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Fall 2025 (August 18 – December 12)

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Welcome to our Fall 2025 Catalog

We are excited to be able to present our Fall Catalog – covering all our classes from August through December.

Our Fall 2024 semester is packed full of interesting classes. From the Athens Music Scene to Ukeleles, covering literature, history, plants, and of course music. We have also conjoined classes with exciting upcoming trips to enhance your enjoyment.

We offer classes in a variety of formats:
in person
online,
and hybrid.

Our in-person classes are either at River's Crossing, the UGA Gwinnett Campus, or at an off-site location.

Some classes tie in with our Travel Study trips – either this semester or in 2026. They are marked to ensure that you get the most out of the trips, though you can always take the class without taking the trip and vice versa.

**Registration for
Fall Classes Opens
Thursday, July 24, at 10:00AM**

**A link to the registration site can be found at
the bottom of every page – just click Register
Now to be taken to the Sign-In Page**

*A paper registration form is available from the
office.*

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Shared Interest Groups (SIGs)

There are currently 28 SIGs meeting regularly throughout the month, from Board Games to Writing Memoir. All these are free to join as a benefit of membership. Check our [online calendar](#) to see when they meet and visit [OLLI COMM](#) to join or view updates and other information.

Parking

Registration for parking tags for River's Crossing are available online at [olli.uga.edu](#) (under Membership). Parking tags will be available for pickup from the OLLI office on or after the third business day following submittal of your application.

Each tag costs \$20, and may be used by others in your household. The tag will enable you to park ONLY in the River's Crossing parking lot through 7/31/2026.

The River's Crossing parking lot is monitored daily until 4:00 PM by UGA Parking Services. Please ensure that your parking tag is displayed properly in your vehicle when you park in this lot. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of a parking ticket with a fine of \$50. Parking after 4:00PM is free.

If you do not wish to purchase a parking tag, a parking permit may be purchased through the ParkMobile app for \$5 a day. Information on the ParkMobile app is available on our website.

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New Member Orientations

New (or returning) to OLLI@UGA and want to know how to get the most out of your membership? Join us for one of our New Member Orientations (free) to discover everything OLLI@UGA has to offer. Registration for the New Member Orientations can be found under "Membership."

July 8 - 5:30PM
July 18 - 10:00AM
August 15 - 10:00AM

August 26 - 6:00PM
September 12 - 10:00AM
October 10 - 10:00AM



OLLI FEST

**Saturday, August 2, 2025
10:00AM-2:00PM
River's Crossing**

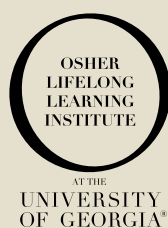
Find out more about OLLI, a dynamic learning and social organization for adults 50+

- 300+ Classes
- Lunch & Learns
- Travel Adventures
- Shared Interest Groups
- Social Events



Drawing for 2 FREE MEMBERSHIPS!

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Summer Film Series

2025: Road Movies



JULY 1
AWAY WE GO



JULY 8
NEBRASKA



JULY 15
PAUL



JULY 22
SMOKE SIGNALS



JULY 29
TRUE GRIT (1969)



Ciné is grateful to the Georgia Council for the Arts for the FY25 Bridge Grant Award that helps make Ciné's sponsorship possible!.

This series is made possible with support from: Nancy & John Songster, Kathryn Kyker, Bill Loughner, and Cher Snyder

COST: \$16 for the series / \$4.00 individually

TIME: 1:30PM

LOCATION: Ciné, 234 W Hancock Ave, Athens, GA 30601

REGISTER: olli.uga.edu/register - guests are welcome (contact the office)



FDR's Four Freedoms

2025: Dartmouth Summer Lecture Series



6 lectures from July 9 – August 13 focusing on the ideas of FDR's Four Freedoms: 1. Freedom of speech and expression 2. Freedom of worship 3. Freedom from want 4. Freedom from fear

"We believe the world and domestic situations today demand that we renew our understanding of the Four Freedoms and the role of our government and political system in ensuring their preservation. The Constitution of the United States contains the political philosophy and a system of checks and balances necessary for the operation of a democratic state to serve all its people. Have we lost the understanding of our individual and collective responsibilities required to make it work? It is time to renew our understanding of what is important to us as individuals and to the future of our country."

JULY 9

FDR'S FOUR FREEDOMS: FOUNDATION OF MODERN AMERICAN LIBERALISM AND GLOBAL LIBERAL INTERNATIONALISM

RONALD EDSFORTH

JULY 16

THE BROKEN PROMISE OF AMERICA'S ASYLUM SYSTEM

RACHEL ROSENBLOOM

JULY 23

AMERICA'S BEST IDEA: THE FIRST AMENDMENT AND THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION

RANDALL BALMER

JULY 30

THE IMPLICATIONS OF TRUMP'S ECONOMIC POLICIES

MATT SLAUGHTER

AUGUST 6

CAN FREEDOM OF SPEECH SURVIVE? AND SHOULD IT?

NADINE STROSSEN

AUGUST 13

THE FOUR FREEDOMS: THE WAY FORWARD

LINDA L. FOWLER

This series is made possible with support from Sandy and Scott Clark

COST: \$75 for the series / \$15.00 individually

TIME: 9:00AM-11:30AM

LOCATION: River's Crossing, UGA Gwinnett, or on Zoom

REGISTER: olli.uga.edu/register - guests are welcome (contact the office)



International Travel with OLLI@UGA

Montreal & Quebec City Christmas December 10-15 2025

Experience the magic of Canada's holiday season with visits to the Christmas markets in Montreal and Quebec City. Stay at the historic Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth and iconic Chateau Frontenac, with guided tours of Old Town Montreal, Notre Dame Cathedral, and Montmorency Falls. Enjoy a scenic train ride from Montreal to Quebec City, known as the "Paris of North America." Explore German-inspired Christmas markets, savor maple treats at a Sugar Shack demonstration, and take advantage of built-in leisure time to soak in the old-world charm and holiday cheer at your own pace. A dedicated professional tour director will ensure a smooth, enriching Canadian Christmas market experience.

Cost: \$3,399 per person (including airfare, and 7 meals)

Iceland's Midnight Sun: Glaciers, Geysers, and the Golden Circle May 13 – 22, 2026

Uncover the natural beauty of an island of dramatic contrast, forged by ice and fire. Travel the "Golden Circle" in Iceland, an epicenter of natural scenic wonders. Explore Skogar Museum and the traditional turf-built homes. Walk on a black volcanic sand beach. See Jokulsarion glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs. Discover other-world wonders and captivating cultures on a fascinating Icelandic journey.

Cost: \$5,799 per person (Double) (including airfare, and 15 meals)

More information including guest policy is available on our website. olli.uga.edu/travel

Class Scholarships

All registered OLLI@UGA members shall be eligible for Class Scholarship tuition assistance. Approved requests are limited to \$100 per person per semester. Scholarships cover class registration, but does not cover costs such as class materials or catering.

Scholarships can be awarded upon simple written application to the Executive Director. All applications shall remain confidential.

Class Sponsorship

Everyone who donates at least \$150 to the Annual Fund between May 15 and November 15 will be given an opportunity to sponsor a class in Spring 2026.

If you'd like the opportunity to sponsor a class for our Spring 2026 semester, just donate \$150 or more before November 15 and we'll get in touch when it's time for you to select your class.

Thank you to those who sponsored a class for Fall 2025. Our Annual Fund Goal is \$23,000 for FY 2026. You can donate at olli.uga.edu/giving

Planned Giving

Do you want to help future generations of Lifelong Learners experience OLLI@UGA?

Planned gifts help you meet your financial and charitable goals while supporting OLLI@UGA in the long-term. When you earmark a percentage of your estate to the OLLI@UGA through a planned gift, you become a member of the University's Heritage Society. This includes special recognition and events throughout the year. To learn more about the many ways you can leave a positive and lasting impact, visit the UGA Office of Estate Planning website or contact Executive Director Tim Meehan for more information

Calling all Class Presenters











Interested in teaching a class for OLLI?

OLLI@UGA welcomes ideas for new courses and programs. Anyone can suggest a class or presenter to the Curriculum Committee. Although many of our instructors are professors, presenters DO NOT need previous teaching experience. An individual with a passion to share a hobby or an art or other interest would make an outstanding OLLI presenter. OLLI faculty and students enjoy studying together without the pressure of exams and grades.

Our Spring Semester 2026 runs from February 2 - June 5. The Course Information Form can be found on our Teach for OLLI page on our website or contact the Curriculum Committee Chair Lisa Myers.

OLLI@UGA Fall Schedule 2025 (Weeks 1-2)

Catalog Legend

	RC = In Person only class at River's Crossing	
	RC / Z = In Person and Online Class (register by your attendance preference)	
	Z = Online only class via Zoom	
	OS = Off Site In Person class	
	TC = Lunch & Learn at Trumps Catering	

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	AUGUST 18	AUGUST 19	AUGUST 20	AUGUST 21	AUGUST 22
Week 1	8:15AM: Pollinator Gardens are Buzzing with Life!	10:00AM: Athens-Oconee CASA: Advocating in Court for Children	10:00AM: Solo Aging:...	10:00AM: Theatre Tour of The Classic Center	10:00AM: Lyndon House Arts Center Tour: Summer Exhibition Series
	10:00AM: Water Conservation Today	11:30AM: The 280th Anniversary of Bonnie Prince Charlie	10:00AM: Pet Care 101	10:00AM: Amateur Cartooning for Anyone	
	10:00AM: Bathroom Remodeling: How to Plan for It, ...		11:30AM: Akins Ford Arena Behind-the-Scenes Tour	12:00PM: Historic Athens: Preserving and Celebrating Athens'	
	2:00PM: An Introduction to Persia	2:00PM: Global Shakespeares II	1:30PM: Timothy Snyder's On Tyranny: ... (Sess 1)	2:00PM: Why is THAT in the Constitution? (Sess 1)	2:00PM: How do we ensure quality housing for all Athenians?
	AUGUST 25	AUGUST 26	AUGUST 27	AUGUST 28	AUGUST 29
Week 2	10:00AM: The Old Georgia Road from Rossville, GA, to Athens, GA	10:00AM: Athens Recycling Center Tour	10:00AM: Great Conversations: ... (Sess 1)	10:00AM: Medicare Deep Dive	10:00AM: The Inheritance of War / The Legacy of Trauma (Sess 1)
	2:00PM: Using Thinking Style Knowledge When Dealing with Others	2:00PM: Treating Hip & Knee Pain and Fall Prevention 4:00PM: Unleashed: Writing Through Grief and Trauma (Sess 1)	10:00AM: Senior Living Solutions in Athens 1:30PM: Timothy Snyder's On Tyranny: ... (2) 2:00PM: The Wonderful World of White Wine	12:00PM: The Original Pirates of the Caribbean 2:00PM: Why is THAT in the Constitution? (Sess 2) 2:00PM: Economic Inequality in the US...(1) 2:00PM: Drawing: Fundamentals (Sess 2)	2:00PM: From Factory Farms to Freedom: The Reality Behind Farm Animal Rescue

OLLI@UGA Fall Schedule 2025 (Weeks 3-5)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	SEPTEMBER 1	SEPTEMBER 2	SEPTEMBER 3	SEPTEMBER 4	SEPTEMBER 5
Week3	Happy Labor Day	10:00AM: Diseases to Watch Out for in Your International Travels 12:00PM: The Current State of Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine 4:00PM: <i>Unleashed: Writing Through Grief and Trauma (Sess 2)</i>	1:30PM: <i>Timothy Snyder's On Tyranny: ... (3)</i>	2:00PM: <i>Why is THAT in the Constitution? (Sess 3)</i> 2:00PM: <i>Drawing: Fundamentals (Sess 3)</i>	10:00AM: <i>The Inheritance of War / The Legacy of Trauma (Sess 2)</i> 10:00AM: The Baha'i Faith (Sess 1) 12:00PM: The Importance of Friendships as We Age: Making New Connections in a Changing World
	SEPTEMBER 8	SEPTEMBER 9	SEPTEMBER 10	SEPTEMBER 11	SEPTEMBER 12
Week4	9:30AM: Getting Started with Family History (Sess 1) 10:00AM: Understanding Local Government 10:00AM: Anne Barge Historic Clothing and Textiles Collection 2:00PM: Eat Like a Dietitian to be Satisfied and Healthy (Sess 1)	10:00AM: Caterpillar, Inc. Manufacturing Facility Visit 10:00AM: His Girl Friday and 1930s Screwball Comedy 4:00PM: <i>Unleashed: Writing Through Grief and Trauma (Sess 3)</i>	10:00AM: <i>Great Conversations: ... (Sess 2)</i> 10:00AM: Budwine to Budwine: An Athens Soft Drink's History 2:00PM: A Culinary Exploration of the Regional Foods of New Orleans 5:00PM: American Mahjong Basics (Sess 1)	10:00AM: The History of The Oglethorpe Echo: ... 10:30AM: Bear Hollow Ed-ZOO-cation 10:30AM: Beginning Bridge III: Defense (8) 2:00PM: <i>Drawing: Fundamentals (Sess 4)</i>	10:00AM: <i>The Inheritance of War /... (Sess 3)</i> 10:00AM: ... Steven Pinker's Work and Beyond (Sess 1) 12:00PM: Simple Fitness... (Sess 1) 2:00PM: Christian Nationalism: ... (Sess 1) 3:00PM: Great Decisions 2025 (Sess 1)
	SEPTEMBER 15	SEPTEMBER 16	SEPTEMBER 17	SEPTEMBER 18	SEPTEMBER 19
Week5	10:00AM: UGA Colleges of Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine Simulation 10:00AM: The Enlightenment and Romanticism (Sess 1) 2:00PM: William Hogarth's Four Stages of Cruelty 2:00PM: <i>Eat Like a Dietitian to be Satisfied and Healthy (Sess 2)</i>	10:00AM: Social Security, Medicare, Long -Term Care (Sess 1) 11:30AM: Georgia's Electric Power Monopoly: What You Need to Know 2:00PM: Retooling the Inner Guitar Player (Sess 1) 5:00PM: Tour and Tasting at Authentic Brewing Company	9:30AM: Unlocking the Stacks: Online Research at the Library of Congress (1) 10:00AM: <i>The Enlightenment... (Sess 2)</i> 2:00PM: Wine's Sustainable Future 2:00PM: Various Ways to Tell Stories	10:00AM: Gardening with Native Plants	10:00AM: Glow Forward: A Hands-On Makeup Refresh for Women 50+ 10:00AM: ... Steven Pinker's Work and Beyond (Sess 2) 12:00PM: Simple Fitness For Longevity and Vitality (Sess 2) 2:00PM: Great American Songbook: Rodgers and Hart

OLLI@UGA Fall Schedule 2025 (Weeks 6-8)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	SEPTEMBER 22	SEPTEMBER 23	SEPTEMBER 24	SEPTEMBER 25	SEPTEMBER 26
Week 6	10:00AM: OLLI Open Studio Painting at Frog Stomp	10:00AM: Social Security, Medicare, Long -Term Care (Sess 2)	10:00AM: Great Conversations: ... (Sess 3)	10:00AM: Streaming Media Resources Accessible via UGA	10:00AM: Introduction to Woodworking
	2:00PM: Gardening for Nongardeners	2:00PM: The Healthy Aging Series Pt. 1 - Talking to your Doctor: ...	2:00PM: The World Turned Upside Down: Songs of the American Revolutionary War	2:00PM: Keeping in Balance: Maintaining Strength to Avoid Falls	10:00AM: The Art of Deep Listening
	2:00PM: The Longing for Home: A Spiritual Journey with C. S. Lewis (Sess 1)	2:00PM: Retooling the Inner Guitar Player (Sess 2)		2:00PM: Knowing Your Dog: The Five Elements...	12:00PM: A Walk on the Wild Side: Ancient Extinct Animals...
	SEPTEMBER 29	SEPTEMBER 30	OCTOBER 1	OCTOBER 2	OCTOBER 3
Week 7	9:30AM: Getting Started with Family History (2)	10:00AM: Social Security, Medicare, Long -Term Care (Sess 3)	10:00AM: Global Ranks: The U.S. in 2025 "Top 10" Lists	10:00AM: The Healthy Aging Series Pt. 2 - Rethinking Clinical Test Results: ...	10:00AM: The Baha'i Faith (Sess 2)
	10:00AM: John Donne's Poetry (Sess 1)	10:00AM: John Donne's Poetry (Sess 2)	10:00AM: Are We Living in a Grand Illusion?		10:00AM: John Donne's Poetry (Sess 3)
	10:00AM: Petanque: ...	2:00PM: Alfred Hitchcock's America in Black and White (Sess 1)	12:00PM: ESP You and Me: ...Transformative Experiences (Sess 1)	10:00AM: The History of the Athens YMCA: 168 Years and Counting	12:00PM: Nourishing Neighbors & Community: A Visit to the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia
	12:00PM: The Crimson and Gold: Football and Integration in Athens...	2:00PM: Retooling the Inner Guitar Player (Sess 3)	12:00PM: Get the Lead Out! T...	2:00PM: Wines of the Parisian Cafe (2)	2:30PM: Adapting Alice in Wonderland (Sess 1)
	2:00PM: The Longing for Home: C. S. Lewis (Sess 2)				
	OCTOBER 6	OCTOBER 7	OCTOBER 8	OCTOBER 9	OCTOBER 10
Week 8	10:00AM: Lifestyle Strategies to Prevent and Delay Type 2 Diabetes	10:00AM: ... Writing Murder Mysteries from Plays to Prose (Sess 1)	10:00AM: Great Conversations: ... (Sess 4)	10:00AM: Growing Up in Nazi-Dominated Central Europe During WWII	10:00AM: Wearable Medical Devices
	12:00PM: The Crimson and Gold: ... (sess 2)	10:00AM: How to Use a Fire Extinguisher	10:00AM: Final Wishes: Advanced Planning Seminar	10:00AM: UGA School of Medicine: Building a Healthier Georgia	
	2:00PM: The Longing for Home: A Spiritual Journey with C. S. Lewis (Sess 3)	11:30AM: A Legacy in the Sawdust: Musings of a Woodworker...	2:00PM: T.R.R. Cobb House Museum Tour	2:00PM: Wines of the Parisian Cafe (Sess 2)	2:30PM: Adapting Alice in Wonderland (Sess 2)
					3:00PM: Great Decisions 2025 (Sess 2)

OLLI@UGA Fall Schedule 2025 (Weeks 9-11)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	OCTOBER 13	OCTOBER 14	OCTOBER 15	OCTOBER 16	OCTOBER 17
Week 9	10:00AM: Look What Those Shoes Did to Me!...	10:00AM: <i>Devising and Writing Murder Mysteries from Plays to Prose (Sess 2)</i>	10:30AM: Condor Chocolates: From Bean to Bar	10:00AM: The Divided State of America: ... Addressing Polarization in the United States	10:00AM: Jittery Joe's Coffee Tasting & Brewing
	10:00AM: Why We Say What We Say	10:00AM: Hinduism: The Myth, the Lives, the Soul		12:00PM: The Beach Boys: 1962-1966	10:00AM: The MyChart Patient Portal
	12:00PM: <i>The Crimson and Gold: ... (sess 3)</i> 2:00PM: <i>The Longing for Home: A Spiritual Journey with C. S. Lewis (Sess 4)</i>		2:00PM: Great American Songbook: Cole Porter	4:00PM: Flavors of India	2:00PM: Tracing the Maya in the Yucatan
	OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 21	OCTOBER 22	OCTOBER 23	OCTOBER 24
Week 10	10:00AM: In Thomas Hardy's Poetic Workshop II (Sess 1)	10:00AM: <i>Devising and Writing Murder Mysteries from Plays to Prose (Sess 3)</i>	10:00AM: <i>Great Conversations: ... (Sess 5)</i>		10:00AM: Common Sense Gardening - Walkabout with Dr A
	2:00PM: <i>The Longing for Home: A Spiritual Journey with C. S. Lewis (Sess 5)</i>	11:30AM: Public Service and Outreach at the University of Georgia	10:00AM: Vietnam: One Man's Experience (Sess 1)		12:00PM: Common Sense Gardening - Walkabout with Dr A
		2:00PM: CBD for Better Health	10:30AM: Condor Chocolates: From Bean to Bar	2:00PM: Writing Craft Workshop: How to Build Tension and Incorporate Conflict into Writing (Sess 1)	2:00PM: Walking Tour of Historic UGA North Campus
	OCTOBER 27	OCTOBER 28	OCTOBER 29	OCTOBER 30	OCTOBER 31
Week 11	10:00AM: In Thomas Hardy's Poetic Workshop II (Sess 2)	10:00AM: <i>Devising and Writing Murder Mysteries from Plays to Prose (Sess 4)</i>	10:00AM: Vietnam: One Man's Experience (Sess 2)		10:00AM: The Kings: Builders of Covered Bridges in the South
	1:30PM: E. L. Doctorow's The Book of Daniel: Revisiting the Cold War, McCarthyism, and the Vietnam Era... (Sess 1)	10:00AM: Dementia: What to Know, What to Do	10:00AM: Growing Grapes in Georgia: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly		10:00AM: Behind the Scenes at Farm of the Free: An Animal Sanctuary Tour
	2:00PM: How Does a Computer Work (Sess 1)	2:00PM: How Does a Computer Work (Sess 2)	2:00PM: Spoiled for Choice: Alternative Medicine in 19th-Century America	2:00PM: Writing Craft Workshop: How to Build Tension and Incorporate Conflict into Writing (Sess 2)	

OLLI@UGA Fall Schedule 2025 (Weeks 12-14)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	NOVEMBER 3	NOVEMBER 4	NOVEMBER 5	NOVEMBER 6	NOVEMBER 7
Week 12		10:00AM: Great Gardens of the World (Session 1)	10:00AM: <i>Great Conversations: ...</i> (Sess 6)	10:00AM: The Diary of Samuel Pepys, Quintessential Londoner	10:00AM: Jittery Joe's Coffee Tasting & Brewing.
	1:00PM: Introduction to Military Records for Family Historians	10:00AM: American Mahjong Basics (Sess 1)	10:00AM: <i>Frankenstein: From Mary Shelley to Mel Brooks</i>		10:00AM: Lyndon House Arts Center Tour: Fall Exhibition Series
	1:30PM: <i>E. L. Doctorow's The Book of Daniel:...</i> (sess 2)	11:30AM: Popular Music of the 1950s: How it Changed and Why	12:00PM: <i>ESP You and Me: Transformative Experiences ...</i> (sess 2)	12:00PM: Elvis Presley: The 1960's Decade	
	2:00PM: <i>How Does a Computer Work</i> (Sess 2)	12:00PM: UGA Police Department: Keeping Campus & Community Safe	2:00PM: <i>Greatly Distracted: Mental Illness in Early America</i>	2:00PM: The Healthy Aging Series Pt. 4 - Alzheimer's Disease Diagnosis and Screening	12:00PM: Seven Islands of the Ocmulgee: River Stories
	NOVEMBER 10	NOVEMBER 11	NOVEMBER 12	NOVEMBER 13	NOVEMBER 14
Week 13	10:00AM: Baptizing the Imagination: The Spiritual Vision of George MacDonald (Session 1)	10:00AM: <i>Great Gardens of the World</i> (Session 2)	10:00AM: Transformation: From Food Obsession ...	10:00AM: Chickenology 101	10:00AM: Getting the Most Out of Your Mac and iOS Devices
	1:30PM: <i>E. L. Doctorow's The Book of Daniel: (sess 3)</i>	10:00AM: <i>American Mahjong Basics</i> (Sess 2)	10:00AM: UGA College of Veterinary Medicine Hospital Tour		10:00AM: The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning
	2:00PM: Growing Up in Birmingham During the Civil Rights Era	12:00PM: Got Your Six: The UGA Student Veterans Resource Center	2:00PM: Wines for the Thanksgiving Tabl	2:00PM: Working Through Conflict...	12:00PM: Kennesaw Mountain: Beyond the War
		2:00PM: Demystifying Extra Virgin Olive Oil (Sess 1)	2:00PM: Great American Songbook - Johnny Mercer	2:00PM: <i>Demystifying Extra Virgin Olive Oil</i> (Sess 2)	3:00PM: <i>Great Decisions 2025</i> (Sess 3)
	NOVEMBER 17	NOVEMBER 18	NOVEMBER 19	NOVEMBER 20	NOVEMBER 21
Week 14	10:00AM: <i>Baptizing the Imagination: The Spiritual Vision of George MacDonald</i> (Session 2)	10:00AM: <i>Great Gardens of the World</i> (Session 3)	10:00AM: <i>Great Conversations: ...</i> (Sess 7)		
	1:30PM: <i>E. L. Doctorow's The Book of Daniel: (sess 4)</i>	10:00AM: How to Self-Publish Your Creativity			
	2:00PM: Demystifying Balsamic Vinegar (Session 1)	11:30AM: The Future of American Democracy: A Historical Perspective	2:00PM: <i>Demystifying Balsamic Vinegar</i> (Session 2)	2:00PM: What's up at the court? A wrap up of last spring's cases and a preview of upcoming cases	

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	NOVEMBER 24	NOVEMBER 25	NOVEMBER 26	NOVEMBER 27	NOVEMBER 28
Week 15	10:00AM: <i>Baptizing the Imagination: The Spiritual Vision of George MacDonald (Session 3)</i> 12:00PM: Mercedes-Benz Stadium; World Class Stadium... 1:30PM: <i>E. L. Doctorow's The Book of Daniel...</i> (Session 5)			Happy Thanksgiving	
	DECEMBER 1	DECEMBER 2	DECEMBER 3	DECEMBER 4	DECEMBER 5
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	DECEMBER 8	DECEMBER 9	DECEMBER 10	DECEMBER 11	DECEMBER 12
Week 17	2:00PM: Joseph Jacobs and the Robert Burns Club of Atlanta: A Story from the Archives	10:00AM: Buddhism and Non-self (Session 1)	9:00AM: <i>The US War of Independence (Sess 2)</i> 2:00PM: <i>Vaccines: The Fascinating History of a Medical Treasure of Humanity for Humans and Animals (Session 2)</i>	10:00AM: <i>Buddhism and Non-self (Session 2)</i> 2:00PM: Architecture in America's National Park System	3:00PM: <i>Great Decisions 2025 (Sess 4)</i>

Lunch & Learn at Trumps

All Lunch & Learns are held at Trumps Catering from 11:30AM-1:30PM.

Cost \$40 per person (Guest spots are available - please contact the office)

The deadline for registration for Lunch & Learns is the week before the event

The 280th Anniversary of Bonnie Prince Charlie Landing in Scotland to Start the Last Jacobite Rebellion

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 19 (Tu)

TC

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

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Ian Hardin

Ian Russell Hardin was born in Glasgow, Scotland, of a Scottish Mother (British Land Army) and an American GI from Birmingham, AL. At 18 months old, Ian accompanied his mom to America on the Queen Mary in February, 1946, to rejoin his father in Birmingham. Half of the family still lives in Scotland, and Ian visits every year. At an early age, Ian learned the story of the last Jacobite Rebellion.

