

SPRING 2022



Let's Flourish!



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 125 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. We offer a wide array of academic 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, 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.



From languishing to flourishing. We're in this together!

You've read all the pandemic news and learned all the new buzzwords and phrases. At the beginning, we 'sheltered at home' and 'practiced social distancing.' Then, we 'pivoted' to online options for almost everything, including family visits and learning. We sadly learned the new meaning for 'long haulers,' and more recently we've experienced 2021's version of supply chain shortages.

Psychologists have noted that the pandemic has left us 'languishing,' in a 'prolonged limbo.' We are neither happy nor depressed. Meh.

It is true that we've had silver linings - participating in more outdoor activities, learning technologies we didn't know we needed, and creating meaningful ways to contribute and stay engaged. A perfect example is Women's Spider Basketball Has Arrived, a multifaceted new course that mixed learning about collegiate women's basketball history with attending a full practice with players and coaches, and then cheering on the team at a home game. And yet, we still find ourselves worrying about being mask-less in public places and being in crowds.

Here at the Osher Institute, we are right there with you! We're figuring out where we are, where you want us to be, and what we can do to move forward. It's all about that new normal or working our way to whatever that is. Are we working remotely or in the office - or is there some happy blend of the two? Do you want to continue zooming Osher classes, or are you more than ready to return to in-person courses on campus with your Osher colleagues - or is there a happy blend of both? Thankfully, concrete answers to all of these questions are not mandatory right now. We can continue to figure this out by offering some in-person classes, some online ones, and even a few hybrid ones with students in person and online at the same time.

What we do know is that we all want to move from languishing to flourishing — a feeling of contentment and a realization that our lives have purpose and meaning. We're missing those wonderfully satisfying, happy ah-ha moments where we stop in our tracks and say, 'wow, this is really great.'

Your Osher staff has felt this with the simple act of returning to the office and having you stop by to visit, pick up a parking decal, or ask a question. It feels like old times, and it makes us smile and warms our hearts. This is why we love what we do! YOU give us purpose.

We believe that our mission is to keep you engaged mentally, socially, and physically through the courses and events we offer and through the activities of our Osher Special Interest Groups. We hope every individual Osher class allows you to grow and learn, even in small ways. We hope our social events encourage you to take a small step virtually or in person to meet new people or reengage with pre-Covid acquaintances.

Languishing? Meh? NAH! Together let's move forward to reconnect, study and learn, and keep our brains sharp. Let's flourish!

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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, ATTN: Jeanne Clery Crime Statistician, Special Programs Building, 490 Westhampton Way, University of Richmond, VA 23173 or access the report online at police.richmond.edu.

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 vet a member? Need to renew? Select MEMBERSHIPS & RENEWALS.

- Preview classes starting **December 6**. Register starting December 14.
- 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.

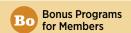
For In-person Classes

- In-person classes have limited seats available and may fill up this spring.
 - 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

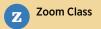
- Your **UR ID** is used to confirm your affiliation with the University.
 - Contact Osher staff to obtain your UR ID num-
 - Use when requesting **technical assistance** at the Help Desk.
 - Use to acquire **UR photo identification** and to create other IDs.
- Your **Net ID** is used to access University-hosted resources.
 - Go to **webpass.richmond.edu**. Requires **UR ID** and birthdate to create.
 - Requires 16-character password, changed annually.

- Provides access to UR email, wifi, VPN and library databases.
- 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**.









Zoom vs. In-Person Classes: Mark Your Calendars Well

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 inperson, on-campus classes.

We have heard you: we are continuing to offer both! This means that you will need to mark your calendars well. We have denoted every Zoom class clearly in the print and online catalogs, but you'll want to make that same distinction in your personal schedule.

Another hint: Just in case the Zoom vs. in-person classes do get mixed up, why not always bring your laptop, tablet, or cell phone when you come to campus? That way, if a class is remote but you are on campus, you can always find a quiet spot and zoom into your online class.

JANUARY

Apple iPhone Essentials

UPDATED **Z** This course will cover the notable changes in iOS 15 and new iPhones released in September 2021. Also covered will be security and other key settings; how to find, install, organize, and delete apps; and use of the Camera, Photos, Messages, Safari, and Phone apps. An iPhone updated to iOS 15 is recommended for this class.

T/R • Jan 4, 6, 11, 13, 18 • 9:30-11:30am • \$60/Silver Leader: West Cobb

Songs of the 60s: The **Poetry of Our Generation**

NEW **Z** Let's take a look at the songs written by some songwriter-poets of the 60s. We will analyze the lyrics for their poetic techniques and messages. The artists chosen for this class are Leonard Cohen, Joni Mitchell, Paul Simon, Sam Cooke, and Bob Dylan.

T/R • Jan 4, 6, 11,13 • 1-2:30pm • \$60/Silver

Leader: Linda MacCleave

Completing the **Constitution: Ratification** and the Bill of Rights

NEW Z This course continues the story of how our Constitution came into existence. We will examine the events that ensued immediately after the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention of 1787. In particular, we will discuss the nationwide debates regarding the ratification of the Constitution that took place in 1787 and 1788. And we will see how these debates formed the genesis of our Bill of Rights.

T • Jan 18, 25, Feb 1, 8, 15 • 1-2:15pm

• \$60/Silver

Leader: Michael Kerley

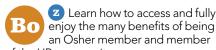
Let's Talk Parks: Touring the Maggie Walker **National Historic Site**

NEW Z Join us for a virtual tour of the Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site in downtown

Richmond. A National Park Service ranger will lead the tour, which is the next offering in the Osher Travel Interest Group's series, 'Let's Talk Parks.' Following the virtual tour, there will be a facilitated sharing of participants' questions and tips about National Parks they are hoping to visit or have visited. Come join the fun!

W • Jan 19 • 10-12pm • Free to Members Leaders: Bill Hafker, Ajena Rogers

Osher Member Orientation



of the UR community.

W • Jan 19 • 1-2:30pm • Free to Members

Leader: Osher Membership Team

Understanding Jesus' Parables

NEW Z Historians believe that Jesus' parables are the key to understanding the original Jesus. This course will examine how scholars in the last hundred years have revolutionized our understanding of Jesus' parables: their method, function, and message.

