April 24 - June 2020

Course Listing by Date with Descriptions

4/27/2020 10:30-11:45 AM  The Psychology of Good and Evil  $10
We are bombarded daily by reports of bad behavior, from bullying in schools to sexual misconduct in college to corporate fraud. Although it’s easy to blame these acts on evil people, it’s important to understand why so many people fail to speak up in the presence of such behavior. This class examines the factors that lead most of us to stay silent in the face of bad behavior, how the tendency to stay silent allows such acts to continue, and strategies we can all use to step up and show moral courage.

Dr. Catherine Sanderson is the Manwell Family Professor of Life Sciences (Psychology) at Amherst College. She received a bachelor’s degree from Stanford University and a doctoral degree from Princeton University. Professor Sanderson has published over 25 journal articles and book chapters plus four college textbooks. Her latest book, The Positive Shift, examines how changing our thoughts benefits happiness and health. In 2012, she was named one of the country’s top 300 professors by the Princeton Review.

4/27/2020 4:00- 6:00 PM  Spanish: Intermediate to Advanced  $54
(13 sessions – April 27, 29; May 4, 6, 11,13, 18,20, 27; June 1, 3, 6, 8, 10)
The goal of this class is to take the intermediate Spanish speaker to a higher proficiency level. This class is intended for the individual who has Spanish speaking skills, but wants to work toward authentic language usage. The work will include some basic grammar instruction, but is mainly for the purpose of acquiring the skills for daily use outside the classroom. Materials used may include newspapers, movies, videos and other media. Internet and personal email preferred.

Born in Venezuela, Bianca Gonzalez began teaching Spanish after she moved to the US, in 2016. While studying a master in teaching Spanish as a foreign language at the University of Barcelona, she teaches both adults and children. Also, she has been the instructor of four Spanish classes at OLLI since 2017.

4/28/2020 9:00-10:45 AM  Investment Basics  $10
This class is designed to give a high-level view of investing. The basics will clear up common misunderstandings about how investments work. By the end of class, you should be more familiar with risk vs reward, diversification and different strategies to build wealth and transfer it.

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The goal of this class is to improve communicative abilities for the participants while familiarizing them with various Spanish speaking cultures worldwide. This class is mainly geared toward the individual who has little previous experience with the Spanish language or needs refresher work. The work is intended to provide basic knowledge for daily use, utilizing text, video and audio instruction. Homework should be expected. Internet and personal email preferred.

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It was a terrible time: banks with bad mortgages started it, complex financial instruments prolonged it, and poor risk analysis made it seem to last forever. This was not 2008, but the Great Depression of 1873. Scott Nelson will demonstrate the eerie parallels between that six-year-plus financial crash and our last decade’s financial problems. Using dozens of engravings from the time, Nelson will show us the giddy highs and the scary lows of the first international Great Depression, and its lessons for today. He will also discuss the peculiar range of government responses that followed, including tariffs and militant nationalism.

Scott Nelson is UGAAA professor of history at UGA and is the prizewinning author of five books on nineteenth-century American history. The New York Times has most recently called him a “fascinating guide to the grim landscape of Reconstruction.” His book Steel Drivin’ Man, about the life and legend of the folk legend John Henry, won four national awards including the Marfield Prize for Arts Writing and the Curti Prize for best book in US history.

From the start of the Top Secret Stealth Fighter Project, it was shrouded in secrecy. Few people knew of the project and even fewer were chosen to work on the special aircraft. As the project moved from testing to operational status the public would occasionally hear stories of strange aircraft that flew over the Nevada Desert only at night. These stories grew to myths and even though some were true others were complete science fiction. Come spend some time hearing about this special aircraft and sneak a peek behind the curtain of secrecy that has to this day surrounded the F-117A Nighthawk.

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Cancelled basketball, baseball, spring football, and the usual spring sports. The spring of 2020 seems like a trip to the twilight zone. Learn the insights of what it has been like for a reporter who would usually be quite busy covering spring sports and the lead up to the college football season.

Tony Barnhart is a writer, columnist, contributor to 680 The Fan, broadcaster for The SEC Network/ESPN, and is well known to sports fans as Mr. College Football. A native of Greensboro, GA and graduate of UGA’s Henry Grady Journalism School, he is the author of five books on college football and recipient of numerous recognitions including Football Writers Association of America Hall of Fame, the Atlanta Sports Council’s Furman Bisher Award, Grady College Fellowship, and many more.

Four classes covering topics related to the ear, hearing health and the tools used to remediate the effects of hearing loss. Classes will cover the amazing anatomy & physiology of the ear, a brief introduction to the field of Audiology, hearing aids and changes in amplification technology, implantable devices focusing on cochlear implants and communication strategies and speechreading. Participants are encouraged to ask questions in order to grow in understanding their own hearing health. Each class stands alone in content, so participants can attend one or all four.

