Why Do You Teach for Osher?

"To learn. To connect. To share things that excite me."

"Because teaching is essentially a new experience for me."

"To give knowledge from history to help solve problems we confront in our lives."

"Because it's fun!"

"It brings me joy."

"Because I love sharing my passion."

"It's a mix of fun, humility, and great intellectual stimulation."

"Because of the receptive and highly-educated audience."

"To see faces light up with information that is appealing, interesting, or perhaps controversial."

"Because learning and teaching at Osher have made me a better person."

"I learn a lot from the preparation and delivery, and also from interaction with the attendees."

Osher Instructors: Weaving a Wonderful Web of Learning

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Celebrating Those Who Teach

All of us, members and staff alike, look for a full array of courses each semester, but do we really appreciate how this happens? It’s great to have members eager to attend our Osher classes, and it’s wonderful to have great support and guidance from the University of Richmond and its School of Professional and Continuing Studies, but there’s still a critically important, required component to every single class: the instructor!

Our course leaders, whether they are Osher members, UR faculty/staff, community experts, civic leaders, or guest lecturers from Richmond or beyond, are the very essence of our Osher Institute. With few exceptions, our instructors are volunteers – they teach willingly with no compensation. Why? For many reasons (see the cover), and they are eager to share!

You may be surprised to hear that our instructors spend way more time than anticipated when preparing for their classes, whether it’s a one-session or an eight-session course. We often hear of the tens, no hundreds of hours they invest in developing their courses: outlining, researching, writing, gathering graphics and photos, creating slides, and practicing. This preparation often begins months, sometimes years before they actually offer their Osher class. It’s a good thing they love doing this for us!

Since we began in 2004, we have instructors who have taught many times and often for consecutive semesters and years. We have at least one instructor who has taught every summer for 11 years, and we’ve had others who have taught every semester for more than seven years! Still others regularly teach multiple classes in a single semester.

We’ve had instructors who have made the trek regularly from Williamsburg, Northern Virginia, and Tidewater to teach. With our recent online classes, Osher instructors zoom in from all across Virginia, and as far away as Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, California, Maryland, and Michigan.

The areas of expertise and topics covered by our instructors are broad and deep. Every conceivable history topic, each war, a critical battle, whether ancient or current has likely been course subject matter. That goes for political science as well. Art from all ages and of every genre has come alive in Osher classes. Literature topics have been wonderfully wide-ranging. Music – taught, performed, and discussed – has been enjoyed by all. Science topics, from the tiniest molecule to worldwide pandemics, have engaged our members. Sports, theatre, journalism, religion, current events, local issues, well you get the picture – our instructors have touched on most of them!

Our instructors are the heart and soul of our Osher Institute, and we are grateful for each of them! We hope you will join your Osher Leadership Council and Osher staff in expressing your thanks and appreciation to our instructors – in person, in evaluations, in zoom chat, and any other way you can.

With gratitude to those who share their passion and teach for Osher,

Peggy, Nell, Amy, and Catherine

p.s. We welcomed Catherine Taylor to the Osher staff in early June. We are excited she has joined us, and we know you’ll enjoy meeting and getting to know her!
Where do I start?

Online Registration

- Log in to the online registration portal. Visit osher.richmond.edu/schedule, then click on the red “Online Registration Portal” button located on the right-hand side of the screen, to access. Once logged in, your name will appear at the top of the page.
- Confirm your membership is active. Select My Profile once logged in.
  - Not yet a member? Need to renew? Select MEMBERSHIPS & RENEWALS.
- Preview classes starting August 16. Register starting August 24.
- Register for up to 10 classes in any one transaction. Check out and pay as needed. You may process as many transactions of up to 10 classes as you wish.
- If a class is full, it is important to add the class to your cart to place your name on the waitlist. Staff actively manage waitlists all semester.

