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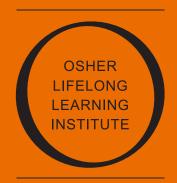


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Fall 2013 Schedule of Classes Membership Benefits at a Glance

For complete details, visit us online at osher.richmond.edu

- 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

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A user friendly web site at osher.richmond.edu

- open to the publicOsher members receive a discount at the Modlin Center for
- Year-round program offerings (in spring, summer and fall semesters) of Osher Mini Courses, lectures, and credit classes for audit by Osher members*

Performing Arts, at a value up to \$8 off each ticket

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- freesher Online "Osher Insider" newsletter each semester at osher.richmond.edu
- Osher After Five programs and classes conveniently scheduled in the evening and on the weekend great for the 'not yet retired'
- feesher Unlimited borrowing privileges at the UR Library
 - e)sher Use of more than 100 online databases at the UR Library
 - Membership in Friends of the Boatwright Memorial Library**
- freesher UR "One Card" used to access full privileges at the UR Library and discounts at some area retailers
- Daily "SpiderBytes" notice of free UR programs and events
- freesher Access to UR help centers for preparing presentations and using 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
- freesher Osher Social Networking, Osher pictures and documents via a WIKI and postings online via Facebook and Twitter
 - * Silver members pay course/audit fees; no fees for Gold members
 - ** benefit for Gold members

UR email address

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 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.

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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 many free Osher events, listed in this schedule, before you join. Osher membership is required for all Osher programs except the free events. For as little as \$75, Silver Osher members enjoy a wide array of member benefits and low course fees, plus the option to upgrade their membership. Gold members enjoy unlimited free classes on campus for an annual fee of \$350. UR faculty, staff and retirees may join UR Osher for \$25 and use tuition remission when eligible; some restrictions apply. 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.

How to Register for Osher Classes and Programs

Registration is required for most Osher programs. Please visit osher.richmond.edu for details and registration forms. A registration form is also included in this schedule. Osher event registration is online at spcs.richmond.edu/osher/events.html

Osher Insider e-Newsletter

Published at the start of each semster, our e-news is published by, for and about our Osher members, online at osher.richmond.edu

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

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute depends on its members to volunteer to help with 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 and learning on the run talks. 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.richmond.edu.



Bonus Programs for Osher Members

Make the most of your Osher member benefits and learn more about UR campus resources. Free to Osher members.

Register online at osher.richmond.edu or use the form in this schedule.

Osher Member Orientation Session

Learn from fellow Osher members how to access and fully enjoy the many benefits of being an Osher member and a member of the UR community.

Leaders: Osher Membership Team **Dates:** Wednesday, September 18 or Tuesday, November 12

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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. Activated UR network ID required; instructions at https://wwws.richmond.edu/webpass.

Leaders: UR Library Staff **Dates:** Monday, October 28 **Time:** 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Hidden Treasures: UR's Galvin Rare Book Room and Special Collections

Curious about what's in the UR Rare Book Room? Come learn about the resources and materials available, including highlights of the collection, such as The Book of Kells.

Leaders: Lynda Kachurek **Dates:** Friday, November 1 **Time:** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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

Are you thinking about leading an Osher course? Facilitated by Osher members who lead Osher courses, this session covers the ingredients of peer-led Osher Institute courses.

Leaders: Osher Leader Support Team **Dates:** Tuesday, November 19 **Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM



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Books and Supplies for Osher Classes

Many Osher classes have required or recommended reading, which will be listed in the class description in this schedule. A few copies of required books will be available in the UR Bookstore, and you are welcome to purchase books there or elsewhere, such as through local or online book sellers.

Osher members are eligible for a student discount on selected computer software at the UR Bookstore; however, there is no discount on books or any other items.

Some reading materials for Osher classes will be posted on a Google WIKI site — address will be provided with class information.

☑ Register online at *osher.richmond.edu* or use the form in this schedule.

Osher Special Events

All are open to the public. Register online*

Singing for the Joy of It





singing

The Osher Community Choir invites you to this singing sampler where you'll have a chance to explore your love of music and consider the opportunity to become a member of the choir, which meets weekly in the fall and spring. Fun is guaranteed, and there is no commitment to join the choir at this session.