Holly Kaplan completed her PhD at the University of Florida in Audiology with Gerontology certification receiving the Bzoch Clinical Research award for her work on telephone use in individuals with hearing loss. She has thirty five years of experience in providing hearing healthcare in a variety of clinical settings. At UGA, Kaplan provides direct services, and supervises students. Dr. Kaplan has served on the GA licensure board and is active in the Georgia Academy of Audiology.
Scott Nelson will explore how songs sung by African–American railway trackliners in the South helped produce the music that we call rock & roll. He will also discuss the most famous of these songs, “The Ballad of John Henry,” and the song’s origins in the Reconstruction South. The lecture covers material in Nelson’s book Steel Drivin’ Man and his young adult book, Ain’t Nothing but a Man.

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Wyler Hecht received her training and completed both a doctorate degree in naturopathic medicine and a master’s level degree in acupuncture at Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine (SCNM) in Tempe, AZ. The 1984 UGA graduate practices naturopathic family medicine and traditional Chinese acupuncture at her practice, Oconee Natural Healthcare, in Watkinsville.

Dr. Duncan Elkins is a Postdoctoral Associate at the River Basin Center at the UGA Odum School of Ecology, where he coordinated a prioritization of southeastern watersheds for aquatic biodiversity conservation. His current projects focus on source water protection in the Middle Chattahoochee River Basin and on forestry activities that affect at-risk aquatic species. His other research interests include climate change in freshwater systems and the effects of small barriers on stream-resident fishes.

Alexis Nichols is a voiceover artist working in television, film, audio books, trailers, and commercials. Her animated feature film and television work includes three characters in the English version of the animated series Little Witch Academia. Other projects include commercials for Dick’s Sporting Goods, Disney’s Aulani Resort, QVC, Mercedes Benz Fashion Week, and Sesame Street’s Sesame Place Theme Park. She was recently nominated for a Voice Arts Award at New York City’s Lincoln Center.

Tom Buchanan is currently Pastor of Friendship Presbyterian Church in Athens, and for the last 25 years has served churches in New Jersey and Georgia. Until moving to Athens last January, Tom was for 15 years a popular presenter for Seniors Enriched Living of Roswell-Alpharetta.

Lee Reed retired from UGA’s Terry College of Business in 2010 as the Scherer Chair in Public Affairs. He was also the Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor of Legal Studies.
“Big data” and statistics have become common in political research and journalism, but most people would not think of human rights as amenable to quantitative analysis. However, there are many publicly available sources of information on human rights practices. This course presents an overview of quantitative analysis of human rights practices, practical and ethical issues that commonly arise, current research and what it suggests about patterns of human rights violations, and briefly introduces participants to basic statistical analysis.

Daniel Hill was born in Birmingham, Alabama and earned his Ph.D. in political science from Florida State University in 2012. Before coming to UGA, he held a one-year research position at Duke University. His research encompasses the fields of international relations and comparative politics, focusing primarily on the relationship between international law/organizations and domestic political violence.

Last year marked the 40th anniversary of the publication of Michael Thurmond’s book, A Story Untold: Black Men and Women in Athens History. The book details the valuable contributions by African-American men and women to Athens’s rich history. An expanded version of the book was recently reissued by Athens Historical Society. There is currently renewed historical interest in the experiences and contributions of African-Americans in Athens, and we are honored that Mr. Thurmond will be here to discuss this important book.

Michael Thurmond, son of a sharecropper from Athens, GA, is a distinguished public servant, attorney, and author. Thurmond served in the Georgia Legislature and as Georgia Commissioner of Labor. After a failed run for the U.S. Senate, he became superintendent of the DeKalb County school system, and was elected CEO of DeKalb County in 2016. He is author of the award-winning book Freedom: Georgia’s Anti-Slavery Heritage, 1733–1865, and A Story Untold: Black Men and Women in Athens History.

Covid-19 is commanding the majority of the news coverage in today’s 24/7 news business. There will be winners and losers at the ballot box as this unparalleled world crisis continues to unfold. Get the latest insights on how WSB-TV’s chief political commentator brings us up to date on the biggest story in today’s news.

Since the 2000 Presidential Election, Bill Crane has become one of the southeast’s most visible political analysts and commentators. A syndicated columnist in many Georgia publications, Bill routinely appears on Channel 2’s WSB-TV Action News, Georgia Public Television’s “The Lawmakers,” CNN International and Al Jazeera English. He is a graduate of UGA’s Grady College of Journalism and is the proprietor of CSI Crane, a full service corporate communications and public relations agency specializing in Executive Messaging, Corporate Reputation and crisis management.

