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Winter 2023 January 17–March 10

Letter from the Director



As I ponder our winter courses and events, I am reminded of Aristotle's quote: "To know thyself is the beginning of all wisdom." Self knowledge seems to be a launching point for learning, no matter how old or young you are.

Susan Van Dyne and Pamela Blotner's courses examine the worlds of artists and writers who reflect on personal histories and social movements in their creative work. Sandra Bass and Belvie Rooks investigate elderhood and new forms of activism.

Sara Orem animates life experience in the writing of legacy letters. Barry Friedman suggests how self knowledge is expanded with an understanding of dreams and the unconscious. And Lauren Vanett delves into the meaning of life through the life stages of grief and loss.

All of these courses engage with the innate power of each of us to experience, to transform, to contribute.

Further, the term offers powerful historical narratives, whether those be biblical stories, films that reveal the mythologies that shaped our nation, or the works of local filmmakers who uncover realities not usually seen or experienced. And there is the ongoing theoretical work of Darren Zook, Michael Baker, and Dariush Zahedi on our political discourse and analysis, from the United States to China to the Middle East and Africa.

The balance of the term is placed on hope and the solace that is found in our relationships with each other. In the winter speaker series, the focus is to harvest the good will and profound insight that arises when generations are brought together.

Come for these provocative courses and events, and stay for the community.

Susan Hoffman Director, OLLI @Berkeley

30 courses: 9 in-person 18 remote instruction 3 encore

Winter registration opens October 17

Check out faculty course promo videos and learn about the benefits of membership at olli.berkeley.edu

Who We Are

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UC Berkeley is a dynamic learning community for explorers age 50 and up. An OLLI @Berkeley membership opens up a world of discovery: smart, curated courses — with no exams or grades — taught by Berkeley faculty and other scholars; opportunities to participate in pivotal research; and a year-round lineup of lectures, workshops, discussion groups, clubs, and activities.

OLLI @Berkeley was established in 2007 with generous support from the Bernard Osher Foundation and is one of more than 120 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes in the country.

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Health and Safety

OLLI @Berkeley follows all UC Berkeley, City of Berkeley, and venue-issued health mandates in order to provide programming safely. To attend in-person courses, members must show proof of vaccination and a photo ID. Further details regarding UC Berkeley's health and safety protocol can be found here: olli.berkeley.edu/health-safety. In-person classes that cannot be delivered safely will be delivered remotely.

Course Structure

In-person Instruction: Courses run for six weeks; each meeting lasts 120 minutes. In-person courses are livestreamed and recorded when appropriate.

Livestreamed Instruction:

Livestreamed workshop and lecture courses run for four or eight consecutive weeks; each meeting lasts 90 minutes unless otherwise noted. When possible, livestreamed courses are recorded.

Zoom

You must have a Zoom account to access courses and special events.

Zoom links will be made available on your member dashboard on the OLLI website.

Affiliate Discount

Members of the following groups can receive a \$10 discount on Annual or Premium OLLI memberships:

- Cal Alumni Association (CAA) members
- Current or retired faculty/staff at UC Berkeley, LBNL, and UCOP

Discounts do not apply to Encore Only memberships. Additional discounts cannot be applied to Fee Assistance memberships.

About Membership

OLLI @Berkeley celebrates the insatiable curiosity of older adults and their ongoing quest to learn about, engage with, and contribute to the world around them. Become a member and gain access to fascinating and substantive courses taught by distinguished scholars, speaker events featuring leading thinkers discussing critical issues, intergenerational dialogues, opportunities to participate in research with UC partners, field trips, and more.

Membership Types with Course Fees:

Choose one of three membership options. Course fees are separate, and are based on your choice of membership, course type, and instructional hours. We offer four academic terms — fall, winter, spring, and summer — per year.