R • Jan 20, 27, Feb 3 • 10-11am • \$40/Silver

Leader: Ryan Ahlgrim

The Life and Selected Works of Salvador Dalí

NEW Z Salvador Dalí is one of the best-known and controversial artists of the 20th Century. When he died in 1989, at the age of 84, his personality had become as well-known as his paintings.

R • Jan 20, 27, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 • 1-2:30pm • \$60/Silver Leader: Juana Levi

Bounty of Boatwright





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.

F • Jan 21 • 10-11:30am • Free to Members Leader: Carol Wittig

Hidden Treasures: An Introduction to **Boatwright Library's Distinctive Collections**





Z Boatwright Library is current undergoing construction, part of

which will be a newly redesigned floor showcasing the Galvin Rare Book Room, Special Collections, and Book Arts. This class will introduce the general collections, highlight some special materials and areas of interest, and preview the upcoming new areas.

F • Jan 21 • 1-2:30pm • Free to Members Leader: Lynda Kachurek

Verdura: Legendary Jewels and the People Who Wear Them

NEW Z Fulco di Verdura, a Sicilian Duke, will forever be associated with Coco Chanel, Cole Porter, Greta Garbo, Babe Paley, Tallulah Bankhead and scores of legendary 20th century women who preferred style over status. Verdura's women of style will be profiled, as well as the enduring mark his work has left on modern fine jewelry design.

M • Jan 24 • 10-11:30am • \$20/Silver Leader: James Haaq

Early American Art

REVISED **Z** Using Smithsonian American Art Museum artworks, this session will explore America from its earliest days as a British colony to its birth as a new

M • Jan 24 • 12-1:30pm • \$20/Silver Leaders: Alice Waagen, Ralph Kidder

Come . . . and BeMoved®!





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.

M • Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 28, Mar 7, 21, 28, Apr 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9 • 5:30-6:30pm • \$110/Gold/Silver/UR Leader: Myra Daleng

The Silver Tsunami: The Power of the Boomer Generation

NEW **Z** This country is about to be hit by the 'Silver Tsunami.' With 11,000 Baby Boomers

turning 65 every day, by 2030 the number of seniors in the US is going to outnumber children for the first time in history. This class will inform and discuss both the challenges and opportunities that are arising from the Silver Tsunami.

T • Jan 25 • 10-11:30am • \$20/Silver Leader: Paige Wilson

Ginter-Arents Philanthropic Legacy: 100 Years as Richmond **Benefactors**

NEW Z Lewis Ginter invested large sums of his tobacco company fortune in rebuilding Richmond after the Civil War. His niece continued his legacy, surpassing his achievements in breadth and quantity.

W • Jan 26 • 10-11:30am • \$20/Silver Leader: John Musgrove

Telling America's Stories Through Art: The New **Nation**

REVISED **Z** Artists depict the cultural, social and political climate of their times. How can their artworks enrich our understanding of American history? Using Smithsonian American Art Museum artworks, this session will explore the forces that influences the emerging American identity: the great expanse of western frontier, the growth of the agricultural economy, and the rise of industry.

W • Jan 26 • 12-1:30pm • \$20/Silver Leaders: Alice Waagen, Ralph Kidder

Brain Power Hour

UPDATED **Z** Brain Power Hour aims to increase cognitive stimulation through education, brain games, and social activities. Just as physical exercise can help you keep your body strong, mental exercise can help your brain to work better and lower your risk of mental decline. Join this course for a fun and interactive way to flex your mental muscles.

R • Jan 27, Feb 3, 10 • 3-4pm • \$40/Silver Leader: Rachel Lawson

A Zooman's Expeditions

UPDATED **Z** The former Curator of Mammals at the San Diego Zoo will share highlights of his animal expeditions.

F • Jan 28, Feb 4, 11 • 10-11:30am • \$60/Silver

Leader: Mark Rich

FEBRUARY

Telling America's Stories Through Art: The Civil War

REVISED **Z** The American Civil War began primarily as a result of the long-standing controversy over the enslavement of black people. Using artworks from the Smithsonian American Art Museum, this session explores how artists depicted the impact of the Civil War on American lives.

T • Feb 1 • 3-4:30pm • \$20/Silver Leaders: Alice Waagen, Ralph Kidder

Experience 'The Joy Luck Club' by Amy Tan

NEW Z Let's roar into the Year of the Tiger during the first week of the Chinese Lunar Year by discussing 'The Joy Luck Club,' the most loved and acclaimed novel by Amy Tan. Her book highlights both the cultural issues and the celebrations of life by four women in 1940s China, and their interactions with their American-born daughters. It is recommended that participants read the book and see the film before the class.

W • Feb 2, 9 • 10-12pm • \$40/Silver Leader: Murray Ellison

Great Decisions 2022

UPDATED, HYBRID Designed by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) and facilitated at the grassroots level, the Great Decisions program highlights eight thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans each year. The 2022 Great Decisions videos and briefing book serve as the focal material for the class. It is strongly recommended that students purchase the briefing book and read the relevant topic before each class. To purchase the briefing book visit http:// www.fpa.org. NOTE: You must also register for one sub-session: in person or remote.

W • Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 1-3pm • \$60/Silver Leaders: Rob Hafker, Wayne Boese, David Frimpter, Steve Hamilton

Spiders Women's **Basketball Game**

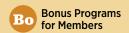


Come join the fun and watch a women's basketball game in the Robins

Center. The women will be taking on VCU at 6pm in the Robins Center.

W • Feb 2 • 6-8pm • Free to Members Leader: UR Athletics Department











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.

Irby B. Brown Lecture: The US and China in a **Changing World: Problems and Prospects**





While the world **Se** struggles to grapple with the effects of the

COVID-19 pandemic, economic dislocation, and climate change, the US and China appear to be locked in a zero-sum contest over Asian security, economic prowess, innovative technology and talent, leadership on the global stage, ideology, human rights and more. Join us as we explore US relations with China, the problems they present and the prospects for future progress.