Georgia’s Electric Power Monopoly: What You Need to Know

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 16 (Tu)

TC

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

Most people have no idea how electricity gets to their homes or how electric rates are set. The people of Georgia have granted Georgia Power a monopoly through the state legislature, and in exchange for having no competition, the utility agrees to oversight from state regulators known as Public Service Commissioners. These regulators are elected by voters. Who are they? How are they doing in this role? This class will explore the answers to these and other questions including: Why is Georgia expanding fossil fuels at a time of climate crisis? What drove the largest rate increase in state history last May 1?

Patty Durand

Patty Durand was a candidate for Georgia Public Service Commission in 2022 and remains active in regulatory matters. Prior to her candidacy, she was Director of the Smart Energy Consumer Collaborative for 10 years and published consumer research and educational materials about the electricity grid. Durand was director of the Georgia Sierra Club and worked at Georgia Tech on smart grid projects. Durand has an MBA from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Lunch & Learn at Trumps (2)

A Legacy in the Sawdust: Musings of a Woodworker..

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 7 (Tu)

TC

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

Older folks often wonder about what they have done to benefit the people and causes they love. In this illustrated talk, Abraham will describe some of the furniture he has built for people he holds dear and some of the pieces he has built to celebrate his Judaism.

Abraham Tesser

Abraham Tesser spent 30 years at UGA as a psychologist and the Director of the Institute for Behavioral Research. He retired in 1999 as Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus. Tesser has devoted the last 25 years to designing and constructing one-of-a-kind furniture. Last year brought him back to UGA where he helped develop the Lamar Dodd School of Art's new program in Furniture Design and Fabrication.

Public Service and Outreach at the University of Georgia

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 21 (Tu)

TC

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

UGA is a national leader in university outreach with faculty, staff and students in all of UGA's schools and colleges contributing to Georgia's short- and long-term prosperity. Through the work of Public Service and Outreach, UGA serves every county in Georgia, developing leaders, creating jobs, and addressing critical challenges in order to position Georgia as a competitive force regionally, nationally and internationally. This course will provide an overview of the scope of UGA's service, outreach, and engagement efforts.

Matthew Bishop

Matt Bishop serves as the Associate Vice President for Public Service and Outreach at UGA, where he provides institutional leadership for UGA's outreach, engagement, and economic-development mission. Previously, Bishop served 11 years as director of the J.W. Fanning Institute, and operations coordinator for the Archway Partnership. Bishop earned a B.A. in political science from Presbyterian College and an M.P.A. and Ph.D. in public administration from UGA.

Lunch & Learn at Trumps (3)

Popular Music of the 1950s: How it Changed and Why

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 4 (Tu)

TC

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

This presentation, primarily a performance of songs from the 1950s, is designed to rekindle memories of this music, and to illustrate the change from big band singers of the early 50s to Rock and Rollers later in the decade. A brief discussion of the social factors that brought about changes in the music will also be included.

Roy Martin

Roy graduated from the University of Texas with a Ph.D., and worked at Temple University in Philadelphia before joining the College of Education at the University of Georgia, where he worked from 1979 through 2007. He has played the violin in the Albuquerque Civic Symphony, and in the Athens Symphony, the latter for 40 years. He also has pursued a variety of musical activities including singing with a jazz combo including several times for OLLI.

The Future of American Democracy: A Historical Perspective

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 18 (Tu)

TC

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

The 250th anniversary of the United States is coming at a crucial and propitious time in America's experiment in self-government. Currently, our nation is experiencing some of the most dramatic demographic, economic, political, and social changes we have seen in half a century, testing the strength of the world's oldest democracy. Dr. Groce will explore how the upcoming Semiquincentennial presents a unique opportunity not only to restore trust in the institutions of self-government but also to help Americans remember who we are 250 years after the founding of our nation on the timeless and elastic principles embodied in the Declaration of Independence.

Todd Groce

W. Todd Groce is President & CEO of the Georgia Historical Society, the independent educational and research institution responsible for collecting and teaching Georgia and American history. He holds three degrees in history, including a PhD from the University of Tennessee. For over 30 years he has been an educator, administrator, and author. For the past 14 years, he has been listed by Georgia Trend and James magazines as one of the "Most Influential Georgians."

Lunch & Learn at Trumps (4)

Weather and Climate Research - The "So What's?"

Number of Sessions: 1

Dec 2 (Tu)

TC

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

Dr. Shepherd will provide practical examples of how weather and climate research matters in our daily lives. He will use the lens of his scholarship, experience, and contemporary observations in this timely discussion.

James Marshall Shepherd

J. Marshall Shepherd is the Georgia Athletic Association Distinguished Professor of Geography and Atmospheric Sciences, Director of the UGA Atmospheric Sciences Program, and Former Associate Head of the Geography Department. Shepherd served for 12 years as Deputy Project Scientist for the Global Precipitation Measurement mission at NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center. He regularly contributes to Forbes and frequently advises key leaders at NASA, in Congress, and the Department of Defense. He was recently elected to the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Former President, American Meteorological Society.











Sponsors



Week 1 (Aug 18- 22)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
Pollinator Gardens are Buzzing with Life!	Payne	1	\$14	Aug 18 (Mo)	8:15AM - 9:30AM	OS
Water Conservation Today	Kirkland / Sherry / Turbok	1	\$14	Aug 18 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
Bathroom Remodeling: How to Plan for It, Survive the Process, and Love the Result!	Ritchey	1	\$14	Aug 18 (Mo)	10:00AM - 10:45AM	RC
An Introduction to Persia	Rouhani	1	\$14	Aug 18 (Mo)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC / Z
Athens-Oconee CASA: Advocating in Court for Children in Foster Care	Boland	1	\$14	Aug 19 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC / Z
The 280th Anniversary of Bonnie Prince Charlie Landing in Scotland to Start the Last Jacobite Rebellion	Hardin	1	\$40	Aug 19 (Tu)	11:30AM - 1:30PM	TC
Global Shakespeares II	Bishoff	1	\$14	Aug 19 (Tu)	2:00PM - 4:00PM	RC
Solo Aging: Learning to Build Your Support Network	Vogt	1	\$17	Aug 20 (We)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC / Z
Pet Care 101	Peterson	1	\$14	Aug 20 (We)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
Akins Ford Arena Behind-the-Scenes Tour	Mallory	1	\$14	Aug 20 (We)	11:30AM - 12:30PM	OS
It Can't Happen Here?: Timothy Snyder's On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century (Discussion Format)	Zins	3	\$32	Aug 20 (We) Aug 27 (We) Sep 3 (We)	1:30PM - 3:00PM 1:30PM - 3:00PM 1:30PM - 3:00PM	RC
OLLI's Festive Trip to Montreal & Quebec City: An Info Session	Driggers	1	\$0	Aug 20 (We)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	RC
Theatre Tour of The Classic Center	Munn / Perfetti	1	\$14	Aug 21 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS
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Drawing: Fundamentals	Agner	4	\$42	Aug 21 (Th) Aug 28 (Th) Sep 4 (Th) Sep 11 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:15PM 2:00PM - 3:15PM 2:00PM - 3:15PM 2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
Lyndon House Arts Center Tour: Summer Exhibition Series	Wellnitz	1	\$14	Aug 22 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS
How do we ensure quality housing for all Athenians?	Denson	1	\$14	Aug 22 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC / Z

Catalog Legend

	RC = In Person only class at River's Crossing	
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	Z = Online only class via Zoom	
	OS = Off Site In Person class	
	TC = Lunch & Learn at Trumps Catering	

Pollinator Gardens are Buzzing with Life!

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 18 (Mo)

OS

8:15AM-9:30AM

\$14

This garden tour of Cedar Springs Garden in East Athens is scheduled to coincide with the week of the Great Pollinator Census (<https://gsepc.org>), an annual event for Citizen Scientists. Participating in that event later in the week is optional. Class members will receive emailed documents regarding the venue and resources for starting a pollinator garden. Participants will walk through leader Cathy Payne's garden to observe insect and bird activity and learn more about the native plants. These plants are not typically found in suburban gardens, but are essential to maintaining a viable ecosystem. Cameras are welcome. This is a rain or shine event, so watch the weather and bring an umbrella if appropriate. The yard is similar to trails in the State Botanical Garden. It includes areas of roots, uneven footing, and other obstacles. Bring a walking stick if needed. Nature includes creatures that sting or bite. Each participant will be asked to sign a liability waiver.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Cathy Payne,

Cathy Payne is a lifelong learner and lover of nature. She studied Early Childhood, Special Education, and Reading Comprehension at UGA and taught in elementary schools for 35 years. In retirement, she started a sustainable farm and published a history of a rare swine breed in *Saving the Guinea Hogs: The Recovery of an American Homestead Breed*. Now, Cathy tends to her native plant garden in east Athens and inspires others to do the same.

Water Conservation Today

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 18 (Mo)

10:00AM–11:00AM

RC

\$14

Our lesson will cover a topic related to water conservation, such as how to conserve water, where your water goes, and where it comes from. We will also talk about how to be water smart before, during, and after your water goes down your drains.

Katie Kirkland

Katie is the Program Education Specialist, and her primary focus is on PreK–12 education. An average week for Katie will likely consist of classroom visits, educating others about ways to conserve water, or leading tours of our facilities.

Jackie Sherry

Jackie Sherry is the Program Coordinator for the Water Conservation Office. Her primary focus is on adult education, which includes workshops and creating various reports on water quality. She also partners with local businesses and organizations that want to promote the practice of being water smart.

Andra Turbok

Andra Turbok is the Graduate Assistant with the Water Conservation Office. She assists with and coordinates classroom visits, facility tours, or other educational visits. While working in the office, she is pursuing her Master's Degree in Natural Resources, with a focus on Environmental Education, at the UGA Warnell School of Forestry.

An Introduction to Persia

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 18 (Mo)

2:00PM–3:15PM

RC / Z

\$14

The class is an overview of the land historically known as Persia, a country with more than 2500 years of history and known for its arts, culture, food and hospitality. A video helps visualize the beauty of Persepolis and how it used to look before it was destroyed by Alexander the Great in 330 BCE.

Nasrin Rouhani

Nasrin Rouhani is a retired RN from St. Mary's Hospital's labor and delivery unit. As Baha'i in Iran, she and her family suffered persecution during the Islamic regime, were blacklisted, and had to trust drug smugglers to motorcycle them out of the country via Pakistan in 1982. It took the family two years to arrive in Athens, Georgia, as refugees. Previously, Nasrin's husband got his PhD in 1972 from UGA and returned to Iran to teach at the University of Pahavi. He was fired as a full professor and department head for being a Baha'i.

Bathroom Remodeling: How to Plan for It, Survive the Process, and Love the Result

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 18 (Mo)

RC

10:00AM-10:45AM

\$14

This class will review what to expect during a bathroom renovation and how to plan for it. Included are: stages of construction, ideas for your bathroom, things to watch out for during the renovation, and how to love the result.

Wendy Ritchey

Wendy Ritchey is the owner and lead designer of Next Kitchen and Bath, a design/build company specializing in high-end residential kitchen and bathroom construction and renovation. Wendy is an Athens native with experience that spans residential interior design to commercial and residential construction.

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Athens-Oconee CASA: Advocating in Court for Children in Foster Care

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 19 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC / Z

\$14

Learn about Athens-Oconee CASA and the work the organization does to provide advocacy for children experiencing foster care. Athens-Oconee CASA has over 80 specially trained volunteers appointed by the Western Judicial Circuit juvenile court, and these volunteers have served over 170 children in the community's foster care system in 2025. CASA's work promotes safe and stable homes for children in times of family crisis. By advocating for children who have experienced abuse or neglect, their volunteers amplify each child's voice and help change a child's story. The organization works to bring support, strength, and stability to children in foster care.

Myra Boland

Myra is passionate community builder with over four years of experience in development and outreach within the non-profit sector. She has had the opportunity to work with amazing organizations where she has focused on donor engagement, fundraising, event planning, and social media marketing. She loves helping people connect with causes that make a real difference, and is always looking for new and creative ways to bring people together.

Global Shakespeares II

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 19 (Tu)

2:00PM-4:00PM

RC

\$14

What makes Shakespeare global? What transcendent elements of human experience does he explore? This class will examine international adaptations of Shakespeare to analyze how his works are reimagined across cultures and languages, revealing both commonalities and differences. For instance, what happens when Buddhism intersects with Shakespeare in the Tibetan adaptation of Hamlet, The Prince of the Himalayas? How is nature portrayed in this film compared to Western interpretations? Building on the previous lecture, this session will further explore critical frameworks for understanding Shakespeare's global influence.

Nayoung Bishoff

Nayoung Bishoff is a Ph.D. student in English at George Washington University, where she holds a Columbian Distinguished Fellowship. Her research centers on East-West comparative literature, with a particular emphasis on Shakespearean adaptations. Her academic interests include gender studies, cultural globalization, and film and media studies. Bishoff's recent works have been published in Literature/Film Quarterly, The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Global Shakespeare, and Borrowers and Lenders: The Journal of Shakespeare and Appropriation, among other venues.

Solo Aging: Learning to Build Your Support Network

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 20 (We)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC / Z

\$17

Aging comes to us all. What makes solo aging different is the need to be more proactive about planning and arranging for help in the future. Building an informal and formal support network is an essential step in everyone's aging-well plan. This class is for solo agers - people aging without spouses, partners or family. Learn how to build your village!

Abbie Vogt

Abbie Vogt holds a Masters in Gerontology; is Care Manager Certified; is a Positive Approach to Care Independent Consultant; a Certified Dementia Practitioner. Abbie has been a certified Advanced Professional of the Aging Life Care Association since 2013 and is Care Manager Certified through the National Academy of Certified Care Managers. In 2020, she became a Teepa Snow PAC (Positive Approach® to Care) Independent Consultant, focusing on transforming what exists into a more positive dementia care culture.

It Can't Happen Here?: Timothy Snyder's On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century (Discussion Format)

Number of Sessions: 3

Aug 20 (We), Aug 27 (We), Sep 3 (We)

1:30PM-3:00PM

RC

\$32

Snyder's essay might be one of the shortest books you have read since you were three or four, but it could be one of the most important ones. As we discuss the relevance of his warnings for life in America in 2025 and beyond, we will also consider possible additional lessons Snyder might have overlooked or failed to address and why far more Americans still do not appear to share his alarm about the widespread assaults on democracy here and elsewhere. May we now finally use the "F" word in polite company?

Dan Zins

Daniel Zins has an M.A. in English from the University of Windsor (Ontario), where he studied with novelist Joyce Carol Oates for two years, and a Ph.D. in American Studies from Emory University. His teaching and research interests include: American literature/history, militarism, national security, nuclear weapons, the Cold War, McCarthyism, Vietnam, terrorism, human rights, democracy/fascism, critical media literacy, critical discourse literacy, critical environmental literacy, critical/empathetic thinking, cynicism, social justice, nonviolence/nonviolent political activists.

Pet Care 101

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 20 (We)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC

\$14

Today, owning a pet can seem complicated. It can be hard to know what to believe because of an abundance of (sometimes confusing) information. This seminar will go through several main topics in basic care for your pet: nutrition, vaccination, whether or not to spay and neuter, and “does my pet really need the bloodwork?” are just a few of the topics covered.

Jennifer Peterson

Dr. Jennifer Peterson is a veterinarian and owns a veterinary practice in Athens, GA. With over 15 years of experience in the field, she has built a reputation for her exceptional clinical skills and her love for people and animals. Dr. Peterson received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from UGA in 2009. She has experience in both large and small animal medicine as well as small animal surgery and emergency work.

Akins Ford Arena Behind-the-Scenes Tour

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 20 (We)

11:30AM-12:30PM

OS

\$14

Akins Ford Arena is the newest addition to Athens for live sports and entertainment. The arena, with a seating capacity of 8500, is home to the Athens Rock Lobsters hockey team, UGA Ice Dawgs, and hosts concerts and family shows. Attendees of this tour will get a peek at the seating and hospitality areas and Georgia Music Collection (which is on display throughout the main concourse). The collection includes themed cases with artifacts from Georgia music artists as well as interactive displays. This tour requires a good bit of walking.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Jenni Mallory

Jenni Mallory is Premium Seating Manager at the Akins Ford Arena located behind The Classic Center in Downtown, Athens.

OLLI's Festive Trip to Montreal & Quebec City: An Info Session

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 20 (We)

RC

2:00PM–3:00PM

\$0

Join us for a FREE information session to learn more about OLLI's trip to Montreal and Quebec City December 10–15, 2025. The trips includes stays at the historic Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth and iconic Chateau Frontenac, with guided tours of Old Town Montreal, Notre Dame Cathedral, and Montmorency Falls. Enjoy a scenic train ride from Montreal to Quebec City, known as the "Paris of North America." Explore German-inspired Christmas markets, savor maple treats at a Sugar Shack demonstration, and take advantage of built-in leisure time to soak in the old-world charm and holiday cheer at your own pace.

Laura Driggers

Laura Driggers is the Business Development Manager for Premier World Discovery. She has worked for PWD since July 2018. Before coming to work for PWD she worked for Florence County Parks and Recreation as the senior center manager & where she offered senior adult travel & day trips, domestic tours and international tours for over 12 years. She has a degree in Recreation from East Carolina University and currently lives in Florence, SC.

Amateur Cartooning for Anyone

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 21 (Th)

RC

10:00AM–11:30AM

\$14

Literally anyone can be a cartoonist. This class will provide the basics and focus on fun! Each participant will be drawing throughout the class from copying drawings of their favorite cartoons to creating their own to amuse and tell stories to grandchildren or friends. Participants will draw single frames to comic strips that share humor or tell stories. Bring to class: basic set of color pens, blank white paper, two black-lead pencils.

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Alan Black

Alan has always enjoyed sketching and creating. When his children were young, he would draw in the sand to amuse them and their friends. In high school, he was paid to draw cartoons and had a weekly comic strip while in college. He continues to enjoy cartooning as a pastime.

Theatre Tour of The Classic Center

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 21 (Th)

OS

10:00AM-11:00AM

\$14

Scott Munn and Allison Perfetti will lead OLLI members on an exclusive tour of The Classic Center Theatre, a 2,071-seat venue in downtown Athens that blends big-city polish with small-town charm. As seasoned professionals in entertainment and venue management, Scott and Allison will provide insights into the theatre's operations, its Broadway Entertainment Series, and its role in hosting a variety of events, from concerts to community gatherings.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Allison Perfetti

Allison Perfetti brings over 10 years of experience creating unforgettable entertainment events, blending seamless logistics with a passion for outstanding guest and artist experiences. As General Manager of The Classic Center Theatre, she oversees day-to-day theatre operations, manages the booking calendar, oversees contracting, and serves as the lead buyer for self-presented shows, including the Broadway Entertainment Series. Allison is known for her warm leadership style, creative problem-solving, and genuine love for hospitality.

Scott Munn

Scott Munn, Entertainment Coordinator for The Classic Center Theatre, brings a legendary, music-industry background. He's toured globally with artists including Blackberry Smoke and Dwight Yoakam, produced a successful documentary, and helped Grammy-winning albums reach the spotlight. A UGA alum and Eagle Scout, Scott once launched a Braves fan movement that raised \$12,000 for charity. From the 40 Watt Club to Amazon festivals, Scott's passion for music, film, and community shines through every project.

Historic Athens: Preserving and Celebrating Athens' Unique History

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 21 (Th)

12:00PM–1:00PM

OS

\$14

Join us at Historic Athens' headquarters in the Old Fire Hall No. 2 for an inside look at how this local nonprofit works to celebrate and conserve Athens' unique heritage. This session will explore Historic Athens' broad impact –from preserving historic buildings and protecting cultural landmarks to engaging the public through events, education, and advocacy. Attendees will learn about programs like Hands On Historic Athens, Equitable Home Preservation, monthly History Hours, Porchfest, youth development efforts, and more. The class will also include a guided tour of the Fire Hall, offering a tangible connection to the organization's mission and history.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Denise Sunta

Denise Sunta is the Engagement Coordinator at Historic Athens. A lifelong Athenian and UGA graduate, Denise works to make local history education more accessible and reflective of the diversity in Athens. She hosts monthly History Hours at the Lyndon House, weekly oral history broadcasts on Facebook, and seasonally-crafted walking tours to highlight the unique history and culture of the city she loves so much.

Why is THAT in the Constitution?

Number of Sessions: 3

Aug 21 (Th), Sep 18 (Th), Oct 23 (Th)

2:00PM–3:30PM

RC/ Z

\$32

The Constitution includes some provisions that seem odd to modern sensibilities. In this class, we'll examine why the Constitution's drafters included these provisions, consider whether they make sense in today's world, and consider the ramifications of changing them. Topics covered will include: Session 1: Why do we elect a President the way we do, and what IS this Electoral College? Session 2: Why isn't Senate representation based on population? Session 3: How does the 25th Amendment change the rules for Presidents and Vice-Presidents?. The instructor will also ask attendees for related topics of interest to potentially explore in sessions 2 and 3.

Jim Simmons

Jim Simmons is a retired Michigan lawyer currently teaching part-time at the UGA law school. His interests include history and biography, discussion of Constitutional and legal issues, and music. He is married to Heather, associate director of the UGA law library.

Drawing: Fundamentals

Number of Sessions: 4

Aug 21 (Th), Aug 28 (Th), Sep 4 (Th), Sep 11 (Th)

2:00PM–3:15PM

RC

\$42

In four 75-minute sessions, participants will practice drawing exercises using all the art supplies in several ways: speed scribble sketches of the figure, carefully observed contour drawings, object drawings using black, white and several grays, composing the rectangle and filling it with observed objects from still life setups. Participants will prep for these with mini quickie tonal tryouts or thumbnails sketches. Train your brain to see truthfully, through exercises in the suggested text/workbook *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain*.

CLASS SUPPLY LIST: Sketchbook with white drawing paper (wire-bound stays open well) Soft graphite pencil 4 or 6 B (writes nice and dark), Vine charcoal and charcoal pencil Pencil sharpener big enough for the above 2 pencils Pen (probably not the dip kind but they give great effects) Kneaded eraser (soft, gray; you tear off a piece and knead to get a clean spot or a point) Kleenex for wiping charcoal off your hands and off your paper, Q tips too

Margeret Agner

Athens, GA, artist Margaret Agner received her BFA in painting at LSU in 1974. She practices dyeing, surface design, painting and printmaking. She teaches silk painting workshops and produces silk banners, wearables, and art quilts in addition to paintings and pastels from her home studio. Margaret grew up on a dairy farm in Ohio, attended Antioch College and RIT before enrolling at LSU.

Lyndon House Arts Center Tour: Summer Exhibition Series

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 22 (Fr)

10:00AM–11:00AM

OS

\$14

Join us for a guided tour of the Lyndon House Arts Center, featuring our Summer Exhibitions Series showcasing contemporary works by regional artists. The tour will also include a brief visit to the historic Ware–Lyndon House, offering a glimpse into Athens' 19th-century past. This engaging experience blends art, history, and community in one of the city's most beloved cultural spaces.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Andrea Wellnitz

Andrea Wellnitz is the Director at the Lyndon House Arts Center, where she supports exhibitions, programs, and community engagement. With a background in the arts and a passion for connecting people to creative experiences, she enjoys sharing the rich history and vibrant present of the Lyndon House. Andrea looks forward to welcoming OLLI members and offering insight into this unique cultural space in the heart of Athens.

How do we ensure quality housing for all Athenians?

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 22 (Fr)

2:00PM–3:15PM

RC/Z

\$14

We will discuss housing needs, concerns, and policies for Athens–Clarke County. The class will cover our current housing crisis, how it came about, the pluses and minuses of policies currently being implemented, and new policies needed to address this crisis.

Tim Denson

Tim Denson is a community organizer who is currently the Team Lead at the Homeless Day Service Center. Tim was previously an Athens–Clarke County Commissioner and member of the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing and Mayor’s Inclusionary Housing Task Force.

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Week 2 (Aug 25 - 29)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
The Old Georgia Road from Rossville, GA, to Athens, GA	Bishop	1	\$14	Aug 25 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
Using Thinking Style Knowledge When Dealing with Others	Black	1	\$14	Aug 25 (Mo)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
Athens Recycling Center Tour	Young	1	\$14	Aug 26 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS
Treating Hip & Knee Pain and Fall Prevention	Young	1	\$14	Aug 26 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	RC
Unleashed: Writing Through Grief and Trauma	Coley	3	\$32	Aug 26 (Tu) Sep 2 (Tu) Sep 9 (Tu)	4:00PM - 6:00PM 4:00PM - 6:00PM 4:00PM - 6:00PM	RC
Great Conversations: Selections from the World's Best Fiction and Nonfiction	Kyker	8	\$78	Aug 27 (We) Sep 10 (We) Sep 24 (We) Oct 8 (We) Oct 22 (We) Nov 5 (We) Nov 19 (We) Dec 3 (We)	10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC / Z
Senior Living Solutions in Athens	Gibson	1	\$14	Aug 27 (We)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
The Wonderful World of White Wine	Hurt	1	\$14	Aug 27 (We)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	OS
Medicare Deep Dive	Haines	1	\$14	Aug 28 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
The Original Pirates of the Caribbean	Payton	1	\$14	Aug 28 (Th)	12:00PM - 1:15PM	RC
Economic Inequality in the United States: How Much Was There in the Past? How Much Now? How Much Should We Care?	Grafstein	3	\$32	Aug 28 (Th) Sep 4 (Th) Sep 11 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:15PM 2:00PM - 3:15PM 2:00PM - 3:15PM	Z
The Inheritance of War / The Legacy of Trauma	Perkins	3	\$32	Aug 29 (Fr) Sep 5 (Fr) Sep 12 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
Teaching with Animals: Moving Audiences from Awareness to Action	Fuhrman	1	\$14	Aug 29 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
From Factory Farms to Freedom: The Reality Behind Farm Animal Rescue	Bulzan	1	\$14	Aug 29 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC

The Old Georgia Road from Rossville, GA, to Athens, GA

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 25 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

\$14

With the signing of the Tellico Treaty of 1805, a road was cut through the Cherokee Nation to Augusta, Georgia. The Old Georgia Road, that ran through Athens, Georgia, was a major thoroughfare for white settlers entering Georgia from the Northwest. This class will provide an overview of the road and its impact.

Linda Bishop

After working at UGA for 20 plus years, native Athenian Linda Bishop and her husband opened a mobile petting zoo. She has many diverse interests, among them archaeology, history, writing, photography, and genealogy. She has published several articles in the Oconee Enterprise on the history of Oconee County and in a now-defunct regional magazine. Linda is currently assisting with research for the Digital Atlas of Historic Oglethorpe County.

Using Thinking Style Knowledge When Dealing with Others

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 25 (Mo)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

\$14

Everyone is born with an initial thinking style that can be recognized by their age at walking. This session is based upon Robert Alan Black's "Thinking Style" instrument, M.I.N.D. Design, initially created in 1982. His post-doc study concerned 300 different thinking-style instruments and discovered correlation scores ranging from 0.90 to 0.94, meaning that people mostly obtain the same results using a large variety of question styles. This session will include how to use Thinking Style Knowledge to: lead people productively; communicate effectively; team successfully as a member or leader; create large numbers of Ideas and generate many potential solutions.

