





# Spring 2019

April 1 – May 10

Innovative education for the 50+ learner

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## Who we are

OLLI @Berkeley is an educational program for lifelong learners age 50 and up who are eager to explore traditional and new areas of knowledge — without exams or grades. Classes are taught by distinguished UC Berkeley faculty members and other Bay Area experts. Membership is required to participate in the full range of offerings.

OLLI @Berkeley is one of 120 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes nationwide. It is supported by UC Berkeley, OLLI members, and donors who match the Bernard Osher Foundation's contribution to OLLI.

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## Letter from the Director

Several years ago, *The Economist* coined the phrase, "the silver-haired safety net," describing grandparents who were helping to raise their grandchildren. However, it turns out that this silver phenomenon reaches beyond families, as we may admire the wisdom of leaders in all walks of life: from UC Berkeley Chancellor Carol T. Christ to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi. It is evident that experience matters, and that a

sustainable and healthy future depends on the synergy of empowered younger and older generations.

OLLI's curriculum is very much about empowerment. What do we need to know to navigate the future, for ourselves, our families and communities, our state, and our nation? In our course evaluations, we ask that you reflect on what mattered most to you in the course, what were the takeaways? Many say that while they learn because it is exciting and the classroom is a place to make new friends, additional gratification can be found when new knowledge or insights are put to use.

As OLLI ends its eleventh year, we look for more ways to bring the generations together, and for our wisdom to matter. We remind ourselves in our annual report that OLLI's mission is to create and facilitate a public space for the community and campus to experience the joy and benefits of lifelong learning.

This spring, we feature 35 courses, a Fourth Age Salon, four dynamic speaker series events, and our Fourth Annual Excellence in Teaching and Learning Award — bringing new activity and meaning to this mission with your help and ingenuity.

Susan Hoffman Director



# 35 courses in two great locations

# **Registration opens Feb. 4**

Info: 510.642.9934 or olli.berkeley.edu

# **Berkeley Info Session** Tuesday, March 5

10 a.m.–noon (doors open at 9:30 a.m.) Freight & Salvage Coffeehouse 2020 Addison St. (at Shattuck Ave.)

# **Lafayette Info Session**

Thursday, March 7

1:30–3 p.m. (doors open at 1:00 p.m.) Lafayette Library and Learning Center 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

# Starts 4/1 Monday

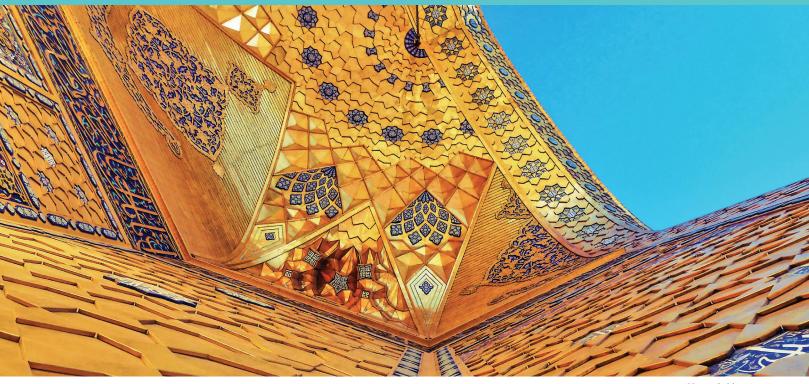


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# **Joy of Singing**

Lauren Carley 10 a.m.-noon, UH 150

## **Price A**

Prepare your body, brain, and voice to sing with ease, expressiveness, and projection. Learn four traditional rounds and five part-songs by ear, plus choral skills such as legato, staccato, fermata, ritard, timbre, and head and chest voice. More experienced participants may sing in trios or anchor their sections. We will perform for invited guests during the last class. Open to all levels.

**Lauren Carley**, mezzo, tours and records with her vocal ensembles In Other Words and Polyhymnia. She is a natural voice practitioner with a lifetime in pedagogy, Orff, theater, mime, Alexander, and Feldenkrais. She also leads community choruses and singing retreats worldwide, and specializes in singing as a healing pathway for those with neurological trauma and diseases.

# **Islamic Cultures and the West**

Simon Kenrick 10 a.m.-noon, CJC

## **Price A**

The course examines the history of relations between the Islamic world and the West via art history and visual culture. Its aim is to put Islamophobia in historical perspective from the birth of Islam through the 1453 conquest of Constantinople to the impact of 19th century European colonialism. We will see that, aside from tensions, the history of art and visual culture contains countless examples of dialogue and mutual influence.

