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- An Osher membership is a great value, providing up to \$7 in benefits for each \$1 of an Osher membership fee
- Join any time of the year
- Membership is good for 12 months from date you join
- Free Osher member orientation and tour
- A user friendly web site at osher.richmond.edu
- Your friends are welcome at Osher events that are free and open to the public
- Osher members receive a discount at the Modlin Center for Performing Arts, at a value up to \$8 off each ticket
- Year-round program offerings in spring, summer and fall semesters, of Osher Mini Courses, lectures, and credit classes for audit by Osher members*
- Free participation in Osher Interest Groups
- Free parking on UR campus
- Online "Osher Insider" newsletter each semester
- Osher After Five programs and classes conveniently scheduled in the evening and on the weekend – great for the 'not yet retired'
- Unlimited borrowing privileges at the UR Library
- Use of more than 100 online databases at the UR Library
- Membership in Friends of the Boatwright Memorial Library**
- University of Richmond "One Card" used to access full privileges at the UR Library or at area retailers for discounts
- UR email address
- Daily UR "SpiderBytes" notices of free UR programs and events
- Access to UR help centers for preparing presentations, and with computer technology
- Opportunities to serve as an Osher Institute volunteer, to plan and/or lead Osher programs
- Osher members are welcome at University of Richmond venues and programs such as the dining centers and coffee shop, University Libraries and Museums, Bookstore, Technology Learning Center, Speech Center, the Center for Civic Engagement, Modlin Center and more.
- Osher Social Networking, via a WIKI for Osher picture and documents and postings online via Facebook and Twitter

* *silver members pay course/audit fees; no fees for Gold/Gold plus one members*

** *benefit for Gold/Gold plus one members*



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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Mission, Values and History

Our mission is to be a community of mature lifelong learners engaging in stimulating and fun learning activities in an academic setting.

We value

- the shared knowledge and talents of our members
- the support of our members for the Osher Institute
- a spirit of collaboration and respect among Osher members and with the University of Richmond
- the diversity of our members that enhances learning opportunities

Our History

Established in 2004 at the University of Richmond's School of Professional and Continuing Studies, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute operates through the support of its members, the University of Richmond, and through an endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation of San Francisco. There are more than 100 Osher Institutes in colleges and universities throughout the United States. We offer intellectual stimulation and civic engagement in a community of lifelong learners, age 50 and better. Through the Osher Institute you may rediscover your love for learning on the beautiful University of Richmond campus. We offer a wide array of academic and liberal arts courses and programs year round, in the spring, summer and fall semesters. Osher offerings include undergraduate credit courses for audit, special interest groups, mini-courses, free lectures, community service projects, and more. There are no entrance requirements, no tests and no grades. In fact, no college background is needed at all—it's your love of learning that counts. If you're 50 or better with a curious mind and a keen interest in learning, we'd love for you to join us.

Becoming an Osher Member

You can become an Osher member at any time during the year. We invite you to come and try out one of our free Osher events, listed in this schedule, before you join. For as little as \$75, Silver Osher members enjoy a wide array of member benefits and pay low course fees, plus the option to upgrade their membership. Gold and Gold Plus One members enjoy unlimited free classes on campus for an annual fee as low as \$325. Member benefits are outlined "At a Glance" inside the front cover of this schedule. **Complete details and membership forms are online at osher.richmond.edu.** A membership form is also included in this schedule. We invite you to schedule a visit to the Osher Institute office by calling (804) 287-6608.

Osher Member Orientation

Sign up for a free session to learn how to fully access all of your Osher member benefits, such as free parking, a UR email address, full privileges at the UR library and more. [See page 4 for details]

Registration is Required for Osher Classes and Programs

Please go to osher.richmond.edu for details and the registration forms (online and paper are both available). A registration form is also included in this schedule.

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Making a Gift to the Osher Institute

Osher Institute members and friends of the Osher Institute are encouraged to consider tax deductible gifts to the Osher Institute. Your gift is a gift of learning that helps us continue to provide excellent lifelong learning opportunities and to keep Osher Institute fees affordable. For details on making a gift, please contact the Osher Institute office at (804) 287-6344.

Osher Volunteer Leadership Opportunities

Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute are invited to participate as volunteers in many aspects of the Institute: serving as a class assistant, leading an Osher class, serving on Osher project teams, and on the Osher Leadership Council. Details of leadership opportunities, including a list of the current Osher Leadership Council, and members of project teams for Curriculum, Development, Leader Support, Marketing and Membership, are online at osher.richmond.edu.

