



COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL  
AND CONTINUING STUDIES  
*The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA*

# *Life Is Learning*

**OLLI AT OU FALL 2024**



## **THE GOAL OF OLLI AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Oklahoma is dedicated to promoting lifelong learning and personal growth of older adults through a variety of noncredit courses. Our courses range from one-time offerings such as “Mornings with the Professor” to longer, more specific courses like “Senior Seminars.”

OLLI at OU serves those individuals age 50+ who are curious about unique subjects and who love to learn. Our goal is to create an innovative learning environment that fosters learning through socialization of members and classroom discussion.

## **THE BERNARD OSHER FOUNDATION**

The Bernard Osher Foundation seeks to improve quality of life through the support of lifelong learning institutes such as the one here at the University of Oklahoma. Founded in 1977 by Bernard Osher, the Bernard Osher Foundation has funded more than 100 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes on college and university campuses all over the United States. Continued support from the Bernard Osher Foundation is contingent upon membership, so membership matters. To learn more about the Bernard Osher Foundation, visit [osherfoundation.org](http://osherfoundation.org).

## **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

OLLI at OU has met the initial 500-member goal established by the Bernard Osher Foundation. We must continue to have a robust membership in order to offer as many quality programs as possible.

OLLI courses are open to anyone age 50+. Membership in OLLI is required to enroll in courses. Our members enjoy the following benefits:

- The satisfaction of supporting OLLI at OU while enjoying engaging courses from some of the university's most interesting faculty
- Being part of a social network that allows members to interact with peers of a similar age and background
- A parking tag used to attend OLLI at OU courses

## **PARKING DURING OLLI COURSES**

A parking hang tag is required to park in any multi-purpose parking lot. A tag is included with your membership. If you are attending an OLLI course in the OCCE Forum Building, please park in the lot on the southeast side of the building.

## **THE ERNA JONA MACDONNELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Erna Jona MacDonnell Scholarship Fund has been established to provide OLLI at OU memberships to age 50+ learners so that they may enroll in OLLI at OU courses. The scholarship is need-based, and awards are decided by committee. Those interested in applying for the scholarship should contact the OLLI at OU offices at (405) 325-3488 or [celliot@ou.edu](mailto:celliot@ou.edu).

Erna embraced OLLI courses because they could increase the breadth and depth of her knowledge. No matter what someone's life experiences or education might be, OLLI courses allow members to deepen their knowledge of a familiar subject or explore an unfamiliar one.

# **NORMAN**

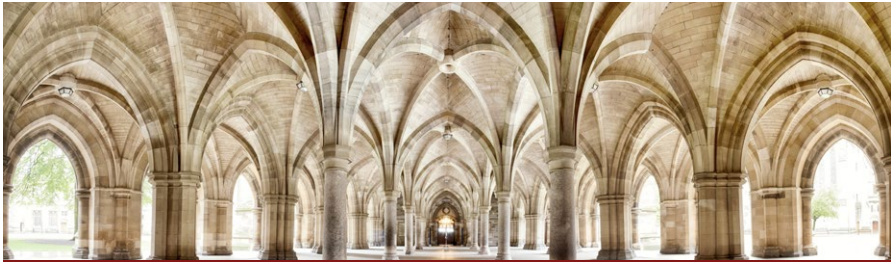
Classes held on OU's Norman campus occur in the  
Thurman J. White Forum building:

**1704 Asp Ave.**

**Norman, OK 73072**

Rooms are equipped with audio/visual systems for  
class presentations and complimentary coffee and water  
are provided for each class.

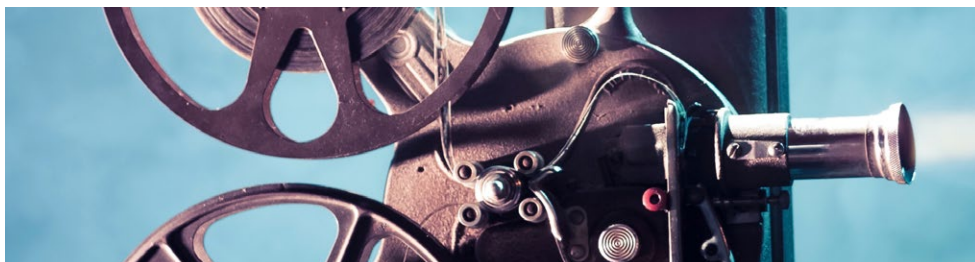
Parking is available with the OLLI parking pass  
included in your membership packet.

**ARCHITECTURE****Bruce Goff: Architect and Artist, Part Two | \$50***Dave Boeck*

July 11 – August 1, 2024 | Thursdays | 9:30 – 11 AM

This is a course that will continue to investigate the creative design process Bruce Goff used in designing his projects and how he integrated this process into the architecture design studios at OU. As we learned, Studio 273, his junior level studio, was known for using music and music related language to engage the students' creative activities and developing design solutions around the language and music used.

In the first Goff course, we simulated this process in listening to music enjoyed by Goff and interpreting this music with words that relate to music and architecture. This studio was not set up to design buildings specifically, and often the results were not buildings, but rather abstract drawings! In this second course, we will expand our discussion of what made Goffs architecture so unique and timeless. We will also look at how the process used in this studio can be applied to any problem-solving initiatives undertaken in any profession and try to explain how this works.


**FILM**
**Paul Newman: His Films, Life, and Causes | \$50**
*Andy Horton*

September 19 – October 24, 2024 | Thursdays | 1 – 3:30 PM

Join filmmaker and cinema aficionado Andy Horton as we explore the life and works of Hollywood icon Paul Newman.

Film shown will include:

- Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
- Slapshot
- The Sting
- The Verdict
- The Color of Money
- Sometimes A Great Notion

**Greats in Global Cinema | \$50**
*Betty Robbins*

July 16 – August 20, 2024 | Tuesdays | 1 – 4 PM

As a visual summer treat and global adventure, this course will screen six international films from Italy, France, Japan, India, Poland and the US. Selections include works of notable filmmakers like Roberto Rossellini, Michelangelo Antonioni, Akira Kurosawa, Mira Nair, Krzysztof Kieslowski, and Orson Welles.

Some offerings may be new to viewers while others, familiar from viewing history, may reveal themselves anew at this juncture in life. Discussions will focus on topics in film theory, history, and genre as well as existential questions motivated by course participants and the films themselves.

