

Winter 2022 Course descriptions and Instructor biographies
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Alaska

Anthony Davolos, Instructor

Wednesday | January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9
12:00pm -1:15pm | Zoom only, OLLI Shares UA

Join us for a fun and interactive course on the wonders of Alaska and the communities that have made Alaska home over the years. Then enjoy a class dedicated to the gold rush that defined some iconic Alaskan villages. Also, as special guest will join us live from Alaska.

Amazing Planet Earth: Adventures in Physical Geography

Sonny Dawsey, Instructor

Monday | January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7 (seven weeks)
11:00am – 12:30pm | Pebble Hill, Classroom only

The Earth's surface includes a wide variety of physical features. The mountains, deserts, lowlands, rivers and oceans combine to form landscapes that are both interesting and beautiful. This course will examine the processes that produced these features. We will also look at the complex interaction between people and the physical environment. The class will be richly illustrated with images, maps and videos.

*Dr. Sonny Dawsey is an Emeritus Auburn University Professor of Geography. He served as department chair and Director of the Institute for Latin American Studies. During his career he developed research in physical and cultural geography, primarily focused on regional studies in Latin America. He has taught many different courses for OLLI, including studies of maps, technology, human geography, and various regional studies.

Building Smartphone and Internet Skills Faster: 2022 Edition

Mike Akins, Instructor

Wednesday | January 19, 26, February 2, 9 (four weeks)
2:30pm – 4:00pm | Sunny Slope Main Classroom, Classroom only
Enrollment limited to ten students

If you have a smartphone (any model, no experience required), this course can save time for you by providing a fun, up-to-date review of the most important skills you need in order to use your smartphone with your current internet connection. In a small interactive group led by an experienced tech trainer, you will get personalized answers to your tech questions and suggestions for solving most tech challenges you are having with your smartphone and internet.

*Mike Akins, PhD, MS Instructional Technology, is an online learning producer, videographer, and personal tech trainer who collaborates with educators and creatives. He lives in Opelika, AL with his wife Betsy. Mike and Betsy are active OLLI members.

The Columbian Exchange

Rod Rodriguez-Kabana, Instructor

Wednesday | January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2 (seven weeks)

9:00am – 10:30 am | Sunny Slope Annex, Classroom and Zoom

Enrollment limited to thirty students in-person, no Zoom limit.

This course will examine the repercussions of the “discovery” and settlement of the American continent by Europeans on indigenous populations, on Europeans, and indeed the world as a whole. Emphasis will be given to the effects resulting from deliberate, and fortuitous, interchanges of plants and crops, animals, livestock, and of pathogens and diseases.. The course will begin with considerations of the differences between the Spanish world in 1492 and the New World. This will be followed by descriptions of the effects and significance Eurasian plants and animals in the New World and conversely of New World plants and animals in the Old World. The terrible consequences of the inadvertent interchange of human pathogens between the Europeans and New World indigenous populations will be discussed in depth.

*Rod Rodriguez-Kabana is Emeritus Distinguished University Professor who taught and performed research for 50 years at Auburn University in the Department of Entomology, Plant Pathology and Microbiology. He taught courses on cropping systems, plant nematology, plant pathology and presented numerous lectures on the impact of European and American cultures on Agriculture, Science and Engineering, as well as shaping the thinking and ideology of peoples on both sides of the Atlantic and the world in general.

Common Law: Its History and Relevance

Bob Cochran, Instructor

Tuesday | January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1 (seven weeks)

11:00am – 12:30pm | Sunny Slope Annex, Classroom only

What is the Common Law, how did we get it, and what is its relevance today? These questions will be briefly covered in this course.

*Bob Cochran retired from the Navy and then attended the Cumberland School of Law of Samford University in Birmingham, AL. He then began practicing law in Auburn, Alabama. Since 2005 he has taught Business Law and Aviation Law in the Harbert College of Buisness at Auburn University. He is fascinated by the history and development of the law.