Alan Black

Alan Black began studying thinking style quizzes, models, and theories in 1976. During Masters work at Florida Atlantic University, he explored several of these. During his PhD work at UGA, he used the Herrmann Whole Brain Instrument in his dissertation study of how to increase and improve learning when teaching creative thinking. That is when he developed "Creative S.T.A.M.P.S." Full time work as an international professional speaker included use of his M.I.N.D. Design questionnaire.

Athens Recycling Center Tour

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 26 (Tu)

10:00AM–11:00AM

OS

\$14

Get a behind-the-scenes look into the world of recycling. The Athens–Clarke County Recovered Materials Processing Facility (RMPF) collects, sorts, and bales recyclable materials from all over Athens and beyond to be sold to mills and factories throughout the Southeast. These companies then turn your recyclables into new products to be purchased by consumers.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Denise Young

Denise Young, Waste Reduction Coordinator for Athens–Clarke County, leads education and outreach on waste reduction for schools, businesses, and nonprofits. With 20+ years in marketing, service, and leadership across sectors, she connects with diverse audiences. A TRUE Advisor, she's committed to learning and advancing sustainability. Denise serves on the Georgia Recycling Coalition Board, volunteers at the Classic Center, and is active in SWANA and the US Composting Council. She holds a chemistry degree from UGA.

Treating Hip & Knee Pain and Fall Prevention

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 26 (Tu)

2:00PM–3:00PM

RC

\$14

The presentation will discuss hip and knee pain with a focus on arthritis, when to seek professional attention, and treatment strategies to reduce pain and improve quality of life, including non-surgical and surgical options. We will also discuss osteoporosis and fall prevention to avoid injuries.

Everett Young

Dr. Everett Young is a fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon specializing in adult reconstructive surgery. He grew up in Athens before attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for undergraduate and medical school studies, and a masters degree in public health. He completed his residency at Orlando Health in Orlando, FL. Dr. Young completed his fellowship in adult reconstruction at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Unleashed: Writing Through Grief and Trauma

Number of Sessions: 3

Aug 26 (Tu), Sep 2 (Tu), Sep 9 (Tu)

4:00PM-6:00PM

RC

\$32

Trauma and grief are all around us, especially in the age of the never-ending news cycle. Did you know that one in 12 adults experience symptoms of PTSD as a result of trauma? Join us for a three-part workshop series on healing through writing geared to those who want to write about their trauma but are unsure of how to get past the roadblocks of anger, sadness and grief. Using a framework of tools and strategies developed by cognitive behavioral therapists, tap into your emotions to turn pain into a superpower of descriptive storytelling.

Tracy Coley

Tracy Coley retired from University of Georgia communications where she earned an MFA in narrative nonfiction writing and taught journalism. She is a national award winning writer for magazine feature writing and semi-finalist for the Alex Albright Creative Nonfiction Prize. She is owner and writing coach at Lucky Dog Press, a boutique publishing firm where she encourages writers to unleash their words. She is currently working on three memoir projects about inherited trauma and grief.

Great Conversations: Selections from the World's Best Fiction and Nonfiction

Number of Sessions: 8

Aug 27 (We), Sep 10 (We), Sep 24 (We), Oct 8 (We), Oct 22 (We), Nov 5 (We),

Nov 19 (We), Dec 3 (We)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC/Z

\$78

We read short selections from some of the world's best fiction and nonfiction including those from the Great Conversations book series. Through conversation with each other, attendees achieve greater appreciation for the material, gain interesting insights, and enjoy social engagement. Class members determine the reading selections, which vary each semester. Each selection is independent of others, so missing a session or more is no problem.

Kathryn Kyker

Kathryn Kyker has been a member of OLLI since 2018. She worked as a social work manager in the ER at Piedmont Athens for over twenty-nine years and now enjoys writing (screenplays, poems, essays, and, most recently, a memoir), biking on trails with her husband, and traveling in their converted campervan.

Senior Living Solutions in Athens

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 27 (We)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC

\$14

This class offers an in-depth exploration of the specific senior living communities available within the local area. Participants gain valuable information about a diverse range of living options. The class covers key details about well-known communities such as The Orchard Athens, Arbor Terrace of Athens, The Landing Bogart, and others. Participants will learn the unique features of each community, including amenities, services, care levels, and pricing structures, helping them make informed decisions based on individual needs and preferences. This class is ideal for families, caregivers, and seniors looking at communities in Athens.

Landis Gibson

Landis Gibson is the owner of Senior Living Solutions LLC. She partners with clients to select the best Senior Living Communities that meet their needs. Landis, a local resident of Athens, lives in Jackson County with her husband and one-year-old son. As a graduate from Georgia Southwestern State University with a Bachelor of Science in Long Term Care Management, she has a unique skill set to serve our seniors well. Her services are FREE to you.

The Wonderful World of White Wine

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 27 (We)

2:00PM-3:30PM

OS

\$14

Come explore the world of white wines. We will taste, discuss, and compare different styles of wine making to show how the same grape can yield vastly different flavors. We will also present some white wines made from red grape varieties. Five two-ounce pours will be paired with cheeses and charcuterie. \$40 to be paid to Tapped onsite.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Todd Hurt

Dr. Hurt has a PhD. in Higher Education Leadership and is a Certified Specialist of Wine with the Wine Educators Society. He and his wife Angela own Tapped Athens Wine Tasting Market located in Bottleworks on Prince Ave near Sea Bear restaurant.

Economic Inequality in the United States: How Much Was There in the Past? How Much Now? How Much Should We Care?

Number of Sessions: 3

Aug 28 (Th), Sep 4 (Th), Sep 11 (Th)

2:00PM–3:15PM

Z

\$32

It is a commonplace of contemporary political discussion that economic inequality in the US (1) rose dramatically in the late 19th century, (2) declined after the New Deal, but (3) increased sharply in recent decades, rivaling the Gilded Age. This course examines the history of American inequality, the different types of economic inequality at issue, and different proposals to reduce inequality. We also consider the costs and benefits associated with both inequality and alternative ways of reducing it. Although we focus on economic inequality in the US, we address comparisons with other countries.

Bob Grafstein

Robert Grafstein is the Georgia Athletic Association Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Georgia. He also was the associate dean and interim dean of the School of Public and International Affairs. He received his BA from the University of Pennsylvania and his MA and PhD from the University of Chicago. Specializing in political economy, he is the author of two books, co-editor of one, and author of numerous articles in leading political science journals.

The Original Pirates of the Caribbean

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 28 (Th)

12:00PM–1:15PM

RC

\$14

Dr. Payton will present on the literary history of the Caribbean buccaneers, with a special focus on the emergence of the buccaneer journal as an international best-seller in the European literary marketplace during the late-17th and early 18th centuries. These journals established the Caribbean buccaneers as fixtures in the cultural imagination of Western Europe, the Americas, and ultimately the world. Dr. Payton's presentation will explore how the early image of the buccaneer was formed and why it continues to resonate centuries after the dissolution of the buccaneer community.

Jason Payton

Dr. Jason M. Payton holds a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, College Park, and has held professorial appointments in the English departments at the University of Georgia and Sam Houston State University. His research and teaching interests center on the Early Americas and the Atlantic world, with special interests in crime and criminality in early America and in early American religious thought.

Medicare Deep Dive

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 28 (Th)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC

\$14

This Medicare deep dive will help you understand your Medicare rights and options, including: What does Medicare pay for and not pay for when it comes to Long Term Care? What is your Guarantee Window? What is the difference between Medicare Advantage Plans vs. Medicare Supplements? How do you maintain your current health coverage through the years?

Shantel Haines

Shantel's understanding of the complexity of Medicare and government agencies came early in life when her husband was injured during his deployment in Iraq and earned a Purple Heart medal in his early 20s. Shantel was forced to navigate the VA (Veterans Affairs), Social Security disability, and Medicare, often ending with confusion and frustration. The keen awareness she gained has led to her becoming passionate about educating others to understand their rights and options.

The Inheritance of War / The Legacy of Trauma

Number of Sessions: 3

Aug 29 (Fr), Sep 5 (Fr), Sep 12 (Fr)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

\$32

This class concerns an historically-based family biography. Son of Polish immigrants, a 21-year old Army Air Force Staff Sargent had a life-long struggle with trauma that started when his B-17 aircraft was shot down by a German fighter over Berlin in 1944. He was on his 18th mission. Presenter Perkins' book details her father's survival as a POW for 14 months in three German concentration camps and the 83-day 'Long March' across Poland and Germany in the harsh winter of 1945. The severe and persistent war traumas her father endured were horrific, and his journey was difficult and life changing.

Jan Perkins

Jan Perkins is an internationally known artist, designer and aspiring author who holds a B.S. in Art Education and Art Therapy. Additionally, she spent two decades in corporate marketing and has been known as a wildlife artist since 2010, exhibiting in the US, UK, and Europe. Perkins was commissioned by the University of Georgia's College of Engineering for its permanent art collection: The Art of Engineering & Technology. She also authored a book about her father's WWII POW experiences, trauma, epigenetics and resilience.

Teaching with Animals: Moving Audiences from Awareness to Action

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 29 (Fr)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

\$14

Public speaking is a skill feared by most people. However, when safely handled during a presentation, live animals (such as turtles, salamanders, and non-venomous snakes) can take the attention off of the presenter and make his or her style more conversational. Come join Ranger Nick, a Professor and Associate Dean at UGA, as he shares techniques for using live animals as ambassadors of environmental messages. He will also share tips for encouraging positive, pro-environmental behavior change as a speaker.

Nick Fuhrman

Dr. Nick (“Ranger Nick”) Fuhrman loves teaching and helping students overcome public speaking anxiety by using live animals during presentations. He also hosts a monthly television segment, “Ranger Nick,” where he shares his passion for nature. Ranger Nick is the Associate Dean for Outreach in the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources and a Meigs Professor of Environmental Education at UGA.

From Factory Farms to Freedom: The Reality Behind Farm Animal Rescue

Number of Sessions: 1

Aug 29 (Fr)

2:00PM-3:15PM

RC

\$14

Join Ryan Bulzan, Executive Director of Farm of the Free, to explore the journey from factory farming to sanctuary life. Discover the harsh realities rescued animals face before finding refuge, and learn about the industrial practices that brought them to the sanctuary. Ryan will also share his own advocacy journey and the challenges of sanctuary care, hoping to inspire you to support local animal rescues and sanctuaries as an advocate or volunteer.

Ryan Bulzan

Ryan Bulzan is the Executive Director of Farm of the Free Animal Sanctuary, where he leads daily operations and community outreach. Passionate about animal welfare and education, Ryan organizes onsite tours to connect visitors with rescued farm animals and share the sanctuary’s mission. With a background in community organizing and nonprofit leadership, Ryan is dedicated to fostering compassion and awareness through immersive, educational experiences at the sanctuary.

Week 3 (Sep 1-5)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
Diseases to Watch Out for in Your International Travels	Hinkle	1	\$14	Sep 2 (Tu)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC / Z
The Current State of Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine	Stice	1	\$14	Sep 2 (Tu)	12:00PM - 1:15PM	RC
The Baha'i Faith	Rouhani	2	\$23	Sep 5 (Fr) Oct 3 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:00AM 10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC / Z
The Importance of Friendships as We Age: Making New Connections in a Changing World	Kopp	1	\$14	Sep 5 (Fr)	12:00PM - 1:30PM	RC

Diseases to Watch Out for in Your International Travels

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 2 (Tu)

10:00AM-12:00PM

RC/Z

\$14

Are there still countries you want to visit? Preparation for international travel involves thinking about numerous considerations – paperwork, scheduling, reservations, and so on. And now you can add another concern to what you may encounter as you gallivant around the world – diseases from insects and ticks. You want to just enjoy the sights and take photographs while exploring new venues, but while you're playing tourist, blood-suckers may be lusting for you. This class will cover some of the exotic diseases and their carriers.

Nancy Hinkle

Nancy Hinkle is UGA's Medical-Veterinary Entomologist, studying diseases transmitted by insects and their multi-legged relatives to people and animals. Her research has ranged from blood-sucking creatures such as mosquitoes and fleas to Salmonella transmission by beetles in poultry houses. Her group is currently involved in work on the 23 tick species found in Georgia and the pathogens they transmit.

The Current State of Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 2 (Tu)

12:00PM-1:15PM

RC

\$14

We will discuss the current state of stem cell and regenerative medicine. Particular attention will be placed on how stem cells will address present, unmet needs in stroke and neurodegenerative medicine. A discussion of how industry and academia have to work together in order to move a new therapy into human clinical trials is included. A discussion exercise is also part of the presentation.

Steven Stice

Steven Stice, Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar and D.W. Brooks Professor in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, is recognized for his pioneering contributions in translational human stem cell research and his outstanding leadership in regenerative biology, education, and advocacy.

The Baha'i Faith

Number of Sessions: 2

Sep 5 (Fr), Oct 3 (Fr)

10:00AM–11:00AM

RC/Z

\$23

This class will present an overview of the Baha'i faith and its teachings. Throughout history, God has sent to humanity a series of divine educators whose teachings have provided the basis for advancement of civilization. These divine educators include Abraham, Krishna, Zoroaster, Moses, Buddha, Jesus and Muhammad. Bahà'ullah, the latest of these educators, explained that the religions of the world come from the same source and are in essence successive chapters of one religion from God. Humanity, having passed through the age of infancy and childhood, now stands at the threshold of its collective maturity for the unification of the human race in global civilization, both materially and spiritually.

Nasrin Rouhani

Nasrin Rouhani is a retired RN from St. Mary's Hospital's labor and delivery unit. As Baha'i in Iran, she and her family suffered persecution during the Islamic regime, were blacklisted, and had to trust drug smugglers to motorcycle them out of the country via Pakistan in 1982. It took the family two years to arrive in Athens, Georgia, as refugees. Previously, Nasrin's husband got his PhD in 1972 from UGA and returned to Iran to teach at the University of Pahavi. He was fired as a full professor and department head for being a Baha'i.

The Importance of Friendships as We Age: Making New Connections in a Changing World

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 5 (Fr)

12:00PM–1:30PM

RC

\$14

Join us for an insightful presentation on the vital role friendships play in maintaining mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing as we age. Discover practical strategies for building new connections, overcoming common social challenges, and enriching your life through meaningful relationships. This engaging session will explore how friendships enhance happiness, longevity, and resilience and provide actionable steps to help you stay socially connected in today's evolving world. Participants will have opportunities for reflection and take away valuable insights to apply in their own lives.

Kathryn Kopp

Kathryn Baugus Kopp earned a Master of Social Work from the University of Georgia in 1990 and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in private practice. Specializing in grief, loss, and life transitions, she has dedicated the past six years to working exclusively with adults aged 60 and older. Her work has addressed the unique challenges of aging, including loss, isolation, declining health, sense of purpose, self-esteem, personal goals, and legacy building.

Week 4 (Sept 8- 12)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
Getting Started with Family History	Carter	2	\$23	Sep 8 (Mo) Sep 29 (Mo)	9:30AM - 12:30PM 9:30AM - 12:30PM	RC / Z
Understanding Local Government	Myers	1	\$14	Sep 8 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
Anne Barge Historic Clothing and Textiles Collection	Sklar	1	\$14	Sep 8 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	OS
Eat Like a Dietitian to be Satisfied and Healthy	Crawley	2	\$23	Sep 8 (Mo) Sep 15 (Mo)	2:00PM - 3:00PM 2:00PM - 3:00PM	RC
Caterpillar, Inc. Manufacturing Facility Visit	Hollingsworth	1	\$14	Sep 9 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS
His Girl Friday and 1930s Screwball Comedy	Neupert	1	\$14	Sep 9 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
Bludwine to Budwine: An Athens Soft Drink's History	Williams	1	\$14	Sep 10 (We)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
A Culinary Exploration of the Regional Foods of New Orleans	Carley	1	\$54	Sep 10 (We)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
<i>This class is sponsored by Louise Taylor and by Ann W Shumpert</i>						
American Mahjong Basics	Depalma	2	\$23	Sep 10 (We) Sep 17 (We)	5:00PM - 7:00PM 5:00PM - 7:00PM	RC
The History of The Oglethorpe Echo: Saving a Small-Town Newspaper	Nesmith	1	\$14	Sep 11 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
Bear Hollow Ed-ZOO-cation	Hong	1	\$19	Sep 11 (Th)	10:30AM - 11:30AM	OS
Beginning Bridge III: Defense	Wagner	8	\$78	Sep 11 (Th) Sep 18 (Th) Sep 25 (Th) Oct 2 (Th) Oct 9 (Th) Oct 16 (Th) Oct 23 (Th) Oct 30 (Th)	10:30AM - 12:30PM 10:30AM - 12:30PM 10:30AM - 12:30PM 10:30AM - 12:30PM 10:30AM - 12:30PM 10:30AM - 12:30PM 10:30AM - 12:30PM 10:30AM - 12:30PM	OS
Past and Future of Human Progress: Steven Pinker's Work and Beyond	Everett	2	\$23	Sep 12 (Fr) Sep 19 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:15AM 10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC / Z
Simple Fitness For Longevity and Vitality	Swartz	2	\$23	Sep 12 (Fr) Sep 19 (Fr)	12:00PM - 1:30PM 12:00PM - 1:30PM	RC
Christian Nationalism: A Dialogue	Zins	6	\$60	Sep 12 (Fr) Sep 19 (Fr) Sep 26 (Fr) Oct 3 (Fr) Oct 10 (Fr) Oct 17 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
Great Decisions 2025	Alworth / Rice	4	\$42	Sep 12 (Fr) Oct 10 (Fr) Nov 14 (Fr) Dec 12 (Fr)	3:00PM - 4:30PM 3:00PM - 4:30PM 3:00PM - 4:30PM 3:00PM - 4:30PM	RC

Getting Started with Family History

Number of Sessions: 2

Sep 8 (Mo), Sep 29 (Mo)

9:30AM-12:30PM

RC/Z

\$23

Start your family history journey with this two-session class (3 hours each), designed to introduce core research strategies and techniques applicable for both US and international genealogy. You'll explore essential tools and sources while completing hands-on exercises that give you a real head start. Each session includes advance reading and homework from the required text and other resources, shared at least a week ahead. Note: Late registration may limit your time for preparation; early sign-up is strongly encouraged!

Laura Carter

Laura Carter spent 40-plus years working in libraries and helping people find information. As she ended her career, she was the Heritage Room Librarian at the Athens-Clarke County Library. Laura attends IGHR (Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research) annually to help her keep up with the ongoing learning needed for family history research. She is a member of Clarke-Oconee Genealogical Society and other local history-related organizations. Laura loves learning and teaching.

Understanding Local Government

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 8 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

\$14

Understand what local government does, how it functions, and how you can be involved. This class is a local government 101 overview from the perspective of a county commissioner who values educating residents on what local government does month after month to keep our community running, how your taxes work, and how you can be involved.

Carol Myers

Carol Myers has served as District 8 commissioner since 2021, representing the eastside at City Hall. Prior to being elected, she served as chair of Athens in Motion and served on two SPLOST project committees in 2005 and 2011. Her non-political career was as a teacher and administrator at Athens Tech for almost 30 years.

Anne Barge Historic Clothing and Textiles Collection

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 8 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:15AM

OS

\$14

See objects from the clothing collection dating back to the 19th century through the 1990s representing Georgia history, everyday, and designer fashion history, and learn about UGA's collecting practices. Hear a talk from the Curator and Fashion History professor and see the Special Collections Library exhibitions as well.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Monica Sklar

Monica Sklar, PhD, is Associate Professor of Fashion History and Merchandising and Curator of the Anne Barge Historic Clothing and Textiles Collection.

Eat Like a Dietitian to be Satisfied and Healthy

Number of Sessions: 2

Sep 8 (Mo), Sep 15 (Mo)

2:00PM-3:00PM

RC

\$23

Connie will offer specific food and food preparation recommendations that will help participants meet the 2025 Dietary Guidelines to prevent or control chronic diseases that affect most Americans. These foods are readily available from local stores and fit an older adult's budget.

Connie Crawley

Connie has been a registered dietitian since 1977 and worked in hospitals, public health and as a nutrition and health specialist for the UGA Cooperative Extension. Her focus has been helping people at risk for chronic diseases or who already have chronic diseases to live their best lives through healthy eating and physical activity.

Caterpillar, Inc. Manufacturing Facility Visit

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 9 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:00AM

OS

\$14

This class is a guided tour of the Caterpillar facility including its history in Greater Athens. Participants will meet at the visitor center and proceed with a guide through the manufacturing operation. This tour involves quite a bit of walking, so wear comfortable shoes.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Catherine Hollingsworth

Catherine is a Material Master Owner (MMO), at Caterpillar Inc. in Athens GA. Catherine (aka Cat) transferred from Peoria IL Caterpillar facility prior to joining the Athens GA team in 2012 to help start up the Athens site. Catherine has a passion for serving the community, she volunteers at the local Community Action Agency by way of UGA delivering food to the elderly. She is currently on the board for Caterpillar WIN (Women Initiative Network) and CAAN (Caterpillar African American Network) which she chaired from 2013-2018.

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His Girl Friday and 1930s Screwball Comedy

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 9 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

\$14

His Girl Friday is one of the most famous Hollywood comedies of all time, especially to film historians. Directed by Howard Hawks, it is a “marriage re-marriage” screwball starring Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell. We will discuss its story, style and historical context (and racial insensitivity) within late 1930s American comedies. The HGF film has been called Hollywood’s most talkative talky and its break-neck speed and fast-thinking protagonists prove it is also one of the best scripts ever written. Participants are encouraged to see the movie before class.

Richard Neupert

Richard Neupert recently retired after teaching Film Studies at UGA (and previously at Georgia Tech). While most of his publications are about French cinema and animation, he regularly taught American film history, especially up to WWII. Richard is President of the Board for the non-profit Athens Cine.

Bludwine to Budwine: An Athens Soft Drink’s History

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 10 (We)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

\$14

Developed out of the temperance movement of the 1890s, Bludwine was a soft drink intended to move people away from alcohol to a more wholesome beverage. During Bludwine’s 90-year existence, it went from a small-town product to a national and multinational, renowned soft drink. The class will cover Bludwine from its creation through its demise. Participants will use hands-on learning with genuine items as Mark shares knowledge gained through researching and collecting Bludwine and Budwine items over the past 30 years.

Mark Williams

Mark Williams is a native of Athens, Georgia and has live here for most of his life. Over the past twenty-five years Mark has been collecting and cataloging objects and information about the Bludwine and Budwine soft drink. Currently Mark is a produce manager for Publix in Hoschton, Georgia.

Catalog Legend

RC = In Person only class at River’s Crossing

RC / Z = In Person and Online Class (register by your attendance preference)

Z = Online only class via Zoom

OS = Off Site In Person class

TC = Lunch & Learn at Trumps Catering

A Culinary Exploration of the Regional Foods of New Orleans

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 10 (We)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

\$44

The regional cuisine of New Orleans and south Louisiana stands out as perhaps the most vibrant, most evocative and most famous. This class takes you on a journey exploring how New Orleans cuisine changed over time, drawing from a host of ethnic influences to produce food for which the region is now best known. An added bonus is sampling some regional dishes discussed in class.

Susan Carley

Susan is a sociologist and New Orleans native with a love of that city and its rich cultural heritage. She enjoys cooking, history, archaeology, and keeping abreast of sociopolitical trends.

American Mahjong Basics

Number of Sessions: 2

Sep 10 (We), Sep 17 (We)

5:00PM-7:00PM

RC

\$23

This class will be taught in two sessions to allow more in-depth learning. The first class will be an introduction to the game and its development in America, along with learning the rules, game format, and the National Mah-Jong League card. The following week we will meet again to actually play a full game and put week one's skills into practice.

Caly Depalma

Caly DePalma developed a passion for Mahjong while learning to play four years ago. Teaching it to others makes Mahjong even more fun. Caly moved to Athens in 2023 along with her wife and mini dachshund, Annie. She found willing pupils in the OLLI ranks and hopes you will join them.

Beginning Bridge III: Defense

Number of Sessions: 8

Sep 11 (Th), Sep 18 (Th), Sep 25 (Th), Oct 2 (Th), Oct 9 (Th), Oct 16 (Th), Oct 23 (Th), Oct 30 (Th)

10:30AM-12:30PM

OS

\$78

This eight-week course focuses on the defensive aspect of bridge and follows the OLLI courses Bidding and Play of the Hand. The basic material covered is in the student textbook which is included. It is presented in a structured manner which is easy to follow. Participants will learn how to formulate and plan and how to execute the plan. Each class is designed to last approximately two hours in which students take an active role in learning, thereby giving them a chance to play and defend. Location details will be provided to the participants.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Debbie Wagner

Debbie is a Michigander who has taught high school in Pennsylvania and Missouri. She earned her Master's in reading at UGA shortly after moving to Athens with her husband, John, and two sons. Bridge is Debbie's passion, but she also loves travel, golf, and reading.

The History of The Oglethorpe Echo: Saving a Small-Town Newspaper

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 11 (Th)

RC

10:00AM-11:15AM

\$14

The Oglethorpe Echo in Lexington, Georgia, was founded in 1874. In 2021, the county's oldest business was destined to close on October 1. Veteran newspaper publisher Dink NeSmith stepped in and created a nonprofit to save the 147-year-old newspaper. Forming a partnership with UGA's Grady College of Journalism, the weekly newspaper is now thriving. More than 200 Grady students have put "gold stars" on their diplomas by working for The Echo. Readership has doubled, advertising has tripled, and a sizeable rainy-day fund continues to grow. The Echo has received national recognition including a feature in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Dink Nesmith

Dink NeSmith, a 1970 UGA graduate, is co-owner and retired president of Athens-based Community Newspapers, Inc. He is past president of UGA's Alumni Association, the Georgia Press Association, and Leadership Georgia. He has also served as chairman of the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents and the Richard B. Russell Foundation. Today, he is chairman of the nonprofit, The Oglethorpe Echo Legacy, Inc. He and his wife Pam live in Oglethorpe's Smithonia community.

Bear Hollow Ed-ZOO-cation

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 11 (Th)

OS

10:30AM-11:30AM

\$19

Bear Hollow Zoo is home to 40+ non-releasable animals that are native to Georgia. This program will allow a rare close-up experience that stimulates and nurtures the curiosity in the heart of every child and adult. Bear Hollow is primarily an outdoor facility, and participants should dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable shoes for walking.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Megan Hong

Megan Hong is the Program Specialist at Bear Hollow Zoo. Bear Hollow zoo is part of the Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services Department.

Past and Future of Human Progress: Steven Pinker's Work and Beyond

Number of Sessions: 2

Sep 12 (Fr), Sep 19 (Fr)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC/Z

\$23

Does it seem as if our world is headed to hell in a handcart? The work of Harvard professor Steven Pinker shows a gradual decline in the overall level of human violence over the course of historical time. In this course we examine Pinker's explanation of why this gradual outbreak of peace is happening. We'll face the key question: What does our current turbulent world situation say about the prospect of continued progress for humanity?

