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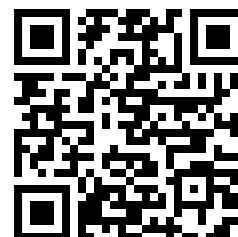


# OLLI FEST

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# Welcome to our Spring 2026 Catalog

We are excited to be able to present our Spring Catalog – covering all our classes from February through June.

From cheese to volcanoes and many subjects in between, there will be something for everyone this semester.

**Registration for  
Spring Classes Opens  
Tuesday, January 13th, at 10:00AM**

**A link to the registration site can be found at  
the bottom of every page – just click Register  
Now to be taken to the Sign-In Page**

*A paper registration form is available from the  
office.*

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## OLLI etiquette

We are delighted to have active participation from all of our members in classes. For the enjoyment of all our participants please:

- 1) Ensure that you sign in when you arrive
- 2) Silence your mobile
- 3) Be respectful of other member's time – if you wish to have an indepth conversation with a presenter, please talk to them after class.



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## Shared Interest Groups (SIGs)

There are currently 25 SIGs meeting regularly throughout the month, from Board Games to Writing Memoir. All these are free to join as a benefit of membership.

Check our [online calendar](#) to see when they meet and visit [OLLI COMM](#) to join or view updates and other information.

## Parking

Registration for parking tags for River's Crossing are available online at [olli.uga.edu](#) (under Membership). Parking tags will be available for pickup from the OLLI office on or after the third business day following submittal of your order.

Each tag costs \$20, and may be used by others in your household. The tag will enable you to park ONLY in the River's Crossing parking lot through 7/31/2026. If you purchased a tag for the Fall semester, it will be valid for this semester.

The River's Crossing parking lot is monitored daily until 4:00 PM by UGA Parking Services. Please ensure that your parking tag is displayed properly in your vehicle when you park in this lot. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of a parking ticket with a fine of \$50. Parking after 4:00PM is free.

If you do not wish to purchase a parking tag, a parking permit may be purchased through the ParkMobile app for \$5 a day. Information on the ParkMobile app is available on our website.

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## New Member Orientations

New to OLLI@UGA and want to know how to get the most out of your membership? Why not join us for one of our FREE New Member Orientations to discover everything OLLI@UGA has to offer. Arrive a few minutes early for refreshments.

Registration for the New Member Orientations can be found under "Membership".

**January 15 - 10:00AM**

**January 26 - 5:00PM**

**February 5 - 10:00AM**

**February 16 - 5:00PM**

**March 5 - 10:00AM**

**April 2 - 10:00AM**

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# Local Travel Opportunities

Want to know more about our travel programs?  
Visit us at our OLLI Fest on January 10 at River's Crossing  
Non-Member Guest spots are available - please [contact the office](#)

## Carter Presidential Library and Museum

*Thursday, January 22, 2026*

The passing of former President Jimmy Carter in late 2024 brought renewed attention to the many accomplishments of “America’s greatest ex-President.” Renew your acquaintance with his remarkable accomplishments while visiting the Carter Presidential Library and Museum as part of a day trip to Atlanta.

What you'll see during your visit:

- state-of-the-art museum complete with interactive digital exhibits, tracing the life and work of Carter from his childhood in rural Plains, GA, to the work he and Mrs. Carter did around the world to promote peace and health
- “A Day in the Life of the President” replica of the Oval Office
- Nobel Peace Prize awarded to President Carter in 2002
- reproduction of the cabin used for Camp David meetings which led to the still-standing 1979 Egypt–Israel peace treaty
- artifacts from the 1976 campaign trail, Carter’s Navy service, and key moments of his administration

Bus departs Athens to arrive at the Carter Library mid-morning , departing mid-afternoon to return to Athens by 5 p.m. Lunch at the Carter Center restaurant is included.

\$195 per person (cost includes luxury motorcoach transportation, museum entry, and lunch).

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# The Battlefields of Cowpens & Kings Mountain

*Friday, April 17, 2026*

Step back in time and witness the decisive turning points of the American Revolution on an unforgettable day trip to two pivotal South Carolina battlefields: Kings Mountain and Cowpens. First, explore Kings Mountain National Military Park, the site of the “war’s largest all-American fight” on October 7, 1780, where Patriot militias secured a decisive victory over Loyalist forces—a triumph that changed the course of the Southern Campaign.

Then, continue to Cowpens National Battlefield to walk the ground where Brigadier General Daniel Morgan’s Patriot forces dealt a devastating blow to the British on January 17, 1781—a tactical masterpiece considered the worst loss for the British since Saratoga. This immersive journey offers a powerful look at the courage, strategy, and sacrifices that forged American independence.

Col. Saul will lead a class and trip briefing the day before the trip Thursday April 16 from 10–noon at River’s Crossing. Trip attendees should plan to attend the class in preparation for the trip. The trip will depart at 6:30AM. Following the Kings Mountain tour, members will enjoy a boxed sandwich lunch en route to Cowpens. The group will return to Athens by approximately 7:30PM. Snacks and water to be provided.