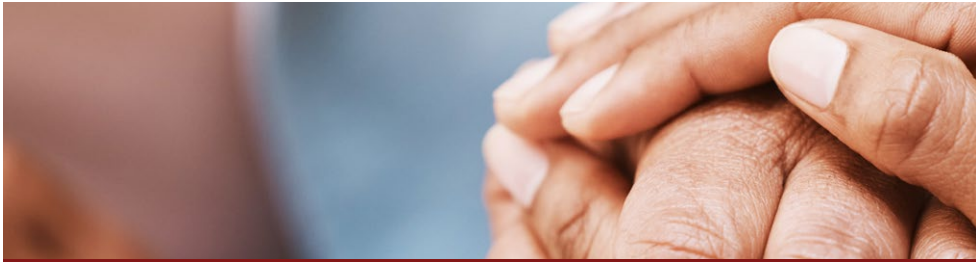
## **Going Rogue with Nicolas Roeg & Company | \$50**

*Betty Robbins*

October 15 – November 19, 2024 | Tuesdays | 1 – 4 PM

When a TV interviewer asked Director Christopher Nolan (*Oppenheimer*, *The Dark Knight*) what, if any, filmmaker had influenced his work, Nolan named Director Nicholas Roeg, then added that two of his own films, *Memento* and *Inception*, were only possible due to Roeg's filmmaking. Roeg's films tend to be highly unique explorations in the myriad possibilities of filmmaking. This course will screen four films by Roeg as well as two by the equally creative director Peter Greenaway. Both auteur directors carry forward the cinematic innovations found in films of the French New Wave, Counter Cinema, and the New Hollywood of the 1970s. Roeg and Greenaway have, indeed, given us films with their distinctive artistic imprint on them.

Discussions will focus on how and where each director embraces the surreal and how that creative bent not only deepens the content of their films but also heightens our viewing experience—and maybe sometimes leaves us with profound questions. Whatever our viewing responses may be, these two film artists give us memorable viewing experiences and a great deal to appreciate and discuss.



## HEALTH

### **Norman Aging Needs Assessment Project Revisited | \$50**

*Dave Boeck*

July 10 – 31, 2024 | Wednesdays | 9:30 – 11 AM

From 2003 to 2010, three faculty from OU studied how Norman either supported or restricted aging in place in the community. There were open discussions with Norman Seniors, an exhibit of art produced by Norman Seniors, and an open evaluation of neighborhoods in Norman, looking at specific neighborhood elements that contributed to independent living as well as those that made independent living more difficult.

This course will look at the elements of aging in place as seen through the eyes of seniors living in Norman. We will bring in local governmental leaders as well as housing providers to help evaluate local conditions and then discuss solutions. We will also work with local leaders to bring about change and support for aging in place.





## **Makerspaces and the Maker Movement for Older Adults | \$50**

*Yong Ju Jung & Ellen Rubenstein*

October 11 – November 15, 2024 | Fridays | 10 – 11:30 AM

The maker movement encompasses vibrant communities where people consider making as the focal point of their social interactions, lifelong learning, and creation of tangible artifacts using both digital technologies and physical resources. While the maker movement has found widespread adoption in diverse educational contexts catering to various demographics, especially for children's STEM learning and people doing small business with their own artifacts, its attention to the older adult population has only recently begun to emerge.

In the sessions, Drs. Yong Ju Jung and Ellen Rubenstein from the School of Library and Information Studies aim to shed light on the significance of the maker movement and makerspaces for older adults. Each week, we will explore different approaches and tools that older adults could utilize in their making, including some digital circuitry toolkits and tangible resources, and attendees will engage in hands-on creation with making. In two of the sessions, we will make field trips to makerspaces in the Norman/OKC area.

Please be aware that this seminar will be linked to a research project, and attendees may be invited to participate as research subjects. Research participation is entirely voluntary and not a requirement for attending the seminar.



## HEALTH

### **The Lost Art of Respectful and Civil Conversations | \$50**

*Fran Roberson & Mary Lee*

September 4 – October 9, 2024 | Wednesdays | 10 – 11:30 AM

In our divided world, the ability to have respectful and civil conversations seems to be a fading art form. In this course, we will explore practices for re-developing our capacities to listen for understanding, respond with authenticity, set limits compassionately, and de-escalate tense situations. The belief that others can be convinced to “see things our way” with use of information and facts, has proven ineffective. Our need to convince others they are wrong is most often rejected. Sometimes this means a loss of family members and long time friends.

Thus, a new skill set can provide ways to connect without discounting, converse without raging, and convey differences without disparaging. Participants will be invited to learn new and/or forgotten skills, practice skills without stress, and bring conflict laden experiences for review if they so choose.

Instructors have been active in the Norman Community and witnessed the increase in conflicts with limited resolutions. We have studied with the D.C Peace Team and Meta Peace Team, international organizations that work toward heightening peaceful interactions in our world. We would like to share what we have learned with the goal of more respectful, civil, peaceful interactions across the divide.

\*Class will not meet on September 11 and September 25, 2024\*



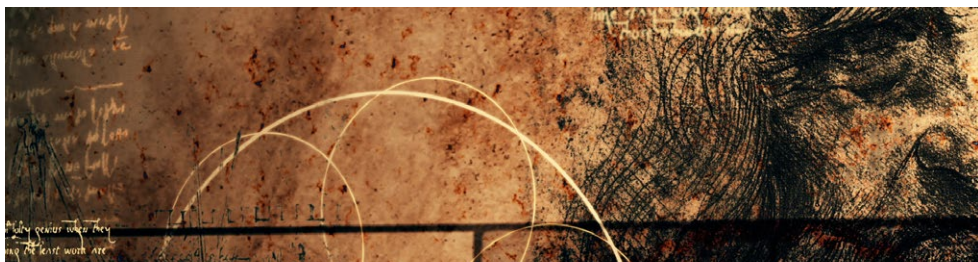
## **Everyday Philosophy | \$50**

*Karie Antell & Wayne Riggs*

September 18 – October 9, 2024 | Wednesdays | 9:30 – 11 AM

What's the point of philosophy? It can seem as though philosophy is just a lot of talk that's disconnected from the "real world." But in this Everyday Philosophy course, we'll learn about philosophy's approaches to real-world problems and even start using philosophical methods to answer some of life's "big questions." For instance: "What is a just society?" "How should people treat each other?" "How can we find the truth?"

Led by an OU philosophy professor (Wayne Riggs) and an OU librarian (Karie Antell), this four-week course will include short but provocative readings, a bit of intellectual history, small-group activities, and plenty of time for discussion.



