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# FALL 2011

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A young child in a brown leather flight suit and goggles is crawling on a skateboard on a sandy surface. The child is looking directly at the camera with a determined expression. The background is a blurred, warm-toned landscape.

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# Fall 2011 Schedule of Classes


## Membership Benefits at a Glance

For complete details, visit us online at [osher.richmond.edu](http://osher.richmond.edu)

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

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

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



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## Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Mission, Values and History

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

### We value

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

### Our History

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

## Becoming an Osher Member

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

### Osher Member Orientation

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

[See page 4 for details]

### Registration is Required for Osher Classes and Programs

Please go to [osher.richmond.edu](http://osher.richmond.edu) for details and the registration forms (online and paper are both available).

#### Contact Us

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## Making a Gift to the Osher Institute

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

### Osher Volunteer Leadership Opportunities

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

### Scholarships

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

### Osher Credit Course Audit Opportunities

Osher members are eligible to audit a selected list of credit classes offered through the School of Continuing Studies. Details are online at [osher.richmond.edu](http://osher.richmond.edu).

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

#### Common Ground Mission Statement

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

#### Jeanne Clery Disclosure Statement

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





## Getting the Most Out of Your Osher Membership

### Osher Member Orientation Sessions

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

Session One:	Thursday, September 15	3:30 – 5:00 pm	CRN 50061
Session Two:	Thursday, September 29	3:30 – 5:00 pm	CRN 50064
Session Three:	Thursday, October 13	3:30 – 5:00 pm	CRN 50067
Session Four:	Thursday, October 20	5:30 – 7:00 pm	CRN 50069

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

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

Leader: Lucretia McCulley      Thursday, November 3      2:00 – 3:30 pm      CRN 50068

### Googling and the Library

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

Leader: Lucretia McCulley      Thursday, November 10      2:00 – 3:30 pm      CRN 50070

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

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

Leaders: Bill Bailey      Thursday, September 15      9 am – 12:00 pm      CRN 50063  
 Jane Dowrick  
 Tim Williams

# Osher Special Events

## Osher Back to School Mixer, with “Bad Sneakers” Jazz Combo

Thursday, September 1, 5:30 – 7 p.m.,  
Modlin Center, Booth Lobby

Free and open to the public, registration required.

Thinking about joining the Osher Institute? Already an Osher Member?

Join us for this FREE meet and greet event with food and entertainment, for Osher members and “not yet” members! We will also be recognizing our wonderful Osher Institute volunteers at this event. Dress is casual.

Please register by August 19 at [scs.richmond.edu/osher/events.html](http://scs.richmond.edu/osher/events.html). For more information contact [dguild@richmond.edu](mailto:dguild@richmond.edu) or 287-6608.

## Breakfast Bunch, Wednesday, September 14, 8:30 – 9:30 am

## Dinner Bunch, Thursday, September 15, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

For prospective and current Osher members. We'll meet at the Heilman Dining Center in the Westhampton Room. Meals are all-you-can-eat, cafeteria-style.

Cost per person: breakfast is \$6.50/senior \$5.50, dinner is \$9.50/senior \$8. Registration is not needed for this fun Osher get-together! The Heilman Dining Center is open to the public; go to [dining.richmond.edu](http://dining.richmond.edu) for menu and schedule details.

## Day Trips

### Field Study of the James River

lecture, activity, discussion

**Reprised!** Aboard the workboat Bay-watcher, we'll engage in water quality testing, biological sampling, and analysis while overlooking locations that have significant historical ties to the river—plantations, heavy industry, and serene wildlife preserves.

**Leader:** Chesapeake Bay Foundation Educators

**Dates:** Friday, September 16

**Time:** 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**CRN:** 50111

**Fee:** \$75 for all Osher member levels, open to non-members

### Valentine History Center Tour of Richmond Cemeteries and Jewish Museum/Archives

lecture, activity, discussion

**New!** This tour will immerse you in Richmond history and includes a Sally Bell's Kitchen box lunch.

**Leader:** VHC Tour Guide

**Dates:** Wednesday, October 26

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**CRN:** 50088

**Fee:** \$75 for all Osher member levels, open to non-members

### Tacky Lights Tour

**New!** Not to be missed! From the comfort of our motor coach we will take in the dazzling display of the holiday season in Richmond.