R • Feb 3 • 10-11:30am • Free and Open to the Public Leader: Susan Ashton Thornton



Fairy Tales and Fables from the Galvin Rare **Book Room**





Z The stories from our childhood take us to places where dragons

are real and dreams were magical transformations of the impossible. In this course, we will explore some of the storytelling literature from the Galvin Rare Book Room's collections of historic children's literature.

F • Feb 4 • 1-2:30pm • Free to Members Leader: Lynda Kachurek

Supreme Court Decision-Making and Its Role in American Democracy

NEW (Z) The United States Supreme Court may be the least-understood part of the federal government. Its proceedings and deliberations are not shown on television, yet it deals with the most important political issues of the day. Like so much else in American political life, views of the court have become polarized. This course will look at how the Supreme Court decides cases, what its decisions mean (and don't mean), and what the future may hold for this institution.

M • Feb 7 • 10-12pm • \$20/Silver Leader: Eric Rader

Going Greek Again: Cooking with Chef Mike Lampros

NEW Z Join Chef Mike as he walks you through creating a Greek Meze Platter with all the fixings. Then he'll tackle Pastitsio, which is often referred to as Greek Lasagne—and he'll work hard to convince you that it's better than lasagne! You'll enjoy the demonstration and will be easily tempted to try the recipes yourself.

T • Feb 8 • 10-12pm • \$20/Silver Leader: Mike Lampros

Spring Severe Storms! A Practical Guide for **Understanding Risk and** Staying Safe

NEW Z Spring severe storm season is almost here. Jim Duncan explores the relationship between forecasting and communicating weather risk to enhance public safety, and will take you on an inside tour of how life-saving decisions are made by the National Weather Service and others.

R • Feb 10 • 10-12pm • \$20/Silver Leader: Jim Duncan

Is America 'One Nation under God'?

NEW America is now badly divided in many ways. Can we say that it is still one nation? If so, on what basis? Can and should a belief in God be the basis of that unity? But what does it mean to be 'under God'? Class one will address 'one nation,' and class two will address 'under God.'

M • Feb 14, 21 • 3-4pm • \$20/Silver Leader: Ellis West

Capitalism, Government, Money, and the Future of the World: Part Two

NEW Last fall, we looked at the development of capitalism from its beginnings through the 20th Century. Now it's time to look at the 21st Century. Are recent events in accord with our earlier observations from history? Does the US have its act together, to be able to compete against an immensely powerful, ascendant China? What choices do we need to make, to ensure the most secure future for ourselves, and for future generations of Americans?

T/W • Feb 15, 16, 22, 23, Mar 1, 2, 8, 9 • 10-12pm • \$60/Silver Leader: Mark Yourek

Folk Art

REVISED **Z** Great artists share a passionate will to create. Folk artists, not trained by formal art education, use imaginative materials and techniques to express powerful, inspirational works. We will explore the motivations and personal visions of these artists.

T • Feb 15 • 3-4:30pm • \$20/Silver Leaders: Alice Waagen, Ralph Kidder

More to Life Than More

NEW, AUTHOR'S BOOK TALK Z At 87, Alan is publishing a book about how his loss became the catalyst for a nonprofit that has since touched thousands of young lives. He tells the story of his son's learning challenges, his grief after Lee's death, and finally his efforts to form a successful center to help children with learning disabilities. Alan will discuss becoming an entrepreneur, founding a nonprofit in retirement, and writing a book as an octogenarian.

R • Feb 17 • 10-11:30am • \$20/Silver Leaders: Alan Pesky, Claudia Aulum

Voyages Real and Imaginary from the Galvin Rare Book Room





Z Using travel guides, Bn ship's logs, and images of faraway places, come

explore some of the many travel adventures that reside in the Galvin Rare Book Room. Join us as we travel from ancient Pompeii to the early United States, through the grand tours of Europe and into the South American landscapes. Adventures real and imagined come alive through the words and images left behind by those who journeyed before us.

F • Feb 18 • 1-2:30pm • Free to Members Leader: Lynda Kachurek

Spiders Women's **Basketball Game**



Come join the fun and watch a women's basketball

game in the Robins Center. The women will be taking on Rhode Island at 4:00pm in the Robins Center.

S • Feb 19 • 4-6pm • Free to Members Leader: UR Athletics Department

Capitalism in China: The Rise of a Global Giant

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND Many Americans don't realize that capitalism is alive and well in 'communist' China. But China is now an overwhelmingly capitalist country, and emerging as a formidable rival to the US. How is China doing it? In this class we compare the US and Chinese models of capitalism and government, and the strengths and weaknesses of each.

T • Feb 22, March 1, 8 • 1-3pm • \$60/Silver

Leader: Mark Yourek

The Hedgehog and the Fox: Reading Sir Isaiah Berlin's Essay on Tolstoy's **View of History**

NEW It was the 7th Century BC Greek lyric poet who coined the whimsical epigram 'the fox knows many small things while the hedgehog knows one big thing.' The British philosopher Isaiah Berlin resurrected this epigram in the 1950s when he embarked on a study of Leo Tolstoy's historical vision.

T • Feb 22, Mar 1, 8, 15 • 3:30-5pm •

\$60/Silver

Leader: Jack Kangas





The US and China in a Changing World: **Problems and Prospects**

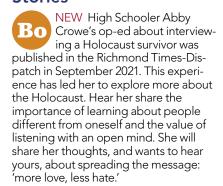
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Z While the world struggles to grapple with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, economic dislocation and climate change, the US and China appear to be locked in a zero-sum contest over Asian security, economic prowess, innovative technology and talent, leadership on the global stage, ideology, human rights and more. Can these two giants find a way to manage their differences so they can work together on pressing problems, or will changing power dynamics and mutual suspicions lead us down a path to confrontation and even conflict? Join us as we explore US relations with China, the problems they present and the prospects for future progress.