**Simon Kenrick** has art history degrees from Cambridge (B.A.) and UCLA (M.A. and Ph.D.), taught for 15 years in colleges in the LA region, specializing in Islamic art and architecture, and for Road Scholar for 20 years. He has been involved in cultural activism in England, France, Morocco, and California, and is currently developing a museum tour start-up, GLOBALeyes.

# **Literature and Film** of the Weimar Republic

Marion Gerlind 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., UH 41B (5 weeks)

## **Price B**

In this interactive seminar we will read and reflect on literature as well as watch and discuss films of the Weimar Republic (1919-33). We will explore some of the period's most popular works: Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill's musical play The Threepenny Opera; Irmgard Keun's bestseller The Artificial Silk Girl; Leontine Sagan's classic film Girls in Uniform; Joseph von Sternberg's original film *The Blue* Angel; as well as poetry by Else Lasker-Schüler, Gertrud Kolmar, and Mascha Kaléko.

Marion Gerlind Ph.D. founded and directs the Gerlind Institute for Cultural Studies, a community-based educational organization. Originally from Hamburg, (West) Germany, Marion has 20 years' teaching experience; her research interests include German literature and history of the 20th and 21st centuries, gender and diversity studies, oral history, popular culture, and film.

# Monday cont'd



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# Our Life and Times: A Memoir Writing Workshop

Tamim Ansary 10 a.m.–noon, UH 41C

## **Price C**

In this workshop, we'll use the public events of our times as prompts for crafting stories about our own lives. Wars, assassinations, elections, social movements, turning points, transformative inventions, epochal moments in sports, music, arts, and entertainment—all of us have lived personal lives threaded through a public landscape. We will use writing as a vehicle for exploring our lives and the times we've lived through.

**Tamim Ansary** directed the San Francisco Writers' Workshop for 22 years and has worked with memoirists for 15 years. His memoir *West of Kabul, East of New York* was San Francisco's One City One Book pick in 2008. His new memoir is *Road Trips*.

# **Travel the World Through Textiles**

Rose Kelly 1–3 p.m., CJC

### **Price A**

Examine historical and contemporary textile traditions from around the world. Look at the symbolism, cultural context, and techniques used in creating traditional textiles, as well as their role in today's economy. We will focus on the textiles of Latin America, Africa, and Asia and study examples from Kelly's collection as well as your collections.

**Rose Kelly** is a professional artist, avid traveler, and textile collector, with a special interest in the protective symbolism of traditional textiles. She is a lecturer in the design department at her alma mater, UC Davis, and holds a master's in museum studies from John F. Kennedy University with a specialization in education and interpretation.

# **Tragedy and the Meaning of Life**

Bill Smoot 1–3 p.m., UH 41B

### **Price B**

Tragedy seems rooted, as Lukacs wrote, in "the deepest longing of human existence." This course focuses on three questions: What is the essence of tragedy? What explains the value, meaning, appeal, and pleasure of contemplating literary works that are sad? In what way do tragic works suggest a stance on being or a philosophy of life? Examine five tragic works, and three philosophers—Aristotle, Hegel, and Nietzsche—who meditated on these questions about tragedy.

**Bill Smoot** grew up in Maysville, Kentucky, and received his B.A. from Purdue University and Ph.D. from Northwestern University. He has taught for over 40 years in diverse venues from universities to private high schools to prison. He is the author of *Conversations with Great Teachers*. Tragedy has been a long-standing interest.

# Rock 'n' Roll Road Trip, Part 2

Pete Elman 10 a.m.-noon, F&S

### **Price A**

Take a chronological and geographic road trip across several American regions where key musical movements sprung up between 1965 and 1975. We'll also explore one rock 'n' roll legend's masterworks. Presented as a cultural and musical journey, the course will weave together lectures, photographs, recorded music, film clips, Q&A sessions, and live music.

Pete Elman has performed, composed, arranged, produced, and taught all genres of popular music since 1962. He is a freelance writer, taught school for 15 years, and published an acclaimed book of song-poems. He has taught several popular classes on 20th-century music with OLLI.

# **Architectural Expression:** The Root of Design Style

Pierluigi Serraino 10 a.m.-noon, UH 41B

### **Price B**

What is the difference between style and architectural expression? Explore this central question by considering building exteriors and interiors as well as product designs. Learn to read a space through its architectural expression by engaging the writings of the masters of past, modern, and contemporary eras to apprehend what Le Corbusier called "the fundamental joys of architecture."

Pierluigi Serraino is an architect, educator, and author. He holds multiple professional and research degrees in architecture from Italy and the United States and has his own design practice.

