

Putting People Under the Microscope: Human **Research over the Years**

Editor's note: Have you ever thought about participating in a human research project on campus? OLLI@UGA member Andy Horne participates in three right now, and he would like members to know how they can do it. too. But, first, a bit of background from a recent OLLI@UGA course. This article is a joint effort by David Block, Andy Horne, Kim Fowler, and Lisa Kelly.

From 1932 until 1972, the "Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male" finally killed enough men, women, and children in Alabama under the pretense of free care to outrage the nation. The physicians and hospitals leading the study were supported for those 40 years at first through the U.S. Public Health Service. When that funding dried up, they continued to study untreated syphilis in their subjects even though a perfectly good treatment for syphilis was available from 1947 on: two shots of penicillin and the disease is cured.

Choosing the lives of people over questionable science should have been a no-brainer; it wasn't. What would you do if your father had been sacrificed for science? How could you explain or justify your actions if you were

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Did We Ever Have Fun This Summer!



OLLI@UGA members had tons of summer fun, and we have the photos to prove it. Check out pages 8-9 to see what we mean.

Nancy Songster with her trophy fish.

The Story Behind an AARP Story

By Susan Walker

Since Athens is a vibrant city in the South, it often ends up on lists of the best places to retire. It's not often, though, that OLLI@UGA gets a shout-out, too. But that's what member Ellen Day noticed when she read an article about livable college towns in the July/ August 2018 AARP Bulletin.

The article, titled "Retire in a College Town," focused on Athens, Ga.; Boulder, Colo.; and Rochester, Minn. And it led off with OLLI@UGA member Kathleen Wright who is pictured heading into Avid Bookshop in Five Points:



Kathleen Wright

of

campus, marveled at the

bucolic view of massive

oak trees, and took note

of the vibrant energy from the students. This

is love at first sight,

she thought. This is

something I can do.

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"Athens, Ga., a city of 127,000, met Wright's retirement

criteria: a progressive community (as a Jamaicanborn immigrant, she had faced less-than-welcoming situations in some other places), good public transportation, and opportunities to 'develop my brain more, get into the arts – and not just to be entertained,

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Membership Picnic: Great Time for New Members and Old to Meet-Up

New members and old gathered at Flinchum's Phoenix for a fun barbecue and good conversation at the first Membership Picnic in August. The weather that day was beautiful, but holding the picnic indoors helped to keep the bugs away. Thanks to the Hospitality and Membership committees for putting on the feast.

Tim Meehan





Hospit-OLLI-ty

By Julie Cashin-Schneider

After the huge success of our OLLI@UGA Lifelong Learning Fair in August, the New Member Orientations (presented by the Membership Committee with help from the Hospitality Committee), and the fun September picnic for members, we are enjoying a surge in new members! **GREAT!** Welcome to all of you who have recently joined OLLI@UGA! Now let's look at some additional events we are planning:

December 31, 2018, Monday — We will host a New Year's Eve Luncheon. Details will be announced later, but it will take place on Monday, December 31.

January 25, 2019, Friday — We are planning the first OLLI@ UGA Lifelong Learning Fair of 2019! This is always a fun, informative, fabulous event for both current members and those who are just plain curious about joining.

Looking Ahead to 2019 — Next year, we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Learning in Retirement here in Athens (our originally named organization), and it is also the 10th anniversary of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UGA (OLLI@UGA). We are one of about 120 OLLIs in the United States. We plan to come up with ideas to celebrate and will certainly welcome suggestions, so if you want to help, then please ...

Consider joining the Hospitality Committee! We meet at Talmage Terrace, the 2nd Monday of each month, 10:00-11:30 a.m. on the fourth floor. Call 706-353-6709 for information.



Tim Meehan

Prospective members picking up information at the Lifelong Learning Fair in August. Next one is slated for Jan. 25, 2019, at Georgia Square Mall.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Our Energetic Members Make Good Things Happen

Dear Members of the OLLI@UGA Community,

As I was looking through the course catalog for the fall semester — with its incredible range of interesting classes, a delectable menu of lunch talks and other special events, boatloads of travel/study opportunities, and more Shared



Monte Broaded

Interest Groups than you can shake a SIG at - I was simply amazed at the talent, energy, and diversity of our membership.