Single Term

\$50

Valid: 1 term Course Fees:

Lectures (3 types): \$155/\$120/\$90 Discussions (2 types): \$195/\$90

Workshop: \$235 Encore: \$120

- · A great way to sample OLLI
- · Makes sense if you plan to take courses for one term only and not again within a year

Premium

\$950

Valid: 4 consecutive terms

Course Fees:

Lectures (all types): \$0 Discussions (all types): \$40

Workshop: \$80 Encore: \$0

- · Most cost effective option if you plan to take 6+ courses in a year
- · Pay no fees for majority of courses and enjoy steep discounts on others

Annual

\$100

Valid: 4 consecutive terms

Course Fees:

Lectures (3 types): \$155 / \$120 / \$90 Discussions (2 types): \$195/\$90

Workshop: \$235 Encore: \$120

- · Our most popular option!
- · A smart choice if you think you'll take courses in two or more terms

OLLI for All Fee Assistance Program

At OLLI @Berkeley, we believe finances should not be a barrier to lifelong learning. With fee assistance, you'll enjoy waived membership dues (\$100 savings) and 70% off all course fees. Learn more at https://olli.berkeley.edu/fee-assistance

Course Changes

Course schedules and faculty are subject to change. Please refer to our website for the most current listings. Courses can be dropped up to seven days prior to the start of the term for a refund. Contact us at berkeley_olli@berkeley.edu prior to the deadline to be issued a refund.

Calendar

MONDAYS

Begins 1/23 No class February 20

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Enacting Femininity in Literature

Stephanie Wells Livestreamed Only Six weeks, ends 3/6

9:30-11:30 a.m.

San Francisco in Photographs

Richie Unterberger Livestreamed Only Six weeks, ends 3/6

10 a.m.-noon

Joy of Singing

Lauren Carley In-person, UH 150 Six weeks, ends 3/6

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Diving into the Movies

Harry Chotiner Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 2/13

1-3 p.m.

Four American Writers and Artists

Susan Van Dyne In-person, UH 150 Six weeks, ends 3/6

2:30-4:30 p.m.

The Art of Elderhood

Sandra Bass, Belvie Rooks Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 2/13

TUESDAYS

Begins 1/17

10 a.m.-noon

iPhoneography

Yoni Mayeri Livestreamed Only Six weeks, ends 2/21

10 a.m.-noon

Bay Area Documentary Filmmakers

Michael Fox In-person, F&S Six weeks, ends 2/21

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

Dream Work and Archetypal Mythology

Barry Friedman In-person, GBC 365 Six weeks, ends 2/21

1-3 p.m.

Memphis Soul

Pete Elman In-person, F&S Livestreamed Six weeks, ends 2/21

1-3 p.m.

The Genocide in California's Closet

Robert McNally In-person, GBC 365 Six weeks, ends 2/21 Livestreamed + Recorded

1-3 p.m.

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WEDNESDAYS

Begins 1/18

9:30-11 a.m.

Istanbul

Pierluigi Serraino Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 2/8

10 a.m.-noon

Six Biblical Conundrums

David Meir-Levi In-person, UH 150 Six weeks, ends 2/22

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Dark Westerns

Art Eckstein Livestreamed + Recorded Eight weeks, ends 3/8

1-3 p.m.

How America Became Great

Michael Baker In-person, UH 150 Livestreamed + Recorded Six weeks, ends 2/22 1-3 p.m.

Five Personal Pieces: Building a Memoir

Deborah Lichtman In-person, GBC 365 Six weeks, ends 2/22

2:30-4 p.m.

Music in the Twentieth Century

Larry London Livestreamed Only Eight weeks, ends 3/8

2:30-4 p.m.

The Wisdom of Grief

Lauren Vanett Livestreamed Only Eight weeks, ends 3/8

WEDNESDAYS

Begins 2/15

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Cooking by the Book

Linda Carucci Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 3/8

THURSDAYS

Begins 1/19

9:30-11 a.m.

Political Discourse

Darren Zook Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 2/9

9:30-11 a.m.