Dan Everett

Dan Everett is a retired UGA faculty member in Computer Science. He is active in climate change volunteer service on the national, state, and local levels. He enjoys hiking, camping, and caring for his three grandchildren.

Simple Fitness For Longevity and Vitality

Number of Sessions: 2

Sep 12 (Fr), Sep 19 (Fr)

12:00PM-1:30PM

RC

\$23

This class empowers participants to build strength, mobility, and balance through simple, sustainable practices that fit into everyday life. Open to all fitness levels, the course focuses on cultivating mental and physical habits that fuel vitality, resilience, and independence. Participants will be invited to explore basic movements at their own pace in a supportive setting, with no pressure to perform. Every small step builds a stronger foundation for lifelong well-being.

Adam Swartz

Adam Swartz is a certified personal trainer with over 30 years of experience helping adults of all ages build strength, mobility, and confidence through simple, sustainable fitness practices. He specializes in making movement accessible and empowering, with a focus on lifelong health and well-being. Adam also brings a background in the arts and a deep interest in mind-body connection to his teaching.

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Christian Nationalism: A Dialogue

Number of Sessions: 6

Sep 12 (Fr), Sep 19 (Fr), Sep 26 (Fr), Oct 3 (Fr), Oct 10 (Fr), Oct 17 (Fr)

RC

2:00PM-3:30PM

\$60

This discussion class will focus on these three questions: What exactly is “Christian Nationalism”? Why are so many Christians drawn to it? How can we establish genuine dialogue between and among those who have very different views on this issue? Two recommended books: Pamela Cooper-White, *The Psychology of Christian Nationalism*. and Jim Wallis, *The False White Gospel*. All viewpoints and perspectives are welcome.

Dan Zins

Daniel Zins has an M.A. in English from the University of Windsor (Ontario), where he studied with novelist Joyce Carol Oates for two years, and a Ph.D. in American Studies from Emory University. His teaching and research interests include: American literature/history, militarism, national security, nuclear weapons, the Cold War, McCarthyism, Vietnam, terrorism, human rights, democracy/fascism, critical media literacy, critical discourse literacy, critical environmental literacy, critical/empathetic thinking, cynicism, social justice, nonviolence/nonviolent political activists.

Great Decisions 2025

Number of Sessions: 4

Sep 12 (Fr), Oct 10 (Fr), Nov 14 (Fr), Dec 12 (Fr)

RC

3:00PM-4:30PM

\$42

Each year the Foreign Policy Association publishes a booklet analyzing eight topics related to foreign policy it believes offer opportunities and/or risks to the United States. This discussion course expects participants to buy the “2025 Great Decisions” booklet (\$35), read the assigned material, and come to class prepared to offer individual insights and opinions. The booklet is available from the Foreign Policy Association via its website (https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/)

Members should purchase the Great Decisions 2025 Briefing Book (~\$35) available on the Foreign Policy Association website: <https://www.fpa.org/> ISBN #: 978-0-87124-292-1

Bill Alworth & Peter Rice

William Alworth is a retired chemistry professor and Peter Rice is a retired math professor and consultant. Peter Rice was educated at St. John’s College, The Great Books School, and has experience leading discussions on matters of ancient and current concern. William Alworth received his BA from Harvard College and his PhD from the University of California Berkeley. These instructors have led Great Decision Discussions for OLLI for several years.

Week 5 (Sep 15 -19)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
UGA Colleges of Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine Simulation Patient/Client Program	Brooks / Dixon / Marks	1	\$14	Sep 15 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC / Z
The Enlightenment and Romanticism	Keene	2	\$23	Sep 15 (Mo) Sep 17 (We)	10:00AM - 12:00PM 10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
William Hogarth's Four Stages of Cruelty	Kraft	1	\$14	Sep 15 (Mo)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	RC
Social Security, Medicare, Long-Term Care	Haines	3	\$32	Sep 16 (Tu) Sep 23 (Tu) Sep 30 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:00AM 10:00AM - 11:00AM 10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
Georgia's Electric Power Monopoly: What You Need to Know	Durand	1	\$40	Sep 16 (Tu)	11:30AM - 1:30PM	TC
Retooling the Inner Guitar Player	Greene	3	\$32	Sep 16 (Tu) Sep 23 (Tu) Sep 30 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:00PM 2:00PM - 3:00PM 2:00PM - 3:00PM	RC
Tour and Tasting at Authentic Brewing Company	Skinner	1	\$14	Sep 16 (Tu)	5:00PM - 6:30PM	OS
Unlocking the Stacks: Online Research at the Library of Congress	Carter	1	\$14	Sep 17 (We)	9:30AM - 12:30PM	RC / Z
Wine's Sustainable Future	Herndon	1	\$14	Sep 17 (We)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	OS
Various Ways to Tell Stories	Black	1	\$14	Sep 17 (We)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
Gardening with Native Plants	Stephens	1	\$14	Sep 18 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS
Glow Forward: A Hands-On Makeup Refresh for Women 50+	Smith	1	\$24	Sep 19 (Fr)	10:00AM - 1:00PM	RC
Great American Songbook: Rodgers and Hart	Kraft	1	\$14	Sep 19 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC

UGA Colleges of Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine Simulation Patient/Client Program

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 15 (Mo)

10:00AM–11:30AM

RC/Z

\$14

Learn about an opportunity to help future pharmacists and veterinarians learn essential communication, exam, and other assessment skills. In this session, you will get an overview of the SP/SC Programs at CVM and CoP; learn how SP/SC programs benefit student professional development and assessment practices; learn how to become an SP/SC and the key skills needed; understand expectations of an SP/SC –commitment, training, payment, etc.; try out the role by reviewing a simple case; learn acting skills; practice feedback; etc.; and have fun role-playing as a patient/client.

Kay Brooks

Kay Brooks is a registered pharmacist and holds a masters in education. She was the Associate Director of Experience Programs for first-year pharmacy students. In this role, she coordinated simulated and early pharmacy experiences to prepare students.

Cindy Dixon

Cindy Dixon has a DVM from Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine, with experience in equine medical and surgical internship. She has worked in private practice and is a certified veterinary acupuncturist.

Jennifer Marks

Jennifer Marks has a Ph.D. in performance from UGA. Her dissertation analyzes nostalgia and American identity in interactive murder mysteries. She has an M.A. in English and an A.S. in Business. Her research and teaching explore intersections of performance, identity, medicine, and communication. She has trained simulated patients/clients since 2014, later overseeing the hiring, training, and scheduling of SPs/SCs for vets and pharmacy. She has also worked directly with students to enhance their communication skills.

The Enlightenment and Romanticism

Number of Sessions: 2

Sep 15 (Mo), Sep 17 (We)

10:00AM–12:00PM

RC

\$23

The Enlightenment and Romanticism are the yin and yang of modern intellectual and cultural history. For more than two centuries, these two movements, and especially the “conversation” between them, has defined how we think about history, art, politics... and ourselves. Attendees will explore the origins and core ideas of the Enlightenment and how its very success gave rise to Romanticism. Initially a friendly correction of the Enlightenment’s supposed excesses, the Romantic movement became a passionate and hostile rival. The ongoing “conversation” between these complementary opposites remains an important, if often unnoticed, theme in both our public and private lives.

Tom Keene

Tom Keene is Emeritus Professor of History at Kennesaw State University, where he taught for 42 years, doing mostly undergraduate teaching of World History, the History of Science and South Asian History. He served for 15 years as Director of the KSU International Center, organizing study abroad and faculty exchange programs. He is an avid cyclist. He and Jane Keene moved to Athens in 2015 to be near their grandchildren.

William Hogarth's Four Stages of Cruelty

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 15 (Mo)

2:00PM-3:00PM

RC

\$14

In this one-session course, we will discuss William Hogarth's satiric series illustrating the four stages of cruelty. Chronicling the life of fictional protagonist Tom Nero, this sequence argues that the roots of violence are systemic. Hogarth produced the series to address a problem in eighteenth-century London, but his observations continue to hold relevance and resonance today.

Elizabeth Kraft

Elizabeth Kraft is Professor Emerita of English from the University of Georgia where she taught from 1987 to 2020. Her field of specialization is Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature, with side interests in classic Hollywood films and in the works of Leonard Cohen.

Social Security, Medicare, Long -Term Care

Number of Sessions: 3

Sep 16 (Tu), Sep 23 (Tu), Sep 30 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC

\$32

Each week of this course will focus on one of the three main classes of benefit and will include: Social Security Election and Maximization; Understanding Medicare Rights and Options and also VA Benefits; Long Term Care and What Medicare Covers; New Ways to Plan for a Long-Term Care Event; Current Policy Reviews.

Shantel Haines

Shantel's understanding of the complexity of Medicare and government agencies came early in life when her husband was injured during his deployment in Iraq and earned a Purple Heart medal in his early 20s. Shantel was forced to navigate the VA (Veterans Affairs), Social Security disability, and Medicare, often ending with confusion and frustration. The keen awareness she gained has led to her becoming passionate about educating others to understand their rights and options.

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Georgia's Electric Power Monopoly: What You Need to Know

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 16 (Tu)

TC

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

Most people have no idea how electricity gets to their homes or how electric rates are set. The people of Georgia have granted Georgia Power a monopoly through the state legislature, and in exchange for having no competition, the utility agrees to oversight from state regulators known as Public Service Commissioners. These regulators are elected by voters. Who are they? How are they doing in this role? This class will explore the answers to these and other questions including: Why is Georgia expanding fossil fuels at a time of climate crisis? What drove the largest rate increase in state history last May 1?

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Patty Durand

Patty Durand was a candidate for Georgia Public Service Commission in 2022 and remains active in regulatory matters. Prior to her candidacy, she was Director of the Smart Energy Consumer Collaborative for 10 years and published consumer research and educational materials about the electricity grid. Durand was director of the Georgia Sierra Club and worked at Georgia Tech on smart grid projects. Durand has an MBA from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Retooling the Inner Guitar Player

Number of Sessions: 3

Sep 16 (Tu), Sep 23 (Tu), Sep 30 (Tu)

RC

2:00PM-3:00PM

\$32

Ever start to learn to play guitar? Did you learn a couple of Neil Young or Bob Dylan songs but can't remember them? This is NOT a beginner class, rather a brush-up class for those looking to get back into playing. We will focus on folk and pop songs that commonly employ playing with a flat pick (not fingerpicking). Strumming patterns will be covered, and students will learn basic chords commonly used in pop music. We will explore a variety of fingerings of chords to accommodate abilities. We'll also cover tuning, guitar maintenance, and other related subjects.

Students will need a 6 string guitar and flat picks.

Kevin Greene

Kevin Greene is a retired woodworker/carpenter turned music teacher after an early midlife crisis. He worked at the middle school level teaching beginning guitar and directing choruses. Kevin retired to Winterville in 2019 with his wife Angela. He's been enjoying building furniture and guitars, hiking on the AT, camping and traveling, singing with the Athens Chamber Singers, and reveling in Athens' copious cultural offerings.

Tour and Tasting at Athentic Brewing Company

Sep 16 (Tu)

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 16

5:00PM–6:30PM

\$14

We will tour the Athentic Brewing facilities and discuss the process of making beer and distilling spirits. A flight of four beers will be available to purchase on the day of the tour for \$12 (includes tax and gratuity). We will discuss the different styles and their backgrounds.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Paul Skinner

What started as a fun activity with a church group in 2011 for cofounder Paul Skinner soon became an ever-captivating hobby which ultimately pulled in cofounder Mark Johnson and their families. As homebrewers, they operated under the name Kudzu Brewing Company and participated in competitions, served to small groups, and developed the core recipes used today at Athentic Brewing Company.

Unlocking the Stacks: Online Research at the Library of Congress

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 17 (We)

RC/Z

9:30AM–12:30PM

\$14

Discover the world from your desktop through the Library of Congress – the largest library in the world and the research arm of the US Congress. With over 100 digital collections, you can explore treasures from the 17th century to today including: rare maps, early baseball history, Japanese woodblock prints, historic African postcards, American folklore and music, and more. No trip to Washington, DC required! This class will introduce you to navigating this vast resource, opening doors to global history, culture, and knowledge – all at your fingertips.

Laura Carter

Laura Carter spent 40-plus years working in libraries and helping people find information. As she ended her career, she was the Heritage Room Librarian at the Athens-Clarke County Library. Laura attends IGHR (Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research) annually to help her keep up with the ongoing learning needed for family history research. She is a member of Clarke-Oconee Genealogical Society and other local history-related organizations. Laura loves learning and teaching.

Various Ways to Tell Stories

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 17 (We)

RC

2:00PM-3:30PM

\$14

During this 90-minute session, Alan will demonstrate several ways to tell stories from highly rational, to traditional, to emotion filled to very creative, including some practice involving participants. All story examples will be short in length. A diverse reference list will be provided to all participants.

Alan Black

Alan's father told him stories in the summertime. He'd sit on his father's lap on their front porch. As a father, Alan also told his sons stories almost every night and enrolled them in various book clubs. When Alan began his speaking career in 1980, he included various types of stories in order to help audience members remember key points of the presentation. Storytelling has always been a fascination of Alan's.

Wine's Sustainable Future

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 17 (We)

OS

2:00PM-3:15PM

\$14

From shifting demographics to changing climate, the wine industry is confronting an uncertain future. Dr. Herndon will explain how the wine world is adapting to new consumer demands and shifting markets to ensure a sustainable future. The program will conclude with a brief reception featuring a sparkling wine from the UK as tangible evidence of the effects of climate change. Members will pay \$10 onsite at Tapped.

Please see receipt note for location/ details.

Keith Herndon

Keith Herndon is a journalism professor at UGA who has developed courses in food journalism. His passion for wine led to the creation of the award-winning Wines We Drink podcast and his critically-acclaimed book, Wine Conversations: Exploring Meaning, Mystery and Myth. He is a Certified Wine Sommelier and Certified Wine Educator and holds the American Wine Expert (AWE) credential. He has served as a judge in the James Beard Awards.

Gardening with Native Plants

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 18 (Th)

OS

10:00AM-11:00AM

\$14

Learn why native plants are an important addition to home garden spaces and how you can help increase biodiversity simply and effectively. Do you delight in watching butterflies flit around the garden? Do you enjoy listening to birds sing in the spring? Learn which plants attract and are most beneficial to our fellow creatures.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Lisa Stephens

Lisa Stephens is a native-plant enthusiast living in Madison County, GA. She works to transform her five-acre property to native habitat by removing invasive plants and adding Georgia native plants. This past March, Lisa received certification in Georgia native plants through the Georgia State Botanical Garden. She has worked at Sunrise Nursery for four years, cultivating its native plant offerings.

Glow Forward: A Hands-On Makeup Refresh for Women 50+

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 19 (Fr)

RC

10:00AM-1:00PM

\$24

Ready to update your makeup routine? This hands-on workshop is designed specifically for women 50+ who want to simplify their beauty process and feel confident, radiant, and get out the door in minutes. Professional makeup artist Alison will guide you through age-friendly techniques, from skin prep to quick application tips using modern products. Bring your current makeup bag for a mini product audit and learn what to keep, tweak, or toss. Brushes, sponges, and product samples will be provided.

Alison Smith

Alison earned her BA in Psychology from The University of Georgia in 1998. Her creativity and artistic talent, combined with her desire to make others feel empowered and confident, led her to pursue a career as a makeup artist. Alison has a diverse background in the field, having worked for MAC Cosmetics, as a freelance bridal makeup artist and as a special effects makeup artist in the film industry.

Great American Songbook: Rodgers and Hart

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 19 (Fr)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

\$14

This class is approximately 90 minutes long and presents the life stories and partnership of Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart through spoken words plus live musical performance as well as recordings. You will hear about the childhood and family life of the songwriters as well as professional careers and relationships and the stories behind the songs.











Susan Kraft

Susan Kraft has worked as a trombonist, pianist and vocalist in the Atlanta area for more than 40 years. She has played for many years in Atlanta area big bands and salsa bands, as well as classical music groups and pit orchestras for musicals. Currently she plays with jazz combos, Orquesta Taboga salsa band, Atlanta Blue Notes big band, and the Callanwolde Concert Band.

Week 6 (Sep 22 - 26)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
OLLI Open Studio Painting at Frog Stomp	Raffield	1	\$39	Sep 22 (Mo)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	OS
Gardening for Nongardeners	Smagorinsky	1	\$14	Sep 22 (Mo)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	RC
The Longing for Home: A Spiritual Journey with C. S. Lewis	Buchanan	5	\$51	Sep 22 (Mo) Sep 29 (Mo) Oct 6 (Mo) Oct 13 (Mo) Oct 20 (Mo)	2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
The Healthy Aging Series Pt. 1 - Talking to your Doctor: The Science behind Patient-Doctor Communication	Beer	1	\$14	Sep 23 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC / Z
The World Turned Upside Down: Songs of the American Revolutionary War	Arthur / Kelly / McMurry / Shinholser	1	\$14	Sep 24 (We)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	RC
Streaming Media Resources Accessible via UGA	Johnson / Carter	1	\$14	Sep 25 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	Z
Keeping in Balance: Maintaining Strength to Avoid Falls	Calkin	1	\$14	Sep 25 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	RC
Knowing Your Dog: The Five Elements of Behavior, Balance, and Bonding	Waters	1	\$14	Sep 25 (Th)	2:00PM - 4:00PM	RC
Introduction to Woodworking	Darnell	1	\$14	Sep 26 (Fr)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	OS
The Art of Deep Listening	Pandit	1	\$14	Sep 26 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
A Walk on the Wild Side: Ancient Extinct Animals of the Mediterranean	Pilaar Birch	1	\$14	Sep 26 (Fr)	12:00PM - 1:00PM	RC / Z
Wild America: National Park Ecosystems	Kroese	1	\$14	Sep 26 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	Z

Catalog Legend

	RC = In Person only class at River's Crossing	
	RC / Z = In Person and Online Class (register by your attendance preference)	
	Z = Online only class via Zoom	
	OS = Off Site In Person class	
	TC = Lunch & Learn at Trumps Catering	

OLLI Open Studio Painting at Frog Stomp

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 22 (Mo)

10:00AM–12:00PM

OS

\$39

At Frog Stomp, participants will paint and embellish a 16x20 canvas. You are welcome to bring sketches, photographs, or loose ideas for inspiration. Your painting will be self-guided, and we help where needed. You are welcome to use any supplies that are out in the studio space. Please feel free to bring a lunch and hang out after finishing your piece!

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Jennifer Raffield

Frog Stomp is an all ages art studio specializing in painting and mixed media supplies. It offers open studio hours, day camps, summer camps, birthday parties, and private events! Frog Stomp strives to provide visitors with a wonderful experience full of fun, creativity, and the freedom to do it your way.

Gardening for Nongardeners

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 22 (Mo)

2:00PM–3:00PM

RC

\$14

This session will share gardening essentials for people who are interested in gardening but have little experience with or formal knowledge about how to design, plant, and maintain a home garden. It will help attendees consider what kind of gardener they aspire to be and what considerations go into becoming that type of gardener. Some gardeners grow food, some are oriented to the environment, some focus on ornamental designs, some sell plants, some are hybrids. Each type has its own sensibilities and accompanying gardening practices. Attendees should emerge with a better understanding of gardening for specific purposes, tastes, and outcomes.

Peter Smagorinsky

Peter Smagorinsky is a retired professor in Language and Literacy Education at UGA; before that he was a high school English teacher in the Chicago area and faculty member at the University of Oklahoma. He is an Athens–Clarke County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer and host of the OLLI Garden Enthusiasts SIG, which he encourages you to join. His own garden is on display at <https://www.petersmagorinsky.net/>.

The Longing for Home: A Spiritual Journey with C. S. Lewis

Number of Sessions: 5

Sep 22 (Mo), Sep 29 (Mo), Oct 6 (Mo), Oct 13 (Mo), Oct 20 (Mo)

RC

2:00PM-3:30PM

\$51

What is this ache we feel for something beyond ourselves – a nostalgia stirred by childhood memories, a beauty glimpsed but never grasped, a joy laced with sorrow, a place we've never been yet somehow remember? C. S. Lewis called it Sehnsucht – a deep longing for something both unknown and intimately familiar. In this series, guided by the wisdom of Lewis and other masters of sacred imagination, we will explore this terrain of the soul – through story and memory – and trace the source of this yearning which calls us home to that joy we were made for.

Tom Buchanan

Rev. Tom Buchanan is Pastor and Head of Staff at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Athens. A veteran OLLI presenter, Tom's teaching interests span the background and interpretation of Biblical literature, historical and constructive theology, and the challenges facing religion in the 21st century.

The Healthy Aging Series Pt. 1 – Talking to your Doctor: The Science behind Patient-Doctor Communication

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 23 (Tu)

RC/Z

2:00PM-3:15PM

\$14

This series contains four, stand-alone, one-hour presentations on the topics of health and aging. Faculty and students from the Institute of Gerontology and the CARE Center will discuss current trends, research, and advice on topics related to brain health, sleep, health communication, and dementia.

Jenay Beer

Dr. Beer is an associate professor at the University of Georgia (UGA) Institute of Gerontology in the College of Public Health (Department of Health Promotion and Behavior). Her research program is a mix of social science and technology implementation to investigate technology applications that promote health and well-being for older adults, particularly those with, or at risk for, dementia. In 2019, Dr. Beer was selected as one of two inaugural UGA Innovation Fellows. Dr. Beer is also the Co-Director (along with Dr. Renzi-Hammond) of the Cognitive Aging Research and Education (CARE) Center, an interdisciplinary hub designated for dementia diagnosis, care, clinical research, and education for rural Georgians.

The World Turned Upside Down: Songs of the American Revolutionary War

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 24 (We)

2:00PM-3:00PM

RC

\$14

This title refers to a British song that legend has it was played by the British army band at the surrender at Yorktown. To mark the 250th anniversary of the beginning of the Revolutionary War, this class will focus on songs popular with both British and American forces. Brief histories of each song will be followed by live performances by vocalists and by the Athens Recorder Ensemble.

Kevin Kelly

Dr. Kevin Kelly retired from the Music Library at the UGA Hodgson School of Music, where he taught music theory and history of American music. He is currently director of music at Friendship Presbyterian Church, the Athens Chamber Singers, and the Athens Recorder Ensemble.

Nan McMurry

Nan McMurry is retired from the University of Georgia Libraries. She has also taught history of medicine classes for the UGA History Department for many years. Nan has a PhD in history from Duke University with a specialty in the history of medicine. She co-directs the music at Friendship Presbyterian and is a member of the Athens Chamber Singers and Athens Recorder Ensemble.

Wendy Arthur

Wendy is a retired physical therapist having worked in in-patient rehab, birth-to-three, home health, and long-term acute care settings. She also worked in a bread bakery, shelter for domestic violence and sexual assault, and as a director of children's and bell choirs. She has 2 daughters and a grandson, 2 dogs, 2 parakeets and 8 chicks. She enjoys organic gardening. Music activities include playing in the Athens Recorder Ensemble and singing in the Athens Chamber Singers, Meridian Women's Chorus and the Friendship Presbyterian church choir.

Kathie Shinholser

Originally from Maryland, Kathie transferred to UGA in 1975, and knew the Athens area would be her home. After graduation, she worked for 30 years at UGA in IT and retired in 2006. She now works part time at the YWCO as a fitness instructor.

Streaming Media Resources Accessible via UGA

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 25 (Th)

10:00AM–11:00AM

G/Z

\$14

Films! Documentaries! Tutorials, oh my! Learn about the collection of streaming video resources accessible via UGA and available open source including Kanopy, LinkedIn Learning, the Peabody Collection, DocuSeek, and more. Find out which streaming resources UGA OLLI members can access!

This class is also delivered in person at UGA Gwinnett Campus

Kathleen Carter

Kathleen Carter is the News Archivist for the University of Georgia Libraries' Brown Media Archives. As a member of the UGA Special Collections Libraries Fellows instructional team, she also provides archival instruction and works with faculty to include archives-focused approaches to their teaching. She received her MLIS with a concentration in archives management at Simmons College in 2017.

Dana Johnson

Dana Johnson is a Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian with UGA's Main Library in Athens, GA. Her role serving on the Academic Engagement Team at UGA Libraries is to provide library instruction and research assistance to students, staff, and the public. Johnson has experience working with the federal government as well as multiple academic institutions. She obtained her MSLS from the University of North Texas in 2011 and her MSED from DeVry University in 2009.

Keeping in Balance: Maintaining Strength to Avoid Falls

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 25 (Th)

2:00PM–3:00PM

RC

\$14

We'll look ahead to changes with age that can affect balance and review recommendations for retaining strength and minimizing fall risk. We'll practice together some gentle mindful movement with tai chi exercises. Wear comfortable clothes and stable shoes for moving.

Katie Calkin

Katie Calkin is a Certified Health Education Specialist with a Master's Degree in Public Health. She has worked at Piedmont Athens Regional since 1999. Her passion is helping people to make healthy choices in their lives. She provides education in the community on topics such as first aid skills, quitting nicotine, increasing exercise, coping with stress, and improving nutrition.

Knowing Your Dog: The Five Elements of Behavior, Balance, and Bonding

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 25 (Th)

2:00PM-4:00PM

RC

\$14

Discover why your dog does what it does and how to turn tension into connection. Using the traditional Chinese medicine framework of the Five Elements, we'll cover five distinct dog personality types. You'll learn your dog's primary element and gain insight into its unique stress responses. We'll discuss practical ways to support your dog and explore how elemental balance can deepen your relationship and even impact long-term health. You may just find more compassion and understanding for yourself, too.

Shannon Waters

Shannon Waters is an Eden Energy Medicine practitioner. She uses acupressure and other energy balancing techniques for enhanced quality of life for animals and people. She has decades of experience training, rehabilitating, healing, and communicating with dogs.

Introduction to Woodworking

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 26 (Fr)

10:00AM-12:00PM

OS

\$14

Students will tour a professional woodshop and learn about the necessary tools used to create custom furniture and cabinetry. Students will also learn the basics of milling wood from rough lumber to surfaced and dimensioned pieces and get a demo on cutting some basic joinery.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Gus Darnell

Gus Darnell is a woodworker and owner of Oneta Woodworks, a woodshop that creates custom furniture, cabinetry, and commercial interiors. Gus is an Athens native and has been doing woodworking for over 15 years. Oneta Woodworks has done work in dozens of businesses around Athens and helped hundreds of clients create family heirlooms. Gus is so grateful to have a hand in helping create beautiful things for Athens and its residents.

The Art of Deep Listening

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 26 (Fr)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

\$14

Deep listening is critical for developing respectful and caring relationships yet is often an underdeveloped skill. As elder mentors, we have a unique opportunity to serve as wise mentors to younger family members but often default to “giving advice” instead of truly listening. Practiced well, the act of listening with our full attention allows us to probe issues raised by the speaker, surface frames of reference and assumptions, and help open new possibilities. In this presentation-workshop, participants will learn the basics of deep listening and practice these skills in pairs.