OLLI@UGA is an organization that truly is of, by, and for its membership. Every class, activity, and event we offer exists only because some of our members had an idea they thought was worthwhile and then rolled up their sleeves to make it happen. This is awesome!

We benefit greatly, of course, from the excellent work of our full-time staff ---Tim Meehan, Zu Reuter, and Shelly Magruder — and others who work part-time. Please take advantage of every opportunity to thank them for their efforts.

Last year's Board of Directors and officers have left OLLI@UGA in great shape. Thanks, in particular, to former President Brenda Hayes, former Treasurer Victor Gagliano, and former Secretary Margaret Pruiett for their dedication and sound judgment. All of our committees and volunteers — too numerous to list here have also done excellent work.

Looking ahead a bit, I would like to highlight two initiatives for the coming months:

- As you probably know, we are changing the software we use to enroll or reenroll as members and to register for classes and events. The new system is highly user-friendly. Watch for updates and opportunities to practice later in the fall, and check out page 12 of this issue for more information.
- OLLI@UGA will reach two important milestones in the fall of 2019 the 25th anniversary of the founding of Learning in Retirement here in Athens and the 10th anniversary of our first grant from the Osher Foundation. An ad hoc committee, which we are calling "24/9 and Counting," will be convened soon to consider how to best celebrate these anniversaries. Ideas and volunteers are welcome!

With best wishes for a great semester,

Monte Broaded, President



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OLLI@UGA Class Photos

Flying through the Air: A Visit to Canopy Studio

Beth Hedrick reports on the aerial class that Debra Atwood taught in August:

The instructors have a class called the Over B52s that is made up of — and taught only by — people age 53 and over. So that makes it so perfect for us in OLLI@UGA. At the studio class, the two instructors demonstrated a position on the trapeze, then we would do it on our own trapeze as they walked around helping us. It was so exhilarating! We learned tricks both sitting and standing. Any level of fitness or any age (above 53) are welcome, and we had a BALL!

The group photo shows lots of huge smiles after our class in the studio. I think we were all astonished that we could do this and that it was so much fun! Some of us are planning to sign up for a class at Canopy Studio. Debra says that if enough folks from OLLI@UGA sign up, she will start a class for us.



Vicki Ball

These happy class members learned how they could use ropes to get up in the air at Canopy Studio.



Beth Hedrick

OLLI@UGA members formed their own brew crew in August to learn more about making craft beer at Akademia Brewing.



Goat owner and breeder Lu Flaherty taught class members how to make chèvre, or goat cheese, at home during her class in October.



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It Might not be Rocket Science, but Little by Little...

The Fall semester at OLLI@UGA is going strong, and I hope you are enjoying the plethora of classes, social events, trips, and Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) on offer. It is wonderful to see both new and familiar faces around the halls at our River's Crossing office and classrooms.



Tim Meehan

Every summer, we have a chance to attend the Southern Regional Conference for Learning in Retirement. This year, many OLLIs (Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes) and LLIs (Lifelong Learning Institutes) gathered in Huntsville, Ala., to swap stories and best practices with other lifelong learning organizations.

Our president-elect Chris Jones and I, along with member Peter Balsamo, attended this year's conference. It was a great experience, building our network and visibility across the South. We also came away with two overall conclusions:

- 1) Our program compares well with other OLLIs and LLIs in the South. In terms of membership, programming, and engagement, we are as good as (if not better) than many of our fellow organizations. Much of that is down to our enthusiastic group of members, who work hard to make OLLI@UGA as good as it is.
- 2) Nonetheless, we should always strive to improve our organization, whether by updating our registration system, improving our communications (both internal and external), or working with UGA and our local community partners all with the aim of giving members access to a deep and varied curriculum.

I take a lesson from one of my home country's most interesting coaches. In Great Britain, Sir David Brailsford is the cycling coach for Team GB and Team Sky, and, under his aegis, a Team Sky rider has won the Tour de France for six out of the last seven years. As a coach and leader, he believes in incremental improvements — that doing many things a tiny bit better leads to a great improvement overall.

In fact, Harvard Business Review interviewed Sir Dave in October 2015 about the

techniques he applied to improve the teams' fortunes and introduced him this way: "Sir Dave, a former professional cycler who holds an MBA, applied a theory of marginal gains to cycling — he gambled that if the team broke down everything they could think of that goes into competing on a bike, and then improved each element by 1%, they would achieve a significant aggregated increase in performance."