R • Feb 3 • 10-11:30am • Free to Members Leader: Susan Ashton Thornton

Zoom link to lecture: https://richmond.edu/chinafest

A High Schooler's **Exploration of Holocaust Stories**



W • Feb 23 • 3:30-4:30pm • Free to Members Leader: Abby Crowe

Equal Exchange: An Alternative, Fair Trade Model

NEW 2 What if food could be traded in a way that is honest and fair? Equal Exchange has built an alternative trade system in solidarity with small farmers and consumers. This system has helped small farmers gain a meaningful seat at the table while affording them more economic power, better lives, and healthier communities. We've proven that there is a viable alternative to the for-profit, winner-take-all system.

R • Feb 24 • 10-11:30am • \$20/Silver Leader: Susan Sklar

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.

M • Feb 28, Mar 7 • 10-12pm • \$40/Silver

Leader: Dan Walker

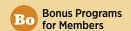
MARCH

Back to Bach's Keyboard **Music for Two Hands**

NEW 2 Alan brings his combination of live piano performance and running commentary to Bach's solo keyboard music. Our focus will be on the extraordinary manner in which the composer balances the competing demands of brilliant virtuosity with pedagogical rigor. The program will include selections from his Inventions, Toccatas, Suites, and the Well-Tempered Clavier.

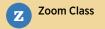
R • Mar 3, 10 • 10-11:30am • \$40/Silver

Leader: Alan Pollack









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 inperson 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.

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.

R • Mar 3 • 1-2pm • \$20/Silver Leader: Helen Landry

Book Discussion: Elie Wiesel's 'Night'

NEW The Holocaust was responsible for the death of more than six million people. It is impossible to really understand this number, but reading the words of a Holocaust survivor brings depth to our study of it. All participants will be asked to read 'Night' before the class begins and will also be asked to read selected excerpts during the class.

R • Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 • 3:30-4:45pm

• \$60/Silver Leader: Rena Berlin

World War II in the Air Over Europe (1939-1945)

NEW 2 Much of World War II can be broken down into component parts. In this course, we will look at the impact of air operations on four of these parts: the German conquest of western Europe, the Battle of Britain, the allied reconquest of western Europe, and the allied strategic bombing campaign against Germany.

F • Mar 4, 11, 18 • 10-12pm • \$60/Silver

Leader: William Riffer

A Touch of Spring: Botanicals from the **Archives**





NEW Z Are you missing the beauty of summer flowers? Or

feeling the need for a little touch of spring color? Come join us for a peek at the beautiful botanicals that live within the Galvin Rare Books and Special Collections. In this course, we'll explore some rare botanical collections, highlighted by the newly donated set of 19th Century engraved lilies from the renowned French botanical artist Pierre-Joseph Redouté.

F • Mar 4 • 1-2:30pm • Free to Members Leader: Lynda Kachurek

UR Campus Walk





Take a walking tour of the UR campus, named the nation's most

beautiful campus in the Princeton Review's 2021 college guide.

M • Mar 7 • 1:30-3:30pm • Free to members Leader: Marshall Ervine

Osher Member **Orientation**





Learn how to access and fully enjoy the many benefits of being an

Osher member and member of the UR community.

R • Mar 10 • 1-2:30pm • Free to Members

Leader: Osher Membership Team

'The Metaphysical Thomas Jefferson': **Compelling Messages** for Today

NEW, AUTHOR'S BOOK TALK If you could talk with Thomas Jefferson, what questions would you ask? This class explores Mr. Jefferson's fascinating current views on government, foreign policy, religion, the military, race relations, slavery, Sally Hemmings, higher education, and other Founding Fathers, including 'song and dance man' Alexander Hamilton.

F • Mar 11 • 1-2:30pm • \$20/Silver Leader: Suzanne Munson

Energy and Sustainability

NEW The course will explore available energy technologies, from fossil fuels and nuclear power through renewables such as hydropower, wind, and solar energy, with a focus toward achieving sustainability on the local, national and global scale. Topics will include energy carriers and energy storage, transmission and distribution, along with resource requirements, environmental impact, and economic evaluation of the various energy options.

M • Mar 14, 21, 28 • 10-12pm • \$60/Silver

Leader: James Miller

The Mighty Pen Project: Keeping Our Veterans' Stories Alive

NEW The Mighty Pen Project was founded in 2014 by bestselling writer, playwright, and philanthropist David L. Robbins. In partnership with the Virginia War Memorial, the Mighty Pen Project provides writing instruction and continuing writing support to those who have experienced our nation's military events either through service or as a supporter of the military.

M • Mar 14 • 1-3pm • \$20/Silver Leader: David Robbins

School, The Courts, and the Right to an Education

NEW The US Constitution does not mention schools or education, yet some of the most important cases in American Constitutional history involve either access to public education or the respective rights of students, teachers, and parents. This course will examine some of the most significant court decisions and the legal and policy issues they address, and how courts have both recognized and limited the scope of constitutional rights of students and educators.

T • Mar 15, 22 • 10-12pm • \$40/Silver

Leader: Thomas Cox

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.

W • Mar 16 • 10-12pm • \$20/Silver Leader: Linda Tsironis Caruthers

Aging in Place

NEW Let's discuss 'Aging in Place.' We will offer useful tips for making your home safe and accessible as you grow older right where you are living now.

R • Mar 17 • 10-12pm • \$20/Silver Leaders: Diane Andrews, Martha Gilliam

The Impact of British Monarchs on Virginia 1607-2007

NEW This course will explore the political and historical relationship between British Monarchs (and their governments) and the citizens of Virginia. It will use the actions of monarchs from Elizabeth I to George III to focus on how the understanding of political rights changed up to and after the American Revolution.

R • Mar 17, 24, 31 • 1-3pm • \$60/Silver

Leader: H.E. 'Chip' Mann

Belle Isle History Hike

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, DRIVE TO EVENT 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 • Mar 18 • 1:30-3:30pm • \$20/Silver Leaders: Bryce Wilk, Tyler Twyford

Bach and His Friends and Successors

NEW Let's talk Bach! We will

discuss the influential works by J. S. Bach and those whom he directly influenced during his lifetime. We will also learn about the Rudolf von Beckerath two-manual tracker organ in Cannon Memorial Chapel. This class precedes an organ concert of some of these works on March 28 at 7:30 pm in the chapel.

