Course Listing by Date with Descriptions

5/4/2020  11:00-12:00n  The Sports World Upended  $10
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.

5/6/2020  1:00-2:15 PM  The Death of John Henry and the African-American Roots of Rock and Roll  $10
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.

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.
5/7/2020 1:00-2:00pm Let’s Talk about CBD $10
Attendees will learn what CBD (Cannabidiol) is, how it works and what the medicinal applications are. The presenter will also discuss how to find the right product for your specific needs and how to dose CBD correctly. 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, Ocone Natural Healthcare, in Watkinsville.

5/7/2020 10:30–11:45AM Aquatic Biodiversity in the Southeast $10
The Southeastern United States is a global hotspot of freshwater biodiversity, supporting almost two-thirds of the country’s fish species, over 90% of the U.S. total species of mussels, and nearly half of the global total for crayfish species. More than a quarter of the southeast’s species are found nowhere else in the world. Unfortunately, this region is also a hotspot for imperilment – in the last 20 years, the number of imperiled freshwater fish species in the Southeast has risen 125%. We’ll learn about this fantastic diversity: where it is, the threats it faces, and conservation priorities for the region.

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.

5/8/2020 11:00–12n AM Voice Overs: An introduction $10
Have you been told you have a great voice? This introductory workshop will cover the basics of voiceovers. Learn about creating characters, breaking down scripts, original copy, microphone etiquette, genres of work, and more from an industry professional. Sample scripts and performances will be a part of this class so come ready to use your voice!

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.

5/8/2020 1:00 – 3:45 PM Follow the Yellow Brick Road $10
This class explores how the spiritual journey of self-discovery is beautifully illustrated by the classic film “The Wizard of Oz.” Through selected film clips, presentation, and discussion, participants will see how this beloved film is much more than just a fun story, but also is profoundly spiritual, with much to teach about how to live.

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.

In our world of limited resources, production of new resources is vital. There are two principal economic approaches to production: socialism and capitalism. Few Americans seem to understand either one. Are the Democratic policy proposals for 2020 mostly socialistic? Do the Republicans attack the Democrats for “socialism” while at the same time ardently embracing socialism? Come to this class to find out. Taught by someone who won the statewide Birmingham News “Youth Views the News” contest on the threat of communism (a type of socialism) in 1964.

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.

5/11/2020 1:00-2:15 PM Using Statistics to Study Human Rights $10
“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 worldviews 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.

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.
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.

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 considers 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.

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.

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.
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.

5/29/2020 2:30–3:45 PM  Your Spiritual Metaphysical Self
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.

These classes will focus on developments in the 2020 presidential primaries and the upcoming general election campaign. They will focus on several inter-related aspects of campaigns: media, polls, delegates, debates and the Electoral College. Recent and current campaign developments will be discussed in a historical context and in terms of implications for the general election. No materials or text are required.

Dr. Paul-Henri Gurian is an associate professor of Political Science. He has been teaching and doing research on campaign politics for thirty years at UGA. His specialty is presidential campaigns.

6/2/2020 10:30–11:45 AM  Retirement and Self-Actualization: Why not go for it?
There is a lot more to successful retirement than good physical health. For instance, did you know we are each born with an instinctual need to actualize our potential in life? Abraham Maslow called this the “Self-Actualizing Tendency,” certain spiritual traditions call it the “Enlightenment Drive,” Viktor Frankl believed this drive represents a search for meaning and purpose, while other theorists have described this desire to constantly improve ourselves as a need for perfection. This class will explore what self-actualization is, and how self-actualization or enlightenment might become a formal practice for those retirees who want to “go for it.”

Dudley Tower, PhD, has been teaching successful aging, psychology, and personal growth courses at OLLI’s Furman University campus since 2004. He has been teaching the Dynamic Aging Program (DAP) for the past five years and is founder of the Dynamic Aging Institute. Christine Tower, MBA, will assist with this course.

6/5/2020 2:30–4:00 PM  Way to Go! A Well Planned Exit
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.
This course will look at how the news you watch and read is produced, who owns what, and what its concerns are. It will consider the differences in audience, distribution, ethics, and corporate structure for journalism traditionally, and what it is now. It will also deal with international journalism and its migration over the last couple of decades.

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.

Are you struggling to manage chaos in your photo library? Apple’s Photos for Mac (formerly “iPhoto”) is a free organizing and editing software for the Mac laptop or iMac computer. Students will learn file organization tips from a seasoned photographer and how to organize thousands of images for rapid retrieval. Students will also learn the basic steps of making adjustments to images and exporting for use in other projects. Experience is not required, this is a good overview course to take if you already have Photos for Mac or iPhoto installed and would like a little hands-on experience.

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.

For all of human history our health has been challenged by pathogens. Bacteria and viruses are everywhere and occasionally a new one emerges that humanity has no natural ability to resist. The virus that causes COVID-19 is one such virus, having recently made the jump from bats to humans is has been seeping through a naive population of nearly eight billion of us. This talk will discuss the basics of the human immune system, describe how viruses evolve, and how the development of vaccines is our best defense against them.

Mark Farmer is a professor of Cellular Biology at UGA. He has authored a number of publications in the area of evolutionary biology and writes op-ed pieces for the Athens Banner Herald as well as Scientific American. He and his family live in Winterville Georgia where he has served on the City Council.

The church of St Andrew Holborn sits on the edge of the City of London. The earliest records of a building at the site is a charter from the time of Edward the Confessor (1042-1066), though Roman pottery was found on the site and the building has been witness to some of the most crucial moments in London’s history including the Black Death, the Great Fire in 1666, and the Blitz in 1940. Come and find out about the people and events who have shaped a unique place in the great City of London.

Tim Meehan became Executive Director in 2017, having spent ten years developing the non-profits and businesses associated with St Andrew Holborn in London, England. Born in Coventry, England he read Classics (Greek and Latin) at King’s College, London gaining both a Bachelor’s and Master’s.

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.

Classes outlined in red are new to this catalog, classes outlined in green have been added to our catalog during April.