He has lectured extensively on postwar American architecture, California modernism, architectural photography, changes in architectural practice, and digital design.

# **Dreamwork and Archetypal Mythology**

Barry Friedman 10 a.m.-12:30, UH 41C

### **Price C**

Dreams are vehicles to help us realize who we are and who we can become, as well as understand our relationship to the world and the divine. Learn how to work deeply with your dreams through personal sharing and response. Discuss major archetypal motifs that appear in our dreams and connect us to the world of mythology and meaning. This creative process is at once enlightening, transformative, and healing.

Barry Friedman Ph.D., M.F.T. is a psychotherapist in private practice in Oakland and a historian of religions. He has been exploring the relationship between spirituality and psychology for over 40 years, and taught archetypal mythology and dream work at Holy Names University for 15 years.

# The Magic of Mozart: **Adventures in Operatic Elegance**

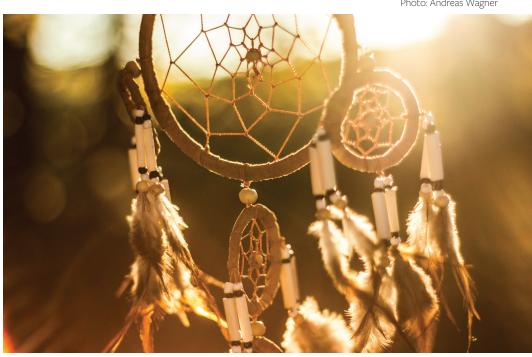
Clifford "Kip" Cranna 1-3 p.m., F&S

### **Price A**

Explore Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's operatic genius. View his works in their historical contexts and consider Mozart's gift for capturing the full spectrum of human nature. Examine his early influences, follow his career, and explore his most famous works, including The Marriage of Figaro, Don Giovanni, and The Magic Flute, as well as lesser-known gems. No previous opera background required. Just watch, listen, and enjoy.

Dr. Clifford "Kip" Cranna, dramaturg at San Francisco Opera, was awarded the San Francisco Opera Medal, the company's highest honor. He lectures and writes frequently on music and teaches at the San Francisco Conservatory and the Fromm Institute. He was dramaturg for the Kennedy Center's 2016 production of Wagner's Ring.





# Tuesday cont'd



# **Dazzling Dames of Broadway**

Bonnie Weiss 1–3 p.m., Magnes

## **Price A**

Examine the lives of some of Broadway's most celebrated leading ladies. Delve into the triumphs, tragedies, regrets, and joys of their personal lives. We will discuss Ethel Merman, Mary Martin, Julie Andrews, Carol Channing, Gwen Verdon, and Bernadette Peters, as well as more recent leading ladies of Broadway, such as Patti Lupone, Kristin Chenoweth, and Audra McDonald.

**Bonnie Weiss** has lectured on the legends of Broadway and Hollywood for over 30 years. She has done extensive research on the subjects of the course, and she has met and talked with three of them, conversed at length with two of their widowers, and interviewed one of them for a feature story in *TheaterWeek*.

# **The Expanded Self**

Lauren Vanett 1–3:30 p.m., UH 41B

## **Price B**

This course is an opportunity to appreciate who you are and who you would like to be. Reflect on past challenges and successes, cultivate self-compassion, and envision your best possible future. This hands-on journey uses mindfulness meditation and evidence-based practices from positive psychology, builds awareness of how to move beyond self-limiting beliefs, and exposes hidden capacities that you can use to activate your inner and outer life.

**Lauren Vanett M.A.** has been an educator, presenter, and facilitator for over 35 years and a certified coach since 2011. She spent most of her career at San Francisco State University Extended Education designing and managing educational programs for the public. An instructor at OLLI since 2010, she offers a series of courses with roots in positive psychology, neuroscience, and mindfulness.

# **Exploring Your Identity Through Writing**

Anita Amirrezvani 1–3 p.m., UH 41C

### **Price C**

Your unique family, heritage, culture, and traditions offer a rich source of material. Learn how to draw on your own background to generate stories that are deeply meaningful to you, the people you love, and even to complete strangers. Writing assignments will include nonfiction and fiction. Sharing work will be encouraged but not required. Leave class with a roadmap for expanding your material.

Anita Amirrezvani was born in Tehran and raised in San Francisco. She has written two novels, *The Blood of Flowers* and *Equal of the Sun*. Amirrezvani co-edited the anthology *Tremors: New Fiction by Iranian-American Writers*. She teaches at the California College of the Arts.