How to Write a Legacy Letter

Sara Orem Livestreamed Only Eight weeks, ends 3/9

Noon-1:30 p.m.

The Cinema of **Agnieszka Holland**

Karen Davis Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 2/9

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Red Star and the Crescent

Dariush Zahedi Livestreamed + Recorded Eight weeks, ends 3/9

2:30-4 p.m.

Boroughs & Barrios: NYC and LA

Karina Palau Livestreamed + Recorded Eight weeks, ends 3/9

THURSDAYS

Begins 2/16

9:30-11 a.m.

The Art of Politics

Darren Zook Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 3/9

Noon-1:30

Eco-Artists Speak Out

Pamela Blotner Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 3/9



Photo: Nancy Murr

FRIDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

(see p. 12)

Location Key

F&S = Freight & Salvage Coffeehouse, 2020 Addison St.

UH = University Hall, 2199 Addison St.

GBC = Golden Bear Center 1995 University Ave. Suite 365

TYPES OF COURSES

In-person lecture courses will take place at one of our venues in downtown Berkeley. These courses may be delivered as in-person only courses, or may be livestreamed and recorded when appropriate.

In-person seminar or workshop courses will take place at 1995 University Avenue, Suite 365, or University Hall, room 150, Berkeley. These are in-person only, unless otherwise noted.

Livestreamed + Recorded courses will stream live at the scheduled time and will also be recorded for viewing later. Course videos will be posted each Friday and will appear in the course materials section of your member dashboard.

Livestreamed Only courses will stream live at the scheduled time and will not be recorded for viewing later. Zoom links can be found on your member dashboard.

Encore courses are recordings of courses that were presented live in a previous term. Course videos are posted on the first day of the term and remain available throughout the term. Encore course listings can be found on page 10.

Monday Starts 1/23



Photo: Courtesy of the Library of Congress

How to Be a Woman: Enacting Femininity in Literature

Stephanie Wells 9:30–11:30 a.m. Livestreamed Only Six weeks, ends 3/6

\$155 (Premium: \$0)

Through study of novels, short stories, and poems, this course will examine how women's gender roles have been prescribed in literature and evolved over time. We will focus on the period from the 19th century to the present.

Stephanie Wells has a B.A. from UC Berkeley, an M.A. from the University of Virginia, and received her 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.

San Francisco in Photographs, 1850-2020

Richie Unterberger 9:30–11:30 a.m. Livestreamed Only Six weeks, ends 3/6

\$155 (Premium: \$0)

The San Francisco Bay Area's natural beauty and social history have inspired photographers from the time photography was invented. To create San Francisco: Portrait of City, author and photo researcher Richie Unterberger selected the most striking images that document the Bay Area's history. This course will use photography to examine the evolution of Bay Area architecture, music, political activism, and landscapes from 1850 to the present, and feature work by some of the most internationally renowned photographers of several eras.

Richie Unterberger is the author of numerous art and music history books and has taught courses on rock and soul at OLLI for six years.

Joy of Singing

Lauren Carley
10 a.m.-noon
In-person + Livestreamed Only
UH 150
Six weeks, ends 3/6

\$155 (Premium: \$0)

Anyone, no matter their vocal ability or experience, can improve their understanding of the voice and experience the pleasure of singing with others. The music we will sing in this course comes from many traditions around the world and is chosen to demonstrate vocal technique and build confidence. Students will build ensemble skills, practice rhythms, employ call and response, and leave with the tools to continue learning at home.

Lauren Carley is a singer, performance coach, and choral director. She has led community choirs in the Bay Area for 17 years.

Diving Into the Movies

Harry Chotiner Noon-1:30 p.m. Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 2/13

\$90 (Premium: \$0)

This class will foster the fun, vitality, and warmth of friends sharing a conversation about a great film they've just seen. Before meeting, participants will watch four films selected for their engaging themes, issues, storytelling, and acting (students will receive notes about what to watch for). We will then meet online for a lecture and discussion about the films' elements. Note: The movie list will be provided before the start of the course.