M • Mar 21 • 1-3pm • \$20/Silver Leader: Bruce Stevens



The Osher Institute Special Interest Groups

The Osher Institute Special Interest Groups Formed and led by Osher members, our vibrant Osher interest groups are listed below. The current status and other details about each interest group are online at osher.richmond.edu. A current Osher Institute membership is required for interest group participation.

Biking John Bander, johnabander@icloud.com

Bridge Ellen Hollands, efine 98@aol.com, 804-741-0221 or 804-402-8402

Contemporary Issues Bill Pawelski, wjpinva@gmail.com and

Alan Corbett, alan.corbett@comcast.net

Great Conversations Vera Mulherin, paxvera@netscape.com

Hikers Lex Bailey, alexander.neale.bailey@gmail.com

Historically Speaking Louis Cei, ceilb2@aol.com

Investments Brian McNeil, mcneilfb@verizon.net

Literary Dreamers Jerry Lutkenhaus, jervalaw@aol.com and

Virginia Manuel, vmanuelva@gmail.com

Memoir Writing Two groups, both of which are full at this time.

NEW Mystery Lovers Nancy Newins, nnewins@verizon.net

Photography Peter Blankman, pblankman@gmail.com

Theatre Lovers *Due to Covid restrictions, the theater group has been "dark."* As theaters reopen, so will our adventures into drama, comedy, and musicals. BUT we need your input and your leadership. Interested 'thespians' please email the Osher staff at **Osher@richmond.edu**.

Travel Celeste Miller, OSHERtravel@gmail.com

NEW UR Women's Basketball John Festa, johnfesta@comcast.net

Spring Exhibition at UR Museums



Walk through the Harnett Museum of Art with Martha Wright to

see the current special exhibition on view! We will talk about the artist on view, the content, and do some interactive chatting. Expect thought-provoking content as well as the typical humor that comes with any tour by Martha.

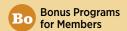
T • Mar 22 • 1-2pm • Free to Members Leader: Martha Wright

Poetry from the New Yorker

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND Close, careful reading of poetry allows us to understand ourselves better by forcing us to participate in someone else's thinking. The New Yorker still selects some of the best challenging, contemporary poems. We'll read and analyze each week's new poems. Heavy class participation is expected.

T • Mar 22, 29, Apr 5 • 3:30-5:30pm • \$60/Silver

Leader: Riker Purcell









Dean Jamelle Wilson: A Discussion of Public Education in 2022

In 2021, more than 90% of America's children attended K-12 public schools, just as many of us did Yet, today's public schools may look and feel a bit different than what we remember or what we imagine. In this conversation, we will examine the current landscape of public schools in Virginia and consider how that landscape must continue to change to serve future generations.

W • Apr 6 • 10-11:30am • Free to Members Leader: Jamelle Wilson



Marriages of Art Illustration and Classic Literature

NEW **Z** Join us as we examine the ways that classic 19th and early 20th Century authors used illustrations to illuminate the themes of their texts. We will examine the illustrator choices that writers such as Mark Twain, Lewis Carroll, Beatrix Potter, and T.S. Elliot made, as well as the different means that artists used to add visual vibrancy to books like Tom Sawyer, Huck Finn, Alice in Wonderland, Peter Rabbit, and Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats.

W • Mar 23, 30 • 10-12pm • \$40/Silver Leaders: Murray Ellison, Alice Waagen

Let's Talk Parks - Fort Monroe: The Gibraltar of the Chesapeake

NEW Z Join us for a virtual tour of Fort Monroe, 'The Gibraltar of the Chesapeake,' and Fort Wool. These US strongholds were key to the defense of Hampton Roads, and instrumental in the 1862 Peninsula Campaign: the first major offensive campaign to capture Richmond. This ranger-led tour is part of the Travel Special Interest Group's 'Let's Talk Parks' outings. We'll also have a facilitated sharing of general questions and tips about national parks that participants have or hope to visit.

R • Mar 24 • 10-12pm • Free to Members Leaders: Bill Hafker, Aaron Firth

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

UPDATED Join Dan Begley in the quest for the funniest movies of all time. This spring we will watch and discuss these classics: 'Bluebeard's 8th Wife' (1938) with Gary Cooper and Claudette Colbert; 'The Great Buster: The Life of Buster Keaton' (with all his funny film clips); and 'I Married a Witch' (1942) with Veronica Lake and Fredric March.

F • Mar 25, Apr 1, 8 • 10-12pm • \$60/Silver Leader: Dan Begley

Who Doesn't Love Soups?

NEW. DRIVE TO EVENT Who doesn't love soup? Whether hot or cold, soups can be nourishing and filling. Learn how to make these delicious starters or have a second bowl and call it dinner! We will prepare and enjoy Portuguese Kale Soup, Pear and Pancetta Soup, Macadamia Nut Gazpacho, and Mango Soup.

F • Mar 25 • 1:30-3:30pm • \$65/Gold/Silver/UR Leader: Tammy Brawley

How to Travel Like a College Student





NEW Designing travel for university students and then having them

make it their own is one of the best ways to encourage young people to connect with others abroad. Join UR's Dean of International Education Martha Merritt as she discusses designing the programs that rank our University #2 nationally for study abroad and what she learns every year from students, and hear from Spiders themselves as they talk about navigating the world.

M • Mar 28 • 1-3pm • Free to Members Leader: Martha Merritt

Touring Germany's National Parks

NEW. HYBRID We will discuss the role of National Parks globally, compare those in Germany to those in America and the rest of Europe, and explore many of the German National Parks themselves. We will also look at several other things that might inspire you to visit Germany and its parks. NOTE: You must also register for one sub-session: in person or remote.

T • Mar 29 • 10-12pm • \$20/Silver Leader: Bill Hafker

Arthur Ashe: A Very Richmond Life

NEW Join this class to explore the life of Richmond native Arthur Ashe. Although Ashe was an amateur and professional tennis phenomenon playing all over the globe, his ties and family kept bringing him back to Richmond. He said, 'I have a love/hate relationship with Richmond. We will explore Ashe's rise from a sevenyear-old restricted to playing on the segregated tennis courts in Richmond to his prominence as a world-class tennis star and worldwide activist.