# **Poetry on the Ivories: Romantic Piano Music**

Alexandra Amati 10 a.m.-noon, F&S

### **Price A**

Explore the Romantic phenomenon of the miniature or "character" piano piece. Learn about genres and forms, codes, interpretations, and covert political implications. For example, today we listen to a Chopin Ballade and find it powerful and wonderful, but we don't "hear" the nationalistic message that all Polish émigrés in Paris perceived. We will study music by Chopin, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Brahms, and others.

Alexandra Amati holds a Ph.D. in musicology from Harvard and teaches at the University of San Francisco. She is a lecturer for the SF Opera, the SF Symphony, the SF Bach Choir, and others.

# International Women **Film Directors**

Linda Lau 10 a.m.-noon, UH 150 (No class 4/10; final class 5/15)

### **Price A**

This course examines films directed by women from different cultures and backgrounds. Each week focuses on one director and one film. Throughout the course, we will address the following questions: What types of oppression do women experience and how is this portrayed in film? How do female directors subvert traditional gender roles? What role do women directors play in changing the idea of culture?

**Linda Lau** teaches theatre for the Older Adults Program and Community and Contract Education at Santa Rosa Junior College. She has a Ph.D. in drama from Tufts University and has previously taught Native American Film and Asian Theatre.



Photo: Matt Schwartz

# **Current Issues Before** the U.S. Supreme Court

Marshall Krause 10 a.m.-noon, UH 41B

### **Price B**

Review undecided cases now pending in the U.S. Supreme Court. Is there an exemption to anti-discrimination laws when they conflict with religious beliefs? Does gerrymandering congressional districts for political advantage violate the constitution? Does a suspected undocumented immigrant have the right to release on bail? Note: This course relies on class participation and is ideal for students who have taken a previous class with Krause or who have legal experience.

Marshall Krause was chief attorney for the ACLU of Northern California, a reporter for KQED, and a professor of political science at SFSU. He handled seven cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court, six of which he won.

# **Bay Area Documentary Filmmakers**

Michael Fox 2-4 p.m., F&S

### **Price A**

Nonfiction films are more essential than ever, but the subject matter typically overshadows the process for making them. In fact, the filmmaker's narrative, thematic, and aesthetic choices are as important as the material itself. Each session will feature a recent or in-progress film followed by a candid discussion with the director.

Michael Fox is a journalist and film critic at KQED.org/arts, Oakland magazine, and The (East Bay) Monthly. He curates and hosts the CinemaLit series at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco, and teaches documentary courses at OLLI at SF State. Fox was inducted in 2015 into Essential SF, the SF Film Society's ongoing compilation of "local cinematic luminaries."

# **Africa in Global Context**

Martha Saavedra 2-4 p.m., BCC

### **Price A**

Consider Africa and its global significance via four themes: identity and culture; conflict; development; and technology. Identify the sociopolitical characteristics of the African continent, engage with contemporary debates regarding the region, and understand the role and impact of Africa in the globalized world. The course also emphasizes the diversity of "Africa," as illustrated in short stories from the African Caine Prize (http://caineprize.com/).

Martha Saavedra has been associate director of the Center for African Studies at the University of California, Berkeley since 1993. Her research, teaching, and writing cover a range of topics including sport, gender, development, and agrarian politics. She has conducted research in Sudan, Senegal, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Timor-Leste.

# Calendar

**MONDAY** 

4/1-5/6

10 a.m.-noon, UH 150

**Joy of Singing** 

Lauren Carley

10 a.m.-noon, CJC

**Islamic Cultures** 

Simon Kenrick

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., UH 41B

**Weimar Republic** 

Marion Gerlind (5 weeks)

10 a.m.-noon, UH 41C

Memoir

Tamim Ansary

1-3 p.m., CJC

**Textiles** 

Rose Kelly

1-3 p.m., UH 41B

**Tragedy** 

Bill Smoot

**TUESDAY** 

4/2-5/7

10 a.m.-noon, F&S

Rock 'n' Roll, part 2

Pete Elman

10 a.m.-noon, LLCH

**Iranian Cinema** 

Hossein Khosrowjah

10 a.m.-noon, UH 41B

**Architectural Expression** 

Pierluigi Serraino

10 a.m.-noon, LLOR

**iPhoneography** 

Yoni Mayeri

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., UH 41C

**Dreamwork** 

Barry Friedman

1-3 p.m., F&S

**Mozart** 

Kip Cranna

1-3 p.m., Magnes

**Dazzling Dames** 

**Bonnie Weiss** 

1-3 p.m., LLCH

**U.S./Mexico Relations** 

Alex Saragoza

1-3:30 p.m., UH 41B

**Expanded Self** 

Lauren Vanett

1-3 p.m., UH 41C

**Identity Through Writing** 

Anita Amirrezvani

**WEDNESDAY** 

4/3 - 5/8

10 a.m.-noon, F&S

**Romantic Piano** 

Alexandra Amati

10 a.m.-noon, UH 150

**Women Film Directors** 

Linda Lau

(No class 4/10; final class 5/15)