Scholarships

The UR Osher Institute is pleased to be able to offer need-based scholarships for Osher on-campus mini-courses. To inquire about a scholarship contact the Osher office.

This schedule is a publication of the University of Richmond School of Professional and Continuing Studies. The contents represent the most current information available at the time of publication. However, due to the period of time covered by this catalog, it is reasonable to expect changes to be made without prior notice. Comments and course suggestions are welcome. Please call (804) 287-6344 or e-mail jdowrick@richmond.edu

Common Ground Mission Statement

The University of Richmond is committed to developing a diverse workforce and student body, and to modeling an inclusive campus community which values the expression of differences in ways that promote excellence in teaching, learning, personal development, and institutional success.

Jeanne Clery Disclosure Statement

The University Police Department, in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure Act, publishes an annual report outlining its policies, functions, campus safety plans, prevention techniques, and tabulated statistics for the most recent three-year period. For a copy of the Department's Annual Report, call (804) 289-8715, write the University of Richmond Police Department, att. Jeanne Clery Crime Statistician, Special Programs Building, 31 UR Drive, University of Richmond, VA 23173 or access the report online at police.ricmond.edu.



Getting the Most Out of Your Osher Membership: Sign up for these FREE sessions

Osher Member Orientation Sessions

Learn how to access and fully enjoy the many benefits of being an Osher member and a member of the UR Community. Free to Osher Members, registration is required using the Osher registration online or print form.

Orientation 1:	Monday, February 6	3:30 – 5:00 PM	CRN Gold: 50259, CRN Silver: 50222
Orientation 2:	Tuesday, March 6	3:30 – 5:00 PM	CRN Gold: 50261, CRN Silver: 50224
Orientation 3:	Tuesday, April 3	3:30 – 5:00 PM	CRN Gold: 50265, CRN Silver: 50228

The Bounty of the Boatwright: An Orientation to the Boatwright Library

Access to the vast resources of the Boatwright Memorial Library is a benefit of Osher Institute membership. Students will tour the library building and learn how to navigate the library's web site. Free to Osher Members, registration and activated UR network ID required. (lecture, activity, discussion)

Leader: Lucretia McCulley Wednesday, March 28 3:00 – 4:30 PM CRN Gold: 50262, CRN Silver: 50225

Googling and the Library

Improve your Google searching skills and find out how Google and the Boatwright Library connect with resources through this hands-on library workshop. We will cover how to use library databases interchangeably with Google, and how libraries and Google are collaborating on digital projects. Free to Osher Members, registration and activated UR network ID required. (lecture, activity, discussion)

Leader: Lucretia McCulley Thursday, April 5 3:30 – 5:00 PM CRN Gold: 50263, CRN Silver: 50226


Taking Your Passion for Learning to the Next Level: A Workshop for Developing and Leading Osher Courses.

For those who are thinking about leading an Osher course, or would like to help develop Osher courses, this session covers the ingredients of peer-led Osher Institute courses. Free and open to the public, registration required. (lecture, activity, discussion)

Leaders: Osher Leader Tuesday, April 10 1:00 – 4:00 PM CRN Gold: 50266, CRN Silver: 50229
Support Team Members

Osher Breakfast and Dinner Bunch Socials

Meet fellow Osher members in the Westhampton Room of the Heilman Dining Center, and bring a friend who might be interested in joining the Osher Institute. Meals are all-you-can-eat, cafeteria style. Cost per person is: breakfast \$6.50/senior \$5.50; dinner \$9.50/senior \$8. No registration needed. The Heilman Dining Center is open to the public; go to dining.richmond.edu for menu and schedule details.

Breakfast	Tuesday, March 20	8:30 – 10:00 AM	
Dinner	Tuesday, April 3	5:30 – 7:00 PM	

Osher Special Events

Barksdale Bifocals Players present *Loathe at First Sight* written and directed by Pat Walker

'Things were quiet at Kevin and Marie's until his mother, Bunny, and her father, Tony, came to live with them. Bunny and Tony took one sour look at each other, and it was all downhill from there.' Fortunately, there's more to this funny and tender story - even a happy ending. The Barksdale Bifocals Players are senior actors, directors, and producers who take theatre on the road. They perform both fully-staged productions and staged readings which tour to organizations for seasoned adults in the greater Richmond area. They are a community outreach service of Barksdale Theatre.

Leader: Donna Knically

Date: Tuesday, March 13

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

CRN Gold: 50273, **CRN Silver:** 50236

Fee: \$10 for all Osher member levels, open to non-members; use Osher registration form to register.