**Leader:** Osher Staff

**Dates:** Wednesday, December 14

**Time:** 5:30 PM – 10:00 PM

**CRN:** 50101

**Fee:** \$30 for all Osher member levels, open to non-members.

## If Life is an Adventure, Why Stop at Eighty?

lecture, discussion

**New!** Following his service as a U.S. Marine during World War II and a distinguished career as President and Chancellor of the University of Richmond, Dr. E. Bruce Heilman is as busy as ever, traveling extensively and serving as member and officer of numerous boards and organizations, including the Leathernecks Motorcycle Club International. This informative and inspirational talk will be followed by a sale and signing of Dr. Heilman's book *An Interruption that Lasted a Lifetime: My First Eighty Years*.

**Leader:** E. Bruce Heilman

**Dates:** Thursday, October 27

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

**CRN:** 50072

**Fee:** Free and open to the public, registration required.

## Steam Coffin: Captain Moses Rogers and the Steamship Savannah Break the Barrier

lecture, discussion

**New!** Historian and author John Laurence Busch will attempt to recalibrate your mind to the early 19th century before showing why the proposition of making the first crossing of the Atlantic Ocean on a steamship was met with a mixture of skepticism and fear.

**Leader:** John Busch

**Dates:** Friday, November 11

**Time:** 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

**CRN:** 50077

**Fee:** Free and open to the public, registration required.

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

lecture, discussion

**Reprised!** Following a look at the unusual words and customs of Dickens' time, we'll enjoy a dramatic reading of this classic tale and a round table discussion on the themes of the carol itself.

**Leader:** Eric Douglass

**Dates:** Wednesday, November 30

**Time:** 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

**CRN:** 50078

**Fee:** Free and open to the public, registration required.



## Osher Interest Groups

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

### Bridge

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

### Great Conversations

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

### Hikers

Come explore the outdoors with us on trails of varying difficulty, both in Richmond and throughout Virginia. The group coordinator is Marshall Ervine at [william.ervine@richmond.edu](mailto:william.ervine@richmond.edu).

### Literary Dreamers

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

### Transforming Memories into Memoirs

What was your first car like? And what really happened on graduation night? Your adventure in living is distinctive . . . and only you can tell it. Learn more ways to stimulate your memory and capture memories in memoirs. Share your stories with others. To learn more, please contact Nancy Owens at 262-5550 or [dwowenss@verizon.net](mailto:dwowenss@verizon.net).

### Tennis

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

### Writing for Enjoyment

For both aspiring and experienced writers. We meet on Thursday mornings to share work-in-progress (poetry, essays, fiction—whatever!) and offer suggestions for improvement. After a get-acquainted period, a regular commitment to weekly meetings is expected. The group coordinator is Jan Tarasovic at [jtarasovic@comcast.net](mailto:jtarasovic@comcast.net).

### Investments

Now is a great time to join this investment interest group. Share your knowledge and gain new ideas that may help you in your personal portfolio. The group coordinator is Peggy Ware at [yimbok@comcast.net](mailto:yimbok@comcast.net).

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

# Learning on the Run Talks

## Hindsight is Almost 20/20: A Perspective on Growing Up in Israel

lecture, discussion

**New!** Living in a Jewish state among Christians, Muslims, Jews, Palestinians and Israelis, our speaker was part of the expatriate community of children of diplomats, spooks, missionaries and professionals.

**Leader:** Daniel Hocutt

**Dates:** Thursday, October 6

**Time:** 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

**CRN:** 50065

**Fee:** Free to Osher Members, registration required

## Olives and Their Oil: Tree to Table Wisdom

lecture, activity, discussion

**Reprised!** Olive oil is nearly as ancient as civilization itself and long-revered for its health benefits. Take a sensory journey around the olive-producing world and learn the secrets of identifying, tasting, buying and using extra virgin olive oils for maximum nutritional and culinary impact.