Harry Chotiner served as an editor at Socialist Review magazine, a reader at Zoetrope Studios, and a story editor at CBS. He also served as vice president of development at 20th Century Fox and Interscope Communications and has taught history and film courses at the school of professional studies at New York University.

Turning Points: Four American Writers and Artists

Susan Van Dyne 1-3 p.m. In-person, UH 150 Six weeks, ends 3/6

\$195 (Premium: \$40)

This course will make use of memoir, film, and painting to explore the ways that four American writers and artists understood some of the defining moments in their lives. We will study the work of Annette Gordon-Reed, Chiura Obata, James Baldwin, and Hung Liu in the context of turning points in American history including migration, emancipation, internment, and the Civil Rights movement.

Susan Van Dyne earned her Ph.D. at Harvard and taught at Smith College for 40 years. She loves to teach in an interdisciplinary context and collaborate with students in an interactive classroom.

The Art of Elderhood

Sandra Bass, Belvie Rooks 2:30-4:30 p.m. Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 2/13

\$120 (Premium: \$0)

Even as the number of adults over 60 outnumbers the number of children under 18, Western societies, and American society specifically, rarely recognize and integrate the contributions and experience of elders. This course will explore the concept and reality of elderhood in our world and invite students to embark on a guided journey to embrace the age's power and possibilities.

Sandra Bass, Ph.D., is the associate dean and executive director of the Public Service Center at UC Berkeley.

Belvie Rooks is co-founder of the *Growing* a Global Heart project. She is a writer, educator, and producer whose work integrates feminism, ecology, and social justice.



Photo: Jaddy Liu

Tuesday Starts 1/17

iPhoneography

Yoni Mayeri 10 a.m.-noon Livestreamed Only Six weeks, ends 2/21

\$235 (Premium: \$80)

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Bay Area Documentary Filmmakers

Michael Fox 10 a.m.-noon In-person, F&S Six weeks, ends 2/21

\$155 (Premium: \$0)

In nonfiction films, the subject matter is often perceived as overshadowing the artistry of the filmmaking process. In truth, the filmmaker's narrative, thematic, and aesthetic choices are as important as the material itself. Each class meeting will include a screening of a recent or in-progress documentary film followed by a candid discussion with the film's director.

Michael Fox is a film journalist and critic for *KQED Arts*, among other outlets. A member of the San Francisco Bay Area Film Critics Circle and inductee of the S.F. Film Society's Essential SF, he has taught documentary classes at the OLLI programs at UC Berkeley and San Francisco State for 15 years.

Dream Work and Archetypal Mythology

Barry Friedman 10 a.m.–12:30 In-person, GBC 365 Six weeks, ends 2/21

\$235 (Premium: \$80)

Dreams are the soul's spontaneous, infinitely creative invitation to wholeness. In this course we'll learn to work with our dreams deeply and to recognize the archetypal themes that arise. We'll discuss the major archetypes that appear in our dreams, how these archetypes can enrich the meaning of our life experience, and how they connect with various cultural mythologies.

Barry Friedman Ph.D., MFT is a psychotherapist in private practice with more than 30 years specializing in depth psychotherapy and dream interpretation. He has taught the history of religions and world mythology and practices Hindu astrology.



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Memphis Soul

Pete Elman 1–3 p.m. In-person, F&S Livestreamed Six weeks, ends 2/21

\$155 (Premium: \$0)

The sound that came out of Memphis in the 1960s transformed the landscape of popular music. It was rhythm and blues; it was rock and roll. It was the sound of the Deep South, the incredible voices that came from the Black church, and the rhythms of the land. In this class, we will explore the evolution of Stax-Volt records and the artistry of Otis Redding, Booker T. and the MGs, Wilson Pickett, Sam and Dave, James Brown, Aretha Franklin, and many others.