10 a.m.-noon, UH 41B

**Supreme Court** 

Marshall Krause

2-4 p.m., F&S

**Bay Area Documentary** 

Michael Fox

2-4 p.m., BCC

**Africa** 

Martha Saavedra

2-4 p.m., UH 150

**Postwar American Poetry** 

Stephanie Wells

2-4 p.m., UH 41B

**Arab Cultures** 

Haitham Mohamed

12:30-1:30 p.m., F&S

**Speaker Series** 

4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1

12:30-1:30 p.m., F&S

Excellence in Teaching and Learning Award

5/8

12:30-1:30 p.m., UH 150

**Fourth Age Salon** 

5/15

**THURSDAY** 

4/4-5/9

10 a.m.-noon, F&S

Cybersecurity

Darren Zook

10 a.m.-noon, LLCH

**Understanding Russia** 

Anastasia Edel

10 a.m.-noon, UH 41B

**French Short Stories** 

Caroline Smadja

10 a.m.-noon, UH 41C

10-Minute Plays

Anthony Clarvoe

1-3 p.m., F&S

**Ulysses S. Grant** 

Mick Chantler

1-3 p.m., Magnes

**Cosmic Origins** 

Gibor Basri

1-3 p.m., LLCH

**Rock and R&B Singers** 

Pete Elman

1-3 p.m., UH 41B

**Dynamic Outsider** 

Hilary Roberts

# Wednesday cont'd

# **FRIDAY**

4/5-5/10

10 a.m.-noon, 41B

# **Great Choreographers**

Kathryn Roszak

10 a.m.-noon, BAS

### Watercolor

Danny Neece

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 41C

### iMovie

**Dave Casuto** 

2-4 p.m., BAS

## Pen and Ink

Danny Neece

# **LOCATION KEY**

### **BAS**

UC Berkeley Art Studio Campus

### BCC

Berkeley City College 2050 Center St., Berkeley

### CJC

California Jazz Conservatory 2040 Addison St., Berkeley

### F&S

Freight and Salvage 2020 Addison St., Berkeley

### **LLCH**

Lafayette Library Community Hall 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette

### **LLOR**

Lafayette Library Oak Room 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette

### Magnes

Magnes Collection 2121 Allston Way, Berkeley

### UH

University Hall 2199 Addison St., Berkeley

# **Postwar American Poetry**

Stephanie Wells 2-4 p.m., UH 150

## **Price A**

In the second half of the twentieth century, American poetry moves away from modernism and splinters in several directions, including beat poetry, confessional poetry, political poetry, and something of a return to nature. Examine these movements since 1950, focusing on representative poets including Ginsberg, Ferlinghetti, Bishop, Lowell, Plath, Sexton, Clifton, Rich, Wright, Hass, Oliver, Snyder, Olds, Collins, and Trethewey; exploring their individual works as well as their poetic lineage.

**Stephanie Wells** has a B.A. from Berkeley, M.A. from University of Virginia, and Ph.D. from UC Davis, with a focus on modernism and postmodernism in American and British novels and poetry. She has been a literature professor for over 20 years and currently teaches at College of Marin.

# Navigating Arab Cultures through Arab Cuisines

Haitham S. Mohamed 2–4 p.m., UH 41B

### **Price B**

Understanding the culture of any region or country is a passport to its languages and provides learners with a method to reply properly and not to be misunderstood. This course highlights the importance of food culture in the Arab world. Navigate through the history of some Arab countries, discovering the beauty and richness of the region.

Haitham S. Mohamed started his teaching career in Egypt teaching ESP at Mansoura University. He was a Fulbright visiting scholar at UNE, Maine, and has taught Arabic at The American University in Cairo. In 2013, he joined the UC family teaching all levels of Arabic and also Egyptian colloquial Arabic.