Leaders: Becky Hopkins Dates: Tuesday, August 6 **Time:** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: North Court Reception Room

Osher Back to School Mixer



Thinking about joining the Osher Institute? Already an Osher member? Join us for this FREE meet and greet event with food and entertainment, for Osher members and 'not yet' members. We will also be recognizing our wonderful Osher Institute volunteers at this event. Dress is casual. Please register by September 4.

Dates: Thursday, September 12 **Time:** 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: Jepson Alumni Center Pavilion

Battlefield Park Bicycle Tour



We will bike in and around Battlefield Park in Varina at a leisurely pace for exercise and the enjoyment of the beauty and history of the area. Students provide own transportation to the park, bring their own bikes, helmets and water. Please wear weatherappropriate dress. Rain date is Tuesday, October 15.

Leaders: John Votta Dates: Tuesday, October 8 **Time:** 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Location: Richmond Battlefield Park

Social and Smooth Jazz at the **Cellar: Bad Sneakers Jazz** Combo

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Back by popular demand is the Bad Sneakers jazz combo, led by our own UR Provost, Steve Allred, to entertain us at the UR Cellar. Free admission. Great food and adult beverages available for purchase. This is the perfect way to relax and have fun with Osher members and other friends after the NT Live performance at the Modlin Center (details on

Leaders: Osher Membership Team Dates: Thursday, October 17 **Time:** 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: Tyler Haynes Commons, Cellar (first

Campus Walking Tour



Join us for a walking tour of the beautiful University of Richmond campus. Led by Osher members, the tour will showcase what the dynamic UR campus has to offer. Learn a little about the history and architecture of UR, find out about available academic and cultural resources, explore some secluded spots on campus, and listen to a few interesting stories along the way. The tour is free. Meet at the Modlin Center entrance near the sculpture. Parking is available in the visitor section of the Modlin Center lot. Join us for the Osher Breakfast Social and Speaker before the walk: details in this schedule.

Leaders: Marshall Ervine Dates: Friday, November 1 Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Modlin Center Parking Lot

Osher Breakfast Social and 'Born to be Wild' Talk at **Heilman Dining Center**

If you're an Osher member or thinking about joining the Osher Institute, meet us at the Heilman Dining Center in the Westhampton Room for great fellowship, food and a talk by Jill Baughan about how we are all Born to be Wild,' the topic of her book and upcoming Spring 2014 Osher class. Meals are all-you-caneat, cafeteria style. Cost per person for breakfast is \$6.75, 60+ senior is \$5.75. The Heilman Dining Center is open to the public: go to dining.richmond.edu for menu and schedule details. A campus walk follows the breakfast: see details in this schedule.

Dates: Friday, November 1 **Time:** 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Location: Heilman Dining Center,

Westhampton Room

A Dickens of a Christmas Carol: **Performance and Discussion**



We will examine the culture of Charles Dickens' time, followed by a dramatic reading of A Christmas Carol using Dickens own manuscript. Dr. Douglass is a narrative theorist and an adjunct instructor at Randolph-Macon College, where he teaches in the religion department. He frequently performs A Christmas Carol at various venues throughout Richmond.

Leaders: Eric Douglass, Dates: Thursday, December 5 **Time:** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Perkinson Recital Hall, North Court



* Osher Event registration is online at spcs.richmond.edu/osher/events.html. or call (804) 287-6608.

UR Special Events

Spider in the Kitchen

Join in this community exchange of recipes, entertaining and cooking ideas shared among campus foodies.

Dates: September 10, October 9, November 11 **Time:** 11:30 AM — 1:30 PM

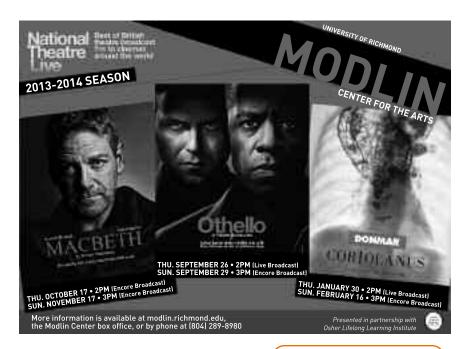
Fee: \$13.25 per person; reservation is required by calling Cindy Stearns at 804-289-8788

One Book, One Campus

Moises Kaufman's The Laramie Project is the UR 'One Book, One Campus' selection for 2013-14. This play is a deeply complex portrait of the Laramie, Wyoming community after the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, a young gay man who was beaten to death. There will be a series of discussions throughout the year, hosted by the UR Chaplaincy, on themes raised in the book, and the series will include a talk by Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew, on October 1 and author Moises Kaufman on February 24, 2014 as part of the Jepson Leadership Forum. Copies of The Laramie Project are available for purchase in the UR Bookstore and available for checkout at the Boatwright Library. Look for more details in upcoming SpiderBytes.