Meet the Author: Rosemary Rawlins, *Learning by Accident*

Rawlins will share her memoir about the tumultuous two-year period that changed her life forever. Letting go of fear in all its forms - fear of the unknown, fear of the future, and fear of catastrophe - led her to a place of joy she had only once imagined.

Copies of *Learning by Accident* will be available for sale and signing following the talk. A portion of the first-year profits will benefit Dan Duggins who is recovering from a stroke.

Rawlins has been published in the VCU newsletter, TBI Today, and in the December 2009 anthology, *Cup of Comfort for the Grieving Heart*. She has a degree in Human Resources Management from the University's School of Professional and Continuing Studies, and she is a member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Leader: Rosemary Rawlins

Date: Monday, February 6

Time: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Fee: Free and open to the public, event registration at spcs.richmond.edu/osher/events.html

Book Talk: *American to the Backbone: The Life of James W.C. Pennington, the Fugitive Slave Who Became One of the First Black Abolitionists*

Author Christopher Webber will share the incredible story of a forgotten hero of nineteenth-century America - a former slave who became a Yale scholar, congregational pastor, and international leader of the Antebellum abolitionist movement. Copies of *American to the Backbone* will be available for sale and signing following the talk. Webber is a graduate of Princeton University and the General Theological Seminary in New York and is the author of a number of books ranging from a guidebook for Vestries and the first-ever sequel to *Beowulf* to a study of Christian marriage.

Leader: Christopher Webber

Date: Monday, February 20

Time: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Fee: Free and open to the public, event registration at spcs.richmond.edu/osher/events.html

ChinaFest: China and Emerging Corporate Social Responsibility



William Valentino, an internationally recognized expert on China and Corporate Social Responsibility, will share observations and insights from his more than 23 years of business and working experience in Asia. This program is part of ChinaFest on February 9-12, with complete details online at the ROSEgroup.org.

Leader: ChinaFest Committee

Date: Thursday, February 9

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Fee: Free and open to the public, event registration at spcs.richmond.edu/osher/events.html



Osher Trips

Lavender Fields Farm Tour and Lunch

A Thyme to Plant at Lavender Fields Herb Farm is a family business on a sixth-generation family farm set on 37 picturesque acres bordered by the Chickahominy River in Historic Glen Allen. Our visit will include a tour of the farm and a delicious lunch followed by time to explore the farm store and gift shop.

Leaders: Lavender Fields

Date: Monday, April 30

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50289, **CRN Silver:** 50252

Fee: \$30 for all Osher member levels, open to non-members; use Osher registration form to register

Washington DC: Special Exhibitions and More

We will travel by motorcoach to the Smithsonian Mall where we may choose from the myriad of offerings in multiple museums and galleries. Lunch will be on your own.

Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50288, **CRN Silver:** 50251

Fee: \$75 for all Osher member levels, open to non-members; use Osher registration form to register

Osher Interest Groups

Formed and led by Osher members, our vibrant Osher interest groups are listed below. More details about interest groups are online at <http://sps.richmond.edu/osher/interest-groups/index.html>. UR Osher Institute membership is required for interest group participants. If you would like to explore forming a new interest group please contact the Osher office at (804) 287-6344 or at jdowrick@richmond.edu.

Bridge

The social/party/duplicate bridge-group meets on the first Friday of each month. We play at member's houses. A short bridge lesson is taught at the beginning of each session. Please contact Ellen Hollands at efine98@aol.com or 804-741-0221 if you are interested in joining. These are FUN groups. All levels are welcome!

Great Conversations

We meet monthly to discuss memorable poems, stories and essays. Applying our own experience to what we learn can transform good discussions into great conversations, full of twists and turns and modern, personal meaning. To learn more, send an email to John Bruns, at greatconversations@comcast.net.

Hikers

Come explore the outdoors with us on trails of varying difficulty, both in Richmond and throughout Virginia. The group coordinator is Floyd Myers at floyd.hikes@gmail.com

Literary Dreamers

Osher members are welcome to join this group founded in 2001 by dedicated School of Professional and Continuing Studies students. Readings range from academic non-fiction to literary fiction to popular fiction. The group coordinator is Patty Clark at bookclub.ur@gmail.com.

Tennis

For any level player, from beginner to advanced, a fun round robin of doubles, singles and 'Australian.' Bring your tennis racquet, a can of tennis balls and tennis shoes and meet us at the UR tennis courts on the Richmond College side of campus near the Law School. For more information and to sign up contact Jane Dowrick at jdowrick@richmond.edu or (804) 287-6344.