For Remote Classes

- You’ll receive a Zoom link via email the day before class.
  - Please don’t share this access link with others. It’s exclusive to Osher members.
  - If a class is recorded, you’ll be notified.
- Log in 5-10 minutes early using a device with a camera, microphone, and speaker.
  - Install Zoom on your device well before your session. Visit zoom.us/download.
  - For optimal experience, use a large tablet or computer.
  - Use your first and last name as your screen name for attendance verification.
- Follow class host and instructor preferences for participation.

For In-person Classes

- In-person classes have limited seats available and may fill up this fall.
  - If a class you wish to take is full, be sure to add that class to your cart and check out to place your name on the waitlist.
  - Osher staffers manage the waitlists all semester. There’s always a good chance that you’ll get into the class if others withdraw or a sufficiently large classroom can be reserved.
- You’ll receive an email prior to class that will identify the classroom location. Allow time for parking and walking to class.

ID & Password Reminders

- Your UR ID is used to confirm your affiliation with the University.
  - Contact Osher staff to obtain your UR ID number.
  - Use when requesting technical assistance at the Help Desk.
  - Use to acquire UR photo identification and to create other IDs.
- Your Net ID is used to access University-hosted resources.
  - Go to webpass.richmond.edu. Requires UR ID and birthdate to create.
  - Requires 16-character password, changed annually.
- Your Osher membership ID is used to register for Osher classes online. Go to osher.richmond.edu/schedule, then Online Registration Portal, to access.
  - May require UR ID for one-time setup.
  - Create password and username of your choice.
  - Note: This is not connected to your Net ID.
  - Provides access to UR email, wifi, VPN and library databases.
Remembering 9-11
On the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001, the terrorist group Al-Qaeda coordinated a series of four terrorist attacks against the United States. Twenty years have passed, but we all recall where we were when we heard the news. Let’s continue to remember those we lost and treasure those we hold dear.

Introduction to Mindfulness and Meditation
NEW This four-week series is designed to introduce mindfulness practices that you can use in your daily life to help decrease the stress and increase the joy. This beginner-friendly course will include a step-by-step approach where you will learn the science behind mindfulness, how to tame your own thoughts, and how to cultivate compassion, intention, and joy.
M • Sep 13, 20, 27, Oct 4 • 11:30-12:45pm • $60/silver
Leader: Jocelyn Vorenberg

We Love Reading
NEW Come learn about the We Love Reading program that increases reading levels among children 2-10 by focusing on the read-aloud experience to instill the love of reading in children, allowing them to become lifelong learners.
M • Sep 13 • 1:30-2:30pm • Free to Members
Leader: Rana Dajani

The Federal Debt: A Looming Disaster?
REVISED AND UPDATED The debt has reached levels not seen since WWII, and it continues to grow. The class will cover how we got into this situation.
M • Sep 13 • 3-4:30pm • $20/silver
Leader: David Frimpter

The Dark Vineyard: A Mystery in the French Countryside
NEW The second ‘Bruno, Chief of Police’ book by Martin Walker, ‘The Dark Vineyard’ finds Bruno tackling mysteries surrounding environmental crime and murder. Students should read the book before class to form a common basis of discussion.
M • Sep 20 • 1:30-3:30pm • $20/silver
Leader: Nancy Nock

American Indian Art
NEW This new program looks at the art of American Indians from both cultural and historic perspectives. We will explore histories and cultures of American Indians as captured by both Native and non-Native artists.
T • Sep 21 • 10-11:30am • $20/silver
Leaders: Alice Waagen, Ralph Kidder

L.A. Noir
NEW The dark side of Los Angeles has long fascinated filmmakers and fiction writers. Our initial guide will be novelist and screenwriter Raymond Chandler and his iconic detective Philip Marlowe, in The Big Sleep. We will then view four additional films: Double Indemnity, Chinatown, True Confessions, and L.A. Confidential. NOTE: For a deeper dive into Chinatown and the movie’s director, Roman Polanski, check out Tom Cox’s course beginning on November 1.
T • Sep 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 • 1-4pm • $60/silver
Leader: Peter Begans

