showcased minerals are offered in four categories: color, design, habit and crystallization.

Natural State of Gold and Silver
Steven Holsclaw
Tuesday, Mar. 8, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Schoenbaum Center

Everyone is aware of the many uses of these precious metals in jewelry. They are also important in the electronic, communication, computer, transportation, aeronautical and space industries. But how many folks are knowledgeable about where gold and silver come from, how and where they are formed, deposited and mined? What do gold and silver look like in their natural state? Can gold and silver take the form of crystals like so many other minerals? This class provides an extensive look at naturally occurring gold and silver through geologic discussion and remarkable pictorial galleries.

Social Sciences, Political & Current Events

Contemporary Economic Policy
Jon Haveman, National Economic Education Delegation
Thursdays, Jan. 27 - Mar. 3 3:00 – 4:45 p.m. Zoom

Economics plays a central role in the functioning of every aspect of society. This course will address a set of prominent policy issues where economics is at their core. We will explore their origins as policy matters, the underlying data and evidence, and what policy levers are available to deal with them. Lectures will be standalone, taught by a subject matter expert with a PhD in Economics. Potential topics include Climate Change, Healthcare Economics, Economic Inequality, and many more. The topics presented will be determined by what is most topical at the time of the course.

The New Yorker Discussion Group
Margot Racin*
Tuesdays, Jan. 25 - Mar. 1 10:00 - 11:45 a.m. Zoom

Join us to discuss a range of topics from recent issues of The New Yorker. Members of the group choose articles, fiction, and topics to be discussed each week. All viewpoints welcome! A subscription to The New Yorker is strongly recommended.

Technology & Training

Immortality: When Can I Upload My Memories into the Cloud?
Allie Karshenas
Friday, Mar. 11, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Zoom

In recent decades, the possibility of hacking the human mind has become the center-stage discussion among scientific communities. As our understanding and integrated knowledge around the operational modalities of the brain expand into new frontiers of neurobiology and neurocognitive sciences, we will be able to apply powerful tools like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Brain-to-Brain (BTB) interface, and XR (extended reality) technologies to get closer to uploading our memories and experiences into a virtual cloud that will allow us to live an immortal life.

Technology Security
Michelle Klishis*
Wednesday, Mar. 16 10:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Schoenbaum Center♦ & Zoom

“If you are not paying for it, then YOU are the PRODUCT.” As more of our lives become digitized, it’s important to make sure you are being safe with your electronic gadgets and online information. Anti-virus, malware, hacking, identity theft all make computers and smart phones sound terrifying. But there are simple steps you can take to make your data more secure and to feel more comfortable surfing the web and shopping online.

You cannot help but get excited about the subject when the instructor is so passionate and knowledgeable about it.
- OLLI member
Travel & Adventure

Hiking the New River Gorge National Park
Michelle Klishis*

Wednesday, Jan. 26
10:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Schoenbaum Center♦ & Zoom

In 2020, the New River Gorge Area was designated as the 63 National Park, and is also a National Preserve. This nearly 69,000 acre area is far more than just the New River Gorge Bridge. Join Michelle for pictures as well as recommendations for places to visit and hike.

Hiking the Monongahela National Forest
Michelle Klishis*

Wednesday, Feb. 2
10:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Schoenbaum Center♦ & Zoom

Established in 1920, the Monongahela Nation forest has six separate ranger districts and covers 1.7 million acres in ten WV counties, including Seneca Rocks and Dolly Sods. Enjoy a brief tour of areas from Canaan Mountain Backcountry to Tea Creek and learn a little more about this amazing area of our state.

Travel with Collette

Discover Bluegrass Country & the Smoky Mountains
October 13 - 21, 2022
9 Days • 13 Meals

Highlights include: Churchill Downs, Kentucky Derby, Old Louisville Walking Tour, Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery, Lexington Horse Farms, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Anakeesta, Asheville, and Biltmore Estate.

Double: $2,999*
Single: $3,899*
Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Pittsburgh Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers. Airfare from Yeager Airport, add $150.

Reservation deadline: April 6, 2022
Final payment due August 14, 2022

For more information, visit
https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1052892

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Volunteer for OLLI

As a non-profit membership organization, OLLI depends on the generous support of our volunteers. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our program, helping to ensure that OLLI is able to provide the highest quality courses, lectures, workshops, trips, and more for our members.