This course will review the role of United Confederate Veterans & The Grand Army of the Republic, the role of Veterans Administration, the U.S. National Park Service, the U.S. Army & the American Battle Monuments Commission, U.S. National Cemeteries, and Confederate Cemeteries. Emphasis will be on: Arlington National Cemetery & the Confederate Memorial & Cemetery Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA Andersonville, GA POW Museum & Cemetery Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, VA Oakwood Cemetery, Richmond, VA Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, SC.

Harold Mills is a Career Intelligence Officer and a Vietnam Veteran. He’s had assignments with tactical combat units, HQ USAF, Defense Intelligence Agency and HQ NATO Brussels 1965–1985. He is a retired SC educator, secondary level and adjunct instructor with the University of South Carolina (U.S. History and Spanish) 1995–2007. His degrees include a BA, University of Maryland, 1965, Government and Politics and Spanish, and Graduate degrees from University of Southern California, 1969 in Education, and Boston University, 1985 in Business Administration. He was also a Graduate of Air War College, 1981 and a National Board Certified Teacher of History 2003.

Humans’ awareness of death causes potentially debilitating terror we “manage” by embracing cultural worldview giving us a sense that we are valuable persons in a meaningful universe, and thus eligible for literal or symbolic immortality. The quest for immortality underlies some of humankind’s most noble achievements. However, it also engenders some of our most ignominious affectations. This class will consist of evidence in support of these claims and consideration of their implications for personal growth and social progress.

Sheldon Solomon is Professor of Psychology at Skidmore College. His studies of the effects of the uniquely human awareness of death have been supported by the National Science Foundation and Ernest Becker Foundation, and are featured in the award winning documentary film Flight from Death: The Quest for Immortality. He is co-author of In the Wake of 9/11: The Psychology of Terror and The Worm at the Core: On the Role of Death in Life.
5/19/2020  9:00–11:45 AM  Meditative Doodling
This hands–on class draws on newly–popular artforms, such as ZenTangles as well as older traditions such as mandalas. These meditative forms of art can be done in short sessions, making them ideal for today’s busy lives. While the product is less important than the process, the results are often quite pleasing. **Linda Gilbert** graduated with a BFA in drawing and painting and worked as a graphic designer for more than a decade. However, she moved on to other work and gradually let her time for art slip away. Through meditative doodling, she found a way to incorporate art into her life once more.

5/20/2020  10:30– 11:45 AM  Long Term Care Planning
This class is designed to give a high level view of long term care planning. The hope is to answer common questions about long term care, how to prepare for it, how funding it impacts current assets, and what risks are associated with being unprepared for the potential need for long term care. By the end of the class you should be familiar with different ways to plan for long term care and how they affect retirement assets. **Trecy Kent** is a retired US Air Force Master Sergeant, former Economics and History teacher, and current Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. He has a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, Masters in Secondary Education and an Education Specialist degree in Education Administration. He currently holds a Series 7 General Securities Representative License, the series 66 (Uniform Combined State Law Examination) license, and a Georgia Insurance License.

5/20/2020  1:00–2:15 PM  Taking Athens to 100% Renewable Energy
(4 sessions - May 20, 27; June 3, 10)
On May 21, 2019, the ACC County Commission passed a resolution committing the city of Athens to use 100% renewable energy by 2035. How are we to achieve this ambitious goal? We will approach this challenge in three one-hour sessions: • Getting to 100% renewable electricity • “Megawatts”: upgrading the energy efficiency of buildings • Transportation, food, and material products The fourth session consider the questions left unanswered. After 35 years teaching Computer Science at UGA, **Dan Everett** is now devoting his time to the climate crisis. His major project is helping to build the plan to take Athens to 100% renewable energy.

5/21/2020  10:00–11:15 AM  When to Panic and What to do When the Stock Market Crashes
The longest period of stock market growth in US history just ended – spectacularly. In this session, we’ll discuss the history of stock market crashes, why the stock market crashes, and how those crashes affect investors of different ages. We’ll cover the “do’s and don’ts” of managing during a stock market crash and why so many people behave counterproductively. We’ll conclude by looking forward and discussing strategies for inoculating ourselves from future stock market crashes. **Matt Goren**, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of Financial Planning at The American College of Financial Services. Goren is an acclaimed teacher and speaker who focuses on the interplay of personal finance and psychology. His personal finance radio show and podcast Nothing Funny About Money was named 2018’s most outstanding consumer financial information resource by the AFCPE. He has created and expanded financial literacy programs that now help thousands of students – from children to seniors.