## HISTORY

### History of China and Its Place in the World | \$50

*Paul Bell*

September 3 – October 8, 2024 | Tuesdays | 9:30 – 11:30 AM

The purpose of this course is to give students an introduction to China's history as a foundation to understanding China's place in the contemporary world and its relationship with the United States. The course will provide students with an introduction to China's culture; an overview of China's long history; the history of China's relationship with the world from ancient times to the present; and the history and current state of US-China relations. The general division of topics is:

Introduction to China and the Chinese.

- The lessons learned from 5000 years of history.
- China's place in the world from the first century BCE to the present.
- The history and current state of US-China Relations.



**The Leopold Connection: Gila Wilderness and A Sand County Almanac | \$50**  
*Luann Sewell Waters*

October 8 – 29, 2024 | Tuesdays | 1 – 3 PM

The Gila Wilderness and A Sand County Almanac---each have a big anniversary this year.

On June 3, 1924, the Gila Wilderness in southwest New Mexico was the first designated wilderness in the world. The book, A Sand County Almanac, was published in 1949. The connection between the two is Aldo Leopold.

In this class, we'll read selected essays of Leopold's writing and have videos about his life and the impact he still has. We'll learn more about the Gila Wilderness and the threats facing it today, from military flyovers to attempts to dam the Gila River.



## HISTORY

### Odysseus' Return Home | \$50

*Steve Wagner*

October 24 – November 14, 2024 | Thursdays | 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Few historical moments have captured the Western imagination as much as the Trojan War and subsequent events. This time, we shall largely focus on Odysseus' decade-long return home. First, we shall summarize the returns home from Troy (or not) of the other Greek heroes, along with a review of the characteristics of ancient epic heroes such as Achilles and Odysseus. Second, we shall visit Odysseus at Calypso's island as the gods order his return home. Third, we shall track his 10-year return home, with all the stories you might have heard: the happy Lotus Eaters, the man-eating Cyclops, the enchanting Circe, the shady Underworld, the irresistible Song of the Sirens, the twin perils Scylla and Charybdis, the forbidden Cattle of the Sun, and the bewitching Calypso.

Time permitting, we shall discuss the problems of translation, the archaeology of Odysseus' home on Ithaca, the mess he found once he got home, and life after his eventual return. Readings from Homer's *Odyssey*.





## LITERATURE

### Modern Literature: 19th-Century Realism | \$50

*Chris Carter*

September 6 – October 11, 2024 | Fridays | 2 – 3:30 PM

This course will deal with nineteenth-century writers who fall into the category “Realism across the World,” to use the label for this period of literature suggested by the current Norton Anthology of World Literature. Our study will proceed for five sessions as follows:

#### Sept 6

- Ivan Turgenev (Russian, 1818-1883)
- “Bezhin Lea” (1852)

#### Sept 20

- Gustav Flaubert (French, 1821-1880)
- “A Simple Heart” (1877)

#### Sept 27

- Anton Chekhov (Russian, 1860-1904)
- “The Student” (1894)
- “The Man in a Case” (1898)

#### Oct 4

- Joaquim Maria Machado de Assis
- (Brazilian, 1839-1908)
- ”The Cane” (1891)

#### Oct 11

- Higuchi Ichiyo (Japanese, 1872-1896)
- “Separate Ways” (1895)

There is no prerequisite for this course. Although it is the latest, the thirteenth, in a series on modern literature, it is a brand-new course with different texts. At the beginning of the first class, a packet of the readings will be passed out to each student. Note that the starting time of 2:00 p.m. is an hour earlier than our starting time this past spring.

\*Class will not meet on September 13, 2024\*





**Mark Twain's America, 1835-1910 | \$50**

*David Levy*

November 5 – December 10, 2024 | Tuesdays | 1:30 – 3:30 PM

The course will work its way slowly through the life of one of America's most popular and enduring writers, and it will attempt to relate aspects of Twain's life to important developments that were occurring in America at the same time.



## LITERATURE

### **Love and L'Amour | \$50**

*Lisa Seale & Dane McDowell*

October 22 – November 19, 2024 | Tuesdays | 10 – 12:00 PM

What could be more different than the way Brits and Frogs speak and write about love? That's the burning topic we would like to study, ranging from pre-(French) revolutionary times to the early nineteenth century. Which novelists are the most romantic? Which ones are downright cynical? Where does the action take place on either shore? In the parlor or the bedroom? Are the protagonists villains, victims, or dashing heroes and brilliant heroines? Comparing novels from both sides of the English Channel will give us a clue to this disquieting dilemma: Is Love the same as L'Amour? Is there a French connection? That is the question!

In this five-week course, we will focus on Samuel Richardson's *Pamela* and Choderlos de Laclos's *Dangerous Liaisons*, then Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility* and François-René de Chateaubriand's *René*.

Bring your life and reading experiences to this class taught by two friends and veteran OLLI professors. There is a lot to talk about, not the least of which is: Does love conquer all (books)?



**Poetry Club | \$50**

*David Anderson*

Aug. 26, Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 25, Jan 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 31, Apr. 28

Last Monday of each month | 5 – 6:30 PM

The Poetry Club will specialize in the close analysis of English verse. Each month, we will discuss a specific poem from English literary history, focusing on one or more short poems. We will begin with a brief discussion of the poet in question and will guide the group through an analysis of the work.

**LITERATURE****The Bible as Literature | \$50***David Anderson*

July 10 – 31, 2024 | Wednesdays | 1:30 – 3 PM

This course will examine the David story from the Hebrew scriptures, taking a “Bible as literature” approach. Such an approach prioritizes the literary qualities of Biblical texts—issues such character development, plotting, parallelism and imagery.

In doing so we will come to appreciate the aesthetic sensitivity and aesthetic richness of this great author who takes us deep into the character of this pivotal figure and illuminates many of the crucial themes of the Jewish and Christian stories. The reading will cover 1 and 2 Samuel and the first chapter of 1 Kings. We will move slowly, looking as closely as we can at key passages.

**MUSIC****Broadway: A History of American Musical Theatre, Part II: The Jazz Age – 1920s, 30s, & 40s | \$50**

*Marvin Beck*

October 10 – November 14, 2024 | Thursdays | 10 AM – 12 PM

This part of the multi-seminar series exploring the saga of popular music theatre through their many remarkable eras right up to productions of today -through the Jazz Age starting with Jerome Kern and George Gershwin, tracing the importance of Vaudeville as we enter the “Golden Age of Broadway”- Featuring the greatest array of musical talent and brilliant creators the world has ever known.

The presentations will feature videos from many of the greatest and most important productions, interviews with some of the luminaries and key history and documentaries. It will combine the fascinating history with the fun and entertainment that can only be found at this pinnacle level of theatrical excellence.