# Wednesday Lunchtime Speaker Series 12:30-1:30 p.m., F&S (2020 Addison St.)

# **April 10**

# Curing Cancer by Mobilizing Your Natural Immune Defenses: The Revolution in Cancer Immunotherapy

David Raulet, Schekman Chair in Cancer Biology, UC Berkeley

### April 17

# Weaving a Dialogue Between Science and Religion and Spirituality

David Presti, neurobiologist, psychologist, and cognitive scientist, UC Berkeley

## **April 24**

# Rethinking Crime and Punishment in the United States

Tony Platt, Department of Justice Studies, UC Berkeley

## May 1

## Berkeley 2050

Kira Stoll, Director of Sustainability, UC Berkeley

# Thursday Starts 4/4

# Cybersecurity: An Updated Guide for the Perplexed

Darren Zook 10 a.m.-noon, F&S

### **Price A**

Cybersecurity is one of the most important elements in national and international affairs, yet it remains misunderstood. This course will cover everything from personal security online (is Alexa spying on me?) to international threats (what is cyberwar and can it happen?). This material will be presented in a clear and user-friendly format, so both absolute beginners and more experienced tech-users will find much to deepen their understanding.

**Darren Zook** has taught for 15 years at UC Berkeley and has been recognized numerous times for his contributions to education on campus. He teaches courses on comparative politics, security studies, human rights, and

conflict resolution, and has extensive field experience in nearly every part of the world, including two trips to North Korea.

## **French Short Stories**

Caroline Smadja 10 a.m.–noon, UH 41B

### **Price B**

This course, designed around group discussion, will examine French short stories from the late 19th and 20th centuries. Each week will center on a specific author, and all short stories will be different from the first iteration of the course. Participants will be asked to analyze each story in terms of theme(s), meaning, point of view, and other conventions of the short story based on a list of study questions available seven to 10 days in advance. Authors may include

Colette, Maupassant, Romain Gary, and Françoise Sagan.

**Caroline Smadja** specializes in adult education and has over 30 years' teaching experience with learners of all backgrounds and nationalities, including at OLLI SFSU. A French native and graduate of Paris VII, she holds an M.F.A. in creative writing from Pacific University and is a published poet and writer.

# **Writing 10-Minute Plays**

Anthony Clarvoe 10 a.m.-noon, UH 41C

### **Price C**

Deepen your appreciation of any dramatic writing you see in theater, film, and television. Discover your dramatic voice. Students will create short plays and scenes through a progressive series of at-home writing

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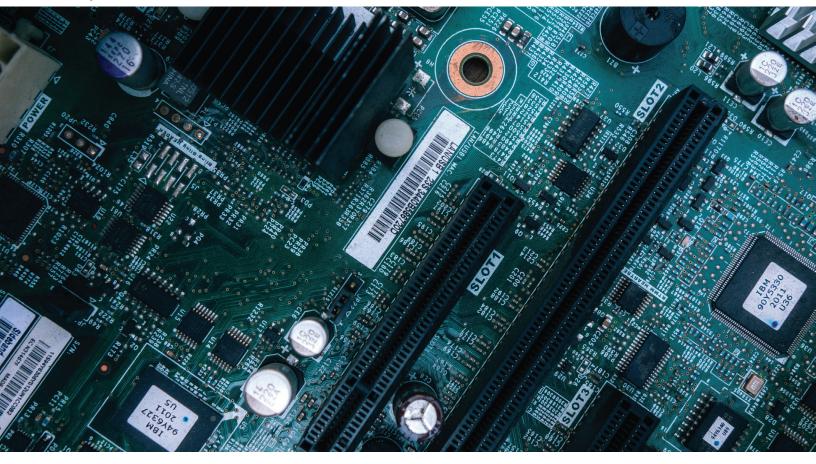




Photo: Greg Rakozy

exercises and in-class readings. Learn the techniques that compel attention and tell stories through conflict and action.

Anthony Clarvoe is a nationally recognized playwright who has received American Theatre Critics, Bay Area Theatre Critics, LA Drama Critics, and Elliot Norton (New England critics) awards; Guggenheim and NEA Fellowships; and commissions from theaters across the states. His play Our Practical Heaven won Aurora Theatre's Global Age Project competition and the Edgerton New Play Award.

# The Rehabilitation of Ulysses S. Grant

Mick Chantler 1-3 p.m., F&S

# **Price A**

Over the past fifty years, scholars have come to assess the career of Ulysses S. Grant more sympathetically than was once the case. Contemporary studies emphasize his dogged pursuit of justice for African Americans during Reconstruction, and his attempts to reform and humanize government Indian

policy. This course will trace the lengthy and devoted service of an unfairly maligned figure in American history.

**Mick Chantler** has been an instructor of American studies for over 40 years. He currently teaches at several Bay Area OLLIs including CSU Sonoma, Dominican, Santa Clara, and Berkeley. His primary interests include the Revolutionary and Civil War eras.