Pete Elman is a musician, producer, teacher and author. He has taught many OLLI classes, including "A Rock 'n' Roll Road Trip" and courses on country, folk, Motown, and performers such as Bruce Springsteen and Van Morrison.

The Genocide in California's Closet

Robert McNally 1–3 p.m. In-person, GBC 365 Livestreamed + Recorded Six weeks, ends 2/21

\$195 (Premium: \$40)

Most Californians are unaware that during the second half of the 19th century their state sponsored and funded a campaign to exterminate the Indigenous population — a mass atrocity known in contemporary international law as genocide. This course will explore what happened in California between 1846 and 1900 and connect California's story with the larger narrative of conquest in the United States.

Writer **Robert Aquinas McNally** is the author of *The Modoc War: A Story of Genocide at the Dawn of America's Gilded Age*, which won a Commonwealth Club gold medal. His writing has appeared in *California History, Indian Country Today*, and *Wild West*.

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Wednesday Starts 1/18



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Istanbul: Where East Meets West

Pierluigi Serraino 9:30–11 a.m. Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 2/8

\$90 (Premium: \$0)

As Rome's power faded away, Constantinople (modern Istanbul) took on a leading role and Eastern and Western civilization. This course will explore this vibrant city through its architecture, literature, food culture, music, cinematography, and public spaces — the many aspects of this metropolitan region that remains a transnational crossroad of world identities and unabated allure.

Pierluigi Serraino is a practicing architect, author, and educator. He holds multiple professional and research degrees in architecture from Italy and the United States. He is the author of eight books on architecture and his work and writing have been published in professional and scholarly journals.

Six Biblical Conundrums and Science

David Meir-Levi 10 a.m.-noon Livestreamed + Recorded In-person, UH 150 Six weeks, ends 2/22

\$155 (Premium:\$0)

This course will review relevant evidence from astrophysics, archaeology, geology, and history to explore established facts about six events in the Bible. Which is right, the biblical creation story or astrophysics? The story of Exodus: Did it really happen? Join us while we look at the science behind these and other major events in the Bible.

David Meir-Levi earned his B.A. from Johns Hopkins University and his M.A. from Brandeis University. He taught archaeology and Near Eastern history at the Hebrew University and has lectured on Biblical studies and archaeology.

Dark Westerns of the 1950s

Art Eckstein Noon–1:30 p.m. Livestreamed + Recorded Eight weeks, ends 3/8

\$155 (Premium: \$0)

The Hollywood western is a major American contribution to film culture. While the westerns of the 1950s are often seen as

European-American imperialist propaganda, Hollywood produced a series of darker, more psychological westerns during the early Cold War. We will examine eight of these later westerns and explore what they say about American culture of the period.

Arthur M. Eckstein is a professor emeritus of history at the University of Maryland. His scholarship includes imperialism in the ancient world and modern worlds. He is the author of the book *The Searchers*, about John Ford's westerns.

How America Became Great and How it Can Be Again

Michael Baker 1–3 p.m. In-person, UH 150 Livestreamed + Recorded Six weeks, ends 2/22

\$155 (Premium: \$0)

During the 20th century, the United States led allies to victory in two world wars and dominated the global economy. Today, American democracy is at war with itself and leadership has eroded. These lectures will examine the elements that made America great, some of the reasons we are struggling as a nation, and suggest some ways the United States can regain a prominent role in world leadership.

Michael Baker is a retired surgeon who served in the military and retired as a rear admiral. He was deployed both into combat and to serve on humanitarian missions. He has published over 70 peer-reviewed articles and has lectured at national and international conferences

Five Personal Pieces: Building a Memoir

Deborah Lichtman 1–3 p.m. In-person, GBC 365 Six weeks, ends 2/22

\$235 (Premium: \$80)

This course will create a receptive writing community for those who are new to memoir as well as those who are more experienced. We will compose sketches of people and places from indelible moments in our lives and then build them into scenes of unfolding action. By the end of the term, each student will have a portfolio of five personal pieces that can stand alone or be woven into a longer project.

