No Grades. No Tests. Learning... for the Joy of It!
Dear OLLI Members,

Join us for the 2017 Summer Sampler as we showcase dynamic Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) faculty in all of our subject areas: Arts, Contemporary Issues, Natural Sciences, Social and Political History, and World Cultures.

Each lecture is a bite-sized two hours to better fit your summer schedule.

All Sonoma State University (SSU) classes are held on Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, in Person Theatre.

All Oakmont classes are held on Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, at the Berger Center.

All summer OLLI classes are open to the public.

While you’re on campus, come view the new exhibit on the second floor of the library and get to know our new SSU President:

*I AM BECAUSE… Dr. Judy Sakaki’s Journey to the SSU Presidency*

This exhibit in the SSU Library Gallery explores the challenges, victories and motivations Dr. Sakaki has faced on her path to becoming SSU’s seventh president. From her grandparents’ struggles as first generation immigrants to the inspirational support of her mentors, Dr. Sakaki’s personal and professional journey would not be possible without the people and events that have shaped who she is today.

Carin Jacobs
Director
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Sonoma State University
An Exploration of Cairo’s Islamic Monuments  
June 13 | Heidi Saleh

In this lecture, we will travel back in time and meander through the iconic El Moëz Street in the heart of Old Cairo, Egypt, and examine historic public and private buildings that date back to the Medieval Islamic Period (13th century). Through our exploration of mosques, schools, bathhouses, and homes, we will address the interplay between daily Islamic practices and the surrounding architecture.

Dr. Heidi Saleh was born in Cairo, Egypt and grew up literally in the shadows of the pyramids before immigrating to California. She earned her B.A. in Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin and M.A. and Ph.D. in Egyptian Art and Archaeology at UC Berkeley. Dr. Saleh has excavated with Egypt’s Supreme Council of Antiquities at the workmen’s cemetery of the great pyramids at Giza, and is an art history professor at Santa Rosa Junior College.

The Woven Past: Reading Medieval Tapestries  
June 20 | Mara Vejby

Medieval tapestries were designed to protect rooms from damp and cold weather, to cover austere walls and divide larger rooms into smaller comfortable quarters. Those used to furnish castles also had to be very large, requiring big looms and many workers. Tapestries became investments, displaying wealth and power, as well as one of the major visual art forms of the period. Explore the function, history, and fictions of Medieval tapestries in this summer lecture.

Dr. Mara Vejby is an archaeologist whose work and research interests span both sides of the Atlantic. She became an instructor with OLLI in the fall of 2014, and continues to teach at Santa Rosa Junior College and College of Marin. Vejby’s interest in people’s interactions with the past shaped her Ph.D. research, and also led her to establish her own company, Locality Research and Preservation, to highlight and preserve our local history and archaeology.

Death by 1,000 Births: Economics and Population Growth  
June 27 | Robert Eyler

Population aging and growth are two issues facing us throughout the world. A clergyman named Thomas Malthus became famous in the history of economic thought for changing the way we think about labor markets and the supply side of our economy. His writings can be seen as the beginnings of Karl Marx’s thoughts on wages and have influenced many economists since that time. This lecture will explore these ideas in both historic and contemporary contexts.

Dr. Robert Eyler is Dean of the School of Extended and International Education and Professor of Economics at Sonoma State University. Dr. Eyler is the author of two books and several academic articles concerning economic sanctions, the economics of the wine industry, and monetary economics. He has a Ph.D. from UC Davis and has been a visiting scholar at both the University of Bologna and Stanford University.

BRING A BUDDY!

If you introduce a friend to OLLI and your friend registers for a class, you receive a $20 Sea Wolf gift card. The gift card is redeemable at any of the dining venues on campus and SSU bookstore.
Trump's America: Immigration, Race and Citizenship
July 18 | Daniel Malpica

This lecture will focus on how race intersects with immigration and citizenship in the contemporary United States. We will explore how racial hierarchies interact with migration flows to shape understanding of citizenship, racial inequities, debates on national identity, and practices of democratic inclusion and exclusion. At the heart of this talk is the topic of social inequality in Trump’s America.

Dr. Daniel Malpica’s research and teaching interests are in international migration, race and ethnicity, urban sociology, Latinos in the United States, and inequality and poverty. His work has been published in many academic journals. He received his Ph.D. from the Department of Sociology at UCLA. He joined the faculty of Chicano and Latino Studies at Sonoma State University in 2007 and was the recipient of The Excellence in Teaching Award from Sonoma State University in 2010.