**Leader:** Stacy Luks

**Dates:** Thursday, October 27

**Time:** 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

**CRN:** 50071

**Fee:** Free to Osher Members, registration required

## What is Going On with This Young Generation?

lecture, discussion

**New!** Discover more about the Millennial Generation (Gen Y) that many find challenging to understand. We will get a glimpse of what is being called “Emerging Adulthood” and learn what people this age are experiencing.

**Leader:** Drew Lichtenberger

**Dates:** Wednesday, October 12

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

**CRN:** 50066

**Fee:** Free to Osher Members, registration required

## The Oregon Trail and Western Expansion, 1810-1805

lecture, discussion

**New!** Trappers, mountain men, guides, wagon trains and Indians on the Oregon, California, Mormon and Santa Fe trails will be the focus on this talk on the beginning of interest in and settlement of the western United States.

**Leader:** Hugh Campbell

**Dates:** Thursday, November 10

**Time:** 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

**CRN:** 50076

**Fee:** Free to Osher Members, registration required

## Moral Philosophy: Defining a Land Ethic

lecture, discussion

**New!** Through the lens of philosopher Martin Buber and others, we shall consider the ethics of land management in our national parks and forests (national, industrial and private).

**Leader:** Lynn Dickerson

**Dates:** Tuesday, November 8

**Time:** 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

**CRN:** 50074

**Fee:** Free to Osher Members, registration required

## Toward a Better Understanding: Mormon Cosmology and Culture

lecture, discussion

**Reprised!** What images of Mormons do we see in the media? Are these fair representations? The spotlight is increasing on a faith that will likely have two presidential contenders in 2012. The author of numerous books on Mormonism, UR Professor Dr. Terryl Givens will share his scholarship about the Mormon faith.

**Leader:** Terryl Givens

**Dates:** Thursday, November 8

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

**CRN:** 50075

**Fee:** Free to Osher Members, registration required





# Osher Mini Courses

## Art

### Exploring Your VMFA: Collect It! Use It! Support It!

**New!** The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts will engage you in learning about how we acquire, take care, exhibit, and look at art. Bring an open mind and walking shoes to participate in fun gallery exercises, a tour of 6,000 years of world art, and creative discussions and information sharing. Note: this class meets at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; lunch is available at “Best” café following the class.

**Leader:** VMFA Staff

**Dates:** Tuesdays, September 13, 20, 27

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**CRN:** 50080

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

### Say What? Text in Modern and Contemporary Art

lecture, discussion

**New!** Why “say it” when you can draw it? After reviewing a few historical examples, this class will focus on modern and contemporary artworks that incorporate words, letters, and even textual sounds for varying purposes.

**Leader:** Elizabeth Schlatter

**Dates:** Wednesdays, September 14, 21

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**CRN:** 50081

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

## Communication Arts

### You and I Have Simply Got to Stop Meeting this Way

lecture, discussion

**New!** Meetings can be a joyful experience of productive people. Unfortunately, most meetings don’t reach their potential to get things done, build relationships and charge people with positive energy. They miss the chance to create enthusiasm for the task and goals at hand. They could do good AND be fun. We will talk about some simple tools and tips to re-charge and redirect meetings, as leader or participant. Yes, it is a meeting about meetings!

**Leader:** Dick Dunsing

**Dates:** Monday, October 3

**Time:** 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

**CRN:** 50096

**Fee:** \$20 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

### Exploring Your World Through Journaling

lecture, activity, discussion

**Revised!** Journaling is a powerful tool for clarifying thoughts and feelings and gaining perspective on life events. Whether you are experienced or brand new to the process, this workshop will provide you with tools, tips and class exercises to get the most out of this wonderful practice.