T • Mar 29 • 1-3pm • \$20/Silver Leader: John Festa

Voting Rights in America

NEW Let's explore the many ins and outs of this topic: and there is much to explore! We will trace

the somewhat circuitous history of voting rights, look at voting patterns and behavior, and culminate with a discussion of the current tension between voter suppression and voter fraud.

R • Mar 31 • 10-12pm • \$20/Silver Leader: James Narduzzi

Nightingales of the South

NEW During the American Civil War, women by the thousands volunteered to work as nurses. Some served officially, others unofficially; all made an impact. This talk will explore the lives and experiences of three women: Sally Tompkins, Phoebe Yates Pember, and Susie King Taylor.

M • Apr 4 • 1-2:30pm • \$20/Silver Leader: Kelly Hancock

SPRING 2022 OSHER SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Salsa Meets Jazz





NEW Join UR Music Professor Mike Davison and friends for a

wonderful exploration of Cuban Jazz. Dr. D. and his guests will keep you engaged with their insights and their performances of this special genre of jazz!

M/W • Apr 4, 6 • 4-6pm • Free to Members

Leaders: Mike Davison, Daniel Guzmán

Loyzaga, Peter Loman

Important Aspects of the Golden Age of Islam

NEW This course will focus on contributions made by earlier civilizations which helped lay the foundation for the Golden Age of Islam, the 'seats of learning' within the Islamic World during this period, and glimpses of contributions made by Arabs and Muslims in different scientific fields.

T • Apr 5, 12, 19 • 10-12pm • \$60/Silver

Leader: Malik Khan

Advancements in Acute **Stroke Treatment**



NEW This presentation will review causes, signs, and symptoms of stroke. The latest

advancements in acute stroke therapy will be reviewed, including emergency medical and endovascular surgical treatments.

T • Apr 5 • 1-2:30pm • \$20/Silver Leader: David Loy

Dean Jamelle Wilson: A Discussion of Public **Education in 2022**





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public schools, just as many of us did. Yet, today's public schools may look and feel a bit different than what we remember or what we imagine. In this conversation, we will examine the current landscape of public schools in Virginia and consider how that landscape must continue to change to serve future generations.

W • Apr 6 • 10-11:30am • Free to Members Leader: Jamelle Wilson

Common Ground

UPDATED Are you tired of the polarization on the major issues facing our country? Are there solutions that will meet the needs of the majority of us rather than one extreme or the other? We'll examine key issues of interest to the participants, bring in data on the subject, and work to find practical solutions. This is not a class to push your personal opinions, but one for open exchange and to find 'common ground.

W • Apr 6, 13, 20, 27 • 1-3pm • \$60/Silver

Leader: Don Miller

Goochland's Second **Union Rosenwald School**

DRIVE TO EVENT Take a drive to Goochland and tour the Second Union Rosenwald School, built to educate rural Black students in the early 1900s.

R • Apr 7 • 2-3pm • Free to Members Leader: Calvin Hopkins

The Virginia War Memorial: The Old and The New

DRIVE TO EVENT Take a tour of the Virginia War Memorial, both the old and the new. Completed in 1956, the original Memorial houses the monument, museum, and educational center honoring all Virginians who served from World War II through today. The Memorial's February 2020 addition features a shrine to

those killed in action in the 21st Century, a long-distance learning and oral history studio, a veterans art gallery, a Medal of Honor Gallery, and a lecture hall.

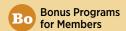
F • Apr 8 • 1:30-3:30pm • Free to Members Leader: Kyndall Drumheller

Your Local Habitat, and Why It Is Important

UPDATED Wish you had more birds, bees, and butterflies where you live? This class will discuss how to improve the habitat around you using native plants, whether you have a traditional yard, container garden, or community space.

M • Apr 11, 18 • 10-12pm • \$40/Silver Leader: Sheryl Smith







COVID-19

Coronavirus





The Language of COVID: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on COVID-19

There are many facets of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we need to learn and understand as much as we can about them. Experts in each of the following areas have been invited to address various topics pertaining to COVID-19 in a two-day symposium this spring.

Panel Topics:

Panel 1: Communication and Social Behavior

Panel 2: Latin American, Latino, and Iberian Studies (LALIS)

Panel 3: Covid's Impact on Education

Panel 4: The Particularity of National Responses to Covid (vs. Global Phenomenon)

Panel 5: Biopolitics of Covid: the language of the "state of exception"

Panel 6: Covid & the Transformation of Labor Practices

Panel 7: Performing arts in the age of COVID-19

Panel 8: Social Media and Covid

Dates: April 13-14, 2022

Times and Locations: To be determined, so look for emails prior to April 13th

Delivery: Some in person, some on line.

Organized by the University of Richmond's Department of Languages,

Literatures and Cultures





W • Apr 13 • 10-11:30am • \$20/Silver Leader: Martha Wright

Chain Maille: Flight of **Fancy Bracelet**

UPDATED We will be creating a bracelet with sterling silver. The Flight of Fancy Bracelet is an easy bracelet to make and is great to wear every day. This bracelet combines two classic chain maille weaves, Byzantine and Celtic line, in an attractive arrangement.

T • Apr 12, 19 • 1-3pm • \$75/Gold/Silver/UR Leader: Celeste Miller

Protecting Yourself from Cybercriminals and Scam Artists





NEW Professor Nancy Bagranoff and FBI Supervisory Special

Agent David Johnson will talk about how hackers and other scam artists target individuals and what steps you can take to protect yourself from identity theft, loss of assets, and privacy loss. The presentation will include ways to protect yourself from attacks where hackers and other criminals use social engineering or psychological manipulation to gain trust and information.

T • Apr 12 • 3:30-5pm • \$20/Silver Leaders: Nancy Bagranoff, David Johnson

Ticks to T-Rex



NEW During the Cretaceous Period, from 145 to 66 million years ago, dinosaurs of all

shapes and sizes dominated the planet. As children, we marveled at their outlandish names and cowered before their fearsome teeth. Few of us spared a thought for the other animals and plants that shared this ancient world, but life then was more abundant and diverse than it is today.