Contemporary Architecture

Philip Fretwell, Instructor

Tuesday | January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1(seven weeks)

9:00am – 10:30am | Pebble Hill, Classroom only

Contemporary architecture is the architecture of the 21st century. No single style is dominant.

Contemporary architects work in several different styles, from postmodernism, high-tech architecture and new interpretations of traditional architecture to highly conceptual forms and designs, resembling sculpture on an enormous scale.

*Philip Fretwell is a local architect who formerly taught at Auburn University. He is also a former State Building Commissioner of Alabama.

Cultural Heritages

Adeola Fayemi, Susie Webster, and Mariela Delgado Rivero, Instructors

Monday and Thursday | January 24, February 10, February 21, March 3 (four weeks)

2:30pm – 4:00pm | Sunny Slope, Main Classroom, Classroom only

England in the Late Middle Ages

Joseph Kicklighter, Instructor

Tuesday | January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1 (seven weeks)

2:30pm – 4:00 pm | Pebble Hill, Classroom and Zoom

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In this term we shall talk about English history from the 14th to the 16th centuries. We will consider the Hundred Years War, the Plague and the Wars of the Roses. During this period England undergoes great changes including losses of virtually all French lands, the population decline from disease and the precarious nature of the crown as many of the monarchs die by violence.

*Dr. Joseph Kicklighter, Professor Emeritus of Medieval History at Auburn University, taught there from 1975 to 2015 and still teaches part time there. An undergraduate at the University of the South, he received his Ph. D. at Emory University. He has been teaching for OLLI since 2015.

The First 50 Years of American History

Dr. Richard Rhone, Instructor

Tuesday | January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8 (eight weeks)

1:30pm -2:45pm | Zoom only, OLLI Shares UA

Perhaps one of the least familiar eras of American history is the first 50 years of our country's existence. Covering the period from the end of the Revolution until the 1820s, class sessions will focus on the people, personalities, culture, opinions, triumphs and tragedies of the time. Hopefully, we will recognize that people can have differing opinions and still retain common goals. Our approach will not dogmatically judge our 18th-19th century ancestors with our 21st century personal opinions. Our goal is to learn and cherish the lessons of history so that we can hope to avoid the tragedies of past mistakes and yet enjoy the blessings of past successes. At the same time, perhaps we will gain an appreciation as Americans for our ancestors, famous and not famous, who sacrificed to give us the material blessings we possess as well as the blessing of liberty that we enjoy.

The First Ten Days of the Battle of the Bulge

Tennent Lee, Instructor

Monday | February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7 (five weeks)

10:30am – noon | Zoom only

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In December 1944, Hitler made one last attempt to change the fortunes of war on the Western front. Some of the American Army behaved badly. But there were many small units, some as small as an 18-man platoon, who held or at least slowed the German advance. Discuss these brave GIs and how they gave their blood to buy time for reinforcements to join the battle in detail. Get to see images of the battlefield at the time of the battle while comparing them to pictures from 2018 taken by the instructor.

*Tennent Lee is retired after practicing law in Huntsville for 43 years. He holds B.S. and J.D. degrees from the University of Alabama. Since his retirement, Tennent has become an avowed "history junkie," especially military and political history.

Four Americas

Mary Lee Carter, Instructor

Thursday | January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3 (seven weeks)

9:00am – 10:30am

Zoom only (Jan 20 & 27) Sunny Slope Annex, Classroom and Zoom (Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3)

In this course we will discuss ways to communicate constructively across ideological divides and to critique our own efforts and class efforts as a temporary community. Topics will draw from George Packer's book *Last Best Hope: America in Crisis and Renewal* (2021); his article *How America Fractured into Four Parts* (*The Atlantic* June-July, 2021) provides a foundation for class discussions. Members will be encouraged to research and share relevant articles and/or reporting from contemporary media.

*Mary Lee has diverse employment/volunteer experience including 1970s poverty programs; legislative lobbying; teaching; community leadership training; strategic planning; group facilitating; grant writing and administration; and project management.