Deborah Lichtman has taught literature and writing for 30 years. She directed the

M.F.A. in writing program at the University of San Francisco, where she was an associate professor of writing. She also taught at Mills College and UC Berkeley, where she received an M.A. and Ph.D. in English.

Music in the Twentieth Century

Larry London 2:30–4 p.m. Livestreamed Only Eight weeks, ends 3/8

\$155 (Premium: \$0)

This course will examine important musical innovators of the 20th century, including Debussy, Stravinsky, Bartok, Schoenberg, Milhaud, Louis Armstrong, Copland, and Ives. The class will include lecture, live demonstration, recordings, discussion to help us examine these artists' lives and specific works in terms of melody, harmony, rhythm, and the cultural milieu of the time.

Larry London did his undergraduate work at Harvard and earned a master's degree in composition at Mills College. He is a professional clarinetist and composer and teaches music at Ohlone College and at the Crowden Music Center.

The Wisdom of Grief

Lauren Vanett 2:30–4 p.m. Livestreamed Only Eight weeks, ends 3/8

\$235 (Premium: \$80)

In this experiential and interactive class, we examine current research, share personal stories, and explore myths about grief. By reviewing grief experiences — large or small — and applying what we have learned, we will come to a deeper understanding of the obstacles to grieving and how to support others going through loss. (**Note:** This class is not grief therapy and is not recommended for those going through a new or recent loss. Unsure if this class is for you? Contact the instructor.)

Lauren Vanett, M.A., is an educator with more than 40 years experience teaching positive psychology and the wisdom of grief. She designed courses and taught at San Francisco State University and has taught at OLLI since 2010.

Wednesday Starts 2/15

Cooking by the Book

Linda Carucci 9:30-11:30 a.m. Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 3/8

\$120 (Premium: \$0)

Among the canon of cookbooks collected by an enthusiastic cook over the years, a few inevitably become favorites. In this course we'll explore four such gems, each carefully selected for its current relevance as well as its distinctive recipes, techniques, and voice. These livestreamed classes feature cooking demonstrations and discussion. Recipes will be provided in advance.

Linda Carucci is the author of *Cooking School Secrets for Real World Cooks*, a

finalist for both the James Beard and Julia

Child First Book Awards. A professionally
trained chef and acclaimed educator, she

served as dean of the California Culinary Academy and Julia Child Curator of Food Arts at COPIA: The American Center for Wine, Food & the Arts.

Thursday Starts 1/19

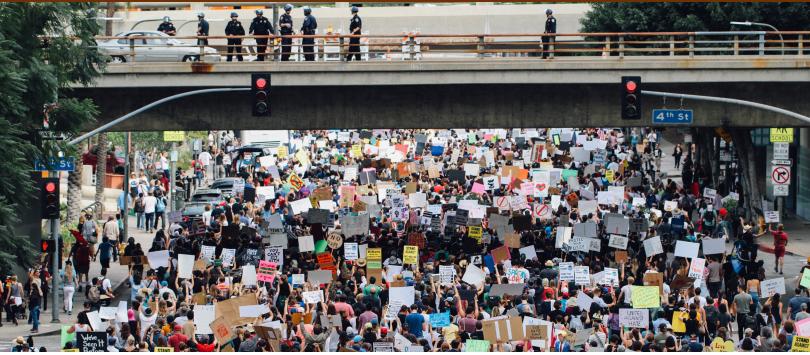


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Political Discourse in the Twenty-First Century

Darren Zook 9:30-11 a.m. Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 2/9

\$90 (Premium: \$0)

This course will situate the civil discourse of democracy in the larger context of political discourse in general. Drawing comparatively from a diverse array of political systems, we will explore why democracy is currently in crisis, what the central role of civil/political discourse is in the context of democratic governance, and how the revival and expansion of civil/political discourse is essential to the project of restoring trust in democratic institutions.