## POLITICAL SCIENCE

### **Misogynistic Laws: Failure to Protect, Killing Abusers, and Drug Use During Pregnancy | \$50**

*Susan Sharp*

September 18 – October 9, 2024 | Wednesdays | 10 AM – 12 PM

This class will focus on three charges that have contributed to the high female incarceration rates in Oklahoma: Oklahoma’s “failure to protect” laws, killing of abusive partners, and the criminalization of drug use during pregnancy. These policies are often unfair and misogynistic, and they have frequently resulted in long prison sentences. We will explore illuminate these laws, how they have been used, and their effects on the lives of women in the state. We will discuss how the culture and status of women in Oklahoma contribute to these offenses as well as to our responses to the offenses and how these crimes are tied to the abuse of women.

Oklahoma was recently ranked as the worst state in the United States for women Research indicated that women in Oklahoma were more economically and socially disadvantaged than women throughout the U.S.

Intimate partner violence is one area in which Oklahoma women are very disadvantaged. The state has very high rates of domestic violence, ranking number one in overall domestic violence. More than 40% of the women in the state have been subject to physical violence, intimate partner rape and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes. The women who have been imprisoned for failure to protect, killing a spouse or partner or having drugs in their system during pregnancy and birth are quite often victims of ongoing domestic violence.



## **The 2024 Primary Elections and Party Conventions are Upon us. Let's Talk About It. | \$50**

*Cal Hobson*

July 22 - August 12, 2024 | Mondays | 1 - 3:30 PM

Every four years pundits, politicians, pollsters, and plain people like us play important electoral roles in America, home to the oldest democracy in world history. Every four years some of the same folks breathlessly and confidently intone that the current contest is the most important one ever.

And maybe this year they might be right. At the presidential level, the race has come down to a pair of seasoned senior citizens, and one of them, either incumbent Joe Biden or former leader of the free world, Donald Trump, will be chosen by each of you for the thrilling but often thankless task.

At the congressional level, both the House of Representatives and the Senate are in play with the current margins razor thin, the upper chamber favoring democrats while the party of Lincoln allegedly runs the lower one.

Of course, at the state level, thousands of legislative seats are up for grabs as well as an array of other electoral responsibilities ranging from school board to governor.

The experts say we are a bitterly divided nation with the levers of control potentially selected by only a few thousand voters in about seven battleground states.

Come join me as we track the results state by state leading up to both the Republican and Democrat conventions. We'll attend those two spectacles electronically to prepare ourselves for my second fall class, details for which are found elsewhere in this newest OLLI program.



## POLITICAL SCIENCE

### **The Party Conventions Are Over and the Sprint to Election Day Begins. Join Us for the Ride! | \$50**

*Cal Hobson*

October 7 – November 18, 2024 | Mondays | 1 – 3:30 PM

After the most contentious and bitter process in recent history to obtain their respective party's nomination Donald J. Trump and Joe Biden are in the home stretch where one of them will become the 47th president of our sometimes united states.

In this course, we will hear from pollsters, political consultants, and candidates themselves as the general election looms on the horizon. All the while record spending on messaging floods our TV screens, stuffs our mailboxes, and dominates social commentary with information both helpful and likely harmful.

Also, we will try to discern the impact of third-party candidates. Are any of them likely to be a repeat of Ross Perot in 1992 when his strong third-place finish probably helped land Bill Clinton in the white house or are they just irrelevant characters serving as minor distractions from the center stage where the real players joust, parrying, attack and otherwise try mightily to finally end the political career of an opponent while extending their own.

What a sight. What a nation. What a world. Join us in October to help sort all this out together and then, as a bonus, right after the dust has hopefully settled on election day, this class will reconvene briefly in November to answer the question of: what happened and where do we go from here?

\*Class will not meet on November 4 and November 11, 2024\*





## **The Berlin Wall – Celebrating 35 Years of Freedom | \$50**

*Chris Sartorius*

October 30 – November 20, 2024 | Wednesdays | 1:30 – 3:30 PM

November 9, 2024 marks the 35th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. This is an occasion to celebrate as millions of Central and Eastern Europeans now live in freedom and growing economic prosperity. The Berlin Wall symbolized the political and economic division of Europe into two opposing systems, one focused on individual liberty and capitalism and the other on authoritarianism and centrally planned economies. The fall of the Wall was and remains a triumph of American and Western ideals and values.

This course will examine: 1) the political, economic, and military conditions which led the East German regime to build the “anti-fascist protection barrier” in August 1961, 2) construction and technology used to improve the Wall’s effectiveness, 3) the incredible stories of those who risked their lives to escape tyranny, and 4) how brave opposition leaders and regular people demonstrated courage and tenacity to bring down the Eastern European communist regimes. Join us to hear the incredible stories of those who fled and the stories of those who remained behind the Wall and fought for freedom.

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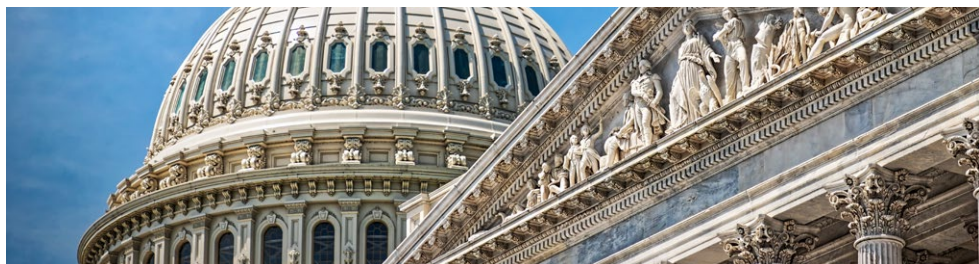
## **Major Global Security Topics | \$50**

*Rob Andrew*

August 28 – September 25, 2024 | Wednesdays | 9:30 – 11:30 AM

This course explores the most challenging global security topics today, including nuclear war, climate change, cybersecurity/AI, and U.S.-Russia Relations in the wake of the Ukraine war.

\*Class will not meet on September 11, 2024\*



## POLITICAL SCIENCE

### **Arctic Security | \$50**

*Rob Andrew*

October 16 – November 6, 2024 | Wednesdays | 9:30 – 11:30 AM

The Arctic is warming up due to climate change, and it is becoming the next arena for great power competition with new trade routes opening up, potential gas and oil reserves, and strategic approaches to Russia and the U.S. This course will define Arctic Security and the main stakeholders concerned with the Arctic.