The Great Debate: Advocates and Opponents of the American Constitution

John Parr, Instructor

Tuesday | January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1 (seven weeks)

9:00am – 10:30 am | Sunny Slope Annex, Classroom only

This course aims to illuminate the original foundations of our American civil culture by reenacting the debate from 1787 to 1788 over ratification of the Constitution. The course focuses on the philosophical and intellectual levels of the controversy, centered on the competing republican visions held by the proponents of the constitution (Federalists) and the opponents (Anti-Federalists). The class will view and then discuss the Great Courses lectures presented by Dr. Thomas L. Pangle, University of Texas History Professor.

*Dr. John Parr is a retired naval officer and Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering at the University of Evansville in Indiana. John earned his BSEE from Auburn University in 1969, his MSEE from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1974 and his PhD from Auburn University in 1988. John has long been interested in history and enjoys learning and has led many OLLI courses.

Human Flourishing: Positive Psychology, Character Strengths, and Humor

Bill Confer, Instructor

Tuesday | February 8, 15, 22, March 1 (four weeks)

8:30am – 10:00am | Zoom only

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"Positive psychology" has been investigating some of the components of living well and functioning more fully in an uncertain world. Join us to discuss the progress of social science in identifying, understanding, and promoting psychological strengths-- including the benefits of virtuous conduct, mirth, and laughter.

*Dr. Bill Confer retired from clinical psychology after 38 years of practice. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology and the American Board of Sleep Medicine. His first degree was in English literature and he currently studies etymology as a hobby.

Learning Spanish: How to Understand and Speak a New Language, Level I, Part II

Sylvia Cooke, Instructor

Monday | January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7 (seven weeks)

9:00am – 10:30am | Sunny Slope Classroom, Classroom only

Enrollment limited to twelve students

Book: *Learning Spanish* workbook available during the first class session for \$20, check only, payable to Auburn University.

Winter 2022 term is part 2 of 4. This Great Courses DVD course is designed to cover the curriculum of a first semester college course in Spanish. Throughout the lessons, you'll explore *how* to learn a language and start communicating. Your teacher, world-class language instructor Professor Bill Worden of the University of Alabama, has refined this approach over more than 20 years, distilling the step-by-step system that works the best for adult learners. As an integral part of the language lessons themselves, he teaches a set of learning strategies that will enable you to be a successful language learner and will help you actively use and remember the material.

*Sylvia Cooke is retired after 32 years as a Spanish teacher, twenty of which were at Auburn High School. She taught all levels of Spanish from beginning speakers through preparation for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate examinations.

Line Dancing: Beginners

Betsy Keown and Wanda Knight, Instructors

Monday | January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7 (seven weeks)

12:15pm – 1:00pm | Sunny Slope Annex, Classroom only

Register for EITHER the beginner class OR the intermediate class.

Enrollment limited to twelve students.

This 45-minute class will introduce students to line dancing. Basic steps and dances will be taught. We will dance to a variety of music - everything from Glenn Miller to Willie Nelson, Charlie Daniels, Little Big Town and many more. Not only is it fun, but great exercise for the body and the mind. Wear comfortable shoes, no taps, and bring a water bottle.

*Betsy Keown has been line dancing twice weekly for twelve years and teaching for the past seven. She loves the exercise and the joy of performing at nursing homes and other venues.

*Wanda Knight has been line dancing a little over nine years and has assisted Betsy Keown for several classes.

Line Dancing: Intermediate

Betsy Keown and Wanda Knight, Instructors

Monday | January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7 (seven weeks)

1:15pm – 2:00pm | Sunny Slope Annex, Classroom only

Register for EITHER the beginner class OR the intermediate class.

Enrollment limited to twelve students.