Darren Zook teaches political science and global studies at UC Berkeley. His areas of interest include comparative politics, human rights, international law, and cybersecurity.

How to Write a Legacy Letter

Sara Orem 9:30–11 a.m. Livestreamed Only Eight weeks, ends 3/9

\$235 (Premium: \$80)

Called an ethical will in Jewish tradition, a legacy letter tells the people you love what you want them to know about your life: your values, stories, and your hopes for them. In this course we will define what is needed to write a legacy letter, look at various examples, and write our own drafts, both in and outside of class.

Sara Orem has a Ph.D. in human and organizational systems and is the author of *Appreciative Coaching: A Positive Process for Change.*

The Cinema of Agnieszka Holland

Karen Davis Noon-1:30 p.m. Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 2/9

\$90 (Premium: \$0)

As one of Eastern Europe's most renowned film directors, Agnieszka Holland stands out for her singular ability to meld documentary realism with powerful narratives. Born in Poland to a Jewish journalist father and a Catholic mother who fought with the Polish Resistance, Holland captivated a wide international audience of cinéphiles for nearly half a century with her politically engaged and emotionally resonant films. In this course we will view four films from Holland's peuvre

Karen Davis is senior film programmer for the Mill Valley Film Festival and professor emerita at California State University at Monterey Bay. She has taught courses in international cinema and film studies at UC Santa Cruz, California State University, and Vassar College.

Red Star and the Crescent: Sino-Middle Eastern Relations

Dariush Zahedi Noon-1:30 p.m. Livestreamed + Recorded Eight weeks, ends 3/9

\$155 (Premium: \$0)

As the global economic center of gravity shifts to the east, economic relations between China, the Middle East, and the North African region have become increasingly deep and multifaceted. The relationship among these regions has started to move beyond economic interests to include strategic considerations. This course will respond to a the question: What motivating factors explain China's decision to forge closer ties to Middle Eastern countries? Particular attention will be devoted to the relations between China and Iran, Iraq, Saudi

Arabia, UAE, Oman, Egypt, Pakistan, and Israel.

Dariush Zahedi is director of the AMENA Center for Building Innovation Economies in the Middle East at the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley. Zahedi has also taught through Berkeley's undergraduate discovery courses program.

Boroughs & Barrios: New York City & Los Angeles

Karina Palau 2:30–4 p.m. Livestreamed + Recorded Eight weeks, ends 3/9

\$155 (Premium: \$0)

Socially and economically, New York City and Los Angeles figure as American dreamscapes. Both are made up of many neighborhoods that provide the promise of refuge, freedom, and self-invention and hinge on the promise that cities work like open circuits, enabling unrestricted mobility to everyone. In this course we will explore the histories of these two urban landscapes through writing, popular music, advertisements, maps, photography, and film.

Karina Palau is a lecturer in and coordinator of reading and composition for UC Berkeley's Department of Comparative Literature.

Thursday Starts 2/16

The Art of Politics

Darren Zook 9:30–11 a.m. Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 3/9

\$90 (Premium: \$0)

How does art use its various media to influence politics? How does politics, in turn, try to control or influence the production of art? Through an examination of specific artists and specific works, this course will explore the when, why, and how of political expression through the arts. This is not so much a course on artistic technique as one that examines the complex relationship between art and politics.

Darren Zook teaches political science and global studies at UC Berkeley. His areas of interest include comparative politics, human rights, international law, and cybersecurity.

Eco-Artists Speak Out

Pamela Blotner Noon-1:30 p.m. Livestreamed + Recorded Four weeks, ends 3/9

\$90 (Premium: \$0)

Eco-artists combine art and science to educate the public about ways in which they can help protect and restore threatened ecosystems, including endangered species, polluted waterways, migratory routes, and shrinking forests.