**Leader:** Jada Banks

**Dates:** Thursdays, September 22, 29

**Time:** 9:45 AM – 11:45 AM

**CRN:** 50092

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

### Conversation Café Workshop: More Than Just Talk

lecture, activity, discussion

**New!** Come learn how to lead and participate in discussions that stimulate ideas, invite everyone to have a say, and evoke group wisdom and creativity. You will be able to put your Conversation Café skills to use in a variety of group discussion settings. For general information about Conversation Café go to [conversationcafe.org](http://conversationcafe.org).

**Leader:** Jacqueline Pogue

**Dates:** Thursday, October 6

**Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**CRN:** 50097

**Fee:** \$20 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

### Creating an E-Newsletter for the Holidays

lecture, activity, discussion

**New!** Wouldn’t it be nice to skip paying postage for all those holiday cards? Learn how to combine your own digital photos with family news to assemble an interesting e-newsletter. You’ll learn how to share your happenings via email or print to send in “snail” mail. Prerequisite: intermediate skill using Microsoft Word.

**Leader:** Karen Scott

**Dates:** Tuesdays, September 13, 20

**Time:** 5:15 PM – 7:15 PM

**CRN:** 50093

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

## Dramatic Arts

### Readers Theater

lecture, activity, discussion

**Updated!** This class is for anyone who loves the theater and wants to develop play-reading skills. No experience is necessary but simply a desire to become involved in participating with fellow class members. Short pieces with no more than 4 or 5 characters will allow frequent participation. Learning to be a good audience will also be considered. Participants will be encouraged to set aside time for a brief rehearsal with fellow performers either before or after class or by phone. The actors will use music stands, which will serve to hold the scripts, and the actors will concentrate on facial expression rather than movement. Scripts will be distributed at the end of each class. Break a leg, Thespians!

**Leader:** Jane Tombes, Linda Ventura

**Dates:** Mondays, September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**CRN:** 50079

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



## Behind the Scenes at the Richmond Ballet

lecture, discussion

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

**Leader:** Malcolm Burn

**Dates:** Wednesday, November 16

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**CRN:** 50108

**Fee:** \$20 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

## Cool Flicks: More Great Comedies

(viewing, lecture, discussion)

**New!** Continuing our quest for the funniest movies of all time, we will watch and discuss *Some Like it Hot*, *Tootsie*, and *The Birdcage*.

**Leader:** Dan Begley

**Dates:** Thursdays, November 3, 10, 17

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

**CRN:**

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

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

## Geography

### Africa Past and Present: A Continent's Cultural Geographic Landscape, Part II

**New!** As a geography class, this course is a mapping laboratory based lecture series. All in all, both the professor and pupils will map out the African continent's natural resources, tribal as well as other ethnic populations, past and present migration patterns, trade patterns between Africa and other world regions often unmentioned, current regional economic activities and the continent's colonial past as well as its modern day political climate including the Islamic upheavals in Tunisia and Egypt.

**Leader:** William Seay

**Dates:** Thursdays, October 6, 13

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**CRN:** 50116

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

## History

### Congress: Like It or Not, Can't Live Without It

lecture, discussion

**Reprised!** The history of the US Congress is inspiring, violent, evolving, grid-locked, unprincipled, bold and brave. Said to be convoluted and like watching sausage being made, the work of Congress is still a feat to be admired and copied. Using Ken Burns' "The Congress" and with an emphasis on the art of compromise, Congress' power, weaknesses and accomplishments will be explored.

**Leader:** Sally Wood

**Dates:** Mondays, October 31, November 7, 14

**Time:** 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

**CRN:** 50090

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

## An American Turning Point at the Virginia Historical Society

lecture, discussion

**New!** Enriched by this special exhibition from the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission, we will study the civil war through the eyes of civilians. This class also features the VHS "Unknown No Longer" project, and a session with historian Dr. Edward L. Ayers.

**Leader:** VHS Staff, Dr. Ed Ayers

**Dates:** November 17, December 1, 8 (no class on November 24)

**Time:** 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**CRN:** 50091

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

## Genealogy for Beginners at the Library of Virginia

lecture, activity, discussion

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

**Leader:** Donna Shumate

**Dates:** Mondays, Wednesdays, September 26, 28, October 3, 5

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**CRN:** 50085

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

## History of the Early Chesapeake, 1500-1783

lecture, discussion

**New!** From a meteor that created the Bay to the pirates who plundered it, this course will cover the wide and varied history of the Chesapeake region where America was born, from the Atlantic coast to the backcountry, with a focus on its architecture, conflicts and politics.