This line dancing class is designed for those with some line dancing experience. We will listen and dance to a variety of music - everything from Glenn Miller to Willie Nelson, Charlie Daniels, Little Big Town and many more. Not only is it fun, but great exercise for the body and the mind. Wear comfortable shoes, no taps, and bring a water bottle.

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Masterpieces of the Imaginative Mind

Jim Barber and Herb Shivers, Instructors

Monday | January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7 (seven weeks)

9:00am -10:30am | Sunny Slope Annex, Classroom and Zoom

In this Great Courses DVD course, we will discuss many of literature's greatest works, from ancient myths to the works of Nobel laureates, rely on fantasy. Even when there has been a dominant preference for realism, generation after generation of readers have been drawn to stories of the fantastic not only for what they help us learn about ourselves as individuals and about our collective selves but also for what they show about our social values.

What can fairy tales and science fiction stories reveal about the psyches of individuals and nations? How does the literature of the fantastic reflect historical periods and preoccupations?

*Jim Barber is a retired construction engineer/contractor with four-score and a dozen years of experience that are cheerfully and thankfully in the past. He is working on his advanced degree in geezerhood, specifically, serial napping and advanced grumpiness.

*Herb Shivers is a long-time OLLI member who taught at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, the University at Alabama in Huntsville, and the University of Alabama in Birmingham. He has also taught for OLLI at Auburn several times in the past. Herb is fully retired after a 36-year civil service career including jobs with the Army, TVA and NASA along with his professor positions.

The Myth of Recycling Continues

Henry Brandhorst, Instructor

Wednesday | January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2 (seven weeks)

2:30pm – 4:00pm | Sunny Slope Annex, Classroom only

Recycling has been in vogue for over 45 years. Unfortunately, it still is not working. Less than 50% of steel and aluminum cans are recycled and plastics recycling is less than 10%. With plastics, the concept of a bottle into a bottle simply doesn't work. Therefore, the state of recycling and its limits will be discussed. The primary focus will be on plastics and the technology approaches used to economically increase their recycling.

*Dr. Henry Brandhorst is an expert in energy technologies. His career with NASA was focused on space and terrestrial solar energy plus all parts of an energy system. He is currently developing an innovative technology to turn all types of waste into energy.

Physics of History

Charlotte Ward, Instructor

Monday | January 24, 31, February 7, 14 (four weeks)

9:00am - 10:30am | Zoom only

This is a continuation of the Fall 2021 term course of the same title. Winter term will begin with lesson 17. In this Great Courses DVD course, we will learn about two Alpine hikers that stumbled across the well-preserved body of a Copper Age hunter half-buried in a glacier on the border between Italy and Austria in April 1991. This accidental discovery, nicknamed Ötzi the Iceman, possessed a trove of invaluable information about the origins of prehistoric people. Yet while standard archaeological techniques revealed many interesting aspects of Ötzi's life—including his diet and his dress—it was only through the use of physics that more microscopic clues were uncovered. **The Physics of History**, taught by award-winning

Professor David J. Helfand of Columbia University, gives you the background to understand how scientists know what they do about the past.

*Charlotte Ward has many years' experience teaching OLLI classes, mostly in the sciences. She is an Associate Professor Emerita of the AU physics department.

Private Lives and Public Places

Donna Bohanan, Instructor

Monday, January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7 (seven weeks)

2:30pm – 4:00pm | Zoom only

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Private Lives and Public Places will examine some of the cultural and social institutions, beliefs, and values that shaped the daily lives of early modern Europeans. Among topics to be considered are carnival, the witch-craze, etiquette, and parent-child relations. This class will rely heavily on the visual image, specifically genre paintings, as historical documents.

*Donna Bohanan has taught undergraduate and graduate courses on early modern Europe at Auburn University for many years.

Race and Landscape at Auburn

Elijah Gaddis, Instructor

OLLI members will attend this class on Mondays and Fridays.