Navigating Elderhood Course 1: Focused on Living
NEW Many older adults are uncertain about where they want to live as they age. Part 1 of this class focuses on staying in your home and the logistics and considerations necessary to make that happen. Part 2, beginning on Dec. 2, focuses on the many senior living options available today, including 55+ communities, CCRCs, assisted living, care homes, memory care, and more. This class will provide a full understanding of the pros and cons of each option.
W • Sep 22, 29 • 10-11:30am • $40/silver
Leader: Lisa Isbell

Privacy Protection Strategies
NEW Each year, it is estimated that 15 million Americans fall victim to identity theft. This course discusses the importance of protecting an individual’s privacy and safeguarding personal and financial information often associated with retirement.
W • Sep 22 • 12:30-2pm • $20/silver
Leaders: James Schreiber, Shelley White

iPad Basics
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND Are you getting the most out of your new iPad? Learn shortcuts, tricks, and tips on how to make your iPad your own. This course provides an overview of basics for setting up your device, using apps and more.
W • Sep 22, 29 • 3-5pm • $40/silver
Leader: Betsy Spath

The Unsung Heroes: Grape Varieties of Virginia Wine
NEW Let’s talk about the grapes and wine styles and experiences that are making Virginia an up and coming wine region. Learn about the grapes and wine styles as well as other aspects of the Virginia wine region that set it apart.
R • Sep 23, 30 • 10-11:30am • $40/silver
Leader: Annette Boyd
My Care, My Choice: Tools to Help You Have a Say in Your Care Even if You Can’t Speak for Yourself

NEW  Z  What if a sudden illness or injury made you unable to speak for yourself? Come learn how to make sure that you have a say in your own care no matter what happens.

R • Sep 23, 30 • 12:30-2:30pm • $40/silver
Leader: Laura Pilati

Osher Member Orientation

Bo  Learn how to access and fully enjoy the many benefits of being an Osher member and member of the UR community.

R • Sep 23 • 3:30-5pm • Free to Members
Leader: Osher Member Connections Team

Irish Mythology and Folklore

NEW  Z  Join us for an introduction to Irish mythology and folklore. Beginning with an examination of ancient manuscripts, we’ll examine the four major mythic cycles and related place lore, chronicle the evolution of folklore on the island, chart the history of folklore collection and dissemination, and appraise the development of the oral storytelling tradition.

F • Sep 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov 5, 12 • 9:30-11am • $60/silver
Leader: John Countryman

Belle Isle History Hike

Aw  FIELD TRIP, NEW Learn the unique story of Richmond’s historical gem, Belle Isle, and the role it has played in our developing city over time. This class will include a two-mile hike over flat terrain with loose gravel.

F • Sep 24 • 1-3pm • $20/silver
Leaders: Tyler Twyford, Penelope Davenport

Basic Principles of Government: Their Meaning and Application

NEW  Z  Delve into a critical exploration of the political and legal meanings of the following terms: rights, freedom, equality, rule of law, and due process of law. The course will also examine how and the extent to which these principles can be attained and upheld.

M • Sep 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 • 2-3pm • $60/silver
Leader: Ellis West

Bounty of Boatwright

Ri  Bo  Z  At this session, you’ll learn how to find books, articles, and other resources that are of interest to you. This session provides an overview for beginners or those new to Osher and includes a virtual tour of the library.

M • Sep 27 • 3:30-5pm • Free to Members
Leader: Carol Wittig

Come . . . and BeMoved®!

Aw  BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND Learn about the long-term health benefits of just moving!

Different musical and dance style such as Bollywood, jazz, Latin and disco are used to inspire participants to embrace dance as a lifelong means to health, joy and fulfillment. Note: October 18 will be a Zoom meeting.

M • Sep 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8, 15, Dec 6, 13 • 5:30-6:30pm • $90/silver/gold/UR
Leader: Myra Daleng

Nicodemus and the African American Migration to Kansas after Reconstruction

NEW  Z  When Reconstruction ended in 1877, federal troops withdrew from the ‘unredeemed’ Southern states, unleashing racial violence by white supremacist groups. Forty Thousand African American ‘Exodusters’ fled to Kansas, Oklahoma, and Colorado. But it was Kansas, the Free State and land of John Brown, that attracted most of the refugees. We’ll review the cause for the exodus, the arduous trek to Kansas, and the fate of the communities they established.