Investments

Now is a great time to join this investment interest group. Share your knowledge and gain new ideas that may help you in your personal portfolio. Participants assume any and all risks related to their investment decisions. The group coordinator is Peggy Ware at yimbok@comcast.net.

“Osher has that way of getting you to do things that are very important but that we, in our busy lives, might not otherwise do.”



Learning on the Run Talks

Mail Art

What is it? How did it start? Who participates in it? Join us for a brief history of correspondence/mail-art/postalart, with examples of work from the collection of Mim Golub. Participants will learn about the work of Ray Johnson, Fluxus, and Ruud Janssen; experience mail art hands-on, and learn how to participate in projects on your own.

Leader: Mim Golub

Date: Tuesday, April 17

Time: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50268, **CRN Silver:** 50231

Fee: Free to Osher Members, registration required

Consumer Education: Auto 101

Learn the art of how to buy, sell and restore a vehicle.

Leader: Kenneth Meyer

Dates: Fridays, February 3, 10

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50258, **CRN Silver:** 50221

Fee: Free to Osher Members, registration required

Young at Art

This introduction to the visual arts is designed to show you how to get started with various media like drawing, watercolor, painting and illustration. It's never too late to make art!

Leader: Doug Mock

Date: Thursday, April 12

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50267, **CRN Silver:** 50230

Fee: Free to Osher Members, registration required

Behind the Scenes: Community Idea Stations

What does it take to bring us the wonderful programming we enjoy on public television and radio? See one of the largest television studios in the mid-Atlantic, visit the radio studios, and learn about the Stations' extensive educational outreach. Come join us at 23 Sesame Street!

Leader: Trish Poupore

Date: Thursday, February 23 (Meets off campus at Community Idea Stations)

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50260, **CRN Silver:** 50223

Fee: Free to Osher Members, registration required

Focus on UR: The Military Science and Leadership Program - Army ROTC

Come learn how UR prepares highly talented students for careers in the US Army while they pursue the major of their choice through a true focus on academics, university athletics and campus leadership opportunities.

Leaders: UR ROTC Staff and Students

Dates: Wednesday, February 22

Time: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50295, **CRN Silver:** 50299

Fee: Free to Osher Members, registration required

Check it out!
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Breakfast & Dinner
Bunch Socials
See page 4 for details



Osher Mini Courses

Art

Museum Schmoozeum: Why Do Museums Matter?

lecture, discussion

New! Who invented the first museum and why? Do we still need museums today? In this class we will look at the history of museums, current trends in museum practice, and recent ethical dilemmas.

Leader: Elizabeth Schlatter

Dates: Thursdays, February 2, 9

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

CRN Gold: 50271, **CRN Silver:** 50234

Fee: \$40 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Communication Arts

Transforming Memories into Memoirs

writing, discussion

Reprised! Only you can tell your unique story, so join others in exploring a variety of venues and products that stimulate your memory into a memoir, the priceless heirloom for the next generation. This class offers writing time, plus sharing of your stories with others. The first session will include an overview of the class.

Leader: Nancy Owens

Dates: Mondays, January 30; February 13, 27; March 12, 26 (Meets every other week)

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50286, **CRN Silver:** 50249

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Dramatic Arts

Cool Flicks: More Greatest Comedies

viewing, discussion

Updated! Continuing our quest for the funniest movies of all time, we will watch and discuss *Bringing Up Baby*, *My Favorite Year* and *Harold and Maude*.

Leader: Dan Begley

Dates: Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50272, **CRN Silver:** 50235

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Readers' Theater

reading, activity, discussion

Updated! This class is for anyone who loves the theater and wants to develop play-reading skills. No experience is necessary, simply a desire to become involved in participating with fellow class members. Short pieces with no more than four or five characters will allow frequent participation. Learning to be a good audience will also be considered.

Participants will be encouraged to set aside time for a brief rehearsal with fellow performers either before or after class or by phone. The actors will concentrate on facial expression rather than movement. Scripts will be distributed at the end of each class. Break a leg, Thespians!

Leaders: Jane Tombes, Linda Ventura

Dates: Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7

Time: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

CRN Gold: 50270, **CRN Silver:** 50233

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

“Leave your inhibitions behind and join the fun of Readers' Theater.”

Geography

Africa Past and Present: A continent's Cultural Geographic Landscape, Part III

lecture, discussion

New! This course is part of a mapping laboratory lecture series. The leader and students will map out Africa's natural resources, tribal as well as other ethnic populations and migration patterns, past and present. Trade patterns between Africa and other nations will be examined alongside current African economic activities. The continent's colonial past as well as its modern day political climate, including the Islamic upheavals in Tunisia and Egypt, will be analyzed and discussed.