**Leader:** Matthew Krogh

**Dates:** Thursdays, September 15, 22, October 6, 13 (no class on September 29)

**Time:** 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**CRN:** 50084

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

### That Wild Onion Place

lecture, activity, discussion  
**Revised!** We will explore sixty thousand years of Chicago history. Students will be encouraged to suggest topics. Some research will be required.

**Leader:** Bill Bailey  
**Dates:** Fridays, October 28, November 4, 11, 18  
**Time:** 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM  
**CRN:** 50089  
**Fee:** \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

### Looking South: Appalachian Virginia

lecture, discussion  
**New!** Students will be introduced to one of the most unique and beautiful regions of the Commonwealth. We will study the landscape, history, people and culture of this often stereotyped and misunderstood part of Virginia, and be immersed in “The Great South-west” of Virginia through lecture, photographic and musical formats.

**Leader:** April Cain  
**Dates:** Fridays, October 14, 21, 28, November 4  
**Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
**CRN:** 50087  
**Fee:** \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

### Conflicts that Defined the Euro-Centric World

lecture, discussion  
**New!** From the Athenians at Marathon (499 BCE) to von Schlieffen’s Great Gamble (1914 CE) the adventurous and courageous Europeans, in fighting with one another, developed the warrior skills and societal structures with which to conquer the world.

**Leader:** John Neblett  
**Dates:** Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25  
**Time:** 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
**CRN:** 50086  
**Fee:** \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

### Interdisciplinary

#### The Empowerment Dynamic (T.E.D.) for Those 50 or Better

lecture, activity, discussion  
**New!** Put habits of blaming, complaining and rescuing to rest. This interactive, energetic session will provide opportunity to look at what you wish to create in any area of your life. The Empowerment Dynamic provides a format for achieving the outcome you desire.

**Leader:** Kate Deaton  
**Dates:** Monday, November 7  
**Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
**CRN:** 50099  
**Fee:** \$20 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

#### Treasure Revealed: Evaluating and Grading Coins

lecture, discussion  
**Updated!** We will learn how coins are priced and explore resources to evaluate the history and worth of your coins.

**Leader:** Bill Ventura  
**Dates:** Tuesday, Wednesday, November 29, 30  
**Time:** 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM  
**CRN:** 50100  
**Fee:** \$40 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

#### Religious Diversity in America and the Law

lecture, discussion  
**New!** This class will examine the why’s of law and religion. As we consider the interplay between Constitutional and state law, we will examine rigid Puritan intolerance; Revolutionary/Constitutional “disestablishmentarianism;” Jefferson’s Religious Freedom Act (“wall between church and state”); 19th century revival; and 20th century prayer in school, Creationism, and faith-based government programs.

**Leader:** Dan Smith  
**Dates:** Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16  
**Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
**CRN:** 50098  
**Fee:** \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

### Topical Discussions

lecture, activity, discussion  
**Updated!** This student-driven class selects local, national or international topics that are researched by the Osher students between classes, and then considered in a facilitated class discussion based not on opinion but rather on available statistics and factual background data.

**Leader:** David Owens  
**Dates:** Wednesdays, September 21, October 19, November 16 (meets once each month)  
**Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
**CRN:** 50095  
**Fee:** \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

### This I Believe: Drafting a Personal Philosophy

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

**Leader:** Jane Dowrick  
**Dates:** Wednesdays, September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19  
**Time:** 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM  
**CRN:** 50094  
**Fee:** \$60 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members



## Literature

### Who the Heck is Absalom? Israel's Greatest King and Faulkner's Greatest Story

lecture, discussion

**New!** What's the connection between Absalom, Absalom! — the tangled tale of fathers and sons, transgression and murder, in postwar Mississippi — and a royal dynasty of ancient Israel? We will read portions of Hebrew scriptures to help illuminate this difficult but unforgettable modern novel.