National Theatre Live

The Modlin Center for the Arts, in partnership with the Osher Institute, is proud to present another season of filmed performances by the National Theatre, London. This season's productions include *Othello*, *Macbeth* and *Coriolanus*.



ENRICHmond Community Engagement and Volunteer Fair

ENRICHmond, a community engagement and volunteer fair sponsored by the UR Center for Civic Engagement, will be held on Wednesday, September 4 from 3 pm - 5 pm in the University Forum. In case of rain it will be held in the Alice Haynes Room of the Commons. This festive gathering includes community organizations, campus departments, student organizations and others who wish to share information about their programs including opportunities for community-based learning, service, internships, advocacy, and research. Osher members are welcome to join in this event that focuses on opportunities to build and share skills and knowledge while partnering for social change in metropolitan Richmond.



Look for this symbol to find free classes and programs for Osher members, and some for prospective Osher members.



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.



Osher Speakers Bureau

Need a speaker for your club or book group? The Osher Speakers Bureau will arrange a stimulating talk on a wide variety of topics. For more information contact **jdowrick@richmond.edu** or call **(804) 287-6344**.

Register online at *osher.richmond.edu* or use the form in this schedule.

Osher Interest Groups

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Formed and led by Osher members, our vibrant Osher interest groups are listed below. More details about interest groups are online at **osher.richmond.edu**. 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 jdowrick@richmond.edu.

Bridge

The social/party/duplicate bridge-group meets on the first Friday of each month at 1 p.m. 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!

Civic Engagement

The UR Osher Institute has begun a Civic Engagement Initiative. The initial effort is focused on the Senior Program at the Peter and Paul Development Center. The goal of the group will be to continue the interaction with the senior program and to pursue additional opportunities to address local social issues that engage and enlighten Osher members. To learn more, contact Dave Frimpter (oshercivicengagement@gmail.com). The organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 1 - 3 pm, Keller Hall Reception Room.

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 Don Warner at donald.warner@richmond.edu.

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

Investments

Now is a great time to join the Investments 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 Charlie Huffstetler at clh1146@verizon.net.

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 Linda Ventura at linda.ventura@richmond.edu.

Memoir Writers

Only you can tell your unique story, so join others in exploring a variety of venues and products that stimulate your memory to craft a memoir, the priceless heirloom for the next generation. This group plans to meet five or six times each semester on Monday mornings, offering writing time and sharing of your stories with others. The group coordinator is Nancy Owens, available at dwowenss@verizon.net.

The class was 'made' by the class participants! A great group. Thought provoking

Osher Trips

All are open to the public. **Use Osher registration form.**

Tacky Lights Tours

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Updated! Not to be missed! Our minibus motor coaches will navigate neighborhood nooks and crannies to reach the best tacky lights in Richmond's West End. Enjoy this dazzling display of the holiday season. Register by December 1.

Leaders: Lin Koch

Dates: Tuesday, December 17 Time: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Dates: Thursday, December 19 Time: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Boat Tour: James River History

Enjoy the James River and travel back in time. View some of the plantations and listen to some of their histories while riding downriver aboard the 40-foot pontoon boat, 'Spirit of the James.' Trip departs from Jordan Point Marina in Hopewell, Virginia and continues trip down the James and into Herring Creek passing Berkley, Westover, and Evelynton historic plantations. Feel free to bring your camera to capture the beauty of the James River and its surroundings. Register by March 1.

Leaders: Mike Ostrander

Dates: Friday, June 6, 2014, rain date Friday June 13, 2014

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Americans in Paris: Literature, Art and More

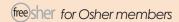
The profound influence of Paris on writers, artists, musicians and others from the US will be the focus of our time in Paris and to points nearby like Giverny. Our base is the Hotel Claude Bernard in the 5th arrondissement: 'one of the oldest districts of the city, dating back to ancient times. Traces of the area's past survive in such sites as the Arenes de Lutece, a Roman amphitheater, and the Thermes de Cluny, an ancient Roman bath' (Wikipedia). Our guides are Bitsy Gilfoyle, American literature instructor, and Jane Dowrick, Osher Institute director. Cost will be approx. \$3,000 plus airfare.