For OLLI@UGA, we apply that same philosophy, whether it's the Membership Committee moving the New Member Orientation up to occur before rather than after registration, or the Hospitality Committee creating the first-ever Membership Picnic, or the Travel Study Committee exploring ways to collaborate with other local OLLIs, we are still growing and improving. And most importantly – we are still learning how to make things better little by little for all our members.



Tim Meehan and Chris Jones at the Southern Conference for Learning in Retirement in Huntsville, Ala., where they learned new things every day.

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but to participate,' Wright says. Above all, it was affordable on a nurse's pension.

"After moving to Athens in 2007, Wright, then 62, discovered the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the university, where she met other curious retirees."

On that first visit to Athens, Kathleen stayed at the Holiday Inn downtown and went out for a walk with her adult children on the campus. That's how she came under the spell of the Classic City. Her children and a Realtor helped her research the area, and she became convinced that it would be the right place for her. When she moved here 11 years ago, she brought her elderly parents with her to look after them. Her dad used to say to her, "You need to get out!"

So she did, joining the Red Hatters, Newcomers, the Athens Choral Society — and OLLI@UGA. "I found it a breath of fresh air," she says about OLLI@UGA. "There is such a wide array of activities. I loved the people and the enthusiasm. Classes are just great, with no stress attached – just pure information."

But how did Kathleen end up as one of three people featured in the article? She says that AARP was scouting to find someone who lives in Athens to interview, and when they spoke to the Center for Active Living where Kathleen helps out, one of the folks there recommended her to the writer, Rachel Walker. This was back before May. Rachel interviewed her on the phone and also sent a photographer from Atlanta to come and take photos to run with the article.

"We met at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia," Kathleen says, "but the mosquitoes were bad. The young woman took some photos anyway. On the way back, we went into Condor Chocolates for a cup of tea, and Avid is right next door."

The photographer liked its bright blue paint, so that's how Kathleen and Avid ended up being pictured in the AARP Bulletin.

Kathleen worked as a registered nurse with the Department of Veterans Affairs and lived in New Orleans until 2005. She moved away because of Hurricane Katrina and then lived in Mississippi and Tennessee. When it came time to retire and to look after her elderly parents, her adult kids weighed in with their thoughts and did some scouting around for her.

"I have to give credit to my children," she says. "They said Athens was the place to be."

TRAVEL

Experience a Service at a Hindu Temple

Join OLLI member, Mony Abrol, on Monday, November 26 (this is the new date, changed from November 7) as he hosts a day trip to the Hindu Temple (BAPS Shri Swaminarayan mandir) in Lilburn, Ga. Members will depart from Athens at 9:30



Hindu Temple in Lilburn, Ga.

a.m. and arrive in time to attend the 11:00 a.m. service. Members will then get a chance to explore the temple architecture and construction before boarding the bus for a short ride to a fine Indian restaurant in Lilburn where Mony has arranged for the group to enjoy lunch. The group will return to Athens around 3:30 p.m. Admission to the temple service is free, but everyone is asked to bring a donation of two cans of vegetarian food (i.e. canned vegetables, fruit) in lieu of an entrance fee.

The cost of this trip, including the bus and driver tip is \$70. Lunch will be at participants' own expense, based on your menu selection. This tour is currently full, but contact the OLLI@UGA office to be added to the waitlist.

Popular WWII Battlefield Tour to be Offered Again in 2019

The March to Victory D-Day Battlefield Tour was such а success in April 2018 that OLLI@ UGA is pleased to announce a repeat of the course and tour. Retired Col. Lawrence H. Saul will again



teach the course and lead the tour now entitled *The Band of Brothers:* 6 June 1944.

The travel-study trip to France is scheduled for April 9-18, 2019. Go Ahead Tours, which did such a magnificent job with the 2018 journey, is already putting together the final touches for the next trip. This 2019 tour will follow the same route as the 2018 tour did, focusing on the battlefields and beaches in Normandy, including Omaha Beach and Pointe du Hoc.

To join the battlefield tour next April, you must enroll in the fivesession course, which will be held on consecutive Thursdays, starting on March 7, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Class presenter Saul will recommend some light reading and appropriate videos to watch to enhance the learning experience. Secure your spot now by going to olli.uga.edu/travel-study.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Lawrence Saul at lawrence.saul@hotmail.com.