Leader: William Seay

Dates: Fridays, March 23, 30

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50296, **CRN Silver:** 50300

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

History

Henricus: 17th Century History on the James River

lecture, discussion

New! With the help of historical reenactors and educators from Henricus Historical Park, we will learn about the 'firsts' of Henricus that led to the chartering of the first college in North America, the first English hospital and early American history and commerce.

Leaders: Margaret E. Carlini, John D. Pagano

Dates: Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 (Last class meets off campus at Henricus Historical Park)

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50279, **CRN Silver:** 50242

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members.

\$8 Henricus Historical Park entrance fee for all Osher member levels.

Literary Gems: Tales of WWII Intrigue and Mystery

lecture, discussion

New! Europe erupts into war after the failed post-WW I peace and the rise of totalitarianism. America is once again called upon to save Europe from itself. We will read three initial offerings from their WWII mystery series: Alan Furst, *Night Soldiers*, Fred Nath, *The Cyclist*, and James Benn, *Billy Boyle*.

Leader: Sheryl De Leo

Dates: Mondays, January 30; February 13, 27; March 12 (Meets every other week)

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50276, **CRN Silver:** 50239

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Virginia's Rich Architectural Heritage

lecture, discussion

New! Virginia is home to a rich and diverse collection of architecture, as notable as any state in the country. Offered through the Virginia Center for Architecture, this course spotlights our built treasures from the Jamestown Fort to Dulles Airport and the many stunning structures in between.

Leader: Helene Dreiling

Dates: Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 (Meets off campus at the Virginia Center for Architecture)

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50278, **CRN Silver:** 50241

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Crisis Era in American History

lecture, discussion

New! The United States is in the eye of a crisis storm which may not be resolved for another decade. But crisis eras have happened before. We will analyze the societal forces that underlie the great crisis eras in American history, their resolutions and their consequences.

Leader: John Neblett

Dates: Fridays, March 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

CRN Gold: 50281, **CRN Silver:** 50244

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Rome Against Carthage: The Punic Wars

lecture, discussion

New! ‘Delenda est Carthago’ (‘Carthage must be destroyed’). So argued the Roman Senator, Cato the Elder, who demanded that - once and for all - Rome should annihilate its most formidable enemy in the western Mediterranean: Carthage. This course examines the political, military, cultural, and economic reasons behind Rome’s three major conflicts during the 3rd and 2nd centuries BCE against this Phoenician (Punic) power located on the North African coast opposite the Italian peninsula.

Leader: Glenn Markus

Dates: Thursdays, March 29, April 5, 12, 19

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

CRN Gold: 50283, **CRN Silver:** 50246

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Exploring Virginia's Treasures: Special Collections at the Library of Virginia

lecture, discussion

Updated! The Library of Virginia was established in 1823 and traces its history to the first reference works acquired for official use by the Colonial Council at Jamestown in 1607. Spanning 400 years, the collections allow for exploration, interpretation and understanding of our rich heritage. Going behind the scenes, participants can explore the history, special collections, resources and the current ‘Lost and Found’ exhibition. This class meets at the Library of Virginia and free parking is generally available at the LVA deck. Note: The first class will include a walking tour to the Capitol, so proper shoes and attire is recommend.

Leaders: Library of Virginia staff with special guest from The Capital

Dates: Mondays and Wednesdays, April 16, 18, 23, 25 (This class meets off campus at the Library of Virginia)

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50275, **CRN Silver:** 50238

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Slave Trail Walk

walking, discussion

New! We will walk the route followed by African slaves when they arrived in Virginia and learn from trail markers along the way.

Leader: Floyd Myers

Date: Wednesday, April 18 (Meets off campus)

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50285, **CRN Silver:** 50248

Fee: \$40 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

The Civil War: Hollywood's Version

viewing, discussion

New! We will watch all or part of five Hollywood classics which relate to the Civil War and discuss what is fact versus fiction, or believable fiction versus the ridiculous. The five films are *The Birth of a Nation*, *Gone With the Wind*, *The Red Badge of Courage*, *Shenandoah* and *Glory*.

Leader: Bill Seward

Dates: Mondays, March 19, 26; April 2, 9

Time: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

CRN Gold: 50282, **CRN Silver:** 50245

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

America's Wars: Wars of Choice or Necessity?

lecture, discussion

New! We will examine several of America’s wars - Civil War, World War II, Vietnam, Iraq - focusing on the political and economic context of each that led to the decisions to go to war. The aftermath - the political, economic, and social consequences of each, as well as how the war affected those who fought it - will also be explored.