Monday and Friday, January 14, 21, 24, 28, 31, February 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28, March 4, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28, April 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 (16 weeks, two sessions per week)

11:00am – 11:50am | Sunny Slope Annex, Classroom and Zoom

Collaborative Class with Auburn University Department of History

NOTE: This course will run for the full 16 weeks of the Auburn University Spring 2022 semester. OLLI members are welcome to join the class on Mondays and Fridays. Class meetings are 50 minutes long, with the regularly scheduled Auburn University Spring Break, March 7-11.

Join the first ever class on the history of our university. We'll look at Auburn's history of town and gown through the people that lived, worked, and learned here.

*Dr. Elijah Gaddis is an Assistant Professor of History at Auburn University.

Rivers of Alabama

Bill Deutsch, Instructor

Wednesday, January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2 (seven weeks)

9:00 – 10:30 am | Pebble Hill, Classroom and Zoom

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An optional book, *Alabama Rivers: A Celebration and Challenge*, will be for sale at discount and free shipping through January 31 from: www.alabamariversbook.com. Books will be available at Sunny Slope and during class.

This course will cover the human and natural history of rivers in Alabama. Topics include the origin of the river map on the Alabama Great Seal; river geography, geology and hydrology; the state's world-class aquatic biodiversity; the role of rivers in human settlement, economy, and culture; river politics and policies; and personalizing your river ethic. Participants are encouraged to share their river stories and to discuss all topics in relaxed and enjoyable ways. Field trips to rivers and museums are possible.

*Dr. Bill Deutsch is a Research Fellow, Emeritus, in the School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences at Auburn University. He has worked as an aquatic ecologist and educator around rivers for forty

years. He co-founded the Alabama Water Watch program for promoting citizen volunteer water monitoring, environmental education, and improved water policies.

Seven Worlds, One Planet

David Newton, Instructor

Monday | January 24, 31 February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7 (seven weeks)

11:00am – 12:30pm | Zoom only

A BBC DVD video presented by Sir David Attenborough, this series will feature remarkable, new animal behavior from all the continents including the baking plains of Africa and the frozen waters off Antarctica.

*David Newton is a retired member of the faculty of Auburn University. His interest in conservation and the environment began during the countless hours spent along the bayous and in the woods near the home of his youth in northwest Mississippi. In retirement, he and his late wife Raye traveled extensively, visiting all seven continents, concentrating on natural history. He has organized numerous classes concerning environmental and natural history topics for OLLI at AU.

Shorter Hikes at Chewacla State Park

Harold Bruner, Instructor

Monday | January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7 (seven weeks)

1:30pm – 4:00pm | Meet at Chewacla State Park, in-person only

No class fee, but you will need to pay the entrance fee of \$4.00 (People 62 and older are \$2.00)

Enjoy a thorough introduction to nearby Chewacla State Park with shorter hikes of 2-3 miles each. We will visit Town Creek, Moore's Mill Creek, Chewacla Creek, Hidden Falls and cover most of the trails in the park. A small day pack is suggested. At least one hiking pole is strongly recommended.

*Harold is a retired forester who now hikes for fitness and pleasure. He has hiked extensively in much of the U.S. including north Georgia and Colorado, and more recently in several Canadian provinces. Having spent more than 60 years in Indiana and Florida, he now enjoys the biodiverse landscape of Alabama.

Silver Sneakers

David Tillman, Instructor

Monday and Friday | January 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31, February 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28, March 4, 7, 11 (ten weeks, two sessions per week)

11:30am – 12:15pm | Max Fitness Center, 189 E. University Dr. Auburn, Classroom only

All registration for this class is handled through Max Fitness.

This workout includes fall prevention drills and exercises to improve strength and endurance. A chair and handheld weights or tubing are recommended.

Max will be offering OLLI-exclusive exercise classes twice a week beginning Friday, January 7 through Friday, March 11. To take advantage of those classes you must either sign in as a member of the gym or as a Silver Sneakers member. OLLI members will be offered a Max Fitness membership at a special discounted price. If you have Silver Sneakers on your insurance or Medicare plan, you can use Max Fitness for free; you just need your Silver Sneakers number and your signature. If you don't have Silver Sneakers, you can join Max for \$25 a month, provided you sign a 6 month contract. This OLLI-exclusive package waives the \$49 enrollment fee, reduces the 18 month commitment to 6 months, and reduces the monthly fee by 17%.