Kavita Pandit

Kavita Pandit is a leadership and executive coach. She retired two years ago from a career as professor and administrator at Georgia State University and the University of Georgia. She has a decade of experience in offering leadership and management workshops for university leaders.

A Walk on the Wild Side: Ancient Extinct Animals of the Mediterranean

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 26 (Fr)

12:00PM-1:00PM

RC/Z

\$14

Giant swans, tiny elephants, and a mouse-goat with binocular vision? These are just a few of the prehistoric inhabitants of the Mediterranean islands. Learn about the dwarves and giants of Malta and Sicily, the adorable Sardinian pika, and the enigmatic *Myotragus* of Mallorca. This lecture will highlight several of the stranger species, cover the thrilling history of their discovery, and consider the biggest question of all: Did the first humans to colonize these islands cause their extinction?

Suzanne Pilaar Birch

Dr. Suzanne Pilaar Birch is an archaeologist whose work advances our understanding of human resilience to climate and environmental change in prehistory. She holds a PhD in Archaeology from the University of Cambridge, where she was a Gates Cambridge Scholar. She joined UGA in 2014 and is an associate professor with a joint appointment in the Department of Anthropology and the Department of Geography.

Wild America: National Park Ecosystems

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 26 (Fr)

2:00PM-3:30PM

Z

\$14

Through pictures and descriptions, we visit some of the diverse and beautiful ecosystems protected within the 430+ National Park Service units. We travel from coast to coast through mountains, desert, wetlands, prairie, and lakeshores. We visit Alaska's wild spaces and tropical islands, sharing dramatic vistas and secluded locations where wild America comes alive.











David Kroese

David Kroese is one of fewer than a hundred people known to have visited all 400+ National Park Service units in December 2017. Over the past decade, David has logged over 1,400 visits and four thousand trail miles exploring NPS sites across the country. David wrote of his experiences in the first published narrative through all the NPS sites, *The Centennial: A Journey through America's National Park System*.

Week 7 (Sep 29 - Oct 3)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
John Donne's Poetry	Armistead	3	\$32	Sep 29 (Mo) Sep 30 (Tu) Oct 3 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
Petanque: The Greatest Game You've Never Heard of	Wallach	1	\$14	Sep 29 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	OS
The Crimson and Gold: Football and Integration in Athens, Georgia	Clegg	3	\$32	Sep 29 (Mo) Oct 6 (Mo) Oct 13 (Mo)	12:00PM - 1:00PM 12:00PM - 1:00PM 12:00PM - 1:00PM	RC
Alfred Hitchcock's America in Black and White	Simon	3	\$32	Sep 30 (Tu) Oct 7 (Tu) Oct 14 (Tu)	2:00PM - 5:00PM 2:00PM - 5:00PM 2:00PM - 5:00PM	RC
Global Ranks: The U.S. in 2025 "Top 10" Lists	Stowell	1	\$14	Oct 1 (We)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	Z
Are We Living in a Grand Illusion?	Brown	1	\$14	Oct 1 (We)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
ESP You and Me: How ESP Creates Transformative Experiences for People with Disabilities and their Families	Portwood	1	\$14	Oct 1 (We) Nov 5 (We)	12:00PM-1:30PM 12:00PM-1:30PM	RC
Get the Lead Out! The Devastating Effects of Lead on the American Public	Farmer	1	\$14	Oct 1 (Wed)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC / Z
The Healthy Aging Series Pt. 2 - Re-thinking Clinical Test Results: Enhancing Communication in Health Technologies	Azevedo	1	\$14	Oct 2 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC / Z
The History of the Athens YMCA: 168 Years and Counting	Wilson-Gregg	1	\$14	Oct 2 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS
Wines of the Parisian Cafe	Frank	2	\$50	Oct 2 (Th) Oct 9 (Th)	2:00PM - 4:00PM 2:00PM - 4:00PM	RC
Nourishing Neighbors & Community: A Visit to the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia	Harwell / Klein	1	\$19	Oct 3 (Fr)	12:00PM - 2:00PM	OS
Adapting Alice in Wonderland	Bishoff	2	\$23	Oct 3 (Fr) Oct 10 (Fr)	2:30PM - 4:30PM 2:30PM - 4:30PM	RC

Catalog Legend

	RC = In Person only class at River's Crossing	
	RC / Z = In Person and Online Class (register by your attendance preference)	
	Z = Online only class via Zoom	
	OS = Off Site In Person class	
	TC = Lunch & Learn at Trumps Catering	

John Donne's Poetry

Number of Sessions: 3

Sep 29 (Mo), Sep 30 (Tu), Oct 3 (Fr)

RC

10:00AM-11:30AM

\$32

Donne was a contemporary of William Shakespeare, Christopher Marlowe, and Ben Jonson. He grew from London playboy to faithful husband and father, and finally to famous Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral. Although his sermons and meditations were well-known during his lifetime, his poems became widely popular only in the early 20th century. After a summary of his life, we will read and discuss a selection of Donne's poems.

Jack Armistead

Jack Armistead is a retired university professor and administrator. He was educated at Michigan State and Duke, taught English literature at Rider and the University of Tennessee, served as liberal arts dean at James Madison and Tennessee Tech, and retired as Provost from the latter. For twenty-five years he edited a scholarly journal, and his books and articles focus on English literature of the later Stuart era.

Pétanque: The Greatest Game You've Never Heard of

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 29 (Mo)

OS

10:00AM-11:30AM

\$14

Pétanque is an international sport from France, with opposing teams rolling or throwing metal balls at a wooden target-ball. Related to Italian Bocce ball, Pétanque has an ancient, fascinating history, provides many mental and physical benefits, and is quick and easy to learn. It is gentle on the body--requiring finesse, cooperative team strategizing, and brains--not brawn. It is a game of concentration, coordination, camaraderie, and FUN. Come learn to play this quintessential part of French and world culture—and discover Pétanque. A short video to introduce you to Pétanque: <https://youtu.be/YXUkofUi-ps>

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Ronald Wallach

Ron Wallach, first played Pétanque on summer vacations in Provence, France. He started the first permanent Pétanque group in Athens, which helped develop Georgia's first public-park Pétanque courts, in Athens' Lay Park.

The Crimson and Gold: Football and Integration in Athens, Georgia

Number of Sessions: 3

Sep 29 (Mo), Oct 6 (Mo), Oct 13 (Mo)

RC

12:00PM–1:00PM

\$32

The class will be in overview of Athens during the 1960's and early 1970's with a focus on integration at UGA and the Athens/Clarke County School system. Football at the local level, as well as economic growth and political change in Athens, will be covered, and changes at UGA over the momentous decade of the 1960's will also be discussed.

Mark Clegg

Mark Clegg is an Atlanta native who has published the books: *Mountain Miles: A Memoir of Section Hiking the Southern Appalachian Trail* and *The View from Hadrian's Wall: Two Friends Hike Along the Ancient Roman Frontier*. In addition to his writing, Clegg works in financial services and co-owns an antiques and collectibles business in Atlanta.

Alfred Hitchcock's America in Black and White

Number of Sessions: 3

Sep 30 (Tu), Oct 7 (Tu), Oct 14 (Tu)

RC

2:00PM–5:00PM

\$32

British born Alfred Hitchcock (1899–1980) crossed the Atlantic in 1940 and transformed American and world cinema forever. His distinctive visual approach to film has taken cues from the visual arts and has in turn inspired artists of the 20th and 21st centuries. We will focus on three of Hitchcock's great black and white films of specific American locations; one for each decade: *Shadow of a Doubt*, 1943; *Strangers on a Train*, 1951; *Psycho*, 1960. We will watch each film together and then discuss Hitchcock's use of motifs, art references, and black and white film techniques.

Janice Simon

Dr. Janice Simon is Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor Emerita of the University of Georgia, where she taught art history for 35 years. A specialist in American art and culture, she taught a range of courses in American and modern art. In addition, she taught the films of Alfred Hitchcock from an art historical perspective to first-year, undergraduate, and graduate students. She is especially interested in how Hitchcock uses visual references to convey meaning.

Global Ranks: The U.S. in 2025 “Top 10” Lists

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 1 (We)

Z

10:00AM–11:30AM

\$14

Where does the US compare in meeting the challenges that exist in 2025? We will examine some 24 topics including wages, taxes, economic growth, NATO funding, environment, education, energy, healthcare, climate change, immigration, safety, prosperity, personal happiness, etc. The “Top 10” format provides a quick “snap-shot” of the US rank relative to other nations. Our sources are international surveys by highly credible and impartial world-wide organizations. This is the 4th Annual Edition for this OLLI presentation and includes three discussion breaks. A complete pdf copy will be supplied in advance.

Douglas Stowell

Doug Stowell is a consumer- and political-polling veteran in both US and EU markets. His career includes Market Research Director for the Xerox Corp., US Clients Director for the UK firm NOP, Ltd. in London and Senior Polling Executive with Wirthlin Worldwide in Washington, DC. He launched Market Resource Associates in 2008 and conducts opinion research on global issues. He also provides ZOOM programs for more than 80 organizations world-wide.

Are We Living in a Grand Illusion?

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 1 (We)

RC

10:00AM–11:30AM

\$14

We trust our visual systems to provide reliable information about the world around us (“seeing is believing”) and generally believe we are aware of what is going on around us. Despite that trust, there are numerous instances where there is a mismatch between what we perceive and what is out there (e.g., illusions). Some perception researchers and philosophers argue that we live in a grand illusion. What do they mean? Why would they suggest this? We explore these and other issues associated with the relationship between our visual system, attention, perception, and conscious awareness.

James Brown

James Brown is a recently-retired Associate Professor from the Department of Psychology at UGA. He received his BA and PhD in psychology from SUNY at Buffalo. Research in his Visual Perception Laboratory (<https://brown-visual-perception-laboratory.franklinresearch.uga.edu/>) is aimed at trying to understand how we organize, perceive, and attend to our visual world. Topics of study include the perception of figure-ground, illusions, objects and scenes, and research on eye movement behavior.

ESP You and Me: How ESP Creates Transformative Experiences for People with Disabilities and their Families

Number of Sessions: 2

Oct 1 (We), Nov 5 (We)

12:00PM–1:30PM

RC

\$23

This session is an overview of local organization ESP that provides year-round programming and family support including employment for people with disabilities, summer camps, events, and more. We will discuss the services offered and the populations served as well as the background and history of the organization and the local impact and available resources for various communities. Available volunteer opportunities are also shared.

Craig Portwood

Craig Portwood is the Executive Director of esp Athens. He has over 30 years of nonprofit leadership experience in secondary education, community engagement, and higher education. He has experience in building and revitalizing programs, implementing operational systems, and volunteer board development. Craig is a career communicator with expertise in public speaking, script writing and event planning. He is also a Certified Fund Raising Executive through CFRE International.

Get the Lead Out! The Devastating Effects of Lead on the American Public

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 1 (We)

2:00PM–3:15PM

RC/Z

\$14

Long before the time of the Roman Empire, humans have been using the metal lead for a variety of purposes. From water lines to the brightening of paint colors, lead has found its way into many useful applications. By the 1800s, physicians suspected that lead poisoning posed a serious health threat, especially to children. This class will explore the uses of lead in society, the health and environmental costs associated with lead use, its continuing effects on physical and mental health as well as actions aimed at reducing the risks that lead continues to present to the American public.

Mark Farmer

Mark Farmer is Professor of Cellular Biology at the University of Georgia. While serving as a Program Officer for the National Science Foundation in Washington, DC, he became keenly interested in how science is communicated to the general public and to legislatures in particular. His past OLLI classes have touched on everything from stem cells to vaccines. Mark is also an active member of the Athens chapter of Citizen's Climate Lobby.

The Healthy Aging Series Pt. 2 - Rethinking Clinical Test Results: Enhancing Communication in Health Technologies

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 2 (Th)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC/Z

\$14

This series contains four, stand-alone, one-hour presentations on the topics of health and aging. Faculty and students from the Institute of Gerontology and the CARE Center will discuss current trends, research, and advice on topics related to brain health, sleep, health communication, and dementia.

Renato Azevedo

Renato F. L. Azevedo, Ph.D., joined the UGA faculty in August 2024, as Assistant Professor at the Institute of Gerontology and Epidemiology & Biostatistics (EPIBIO) Department. Dr. Azevedo earned his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology with a focus on Cognitive Sciences of Teaching and Learning and Educational Statistics at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). He completed his Postdoctoral Training at the Human Factors and Aging Laboratory within the College of Applied Health Sciences, at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC).

The History of the Athens YMCA: 168 Years and Counting

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 2 (Th)

10:00AM-11:00AM

OS

\$14

Join us for a fascinating look into the rich history of the Athens YMCA, one of the oldest Y's in the country. From its founding in 1857 to its continuing impact on generations of families, the Y's people, programs, and milestones have shaped it into a cornerstone of our community. Whether you've been a lifelong member or are new to the Y, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for its legacy and future in this class.

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Shae Wilson-Gregg

Shae Wilson-Gregg, CEO of the Athens YMCA, has over 20 years of experience in the Y movement. Starting as a part-time coach in 1999, she advanced through multiple leadership roles before becoming CEO in 2013. She holds a BS in psychology and an MBA. Shae met husband Rob Gregg at the Athens YMCA, and they have a daughter, MaryAiken, and a beloved pug, Clementine.

Wines of the Parisian Cafe

Number of Sessions: 2

Oct 2 (Th), Oct 9 (Th)

2:00PM-4:00PM

RC

\$50

We will explore wines popular in Parisian cafes: What makes a good cafe wine and how to select these wines whether in Paris or at your local wine shop. Four wines will be tasted at each of two sessions

Joe Frank

Dr. Joseph Frank is Professor Emeritus of Food Science and Microbiology at UGA. He taught wine science as a Maymester study abroad course in Cortona, Italy, for 11 years. He and his wife also led the Athens Chapter of the American Wine Society for 10 years. Dr. Frank has traveled to many wine regions throughout Europe.

Nourishing Neighbors & Community: A Visit to the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 3 (Fr)

OS

12:00PM–2:00PM

\$19

The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia invites you to join us for the opportunity to learn more about the overall mission, vision and values of the organization. The class will consist of lunch, an on-site presentation by Food Bank staff, an on-site tour, and a short volunteer experience at our Athens facility.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Kelly Klein

Kelly Klein has nearly two decades of experience in nonprofit development and communications. She currently serves as Chief Philanthropy Officer for the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, leading the philanthropy team in the mission to end hunger by overseeing fundraising, volunteerism and advocacy. She is passionate about making our world a more equitable, just and better place to live, learn and work.

Jana Harwell

Jana Harwell serves as a Relationship Manager at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia where she supports the fundraising efforts of the organization by working with monthly donors and individuals, as well as civic, faith-based, and student organizations across the 15-county region.

Adapting Alice in Wonderland

Number of Sessions: 2

Oct 3 (Fr), Oct 10 (Fr)

RC

2:30PM–4:30PM

\$23

Despite their reputation as children's stories, Lewis Carroll's two Alice books have grown increasingly deeper and darker throughout the 21st century. While some of these changes in reception and presentation may be attributed to increased scrutiny of the troubling backstory between Carroll and the "real Alice" for whom he wrote the stories, others seem reflective of a better understanding of the dark undertones of the original stories as well as shifting social trends that make such themes alluring.

Colin Bishoff

Colin Bishoff is a PhD student in Creative Writing at the University of Georgia. He holds an MFA in fiction from Georgia College & State University. While his creative work explores his experiences of growing up in the South, his critical focus is media and adaptation theory. His academic work has appeared recently or is forthcoming in *Literature/Film Quarterly* (2024) and *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Global Shakespeare* (2025), as well as in forthcoming essay collections on popular media.

Week 8 (Oct 6 – 10)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
Lifestyle Strategies to Prevent and Delay Type 2 Diabetes	Kindamo	1	\$14	Oct 6 (Mo)	10:00AM – 11:15AM	RC
Devising and Writing Murder Mysteries from Plays to Prose	Baldwin / Compton / Marks	4	\$42	Oct 7 (Tu) Oct 14 (Tu) Oct 21 (Tu) Oct 28 (Tu)	10:00AM – 11:30AM 10:00AM – 11:30AM 10:00AM – 11:30AM 10:00AM – 11:30AM	RC / Z
How to Use a Fire Extinguisher	Alger	1	\$14	Oct 7 (Tu)	10:00AM – 11:30AM	RC
A Legacy in the Sawdust: Musings of a Woodworker...	Tesser	1	\$40	Oct 7 (Tu)	11:30AM – 1:30PM	TC
Final Wishes: Advanced Planning Seminar	Moore / Fin-ger	1	\$14	Oct 8 (We)	10:00AM – 11:15AM	RC / Z
T.R.R. Cobb House Museum Tour	Oatts	1	\$14	Oct 8 (We)	2:00PM – 3:15PM	OS
Growing Up in Nazi-Dominated Central Europe During WWII	Harvey	1	\$14	Oct 9 (Th)	10:00AM – 11:15AM	RC
UGA School of Medicine: Building a Healthier Georgia	Cain	1	\$14	Oct 9 (Th)	10:00AM – 11:00AM	RC / Z
Wearable Medical Devices	Penning	1	\$14	Oct 10 (Fr)	10:00AM – 11:30AM	RC

Lifestyle Strategies to Prevent and Delay Type 2 Diabetes

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 6 (Mo)

10:00AM–11:15AM

RC

\$14

More than one in three Americans have pre-diabetes. Making lifestyle changes can cut the likelihood of developing type 2 diabetes in half. In this class, we'll talk about the prevalence of pre-diabetes and type 2 diabetes, and the steps you can take to reduce your risk.

Beth Kindamo

Beth Kindamo is the program coordinator for the UGA Extension Diabetes Prevention Program. She is a registered dietitian nutritionist, certified intuitive eating counselor, trained mindfulness facilitator, and wellness coach. In past positions, she has worked in clinical nutrition and nutrition support at Piedmont Athens Regional as well as serving as the nutrition counseling program manager at the UGA Health Center.

Devising and Writing Murder Mysteries from Plays to Prose

Number of Sessions: 4

Oct 7 (Tu), Oct 14 (Tu), Oct 21 (Tu), Oct 28 (Tu)

RC/Z

10:00AM-11:30AM

\$42

Through a combination of improvisation and writing exercises, you will get hands-on experience crafting mysteries. In this four-week course, you will learn basic background history of some of the most popular mystery genres and the important components you need for a successful mystery. Whether you are a playwright, screenwriter, short story or novel writer, or just interested in these roles, you will gain the tools needed to write a mystery story.

Jennifer Marks

Jennifer Marks has a Ph.D. in performance from UGA. Her dissertation analyzes nostalgia and American identity in interactive murder mysteries. She has an M.A. in English and an A.S. in Business. Her research and teaching explore intersections of performance, identity, medicine, and communication. She has trained simulated patients/clients since 2014, later overseeing the hiring, training, and scheduling of SPs/SCs for vets and pharmacy. She has also worked directly with students to enhance their communication skills.

Gabrielle Compton

Gabrielle Sinclair Compton earned her Ph.D. in Theatre and Performance Studies from UGA and her MFA in Playwriting from the Actors Studio Drama School. As a scholar-artist, she creatively investigates subject formation.

Amy Baldwin

Amy Baldwin, PhD (biomedical science) is a Professor and Director of Humanism in Medicine at the AU/UGA Medical Partnership. She is a member of the national Medical Improv Collaborative, UGA's Institute for Women's and Gender Studies and the AAMC's Group.

How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 7 (Tu)

RC

10:00AM-11:30AM

\$14

The fire extinguisher simulator is a fantastic and practical tool that gives anyone a safe, hands-on way to learn how to use a fire extinguisher. It's designed to be easy to use, low-stress, and completely safe - no real fire involved! This simulator builds confidence and helps you stay prepared for emergencies at home or in the community. It's a great way to stay independent and informed while learning an important safety skill in a fun and engaging way.

Emily Alger

Wanting to help prevent accidents, Emily Alger pursued a career in fire service. In 2010, she joined Athens-Clarke County Fire & Emergency Services, working her way from firefighter recruit to Fire Sergeant. Now, as the Community Risk Reduction Educator, she fulfills her passion for Fire and Life Safety Education while serving the community in which she grew up.

A Legacy in the Sawdust: Musings of a Woodworker..

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 7 (Tu)

TC

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

Older folks often wonder about what they have done to benefit the people and causes they love. In this illustrated talk, Abraham will describe some of the furniture he has built for people he holds dear and some of the pieces he has built to celebrate his Judaism.

Abraham Tesser

Abraham Tesser spent 30 years at UGA as a psychologist and the Director of the Institute for Behavioral Research. He retired in 1999 as Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus. Tesser has devoted the last 25 years to designing and constructing one-of-a-kind furniture. Last year brought him back to UGA where he helped develop the Lamar Dodd School of Art's new program in Furniture Design and Fabrication.

Final Wishes: Advanced Planning Seminar

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 8 (We)

RC/Z

10:00AM-11:15AM

\$14

Most of us prepare for what is possible but seldom for the inevitable. More and more people today are choosing to arrange for their final wishes in advance of death. However, it's hard to know where to start this process or even what questions to ask. Learn how planning ahead for your final wishes can shield your family from making difficult decisions at a highly-emotional time, ensure that your requests are carried out, and can realize financial benefits today. This presentation will also highlight the growing trend of green burial as well as pet cremation.

Ray Finger

As a native Athenian, Ray has worked and served the people of our community in several different areas including: wholesale/retail hardware sales, chemical process operator, bi-vocational and full-time ministry, and insurance. In his spare time Ray enjoys hunting, fishing, biking, reading, and anything his granddaughters and grandson want him to do.

Lindsie Moore

Lindsie joined the Lord & Stephens staff in 2020 to launch Athens Pet Cremation. She enjoys serving the Athens community and partnering with local vets to provide pet cremation. Lindsie, her husband Kirk, two daughters, and their dog Buster reside in Winterville.

T.R.R. Cobb House Museum Tour

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 8 (We)

OS

2:00PM–3:15PM

\$14

The T.R.R. Cobb House Museum is a historic preservation gem in Athens that has been moved twice in its almost 200 year history. This tour will highlight the preservation of the house, the Cobb and extended families, and the enslaved people associated with the house.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Ashleigh Oatts

Ashleigh Oatts is the Curator at the T.R.R. Cobb House Museum in Athens, Georgia, where she previously served as Education Coordinator. Before relocating to Georgia, she worked at two historic house museums in Tennessee. Ashleigh is also the Vice President of the Georgia Association of Museums. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Maryville College and a Master of Arts in History, with a concentration in Public History, from Middle Tennessee State University.

Growing Up in Nazi-Dominated Central Europe During WWII

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 9 (Th)

RC

10:00AM–11:15AM

\$14

Dr. Harvey will describe his early teenage experiences of living in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia and his childhood years in the Bukovina region of Romania, once the easternmost area of the Austrian monarchy. He will also discuss his 3 periods as a refugee, culminating in his leaving Europe for the U.S. under the auspices of the Displaced Persons Program.

Curt Harvey

Born in Romania of German-speaking parents, Curt Harvey moved as a child to Czechoslovakia under Nazi rule. Forced to leave for Austria in 1945, he emigrated to the U.S. in 1946. After graduating from UCLA and then from USC with a PhD in economics, he spent 6 years in DC with the Institute for Defense Analyses. He is Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Kentucky, where he taught for 32 years.

UGA School of Medicine: Building a Healthier Georgia

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 9 (Th)

RC/Z

10:00AM-11:00AM

\$14

The University of Georgia is establishing a new, independent School of Medicine, building on the success of the Augusta University / University of Georgia Medical Partnership, which has been educating physicians in Athens since 2010. Building a healthier Georgia starts by establishing a new, public medical school to train more doctors, provide more opportunities for students, and discover more ways to improve lives. This session will provide an overview, timeline, and need for the new school; brief history of the AU/UGA Medical Partnership and Health Sciences Campus; and an update on the new medical education and research building.

Taylor Cain

Taylor Cain serves as the Chief of Staff to the Founding Dean of the UGA School of Medicine where she provides strategic consultation and operational support for the creation of the new school of medicine. Taylor's portfolio also includes oversight of the community and alumni engagement efforts for the current AU/UGA Medical Partnership, as well as liaising the design and construction of the new \$100 million, 93,000 sq. ft. medical education and research building.

Wearable Medical Devices

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 10 (Fr)

RC

10:00AM-11:30AM

\$14

The presenter will provide an historical background for wearable medical devices (WMDs). Present-day examples will demonstrate their potential for chronic disease management, health, and safety. Various WMD hoaxes will be demonstrated. Emerging applications will also be discussed, along with advances made possible through artificial intelligence (AI).

Tim Penning

Tim worked in radiology for various hospitals from 1978 until 1993. After 23 years, he retired from Athens Regional Medical Center as Chief Information Officer/VP in 2011. He also worked as Senior Project Manager at St. Mary's Hospital for seven years. Tim is a co-teacher in the UGA Health Informatics graduate course.

Week 9 (Oct 13 -17)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
Look What Those Shoes Did to Me! Changes In Our Feet as We Age	McNees-Lambert	1	\$14	Oct 13 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
Why We Say What We Say	Bramlett	1	\$14	Oct 13 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	Z
Hinduism: The Myth, the Lives, the Soul	Patel	1	\$14	Oct 14 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
Condor Chocolates: From Bean to Bar	Dale	1	\$14	Oct 15 (We)	10:30AM - 11:30AM	OS
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Great American Songbook: Cole Porter	Kraft	1	\$14	Oct 15 (We)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
The Divided State of America: A Deliberative Forum Addressing Polarization in the United States	Holt / Vogt	1	\$14	Oct 16 (Th)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
The Beach Boys: 1962-1966	Guinn	1	\$14	Oct 16 (Th)	12:00PM - 2:00PM	RC
Flavors of India	Kittur	1	\$29	Oct 16 (Th)	4:00PM - 6:00PM	OS
Jittery Joe's Coffee Tasting & Brewing	Mustard	1	\$39	Oct 17 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS
The MyChart Patient Portal	Penning	1	\$14	Oct 17 (Fr)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
Tracing the Maya in the Yucatan	Stephenson	1	\$14	Oct 17 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC

Look What Those Shoes Did to Me! Changes In Our Feet as We Age

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 13 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

\$14

Dr. McNees discusses normal and abnormal foot and ankle anatomy as well as changes that occur to our feet as we progress through life. He will address such concerns as neuropathy, structural changes, skin changes, and the best ways to keep our feet healthy for longer.

Julian McNees-Lambert

Dr. McNees is a podiatrist at 26 Foot & Ankle. He received his undergraduate education from the University of Alabama and Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine from Kent State University. Dr. McNees completed his surgical specialty training in reconstructive rearfoot and ankle surgery in the Northeast Ohio region. Dr. McNees is also a Certified Master Gardener through the University of Georgia Extension Office.