Your volunteer experience can be molded to fit your interests, talents, and schedule. Opportunities may be short-term project-oriented tasks or ongoing general support, team or solo tasks, on-site or in the community. All members have something to offer and are encouraged to share their time and expertise with their peers.

**Ambassadors**
OLLI Ambassadors help spread the word about our program by sharing their experiences and inviting friends, family, and others to join them for a class.

**Board Members***
The Board of Directors is the governing body of OLLI at WVU, providing leadership to committees and staff. With input from the committees, the Board establishes organizational priorities and financial and program policies. Board members are elected by the membership to serve a two-year term and may be re-elected for a second term.

**Class Hosts**
Class hosts greet members and ask them to sign in as they arrive for a class, remind members to turn off their cell phones, introduce the instructor, assist with class needs, and distribute course feedback forms.

**Event Hosts and Staff**
OLLI sponsors several open houses and special events throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to assist with shopping, set-up, and greeting visitors before, during, and after the event.

**Instructors**
Our program depends on the generosity of our volunteer instructors to teach the quality courses and learning experiences offered throughout the year. OLLI instructors, drawn from all walks of life, share their knowledge and expertise of their chosen careers, fields of study, or hobbies about which they are passionate. Free from tests or grades, instructors experience the joy of teaching students who are enthusiastic, engaged and eager to learn.

**Office Support**
Sometimes we just need a little help around the office. Volunteers can help by refreshing the coffee in the member lounge, answering the phones, making copies, filing, and other light administrative duties.

**Project Team Member**
Perhaps you have a special skill that OLLI could take advantage of for a specific project. Are you fluent in Adobe InDesign or video-editing? Or are you handy with a paint brush or power tools? Do your talents include fundraising or organizing? There are several projects on which we can use your help!

**Registration Assistants**
The first week of class registration each term is a busy one for the office staff. Volunteers can answer questions and help members register for classes. If you’re comfortable with computers and online shopping, we can teach you how you can help.

**Standing and Ad Hoc Committees***
OLLI has several standing committees that work together to keep our program running. A list of committees can be found on OLLI’s website at https://olliatwvu.org/about-us/committees/.

**Technical Assistants**
The introduction of hybrid classes to OLLI brings the need for help running Zoom in the classroom. If you’re comfortable with computers, we can teach you how you can help.

**How to Become a Volunteer**
To become an OLLI volunteer, contact the OLLI office at 304-293-1793 or submit the Volunteer Information Form online at http://www.olliatwvu.org.

*To review official descriptions of the OLLI Board of Directors and committees, please refer to the By-Laws, available online at olliatwvu.org, in the OLLI office, or in the member lounge.*
Instructor Biographies

Rabbi Joe Blair is the religious and spiritual leader of Temple Israel in Charleston, WV. He has taught several other courses for OLLI.

*Melora Cann has been an educator / art educator for over 40 years. She has studied art history internationally in Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Great Britain, Germany and Mexico. She has lived and taught in the United States, Canada, Portugal (Azores), and in northern Italy, and now shares her passion for art with OLLI.

*Kenton Colvin retired from WVU Student Life after 18 years. Previously, he spent 26 years in manufacturing management with six corporations, including 13 years in the mining industry. He has a Masters Degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering and has taught engineering courses for 26 years. He is vice president of the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society and enjoys reading and teaching history.

Jascenna Haislet is a devoted art enthusiast who enjoys delving into history, current events, and new experiences.

*Jack Hammersmith, retired from the WVU history department since 2016, has offered many OLLI classes on travel and East Asia but mostly events and personalities in US history. Thanks to your interest, support, questions and comments, he has kept alive intellectually without having to award all of you A's and ruining a 48-year reputation of being a strict grade taskmaster!

Robert Harrison is a retired professor and former academic Dean of at West Virginia State University. He earned his PhD in Educational Administration from The American University in Washington DC. He facilitates classes for OLLI in theatre, opera and musical theatre.

Jon Haveman is the Executive Director of the National Economic Education Delegation (NEED). He has a reputation for providing audiences with credible economic information that is readily useful in their work and private lives. Dr. Haveman was previously a Senior Economist with the President’s Council of Economic Advisers and he also held a faculty position in the Business School at Purdue University. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Michigan.

Steven Holsclaw is a retired Petroleum Geologist after working 42 years in the oil and gas industry. He has pursued a lifelong interest is fossils, minerals and crystals and enjoys sharing that interest with like-minded individuals.