*David Tillman is a certified Silver Sneakers instructor.

Spacecraft and American Society

Roger Launius, Instructor

Tuesday | January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1 (seven weeks)

11:00am – 12:30pm | Pebble Hill, Classroom only

This course explores the history of spaceflight, emphasizing its civil component, but also including national security and commercial activities, and the interactions among all components of spaceflight around the world. It represents an examination of the origins, evolution, current status, and future prospects of U.S. space policies and programs. It will cover civilian, military, and national security space programs and the space activities of the private sector, and the interactions among these four sectors of space activity.

*Roger D. Launius is Principal of Launius Historical Services, Auburn, Alabama. Between 1990 and 2002 he served as chief historian of the NASA. From there he moved to the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., where he served most recently as Associate Director for Collections and Curatorial Affairs until retirement in 2017. He is the author of *Apollo's Legacy: The Space Race in Perspective* (Smithsonian Books, 2019); *Reaching for the Moon: A Short History of Space Race* (Yale University Press, 2019); and *The NASA Archives: From Project Mercury to the Mars Rovers, 60 Years in Space* (Taschen, 2019). He has been a guest commentator on space history for all major television and news radio networks.

Staying Active - Day Hiking

Harold Bruner, Instructor

Thursdays | January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3 (seven weeks)

8:00am – 4:00pm

Class sessions: We will hike every week, weather permitting. Meet at Sunny Slope by 7:45am unless otherwise directed.

There will be a \$30 fee to reimburse volunteer drivers for their expenses. Payment is due the first week that you hike.

We will continue our tradition of moderate hikes of 5-10 miles within 50 miles or so of Auburn. This is a more advanced class with somewhat challenging terrain. You should be moderately fit and have experience in hiking these distances. If you have not hiked with this group before you may be asked to demonstrate your hiking proficiency prior to the first class. A small day pack is suggested. Hiking pole(s) are mandatory. The primary locations are different trails on or near Lake Martin, and FDR State Park near Pine Mountain, GA.

*Harold is a retired forester who now hikes for fitness and pleasure. He has hiked extensively in much of the U.S. including north Georgia and Colorado, and more recently in several Canadian provinces. Having spent more than 60 years in Indiana and Florida, he now enjoys the biodiverse landscape of Alabama.

Tai Chi for Health: A Meditative Practice to Improve Overall Health and Balance

Kitty Frey, Instructor

Tuesday | January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1 (seven weeks)

2:30pm – 3:30pm | Pebble Hill brick patio, Classroom only

Tai Chi also known as taijiquan is a centuries old exercise and healing art rooted in the laws of nature. In this class we will explore the principles of tai chi while learning a short sequence of movements called a set. Studies have shown that regular practice can improve immunity, decrease pain and the effects of stress, and be part of an effective fall prevention strategy. It's fun, easy to learn yet has great depth for continued learning. Please wear comfortable clothing and flat shoes(no heels) and bring an open mind and willingness to slow down.

*Kitty Frey is an occupational therapist and long time student and teacher of several mindfulness practices. She has her own business, Moving Matters, and has been teaching mindful movement classes since 2003. Because of its application to fall prevention and the ease in which the principles can be applied to improve posture and everyday functional movement, she has focused on tai chi and qigong as a form of preventative health care. A long time certified Instructor with the international Tai Chi for Health Institute, she became a Master Trainer for the Institute in 2019.