R • Apr 14 • 10-12pm • \$20/Silver Leader: David Kitchen

Virginia Holocaust Museum Tour



DRIVE TO EVENT Join this on-site tour for a walk through the museum, along with a

comprehensive overview of the history of the Holocaust incorporating the stories of survivors who made Richmond their home.

R • Apr 14 • 1:30-3:30pm • Free to Members Leader: Matthew Simpson

For the Beauty of It All: **National Parks East**

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND Take a look at our National Parks and other places of beauty in the Eastern USA: that is, east of the Mississippi. Videos and pictures from our many visits and commentary will be featured.

F • Apr 15, 22, 29 • 10-12pm • \$40/Silver Leaders: Dennis Cogswell, Nancy Cogswell

The Pumphouse History Tour

NEW, DRIVE TO EVENT The Pumphouse History Tour takes participants on a journey through time as they explore the 1883 Pumphouse, which brought unfiltered river water to the citizens from Richmond from 1883 to 1913. The building was designed as both a functional piece of public works and also a community gathering space.

F • Apr 15 • 1:30-3:30pm • \$20/Silver Leaders: Tyler Twyford, Bryce Wilk

Richmond Tourism: Where Are We Now?



UPDATED Tourism is a huge economic development engine in the Richmond Region. It has been

hit hard by the pandemic, but people are eager to travel again. Are they coming back to Richmond? Do we have enough workers to support this industry now?

M • Apr 18 • 1:30-3pm • Free to Members Leader: Jack Berry

Reading Cormac McCarthy's 'Blood Meridian or The Evening Redness in the West'

NEW In this seminar we will examine the major themes of the novel "Blood Meridian' and try to answer the question of what McCarthy was trying to accomplish by writing this violent yet pastoral and in many ways profound contribution to the best that American literature has to offer.

T • Apr 19, 26, May 3, 10 • 3:30-5pm • \$60/Silver Leader: Jack Kangas

Medicare Education 101

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND This class provides an overview of the various pieces of Medi-

care, including Parts A and B, supplements, drug cards, and Medicare Advantage plans. Eligibility, timing, and enrollment in the various parts of Medicare are covered.

R • Apr 21 • 10-11:30am • \$20/Silver Leaders: Chris Lynch, Sarah Lynch

UR Campus Spring Gardens Walk





Come prepared to enjoy the beautiful UR campus in the

springtime. We will focus on the many gardens on campus.

R • Apr 21 • 1:30-3:30pm • Free to Members Leader: Marshall Ervine

UR Behind the Scenes: The Cannon Memorial Chapel





Learn more about Cannon Chapel, which recently underwent a

major renovation and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2013, the Columbarium, and the Wilton Center.

F • Apr 22 • 1:30-3pm • Free to Members Leader: Betty Ann Dillon

From Plaszóv to **Richmond and Points** in Between

NEW Holocaust refugee/survivor Captain Alex Keisch, Maritime, shares his journeys from Kraków-Plaszów concentration camp to Richmond and the oldest Holocaust Memorial site in North America. Using humor and hard facts from his family's story of surviving the Holocaust, he fashions a tale of pain and pleasure explaining the need for Holocaust Education to help mitigate Jewish and Zionist hate.

M • Apr 25 • 1-3pm • \$20/Silver Leader: Alex Keisch

iPad Basics



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND Are you getting the most out of your iPad? Learn short cuts,

tricks, and how to enjoy and use your iPad.

T • Apr 26, May 3 • 10-12pm • \$40/Silver Leader: Betsy Spath

'Isaac's Beacon': The Birth of the State of Israel

NEW, AUTHOR'S BOOK TALK 'Isaac's Beacon' is a sweeping historical tale based on the real events of Israel's founding, bringing alive the power and complexities of the birth of the Jewish state out of the ashes of the Holocaust Join bestselling author David L. Robbins as he describes turning his mastery of the historical novel to another defining moment of the twentieth century: the birth of the state of Israel.

T • Apr 26 • 1-3pm • \$20/Silver Leader: David Robbins

Following the Footsteps of Buddha

NEW Come walk with us as we journey with Dr. Talegaonkar to the holy sites of Buddha's birth, enlightenment, first sermons, and his maha parinirvaan.

W • Apr 27 • 10-12pm • \$20/Silver Leader: Shantaram Talegaonkar

History of Richmond Craft Beer Part 6: Castleburg Brewery

NEW, DRIVE TO EVENT The session includes a brief history of Castleburg along with other historical beer highlights from the neighborhood. A tour of the brewery, one of Richmond's smallest, will be followed by beer tastings. Participants are welcome to extend their tasting and knowledge with the leader after the session is over.

W • Apr 27 • 5-7pm • \$20/Silver Leader: Wade Reynolds

Tasting Virginia Wines with the Experts

DRIVE TO EVENT Virginia is becoming known as an up-and-coming wine region for the caliber of wines being produced in the Commonwealth. We'll taste the wines of three wineries and meet the winemakers that are making these wines.

R • Apr 28 • 10-12pm • \$30/Gold/Silver/UR Leader: Annette Boyd

Tour of UR's Historic **Bottomley House**





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 • Apr 29 • 1:30-3pm • Free to Members Leader: Betty Ann Dillon

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Music, Politics, and the **Eurovision Song Contest**

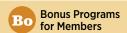


NEW What do ABBA and Céline Dion have in common? They won the Eurovision Song

Contest (ESC). This annual pan-European cultural event began in 1956 and became the world's most-watched live music event. Participants in this class will enjoy videos that show the fun of this spectacle but also explore the history and politics that explain the creation of the Contest. Learn how to enjoy the ESC in Italy in May 2022!

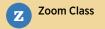
M • May 2 • 1-2:30pm • \$20/Silver Leader: Sharon Scinicariello





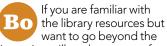






Beyond the Bounty





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.

T • May 3 • 1:30-3pm • Free to Members Leader: Carol Wittig

Planning Your Estate



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND 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.