Why We Say What We Say

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 13 (Mo)

Z

10:00AM-11:15AM

\$14

Have you ever wondered why we say “raining cats and dogs” or why people like to “ride shotgun”? Have you ever wondered why it’s called Bluetooth or Google? Learn about the origins of these common words and phrases and more in this presentation.

Andrew Bramlett

Andrew Bramlett is a local historian in Kennesaw, Georgia. A student at Kennesaw State University, he is interested in Georgia history, the history of books, and the Progressive Era. More information can be found at his website, www.ajbramlett.com.

Hinduism: The Myth, the Lives, the Soul

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 14 (Tu)

RC

10:00AM-11:15AM

\$14

We will explore Hinduism, one of the oldest world religions, and explore its beliefs, its uniqueness, and its popularity. It is the most popular religion in India and has 1.2 billion adherents in the world, making it the third largest religious group in the world.

Navin Patel

Navin Patel was born in Gujarat, India, in 1952, grew up in Southern Africa, and has lived in Athens for 41 years. He was raised in the Hindu tradition and enjoys introducing others to Hinduism, its way of life and its beliefs.

Condor Chocolates: From Bean to Bar

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 15 (We)

OS

10:30AM-11:30AM

\$14

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Great American Songbook: Cole Porter

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 15 (We)

2:00PM–3:30PM

RC

\$14

This class is approximately 90 minutes long and presents the life story of Cole Porter through spoken words plus live musical performance as well as recordings. You will hear about the childhood and family life of the songwriter as well as his professional career and relationships, and the stories behind the songs.

Susan Kraft

Susan Kraft has worked as a trombonist, pianist and vocalist in the Atlanta area for more than 40 years. She has played for many years in Atlanta area big bands and salsa bands, as well as classical music groups and pit orchestras for musicals. Currently she plays with jazz combos, Orquesta Taboga salsa band, Atlanta Blue Notes big band, and the Callanwolde Concert Band.

The Divided State of America: A Deliberative Forum Addressing Polarization in the United States

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 16 (Th)

10:00AM–12:00PM

RC

\$14

The class will be a deliberative forum focusing on the topic of polarization in the US as prepared by the Centers for the Study of Congress and titled “The Divided State Of America.” In this highly-participatory class, we will review three options for addressing polarization in our country, consider the strengths and weaknesses of each option, and what actions would need to be taken in each case to reduce polarization.

Margaret Holt

Margaret Holt is a retired professor from UGA’s Adult Education Department. She is one of five founders of the Jeannette Rankin Foundation which annually awards financial assistance to mid-life women desiring to pursue higher education. She worked with the Kettering Foundation from 1981 to 2022 and is one of the pioneers in the development of the National Issues Forums.

Sheryl Vogt

Sheryl Vogt is the director of the Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies at UGA and the director of the Georgia Capitol Museum. She is a fellow of the Society of American Archivists and a member of the Academy of Certified Archivists. Vogt sits on the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress and is a past president of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress. She earned a bachelor’s degree, a master’s degree, and an education specialist degree from UGA. Vogt and her husband, John, have two children and two grandchildren. They live in Athens.

The Beach Boys: 1962-1966

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 16 (Th)

12:00PM-2:00PM

RC

\$14

This two-hour seminar/discussion will use a combination of audio and video presentation and will cover the incredible first 48 months of “America’s Band” The Beach Boys from local, startup neighborhood band to reaching #1 on the global charts. No student preparation or materials are required; however, a general knowledge of the topic is helpful.

Keith Guinn

Keith Guinn has held various senior-level positions in sales and quality for a major, Fortune 50 organization. He holds a Digital Six Sigma Green Belt Certification for Quality/Process Improvement. Keith has enjoyed a lifelong passion for popular music and associated collection/archival study. He conducts regional music roundtable seminars on milestone pop artists and is actively involved in music documentary production.

Flavors of India

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 16 (Th)

4:00PM-6:00PM

OS

\$29

Indian cuisine is diverse, fresh and flavorful, and not very well-understood in the US. In this interactive cooking class, Nupur will introduce you to the myriad flavors of India. We will talk about herbs and spices, regional flavors and how they vary, and how easy it is to make Indian recipes in a typical American kitchen. We will learn how to build a curry from scratch, make flavorful vegetable stir-fries, and make and taste some street food and desserts. This class is suitable for vegetarians as all dishes will be meatless.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Nupur Kittur

Nupur Kittur has lived in Athens, GA, since 2013 and works as a staff scientist at UGA. She grew up in India and has always loved the diversity and vibrancy of the many cuisines of India. Nupur is an experienced home cook and cooking instructor and has written a food blog for 20 years. She is enthusiastic about bringing people and cultures together over a shared love for good, fresh food.

Jittery Joe's Coffee Tasting & Brewing

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 17 (Fr)

10:00AM-11:00AM

OS

\$39

Calling all coffee lovers. This "how to" class will feature making and tasting coffee made with various apparatus [chemex, French press, Aeropress, bonmac, espresso and Turkish]. Each person will be able to take home a can of coffee of their choosing.

Please see receipt notes for location details.

There will be a second section of this class offered 11/7.

Charlie Mustard

Charlie Mustard came to Athens by way of Clemson University, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in biological sciences. After teaching anatomy and physiology at Clarke Central High School, he earned a Master's degree in nutrition from the University of Georgia. He started a number of coffee shops and other ventures related to coffee. For the past 30 years he has been the roastmaster for Jittery Joe's Coffee Roasting Company.

The MyChart Patient Portal

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 17 (Fr)

10:00AM-12:00PM

RC

\$14

The presenter will help users understand the patient portal concept, what it is and how it can be used to assist their ability to navigate the complexities of modern healthcare. Specifically, he will lead users through the functionality of the MyChart patient portal, which is now the common platform for both Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center and St. Mary's Hospital, as well as many hospitals throughout the United States.

Tim Penning

Tim worked in radiology for various hospitals from 1978 until 1993. After 23 years, he retired from Athens Regional Medical Center as Chief Information Officer/VP in 2011. He also worked as Senior Project Manager at St. Mary's Hospital for seven years. Tim is a co-teacher in the UGA Health Informatics graduate course.

Tracing the Maya in the Yucatan

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 17 (Fr)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

\$14

By focusing on a few Mayan archaeological sites in the Mexican state of Yucatan, including their visual layout, buildings, art, as well as rituals and events, a long and engaging history is revealed. This includes a Mayan heyday but also an afterlife of hybrid culture with Spanish intercessors in the colonial period. One topic of interest is the interaction of traditional Mayan culture and religion with European culture and Christianity during this formative period.

John Stephenson

John Stephenson received a doctorate in ancient art history from Emory University, with specialties in Roman architecture and Egyptian art. He has worked at the archaeological site of ancient Carthage in Tunisia and in the program in Roman archaeology at the American Academy in Rome. He taught art history as a tenured professor at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. He has traveled and researched in 23 countries in Asia, Europe, Africa and Central America.

Week 10 (Oct 20-24)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
In Thomas Hardy's Poetic Workshop II	Gatrell	2	\$23	Oct 20 (Mo) Oct 27 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
Public Service and Outreach at the University of Georgia	Bishop	1	\$40	Oct 21 (Tu)	11:30AM - 1:30PM	TC
CBD for Better Health	Gabriel / Hart	1	\$14	Oct 21 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	RC
Vietnam: One Man's Experience	Saul	2	\$23	Oct 22 (We) Oct 29 (We)	10:00AM - 12:00PM 10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
Condor Chocolates: From Bean to Bar	Dale	1	\$14	Oct 22 (We)	10:30AM - 11:30AM	OS
Love in Action: The Jubilee Partners Refugee Program in Comer, GA	Mosley	1	\$14	Oct 22 (We)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
The Healthy Aging Series Pt. 3 - This is Your Brain on Sleep: Sleep, Cognition, and Aging	Correia	1	\$14	Oct 23 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC / Z
Writing Craft Workshop: How to Build Tension and Incorporate Conflict into Writing	Coley / Craig	2	\$23	Oct 23 (Th) Oct 30 (Th)	2:00PM - 4:00PM 2:00PM - 4:00PM	RC
Common Sense Gardening - Walkabout with Dr A	Armitage	1	\$14	Oct 24 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS
Common Sense Gardening - Walkabout with Dr A	Armitage	1	\$14	Oct 24 (Fr)	12:00PM - 1:00PM	OS
Walking Tour of Historic UGA North Campus	Dendy	1	\$14	Oct 24 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	OS
Hackers, Scammers, and Fraudsters: Cybersecurity for Savvy Seniors	Murphy	1	\$14	Oct 24 (Fr)	2:00PM - 4:00PM	RC

This Class is Sponsored by Suzanne Murphy

In Thomas Hardy's Poetic Workshop II

Number of Sessions: 2

Oct 20 (Mo), Oct 27 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

\$23

In response to the enthusiastic reception to earlier classes on Hardy's poetry, these sessions will handle more of the nearly 1,000 poems Hardy published. As before, there will be opportunity to consider and discuss both the many revisions that Hardy made to his texts over time and the structure and meaning of each poem. Lots of relevant contextual material (including connections to Hardy's fiction) are provided to assist interpretation of the poetry.

Simon Gatrell

Simon Gatrell is professor emeritus of English at UGA. He reached Athens by way of Oxford, South Africa, and Northern Ireland. His broad academic specialisations are in nineteenth- and twentieth-century British and Irish literature. More particularly, the large majority of his time has been spent with the poetry and novels of Thomas Hardy, but Jane Austen's work has been a lifelong passion.

Public Service and Outreach at the University of Georgia

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 21 (Tu)

TC

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

UGA is a national leader in university outreach with faculty, staff and students in all of UGA's schools and colleges contributing to Georgia's short- and long-term prosperity. Through the work of Public Service and Outreach, UGA serves every county in Georgia, developing leaders, creating jobs, and addressing critical challenges in order to position Georgia as a competitive force regionally, nationally and internationally. This course will provide an overview of the scope of UGA's service, outreach, and engagement efforts.

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Matthew Bishop

Matt Bishop serves as the Associate Vice President for Public Service and Outreach at UGA, where he provides institutional leadership for UGA's outreach, engagement, and economic-development mission. Previously, Bishop served 11 years as director of the J.W. Fanning Institute, and operations coordinator for the Archway Partnership. Bishop earned a B.A. in political science from Presbyterian College and an M.P.A. and Ph.D. in public administration from UGA.

CBD for Better Health

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 21 (Tu)

RC

2:00PM-3:00PM

\$14

CBD is produced by the cannabis plant. It interacts with humans and other animal's endocannabinoid system. CBD has been shown to decrease pain, decrease stress, and improve sleep. It has also been used to decrease the severity of auto-immune disorders, like Parkinson's, Crohn's, and Rheumatoid Arthritis. This talk will focus on the wellness aspects of hemp as well as the benefits to our overall happiness and well-being.

James Gabriel

James Gabriel, known to his friends as "Pocket" for his ability to help friends in need, was born and raised in Comer, Georgia. He attended Ithaca College. He is the founder of a charity that provides mental health support and suicide prevention.

Alan Hart

Alan Hart is the owner of Classic Citiva in Athens. He was raised in a farming community. Alan received his bachelor of science degree from Cornell University in Animal Science and Agricultural Business. He lives on his small farm in Watkinsville, Georgia, with his wife Dr. Kelsey Hart and their two young girls.

Vietnam: One Man's Experience

Number of Sessions: 2

Oct 22 (We), Oct 29 (We)

10:00AM-12:00PM

RC

\$23

As a young, non-commissioned officer in 1970, then 19-year old US Army Sergeant Larry Saul served a combat tour in Vietnam. Fifty years later he returned to Vietnam. The purpose of the journey was to see the modern Vietnam, and, also, to rediscover himself. This lecture will look at the history, culture, and geography of Vietnam, from the late 19th century up to 1975. Larry will use his unit's mission and their experiences to present a snapshot of US involvement...then, fast forward to late 2018 and how Vietnam has progressed. He has made two subsequent trips, seeking something.

Lawrence Saul

Military historian and Colonel (retired) Lawrence Saul served for 34 years in the U. S. Army, including tours in Germany, Holland, Belgium, England, Kosovo and other locations. He was one of the last veterans of the Vietnam War still serving on active duty when he retired in 2008. A Battlefield Tour Guide, he has a BA in History from Georgia State University as well as two master's degrees.

Condor Chocolates: From Bean to Bar

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 22 (We)

10:30AM-11:30AM

OS

\$14

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Love in Action: The Jubilee Partners Refugee Program in Comer, GA

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 22 (We)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

\$14

Love in action among thousands of children and their parents from war zones around the world. Jubilee Partners has hosted more than 4,000 refugees from terrible situations in 40 countries so far – in addition to leading delegations and launching programs to help in peacemaking efforts in at least a dozen war zones. Learn how efforts by a team of 20-30 “Resident Partners” and seasonal volunteers have not only had powerfully good effects for the folks being served – but how powerful and “contagious” such loving actions can be, spreading hope and joy in this troubled world.

Don Mosley

Don Mosley and his wife, Carolyn, moved to southern Georgia in 1970 where he helped to fight racism by designing and leading construction of dozens of houses for local black families living in dilapidated shacks – leading to the launching of Habitat for Humanity. He was a founder of Jubilee Partners in Comer in 1979.

The Healthy Aging Series Pt. 3 – This is Your Brain on Sleep: Sleep, Cognition, and Aging

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 23 (Th)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC/Z

\$14

This series contains four, stand-alone, one-hour presentations on the topics of health and aging. Faculty and students from the Institute of Gerontology and the CARE Center will discuss current trends, research, and advice on topics related to brain health, sleep, health communication, and dementia.

Steve Correia

Stephen Correia, PhD, ABPP/CN joined the UGA faculty in August 2022. He is a board-certified clinical neuropsychologist. Dr. Correia earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology with a focus on neuropsychology at the University of Rhode Island. He completed his internship training at the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville, Florida. Dr. Correia then returned to RI for a clinical neuropsychology fellowship at Brown University/Butler Hospital. Dr. Correia then completed a research fellowship also at Brown/Butler Hospital Memory and Aging Program.

Writing Craft Workshop: How to Build Tension and Incorporate Conflict into Writing

Number of Sessions: 2

Oct 23 (Th), Oct 30 (Th)

2:00PM-4:00PM

RC

\$23

If Alice didn't follow the rabbit, would she even have had adventures? To create a good narrative arc in writing fiction and non-fiction, a writer needs tension to move the story toward a dramatic conclusion. Learn how to make your stories more interesting with conflict and keep readers turning the page. Come prepared to write in class.

Tracy Coley

Tracy Coley retired from University of Georgia communications where she earned an MFA in narrative nonfiction writing and taught journalism. She is a national award winning writer for magazine feature writing and semi-finalist for the Alex Albright Creative Nonfiction Prize. She is owner and writing coach at Lucky Dog Press, a boutique publishing firm where she encourages writers to unleash their words. She is currently working on three memoir projects about inherited trauma and grief.

Bowen Craig

Bowen Craig has been writing since he could hold a pen with his stubby little child fingers. He co-founded Bilbo Books Publishing in 2006 and has helped local authors with memoirs, novels, children's books, and other genres. He has written for and been fired from many newspapers and magazines, including Lake Oconee Living. His books include Keeping Away from the Joneses and Hitchhiking with Salmon. He works on maintaining his sanity in an insane world...through writing.

Common Sense Gardening - Walkabout with Dr A

Please note: the two sessions are back to back - ensure you register for the correct time

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 24 (Fr)

10:00AM-11:00AM

OS

\$14

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 24 (Fr)

12:00PM-1:00PM

OS

\$14

Gardening need not be complicated. It is not brain surgery. Dr A will open his garden to participants and use common sense to simplify topics like pruning, plant selection, fertilizing, perennials, shrubs and season long color.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Allan Armitage

Professor Emeritus of Horticulture, Armitage has written 17 books that serve as classroom texts, reference books, and gardeners' companions. His reference book Herbaceous Perennial Plants, now in its 4th edition, was recognized as one of the best 75 books in the last 75 years. One of his most recent books, Of Naked Ladies and Forget-me-Nots, which tells the stories behind plant names, is also a best seller. His App, Armitage's Great Garden Plants, serves industry and consumers.

Walking Tour of Historic UGA North Campus

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 24 (Fr)

OS

2:00PM–3:30PM

\$14

UGA's iconic North Campus features buildings and spaces – many more than a century old – that are architecturally diverse, aesthetically charming, and rich in history, lore, and legend. Attendees will get a close-up look at these landmarks on a walking tour starting at the Arch and covering much of the North Campus area. We will visit the oldest building in Athens; the beautiful UGA Chapel; the site of the first murder on campus; the charming Founders Memorial Garden; and the field where the first college football game in Georgia was played. The tour will last 90 minutes, entails walking the entire time and climbing up and down steps and on moderate inclines.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Larry Dendy

After earning a journalism degree from UGA in 1965, Larry Dendy was a newspaper reporter and editor in Winston-Salem, NC, and Tifton, GA. In 1972, he joined the UGA Office of Public Affairs where he worked for 37 years as a writer, editor, news service director, speech writer and special projects manager. He wrote *Through the Arch: An Illustrated Guide to the University of Georgia Campus*, published in 2013 by the UGA Press.

Hackers, Scammers, and Fraudsters: Cybersecurity for Savvy Seniors

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 24 (Fr)

RC

2:00PM–4:00PM

\$14

Are you ready to tackle new-age threats like AI-driven scams, robo-hackers, and digital deceptions? This interactive course will equip you with practical strategies to protect yourself from cybercriminals and online scams. Learn the latest hacker tactics and how to stay ahead. Together, we'll explore how to spot scams, understand AI's role in protecting (or attacking) your privacy, and identify sneaky methods cyber-crooks use to steal your information. You'll leave with a practical checklist to safeguard your wealth and privacy.

This Class is Sponsored by Suzanne Murphy

Chuck Murphy

Chuck Murphy is a retired software professional and a veteran OLLI@UGA presenter. During his career, he developed secure e-commerce systems for the web. In retirement, he continues to focus on information privacy and data security, sharing practical tips with friends and colleagues. He has never been hacked.

Week 11 (Oct 27 – 31)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
E. L. Doctorow's The Book of Daniel: Revisiting the Cold War, McCarthyism, and the Vietnam Era (Discussion Format)	Zins	6	\$60	Oct 27 (Mo) Nov 3 (Mo) Nov 10 (Mo) Nov 17 (Mo) Nov 24 (Mo) Dec 1 (Mo)	1:30PM – 3:00PM 1:30PM – 3:00PM 1:30PM – 3:00PM 1:30PM – 3:00PM 1:30PM – 3:00PM 1:30PM – 3:00PM	RC
How Does a Computer Work	Pichetto	2	\$25	Oct 27 (Mo) Oct 28 (Tu)	2:00PM – 3:30PM 2:00PM – 3:30PM	RC
Dementia: What to Know, What to Do	Conrad	1	\$14	Oct 28 (Tu)	10:00AM – 11:30AM	RC
Growing Grapes in Georgia: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly	Lowder	1	\$14	Oct 29 (We)	10:00AM – 11:15AM	RC
Spoiled for Choice: Alternative Medicine in 19th-Century America	McMurry	1	\$14	Oct 29 (We)	2:00PM – 3:15PM	RC
The Kings: Builders of Covered Bridges in the South	Bramlett	1	\$14	Oct 31 (Fr)	10:00AM – 11:15AM	RC / Z
Behind the Scenes at Farm of the Free: An Animal Sanctuary Tour	Bulzan	1	\$14	Oct 31 (Fr)	10:00AM – 11:15AM	OS

E. L. Doctorow's The Book of Daniel: Revisiting the Cold War, McCarthyism, and the Vietnam Era (Discussion Format)

Oct 27 Number of Sessions: 6

Oct 27 (Mo), Nov 3 (Mo), Nov 10 (Mo), Nov 17 (Mo), Nov 24 (Mo), Dec 1 (Mo) RC
1:30PM–3:00PM \$60

Based on the Rosenberg case, this brilliant, nuanced and necessary 1971 novel — Doctorow's masterwork — dramatizes the fateful decades after World War II by boldly imagining the fate of two young children when their parents are arrested, tried, and executed for giving "the secret" of the atom bomb to the Soviet Union. We will explore how one of our very best novelists, author of the acclaimed Ragtime and The March, wisely and inventively uses history to presciently address cultural and political issues of profound importance and enduring relevance to our nation more than a half century since this novel was written.

Dan Zins

Daniel Zins has an M.A. in English from the University of Windsor (Ontario), where he studied with novelist Joyce Carol Oates for two years, and a Ph.D. in American Studies from Emory University. His teaching and research interests include: American literature/history, militarism, national security, nuclear weapons, the Cold War, McCarthyism, Vietnam, terrorism, human rights, democracy/fascism, critical media literacy, critical discourse literacy, critical environmental literacy, critical/empathetic thinking, cynicism, social justice, nonviolence/nonviolent political activists.

How Does a Computer Work

Number of Sessions: 2

Oct 27 (Mo), Oct 28 (Tu)

2:00PM–3:30PM

RC

\$25

The two-session class will touch on a brief history of computers, delve into computer terminology and concepts behind modern computers, and then do a deep dive into computer architecture. A Q&A session at the end of day one will contribute to specific subjects covered during day two.

Al Pichetto

Al Pichetto has over 45 years of experience as a field engineer and technical support specialist for two Fortune 500 companies. He rose to coordinate the National Technical Support organization for Data General Corporation during the tech boom era and later was instrumental in building the support organization for PolyVision, a Steelcase company.

Dementia: What to Know, What to Do

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 28 (Tu)

10:00AM–11:30AM

RC

\$14

This overview will help learners: recognize symptoms of dementia and discern those from normal signs of aging; anticipate cognitive changes through dementia's progression; modify words and behaviors to accommodate a loved one's cognitive loss and support his or her goals, activities; understand the benefits of early detection; take action to reduce risks for dementia, postpone dementia's progression, and promote well-being for caregivers.

Cloud Conrad

Cloud Conrad has years of experience training people in applying the creative problem solving process to achieve powerful outcomes, and training people to apply acquired knowledge and caring for persons living with dementia. I combine numerous skills and techniques with empathy, leadership and passion to answer my call to help close the knowledge and understanding gap between those living with dementia and the people that love and care for them.

Catalog Legend

RC = In Person only class at River's Crossing

RC / Z = In Person and Online Class (register by your attendance preference)

Z = Online only class via Zoom

OS = Off Site In Person class

TC = Lunch & Learn at Trumps Catering

Growing Grapes in Georgia: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 29 (We)

RC

10:00AM-11:15AM

\$14

The Georgia Wine Industry is growing. Growing grapes can be an intensive farming practice but also a rewarding one! The state's Extension Viticulturist will talk about the great and not so great aspects of Georgia grape growing, with an emphasis on practices that could help backyard growers improve their vines.

Sarah Lowder

Dr. Sarah Lowder is an Assistant Professor in the Horticulture Department and is the Extension Viticulture Specialist at UGA. She serves as the extension viticulturist for bunch and muscadines grapes for Georgia. Her applied research focus seeks to help improve grape production practices in the southeast. Sarah teaches the undergraduate and graduate Viticulture Production and Management Course, co-coordinates the Viticulture and Enology in the Mediterranean Region Course (Cortona, Italy), and oversees the Winegrower Internship program.

Spoiled for Choice: Alternative Medicine in 19th-Century America

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 29 (We)

RC

2:00PM-3:15PM

\$14

We tend to think of alternative medicine as a recent development, but the early 1800s in America represented its first golden age, when new schools of medical thought seemed to be popping up everywhere, presenting serious competition to mainstream medicine of the day. In this class, we'll explore several of the most interesting alternative medical philosophies, with their slogans of "like cures like" and "every man his own physician!"

Nan McMurry

Nan McMurry is retired from the University of Georgia Libraries. She has also taught history of medicine classes for the UGA History Department for many years. She has a PhD in history from Duke University with a specialty in the history of medicine.

Behind the Scenes at Farm of the Free: An Animal Sanctuary Tour

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 31 (Fr)

OS

10:00AM-11:15AM

\$14

Join us for an immersive tour of Farm of the Free Animal Sanctuary, 20 minutes from UGA, where you'll meet rescued farm animals and learn their life stories. Led by Executive Director Ryan Bulzan, this experience offers a unique perspective on sanctuary life, animal care, and the mission to create a compassionate world. Discover the daily challenges and triumphs of running a sanctuary while connecting with animals in a peaceful, natural setting.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Ryan Bulzan

Ryan Bulzan is the Executive Director of Farm of the Free Animal Sanctuary, where he leads daily operations and community outreach. Passionate about animal welfare and education, Ryan organizes onsite tours to connect visitors with rescued farm animals and share the sanctuary's mission. With a background in community organizing and nonprofit leadership, Ryan is dedicated to fostering compassion and awareness through immersive, educational experiences at the sanctuary.

The Kings: Builders of Covered Bridges in the South

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 31 (Fr)

RC/Z

10:00AM-11:15AM

\$14

While enslaved in Columbus, Georgia, Horace King and his enslaver were prominent covered-bridge builders in the South. Freed before the Civil War, King and his sons formed a contracting business that worked to build a better Georgia. They built countless covered bridges across the state (including one in Athens), and several can still be visited today.

Andrew Bramlett

Andrew Bramlett is a local historian in Kennesaw, Georgia. A student at Kennesaw State University, he is interested in Georgia history, the history of books, and the Progressive Era. More information can be found at his website, www.ajbramlett.com.

Week 12 (Nov 3 - 7)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
Introduction to Military Records for Family Historians	Carter	1	\$14	Nov 3 (Mo)	1:00PM - 4:00PM	RC / Z
Great Gardens of the World	Armitage	3	\$32	Nov 4 (Tu) Nov 11 (Tu) Nov 18 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:00AM 10:00AM - 11:00AM 10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
American Mahjong Basics	Depalma	2	\$23	Nov 4 (Tu) Nov 11 (Tu)	10:00AM - 12:00PM 10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
Popular Music of the 1950s: How it Changed and Why	Martin	1	\$40	Nov 4 (Tu)	11:30AM - 1:30PM	TC
UGA Police Department: Keeping the Campus and Community Safe	Hammock	1	\$14	Nov 4 (Tu)	12:00PM - 1:30PM	RC
Frankenstein: From Mary Shelley to Mel Brooks	Probst	1	\$14	Nov 5 (We)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
Greatly Distracted: Mental Illness in Early America	McMurry	1	\$14	Nov 5 (We)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
The Diary of Samuel Pepys, Quintessential Londoner	Loughner / Richardson	1	\$14	Nov 6 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
Caroline Miller and her Pulitzer Prize Winning Novel Lamb in His Bosom	Cauthen	1	\$14	Nov 6 (Th)	12:00PM - 1:00PM	Z
Elvis Presley: The 1960's Decade	Guinn	1	\$14	Nov 6 (Th)	12:00PM - 2:00PM	RC
The Healthy Aging Series Pt. 4 - Alzheimer's Disease Diagnosis and Screening	Kiselica	1	\$14	Nov 6 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC / Z
Jittery Joe's Coffee Tasting & Brewing	Mustard	1	\$39	Nov 7 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS
Lyndon House Arts Center Tour: Fall Exhibition Series	Wellnitz	1	\$14	Nov 7 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS
Getting the Most Out of Your Windows PC	Robinson	1	\$14	Nov 7 (Fr)	10:00AM-11:30AM	RC
Seven Islands of the Ocmulgee: River Stories	Johnston	1	\$14	Nov 7 (Fr)	12:00PM - 1:00PM	RC

Introduction to Military Records for Family Historians

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 3 (Mo)

1:00PM–4:00PM

RC/Z

\$14

This broad overview introduces family historians to the rich resources found in US military and related records, spanning from the Colonial period through the Vietnam War. While each era offers a deep well of material worthy of in-depth study, this class is designed as a starting point rather than an exhaustive examination of any single conflict. Participants will be assigned advance reading and homework to complete before the session. After the lecture, hands-on activities will help reinforce key concepts and research strategies. The class will also briefly address international military records to help you begin exploring global resources.