# **Cosmic Origins**

Gibor Basri 1-3 p.m., Magnes

### **Price A**

Now, for the first time, we are able to observe the formation of stars and planets, galaxies, the elements, and the universe itself. Just a few physical principles operate to produce it all. Learn what they are in simple terms (no math!), and how they have worked to produce our current cosmos. Encounter the observations that produce this solid empirical understanding of cosmic origins.

**Gibor Basri** taught in the astronomy department at UC Berkeley for 35 years. His favorite classes were the introductory

courses for non-majors and small freshman seminars. He enjoys making science accessible to the general public, and has been given the Sagan award for this talent.

# **Theater and the Dynamic Outsider**

Hilary Roberts 1-3 p.m., UH 41B

### **Price B**

Playwrights often seize on the experience most of us feel at some juncture, of not belonging, and use it as inspiration for outsider opuses for the stage. Through theatrical masterworks by August Wilson, William Shakespeare, Larry Kramer, and Susan Glaspell, investigate forebears of today's much-applauded disruptor mindset. Discuss the scripts, view clips of scenes, and celebrate outlier heroes as endearing agents of change.

Hilary Roberts is an author, educator and editor who has taught at UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz, and Contra Costa College. She holds an M.A. from University of Michigan and a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley, where she studied cognitive science in tandem with literature.

# **Great Choreographers**

Kathryn Roszak 10 a.m.–noon, 41B

### **Price B**

Learn how the great choreographers transformed the arts and our view of the world. Consider the roots of ballet with Marius Petipa; Isadora Duncan and modern dance; Martha Graham and dance's relationship to the psyche; Vaslav Nijinsky and his collaborators; Diaghilev's Ballet Russes; George Balanchine's reinvention of ballet; and theatrical dance genius Jerome Robbins. We will also define what great choreography means today: Morris, Bausch, Fosse, and more.

Kathryn Roszak trained at Balanchine's School of American Ballet and San Francisco Ballet. She was a soloist with San Francisco Opera Ballet and has choreographed/taught for San Francisco Ballet and San Francisco Opera. She produces dance films and is founder of the Women Ballet Choreographers/Composers Residency at Djerassi Resident Artists Program.

## **Watercolor Fundamentals**

Danny Neece 10 a.m.-noon, BAS

# Price C

Learn the basics of watercolor. We will cover the principles of color theory, color mixing, paint layering, and texture through still life, landscapes, wildlife, and more. This class is open to all levels. Basic drawing skills are helpful but not required. Course fee does not include materials (approximately \$70).

**Danny Neece** holds a B.F.A. in illustration from the California College of the Arts. He has freelanced for *Shambhala Sun Magazine*, *Hyphen Magazine*, Intel Developers Forum, *14 Hills: The SFSU Review*, Trader Joe's, *Buddhadharma: Practitioner's Quarterly*, and Saint Mary's College, and he teaches at the Berkeley Art Studio. View his work at dannyneece.com.



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## **iMovie**

David Casuto 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., UH 41C

### **Price C**

Explore the fundamentals of creating and producing digital movies in this interactive course. Learn about importing, splicing, trimming, cropping, audio, transition, special

effects, text, titles, and much more. The course uses iMovie, a free program found on every Mac (but unavailable on PCs). Learn to create, edit, and produce a full movie with video, photos, audio and text to share with your loved ones. Note: students must provide their own Mac laptops for the class.

**David Casuto** is the founder of Senior Surf (senior-surf.org), a Bay Area nonprofit whose mission is to provide affordable and accessible computer education. He also teaches at OLLI SFSU, AcademyX, and Synergy School, and runs his own training consulting firm.

## **Pen and Ink Fundamentals**

Danny Neece 2–4 p.m., BAS

### **Price C**

This session will rely on drawing and sketching as you provide the unique creative approach to the medium. Learn techniques for effectively working with pen, brush, and inks. Subjects will range from still life to working from photos. Topics will include loose sketching, contrast, texturing, hatching techniques, composition, and illustration. All skill levels welcome.

**Danny Neece** — see bio above.

# Lafayette Library

# Info Session 3/7, 1:30-3 p.m. 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette

## **Iranian Cinema**

Tuesdays, April 2 - May 7 Hossein Khosrowiah 10 a.m.-noon, LLCH

### **Price A**

Gain an overview of post-revolutionary Iranian national cinema, which has garnered international popularity and critical acclaim since the late 1980s for being innovative, ethical, and compassionate. Look at the work of contemporary filmmakers such as Abbas Kiarostami, Mohsen Makhmalbaf, Bahram Beyzaii, and Asghar Farhadi. Discuss the role of censorship and the strong feminist tendencies of many contemporary Iranian films

Hossein Khosrowjah teaches visual studies, art history, and film studies in the visual studies department of the California College of the Arts. He is also an adjunct in the art and art history department of Saint Mary's College. His book *The Singular* Cinema of Abbas Kiarostami is forthcoming.