T • Sep 28, Oct 5, 12 • 10-11:30am • $60/silver
Leader: Jim Peters

A Peek Behind the Curtain: The Book of Revelation

NEW  Z  The Book of Revelation is probably the most enigmatic, controversial, and misused book of the Bible. Using a historical-literary approach, Ryan Ahlgrim will survey the book, highlighting its original meaning and possible message for today.

W • Sep 29, Oct 6, 13 • 1-2pm • $40/silver
Leader: Ryan Ahlgrim

Planning Your Estate

Aw  NEW  Z  Let’s talk about planning for the future. How can you ensure that your preferences and directives for your financial assets are carried out correctly? We’ll discuss the legal options available to assist in making the best decisions.

R • Sep 30 • 3-4:30pm • $20/silver
Leader: Paula Peaden

Learning About the Holocaust in Today’s World

Aw  BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND We’ll examine the erosion of government and the implementation of Nazi rule as the rights of citizenship were erased along with millions of people. How did a country often labeled as sophisticated become the incubator for the targeted destruction of millions? Why did ordinary citizens become focal point of brutality and hatred? Why did ‘us vs. them’ define neighbors? How do we view this history here and now in 2021?

R • Sep 30, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11, 18 • 7-8pm • $60/silver
Leader: Rena Berlin

Course Audit Opportunities

Osher Institute members may request to audit University of Richmond credit classes, which meet for 15 weeks beginning at the start of each semester in fall and spring. Summer classes have shorter and more intense schedules and are not recommended for a first-time Osher audit student.

Osher members who are accepted or approved to audit credit classes do not participate in graded assignments or tests and are asked to be sensitive to the needs of the degree-seeking students.

Gold members pay no additional fees to audit credit classes. Silver members pay $100 for each audit class.

Contact Nell Smith at nsmith3@richmond.edu for registration procedures.
Interested in Teaching for the Osher Institute?

If you’ve thought about teaching an Osher class, but would like to talk about it with an experienced instructor, we can help! We have a veteran Osher instructor who is available for a phone call or an in-person meeting to talk about how to get started. Longtime Osher member and instructor Bill Bailey can offer a wealth of knowledge and practical suggestions on the correct length of time, the best teaching methods for adult learners, presentation visuals (and where to go for help), and classroom management tips. To set up this conversation, please email Bill at baileyb0812@gmail.com.

Have You Checked Your ‘Personality’ Lately?

NEW  Are you the person you think you are? Are you the same person everyone else thinks you are? Join us for this light-hearted and fun class to find out!

Understanding Long Term Care Insurance

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND  We’ll help you understand long term care as well as the options available to pay for care. What is the most tax-efficient way, based on an individual’s circumstances, to pay for long term care? There is no one-size-fits-all solution.

Schubert’s Music for Piano Solo

NEW  Alan brings his combination of live performance and running commentary to the piano music of Franz Schubert, who bridged the worlds of Classical and Romantic music. The program will include selections from his Sonatas, Impromptus, Moments Musicaux, and German Dances.

Cell Phone Photography for Travel and Adventure

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND  The class is designed to enhance your cell phone photography while traveling. We will cover improving cell phone images regardless of brand or model, editing cell phone images and available features on the iPhone.

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Holiday Appetizers

NEW, FIELD TRIP  Join Chef Tammy Brawley in her demonstration kitchen, and learn how to elevate your holiday table with exciting new appetizers! Participants will prepare each dish and join together in a community table setting to enjoy. These recipes will leave your guests hoping to be invited back next year!

America’s First Congresswoman

NEW  More than 100 years have passed since women in America won the right to vote, and today there are a record number of women serving in Congress. Someone had to be first, and that person was Jeannette Rankin of Montana. This course will explore the life and times of America’s First Congresswoman.

Remember USS Pueblo?