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### **Russia: Reform and Repression, from Nicholas to Putin | \$50**

*Melissa Stockdale*

September 25 – October 23, 2024 | Wednesdays | 10 – 11:45 AM

As the Putin regime in Russia becomes ever more authoritarian, crushing free speech and all opposition, it might be easy to assume that this was a nearly inevitable outcome. However, Russian history shows that repressive rulers were often followed by reformers, inviting us to look at freer times, turning points, and missed chances.

In this five-week course we will examine a number of such “repression-then-reform” moments, from Tsar Nicholas II to the present day, in order to better understand how Russia came to be where it is, and what we might realistically hope for its people’s future.



# OLLI FALL 2024 REGISTRATION FORM

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I prefer to receive my course confirmations by:

Email       Standard Mail

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## PAYMENT

Check\*     Visa     Mastercard     American Express     Discover

Credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Cost Total: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Make checks payable to the University of Oklahoma.*

Accommodations are available by contacting Chris Elliott with OLLI at (405) 325-3488 as soon as possible.

***All fees are due at the time of registration. We cannot accept payment for registrations at the OLLI at OU office. Registrations are based on a first-come basis. 100% of the course fee will be refunded if enrollment is canceled at least seven days before the program start date. After that date, no refunds will be granted.***

**Please send registration form to:**

**University of Oklahoma  
College of Professional and Continuing Studies**  
1610 Asp Ave., Suite 310,  
Norman, OK 73072

**Registration and Records:**  
405-325-6034

## OLLI MEMBERSHIP 2024

**Sign me up to be a member of OLLI!**

PURPOSE CODE: XCLLMEMB

Cost is \$55 and is valid July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Membership is required to attend courses.

**Already a member!**

### NORMAN | THURMAN J. WHITE FORUM BUILDING

PURPOSE CODE: XCLLFALL

- Bruce Goff: Architect and Artist, Part Two ..... \$50 \_\_\_\_\_
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- Everyday Philosophy ..... \$50 \_\_\_\_\_
- History of China and Its Place in the World ..... \$50 \_\_\_\_\_
- The Leopold Connection: Gila Wilderness and A Sand  
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- Potpourri of 4 Phantastique Locations: Jerusalem,  
Antarctica, Grand Canyon, and Panama Canal ..... \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

## OLLI SENIOR SEMINARS FALL 2024

- IOS Fundamentals ..... \$50 \_\_\_\_\_
- IOS 18: What's new with your iPhone? ..... \$50 \_\_\_\_\_
- Ducal Art in the Renaissance ..... \$5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Polar Bears and Harp Seals: The Top Predators and  
"Cuties" of Canada ..... \$5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Lincoln's Faith Journey ..... \$5 \_\_\_\_\_
- A Very Short Introduction to Artificial Intelligence ..... \$5 \_\_\_\_\_
- We Are All Makers! Introducing Makerspaces and the  
Maker Movement ..... \$5 \_\_\_\_\_

### OKLAHOMA CITY | PHF CONFERENCE CENTER

- The 2024 Primary Elections and Party Conventions are  
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- The Party Conventions Are Over and the Sprint to Election  
Day Begins. Join Us for the Ride! ..... \$50 \_\_\_\_\_
- The Berlin Wall – Celebrating 35 Years of Freedom..... \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

### ONLINE (VIA ZOOM)

- OLLI Discussion Group ..... \$0 \_\_\_\_\_
- Magic, Monsters and More ..... \$50 \_\_\_\_\_
- The Israel-Hamas War and the Future of the  
Arab-Israeli Conflict..... \$50 \_\_\_\_\_
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## SCIENCE

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*Ken Johnson*

October 4 – 25, 2024 | Fridays | 10 – 11:30 AM

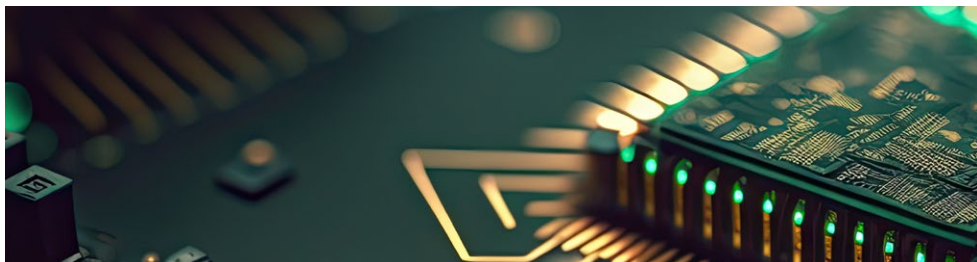
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## TECHNOLOGY

### **IOS Fundamentals | \$50**

*Jeremy Hessman*

August 29 – October 10, 2024 | Thursdays | 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Technology is everywhere in our lives these days, and no more obvious is it than with our phones and tablets. For Apple users, better understanding your device and using more of its features can make your life easier. This course will give users a basic understanding of your iPhone and iPad. We will cover the most general settings, common navigation on the device, and security tips.

\*Class will not meet on September 12, 2024\*



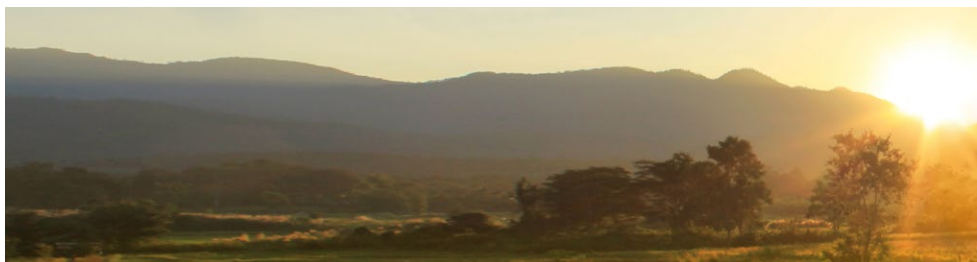


**iOS 18: What's new with your iPhone? | \$50**

*Jeremy Hessman*

November 7 - 14, 2024 | Thursdays | 9:30 - 11 AM

A brief two-week session on the new and exciting changes that Apple is bringing to your device with iOS 18. We will cover updates made to your device as Apple has its new version of its operating system out.

**MORNINGS WITH THE PROFESSOR****Ducal Art in the Renaissance | \$5**

*Allison Palmer*

*October 8, 2024 | Tuesday | 9:30 – 11 AM*

Milan was one of the most important city-states in Renaissance Italy, and art and architecture flourished in Milan under the rule of the Visconti and Sforza dynasties. Both families arose from a military background, and were determined to establish a sophisticated art culture similar to Florence under the Medici and Rome under the papacy.