Joan Zitzelman, Judi Krumnow, Sharon Davis, and Dindy Owens (left to right) were a few of the 30 OLLI@UGA members who enjoyed communing with fascinating sea creatures at the Georgia Aquarium on October 8, 2018..



Harry Hayes

Twenty-four OLLI members traveled in mid-October to Washington, DC, where they enjoyed touring the national monuments and Lafayette Square, seeing a performance of The Capitol Steps, and meeting Georgia Senator Johnny Isakson (R.-Ga.).

SUMMER FUN



France—Joyce Moss

My two daughters, Jill Moss Fullem and Joy Moss Mitchell, and I take a Mother/Daughter trip each summer, and this year we went to Normandy. I owned a travel agency in Atlanta for 15 years, so I had lots of fun planning this trip. We visited four of the

D-Day landing sites and were quite amazed at what those guys accomplished on such a fortified area. Visited Mont Sainte Michael and Sainte Mere Eglise, then drove eight hours down to Epinal to visit the Memorial Cemetery where the girls' great uncle, Jack Moss, is interred.

We then drove over to Germany and down to Basel, Switzerland. When we drove back to Paris, we arrived at 8:00 p.m. to find the city wild with excitement because the French team had just won the World Cup soccer championship. Our taxi ride was an adventure playing dodge 'em with all the celebrants. It was good and bad. The next day the streets were trashed, store windows broken and cars with busted windshields. But I still love Paris. It was a very emotional and special trip. My husband, who died two years ago, and I made a similar trip in 1975. –Joyce

Panama Canal and Mexico—Joe and Les Lee Crim

In early summer, we enjoyed a five-week Panama Canal cruise from Ft. Lauderdale to Los Angeles and back again aboard the Pacific Princess. Due to civil unrest in Nicaragua, we made an unscheduled substitute stop in Puerto Chiapas. At the

planetarium in Tapachula, I got my picture taken with the Mayan Jaguar King. Tapachula is in southernmost Mexico, and I passed through there 55 years ago where we loaded the family station wagon onto a railroad flat car to transit into nearby Guatemala.

Minnesota—Heidi and Al Davison

Meet Paul Bunyan! We ran into Paul several times during our Minnesota cycling trip. In addition to Paul, we also enjoyed the abundant lakes, birds, and wildflowers of upper Minnesota. Our trip started in Elkhart Lake, Wisc., at Road America for the Indy Grand Prix car race. Once we got on our bikes in Bloomington,

Prix car race. Once we get we traveled north to Bemidji then turned south to Pequot Lakes and on to Minneapolis. We rode three Rails to Trails: Heartland, Lake Woebegone, and Paul Bunyan. A stunning, memorable, and fun two-and-a-half weeks! -Heidi



Israel—Deanna Crane

We traveled two weeks in Israel with a tour group from Wichita, Kan., in April-March 2018 and visited three primary locations: Jerusalem, Jericho, and the Sea of Galilee. We absorbed the culture and followed the geographic paths of Jesus's footsteps along the road. The photo was taken in the fishing village Capernaum where Jesus taught in the synagogue for at least two years along the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. –Deanna

Appalachian Trail—Andrea and Bob Woodall

We went backpacking overnight on the Appalachian Trail with grandson, Samuel, his parents and their two dogs. We hiked in at Carver's Gap, Tenn., at 5,600 feet elevation, cooked dinner, spent the night in tents, ate breakfast and hiked back. This shot was taken where we refilled our water supply at a spring. –Andrea





New York City—Mary Miller and Jim Davis

We attended the Peabody Awards ceremony in New York City. Although I did not meet her in person, I was 10 feet away from Carol Burnett, a real thrill. We were so happy to share the evening with Jim and Karen Porter and celebrate the Peabody awarded to the documentary *Chasing Coral.*—Mary



Brazil—Mony Abrol

I spent a month in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, visiting old friends from 1975. Learnt a few things, like good friends are forever and that you can still Rock the 4th Quarter! Ricky Martin said it all: "Livin' la Vida Loca!" All one needs is good luck, good friends, and good health. Which is a lot simpler when your friend owns the boat named Boa Sorte (Good Luck). –Mony

SUMMER FUN

Many of our OLLI@UGA members traveled this summer, and they answered our call to share their photos about their trips. Thanks to all who contributed.