Leaders: Bitsy Gilfoyle, Jane Dowrick

Dates: Friday, March 7 - Sunday March 16, 2014

Time: 6:00 AM – 11:00 PM **Location:** Richmond to Paris

Learning on the Run Talks



What is Smarter Growth?

lecture, discussion

The character of our neighborhoods has a profound effect on our finances, health and general well-being. We will examine how the patterns of development in the second half of the twentieth century have impacted our communities and discuss how alternative approaches for land use and transportation planning may provide economic advantages and higher quality of life.

Leaders: Andrew Moore, Other **Dates:** Thursday, September 19 **Time:** 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM



Devout and Diverse: The Religious Lives of Today's College Students

Our UR Chaplain will share the experience and practice of religious life among students today and how that compares with previous generations.

Leaders: Craig Kocher **Dates:** Thursday, September 26 **Time:** 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Civic Engagement Initiative

The Osher Institute has begun a Civic Engagement initiative. The ultimate goal is to identify, define and develop a sustainable plan of action which addresses signature issues in the Richmond area that engage and provide a significant volunteer experience for Osher members. An update will be provided on the initial efforts at working with the Senior Program at the Peter Paul Development Center.

Leaders: Dave Frimpter **Dates:** Friday, October 25 **Time:** 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Wonderful class.
So informative,
interesting and fun.
Just the BEST!

River of Dust: Book Talk and Signing

Virginia Pye will discuss her novel, *River of Dust*. In 1910 China, an American missionary couple search for their kidnapped son in a dangerous land that begins to haunt them and change not only what they believe, but also who they are. *River of Dust* is an Indie Next Pick. Pye's award-winning short stories have appeared in literary magazines. She holds an MFA from Sarah Lawrence, taught at NYU and UPenn, and helped run James River Writers for years.

Leaders: Virginia Pye **Dates:** Tuesday, Novemebr 12 **Time:** 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

A Dickens of a Christmas Carol: Performance and Discussion

We will examine the culture of Charles Dickens' time, followed by a dramatic reading of *A Christmas Carol* using Dickens' own manuscript.

Leaders: Eric Douglass **Dates:** Wednesday, December 4 **Time:** 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Be sure to check out

Osher Special Events. Free and open to the public. A great way to introduce the Osher Institute to a friend! Register Online, details on page 5.

Osher Mini Courses

for Osher members

Art

Behind the Scenes: University of Richmond Museums

tour, lecture, discussion Updated! In this highly interactive class you will engage with all three of the UR Museums to learn about their history, current exhibits, find out how works of art and exhibitions are selected, and study the art itself. Class will meet in a different museum each week and will involve walking and standing for most of each class session.

Leaders: Denisse DeLeon **Dates:** Thursday, November 7, 14, 21 **Time:** 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Dramatic Arts

Cool Flicks: More Greatest Comedies

viewing, lecture, discussion **Updated!** Continuing our quest for the funniest movies of all time, we will watch and discuss these classics: *Palm Beach Story* (1942), *Sitting Pretty* (1948), and *Trading Places* (1983).

Leaders: Dan Begley **Dates:** Monday, November 4, 11, 18

Time: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM



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 participate with fellow class members. Allowing frequent participation, the class includes short scenes from a variety of sources. Learning about playwrights and authors' lives and motives for writing enhances the reading experience. Scripts are given several days before class and there will be a short rehearsal period at the beginning of each class. This fall we will be reading Neil Simon's Biloxi Blues and Barefoot in the Park, Matchmaker by Thornton Wilder (which later morphed into the musical Hello, Dolly!) and much more. In this class, the emphasis is on having fun while

Leaders: Linda Ventura

Dates: Thursday, October 10, 17, 24, 31,

November 7

vou learn!

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Behind the Scenes at the Richmond Ballet

performance, lecture, discussion Updated! Join Ballet Master and Artistic Associate Malcolm Burn at the beautiful Richmond Ballet studios as he rehearses the professional company for a ballet performance. Richmond Ballet is committed to keeping meaningful works of dance alive as well as commissioning and fostering new works. Watch what goes into fulfilling this commitment and the Ballet's mission to awaken and uplift the human spirit through dance. This program meets at Richmond Ballet in downtown Richmond.