We'll look at the Milan Cathedral, the Piazza dei Mercanti, the Castello Sforzesco, and the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, which houses Leonardo's "Last Supper," among other artworks.



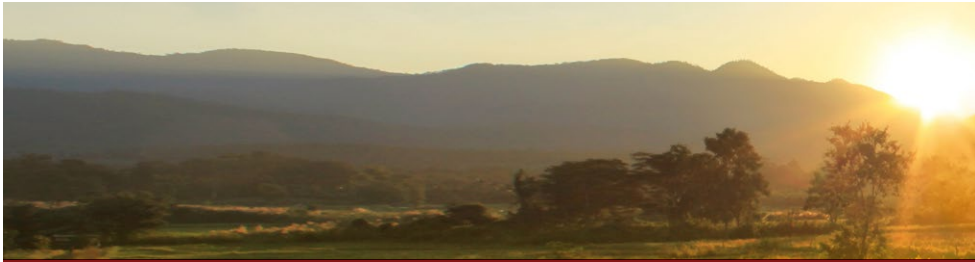
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## MORNINGS WITH THE PROFESSOR

### Lincoln's Faith Journey | \$5

*David Sabatini*

July 23, 2024 | Tuesday | 9:30 – 11 AM

Abraham Lincoln. Arguably our greatest president, but was he a man of faith? In Lincoln's Second Inaugural he wrestles with why God allowed the Civil War to continue on so long, quoting the Bible four times in what is widely considered his greatest speech. Yet, in his youth Lincoln mocked preachers, as a young man he was labeled an infidel, and as an adult he never joined a church. When queried on the latter, he responded that he would join any church whose sole creed for membership was Christ's admonition to love the Lord your God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself – reacting against denominational divisiveness.

His youthful reaction to religion likely emanated from the emotional rather than intellectual nature of backwoods itinerant preachers. In contrast, the Springfield pastor who comforted his family at their second son's death had published an intellectual treatise defending faith; Lincoln engaged intellectually with this pastor and developed a lifelong friendship. While president, Lincoln regularly attended church and reportedly even attended mid-week prayer sessions, although observing from a private side room to avoid being a distraction. Many observed him reading the Bible as president, and Lincoln commented that prayer was often his only comfort during his tumultuous presidency. Was Lincoln a man of faith? Some historians suggest it was only a political ploy, while others suggest that life's experiences led Lincoln to faith.



**A Very Short Introduction to Artificial Intelligence | \$5**

*Mary Carter*

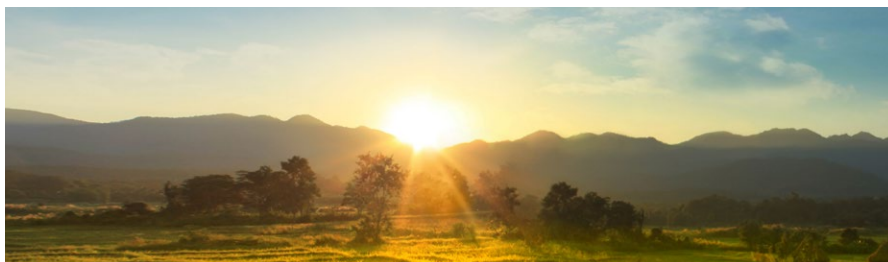
*September 3, 2024 | Tuesday | 9:30 – 11 AM*

In this class, we'll explore the basics of Artificial Intelligence (AI), its diverse applications, and the ethical considerations surrounding its use.

Get a grasp of AI fundamentals, including machine learning and neural networks. Discover how AI powers innovations in industries like healthcare, finance, and transportation.

We'll also weigh the pros and cons of AI adoption, discussing its impact on privacy, bias, and employment.

Whether you're a novice or a tech enthusiast, join us for an insightful exploration into the world of AI and its societal implications.



**MORNINGS WITH THE PROFESSOR**

**We Are All Makers! Introducing Makerspaces and the Maker Movement | \$5**  
*Yong Ju Jung & Ellen Rubenstein*

August 27, 2024 | Tuesday | 9:30 – 11 AM

The maker movement encompasses vibrant communities where people consider making as the focal point of their social interactions, lifelong learning, and creation of tangible artifacts using both digital technologies and physical resources. While the maker movement has found widespread adoption in diverse educational contexts catering to various demographics, especially for children’s STEM learning and people doing small business with their own artifacts, its attention to the older adult population has only recently begun to emerge.

In this seminar, Drs. Yong Ju Jung and Ellen Rubenstein from the School of Library and Information Studies aim to shed light on the significance of the maker movement and makerspaces for older adults. They will introduce innovative approaches and tools designed to empower older adults in their creative endeavors, highlighting the potential for enriching experiences and meaningful lifelong learning through making.

# OKLAHOMA CITY

For OLLI members living in the Oklahoma City area, we offer courses at PHF Conference Center on OU's Health Sciences campus:

**655 Research Parkway  
Oklahoma City, OK 73104**

Rooms are equipped with audio/visual systems for class presentations and coffee and water are provided for each class.

Parking information for PHF Conference Center can be found in the course information email sent to OLLI members prior to the start of each class.



## POLITICAL SCIENCE

### **The 2024 Primary Elections and Party Conventions are Upon us. Let's Talk About It. | \$50**

*Cal Hobson*

July 25 – August 15, 2024 | Thursdays | 12:30 – 3:00 PM

Every four years pundits, politicians, pollsters, and plain people like us play important electoral roles in America, home to the oldest democracy in world history. Every four years some of the same folks breathlessly and confidently intone that the current contest is the most important one ever.

And maybe this year they might be right. At the presidential level, the race has come down to a pair of seasoned senior citizens, and one of them, either incumbent Joe Biden or former leader of the free world, Donald Trump, will be chosen by each of you for the thrilling but often thankless task.

At the congressional level, both the House of Representatives and the Senate are in play with the current margins razor thin, the upper chamber favoring democrats while the party of Lincoln allegedly runs the lower one.

Of course, at the state level, thousands of legislative seats are up for grabs as well as an array of other electoral responsibilities ranging from school board to governor.

The experts say we are a bitterly divided nation with the levers of control potentially selected by only a few thousand voters in about seven battleground states.

Come join me as we track the results state by state leading up to both the Republican and Democrat conventions. We'll attend those two spectacles electronically to prepare ourselves for my second fall class, details for which are found elsewhere in this newest OLLI program.