Understanding Evolution: The Fundamentals

Harriett Somerville, Instructor

Thursday | January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3 (six weeks)

8:30am – 10:00am | Zoom only

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The first edition of Darwin's *On the Origin of Species* was published in 1859, but the biological mechanism driving evolution was not fully understood until the twentieth century and later with advances in genetics and molecular biology. Based on the Great Course DVD, *What Darwin Didn't Know*, and instructor-led discussion we will examine DNA, genetic variation, and genetic drift. Explore the relationship between geology, geography, and natural selection.

*Dr. Harriett Somerville, Professor Emeritus, The University of Alabama- Tuscaloosa, received her Ph.D. in cell biology from The University of Texas at Austin. She received postdoctoral training at the University of Chicago and the Medical Research Council, London. She retired after 35 years of service.

Wagner, Nietzsche and the Origins of Fascism

Jay West, Instructor

Thursday | January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3 (seven weeks)

8:30am – 10:30am | Zoom only

This course will begin with a consideration of the musical and philosophical culture of nineteenth-century Germany in order to uncover the roots of what would become Nazi Fascism in the twentieth. We will study the earlier course of German history, then discuss the music of Richard Wagner, focusing on his epic work *The Ring of the Nibelungs*. Building on this we will explore the amazing philosophy of Wagner's erstwhile acolyte, Fredrich Nietzsche. We will read excerpts from Nietzsche's *Birth of Tragedy* and his explosive *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*. Then we will examine the rise of Fascism and the founding of the SS State in the 1930's, using excerpts from Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. Participants will be encouraged to do the assigned readings, and participate in discussions of this provocative material.

*James West earned his PhD in Russian History from Princeton. He taught at Trinity College (Hartford) for 24 years, and Middlebury College for 15 years. Retired now, he worked in OLLI NWU Chicago for the last two years. James has recently returned from two years in Petersburg, Russia, where he taught at the European University. His permanent residence is Middlebury, Vermont.

Walk This Way

Bob Banks, Instructor

Thursday | January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3 (seven weeks)

8:30am – 9:30am | Meet at Toomer's Corner

Join us for this seven week program designed to assist you in developing a walking exercise program. Students will meet at Toomer's Corner by the oaks each Thursday to learn about the benefits of walking. This course is open to novice and veteran walkers.

*Bob Banks is an avid runner. He is a retired ALFA insurance professional.

Whatever Happened to Folk Music, Part V

C. Mike Reinke, Instructor

Tuesday | January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1 (seven weeks)

2:30pm – 4:00pm | Zoom only

The continuation of a sequential, multi-term course, with slide-based Zoom presentations that explore the origins and evolution of North American folk and roots music. It features numerous audio and audiovisual examples of songs that range from centuries-old British ballads, to popular songs during the so-called “folk music revival,” to songs released in the last 10-20 years, best classified as “Americana.” It incorporates the folk music of African Americans and discusses how this music was separated commercially from Anglo-American folk music. During Winter Term 2022, we will continue the topic: “Black and White Folk Music Intertwined—Occupational and Religious Songs,” with a focus on the blackface minstrelsy and the transition to Vaudeville, African American spirituals and gospel, and white (Southern) gospel. **For more complete course information, e-mail the instructor at mikereinke68@gmail.com.**

*Mike Reinke grew up in the fifties and sixties during the peak of the folk music revival. While in retirement, he has developed a pronounced avocational interest in the history of American folk and roots music and in how this music has influenced American culture. He has been working on an OLLI course sequence on the subject for over three years.

Who’s Afraid of Global Warming

David Nordness, Instructor

Friday | January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4 (seven weeks)

9:00am – 10:30am | Sunny Slope Annex, Classroom and Zoom

In this class we will discuss the ways in which civilization has tried to control and manage the weather.

*David Nordness is a graduate of Auburn University in Journalism in 1975 and Chemical Engineering in 1978. He worked with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in 1972 and 1973, as an engineer for eight years in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Alabama, and 35 years as a salesman to industry selling Automation Systems and Model Predicting Solutions (AI). He has an MBA from Louisiana State University. David currently lives in Auburn where he attended OLLI classes on *Science in the 20th Century* and *The Myth of Recycling*.