Leaders: Malcolm Burn **Dates:** Friday, October 18 **Time:** 10:45 AM - 1:00 PM

Geography

The Commonwealth of Nations

lecture, discussion

New! The economic, political, and historical geographies of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, the Caribbean and various regions of Southeast Asia such as Burma, Malaysia, and Singapore will be explored as well as the evolution of the British Empire into the Commonwealth of Nations and its role in present-day world affairs.

Leaders: William Seay **Dates:** Friday, October 4, 11 **Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

History

Deciphering the Past at the Library of Virginia

lecture, service activity, discussion Updated! Created in 1823, the Library of Virginia's collection includes books and official records dating back to the early colonial period. Many of these treasures are in hand-written form, different from anything we see today, and in need of transcription for use in exhibitions, classrooms and academic study. After some brief instruction, Osher student teams will work with Library of Virginia professionals to create transcriptions of these fascinating artifacts of Virginia history.

Leaders: Brent Tarter

Dates: Thursday, November 14, 21 **Time:** 1:00 PM — 4:00 PM

Nothing

lecture, discussion

New! 'Nothing' or 'non-being' is the 'something' of this course. We study the origins of 'zero' in western counting systems, describe 'nothing' among the ancient Greeks, and look closely at 'nothing' in the Medieval world. We then study the ideas of a physical vacuum and the notion of completely empty space, from the time of Newton through to the 20th century. Finally, we explore the notions of Einstein and of others, concluding with the most recent cosmological explanation as to whether 'anything' can ever come from 'nothing.'

Leaders: Glenn Markus

Dates: Tuesday & Thursday, September 17, 19,

24, 26, October 1, 3 **Time:** 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Germany and WWII: Memories and History

lecture, discussion

Reprised! The leader will share his memories of life in Germany before, during, and after WWII, covering various topics: the family estate in Petersdorf (Silesia) Germany; a historical and geographic overview of Silesia and Eastern Europe; 11 months during 1945, right after the war; living in Germany until coming to the USA in 1965.

Leaders: Erich von Ruffer **Dates:** Wednesday, October 23, 30, November 13, 20 (no class on November 6) **Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Genealogy for Beginners at the Library of Virginia

lecture, activity, discussion
Reprised! Let's get started on finding your family history! We will begin with an introduction to the basics, followed by setting goals, keeping organized, and identifying resources. Focus will be placed on using the Library of Virginia's rich collection (on-site and online) of Virginia heritage and much more. This class meets at the Library of Virginia; free

parking is available in the LVA deck.

Leaders: Donna Shumate **Dates:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday, October 7, 9, 11 **Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Chief Justice John Marshall, Champion of Justice

lecture, activity, discussion New! From his boyhood days on the Virginia frontier to his thirty-four years as Chief Justice of the United States, John Marshall was a person of intelligence, integrity, and vision. He was one of America's Founding Fathers, and his leadership of the Supreme Court helped make the judiciary the powerful branch of government it is today. In this presentation, you'll get to know the man behind the historical figure. You'll meet John Marshall the boy, soldier, husband, father, lawyer, congressman, community member, and Chief Justice. You'll learn why John Marshall was beloved by those who knew him, and how he became a true Champion of Justice.

Leaders: Barbara Schneider, Lynn Brackenridge

Dates: Tuesday, October 15 **Time:** 10:00 AM — 12:00 PM

The Art and Science of War

lecture, discussion

New! Warfare is not a subject that can be separated from a civilization's culture, religion and politics. Armies reflect the same beliefs, values, and myths as their nations. These fundamental imperatives determine why and how an army fights. We will look at the great eras of warfare, using critical battles to illustrate the strategies and tactics of the times.

Leaders: John Neblett

Dates: Thursday, October 10, 17, 24, 31 **Time:** 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Interdisciplinary

Topical Discussions

lecture, discussion

Updated! This student-driven discussion class selects local, national, or international topics that are researched by the class leader to provide a factual framework for monthly discussions. Class participants utilize the knowledge gained from newspapers, magazines, and other media to explore the meaning of an issue on our personal lives, the effect on our children and grandchildren, and the impact on our country. Examples of topics include federal spending, green energy, voting trends, the role of seniors, the future of healthcare, and more.