## POLITICAL SCIENCE

### **The Party Conventions Are Over and the Sprint to Election Day Begins. Join Us for the Ride! | \$50**

*Cal Hobson*

October 10 – November 14, 2024 | Thursdays | 12:30 – 3:00 PM

After the most contentious and bitter process in recent history to obtain their respective party's nomination Donald J. Trump and Joe Biden are in the home stretch where one of them will become the 47th president of our sometimes united states.

In this course, we will hear from pollsters, political consultants, and candidates themselves as the general election looms on the horizon. All the while record spending on messaging floods our TV screens, stuffs our mailboxes, and dominates social commentary with information both helpful and likely harmful.

Also, we will try to discern the impact of third-party candidates. Are any of them likely to be a repeat of Ross Perot in 1992 when his strong third-place finish probably helped land Bill Clinton in the white house or are they just irrelevant characters serving as minor distractions from the center stage where the real players joust, parrying, attack and otherwise try mightily to finally end the political career of an opponent while extending their own.

What a sight. What a nation. What a world. Join us in October to help sort all this out together and then, as a bonus, right after the dust has hopefully settled on election day, this class will reconvene briefly in November to answer the question of: what happened and where do we go from here?

\*Class will not meet on November 7, 2024\*



**POLITICAL SCIENCE****The Berlin Wall – Celebrating 35 Years of Freedom | \$50***Chris Sartorius*

October 29 – November 19, 2024 | Tuesdays | 1:30 – 3:30 PM

November 9, 2024 marks the 35th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. This is an occasion to celebrate as millions of Central and Eastern Europeans now live in freedom and growing economic prosperity. The Berlin Wall symbolized the political and economic division of Europe into two opposing systems, one focused on individual liberty and capitalism and the other on authoritarianism and centrally planned economies. The fall of the Wall was and remains a triumph of American and Western ideals and values.

This course will examine: 1) the political, economic, and military conditions which led the East German regime to build the “anti-fascist protection barrier” in August 1961, 2) construction and technology used to improve the Wall’s effectiveness, 3) the incredible stories of those who risked their lives to escape tyranny, and 4) how brave opposition leaders and regular people demonstrated courage and tenacity to bring down the Eastern European communist regimes. Join us to hear the incredible stories of those who fled and the stories of those who remained behind the Wall and fought for freedom.

# ONLINE (VIA ZOOM)

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, OLLI at OU has offered online courses via Zoom to our members.

Attending Zoom classes is a great resource for anyone with mobility issues or who lives a great distance from OU's campuses.

Please note – if you are registered in more than one OLLI Zoom course this semester, there is a separate link for each course. You will receive a separate email for other courses in which you are registered.

Not familiar with Zoom? Instructional materials are available upon request and OLLI staff joins each Zoom class early to assist members with getting connected.

**HEALTH****OLLI Discussion Group | Free**

September 11 – December 18, 2024 | Wednesdays | 10 – 11:30 AM

The Discussion Group will meet weekly on Wednesday mornings for OLLI members who would like to share their ideas, feelings, and concerns about what's going on in our world. The purpose is fellowship and learning together through sharing concerns and ideas while responding to others' initiation of other ideas.

This is not your typical OLLI course led by a faculty member. YOU become the leaders and decide what to talk about.



## HISTORY

### **Magic, Monsters and More | \$50**

*Timothy Jones*

November 5 – 26, 2024 | Tuesdays | 3 – 4:30 PM

This series of sessions will use examples from art, history, and sometimes from current events to help us consider questions about magic, monsters, and more. Members always bring a wide range of knowledge, interests, and questions to each session. Everyone is invited to participate as we discuss:

Session 1 What is magic and what was its role in ancient and medieval times? How did humans move from magic-based to scientifically-based knowledge in medicine and in other areas?

Session 2 Is there magic in our own times? From *Neuromancer* to Harry Potter to Neuralink, why does magic continue to be interesting and does magic still have anything to do with science?

Session 3 What about monsters? What do ancient and medieval monsters reveal about people's concerns and fears?

Session 4 Science fiction, monsters, and beyond—what do monsters from science fiction and similar sources reveal about the human condition?

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**POLITICAL SCIENCE****The Israel-Hamas War and the Future of the Arab-Israeli Conflict | \$50***Gershon Lewental*

September 17 – October 22, 2024 | Tuesdays | 1 – 2:30 PM

The atrocities of 07 October 2023 and the war that they sparked between Israel and Hamas have not only led to the deaths of thousands of Israelis, Palestinians, and others and widespread destruction in Gaza and the border areas of Israel, but spread to other regional arenas, including the Lebanese-Israeli border, Iraq, and the Arabian Sea near Yemen, as well as sparked intense debate across the world.

This course will review the major developments of the war, while attempting to situate the ongoing events within the broader context of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the prospects for its future. With informal lectures and plenty of time for questions and answers and discussion, you are encouraged to follow the news and come prepared with challenging queries, as we try to make sense of the events and foster a nuanced understanding of the complexities of the conflict.



## SCIENCE

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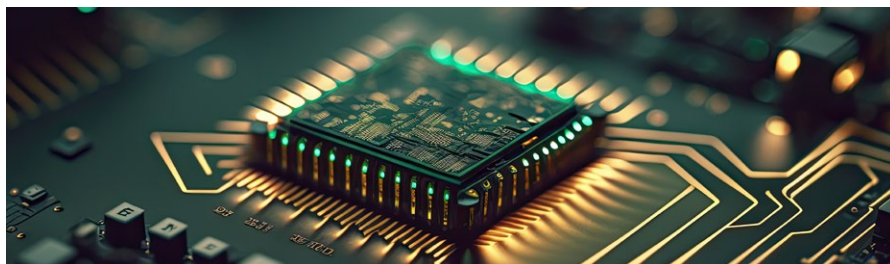
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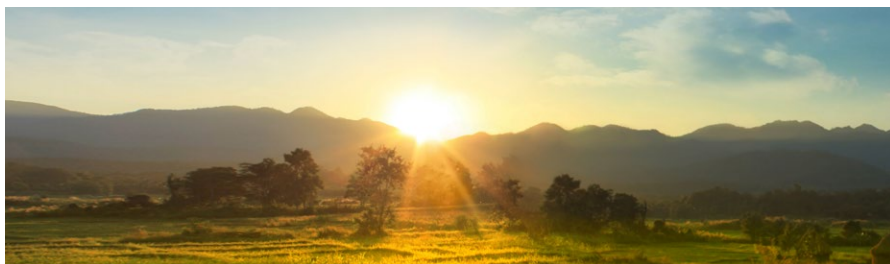
### Digital Renaissance | \$50

*Timothy Jones*

July 10 – 31, 2024 | Wednesdays | 3 – 4:30 PM

Are we experiencing a digital renaissance? Do people living during a renaissance know that they are experiencing one? This series of four sessions will use examples from art, history, and current events to explore the following:

1. What crisis points contributed to the Italian Renaissance and what crisis points brought about the current digital renaissance? The first session will consider crisis points, disease, and renaissance--the plague and the Italian Renaissance, COVID and the digital renaissance.
2. What roles do the internet and online environments play in the digital renaissance? The second session will include a brief overview of the history of the internet up to the digital renaissance.
3. How does the online realm affect people's brains? The third session will consider positive (learning) and negative (addiction) aspects of the online environment and digital renaissance.
4. What is "posthumanism"? The fourth session will consider both what renaissance humanism is and what posthumanism is as well as how those "isms" relate to the digital renaissance.