5/22/2020  9:00–10:15 AM  U.S. Global Engagement and the Military
This class examines the role of the U.S. military in the country’s international engagement. What will this engagement look like in the future? Will the U.S. retreat from its position of global leadership? Or will it push forward with the internationalist approach it has maintained since the end of World War II? How will the military affect this decision, and how will the military be affected by it? **Dr. Justin Conrad** is the Gary K. Bertsch Director of the Center for International Trade and Security and Associate Professor of International Affairs. His research focuses on international security issues, including terrorism and interstate conflict, and has been funded by the National Science Foundation and the Department of Defense. He is author of Gambling and War: Risk, Reward, and Chance in International Conflict. Dr. Conrad has appeared in a variety of international media outlets.
Join us as we explore Robert Louis Stevenson's horror classic based on an infamous Edinburgh Judge. Class discussion will compare the historical people and events that inspired the novel to their fictionalized counterparts; as well as the morality of scientific discovery, genetics, forensics, and human evil. Two contrasting film versions will be shown and discussed. One the 1931 Academy Award Winner and the other a modern adaptation with Glen Close and Julia Roberts. ISBN: 9781593081317

Lorien Campbell graduated GCSU in 2012 with a MAT in English Language Arts, Reading, and History; a BA in Creative Writing and a background in English Lit. This is her 13th class as an OLLI instructor. Other OLLI classes she has taught include: Wuthering Heights; Jane Eyre; Pride and Prejudice; Persuasion; Sense and Sensibility, Mansfield Park; Sherlock Holmes; Poirot; Miss Marple; Cadfael; Lord Peter Wimsey; The Great Gatsby; Midsummer Night's Dream; and Dracula.

Southern universities that were in existence before the Civil War were invariably built by enslaved people. And so it was that the origins of UGA were also bound up with the institution of slavery. Fred Smith Sr. will relate the painful events unfolding after the discovery of human remains during the renovation of Baldwin Hall in 2015. The story involves an ongoing and complex controversy among community members, various UGA faculty members, and the UGA administration. What steps have been and are being taken to promote healing and to honor those likely ancestors of current African American citizens of Athens? What remains to be done?

Fred Smith Sr. is co-chair of the Athens Area Black History Committee and a leader and activist in the Athens African American community. Smith was studying journalism at UGA in 1978 when he learned about the unmarked graves of enslaved African Americans buried under Baldwin Hall on campus. Ever since, he has been searching for answers about the remains of those people, some of whom he believes are likely his ancestors.

If you have been curious about your soul’s journey, the law of attraction, the gift of clairvoyance, or dreams or past lives, this presentation will answer many of your questions. Here the esoteric is transformed into ordinary living at its best. This presentation introduces participants to the metaphysical spiritual body of knowledge that affects each one of us. Many believe we are spiritual beings having a human experience.

Sharon Carty is an experienced spiritual counselor. Her heritage is Irish and one-quarter Apache Indian. While living in St. Augustine, Florida, she hosted a weekly spiritual metaphysical live call-in talk radio show. While in St. Louis, she wrote a monthly column similar to “Dear Abby” in Spirit Seeker magazine.
Nobody lives forever, and you are not going to be the exception. Are you concerned about leaving your heirs and executor a random mess of paperwork, multiple wills, missing passwords, and mysterious financial accounts? Then you’re the target audience for this class! We’ll take a light-hearted look at how to prepare for the inevitable: By the end of class, you’ll have a roadmap to ensure that those responsible for tidying up after you aren’t left with an ugly, expensive “tornado in a junkyard” mess to clean up. Get organized now for stress-free enjoyment of the rest of your retirement! Recommended text: Get It Together: Organize Your Records So Your Family Won’t Have To, Eighth Edition, Melanie Cullen and Shae Irving J.D., ISBN-13: 978-1413325669

Chuck Murphy has been an OLLI member since 2007 and is a veteran OLLI presenter. He plans to live well and live long, and then leave his heirs and executor with a short, simple “to-do” list to wrap up any remaining loose ends.

John Lash began studying conflict transformation, nonviolent communication, and restorative justice while serving a life sentence for murder he was given at the age of eighteen. After nearly twenty-five years he was released. He earned an MS in conflict management from Kennesaw State University in 2012 and has been the Executive Director of Georgia Conflict Center since 2013. He applies his hard–won knowledge of violence and conflict to his work in Athens and beyond.

David Hazinski holds a Bachelors Degree from Duquesne University in Journalism and a Masters Degree from the University of Pittsburgh in Educational Communications and Technology. He has lead UGA’s digital journalism program for 30 years. He is a former NBC News correspondent and helped to launch 13 news networks around the world. Hazinski believes technological innovation must be married to training and a solid editorial foundation.

Gary Whiting is a freelance wildlife and landscape photographer, instructor, and former Fortune 500 marketing executive. A dedicated film photographer since age 12 and now a complete digital convert, his vision is to capture uncommon moments that create unique works of art. Recently retired to Athens from St Johns, FL, Gary was instrumental in building the photography curriculum in the OLLI program at UNF, having taught over 45 classes and 500+ students over 6 years.

If you registered for any of these classes before they became online classes, then you do not need to register again. This includes luncheons where the luncheon part of your fee will be credited to your account.