NEW  On January 23, 1968, North Korean naval and air forces attacked and seized an essentially unarmed US Navy vessel, USS Pueblo, operating in international waters off North Korea. We will examine the circumstances surrounding Pueblo’s mission and seizure, as well as subsequent events.

Only the Good Die Young: Crime Fiction Inspired by the Songs of Billy Joel

NEW  Josh Pachter is back with a new anthology. As with his previous courses, he and a number of the contributors will tell you about their stories and the songs that inspired them. Purchase of the book is recommended but not required.

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Jewish Legends of the Bible, Part 1
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND These classes will present a number of little known Jewish legends (Midrash) that expound upon familiar stories in the Hebrew Bible.
F • Oct 15, 22, 29 • 2:30-4pm • $60/silver
Leader: Allen Cohen

The Constitutional Convention of 1787
NEW Let’s study the Constitutional Convention of 1787: why the Convention was called and a chronological look at the primary debates that summer in Philadelphia. We will explore the Framers’ thoughts and perspectives as they struggled to create our novel form of government. We will also study the key participants at this historic event.
T/R • Oct 19, 21, 26, 28, Nov 2, 4, 9, 11 • 10-11:30am • $60/silver
Leader: Michael Kerley

Far from the Madding Crowd and the Life of Thomas Hardy
NEW ‘Far from the Madding Crowd,’ written by Thomas Hardy in 1874, established him as one of Britain’s foremost authors. It is a 19th-century love story that contains tragedy, intrigue, betrayal, obsession, and suffering. Join us for this discussion-based exploration.
W • Oct 20, 27 • 10-12pm • $40/silver
Leaders: Murray Ellison, Ann Day

African American Art
NEW The lives of African American artists lend insight into the context of their works. Learn about the diverse body of artwork created by African American artists and the historical, social, and cultural events, as well as unique life experiences, that inspired their work.
W • Oct 20 • 12:30-2pm • $20/silver
Leaders: Alice Waagen, Ralph Kidder

Chain Maille: Double Spiral Rope Bracelet
Double Spiral is a very basic yet impressive chain maille weave that is fun to make and works up quickly. We will be creating this bracelet with sterling silver: you’ll be taught how to properly link the doubled rings so the weave stays twisted together.
R • Oct 21, 28 • 12:30-2:30pm • $70/silver/gold/UR
Leader: Celeste Miller

Mark Your Calendars Well
Zoom vs. In-Person Classes: As we move gradually out of the pandemic, our Osher Institute class offerings are changing. Our Fall 2021 Planning Survey told us that you like online classes, and some of you even prefer them, given your location, as well as your ability to drive, park, and walk to classrooms. That said, we realize that the majority do love in-person, on-campus classes.

Beyond the Farmer’s Almanac: Snow!
NEW Jim Duncan explores our fascination with winter weather beyond the meteorology, digging deeper into the ‘psychology of weather’ and the ways it shapes our perceptions of the forecast. Even just a turn of a phrase and how it’s framed can have an enormous impact. From the Almanac to the Groundhog, you’ll discover the inside secrets that may even lead you to a love of snow!
F • Oct 29 • 12-1:30pm • $20/silver
Leader: Jim Duncan
**NOVEMBER**

**No Happy Ending: Chinatown, Roman Polanski, and 1970s Hollywood**

NEW Reviewing clips from ‘Chinatown,’ this course will consider one of Hollywood’s greatest movies both as a gripping ‘neo-noir’ detective story set in 1930s Los Angeles and within the political and cultural context of America in 1974. The course will also address the sometimes uncomfortable relationship between a work of art and a flawed creator: in particular, how the personal tragedies and subsequent criminal behavior of director Roman Polanski affect perceptions and judgments about his films. NOTE: For a broader look at this film genre, join Peter Begans’ LA Noir class that begins on September 21.

M • Nov 1, 8, 15 • 10-11:30am • $60/silver
Leader: Thomas Cox

**From Ballrooms to Burma: A Personal Look at World War II**

AUTHOR’S BOOK TALK An award-winning writer provides an engaging picture of what life was like during World War II, both at home and on the battlefield in the little-known Burma campaign. With slides and artifacts, Williams shares her research for 'The Last Romantic War,' her book about parents’ exotic global courtship: a story filled with emotion and adventure, featuring burning airplanes, runaway horses, the pain of separation and the eternal question: ‘Will he come home?’