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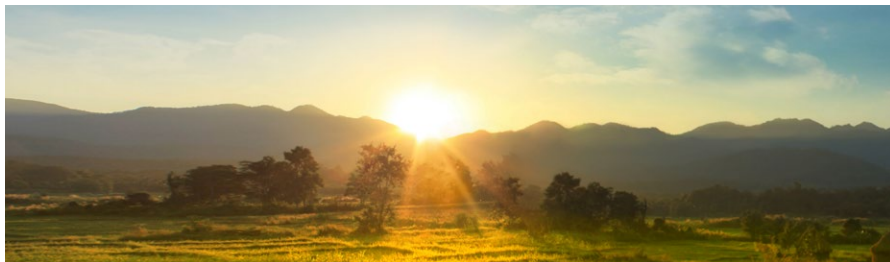
# **NORMAN SENIOR ADULT WELLNESS & EDUCATION CENTER**

OLLI at OU has collaborated with the newly opened Norman Senior Adult Wellness & Education Center (AWE) to offer a unique speaker series throughout the fall semester onsite at their location.

The AWE can be found at:

**602 N. Findlay Ave., Norman OK 73069**

OLLI at OU speaker sessions occur on Wednesdays throughout the fall semester, and parking is available onsite.



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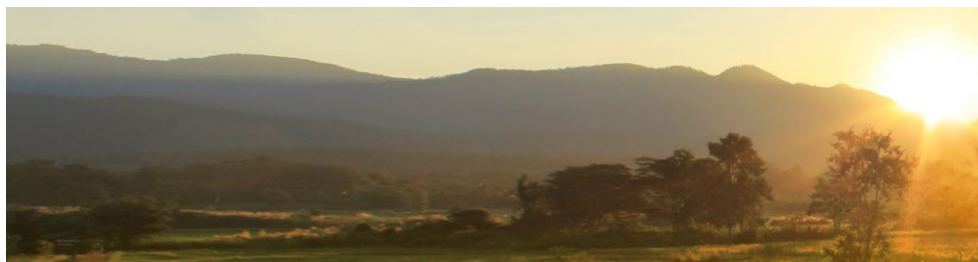
### Alaska and its “Gold Rush” Days | \$5

*Ken Johnson*

August 21, 2024 | Wednesday | 9:30 – 11 AM

Alaska was formed by volcanic activity and by the accretion of islands and small geologic plates that collided with the northwest coast of North America over the past 200 million years, and geologic processes placed great stores of gold, oil, and other mineral resources in the State. The United States purchased Alaska from Russia in 1867 for \$7.2 million (about 2 cents per acre), and a few years later gold was discovered in the Juneau area (ohhhh...the Russians must have been angry!).

This set off the first gold rush to Alaska. Then the discovery of gold in the Canadian Klondike in 1896 set off the second great rush, because several access routes to these new gold fields were through Alaska. The third and fourth gold rushes in Alaska were to Nome, in 1898, and to Fairbanks, in 1902. And finally, in 1968, discovery of oil at Prudhoe Bay, on Alaska’s North Slope, led to another rush, this time for “black gold.”



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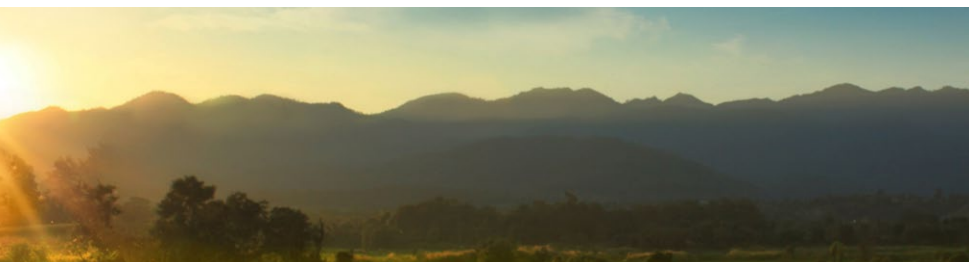
### Easter Island: The Island of Great Mystery | \$5

*Ken Johnson*

October 16, 2024 | Wednesday | 9:30 – 11 AM

Easter Island (or by its native name, “Rapa Nui”) is a volcanic island located in the Pacific Ocean about 2,200 miles west of Chile. It is best known for the giant stone heads (“moai”) that were carved and moved some 400–900 years ago. Polynesians who discovered and settled on this remote island in about 500 to 800 AD were an isolated society until Dutch and English sailors chanced upon the island in the 1700s. Approximately 1,000 moai are present on the island. They were carved from volcanic rock, using only stone tools, and then transported (somehow) 1 to 10 miles to various sites around the island where they stand and represent the spirits of local chiefs or important ancestors. Although the moai average about 15 feet tall and weigh about 25 tons, the largest is 32 feet tall and weighs 80 tons.

Many Rapa Nuians were captured and forced to work in Peruvian mines in the 1860s, and when they returned they brought diseases that reduced the native population to just over 100. The island was annexed by Chile in 1888 and now has a population of about 8,000 natives and Chileans; it became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995. About 150,000 tourists visited Easter Island yearly, just before the pandemic, and the numbers are now bouncing back up.



**Oklahoma Mesonet – Wind, Raindrops, Sunshine or Clouds | \$5**

*Andrea Dawn Melvin*

November 20, 2024 | Wednesday | 9:30 – 11 AM

What do OU and OSU have in common? The Oklahoma Mesonet, a network of 120 weather stations monitoring every 5 minutes. The Oklahoma Mesonet has collected billions of data in its 30-year history. How much rain did we get? How fast were the winds?

Learn how you can find the data you need for a walk around the neighborhood or pattering in the garden. We will examine weather instruments up-close. We will learn how to calibrate a rain gauge. We might even discuss sheltering and weather radios.



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