Winter Mysteries I

Julie Strong, Instructor

Tuesday | January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1 (seven weeks)

11:00am – 12:30pm | Sunny Slope Conference Room, classroom only

Enrollment limited to sixteen students

Books, in order that they will be discussed:

Mankell, H. (2003). *Faceless Killer*. Vintage Crime/Black Lizard. ISBN: 978-1400031573.

Hill, S. (2019). *The Comforts of Home: Simon Serrailer Book 9*. Random House UK. ISBN: 978-0099575955.

Rash, R. (2017). *The Risen: A Novel*. Ecco. ISBN: 978-0062436320.

The quality of a mystery novel often depends on the character and demeanor of the detective in charge of solving the crime. In the mysteries of this term, this is particularly true. Register and order your book early.

*Julie Strong has a BA in English and comparative literature from Columbia University. She holds a master’s of Education degree in early childhood education and in gifted and talented education. A retired teacher, she facilitates book clubs.

Winter Mysteries II**Harold Bruner, Instructor****Tuesday | January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1 (seven weeks)****9:00am – 10:30am | Sunny Slope Conference Room, Classroom and Zoom****Books, in order that they will be discussed.****French, T. (2021). *The Searcher: A Novel*. Penguin Books. ISBN: 978-0735224674.****Connelly, M. (2020). *The Night Fire*. Grand Central Publishing. ISBN: 978-1538733721.****Krueger, W.K. (2020). *This Tender Land*. Atria Books. ISBN: 978-1476749303.**

Participation in this class is an option for people who do not get into the 11:00 Tuesday Mystery class because of the enrollment cap. However, anyone is welcome to register. This class will not be reading the same books as the 11:00 Mystery class. We will have three different books presented by three different people. This class will also be available via Zoom again this term.

*Harold Bruner is an active OLLI member who enjoys reading good mysteries. He has been leading book discussions for OLLI for a few years now.

Writing Our Lives**Terry Ley and Cathy Buckhalt, Instructors****Monday | January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7 (seven weeks)****9:00am -10:30am | Zoom only****Book: Bragg, R. (2020). *Where I Come From: Stories from the Deep South*. Knopf. ISBN: 978-0593317785.****Enrollment limited to thirty-five students**

“Our lives are like a patchwork quilt, and it is only in the evening of life that we can see the pattern of what we have woven” (Richard L. Morgan, *Saving Our Stories: A Legacy We Leave*). We all have life stories to tell! Here is an opportunity to reclaim your memories, write about them, and share them with a receptive audience of peers. We will write each Monday morning, responding to stimulus prompts provided by the instructors. Recommended homework: finishing and revising what you have begun in class and reading self-selected memoirs, biographies, and autobiographies.

*Terry Ley taught high school English in Iowa before coming to Auburn University, where he was a professor of English education. He has taught Writing Our Lives each OLLI term for sixteen years.

*Cathy Buckhalt is a retired teacher from Opelika Middle School and Southern Union State Community College. She also was associate director of the Sun Belt Writing Project for many years.

Your iPhone Today (with 2022 Updates)**Mike Akins, Instructor****Tuesday | February 8, 15, 22, March 1 (four weeks)****11:00am – 12:30pm | Zoom only**

If you have an iPhone (any model, no experience needed) and want to discover more fun ways to use your iPhone with less stress and hassle, this short course is for you. We will explore ways to communicate, take/share photos, listen to music, watch videos, shop online, and more *including 2022 iPhone updates* along the way. We also explain the main sources of stress and hassle for iPhone users and strategies to lower stress and have more fun. Mike’s *Short Guide to iPhone Resources, 2022 Edition* is included.

*Mike Akins (Ph.D., M.S. Instructional Technology) is an online learning producer, videographer, and personal tech trainer who collaborates with educators and creatives. He lives in Opelika, AL with his wife Betsy. Mike and Betsy are active OLLI members.