Leader: Phil True

Dates: Thursdays, March 29, April 5, 12, 19

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50284, **CRN Silver:** 50247

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

History of Australia

lecture, discussion

New! From ancient times to the present we will look at how Australia was formed, its geological formation, its settlement by the Aborigines, and British involvement in the settlement of Australia.

Leader: Tayloe Wise

Dates: Tuesdays, January 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50277, **CRN Silver:** 50240

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Architecture of the Early South



reading, lecture, discussion

New! With a focus on the Chesapeake, Low Country and the Mississippi River Basin from prehistory to the Civil War, we will look at Indian architecture and at Colonial, Federal and Antebellum periods. Included will be a fun look at some of the 'deep fried' architecture of the South.

Leaders: Matthew Krogh,

Dates: Thursdays, March 29, April 5, 12, 19

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50303, **CRN Silver:** 50304

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Interdisciplinary

Born To Be Wild: Rediscover the Freedom of Fun

lecture, activity, discussion

Reprised! This class will help you learn how to rediscover the freedom of fun and what's inside you, just waiting to be resurrected. By the end of our time together, you will have completed a custom-designed plan for bringing more celebration and adventure into your days. There's homework but, of course, it's fun!

Leader: Jill Baughan

Dates: Thursdays, February 23; March 1, 8

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50269, **CRN Silver:** 50232

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Topical Discussions

reading, discussion

Updated! This student-driven class selects local, national or international topics that are researched by the Osher students between classes, and then considered in a facilitated class discussion based on positions and opinions gained from research, statistics, and factual background data.

Leader: David Owens

Dates: Wednesdays, February 15; March 14; April 18 (Meets once each month)

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50287, **CRN Silver:** 50250

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Exploring the VCU Libraries

tour, lecture, discussion

New! Through visits to the Tompkins-McCaw and James Branch Cabell libraries we will learn about a fascinating array of special collections and archives, a special exhibition on Jewish songwriters and the new 'learning commons' architecture that inspires study and reflection.

Leaders: VCU Libraries Staff

Dates: Tuesdays, January 10, 17 (This class meets off campus at the VCU Libraries east and west branches.)

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50298, **CRN Silver:** 50302

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Literature

Chaucer's Canterbury Tales

reading, discussion

New! Drawing from these fascinating stories of human nature, students in the class will share among themselves responsibility to read and lead discussions of the tales. Using the Neville Coghill translation of *Canterbury Tales*, read the 'Prologue' and the 'Knight's Tale' before the first class. Other tales will be: 'Miller,' 'Wife of Bath,' 'Nun's Priest' and 'Pardoner.'

Leaders: Sheryl De Leo, Don Warner

Dates: Mondays, March 5, 19; April 2, 16 (Meets every other week)

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50290, **CRN Silver:** 50253

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Interpreting the Gospel Stories

lecture, discussion

Reprised! As readers, we find the meaning of what we read in different ways. This course explores the issues that lie at the center of interpretation, and examines how interpretation is done by a variety of methods (e.g. feminist interpretation, literalism, deconstruction, etc.). We will apply each of these lenses to the Gospel stories, and explore the meaning that each provides.

Leader: Eric Douglass

Dates: Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50291, **CRN Silver:** 50254

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Music

Understanding Opera, Part II

lecture, discussion

Updated! This course will provide a comprehensive survey of the two final productions of Virginia Opera's 2011-12 season: Philip Glass's *Orphée*, and the Gilbert and Sullivan classic, *The Mikado*. Illustrated with video and audio excerpts, this class is recommended for opera beginners and aficionados alike.

Leader: Glenn Winters

Dates: Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 22 (no class on February 15.)

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50292, **CRN Silver:** 50255

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Jeff McKee's School of Rock: The Music, Movies & Moments that Changed the World

lecture, discussion

New! Imagine the 2nd half of the 20th Century if there had been no such thing as Rock and Roll. We will examine the cultural artifacts of this renaissance that altered the course of history and in large part defines who we are today.

Leader: Jeff McKee

Dates: Fridays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50297, **CRN Silver:** 50301

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Political Science

Comparing Liberal Democracies: UK, US, France, Germany, and the EU. Part 1: Foundations

lecture, discussion

New! We will study democratic vs. nondemocratic political systems, political party and institutional arrangements of democratic political systems, and the legal organization and social policies of various democracies. Required reading: *Comparing Liberal Democracies* by Arthur Gunlicks, available at the first class (\$21.95) and as an e-book (\$3.99).