**Leader:** Bruce Birdsey

**Dates:** Fridays, September 16, 23, 30, October 7

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**CRN:** 50103

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

### Literary Gems: Our Mysterious Edgar Allan Poe

lecture, reading, discussion

**Updated!** We will read, in this order, Poe's *Complete Auguste Dupin Tales* (Murders in the Rue Morgue, Mystery of Marie Roget, and the Purloined Letter), *The Pale Blue Eye* by Louis Bayard, and *The Poe Shadow* by Matthew Pearl. For our last session we will visit the Poe Museum (\$5 in addition to course fee) and the gravesite of Elizabeth Poe, and Elmira Shelton's house, followed by optional refreshment at Poe's Pub, all in historic Churchill.

**Leader:** Sheryl De Leo

**Dates:** Thursdays, October 20, November 3, 17, December 1

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**CRN:** 50104

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

### The Gospel of Mark: Textures, Layers and Connections

lecture, discussion

**New!** We will explore this narrative in terms of its cultural background, structure and meaning, as it was understood by its original audience. Opportunity for optional class project.

**Leader:** Eric Douglass

**Dates:** Wednesdays, September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**CRN:** 50102

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

## Military Science

### How to Design a Military Campaign

lecture, discussion

**New!** Explore the concepts, doctrine, and tools used by military commanders when they develop military courses of action. Understand how they analyze the operating environment, enemy, and other factors that figure into what options they offer the President.

**Leader:** Bill Davis

**Dates:** Mondays, September 12, 19, October 3 (no class on September 26)

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**CRN:** 50109

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

## Music

### Understanding Opera, Part I

lecture, discussion

**Updated!** A course designed to foster greater appreciation of an often misunderstood art form. Works analyzed include the first two productions of Virginia Opera's 2011-12 season: Verdi's *Aida*, a tale of love, betrayal and vengeance in ancient Egypt, and Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*, a beloved setting of a classic Grimm's story. Illustrated with audio and video excerpts; recommended for opera lovers and novices alike.

**Leader:** Glenn Winters

**Dates:** Tuesdays, September 13, 20, 27

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**CRN:** 50105

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

### Behind the Scenes with the Richmond Symphony

lecture, discussion

**New!** Experience the Richmond Symphony at work, up close and on the stage of the Carpenter Theatre at Richmond CenterStage. We will learn what it takes to produce and perform the Altria Masterworks classical music programs and enjoy a live rehearsal and backstage tour.

**Leader:** Richmond Symphony Musicians and Staff

**Dates:** Thursday, November 10

**Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**CRN:** 50108

**Fee:** \$20 for Silver Members, no fee for Gold/Gold Plus One members

### Experiencing Leonard Bern- stein's Mass

lecture, reading, discussion

**New!** Bernstein, the grandson of a Rabbi, raises interfaith questions as he interprets the Roman Catholic Mass. The performance will be shown on DVD in segments of 30 minutes or less, allowing time for discussion. Participants from all faiths are desired. Required for this class is the libretto *Mass, A Theatre Piece for Singers, Players and Dancers, by Leonard Bernstein* available for \$7 from halleonard.com or from the UR Bookstore.

**Leader:** Bill Queen

**Dates:** Tuesdays, September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1

**Time:** 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**CRN:** 50106

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

### Music for Everyone

lecture, activity, discussion

**New!** Exploring various elements of music theory, keys, scales, rhythm and dynamics, we'll learn to use various musical tools such as the circle of 5ths and metronomes, and finish with a sing along of folk and pop tunes.

**Leader:** Steve Mallis

**Dates:** Tuesdays, November 1, 8

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**CRN:** 50107

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

## Science

### Science by Accident

lecture, discussion

**Updated!** Many of the items we are using today, like polyester, are the result of amazing and amusing accidental discovery.