M • Nov 1 • 12-1:30pm • $20/silver
Leader: Robin Williams

**Capitalism, Government, Money, and the Future of the World**

NEW What is the role of government in a market-capitalist democracy like the United States? Let’s take a look at how capitalism has evolved over history; how our essential economic infrastructure has emerged; and how, at various times, government has affected the economy. Our goal is to dramatically strengthen our grasp of how capitalism works, and lay the groundwork for wiser choices about economics, government, and our own future in the world.

T/W • Nov 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 30, Dec 1 • 1-3pm • $60/silver
Leader: Mark Yourek

**Cool Flicks: More of the Greatest Comedies**

UPDATED Join us in the quest for the funniest movies of all time. We will watch and discuss these classics: Arthur (1980), The Women (1939), and The Americanization of Emily (1964).

F • Nov 5, 12, 19 • 1-3pm • $60/silver
Leader: Dan Begley

**Introduction to the Alexander Technique**

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND This technique will allow you to develop greater awareness of postural habits that get in the way of your natural coordination. You learn the skills to undo these patterns and to choose to move without them. Learn how to go about your daily activities with increasingly greater ease and less effort.

M • Nov 8, 15, 29, Dec 6 • 1-2:15pm • $60/silver
Leader: Jocelyn Vorenberg

**Mindfulness Meditation, Journey to a Happier Healthier Life**

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND This session will include all the reasons that making meditation a daily practice will improve your health, focus, and relationships.

M • Nov 8 • 3-5pm • $20/silver
Leader: Helen Landry

**Richardson’s Canals and Islands at the Falls**

NEW The James River and Kanawha Canal and the Haxall Mill Race once powered many of Richmond’s 19th and 20th century industries. On our virtual tour, we’ll visit these industries of the past and see the public artworks that commemorate these sites today. Industries were also housed on several of Richmond’s islands that today are part of the James River Park system: The Canal Walk, The Virginia Capital Trail, and the Low Line Green and Gardens.

W • Nov 10 • 10-11am • $20/silver
Leader: Kathryn Whittington
‘Sadie’s Silence’ and May’s Life and Letters: Contrasting Educations

AUTHOR’S BOOK TALK This course will contrast and compare the education of two women who influenced the author’s passion for education: her grandmother, Sadie Zigler Wampler (1882-1922), and May Lansfield Keller, the first dean of Westhampton College. In researching her book, ‘Sadie’s Silence’ and re-reading Pauline Turnbull’s Biography of Miss Keller, the author discovered key similarities and significant differences that shaped these women’s lives.

W • Nov 10 • 3:30-5pm • $20/silver
Leader: Elizabeth (Libby Layne) Jarrett

The Rise and Fall of The Band: Film Screening

NEW The story of The Band is almost hard to believe. Their tale is a timeline of formative experiences that birthed a sound and style that was unique and impactful. This class offers a screening of the documentary, ‘The Last Waltz.’ You are invited also to register for the class on November 16 to discuss this film and the group’s first three albums.

M • Nov 15 • 7-9pm • Free to Members
Leaders: Bill Pike, Joe Vanderford

The Rise and Fall of The Band: Discussion

NEW Following the screening of ‘The Last Waltz,’ join us for an exploration of this seminal musical ensemble. We invite you to register for the November 15 film screening to enhance your understanding of this group and to enrich our discussions. A mixture of print research, audio/video clips, interviews, and listening to selected songs from the albums will make up the class presentation.

T • Nov 16 • 10-12pm • $20/silver
Leaders: Bill Pike, Joe Vanderford

Invasive Plants and the James River Park System

NEW This course will provide a background on invasive plants in the Commonwealth of Virginia and then describe the efforts currently being taken by the Invasive Species Task Force to manage these species in the James River Park System.