W • May 4 • 10-12pm • \$20/Silver Leader: Paula Peaden

Enjoying Spring's Bounty

NEW, DRIVE TO EVENT What better way to eat than with local and in-season fare? Come learn about our local farms, then cook and enjoy their delicious fruits and

R • May 5 • 1:30-3:30pm • \$65/Gold/Silver/UR Leader: Tammy Brawley

Birding Walk Through UR



We will take an early morning walk through the lovely University of Richmond campus to look

and listen for resident birds.

M • May 9 • 8:30-10:30am • \$20/Silver Leaders: Mary Elfner, Marshall Ervine

All Three Branches: John Marshall's Service in the Federal Government

NEW, DRIVE TO EVENT This in-person tour highlights John Marshall's professional service career in all three branches of government as Congressman, Secretary of State, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

T • May 10 • 11-12:30pm • \$10/Gold/Silver/UR Leader: Meika Downey

Long Term Care: Home Health vs. Home Care... What is the Difference?



NEW Do you own a long term care insurance policy? Do you wonder when is the right time to

file a claim? How do you file a claim? Join us to learn the difference between home health vs. home care, how long term care insurance plays vital role and coordinates benefits with Medicare.

W • May 11 • 10-12pm • \$20/Silver Leaders: Linda Tsironis Caruthers, Jay Mann

Tour of Shalom Farms





DRIVE TO EVENT Let's head out for a tour of Shalom Farms. This

12-acre sustainable farm in Midlothian is an agricultural learning lab for visitors and volunteers of all backgrounds. Last year, with the help of 6,296 volunteers the farm grew over 500,000 servings of fresh produce.

R • May 12 • 2-3pm • Free to Members Leader: Hannah Wittwer

YOU Have Done it Again!

We are grateful and happy to share that the University of Richmond's Osher Institute has met and exceeded its 2021 Osher Annual Fund goals of \$27,500 from 20% of our members. YOU, our members, made this happen!

As of November 15 2021, 243 Osher members in 187 Osher households have made financial gifts to Osher totaling \$31,115. The number of participating households represents a new all-time high participation rate of 29% of those solicited. Notably, more members than ever made their gifts through tax-advantaged traditional IRA gifts and donor advised funds, creating win-win scenarios.

The **2021 Honor Roll of Donors** year-to-date can be found on our website, https://spcs.richmond.edu/lifelong-learning/osher/ giving/2021.html. Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your financial generosity!

If you have not made a gift to the Osher Institute yet in 2021 and would like to join your fellow Osher members who have supported Osher with a financial gift, please visit https://osher.richmond.edu/give, or email Amy Edwards (aedwards@richmond.edu), Stewardship Assistant.



145% of our participation goal

Coffee Chats, Happy Hours, Game Nights

During the past year, our awesome Member Connections Team has offered many ways to stay connected. You may recall that pre-COVID, we hosted Happy Hours in The Cellar on campus. When the pandemic hit, our volunteer-led Coffee Chats, Happy Hours, and Game Nights were all virtual, hosted on Zoom.

As we figure out our new normal, our Happy Hours are now in-person events, each one at a different venue around town. These in-person social events are growing, especially as you become more willing to venture out.

We anticipate more of these events in the spring, but our Member Connections Team will monitor the interest in virtual versus in-person events and plan accordingly. Be on the lookout for email announcements!



Osher Membership

You can become an Osher member at any time during the year for as little as \$75 per year. A summary follows of membership levels and benefits. To become a member, visit our online registration portal at https://www.enrole.com/richmond/jsp/index. isp?categoryId=OSHER and create a new account. Once your account has been created and you are logged in, select the MEMBERSHIPS & RENEWALS category and purchase a new membership. Your membership is valid for one year from the date you join.

Membership Levels

Silver: \$75/year (rolling 12-month)

Our **Silver** membership is the perfect get acquainted level for individuals who are interested in seeing what Osher has to offer. For a small annual fee, an individual receives a University of Richmond One Card and e-mail address, parking pass, full use of the library including access to online databases while on campus and access to register for Osher courses. However, **Silver** members pay for each course in which they enroll, \$100 to audit available semester-long credit courses, and special course fees.

Gold: \$350/year (rolling 12-month)

Our **Gold** membership is perfect for individuals who want to take advantage of the entire Osher Lifelong Learning Institute experience. This individual membership includes a University of Richmond One Card and e-mail address, parking pass and full use of the library including access to online databases while on campus. In addition, Gold members have unlimited access to all Osher courses free of charge (excluding off-campus trips). Available undergraduate semesterlong courses may be audited at no additional charge.

UR Osher: \$25/year (rolling 12-month)

Exclusively for UR faculty, staff and retirees and their spouse/partner who want to receive notices of special Osher member events and programs. For additional details, contact the Osher Institute office.

Upgrading Your Membership

Are you a **Silver** member who is wondering if an allinclusive Gold membership is right for you? Silver members may upgrade at any time during the first six months of their membership year. Upgrades will not change the membership term dates. When upgrading, the \$75 Silver membership fee will be applied to the upgrade.



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Member Benefits at a Glance

- Membership is good for 12 months from the date you join
- Several membership options
- Free Osher member orientation
- Osher members receive individual performance discounts at the Modlin Center for the Arts
- Free parking on UR campus
- Unlimited borrowing privileges at UR's Boatwright Library (including audio, e-books, and videos)
- Access to the UR Technology Help Desk –
 offering remote support (804-287-6400 or
 helpdesk@richmond.edu)
- Use of more than 300 online databases at the UR Library
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- UR email address
- Daily 'SpiderBytes' messaging for UR programs and events
- Access to UR help center for preparing presentations offering remote support (804-289-8777 or tlc@richmond.edu)
- Opportunity to audit undergraduate credit classes
- Unlimited Osher classes for Gold members
- Free bonus classes and special events

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The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute combines intellectual stimulation and civic engagement with a vibrant community of like-minded students, age 50 and better.

We offer an extensive array of programs in the liberal arts in the fall, spring, and summer semesters. There are no entrance requirements, no tests, and no grades.

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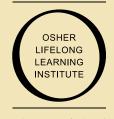
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