**Leader:** Brenda Sahli  
Muhammad Sahli

**Dates:** Thursdays, September 15, 22, 29

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**CRN:** 50110

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

### Virginia's Natural Wonders

lecture, activity, discussion

**New!** With guidance from Master Naturalists, we will learn about plants, birds and geology that are native to Virginia, through a series of three walk and talk sessions in the James River Park located near downtown Richmond. This class requires moderate walking outdoors.

**Leader:** Virginia Master Naturalists

**Dates:** Wednesdays, September 28, October 5, 12

**Time:** 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

**CRN:** 50112

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

### Einstein, the Quantum World and Schrodinger's Cat

lecture, discussion

**New!** What is “really” real? How has the history of physics contributed to our understanding of the world around us? Einstein theorized about the laws of the universe and developed new notions about time and space. Other thinkers in the 20th century – Planck, Bohr, Heisenberg, Schrodinger – described the even more peculiar properties of the world of the very small – the quantum world – further challenging our understanding of what's real. This course is a non-mathematical discussion of these ideas.

**Leader:** Glenn Markus

**Dates:** Thursdays, October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17

**Time:** 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

**CRN:** 50114

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

### Current Issues in Nuclear Energy

lecture, discussion

**New!** Are you curious about nuclear power? Do you know how nuclear materials are used in medical and other applications? Would you like to know more about the role of nuclear energy in Virginia? This series of interactive sessions will give you a chance to learn more about these topics and emerging issues in the use of nuclear energy.

Guest presenters include professionals from regulatory agencies, a Virginia utility and industry.

**Leader:** George Pangburn

**Dates:** Mondays, October 3, 10, 17, 24

**Time:** 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**CRN:** 50113

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

### A Zoman's Expeditions

lecture, discussion

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

**Leader:** Mark Rich

**Dates:** Tuesdays, November 1, 15, 22 (no class on November 8)

**Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**CRN:** 50115

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

## Technology

### Powerful Power Point for Beginners

lecture, activity, discussion

**New!** Learning the basics of this useful tool will help you create visuals that add value to your presentations. Prerequisites: intermediate computing skills and activation of your UR network ID and password.