Midwest—Mary and Ken Portier

In early July, we did a 16-day driving trip that made a big loop through Nashville and Chicago to Madison, Wisc., then south through Iowa, Missouri, and Arkansas to Louisiana before heading home. We visited friends and family and made a few fun side-trips, including meeting some charming trolls at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois. Morton Arboretum is one of many gardens around the country where you get free admission by showing your membership card from our State Botanical Garden of



North Carolina—Nancy and John Songster

Nancy and I traveled twice to Brevard, NC – a thriving college town and home of the Brevard Summer Music Festival - to see Bernstein's opera Candide performed by the Janiec Opera



Company and the Mass performed by the Music School's student orchestra and chorus.

On the first trip, we met up with Kent Middleton and his wife Parker for a delightful evening involving our own UGA Opera Theater student Robert Fridlander in a leading role. To our surprise, we spotted Barbara Dowd in the crowd and motioned her over to join in after the performance to greet Robert. Nancy snagged an event staff person to tell of our desire and association with Robert. He said he would deliver "a friend's" request to meet after the show. Robert couldn't figure out who could possibly want to see him and was totally stunned to see UGA Opera Theater fans there to congratulate him on his outstanding performance. The picture may tell all.

On our second trip, we saw Bernstein's Mass and the next day we headed north to Smith Mountain Lake, Va., for a week of lake relaxation - boating, dining, tubing and FISHING let me tell you! See Nancy with her trophy fish, one of two she caught as the sun was rising. Striped bass (rockfish) fillets were prepared that evening - yum! Somewhere (not for publication) is a picture of me on a tube behind a speeding boat. For some reason, it was not reminiscent of past enjoyable youth water adventures. -John





Wyoming—Heidi and Carter Naylor

Heidi and I spent the summer at our cabin in the Snowy Range of Wyoming. We sympathized with our OLLI@UGA friends in steamy Athens while we fended

off the chill of frosty mornings. We lived in Ryan Park, a small community of summer and vacation homes 60 miles west of Laramie. One day, we drove up the pass to see the peak of the wildflower season at timberline. The photos show Heidi in a patch of flowers on the shore of Lewis Lake with Medicine Bow Peak in the background and finding columbines in the woods. -Carter





Scotland—Lief Carter and Marilyn Vickers

We took our 11-year-old granddaughter, Lillian, to Scotland. Here I am at the sheep dog show near Aviemore in the Highlands. -Lief

ARTWORK ON DISPLAY



Chuck Murphy

Clinical research nurse Krissy

Capitano working in the lab

Chuck Murphy

Dortha Jacobson exhibited her artwork during the summer in Shelly Magruder's OLLI@ UGA office. John Weber, whose photos are on display now, says: "I wander down crooked lanes and over windswept vistas to find subjects to photograph. But given a preference, put me on the seacoast and I'll use the dance of light to capture a timeless image. Though I've lived in Northeast Georgia for almost three decades, I haven't rid my bones of salt water thanks to my early years on Long Island and nearly two score in Florida."

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complicit in those deaths? As infamous as the Tuskegee syphilis study was, it was not the only time in America's history that scientists — whether in universities or industries — chose knowledge above ethics and the law.

Thankfully, this kind of so-called research can no longer take place. On UGA's campus, the members of the Office of Research and the Institutional Review Board (IRB) oversee human research projects and they serve as the conscience and the fair witness for all of us who agree to help by participating in research on human beings.

In September, Kim Fowler, representing the IRB, and Lisa Kelly — both of the Office of Research — gave an OLLI@UGA class about human research projects on the UGA campus. They covered questions, such as, how are projects presented to the Office of Research? How are they described and evaluated? Can we humans who participate as the subjects of these research projects understand

the true extent of our participation, of our obligations and expectations, of our safety and our privacy? What about minors who participate or prisoners or even animals? Experimenters, just like physicians, have

a moral and legal obligation to us all.

Fowler and Kelly provided

an overview of the historical evolution of research policy and regulation for the protection of human subjects, particularly emphasizing projects pertaining to health and wellness. It was educational, informative, engaging, and lively with a lot of heartfelt discussion about human research.