Pamela Blotner served as a United States arts envoy to Burma and Laos in 2018. She has taught at the University of San Francisco, University of Maryland, and University of Chicago. She is co-founder and co-curator of Artists Beyond Boundaries.

Friday Special Events

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January 20th The Legacy of Mark Twain

Linda Rugg, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Professor of Swedish Literature in the Scandinavian Department at UC Berkeley

Robert Hirsh, General Editor, Mark Twain Project and Curator, Mark Twain Papers

January 27 **Co-generativity: A Perspective** on Intergenerational Learning

Marc Freedman, CEO and president, Encore.org

February 3 **Two Views of San Francisco: An Intergenerational Discussion**

Joe Talbot, Director, The Last Black Man in San Francisco

David Talbot, Author of Season of the Witch: Enchantment, Terror and Deliverance in the City of Love

February 10 **Town Hall: We the People**

Facilitated by Darren Zook

February 17

No event, President's Day Weekend

February 24 America's Unfinished Work **Ebony Visions and Cowrie Shell Dreams: A Journey Through** the World of Black Children's Literature

Daphne Muse, Writer and Elder in Residence with UC Berkeley's Black Collaboratory

March 3 **Lafayette Open House**

A meet and greet with OLLI members, faculty, 10-11:30 a.m. Lafayette Library and Learning Center

Member Events



Photo: Mariana Medvedeva

Vital Aging is a monthly meeting of OLLI members interested in issues, both scientific and social, of aging. All members are welcome. Go to olli.berkeley.edu/vital-aging for details. Facilitated by Sara Orem.

Winter Term Meetings

January: Diets, food plans, and healthy eating: what works for you?

February: Hearing loss as we age, including hearing issues, the latest research

March: Caregiving for the caregiver

Encore Courses



Photo: Vincent Ledvina

Encore courses are previously recorded courses that were well-received by the membership during their live run. Encore course videos will be made available on the first day of the term (January 18, 2023) and will remain available throughout the term.

Paris: Its Cultural Legacy

Pierluigi Serraino

\$120 (Premium: \$0)

Paris enjoys mythological standing in Western civilization. This course will explore the city's magic through the lens of diverse disciplines, revealing its distinction in the fine and performing arts, architecture, literature, and science. A lively and dynamic group of speakers representing many different perspectives will address Paris's enduring appeal.

Pierluigi Serraino is a practicing architect, author, and educator. He holds multiple professional and research degrees in architecture from Italy and the United States. He is the author of eight books on architecture and his work and writing has been published in professional and scholarly journals.

The Nordic Lands: Politics, Society, and Culture

Darren Zook

\$120 (Premium: \$0)

The Nordic lands have always followed something of a separate path from the rest of Europe, but aside from a few general reference points — the Vikings, Abba, and the much-vaunted but largely misunderstood "Nordic model" welfare state — much of what makes the Nordic lands unique remains a mystery. This course will explore what links all of the Nordic lands — Finland, Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Denmark, the Faroe Islands, and Greenland — and what makes each distinctive.

Darren Zook teaches political science and global studies at UC Berkeley. His areas of interest include comparative politics, human rights, international law, and cybersecurity.

Cultural Astronomy

Bryan Méndez

\$120 (Premium: \$0)

In this course, we will study how astronomy has influenced — and been influenced by — calendars, language, literature, mythology, folklore, entertainment, agriculture, arts, fashion, architecture, religion, politics, and science. We will examine the ways that artifacts from ancient cultures, such as ruins of ancient civilizations, can be interpreted through their physical alignment to astronomical events. To better understand astronomical influences in contemporary culture, we will briefly review the state of our knowledge about the lives of stars, the nature of planetary systems, and the evolution of the cosmos.

Bryan Méndez is an astronomer and education specialist dedicated to sharing the wonder and beauty of the universe. He develops educational resources for students, teachers, and the public; conducts professional development for science educators; and teaches astronomy and physics at UC Berkeley.

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