**Leader:** Tim Williams

**Dates:** Mondays, November 7, 14

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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□ EVENT***	Osher Back to School Mixer	Sept 1, 5:30-7:00 (TH)	free to public***	5
□ 50092	Exploring My World Through Journaling	Sept 12, 19, 5:30-7:30 (M)	\$40	8
□ 50109	How to Design a Military Campaign	Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2:00-4:00 (M)	\$60	11
□ 50079	Readers Theater	Sept 12,19,26, Oct 3,10,10:00-12:00 (M)	\$60	8
□ 50093	Creating a Family (or other) E-Newsletter	Sept 13, 20, 5:15-7:15 (T)	\$40	8
□ 50080	Exploring Your VMFA: Collect It! Use It! Support It!	Sept 13, 20, 27, 10:00-12:00 (T)	\$60	8
□ 50105	Understanding Opera, Part 1	Sept 13, 20, 27, 1:00-3:00 (T)	\$60	11
□ n/a	Breakfast Bunch	Sept 14, 8:30-9:30 (W)	meal fee**	5
□ 50081	Say What? Text in Modern and Contemporary Art	Sept 14, 21, 10:00-12:00 (W)	\$60	8
□ 50094	This I Believe: Drafting a Personal Philosophy	Sept 14,21,28,Oct 5,2,19,3:30-5:00 (W)	\$60	10
□ 50102	The Gospel of Mark: Textures, Layers and Connections	Sept 14,21,28,Oct 5,2,9,1:00-3:00(W)	\$60	11
□ 50061	Orientation Session One	Sept 15, 3:30-5:30, (TH)	free to members	4
□ n/a	Dinner Bunch	Sept 15, 5:30-6:30, (TH)	meal fee**	5
□ PUBLIC***	Taking Your Passion to the Next Level	Sept 15, 9:00-12:00 (TH)	free to public***	4
□ 50110	Science by Accident	Sept 15, 22, 29, 1:00-3:00 (TH)	\$60	12
□ 50084	History of the Early Chesapeake, 1500-1783	Sept 15,22,Oct 6,13,6:30-8:30 (TH)	\$60	9
□ 50111	DAY TRIP: Field Study of the James River	Sept 16, 8:00-5:00 (F)	\$75**	5
□ 50103	Who the heck is Absalom? Israel King . . . Faulkner Story	Sept 16, 23, 30, Oct 7, 10:00-11:30(F)	\$60	11
□ 50095	Topical Discussions	Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16, 3:00-5:00(W)	\$60	10
□ 50085	Genealogy for Beginners at the Library of VA	Sept 26, 28, Oct 3, 5, 1:00-3:00(M,W)	\$60	9
□ 50106	Experiencing Leonard Bernstein's Mass	Sept 27,Oct4,11,18,25,Nov1,6:30-8:30(T)	\$60	11
□ 50112	Virginia's Natural Wonders	Sept 28, Oct 5, 12, 8:30-10:00 (W)	\$60	12
□ 50064	Orientation Session Two	Sept 29, 3:30-5:30 (TH)	free to members	4
□ 50096	You and I Have Simply Got to Stop Meeting This Way	Oct 3, 5:30-7:00 (M)	\$20	7
□ 50086	Conflicts that Defined the Euro-Centric World	Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30-12:30 (T)	\$60	10
□ 50113	Current Issues in Nuclear Energy	Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, 2:30-4:30 (T)	\$60	12
□ 50065	Hindsight . . . Growing up in Israel	Oct 6, 12:30-2:00, (TH)	free to members	7
□ 50116	Africa Past and Present	Oct 6, 13, 1:00-3:00 (TH)	\$40	9
□ 50097	Conversation Café Workshop	Oct 6, 3:00-5:00 (TH)	\$20	8
□ 50066	What is Going On with This Young Generation	Oct 12, 6:00-7:30 (W)	free to members	7
□ 50067	Orientation Session Three	Oct 13, 3:30-5:30 (TH)	free to members	4
□ 50114	Einstein, the Quantum World . . .	Oct13,20,27, Nov3,10,17,9:30-11:30(TH)	\$60	12
□ 50087	Looking South: Appalachian Virginia	Oct 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 10:00-12:00 (F)	\$60	10
□ 50068	The Bounty of the Boatwright: An Orientation . . .	Oct 17, 2:00-3:30 (M)	free to members	4
□ 50069	Orientation Session Four	Oct 20, 5:30-7:30 (TH)	free to members	4
□ 50104	Literary Gems: Our Mysterious Edgar Allan Poe	Oct 20, Nov 3, 17, Dec 1, 1:00-3:00 (TH)	\$60	11
□ 50070	Googling and the Library	Oct 24, 2:00-3:30 (M)	free to members	4
□ 50088	DAY TRIP: Valentine History Center Tour of Richmond	Oct 26, 9:00-5:00 (W)	\$75**	5
□ 50071	Olives and Their Oil	Oct 27, 12:30-2:30 (TH)	free to members	5
□ EVENT***	If Life is an Adventure, Why Stop at 80	Oct 27, 6:00-7:30 (TH)	free to public***	7
□ 50089	That Wild Onion Place	Oct 28, Nov 4, 11, 18 2:30-4:30 (F)	\$60	10
□ 50090	Congress: Like It or Not	Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 5:30-7:30 pm (M)	\$60	9
□ 50115	A Zooman's Expeditions	Nov 1, 15, 20, 3:00-5:00 pm (T)	\$60	12
□ 50098	Religious Diversity in America	Nov 2, 9, 16, 1:00-3:00 pm (W)	\$60	10
□ 50082	Cool Flicks: More Great Comedies	Nov 3, 10, 17, 2:00-4:30 pm (TH)	\$60	9
□ 50099	The Empowerment Dynamic	Nov 7, 10:00-12:00 (M)	\$20	10
□ 50073	Powerful Power Point for Beginners	Nov 7, 14, 2:00-5:00 (M)	\$40	12



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