Matter, Energy and $E = mc^2$
July 25 | Sally Heath

Matter and energy can be neither created nor destroyed but can be transformed from one form to another. How this basic physics principle applies to each of us personally (e.g., weight loss/gain) and to us as a society (e.g., landfills, pollution, global warming) will be explored as well as where and how the big $E=mc^2$ equation enters into the story.

Sally Heath has a B.S. in physics from the University of Michigan and an M.A. in physics from UC Berkeley. Since her retirement from Santa Rosa Junior College, where she taught physics for 35 years, Sally has been both an OLLI student and instructor, teaching five physics courses in the SSU OLLI program.
The History of the Homer: From Shoeless Joe to A-Rod
June 22 | Mick Chantler

The home run is without doubt the most exciting play in baseball. While purists may enjoy the 1-0 pitchers’ duel, it is the “big fly,” the “long tater,” “the circuit clout,” or the “round-tripper” that puts fans in the seats. In this lecture, we will trace the “power surge” which transformed the Grand Old Game over the past century.

Mick Chantler has been a student and teacher of early American history for over 40 years. He currently lectures at three Bay Area Osher Lifelong Learning programs, primarily in the Revolutionary and Civil War eras. He also teaches classes in the history of baseball. Mick is a member of several scholarly organizations, and regularly attends conferences at the Lincoln Forum, The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic and Society for American Baseball Research. He has lived in the town of Sonoma for 50 years.

Utopia at Gunpoint: The Russian Revolution, 1917–2017
July 13 | Bob Kirk

In 1917, a popular uprising ended the incompetent reign of Czar Nicholas, and Marxist fanatics took over. These Bolsheviks nationalized all property, killed countless numbers, and created a totalitarian dictatorship. Worse was to come when Stalin, seemingly a reincarnation of Ivan the Terrible, but a lot more terrible, took over and sent millions more to their deaths or to Siberian labor camps. Although free of communism since 1991, Russia still suffers the consequences.

Dr. Bob Kirk has taught European history for over four decades. Bob has taught six courses for OLLI since 2011. Addicted to travel, Bob has visited Russia and the Ukraine on several occasions. He has lectured on over 70 cruises worldwide. Bob served for over seven years as president of the World Affairs Council of Sonoma County, and is the author of five published books. Bob and his wife Barbara have lived in Oakmont since 1998.
HOW TO FIND US!
Here are directions to both of our campus locations:

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
Highway 101 to Rohnert Park Expressway exit. Turn east onto Rohnert Park Expressway and follow to its end at Petaluma Hill Road. Right on Petaluma Hill Road to the stoplight at East Cotati Avenue. Right on East Cotati Avenue to Main Entrance of the campus on your right. Information Booth is straight ahead (purchase parking passes). Classes are located in Person Theatre (see above). Closest parking in Lot J.

OAKMONT CAMPUS
From Santa Rosa: Drive east on Hwy. 12 toward Sonoma. Turn right onto Oakmont Drive. Berger Center on the left at White Oak; East Recreation Center 1.9 miles further along Oakmont Drive, on the right, just past Singing Brook.

Berger Center, 6637 Oakmont Drive | East Recreation Center, 7902 Oakmont Drive

SUMMER 2017 REGISTRATION FORM
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Sonoma State University

OLLI at SSU, University Campus • Person Theatre • 10 a.m.–12 noon
- #1272 An Exploration of Cairo’s Islamic Monuments June 13
- #1273 The Woven Past: Reading Medieval Tapestries June 20
- #1274 Death by 1,000 Births: Economics and Population Growth July 5
- #1275 The Nature of How People Learn July 12
- #1276 Trump’s America: Immigration, Race and Citizenship July 19
- #1277 Matter, Energy and $E = mc^2$ July 26

OLLI at SSU, Oakmont Campus • Berger Center • 10 a.m.–12 noon
- #1339 The History of the Homer: From Shoestring Joe to A-Rod June 22
- #1340 Utopia at Gunpoint: The Russian Revolution, 1917–2017 July 13

REGISTRATION FEES: $25 each
NUMBER OF COURSES ___________________    TOTAL AMOUNT DUE $ ________________
DONATION: *I would like to make a donation to OLLI in the amount of $ ________________

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