W • Nov 17 • 10-11am • $20/silver
Leaders: Todd Lookingbill, Carrie Wu

Not Your Grandparent’s Funeral!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND Learn about and discuss the interesting and innovative changes in funeral and memorial services.

W • Nov 17 • 3:30-5pm • $20/silver
Leader: Susan Campbell

A Virtual Tour of Rome’s Ancient Monuments and Architecture

UPDATED This course uses photographs, illustrations, and short video clips to conduct a virtual tour and reflective ‘walkabout’ through some of Rome’s most famous ancient ruins. Sites include the Roman and Imperial Forums, the Pantheon, and others. This talk should serve as a helpful introduction to the World of Ancient Roman Architecture for anyone considering an actual visit to the Eternal City.

R • Nov 18 • 10-11:30am • $20/silver
Leader: Steve Anders

The Art of Baseball

NEW The sport of baseball has inspired artists since its inception. This program, collaboratively developed and presented by three Osher presenters, will capture the beauty and majesty of what has always been known as America’s pastime and explore its place in the American experience. Join us as we present a full nine innings of informative fun!

F • Nov 19 • 10-11:30am • $20/silver
Leaders: Alice Waagen, Ralph Kidder, Thomas Cox

Margaret Thatcher: Personal Recollections and a Re-appraisal

NEW Serving as an Under Secretary in the Department of the Environment, Tony Pelling had many dealings with Mrs. Thatcher in her time as Prime Minister. She made a big impression on him, but he still has doubts about her legacy.

M • Nov 29 • 10-11am • $20/silver
Leader: Tony Pelling

The Virginia Legislative Process

NEW This nonpartisan course teaches students about the Virginia legislative process: the written and unwritten rules, how to search for and track bills, how to connect financial contributions to candidates and elected officials, and how to use open government laws to keep everyone accountable.

M • Nov 29, Dec 6, 13 • 3-4:30pm • $60/silver
Leader: Megan Rhyne

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Let’s Reach Our 2021 Osher Fundraising Goals Together!

As you join us this fall virtually and in-person, we also hope you’ll make a gift to Osher during our Osher Annual Fund Campaign, currently underway. We continue to raise funds to ensure the sustainability of our institute. Like other entities within the School of Professional and Continuing Studies, the Osher Institute is self-supporting. This past year was a true test of why we should keep a reserve on hand. Your gifts guarantee that we can continue to operate, even if times get hard. Your gifts also contribute to special events, such as hosting national speakers, that may fall outside of our budget.

If you are in the position to contribute to Osher financially, please join your Osher Leadership Council and Osher staff in supporting the Osher Institute with a gift. We have an ambitious but achievable goal of $27,500 from 20% of our membership. All gifts of any size are greatly appreciated. You can make a gift online at osher.richmond.edu/give or mail a gift in using the pledge form and envelope you recently received with our Annual Fund letter campaign.

If you have any questions on ways to maximize the impact of your 2021 charitable gifts, such as using qualified charitable distributions, or if you have any gift giving questions, please reach out to Amy Edwards (aedwards@richmond.edu).

Donors will be recognized in our Honor Rolls viewable in our summer catalog, on our website, and in our event poster displays. Thank you to all who have already made a gift to Osher in 2021!
UR Behind the Scenes: The Cannon Memorial Chapel
FREE TO MEMBERS
Cannon Chapel, which recently underwent a major renovation and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2013, the Columbarium, and the Wilton Center.
F • Dec 3 • 1-2:30pm • FREE TO MEMBERS
Leader: Betty Ann Dillon

A History of Western Classical Music
REVISED
Follow the history of music from the Middle Ages to the 21st century. Each week, we will study one era: Middle Ages, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and beyond. No music background is necessary for this class, which is designed to be accessible to all.
M/T • Dec 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 • 10-12pm • $60/silver
Leader: Sheryl Smith

The Complete Course In Travel and Adventure Photography
NEW
The class is designed to cover all aspects of travel photography, designed to meet the needs of both cellphone and regular camera photographers. We’ll cover how to prepare for the photo adventure, how to select the best travel subjects, and how to prepare your own travel show.
T • Dec 7, 14, 21 • 1-3pm • $60/silver
Leader: Dan Walker