Leaders: David Owens

Dates: Wednesday, September 25, October 16,

November 13, December 18 **Time:** 2:30 PM — 4:30 PM

Let Your Life Speak: The Life and Work of Parker J. Palmer

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seminar discussion, assigned reading New! Palmer was named in 2011 as one of twenty-five visionaries who are changing the world. We'll focus on Palmer's visions for finding one's true calling, the meaning of community, an undivided life, education as spiritual growth, social change, politics and democracy. Required reading before the first class is the article If Only We Would Listen (which will be emailed to registrants). Required reading for the second and third classes are Palmer's Healing the Heart of Democracy (available as a free online book on the UR

Library web at library.richmond.edu). Let Your Life Speak by Palmer is recommended reading. Additional readings will be provided via email.

Leaders: Judith Bentley

Dates: Wednesday, September 18, 25, October 2, 9

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Miracle Stories in the Jesus Tradition

New! We will examine the miracle stories of the *New Testament*, placing them in their cultural context and examining them for meaning.

Leaders: Eric Douglass

Dates: Wednesday, September 25, October 2, 9, 16

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

End-of-life Decisions and Ending Life Choices

lecture, discussion
New! We will survey options for
written instructions regarding endof-life medical care in the context of
dramatic changes in lifespan in the
Western world. We will then engage
the current conversation about ending one's life in face of irreversible
sickness or intractable pain.

Leaders: Henry Simmons

Dates: Thursday, September 19, 26, October 3

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Literature

Huck, Gatsby and Holden: Three American Innocents

reading, lecture, discussion
New! Students will read, or re-read,
Huckleberry Finn, The Great Gatsby
and The Catcher in the Rye, from a
new perspective: How does the hero
in each story rebel or conform - or
both at once - to elements of our national mythology? Please read or at
least brush up on Huck Finn before
the first class.

Leaders: Bruce Birdsev

Dates: Friday, October 25, November 8, 22

meets every other week **Time:** 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Keeping up with Contemporary Fiction

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reading, lecture, discussion New! Literary greatness does not belong solely to 'The Classics.' Who are today's best storytellers? We'll explore some of the best novels of the last few years. Before the first class, please read one or more of these books: The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz, The Art of Fielding by Chad Harbach, Swamplandia by Karen Russell, or The Fault in our Stars by John Green. Reading assignments for the other sessions will be discussed during the first class. Class members will discuss the books in small groups and make recommendations to the class.

Leaders: Jan Tarasovic

Dates: Thursdays, September 26, October 10, 24

meets every other week **Time:** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

The Unsinkable City: New Orleans

reading, lecture, discussion Updated! We will explore this magical city with a colorful past and troubled present by reading three mystery novels set in pre-Katrina New Orleans. Some post-Katrina reading suggestions will also be offered. We will meet for a fourth class at a to-be-determined venue. For the first class, we'll read Barbara Hambly's A Free Man of Color, for the second class, James Lee Burke's The Neon Rain, and for the third class, Julie Smith's New Orleans Mourning. Class meets every other week.

Leaders: Sheryl De Leo

Dates: Monday, October 21, November 4, 18, December 2 (meets every other week)

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



Military Science

Peace Operations and Foreign Internal Defense - The Future of the Department of Defense Post Iraq and Afghanistan

lecture, discussion

New! There is some conjecture that the missions of Peace Operations and Foreign Internal Defense will be the focus of future U.S. interventions in the international community. This class will investigate the limitations and principles of these operations through case studies of past operations.

Leaders: Bill Davis

Dates: Monday, September 16, 23, 30

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Music

History of Music, Part I: Medieval to Renaissance

lecture, discussion

Reprised! Why does Gregorian chant have that ethereal, yet empty sound? What was the musical world like in the days when there was no orchestra, no opera, no clarinets, and no violins? This class will be a multimedia exploration of early Western music. No previous musical experience is required.

Leaders: Sheryl Smith **Dates:** Tuesday, October 8, 15 **Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

History of Music, Part II: Baroque and Classical Eras

lecture, discussion

New! We will discuss the music of some of the most famous composers. What makes Bach sound so different from Mozart? How can one learn to hear the difference? How did the invention of the piano and opera change classical music? No previous musical experience is necessary, and Part I is not a pre-requisite for Part II.