Leader: Art Gunlicks

Dates: Thursdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50280, **CRN Silver:** 50243

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Do the Advantages of the American System of Government outweigh its Disadvantages?

lecture, discussion

New! In recent months Americans have been complaining about the dysfunctionality of the federal government ('Washington'). Most of the complaints have been directed at elected officials ('politicians'), for putting partisan politics or personal interests ahead of the public good. Is the problem, however, due primarily to elected officials OR to the structure of our government? Doesn't its structure make efficient decision-making difficult, if not impossible? This course will be a 'no-holds-barred' critique of the American system of government from the perspective of political philosophy and common sense. Students will be put in the hypothetical position of creating American government from 'scratch' and deciding whether they would create the system of government we now have.

Leader: Ellis West

Dates: Thursdays, March 15, 22, 29

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50293, **CRN Silver:** 50256

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Science

Astrology: The Science of the Ancients

lecture, discussion

Reprised! 'Oh, how the mighty have fallen!' Astrologers, the intelligentsia of the ancient world, are valid today only in the 'occult world,' but their 'science' is available through books and the internet to everyone. We'll trace the procession of astrologers from Chaldean times (1000 BCE) to the 'Age of Aquarius' (1970-80s CE).

Leader: John Neblett

Dates: Fridays, February 24, March 2

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

CRN Gold: 50294, **CRN Silver:** 50257

Fee: \$40 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

Visual Art

Digital Photography: Art and Technology

lecture, activity, discussion

Reprised! Learn the basics of digital picture taking and production, outdoors and in the computer classroom. Prerequisites: Activate your UR network ID and purchase this text: *Digital Photography Visual Quick Tips* by Gregory Georges, available online and at area book merchants.

Leaders: Wayne Dementi, Tim Williams

Dates: Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18 (Class on April 18 ends at 5 pm)

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50274, **CRN Silver:** 50237

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

World Affairs

A Non-Partisan Story of the Arab-Israeli Conflict

lecture, discussion

New! The Middle East is a puzzle to most people and making sense of the day-to-day happenings in that part of the world is not an easy task. The primary objective of this course is to make the Arab-Israeli conflict intelligible.

Leader: Bill May

Dates: Tuesdays, March 20, 27; April 3

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CRN Gold: 50264, **CRN Silver:** 50227

Fee: \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

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Osher Institute Spring Volunteer Course Leaders, Alphabetically with Course/

Lecture Page Number: Many thanks to these 46 individuals and organizations who are generously donating their time this semester!

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Check one: Gold/Gold Plus One Member (may register for different classes) Silver Member Guest/Non-member UR Osher