What Does Travel and Tourism Look Like After the Pandemic?
UPDATED
The travel and tourism industry was devastated by COVID-19. What does the Richmond Region tourism industry look like now? What does the overall travel industry look like now?
W • Dec 8 • 1:30-3pm • FREE TO MEMBERS
Leader: Jack Berry

COVID-19 and the Crisis of Elder Care
NEW
Dr. Wright is a physician with 25 years of experience in caring for elders in nursing homes. Dr. Wright will recount his time in the front lines of the COVID battle and follow with his view of the current crisis in elder care.
W • Dec 8 • 3:30-4:30pm • $20/silver
Leader: Jim Wright

Swinging London
NEW
In the early 1960s, a new generation emerged from the rubble of post-war London and conquered the world’s culture. We’ll take a look at the period’s art, music, film, and fashion that included the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, designer Mary Quant, model Twiggy, and others. Shawn Levy’s ‘Ready, Steady, GO!’ will serve as the main text.
R • Dec 9 • 1:30-3pm • $20/silver
Leader: Peter Begans

Nuclear Power: Myth and Reality
NEW
Dr. Miller addresses the economic and environmental pros and cons of nuclear power and its potential role in achieving global, long-range energy sustainability.
F • Dec 10 • 10-12pm • $20/silver
Leader: Jim Miller

Tour of UR’s Historic Bottomley House
FREE TO MEMBERS
Come learn how this historic home was acquired by UR and moved onto campus, tour the home, and hear about its many lovely features.
F • Dec 10 • 1-2:30pm • FREE TO MEMBERS
Leader: Betty Ann Dillon

Beyond the Bounty
NEW
If you are familiar with the library resources but want to go beyond the basics, this session will explore some of the more interesting and unusual digital collections and databases. This is an advanced session that builds on the information introduced in Bounty of Boatwright.
M • Dec 13 • 1-2:30pm • FREE TO MEMBERS
Leader: Carol Wittig

John Marshall at Home
NEW
This talk will take you on a virtual tour of the John Marshall House and your instructor will explore the life of John Marshall in early 19th century Richmond as a husband, father, lawyer, enslaver of hundreds, quinto and Madeira enthusiast, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
W • Dec 15 • 1-2pm • $20/silver
Leaders: Meika Downey, Matthew Nichol

Preserving Liberty and Keeping the American Republic
NEW, AUTHOR’S BOOK TALK
This class will be a review of the American government system: how it came to be, how it has strayed from its original vision, and how it can be restored and preserved.
W • Dec 15 • 3-4pm • $20/silver
Leader: Edward (Eddie) S. Whitlock III

Elizabeth Van Lew and the Civil War Spies of Richmond
NEW
Join this class for a discussion of the men, women, and children, black and white, enslaved and free, who secretly fought the Civil War from inside the Confederate capital.
R • Dec 16 • 1-3pm • $20/silver
Leader: Nathan Hall

Wine’s Complex Journey from Grape to Glass
NEW
Your instructor is the Virginia lawyer who guided Virginia wineries toward the first law allowing shipment of wine directly to your door. She’ll highlight market and government forces impacting where and how you buy wine in this country.
F • Dec 17 • 10-12pm • $20/silver
Leader: Terri Cofer Beirne

Travels with POTUS #41: Working with President George H.W. Bush
NEW
What was it like to work with former President George Herbert Walker Bush? And what was Bush like on a more personal level? Join Chip as he discusses his work and relationship with George H. W. Bush.
F • Dec 17 • 1-2:30pm • $20/silver
Leader: H.E. “Chip” Mann

Thinking During/After a Pandemic and Economic Crises
NEW
Science has been one model adapted to use in analyzing and applying it to the ongoing worldwide pandemic and economic crises. The class will examine both the Science model and the use of it to address both crises.
M/W • Dec 20, 22 • 1-3pm • $40/silver
Leader: Dennis Cogswell
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