Leaders: Sheryl Smith **Dates:** Tuesday, October 22, 29 **Time:** 3:00 PM — 5:00 PM

Osher Community Choir: Singing for the Joy of It

Sher singing

Reprised! Do you love to sing? Are you an experienced singer seeking an opportunity to grow your vocal skills? Or are you a beginner, wanting a safe and fun environment to explore your vocal abilities? The Osher Community Choir is for people of all ages and with all levels of musical ability who love to sing and have a passion for lifelong learning. There are no auditions, and we'll host a brief social after the first rehearsal.

Leaders: Becky Hopkins

Dates: Tuesday, September 17, 24, October 1, 8,

15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19 **Time:** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Understanding Opera, Part I, 'Falstaff' and 'Magic Flute'

lecture, discussion

New! This course will survey the first two productions of Virginia Opera's 2013-2014 season, including Verdi's sparkling Shakespearean comedy Falstaff and Mozart's immortal fantasy The Magic Flute. Enjoy complete musical and dramatic analyses, illustrated with audio and video excerpts. Discover the world's greatest art form or simply deepen your appreciation of it, guided by an operatic composer, singer, and author.

Leaders: Glenn Winters

Dates: Tuesday, September 17, 24, October 1

Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Philosophy

This I Believe: Drafting a Personal Philosophy

lecture, reading, activity, discussion **Updated!** Inspired by the 1950s radio program that reached 39 million listeners, This I Believe, Inc. is again inviting Americans of all ages and all perspectives to examine their belief systems and then write a 350 – 500 word personal essay about the beliefs that guide their daily lives. Join in for this fun and inspiring project!

Leaders: Jane Dowrick

Dates: Wednesday, October 23, 30, November 6

Time: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Political Science

Comparing Liberal Democracies: Social Policy

lecture, discussion

New! This course will deal with similarities and differences in social policies, including old age insurance, family support programs, and health insurance in major Western democracies. It is based on Chapter 10 of the leader's book, Comparing Liberal Democracies: US, UK, France, Germany, and the EU. The book is required reading, and it is available in paperback at the first class meeting for \$21.95 or as an e-Book from the publisher, iUniverse.

Leaders: Art Gunlicks

Dates: Monday & Tuesday, November 25, 26,

December 2, 3

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Human Equality: Its Moral and Constitutional Meaning

lecture, discussion

New! What does the principle of equality require of us in terms of how we treat others? Humans are obviously not equal, i.e., the same. To what extent, if any, can our differences justify our being treated differently? These questions will be examined from the perspective, first, of selected political philosophers, starting with Plato, and then of American constitutional law.

Leaders: Ellis West

Dates: Monday, September 16, 23, 30 **Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Psychology

Think Like a Shrink, Part II

lecture, discussion

New! Learn about paranoia, OCD, and adolescent violence through literature. Required reading before the first class is Notes from the Underground by Dostoevsky. Required reading before second class is We Need to Talk About Kevin by Lionel Shriver, as well as highly recommended reading of Sticks and Stones by Emily Bazelon. Part I is not a prerequisite.

Leaders: Arlene Lerner

Dates: Wednesday, October 9, 23, November 6

every other week **Time:** 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Science

A Zooman's Expeditions

lecture, discussion

Updated! The former Curator of Mammals at the San Diego Zoo will share highlights of his animal expeditions to Sri Lanka, Canada, China, the Bering Sea and more.

Leaders: Mark Rich

Dates: Monday, November 4, 11, 18 **Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM





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□50131/50132	\$60	Human Equality: Its Moral and Constitutional Meaning	Sept 16,23,30,10-noon(M)
50089/50090	\$60	Peace Operations and Foreign Internal Defense	Sept 16,23,30, 3-5:00pm(M)
□ 50091/50092	\$60	Nothing	Sept 17,19,24,26,0ct 1,3, 9:30-11:30(TR)
□50125/50126	\$60	Understanding Opera, Part I, Falstaff and Magic Flute	Sept 17,24, Oct 1,1-3:00(T)
□50123/50124	\$80	Osher Community Choir	Sept17,24,Oct 1,8,15,22,29,Nov5,12,19, 6-7:00(T)
□50061/50062	Members Free	Orientation I	Sept 18, 10-noon(W)
□50105/50106	\$60	Let Your Life Speak:The Life and Work of Parker J. Palmer	Sept 18,25,Oct 2, 6-8:00pm(W)
□50063/50064	Members Free	What is Smarter Growth?	Sept 19, 12:30-2:00(R)
□50107/50108	\$40	End-of-Life Decisions and Ending Life Choices	Sept 19,26,Oct 3, 3-4:30(R)
□50111/50112	\$60	Miracle Stories in the Jesus Tradition	Sept 25, Oct 2,9,16,10-noon(W)
□50109/50110	\$60	Topical Discussions	Sept 25,Oct16,Nov13, Dec18,2:30-4:30pm(W)
□50065/50066	Members Free	Devout and Diverse	Sept 26, 12-1:30pm(R)
□50117/50118	\$40	Keeping up with Contemporary Fiction	Sept 26,Oct 10,24, 6-7:30pm (R)
□50093/50094	\$40	The Commonwealth of Nations	Oct 4,11, 10-noon(F)
□50095/50096	\$60	Genealogy for Beginners at the Library of Virginia	Oct 7,9,11,1-3:00pm(MWF)
□50127/50128	\$40	History of Music, Part I: Medieval to Renaissance	Oct 8, 15,3-5:00pm(T)
□50113/50114	\$40	Think Like a Shrink, Part II	Oct 9,23, Nov 6, 1:30-3:00pm(W)
□50097/50098	\$60	The Art and Science of War	Oct 10, 17,24,31, 10:30-12:30(R)
□50081/50082	\$60	Readers' Theater	Oct 10, 17,24,31, Nov 7,3-5:00pm(R)
□50099/50100	\$20	Chief Justice John Marshall, Champion of Justice	Oct 15, 10-noon (T)
□50087/50088	\$20	Behind the Scenes at the Richmond Ballet	Oct 18, 10:45am-1:00pm(F)
□50119/50120	\$60	The Unsinkable City: New Orleans	Oct 21, Nov 4,18, Dec 2,1-3:00pm(M)
□50129/50130	\$40	History of Music, Part II: Baroque and Classical Eras	Oct 22, 29,3-5:00pm(T)
□50101/50102	\$60	Germany and WWII: Memories and History	Oct 23,30,Nov 13,20,10-noon(W)
□50115/50116	\$60	This I Believe	Oct 23,30,Nov6, 3:30-5:30pm(W)
□50121/50122	\$40	Huck, Gatsby and Holden:Three American Innocents	Oct 25,Nov 8,22, 10:00-11:30am(F)
□50079/50080	Members Free	Civic Engagement Initiative	Oct 25,12:30-2:00pm(F)
□50067/50068	Members Free	Bounty of the Boatwright	Oct 28, 2-3:30pm(M)
□50071/50072	Members Free	Hidden Treasures: Rare Book Room	Nov 1,1:00-3:00pm(F)
□50135/50136	\$60	A Zooman's Expeditions	Nov 4,11,18, 10-noon(M)
□50083/50084	\$60	Cool Flicks	Nov 4, 11, 18, 3:30-5:30pm(M)
□50085/50086	\$40	Behind the Scenes, University of Richmond Museums	Nov 7, 14, 21,10-11:30am(R)
□50069/50070	Members Free	River of Dust	Nov 12, 12:30-2:00pm(T)
□50073/50074	Members Free	Orientation 2	Nov 12, 3-5:00pm(T)
□50103/50104	\$60	Deciphering the Past at the Library of VA	Nov 14, 21, 1-4:00pm(R)
□50075/50076	Members Free	Taking Your Passion for Learning Workshop	Nov 19, 2-5:00pm(T)
□50133/50134	\$60	Comparing Liberal Democracies	Nov 25, 26,Dec 2, 3,10-noon(MT)
□50077/50078	Members Free	A Dickens of a Christmas Carol	Dec 4, 10-11:30am(W)
□50137	\$30 all members	Tacky Lights Tour I	Dec 17, 5:30-8:00pm(T)
□50139	\$30 all members	Tacky Lights Tour II	Dec 19, 5:30-8:00pm(R)
□TBD		Paris Trip: Americans in Paris	March 7-16, 2014, 6:00am-11:00pm(R-U)
□50141/50142	\$42 all members	Boat Tour: James River History	Jun 6, 2014, 9:30-11:30am(F)
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