OLLI@UGA members who attended the class learned about the extensive opportunities to participate in ongoing research programs

offered through the Clinical and Translational Research Unit (CTRU), located on the UGA Health Sciences Campus. CTRU, which is an initiative of the Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical Partnership and the UGA Office of Research, supports investigators who conduct clinical and translational studies that advance the understanding, prevention, and treatment of human disease. For students and health sciences trainees, the unit provides opportunities to learn how laboratory discoveries are translated into improved patient outcomes. CTRU has a statewide reach as part of the federally funded Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance (also known as Georgia CTSA).

Information about CTRU and how to participate in ongoing research studies is available at ctru.uga.edu.

Why Take the Next Step to Volunteer for a Human Research Project?

Because we have a large number of OLLI@UGA members who are interested, curious, and also health-conscious, we make good subjects for clinical researchers here on campus in Athens. Participating in a human research project under the auspices of UGA's Clinical and Translational Research Unit (CTRU) can provide the opportunity to learn more about your own personal health while contributing to ongoing research that could help to improve the quality of life experiences for all in the Athens community.

With some 1,400 members of OLLI@UGA, we could be a real resource for UGA's clinical studies. Our participation could make a huge difference in learning valid lessons in medicine and health care in a clear, ethical, and safe way for all of us and our children.

To find out about clinical studies that need volunteers, please go to CTRU's website at **ctru.uga.edu**.

SIGS

Read One of Our Greatest Playwrights in the August Wilson & Others SIG

OLLI@UGA members are invited to join the August Wilson & Others Shared Interest Group, which is led by Cher Snyder and Dr. Freda Scott-Giles, professor emerita, UGA Department of Theatre and Film Studies, and a member of Actors' Equity. It meets on the third Thursday of the month from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

November 20: The Mountaintop by Katori Hall

December 18: *Sweat* by Lynn Nottage (playing at Town and Gown Theatre, Dec. 7-16)

January 15, 2019: Joe Turner's Come and Gone by August Wilson

February 19: *In the Blood* by Suzan Lori Parks (playing at UGA starting Feb. 15)

March 19: The Amen Corner by James Baldwin by August Wilson

April 16: Ma Rainey's Black Bottom by August Wilson

May 21: The Piano Lesson by August Wilson

Come Watch a Documentary with Doc Buffs SIG

The members of the Doc Buffs SIG focus on viewing and discussing documentaries. They will meet at the UGA Special Collections Libraries (300 S. Hull St.) in Room 271 to watch the last two documentaries on this year's schedule.

Thursday, November 15, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

New Life Blossoms in an Old Village

Seven years in the life of a young man who moved to the countryside, and joined a community that is trying to adapt to the consequences of Japan's aging, shrinking population.

• Thursday, December 13, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

The Downtown Messiah

Handel's work is reinterpreted according to the musical spirit that encompasses Greenwich Village. "The Downtown Messiah" was first performed in 1997 at New York City's legendary downtown club The Bottom Line.





Cher Snyde

Talking about August in August — The newly formed August Wilson & Others SIG had its inaugural meeting in August. Sitting on the sofa from left to right: Freda Scott-Giles, Lioba Moshi, Terry Kaley, and Kay Turner. Peg Graham on the far right; to her left is Jim Marshall in the chair. To Jim's left are Connie Crawley, Art Crawley, Charlie Friedlander, and Kathy Warhola.

OLLI Rocks SIG Goes Deep into Volcanoes

This semester's theme for the OLLI Rocks Shared Interest Group (SIG) is "Geological Catastrophes on Earth." Dr. David Dallmeyer, Emeritus Geology Professor at the University of Georgia and a long-time OLLI@ UGA presenter, will examine the globally devastating effects of volcanic eruptions in the two remaining dates in 2018. Each session begins with a brief overview by Dr. Dallmeyer, followed by viewing a related DVD.

• November 7, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Eruption of Krakatau, 1883: A Deadly Eruption Heard 3,000 Miles Away

Suggested reading: Krakatau: "The Day the World Exploded" by Simon Winchester

• December 5, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.



Eruption of Mount Toba, Sumatra 74,000 Years Ago: Did Humans Nearly Disappear?