Laura Carter

Laura Carter spent 40-plus years working in libraries and helping people find information. As she ended her career, she was the Heritage Room Librarian at the Athens-Clarke County Library. Laura attends IGHR (Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research) annually to help her keep up with the ongoing learning needed for family history research. She is a member of Clarke-Oconee Genealogical Society and other local history-related organizations. Laura loves learning and teaching.

Great Gardens of the World

Number of Sessions: 3

Nov 4 (Tu), Nov 11 (Tu), Nov 18 (Tu)

10:00AM–11:00AM

RC

\$32

Join Dr A as he guides us through some of the world's finest gardens. Great gardens in Ireland, Wales, France, Italy, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and Canada, to name but a few possibilities.

Allan Armitage

Professor Emeritus of Horticulture, Armitage has written 17 books that serve as classroom texts, reference books, and gardeners' companions. His reference book *Herbaceous Perennial Plants*, now in its 4th edition, was recognized as one of the best 75 books in the last 75 years. One of his most recent books, *Of Naked Ladies and Forget-me-Nots*, which tells the stories behind plant names, is also a best seller. His App, Armitage's Great Garden Plants, serves industry and consumers.

American Mahjong Basics

Number of Sessions: 2

Nov 4 (Tu), Nov 11 (Tu)

10:00AM-12:00PM

RC

\$23

This class will be taught in two sessions to allow more in-depth learning. The first class will be an introduction to the game and its development in America, along with learning the rules, game format, and the National Mah-Jong League card. The following week we will meet again to actually play a full game and put week one's skills into practice.

Caly Depalma

Caly DePalma developed a passion for Mahjong while learning to play four years ago. Teaching it to others makes Mahjong even more fun. Caly moved to Athens in 2023 along with her wife and mini dachshund, Annie. She found willing pupils in the OLLI ranks and hopes you will join them.

Popular Music of the 1950s: How it Changed and Why

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 4 (Tu)

11:30AM-1:30PM

TC

\$40

This presentation, primarily a performance of songs from the 1950s, is designed to rekindle memories of this music, and to illustrate the change from big band singers of the early 50s to Rock and Rollers later in the decade. A brief discussion of the social factors that brought about changes in the music will also be included.

Roy Martin Luncheon

Roy graduated from the University of Texas with a Ph.D., and worked at Temple University in Philadelphia before joining the College of Education at the University of Georgia., where he worked from 1979 through 2007. He has played the violin in the Albuquerque Civic Symphony, and in the Athens Symphony, the latter for 40 years. He also has pursued a variety of musical activities including singing with a jazz combo including several times for OLLI.

UGA Police Department: Keeping the Campus and Community Safe

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 4 (Tu)

12:00PM-1:30PM

RC

\$14

This class presents an overview of the University of Georgia Police Department and its many actions and policies in order to keep our community safe. The Deputy Chiefs will cover topics including daily operations, special events, special teams, and technology that are leveraged to achieve the department's goals.

Jeff Hammock

Jeff Hammock has been with the University of Georgia Police Department for nineteen years and is currently the Deputy Chief over Community Engagement and Professional Standards. Jeff has held multiple positions within the police department with a majority of his time spent in the Criminal Investigations Division. Jeff holds undergraduate degrees in Political Science and Criminal Justice from UGA as well as a Master's in Public Safety Administration from Columbus State University.

Frankenstein: From Mary Shelley to Mel Brooks

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 5 (We)

RC

10:00AM-11:15AM

\$14

“It’s Alive!” The class will consider what makes the monster so monstrous and his story so compelling. Sources include: Frankenstein – or The Modern Prometheus Mary Shelley (Novel) 1818; Frankenstein James Whale (Movie) 1931; The Bride of Frankenstein James Whale (Movie) 1935; Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein Charles T. Barton (Movie) 1948; Young Frankenstein Mel Brooks (Movie) 1974.

Cliff Probst

Probst is a Stanford graduate with a Master’s in English fiction from Tulane and additional graduate work at Vanderbilt and UGA. He is an active volunteer with the Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library. This will be his tenth class at OLLI.

Greatly Distracted: Mental Illness in Early America

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 5 (We)

RC

2:00PM-3:15PM

\$14

Does your vision of “mental healthcare” in the past include straitjackets and chains on the wall? If so, this class will introduce you to a very different picture. We will explore how madness was defined and explained in colonial America as well as the subsequent rise of the mental asylum in the 19th century.

Nan McMurry

Nan McMurry is retired from the University of Georgia Libraries. She has also taught history of medicine classes for the UGA History Department for many years. She has a PhD in history from Duke University with a specialty in the history of medicine.

The Diary of Samuel Pepys, Quintessential Londoner

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 6 (Th)

RC

10:00AM-11:00AM

\$14

This class is an introduction to the greatest and most compulsively readable diary in English, the tell-all diary of the English royal administrator Samuel Pepys, 1660-1669. With a racy, chatty style and a brilliant eye for detail, Pepys takes us racing through the turbulent, scandalous first years of King Charles II, including unforgettable descriptions of the Plague and the Great Fire and sharp-eyed portraits of the great and small. It’s a revealing portrait of a marriage, too.

Bill Loughner

Bill Loughner was until recently coordinator of the OLLI@UGA Great Conversations class and is an enthusiastic Pepys dilettante.

Malcolm Richardson

Malcolm Richardson taught English at LSU for over 30 years, including a course on Literature of London.

Caroline Miller and her Pulitzer Prize Winning Novel *Lamb in His Bosom*

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 6 (Th)

12:00PM–1:00PM

G/ Z

\$14

In 1933, the novel *Lamb in His Bosom* captivated the country with a story about pioneer life in South Georgia. This class includes passages from the novel that reflect the dignity, beauty and poetry Miller recognized in the lives of early South Georgia settlers and portions of public addresses that Miller presented at the height of her career. Miller felt a compulsion to leave behind a written record of these obscure but intelligent and resilient people who were remarkable in their nobility. Come hear the inspiring story of what motivated this young inexperienced writer to produce a prize winning novel.

This class is also delivered in person at the UGA Gwinnett Campus

Joye Cauthen

Joye Cauthen is an Associate Professor and Acquisitions Librarian at Georgia Gwinnett College. Professional areas of expertise include collection development, procurement, and evaluation of electronic resources. Additional areas of interest include the oral art of storytelling and its value in education. Joye learned to weave a tale from her aunt, a renowned southern novelist and Pulitzer Prize winner for literature. Joye is a professional speaker and member of the Georgia Storytelling Network.

Elvis Presley: The 1960's Decade

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 6 (Th)

12:00PM–2:00PM

RC

\$14

This two-hour seminar/discussion will use a combination of audio and video presentation and will cover the amazing 10-year career transition from Elvis Presley's army release to his return to live performance. No student preparation or materials are required; however, a general knowledge of the topic is helpful.

Keith Guinn

Keith Guinn has held various senior-level positions in sales and quality for a major, Fortune 50 organization. He holds a Digital Six Sigma Green Belt Certification for Quality/Process Improvement. Keith has enjoyed a lifelong passion for popular music and associated collection/archival study. He conducts regional music roundtable seminars on milestone pop artists and is actively involved in music documentary production.

The Healthy Aging Series Pt. 4 - Alzheimer's Disease Diagnosis and Screening

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 6 (Th)

RC/ Z

2:00PM-3:15PM

\$14

This series contains four, stand-alone, one-hour presentations on the topics of health and aging. Faculty and students from the Institute of Gerontology and the CARE Center will discuss current trends, research, and advice on topics related to brain health, sleep, health communication, and dementia.

Andrew Kiselica

Dr. Kiselica is a board-certified clinical neuropsychologist and Associate Professor in the Institute of Gerontology at the University of Georgia. He studies how we can leverage everyday technologies, like smartphones and smart speakers, to improve the lives of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD) and their care partners. Dr. Kiselica also provides clinical services, education, and outreach to diverse older adults through the Cognitive Aging Research and Education (CARE) Center at the University of Georgia.

Lyndon House Arts Center Tour: Fall Exhibition Series

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 7 (Fr)

OS

10:00AM-11:00AM

\$14

Explore the Lyndon House Arts Center during our Fall Exhibition Series, highlighting dynamic new work by local and regional artists across a range of media. This guided tour will also include a short visit to the historic Ware-Lyndon House, offering a look into Athens' rich cultural and architectural history. Discover how contemporary creativity and historic preservation come together in this vibrant community space.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Andrea Wellnitz

Andrea Wellnitz is the Director at the Lyndon House Arts Center, where she supports exhibitions, programs, and community engagement. With a background in the arts and a passion for connecting people to creative experiences, she enjoys sharing the rich history and vibrant present of the Lyndon House. Andrea looks forward to welcoming OLLI members and offering insight into this unique cultural space in the heart of Athens.

Jittery Joe's Coffee Tasting & Brewing

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 7 (Fr)

10:00AM–11:00AM

OS

\$39

Calling all coffee lovers. This “how to” class will feature making and tasting coffee made with various apparatus [chemex, French press, Aeropress, bonmac, espresso and Turkish]. Each person will be able to take home a can of coffee of their choosing.

Please see receipt note for location details.

Charlie Mustard

Charlie Mustard came to Athens by way of Clemson University, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in biological sciences. After teaching anatomy and physiology at Clarke Central High School, he earned a Master's degree in nutrition from the University of Georgia. He started a number of coffee shops and other ventures related to coffee. For the past 30 years he has been the roastmaster for Jittery Joe's Coffee Roasting Company.

Getting the Most Out of Your Windows PC

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 7 (Fr)

10:00AM–11:15AM

RC

\$14

NOTE: This is for users of the Windows 11 Operating System. This class is designed to address the everyday issues that many users face while trying to use their PC. Bring your list of specific questions and learn to make your PC work for you, not against you!

Ryan Robinson

A graduate of UGA's School of Anthropology, Ryan Robinson has lived in Athens for 16 years and has helped dozens of self-proclaimed “hopeless technophobes” learn to take control of their computers and connected devices. From iOS to Android, Mac to PC, he has the experience to help you become comfortable with your technology.

Seven Islands of the Ocmulgee: River Stories

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 7 (Fr)

12:00PM–1:00PM

RC

\$14

This reading and book talk is based on my collection of stories that is held together by a shared setting – the Ocmulgee River watershed, which has been a center of human community for 12,000 years. These stories explore the river as a source of legend, trouble, beauty, danger, sustenance, and spirituality.











Gordon Johnston

Gordon Johnston is author of *Seven Islands of the Ocmulgee: River Stories* (2023), *Where Here Is Hard to Say* (poems, 2023), *Scaring the Bears* (poetry), and the chapbook *Durable Goods*, and is co-author of *Ocmulgee National Monument: A Brief Guide with Field Notes*. Johnston also collaborates with potter Roger Jamison to fire poems onto clay pages in Jamison's anagama kiln in Juliette, Georgia. A former journalist and avid canoer, Johnston teaches at Mercer University.

Week 13 (Nov 10 - 14)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
Baptizing the Imagination: The Spiritual Vision of George MacDonald	Buchanan	3	\$32	Nov 10 (Mo) Nov 17 (Mo) Nov 24 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
Growing Up in Birmingham During the Civil Rights Era	Hardin	1	\$14	Nov 10 (Mo)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
Got Your Six: The UGA Student Veterans Resource Center	Segars	1	\$14	Nov 11 (Tu)	12:00PM - 1:15PM	RC
Demystifying Extra Virgin Olive Oil	Abney	2	\$35	Nov 11 (Tu) Nov 13 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:15PM 2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
Transformation: From Food Obsession to a New Way of Living	Patricia	1	\$14	Nov 12 (We)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
UGA College of Veterinary Medicine Hospital Tour	Brick	1	\$14	Nov 12 (We)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	OS
Great American Songbook - Johnny Mercer	Kraft	1	\$14	Nov 12 (We)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
Wines for the Thanksgiving Table	Hurt	1	\$14	Nov 12 (We)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	OS
Chickenology 101	Dale	1	\$14	Nov 13 (Th)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
Working Through Conflict Restoratively: How Practicing 4 Steps Can Improve Your Holidays	Barnes / Robin-son-Smith	1	\$14	Nov 13 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
How Swede It Is: The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning	Snyder	1	\$14	Nov 14 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
Getting the Most Out of your Mac and iOS Devices	Robinson	1	\$14	Nov 14 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
Kennesaw Mountain: Beyond the War	Bramlett	1	\$14	Nov 14 (Fr)	12:00PM - 1:15PM	Z / G

Catalog Legend

	RC = In Person only class at River's Crossing	
	RC / Z = In Person and Online Class (register by your attendance preference)	
	Z = Online only class via Zoom	
	OS = Off Site In Person class	
	TC = Lunch & Learn at Trumps Catering	

Baptizing the Imagination: The Spiritual Vision of George MacDonald

Number of Sessions: 3

Nov 10 (Mo), Nov 17 (Mo), Nov 24 (Mo)

RC

10:00AM-11:30AM

\$32

Discover the luminous world of George MacDonald, the 19th-century Scottish author, pastor, and myth-maker who inspired C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, and generations of readers to see fairy tales not as escape, but as revelation. We will explore MacDonald's masterful use of symbol, story, and spiritual allegory – from “Phantastes” to “The Golden Key” – and trace how his vision of divine love, imaginative obedience, and moral transformation continues to shape Christian imagination today. Join us as we seek “the country from which the shadows fall.”

Tom Buchanan

Rev. Tom Buchanan is Pastor and Head of Staff at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Athens. A veteran OLLI presenter, Tom's teaching interests span the background and interpretation of Biblical literature, historical and constructive theology, and the challenges facing religion in the 21st century.

Growing Up in Birmingham During the Civil Rights Era

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 10 (Mo)

RC

2:00PM-3:15PM

\$14

Ian Hardin grew up in the fifties and early sixties while Birmingham was embroiled in the Civil Rights Movement. Bull Connor, the notorious Birmingham Police Commissioner, was in Hardin's Dad's Sunday School class, and the events of the 50's and early 60's were part of Ian's vivid growing-up experiences. This will be the story of coming from Scotland to a different and sometimes turbulent world.

Ian Hardin

Ian Russell Hardin was born in Glasgow, Scotland, of a Scottish Mother (British Land Army) and an American GI from Birmingham, AL. At 18 months old, Ian accompanied his mom to America on the Queen Mary in February, 1946, to rejoin his father in Birmingham. Half of the family still lives in Scotland, and Ian visits every year.

Got Your Six: The UGA Student Veterans Resource Center

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 11 (Tu)

RC

12:00PM-1:15PM

\$14

With veterans being one of the most vulnerable populations of students in higher education, the UGA Student Veterans Resource Center is the hub for resources available to those who have served and who are serving in our armed forces. This class focuses on the needs of our veterans and how the entire UGA community provides opportunities for these students to excel while in school and in their new careers.

John Segars

Jon Segars is the Director of the UGA Student Veterans Resource Center and a retired Army officer. He is responsible for helping each student veteran make the transition from the military to higher education, providing access to resources, and facilitating career readiness. He currently serves more than 360 veterans and more than 580 family members on four UGA campuses and online.

Demystifying Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Number of Sessions: 2

Nov 11 (Tu), Nov 13 (Th)

2:00PM–3:15PM

RC

\$35

The class will cover the history of EVOO, one of the most important food products in the world. Participants will learn how olives are grown and where; how olive oil is produced; what determines its quality and health benefits; and more. We will teach you how to taste olive oil like experts as we taste several oils; from rancid oil to the best EVOO in the world. We will cover how to read an olive oil label so you don't get "ripped off" paying for bad oil as 90% of oil in the US labeled EVOO is not.

Randall Abney

In 1998, Randall and Carolyn Abney moved to Tuscany, where they lived for 10 years on an olive farm. It was there that Randall learned all about growing olives and producing EVOO. In addition, he earned a certificate as a Master of Food – EVOO, from Slow Food University. The Abneys moved to Athens 17 years ago where he couldn't find REAL EVOO, so Randall became an importer. He is known as an Oilvangelist!

UGA College of Veterinary Medicine Hospital Tour

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 12 (We)

10:00AM–11:30AM

OS

\$14

Receive a behind-the-scenes tour of the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine's Veterinary Teaching Hospital. This state-of-the-art facility handles more than 27,000 animal visits a year and provides veterinary care for all types of animals. The tour will take place at 2200 College Station Road. Parking is limited, so participants are encouraged to carpool. Additionally, the tour requires 45 minutes of continuous walking, so participants are encouraged to wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Marti Brick

Marti Brick serves as the senior director of community relations and marketing at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. In this role, she is responsible for establishing cooperative relationships with key stakeholders. She also leads the Continuing Education, Communications and Marketing team. Marti brings over 20 years of tradition and many years of experience working on leadership challenges and internal and external communications. Prior to this role she was the director of alumni relations for the college.

Transformation: From Food Obsession to a New Way of Living

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 12 (We)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC

\$14

Patricia D. invites you to discover how life's greatest challenges can lead to its greatest gifts. After receiving a liver transplant in 2017, she embraced a complete transformation – physically, mentally, and spiritually through the 12-step program of Overeaters Anonymous. Patricia shares how renewed hope, healthy food choices, and daily coping skills created lasting freedom and a new way of life. Her journey will inspire anyone ready to turn struggle into strength.

Patricia Patricia

Patricia D. from Charleston, SC, has spent 47 years in Georgia, where she and her husband of 52 years raised three children and six grands. She is a lifelong educator, spending over two decades helping to shape young minds. Patricia finds joy in her family, the outdoors, and serving. She has helped with the growth of Pinecrest Academy, Eagle Ranch, and 12-step programs of recovery in this beautiful peach state.

Great American Songbook – Johnny Mercer

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 12 (We)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

\$14

This class is approximately 90 minutes long and presents the life story of Johnny Mercer through spoken words plus live musical performance as well as recordings. You will hear about the childhood and family life of the songwriter as well as his professional career and relationships, and the stories behind the songs.

Susan Kraft

Susan Kraft has worked as a trombonist, pianist and vocalist in the Atlanta area for more than 40 years. She has played for many years in Atlanta area big bands and salsa bands, as well as classical music groups and pit orchestras for musicals. Currently she plays with jazz combos, Orquesta Taboga salsa band, Atlanta Blue Notes big band, and the Callanwolde Concert Band.

Wines for the Thanksgiving Table

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 12 (We)

OS

2:00PM–3:30PM

\$14

Wine selection for the traditional Thanksgiving meal can be challenging considering the wide variety of flavors, side dishes, and desserts offered at this holiday feast.

We will explore five white and red wines that will take some of the guesswork out of making your meal a success. Each wine is paired with cheese and charcuterie. \$40 to be paid to Tapped onsite.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Todd Hurt

Dr. Hurt has a PhD. in Higher Education Leadership and is a Certified Specialist of Wine with the Wine Educators Society. He and his wife Angela own Tapped Athens Wine Tasting Market located in Bottleworks on Prince Ave near Sea Bear restaurant.

Chickenology 101

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 13 (Th)

RC

10:00AM–12:00PM

\$14

This class provides an extensive overview of everything chicken: what chickens really eat, polygamy in the hen house, what is the tastiest chicken, Frank Perdue and Don Tyson, arsenic and hormones, poultry in Athens, pollution or not, and much more. So, cross the road and find out!

Nick Dale

Dr. Nick Dale is Professor Emeritus of poultry nutrition at the University of Georgia. For twenty-five years he served as the extension nutritionist, assisting and conducting collaborative studies with nutritionists in the private sector. He continues to assist University of Georgia colleagues in studies of practical relevance. Dr. Dale has an established international reputation, having traveled professionally to some fifty countries.

Working Through Conflict Restoratively: How Practicing 4 Steps Can Improve Your Holidays

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 13 (Th)

RC

2:00PM–3:30PM

\$14

Jodi has a PhD from UGA in human resources and strategy, an MA in labor and employee relations from the University of Illinois, and an MS in organizational communication and a BS in journalism from Illinois State University. In addition to being on graduate and undergraduate faculties at Clemson University, NC State University, and UGA, she co-facilitates conversations around ethnicity, race, religion, and gender identity for schools, organizations and communities.

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Mikhayla Robinson Smith

Mikhayla Robinson Smith is a poet, author, spoken word artist, essayist, and children's book author who has planted roots in Athens, Georgia. She studied English at the University of Georgia, which allowed her to explore and deepen her understanding of poetics. She is an educator, and a restorative justice practitioner. As the first black, woman, poet laureate of Athens, she stands on the shoulders, and in a deep rooted tradition, of Black women poets that come before her.

How Swede It Is: The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 14 (Fr)

RC

10:00AM–11:30AM

\$14

Comedian George Carlin once observed, “A house is just a place to keep your stuff while you go out and get more stuff.” By now, many of us have discovered (1) we have more stuff than we know what to do with, and (2) our kids and grandkids have their own stuff and don't want ours. This class offers practical approaches to organizing, decluttering, and downsizing your stuff, based on Margareta Magnusson's book (and the Peacock TV series) “The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning,” as well as the instructor's own experience “living the Swede life.”

Cher Snyder

A triple Dawg, Dr. Cher Snyder retired to Athens after 30 years at a regional environmental agency in Southern California, where she and her staff worked to improve air quality by ensuring regulatory compliance. Since 2017, Cher has served on OLLI's Board of Directors and as President, chaired committees, coordinated and led SIGs, and provided fellow members with technical support. Updated DNA results suggest Scandinavian heritage, which may explain her fascination with this topic.

Getting the Most Out of Your Mac and iOS Devices

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 7 (Fr)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

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Kennesaw Mountain: Beyond the War

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 14 (Fr)

12:00PM-1:15PM

G/Z

\$14

The Battle of Kennesaw Mountain was one of the most important of the Civil War's Atlanta Campaign, but its history outside of the war is often forgotten. This presentation covers Kennesaw Mountain from the Cherokee to the present day. In this presentation, you will learn stories of planned statues, plane crashes, secret bunkers, and more.

This class is also delivered in person at the UGA Gwinnett Campus

Andrew Bramlett

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Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
Demystifying Balsamic Vinegar	Abney	2	\$35	Nov 17 (Mo) Nov 19 (We)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
How to Self-Publish Your Creativity	Phillips	1	\$14	Nov 18 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	Z
The Future of American Democracy: A Historical Perspective	Groce	1	\$40	Nov 18 (Tu)	11:30AM - 1:30PM	TC
What's up at the court? A wrap up of last spring's cases and a preview of upcoming cases	Eaton	1	\$14	Nov 20 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC / Z

This Class is sponsored by David and Sue Geisker

Demystifying Balsamic Vinegar

Number of Sessions: 2

Nov 17 (Mo), Nov 19 (We)

2:00PM-3:15PM

RC

\$35

In this class participants will learn all about this very special product including the history of balsamic vinegar and how it is produced. The difference between so called balsamic, aceto balsamico di Modena and 100% REAL balsamic vinegar will be discussed. Participants will learn about the aging process and how labor intensive this vinegar is to produce. During our second class, participants will taste fake Aceto Balsamico di Modena and REAL 100% balsamic vinegar. A tasting of several additional products produced with balsamic vinegar, such as white balsamic, glazes and pearls, is included.

Randall Abney

In 1998, Randall and Carolyn Abney moved to Tuscany. With Slow Food University, they toured the now 152 year old, family owned Leonardi Balsamic Vinegar factory, where they tasted REAL Balsamic Vinegar for the first time. It so impressed Randall that he became an importer of balsamic vinegar from Leonardi when the Abneys moved to Athens. After multiple visits to Leonardi to learn all about balsamic, Randall was awarded the coveted Ambasciatore del Balsamico eight years ago.

How to Self-Publish Your Creativity

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 18 (Tu)

Z

10:00AM-11:00AM

\$14

Discover the step-by-step process of self-publishing your creativity. Learn to format, find illustrators, choose legitimate publishers, and market effectively. You will also maintain ownership of your work. Perfect for aspiring authors looking to share their stories with the world and retain complete creative control.

Karen Phillips

Dr. Karen Phillips is an educator with thirty years of experience as a teacher and administrator. She holds multiple degrees from Georgia College and State University and Columbus State University: BBA, BS, MS, EdS, and EdD. She has served as an adjunct professor at Wesleyan College and GMC. She has published two children's books, *Look Up at the Moon* and *A Ball for Christopher*.

The Future of American Democracy: A Historical Perspective

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 18 (Tu)

TC

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

The 250th anniversary of the United States is coming at a crucial and propitious time in America's experiment in self-government. Currently, our nation is experiencing some of the most dramatic demographic, economic, political, and social changes we have seen in half a century, testing the strength of the world's oldest democracy. Dr. Groce will explore how the upcoming Semiquincentennial presents a unique opportunity not only to restore trust in the institutions of self-government but also to help Americans remember who we are 250 years after the founding of our nation on the timeless and elastic principles embodied in the Declaration of Independence.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Todd Groce

W. Todd Groce is President & CEO of the Georgia Historical Society, the independent educational and research institution responsible for collecting and teaching Georgia and American history. He holds three degrees in history, including a PhD from the University of Tennessee. For over 30 years he has been an educator, administrator, and author. For the past 14 years, he has been listed by Georgia Trend and James magazines as one of the "Most Influential Georgians."

What's up at the court? A wrap up of last spring's cases and a preview of upcoming cases

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 20 (Th)

2:00PM-3:15PM

RC/Z

\$14

Tom Eaton will briefly summarize the Court's decisions from last term that he discussed in the spring of 2025 and preview cases that are set to be argued in the fall of 2025. Included is an update of any developments on the looming constitutional crisis should President Trump refuse to abide by Supreme Court decisions.

This Class is sponsored by David and Sue Geisker

Tom Eaton

Tom Eaton is the J. Alton Hosch Professor Emeritus at the University of Georgia School of Law, where he taught for 40 years. Among the courses he taught was a class on constitutional litigation.