# **iPhoneography**

Tuesdays, April 2 - May 7 Yoni Mayeri 10 a.m.-noon, LLOR

### **Price C**

Learn how to expertly capture images, edit, and create extraordinary photographs using solely your iPhone. Gain inspiration to find your creative vision and expand your technical knowledge. By the end of this workshop, you will understand the ins and outs of iPhone photography.

**Yoni Mayeri** began her photographic career at Polaroid and Nikon. Her iPhoneography workshops have been presented at UC Berkeley, Stanford, Saint Mary's College, Rancho La Puerta, The Pacific Art League, Google, and many more.

# **U.S./Mexico Relations** from Reagan to Trump

Tuesdays, April 2 - May 7 Alex Saragoza 1-3 p.m., LLCH

### **Price A**

Examine the relationship between the U.S. and Mexico from the Reagan presidency (1980-1988) to the present. Emphasis will be given to the current state of that relationship in light of the election of a reformist, leftof-center Mexican president in November 2018 and the Trump administration. We will discuss the border, immigration, NAFTA, the drug trade, Central American migration, energy and transnational cultural flows, as well as other related topics.

Alex Saragoza has chaired the Center for Latin American Studies at UC Berkeley and has taught numerous Mexico-related courses over a three-decade career. He is the chief editor of Mexico Today: An Encyclopedia of Life in the Republic (2012) and has published widely on various aspects of Mexican history.

# **Understanding Russia**

Anastasia Edel Thursdays, April 4 - May 9 10 a.m.-noon, LLCH

### **Price A**

Russia continues to dominate the news cycle — but how much do you actually know about it? Gain an inside view of Russian history, politics, and culture. What is behind its current slide into autocracy? Which national myths, beliefs, and historic developments feed Putin's anti-democratic ideology? This course will intertwine the country's latest political and cultural developments with historical perspectives expressed in film, music, and literature.

**Anastasia Edel** is a Russian-born American writer and social historian. She's the author of Russia: Putin's Playground, a concise guide to Russian history, politics, and culture. Her writing has appeared in *The New York Review* of Books, The New York Times, Quartz, and World Literature Today. She is currently working on a new book, The Gone Empire.



# **Six Great Rock and R&B Singers**

Pete Elman Thursdays, April 4 - May 9

## **Price A**

1-3 p.m., LLCH

Take a cultural and musical journey through the lives and careers of six legendary rock and R&B singers: the "Genius" Ray Charles; the "King of Soul" Sam Cooke; the "Voice" Roy Orbison; Dusty Springfield, the "Big O" Otis Redding; and the "Queen of Soul" Aretha Franklin. Explore these musical giants through lectures, photographs, recorded and live music, film clips, and question-andanswer sessions.

**Pete Elman** — see pg. 3 for bio.



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# Membership

OLLI @Berkeley is a membership organization per agreement with the Bernard Osher Foundation, Members receive access to:

- Registration for OLLI courses
- Free admission to all lecture series
- Participation in interest circles and member events

# **Membership Types**

- Annual: \$100
- Premium: \$850 Offers unlimited A and D courses and discounts for B and C courses (savings accrue with six or more courses over a 12-month period).
- Single Term: \$50

Annual and Premium memberships are valid for four consecutive terms. Membership dues are non-refundable. All memberships are subject to course fee updates for the current academic year.

# **Fee Assistance Program**

Fee assistance is available on a sliding scale if full fees present a barrier to your participation. To be considered, please download an application from

olli.berkeley.edu/fee-assistance and return it to the OLLI office. Applications are accepted up to seven days prior to the start of each term.

# **Affiliate Discounts**

Members of the following groups receive a \$10 discount on any OLLI membership. One discount per member.

- Cal Alumni Association (CAA)
- Current/retired faculty/staff at UC Berkeley, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, or University of California Office of the President

# **Course Change**

Course schedules, locations, and faculty are subject to change. Please refer to the website for the most current listings.

# **Adding and Dropping Courses**

Active members may add a course at any time by logging into their account and paying the applicable course fee. Courses can be dropped up to seven days prior to the start of the term for a course fee refund. Contact the office for a refund.

# Accessibilty

All of our venues are ADA accessible. Some classrooms offer assistive listening options.

# Spring 2019 Registration Form

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Thursday, March 7

1:30–3 p.m. (doors open at 1:00 p.m.) Lafayette Library and Learning Center 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