Suggested reading: "When Humans Nearly Vanished: The Catastrophic Eruption of the Toba Volcano" by Donald R. Prothero

Meetings are held in Room 200A of the Geography-Geology Building, which is located on the main UGA campus on Field Street, directly across from the football stadium. If parking is congested in the Geology Building lot, there is parking available in the UGA South Parking Deck located adjacent to the Georgia Center. It is only a short walk downhill to the Geology Building.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Making It Easier to Sign Up and Communicate

By OLLI@UGA Staff

We have been steadily working on our new registration and communication system for OLLI@UGA over the summer and fall. What can you expect it to do for you? It will make it easier for you to join and register for classes and events, and it will also make it easier for you to connect with other OLLI@UGA members.

In our new system, 'classes' will be called 'sections.'

We could not have made this new system happen without help from our partners, Campus CE and Mighty Networks. If the name Campus CE sounds familiar to you, it's because OLLI@UGA used its system previously. Simply put, we had outgrown it - however, over the past four years Campus CE has been intentional in their growth and commitment to understand the OLLI model. They currently support 22 other OLLIs across the country, so we are confident our partnership will keep OLLI@UGA moving forward.

For the social component of our new registration and communication system, we are partnering with Mighty Networks. Currently, several OLLI@UGA Committees and shared interest groups (SIGs) are using Mighty Networks as our beta testers. They are helping us understand the system so that when we introduce it to the membership later this year, we will be able to fully explain best practices as well as some tips and tricks.

The office (specifically, Zu) regularly posts updates online about progress on the new system, under the heading TechKNOWledgy at olli.uga.edu. You can find these weekly updates, posted on Tuesday afternoons, in the scrolling announcements on the lefthand side of the website. For those who haven't seen the updates, we include a few here, starting in mid-September:

TechKNOWledgy Updates

September 11, 2018 — Talks with Campus CE this week have included making decisions on whether or not we want the courses to display horizontally or vertically. While that might not seem like a big deal, there are many considerations, such as, how much scrolling is too much scrolling? How many clicks are reasonable to select a course? While the horizontal style may be more visually engaging, the functionality is better in the vertical layout. Could we have a hybrid of both? Can we somehow create links to make it easier to locate a class starting with the letter "R" in a list of 200+ classes? And the list goes on. Fortunately, the web-tech person on Campus CE's end has been an amazing resource as we pick and choose what we like from other schools' layouts.

September 18, 2018 — This week we looked at entering courses and learning some new lingo. A big data entry win with this system is that a course is entered once and then we create specific details each semester. This is great for courses like Tai Chi, Yoga, and Current Affairs that tend to repeat. We aren't re-inventing the entire wheel every semester. New words for us include a new one for "class." Classes are now called sections. You will remember that in our current system they are called sessions. Additionally, rather than the phrase "credit on account," you will now see the word "escrow." Functionality is the same but the words are different, and we will work to make sure everything is clearly defined for our members.

September 25, 2018 — As we've been learning how to build out the courses and their details, we're discovering some neat features. How about a note on your receipt specific to a class that you are taking? Yes! That is going to be a reality with our new system. These receipt notes will allow us to pre-load information for off-site classes such as location and meeting details or parking information so that



you will be able to plan accordingly. We will also be able to flag a class with an alert should we have something special like a date change or a cancellation. And would you like to see your speaker? We will have the ability to embed images and even include photos of our presenters with their biographies.

October 2, 2018 — Our goal is to get all member files into the new system the first week of November. We'll give you plenty of heads-up time, but you should expect an email from us specifically related to your new login information around Thanksgiving. The current plan is to have the website up and also have some documentation available in December. We want members to see and get comfortable with the new screens. I've continued to work with our web designer and am excited to say that we've found a workable solution to navigate through an alphabetical listing of classes much easier than having to scroll page after page.

The Shared Interest Groups Leaders have been steadily at work exploring Mighty Networks, our new online community. I've heard much chatter, and most of it is really positive. Some SIGs and Committees have even already fully adopted Mighty Networks — kudos to them!

October 9, 2018 — Getting course proposals into the system has been a good use of our time since repetition is key to remembering the process. This week also included working with our implementation specialist on how to best design a plan for Host Registration, which will occur the first week of January. If you are reading this update, then you will be the first to know that, as of today, general registration is scheduled to open on Wednesday, January 16. Get ready!



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Mark your calendars! **December 3: New Membership period opens** January 3-10: Class Host Registration January 16: General Registration opens

Jan 7, 11, and 30: New Member Orientations

January 25: OLLI@UGA Lifelong Learning Fair (Georgia Square Mall)

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