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<input type="checkbox"/> 50298/50302	Exploring the VCU Libraries	January 10,17, 10:00-noon(T)	\$60	10
<input type="checkbox"/> 50286/50249	Transforming Memories to Memoirs	Jan 30, Feb13,27, Mar12,26,10-noon(M)	\$60	8
<input type="checkbox"/> 50276/50239	Literary Gems: Tales of WWII Intrigue and Mystery	Jan 30, Feb13, 27, Mar 12,1:00-3:00(M)	\$60	9
<input type="checkbox"/> 50277/50240	History of Australia	January 31, Feb 7,14,21,28, 3:00-5:00(T)	\$60	9
<input type="checkbox"/> 50278/50241	Virginia's Rich Architectural Heritage	February 1, 8, 15, 10-noon(W)	\$60	9
<input type="checkbox"/> 50292/50255	Understanding Opera, Part II	February 1, 8, 22, 1:00-3:00(W)	\$60	10
<input type="checkbox"/> 50270/50233	Readers Theater	Feb 1, 8,15,22,29,Mar 7, 3:30-5:30(W)	\$60	8
<input type="checkbox"/> 50271/50234	Museum Schmoozeum: Why Do Museums Matter?	February 2, 9, 10:00-11:30(R)	\$40	8
<input type="checkbox"/> 50272/50235	Cool Flicks: More Greatest Comedies	February 2, 9, 16, 3:00-5:00(R)	\$60	8
<input type="checkbox"/> 50258/50221	Consumer Education: Auto 101	February 3, 10, 10-noon(F)	Free to members	7
<input type="checkbox"/> 50297/50301	Jeff McKee's School of Rock	Feb 3,10,17,24, March 2,9,2:00-4:00(F)	\$60	11
<input type="checkbox"/> 50259/50222	Osher Member Orientation Session	February 6, 3:30-5:00(M)	Free to members	4
<input type="checkbox"/> 50287/50250	Topical Discussions	Feb 15, Mar 14, April 18, 10:00-noon(W)	\$60	10
<input type="checkbox"/> 50295/50299	Focus on UR: The Military Science Program	February 22, 12:30-2:00(W)	Free to members	7
<input type="checkbox"/> 50269/50232	Born to Be Wild: Rediscover the Freedom of Fun	February 23, March 1,8, 10-noon(R)	\$60	10
<input type="checkbox"/> 50260/50223	Behind the Scenes: Community Idea Stations	Feb 23, 1:00-3:00(R)	Free to members	7
<input type="checkbox"/> 50294/50257	Astrology: The Science of the Ancients	February 24, March 2,10:30-12:30(F)	\$40	11
<input type="checkbox"/> 50290/50253	Chaucer's Canterbury Tales	March 5,19, April 2,16,10:00-noon(M)	\$60	10
<input type="checkbox"/> 50261/50224	Osher Member Orientation Session	March 6, 3:30-5:00(T)	Free to members	4
<input type="checkbox"/> 50291/50254	Interpreting the Gospel Stories	Mar 7,14,21, 28, April 4,11,10-noon(W)	\$60	10
<input type="checkbox"/> 50279/50242	Henricus: 17th Century History on the James River	March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2:00-4:00(W)	\$60	8
<input type="checkbox"/> 50280/50243	Comparing Liberal Democracies: UK, US, France,...	March 8, 15, 22, 29, 3:00-5:00(R)	\$60	9
<input type="checkbox"/> 50281/50244	Crisis Era in American History	March 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30-12:30(F)	\$60	9
<input type="checkbox"/> 50273/50236	Barksdale Bifocals Players present Loathe at First Sight	March 13, 3:00-4:30(T)	\$10**	5
<input type="checkbox"/> 50293/50256	Do the Advantages of the American System of Government	March 15, 22, 29,10-noon(R)	\$60	11
<input type="checkbox"/> 50282/50245	The Civil War: Hollywood's Version	March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 3:30-5:30(M)	\$60	9
<input type="checkbox"/> 50264/50227	A Non-Partisan Story of the Arab-Israeli Conflict	March 20, 27, April 3,10-noon(T)	\$60	11
<input type="checkbox"/> 50296/50300	Africa Past and Present	March 23, 30, 1:00-3:00(F)	\$60	8
<input type="checkbox"/> 50262/50225	The Bounty of the Boatwright: An Orientation...	March 28, 3:00-4:30(W)	Free to members	4
<input type="checkbox"/> 50283/50246	Rome Against Carthage: The Punic Wars	March 29, April 5, 12, 19,9:30-11:30(R)	\$60	9
<input type="checkbox"/> 50284/50247	America's Wars: Wars of Choice or Necessity?	March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 1:00-3:00(R)	\$60	9
<input type="checkbox"/> 50303/50304	Architecture of the Early South	March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 6:00-8:00(R)	\$60	10
<input type="checkbox"/> 50265/50228	Osher Member Orientation Sessions	April 3, 3:30-5:00(T)	Free to members	4
<input type="checkbox"/> 50274/50237	Digital Photography: Art and Technology	April 4, 11, 2:00-4:00, April 18, 2:00-5:00(W)	\$60	11
<input type="checkbox"/> 50263/50226	Googling and the Library	April 5,3:30-5:00(R)	Free to members	4
<input type="checkbox"/> 50266/50229	Taking Your Passion for Learning to the Next Level	April 10,1:00-4:00(T)	Free to members	4
<input type="checkbox"/> 50267/50230	Young at Art	April 12, 6:30-8:00(R)	Free to members	7
<input type="checkbox"/> 50275/50238	Exploring VA's Treasures: Special Collections at the LOV	April 16, 18, 23,25,1:00-3:00(MW)	\$60	10
<input type="checkbox"/> 50268/50231	Mail Art	April 17,12:30-2:00(T)	Free to members	7
<input type="checkbox"/> 50285/50248	Slave Trail Walk	April 18, 9:00-12:00(W)	\$40	9
<input type="checkbox"/> 50288/50251	Washington DC: Special Exhibitions and More	April 20, 7:00 AM-7:00 PM(F)	\$75**	5
<input type="checkbox"/> 50289/50252	Lavender Fields Farm Tour and Lunch	April 30, 10:00-1:00(M)	\$30**	5

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<input type="checkbox"/> Meet the Author: Rosemary Rawlins, Learning by Accident	February 6,12:30-2:00(M)	Free	5
<input type="checkbox"/> China Fest: China and Emerging Corporate Social Responsibility	February 9,7:00-8:30(R)	Free	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Book Talk: American to the Backbone	February 20,12:30-2:00(M)	Free	5

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