*Barb Howe taught a version of this class in 2013. She is retired from WVU, where she taught American women’s history and historic preservation classes.

Russ T. Hutchins, Ed.Sp, is currently a professor at Friends University-Topeka, teaching U.S. History, Western Civilization, Economics, Business, Philosophy, and Business Management. He is a former school administrator and teacher with a Specialist Degree in School Administration, a graduate degree in Curriculum/Instruction, and a Bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education. Hutchins lectures for OLLIs on topics surrounding WWII and the mystery of Amelia Earhart’s disappearance, women spies, and women aviators.

*Ed Johnson is the creator and curator of www.mh3wv.org, a website for West Virginia Studies students and educators; he was a long time business professor and a former cast member at Walt Disney World.

Dr. Allie Karshenas is the Associate Vice President of Clinical Research Operations and Institutional Advancement at Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Campus of West Virginia University, the AVP for the HSC’s Global Engagement Programs, the Director of Technology Commercialization, and Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Systems and Compliance at the School of Pharmacy at WVU.

*Mitchelle Klishis, OLLI’s professional technologist, is a jack-of-all-trades and certifiable geek. Her degree in biology and work in a microbiology lab gave her absolutely no preparation for becoming a technology consultant, yet here we are.

Carissa McBurney is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the WV Poison Center. She has served in her role for 11 years. Throughout WV, McBurney teaches on poison prevention, medication safety, and the West Virginia Poison Center. Carissa graduated from WVU with a degree in Journalism/Public Relations with a Communication Studies minor and a Masters degree in Public Administration with a health care certificate.

*Margot Racin is retired after 30 years in the WVU English Department. She has coordinated The New Yorker discussions in previous terms and looks forward to even more stimulating discussions.

*Sumitra Reddy grew up in Calcutta (now Kolkata), India, came to the U.S. for graduate studies and received her PhD degree in Physics.

Jim Rentch is a life-long West Virginian and a retired forestry instructor and researcher from WVU. Since retirement, he has enjoyed giving classes in OLLI on the natural history of West Virginia, particularly using historic photographs.

Rabbi Victor Urecki has served at B’nai Jacob Synagogue for over 35 years. In that time, he has taught multiple courses for OLLI.

*Wally Venable is an emeritus professor at WVU. He has been involved in publishing magazines and books for over 50 years.

*Judy Werner has enjoyed playing the lap dulcimer for more than 12 years and she plays in two different dulcimer groups. She likes old-time traditional music and enjoys going to concerts and music festivals. She continues to direct the Gardner Winter Music Festival held every February. She also enjoys playing the tin whistle and the bowed psaltery.

* Donates Honor Roll instructor.
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Classroom Etiquette
OLLI instructors are volunteering their time and talents. Please be respectful of your course instructors and fellow participants by:
• staying on topic during discussions
• attending only courses for which you have registered

Exposure to new and different ideas is what OLLI is all about – we encourage you to embrace this philosophy and be respectful in classroom discussions.

Liability Disclaimer
Individuals acknowledge and assume any and all risk associated with participation in OLLI at WVU activities. OLLI at WVU makes no representation regarding the appropriateness of any activity for an individual. OLLI at WVU disclaims any and all liability for each individual’s participation in any activities. If a course involves physical activity, participants are responsible for wearing the proper attire and using the proper equipment (if applicable). It is highly recommended that participants consult their physician before participating in physical activity.

Non-Discrimination Statement
WVU is an EEO/Affirmative Action Employer. Underrepresented class members are encouraged to apply. This includes minorities, females, individuals with disabilities, and veterans.

Refunds
Membership is non-refundable. Refunds for registration and other fees are considered on a per-case basis.

Bring a Guest

Our members are our best recruiters. Share your OLLI experience with a friend.

Help spread the word about OLLI and share your experience with a friend or family member this winter! OLLI members are welcome to bring a guest to a single session of an in-person class* as an introduction to our program. Please contact the OLLI office in advance to be sure there is a seat available and then pick up a guest pass when you arrive for the class.

* Guests will be permitted on a space-available basis and must adhere to all OLLI rules and regulations when attending a class. Please note that some class may not be open to guests.
Benefits of OLLI Membership

Staying intellectually stimulated and socially active are proven components of healthy aging. Membership in OLLI provides these benefits through:

• More than 200 courses and activities per year in such areas as the arts, health and wellness, humanities, math and science, technology, and more.
• Social events
• Travel programs
• Interest Groups
• Volunteer opportunities