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Week 15 (Nov 24-28)

No Classes - Happy Thanksgiving

Week 16 (Dec 1 - 5)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
Even Boomers can be Podcasters	Stewart	1	\$14	Dec 1 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
Mercedes-Benz Stadium; World Class Stadium, Unlike Any Other	Horton Caricofe	1	\$14	Dec 1 (Mo)	12:00PM - 1:15PM	RC
Weather and Climate Research - The "So What's?"	Shepherd	1	\$40	Dec 2 (Tu)	11:30AM - 1:30PM	TC
The US War of Independence	Saul	2	\$23	Dec 3 (We) Dec 10 (We)	9:00AM - 12:00PM 9:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
Vaccines: The Fascinating History of a Medical Treasure of Humanity for Humans and Animals	McMurry / Milward	2	\$23	Dec 3 (We) Dec 10 (We)	2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
The 1925 Master Plan for Athens: A Centennial Exploration	Brown / Brown	1	\$14	Dec 4 (Th)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
The Carter Center - Waging Peace, Fighting Disease, and Building Hope	Dailey	1	\$14	Dec 4 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
UGA's 62+ Program	Snyder	1	\$14	Dec 5 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
A Visit to the Georgia Museum of Art: A Slow-Looking Experience	Lind	1	\$14	Dec 5 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	OS

Even Boomers can be Podcasters

Number of Sessions: 1

Dec 1 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

\$14

More and more older people are starting podcasts, using their life experience and unique perspectives to connect with audiences in fresh, meaningful ways. With just a good microphone, some basic editing software, and a platform to host your episodes -like Spotify, Apple Podcasts, or Buzzsprout -it's easier than ever to get started. Class discussion will include the current state of the music industry in Athens, GA, and reflect on the legendary artists and bands that put Athens on the map. Athens continues to explode with musicians and bands today.

Marlene Stewart

Marlene Stewart hails from New Jersey. She moved to Overland Park, KS, where she met her husband and moved to many places. Her career before moving to Athens has been in TV, the music industry, and health insurance. She now creates a podcast called AthCastMusic: The Music of Athens GA Now and Then. Marlene can't wait to share this part of her life as an older podcaster.

Mercedes-Benz Stadium; World Class Stadium, Unlike Any Other

Number of Sessions: 1

Dec 1 (Mo)

RC

12:00PM-1:15PM

\$14

In this class, you will discover unusual facts and dispel myths about “The Benz,” which cost \$1.5 billion to construct. Not well known is the fact that the stadium’s aluminum-recycling efforts helped build almost six homes for Habitat for Humanity! You will discover how a stadium that accommodates 73,000+ spectators has been the first one awarded as a “Zero-Waste” facility, managing 2,000,000 lbs. of waste! Just imagine how the staff can do this by hand in 24 hours to accommodate two to three events in one weekend! Come find out!

Michelle Horton Caricofe

Michelle has studied in the field of sustainability and conservation with large organizations such as Novelis, Kroger, Walt Disney World and KAB. She seeks the most updated information from around the world and in her local community to assist organizations and agencies to find solutions for current problems.

Weather and Climate Research - The “So What’s?”

Number of Sessions: 1

Dec 2 (Tu)

TC

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

Dr. Shepherd will provide practical examples of how weather and climate research matters in our daily lives. He will use the lens of his scholarship, experience, and contemporary observations in this timely discussion.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

James Marshall Shepherd

J. Marshall Shepherd is the Georgia Athletic Association Distinguished Professor of Geography and Atmospheric Sciences, Director of the UGA Atmospheric Sciences Program, and Former Associate Head of the Geography Department. Shepherd served for 12 years as Deputy Project Scientist for the Global Precipitation Measurement mission at NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center. He regularly contributes to Forbes and frequently advises key leaders at NASA, in Congress, and the Department of Defense. He was recently elected to the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Former President, American Meteorological Society.

Vaccines: The Fascinating History of a Medical Treasure of Humanity for Humans and Animals

Number of Sessions: 2

Dec 3 (We), Dec 10 (We)

RC

2:00PM–3:30PM

\$23

We will reach back (2000 years) to explore how humans realized that a disease could confer a resistance to the same disease and how with often limited knowledge of why or how, they created a practical and essential medical tool. Traveling through the centuries right up to the present time, in both human and animal medicine, and visiting some of the key scientists, we will explore how new knowledge was used to create or improve vaccines. We will touch on debates that existed through time. This review could inform your understanding and participation in today's debates.

Nan McMurry

Nan McMurry is retired from the University of Georgia Libraries. She has also taught history of medicine classes for the UGA History Department for many years. She has a PhD in history from Duke University with a specialty in the history of medicine.

Frank Milward

Frank Milward was born in the US and was raised in France by his American family: He is bilingual and bicultural. Frank obtained his veterinary degree in Paris, France (1979) and MS from the University of Florida (1983). He specialized in infectious diseases in veterinary medicine in a career focused on the research, development and manufacturing of veterinary vaccines and other animal drugs (based in France and the US). He retired in 2023.

The US War of Independence

Number of Sessions: 2

Dec 3 (We), Dec 10 (We)

RC

9:00AM–12:00PM

\$23

We are approaching the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolutionary War. During this three-session, three-hour course, Col. Larry Saul will cover the basics of the American Revolution, the key players, and the major battles that assured our freedom.

Lawrence Saul

Military historian and Colonel (retired) Lawrence Saul served for 34 years in the U. S. Army, including tours in Germany, Holland, Belgium, England, Kosovo and other locations. He was one of the last veterans of the Vietnam War still serving on active duty when he retired in 2008. A Battlefield Tour Guide, he has a BA in History from Georgia State University as well as two master's degrees.

The 1925 Master Plan for Athens: A Centennial Exploration

Number of Sessions: 1

Dec 4 (Th)

RC

10:00AM-12:00PM

\$14

In 1925 civic leaders in Athens worked with the Warren Manning civic design group to create a master plan for the improvement of Athens. The resulting maps, report, and photographs give a very different, very non-Greek-Revival view of the Classic City - both strengths and weaknesses. Come see your city as the eyes of 1925 saw it - good and bad, but almost always from an unconventional viewpoint. Your presenters have braved busy roads and overgrown lots to present matching views from 2019! A guessing game ensues. The main problem of 1925? - auto traffic! Thank goodness we solved that one...

Steven Brown

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Steven Brown joined the University of Georgia Libraries Faculty in 1979. In 2000 he was called to the Hargrett Library to direct the University's archives and records management program. Retiring as University Archivist Emeritus in 2008, he continued part-time at Hargrett until 2019, specializing in local and university history. Marrying Beth in 2019, together they write, speak, and conduct tours on local history for various groups.

Beth Brown

A native of Georgia, Beth Brown holds degrees from Columbia College and the University of South Carolina. Retiring from a career as the librarian in a number of public schools from elementary to high school, she moved to Athens in 2006, working as an archivist in the Heritage Room of the Athens Clarke Public Library. Marrying Steven in 2019, they lecture, write, and conduct tours as "Athens Magic Lantern."

The Carter Center - Waging Peace, Fighting Disease, and Building Hope

Number of Sessions: 1

Dec 4 (Th)

RC

2:00PM-3:15PM

\$14

This class provides an overview of The Carter Center's mission and legacy with a specific focus on its domestic programming. Participants can expect to gain a deeper understanding of the following concepts: Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the unique role they play in advancing public/societal goals; The Carter Center's ongoing efforts to promote transparency in elections; combat mis- and disinformation and reduce political polarization in the United States and in particular, Georgia; how the public can get involved in Carter Center programming, including serving as an election observer, joining a Democracy Resilience Network, or contributing to a program they are passionate about.

Colin Dailey

Colin Dailey is a Senior Program Associate for The Carter Center's Democracy Program. He joined The Carter Center in 2022 and works to restore public trust in elections, decrease political polarization, and mitigate the potential for political violence. He earned his Master's in Political Science and International Affairs from the University of Georgia in 2021 and his Bachelors in Political Science from the Ogden Honors College at Louisiana State University in 2016.

UGA's 62+ Program

Number of Sessions: 1

Dec 5 (Fr)

10:00AM–11:00AM

RC

\$14

Did you know? UGA offers those of us aged 62+ the opportunity to take classes – and even earn a degree – tuition-free! This class offers a first-person view of what it's like to return to college after a 50-year hiatus (spoiler alert: things have changed a bit since the 70s) and why you might consider doing so.

Cher Snyder

Researching her German heritage led Cher Snyder to realize how invaluable an in-depth knowledge of language, culture, and history could be. Joining OLLI's "Sprechen Sie Deutsch?" German conversation SIG was the springboard for a deeper dive. When she discovered she could earn an AB degree in German tuition-free through UGA's 62+ program, she applied and was accepted as a fourth-year undergraduate student. Cher looks forward to sharing her experiences returning to campus as a "senior senior" and encourages you to consider taking tuition-free classes through UGA's 62+ program, too.

A Visit to the Georgia Museum of Art: A Slow-Looking Experience

Number of Sessions: 1

Dec 5 (Fr)

2:00PM–3:00PM

OS

\$14

Discover the Georgia Museum of Art through a guided highlights tour that invites participants to slow down and look closely. This session offers an engaging introduction to the museum's permanent collection, with a special focus on the practice of "slow looking," the art of spending quality time with just a few works of art. Participants will explore how deeper observation can enrich their understanding and appreciation of art and encourage thoughtful discussion and personal reflection. Whether you are new to the museum or a frequent visitor, this class offers a fresh, mindful way to connect with works of art.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

Mallory Lind

Mallory Lind is the Associate Curator of Community Engagement and Outreach at the Georgia Museum of Art, where she leads adult and community programming with a focus on creating accessible, engaging, and transformative experiences for all visitors. Her 2021 doctoral dissertation examined the barriers rural communities face in accessing art museums, a topic she continues to explore through the museum's rural outreach programs and plans to expand to more rural Georgia communities in Fall 2025.

Week 17 (Dec 8 - 12)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
Joseph Jacobs and the Robert Burns Club of Atlanta: A Story from the Archives	Kraft	1	\$14	Dec 8 (Mo)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC / Z
Reduce Waste: Composting with Worms	Ney	1	\$14	Dec 9 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
Buddhism and Non-self	Keene	2	\$23	Dec 9 (Tu) Dec 11 (Th)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
Architecture in America's National Park System	Kroese	1	\$14	Dec 11 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC

Joseph Jacobs and the Robert Burns Club of Atlanta: A Story from the Archives

Number of Sessions: 1

Dec 8 (Mo)

2:00PM-3:15PM

RC/Z

\$14

Jewish pharmacist Joseph Jacobs is familiar to Georgians as the owner of the drugstore at which Coca-Cola was invented. He is also the founder of the Burns Club of Atlanta. A major collector of Burnsiana (he had a library of 794 volumes of Burns material), Jacobs began the club in 1896 - and it still meets today in a replica of Burns's birthplace in Atlanta (a building Jacobs funded in 1911). This class will provide some of the history of the club and ponder the significance of Robert Burns not only to Jacobs but also to Atlanta and the South in general.

Elizabeth Kraft

Elizabeth Kraft is Professor Emerita of English from the University of Georgia where she taught from 1987 to 2020. Her field of specialization is Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature, with side interests in classic Hollywood films and in the works of Leonard Cohen. This class is focused on a current project examining Robert Burns's significance to the South.

Reduce Waste: Composting with Worms

Number of Sessions: 1

Dec 9 (Tu)

RC

10:00AM-11:00AM

\$14

There's a lot of buzz about composting, and there are lots of good reasons why. However, composting can be space, time and labor intensive to do correctly. A small-scale, and in many ways easier, way to recycle your organic waste is by using worms to break it down. In this class, we will talk about the reasons to consider vermicomposting and we will talk about how to get started at home. We may even get to meet a few worms!

Laura Ney

Laura Ney is the Athens Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent. Before becoming an Extension Agent, Laura completed a bachelor's in Horticulture, worked as an educator and farm manager at the UGA Costa Rica campus, then returned to Athens, where she earned a PhD. She now works with UGA and Clarke County to provide support and education to producers and homeowners concerning sustainable management, food production and landscaping.

Buddhism and Non-self

Number of Sessions: 2

Dec 9 (Tu), Dec 11 (Th)

RC

10:00AM-12:00PM

\$23

Buddhism's core concept, the idea that the Self is an illusion, that your Self is non-existent, is certainly counter-intuitive. To many, if not most, the idea is incomprehensible, even ridiculous. Yet the concept of non-self (anatman) is at the very center of the worldview of hundreds of millions of people. It is also a fascinating notion! Happily, once its origins in Indian religious tradition are explored, the concept is not difficult to grasp. And once grasped, its implications are astonishing. This course will introduce the concept of anatman and conclude with an in-class discussion of its implications for us today.

Tom Keene

Tom Keene is Emeritus Professor of History at Kennesaw State University, where he taught for 42 years, doing mostly undergraduate teaching of World History, the History of Science and South Asian History. He served for 15 years as Director of the KSU International Center, organizing study abroad and faculty exchange programs. He is an avid cyclist. He and Jane Keene moved to Athens in 2015 to be near their grandchildren.

Architecture in America's National Park System

Number of Sessions: 1

Dec 11 (Th)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

\$14

In this class, we tour the park system highlighting some of the extraordinary and unique features in 37 different parks preserving distinct styles in architecture. We also visit a selection among a dozen more parks that preserve venerated landscape architecture.

David Kroese

David Kroese is one of fewer than a hundred people known to have visited all 400+ National Park Service units in December 2017. Over the past decade, David has logged over 1,400 visits and four thousand trail miles exploring NPS sites across the country. David wrote of his experiences in the first published narrative through all the NPS sites, *The Centennial: A Journey through America's National Park System*.

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Classes at UGA Gwinnett

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Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
How Home Modifications Create Safer, More Accessible Homes	Lippy	1	\$14	Sep 3 (We)	12:00PM - 1:00PM	G
Great Decisions 2025	Hahn (Facilitator)	3	\$32	Sep 12 (Fr) Oct 10 (Fr) Nov 14 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:30PM	G
Streaming Media Resources Accessible via UGA	Carter / Johnson	1	\$14	Sep 25 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	G / Z
Jonathan Swift, William Hogarth and the Streets of London	Kraft	1	\$14	Sep 25 (Th)	1:00PM - 2:30PM	G
Leader of the Cherokee Nation: The Remarkable Transformation of Galagina "Buck" Oowatie to Elias Boudinot	Bishop	1	\$14	Oct 30 (Th)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	G
How to Heal and Improve Longevity through Nutritional Health and Natural Remedies	Keeney	1	\$14	Oct 30 (Th)	1:00PM - 2:30PM	G
Caroline Miller and her Pulitzer Prize Winning Novel Lamb in His Bosom	Cauthen	1	\$14	Nov 6 (Th)	12:00PM - 1:00PM	G / Z
Kennesaw Mountain: Beyond the War	Bramlett	1	\$14	Nov 14 (Fr)	12:00PM - 1:15PM	G / Z
Staying Warm and Comfortable During any Cold Weather Activity	Laycock	1	\$14	Nov 20 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	G

Lunch in Lawrenceville – Sept 25

For those registered for the morning or afternoon class (or both) on Thursday September 25, there will be a lunch provided from 11:00AM-1:00PM with time to socialize. We will reach out to those registered with more details closer to the time. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions you have about OLLI.

This event is made possible by the donation of Elizabeth Kraft.

How Home Modifications Create Safer, More Accessible Homes

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 3 (We)

G

12:00PM–1:00PM

\$14

The class gives instruction regarding the definition of home accessibility and how to implement space-saving techniques to make homes safer. From bathrooms to kitchens, modifications create more independence and convenience for those with impaired mobility. Home accessibility is not about luxury; it's a necessity for many seniors and physically challenged individuals. This class demonstrates how to achieve the goal of "personalized" modifications to make a home more "user friendly."

Dennis Lippy

In 2006, Dennis Lippy realized the need to make homes accessible for seniors and others with impaired mobility and created HomeFree Home Modification. With over 30 years of construction experience, Dennis was among the first contractors in Atlanta to receive the Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS) designation. After selling the company in July 2019, Dennis still had a passion for home accessibility and launched a new company, Accessible Living Atlanta, in May 2022.

Great Decisions 2025

Number of Sessions: 3

Sep 12 (Fr), Oct 10 (Fr), Nov 14 (Fr)

G

10:00AM–11:30PM

\$32

Each year the Foreign Policy Association publishes a booklet analyzing eight topics related to foreign policy it believes offer opportunities and/or risks to the United States. This discussion course expects participants to buy the "2025 Great Decisions" booklet (\$35), read the assigned material, and come to class prepared to offer individual insights and opinions. The booklet is available from the Foreign Policy Association via its website (https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/).

Richard Hahn (Facilitator)

Richard Hahn began his career in the early 1980s after graduating from Penn State. He then served three years of active duty in the Marines. After leaving the service, he joined a financial firm, where he remained for over a decade. He transitioned into software services, concluding his professional career in IT services marketing.

Streaming Media Resources Accessible via UGA

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 25 (Th)

10:00AM–11:00AM

G/Z

\$14

Films! Documentaries! Tutorials, oh my! Learn about the collection of streaming video resources accessible via UGA and available open source including Kanopy, LinkedIn Learning, the Peabody Collection, DocuSeek, and more. Find out which streaming resources UGA OLLI members can access!

This class will also be delivered online

Kathleen Carter

Kathleen Carter is the News Archivist for the University of Georgia Libraries' Brown Media Archives. As a member of the UGA Special Collections Libraries Fellows instructional team, she also provides archival instruction and works with faculty to include archives-focused approaches to their teaching. She received her MLIS with a concentration in archives management at Simmons College in 2017.

Dana Johnson

Dana Johnson is a Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian with UGA's Main Library in Athens, GA. Her role serving on the Academic Engagement Team at UGA Libraries is to provide library instruction and research assistance to students, staff, and the public. Johnson has experience working with the federal government as well as multiple academic institutions. She obtained her MSLS from the University of North Texas in 2011 and her MEdT from DeVry University in 2009.

Jonathan Swift, William Hogarth and the Streets of London

Number of Sessions: 1

Sep 25 (Th)

1:00PM–2:30PM

G

\$14

Time travel to the 18th century and experience a day in London through the words of Jonathan Swift ("Description of the Morning" and "Description of a City Shower") and the engravings of William Hogarth ("Four Times of the Day"). No doubt you will be happy to return to 21st-century convenience (not to mention hygiene) but you will also see why Swift and Hogarth's contemporary Samuel Johnson would say: "He who is tired of London is tired of life!" It was (and remains) a vibrant, varied place!

Elizabeth Kraft

Elizabeth Kraft is Professor Emerita of English from the University of Georgia where she taught from 1987 to 2020. Her field of specialization is Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature, with side interests in classic Hollywood films and in the works of Leonard Cohen.

Leader of the Cherokee Nation: The Remarkable Transformation of Galagina “Buck” Oowatie to Elias Boudinot

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 30 (Th)

10:00AM–12:00PM

G

\$14

This class will cover the fascinating story of a less-well-known historical figure. In 1802, Buck Oowatie was born into a prominent European-Cherokee family. Buck’s father believed his children should receive the best education possible, so young Buck was first sent to the Moravian Mission School at Spring Place and then to the Foreign Mission School (known as the “Heathen School”) in Cornwall, Connecticut. On his way to Cornwall, Buck stopped in Virginia where he met Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe. Once at Cornwall, Buck met Elias Boudinot. Boudinot played an important role in the founding of the United States. Buck was so impressed with Boudinot he asked if he could adopt his name.

Linda Bishop

After working at UGA for 20 plus years, native Athenian Linda Bishop and her husband opened a mobile petting zoo. She has many diverse interests, among them archaeology, history, writing, photography, and genealogy. She has published several articles in the Oconee Enterprise on the history of Oconee County and in a now-defunct regional magazine. Linda is currently assisting with research for the Digital Atlas of Historic Oglethorpe County.

How to Heal and Improve Longevity through Nutritional Health and Natural Remedies

Number of Sessions: 1

Oct 30 (Th)

1:00PM–2:30PM

G

\$14

This class will focus on providing nutritional health information to improve metabolic health and heal disease. We will also discuss home remedies for common illnesses. Discussions will be centered around nutrition, and supplemental and herbal medicine that can improve common symptoms of illness and disease. A Q&A session follows the presentation.

Theresa Keeney

Theresa Keeney is a former practicing pharmacist working in the clinical and inpatient setting at a large hospital for over 15 years. Currently, she is not practicing but learning more about nutritional health and how it can prevent and cure illness and disease. Her interests lean more towards naturopathic medicine and herbal remedies.

Caroline Miller and her Pulitzer Prize Winning Novel *Lamb in His Bosom*

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 6 (Th)

12:00PM–1:00PM

G/ Z

\$14

In 1933, the novel *Lamb in His Bosom* captivated the country with a story about pioneer life in South Georgia. This class includes passages from the novel that reflect the dignity, beauty and poetry Miller recognized in the lives of early South Georgia settlers and portions of public addresses that Miller presented at the height of her career. Miller felt a compulsion to leave behind a written record of these obscure but intelligent and resilient people who were remarkable in their nobility. Come hear the inspiring story of what motivated this young inexperienced writer to produce a prize winning novel.

This class will also be also delivered via Zoom

Joye Cauthen

Joye Cauthen is an Associate Professor and Acquisitions Librarian at Georgia Gwinnett College. Professional areas of expertise include collection development, procurement, and evaluation of electronic resources. Additional areas of interest include the oral art of storytelling and its value in education. Joye learned to weave a tale from her aunt, a renowned southern novelist and Pulitzer Prize winner for literature. Joye is a professional speaker and member of the Georgia Storytelling Network.

Kennesaw Mountain: Beyond the War

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 14 (Fr)

12:00PM–1:15PM

G/ Z

\$14

The Battle of Kennesaw Mountain was one of the most important of the Civil War's Atlanta Campaign, but its history outside of the war is often forgotten. This presentation covers Kennesaw Mountain from the Cherokee to the present day. In this presentation, you will learn stories of planned statues, plane crashes, secret bunkers, and more.

This class will also be also delivered via Zoom

Andrew Bramlett

Andrew Bramlett is a local historian in Kennesaw, Georgia. A student at Kennesaw State University, he is interested in Georgia history, the history of books, and the Progressive Era. More information can be found at his website, www.ajbramlett.com.

Staying Warm and Comfortable During any Cold Weather Activity

Number of Sessions: 1

Nov 20 (Th)

G

10:00AM-11:30AM

\$14

This class is a non-technical look at the physiology of how your body reacts to cold weather and what you can do to counter those reactions. Learn the common mistakes most people make that actually make you colder. We will end with what gear or clothing helps or hinders in the quest to stay warm and comfortable while enjoying activities.

Lynn Laycock

Lynn Laycock is retired from the camping and outdoor retail industry in which he worked for 50 years. He started two companies that lead trips and outdoor adventures including caving, climbing, camping, cross country skiing, canoeing and kayaking.



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What's great about retiring in a college town? Everything! Not only does the University of Georgia offer cultural and sports (*Go Dawgs!*) activities, you can take classes through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)—classes designed for mature adults and ranging from Mark Twain to American Folk Art, from Tai Chi to Criminal Justice Reform. Just one more smart reason to choose *Wesley Woods of Athens*.

WELCOME HOME.



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Centrally located--within walking distance of all the necessities--shopping, restaurants and entertainment. Minutes from the UGA campus (*and OLLI classes!*). Right around the corner from St. Mary's Health Care System.

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How to Register

To register for membership and classes:

From your web browser:

- a) Enter www.oli.uga.edu into the address bar.
- b) Select MEMBERS LOGIN in the top right hand corner.
- c) Select the red REGISTRATION LOGIN button.
- d) You will be taken to the Sign-in Page in the registration site.
- e) Sign in to “Existing Account” by entering your Username and Password in the top two boxes.

Note:

- If you are not signed in, you will not be able to add items to your cart.
- If you have forgotten your username and password, you will be able to request a new one using the prompts provided.

If you are not currently a member, create a new account by scrolling to the bottom of the page and filling in the information under Create New Account. As soon as you have created your account, please purchase a membership so that you will be ready to add classes when class registration opens.

Membership:

- If your membership expired on or before June 30, 2025, you will need to add a membership to your cart before you can select any classes.
- If your membership expires on December 31, 2025 or June 30, 2026, you will be able to add items directly to your cart.

Adding classes:

- Registration for the classes starts Thursday, July 24, at 10:00AM
- On the registration site, select how you want to take your classes ('In-Person' or 'Zoom')
- Classes are then listed by week,
- To select a class click the Add to Cart button - this will place your class in your cart.
- To add more classes, preview your cart, then click the Continue Shopping button to return to the registration pages to select another class.
- Classes are open for registration until the day before the class meets.

Checking out:

- Once you have registered for all the classes you wish to take, click on your Cart and follow the prompts to check out.
- You may return to the registration site at any time to enroll in more classes.
- If you are using a public computer, please remember to log out when you have finished the registration process.

Don't like registering online?

- We accept paper registration forms by mail but cannot guarantee the availability of classes if delivery of your form is delayed.
- A copy of the registration form can be found [here](#)

How to use Zoom

About 15–30 minutes before your class is scheduled to begin, you will receive an email from OLLI@UGA with a link to your Zoom meeting and instructions for using Zoom on your desktop, laptop, or mobile device. These instructions are reproduced below. Videos showing how to use Zoom on any device are available on the OLLI@UGA [YouTube Channel](#).

Using Zoom on your desktop or laptop computer:

Click the Zoom link in the email from olli@uga.edu. Your default browser (e.g., Chrome, Firefox, Safari) should open automatically.

If you have never downloaded Zoom before, you will be prompted to do so:

For PC:

- Click the link that reads “[download and run Zoom](#)”.
- After your software downloads, click the Zoom.exe file at the bottom left of your browser.
- Zoom will begin to install.

For Mac:

- Click the link that reads “[download and run Zoom](#)”.
- Your new software will be located in your Downloads folder as a PKG or DMG file. Double-click this file.
- Zoom will begin to install.

Zoom will launch, prompting you to enter your name. Please enter your full first and last names so we can verify your registration, then click “**Join Meeting**.”

If the host and presenter are still preparing for the class when you join, you may be placed in a waiting room for a few minutes. Once you’re admitted to the meeting room, click “**Join with Computer Audio**.”

Your microphone may be muted upon entry, and your camera turned off when you enter the room. To be heard and seen, click the options to “Unmute” and “Start Video” at the bottom left of the Zoom window. You’re now ready to begin!

Tips for enjoying (and helping others enjoy) a Zoom meeting:

Please mute you microphone if you are not speaking. Background noise (doors opening and closing, phones ringing, dogs barking, laundry machines, dishwashers, microwaves, or microphone feedback in general) may not seem distracting to you but it may be for other participants. If a host mutes your microphone, please do not unmute yourself until you’ve eliminated the noise.

Please be sure that your face is no more than 3 feet away from your microphone so that we can hear any questions or comments you may have. You may also click the **Chat icon** at the bottom of the Zoom window (PC / Mac) to open the chat window where you can type your questions or comments for the host to read aloud.

If your camera is on, **please be dressed appropriately**. If you are not appropriately dressed, feel free to leave your camera off. We’ll understand.