Cost: \$157 per person

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# International Travel Opportunities

Want to know more about our travel programs?  
Visit us at our OLLI Fest on January 10 at River's Crossing  
Non-Member Guest spots are available - please [contact the office](#)

## OLLI@ Oxford, UK

*August, 9-16, 2026*

A five-day educational and travel program to Oxford, UK, combining in-class instruction with day excursions to course-related sites.

Participants will have two courses taught by Oxford faculty: one on history and the other on literature. (Each class will meet in the mornings, while afternoons are reserved for local excursions to course-related sites.)

- Lodging and Breakfast
- 2 formal dinners
- 2 informal dinners
- 2 Classes in an Oxford College by an Oxford Don (Professor)
- Tour of the Bodleian Library
- Tour of the Ashmolean Museum
- Tour of Stratford-upon-Avon – birthplace of Shakespeare

\$1,900 per person  
does not include airfare, lunches, or travel insurance



# OLLI@UGA Spring Schedule 2026 (Weeks 1-3)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	FEBRUARY 2	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 4	FEBRUARY 5	FEBRUARY 6
Week 1	10:00AM: ... Notes from an Inveterate Traveller (Session 1)	10:00AM: Who Gets Admitted to UGA? A Case Study 10:00AM: Andersonville: ...the Civil War's Most Infamous Prison Camp	10:00AM: AI Literacy for Adult Learners 10:00AM: Great Conversations (Session 1)	10:00AM: Globalizing the American Revol... 12:00PM: Community Opportunities at the Hugh Hodgson School of Music	10:00AM: The Athens Real Estate Market Today and Tomorrow
	12:00PM: Botanicals to Bathtubs: ...Oak House Distillery 1:30PM: What Orwell Didn't (and Couldn't) Know: (Session 1)	2:00PM: Improving Bone and Joint Health		2:00PM: Fun Time Square Dancing 2:00PM: A Brief History of the Supreme Court...	2:00PM: Climate Change: At the Turning of the Tide (Session 1)
	FEBRUARY 9	FEBRUARY 10	FEBRUARY 11	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 13
Week 2	10:00AM: ... Notes from an Inveterate Traveller (Sess 2) 10:00AM: Marxism: Then and Now (Session 1) 1:00PM: Tax Planning Through Four Stages of Retirement (Session 1) 1:30PM: Orwell...(Session 2) 2:00PM: Gut Check: Managing GI Issues...	10:00AM: Evidence and Arguments for the Existence of God (Sess 1) 10:00AM: 5,000 Miles in our National Park System 11:30AM: Representing the Zenith Man: ... 2:00PM: The Civil War in our National Park System	10:00AM: Evidence and Arguments for the Existence of God (Sess 2) 10:00AM: Marxism: Then and Now (Session 2) 2:00PM: All About Bubbles... Cava to Champagne	10:00AM: Captain Henry Wirz: The Last Victim of Andersonville 1:00PM: 1960's-70's Music Roundtable: ...The Monkees 2:00PM: What is Fascism?	2:00PM: Climate Change: At the Turning of the Tide (Session 2) 3:00PM: Great Decisions 2026 (Session 1)
	FEBRUARY 16	FEBRUARY 17	FEBRUARY 18	FEBRUARY 19	FEBRUARY 20
Week 3	10:00AM: ... Notes from an Inveterate Traveller (Session 3) 10:00AM: Get the Most Out of Your Coffee: ... 1:30PM: What Orwell Didn't (and Couldn't) Know: (Session 3)	10:00AM: Fighting Internet and Social Media Scams 12:00PM: ACC Traffic Engineering Facility Tour 2:00PM: Everything You Didn't Want to Know About Taxes (Session 1) 2:00PM: Staying Warm and Comfortable Inside or Outdoors	10:00AM: Evidence for the Divinity of Jesus (Session 1) 10:00AM: Great Conversations (Session 2) 10:00AM: What Did You Do in WW II, Daddy? 2:00PM: The Great American Songbook: Duke Ellington	10:00AM: Evidence for the Divinity of Jesus (Session 2) 10:00AM: The Inheritance of War / The Legacy of Trauma (Session 1) 2:00PM: Wine Styles of the Willamette Valley 2:00PM: Golden Voices, Silver Screen: Great Opera Singers in the Movies	11:00AM: How Minds Change: The New Science of Belief, ... (Session 1) 12:00PM: Becoming News and Media Savvy: ... 2:00PM: Understanding the Composite Novel 2:00PM: Ranked Choice (Instant Runoff) Voting: Dispelling the Myths

# OLLI@UGA Spring Schedule 2026 (Weeks 4-6)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	FEBRUARY 23	FEBRUARY 24	FEBRUARY 25	FEBRUARY 26	FEBRUARY 27
Week 4	<b>10:00AM:</b> Photography with Mirrorless and DSLR Cameras (Session 1) <b>10:00AM:</b> ... Notes from an Inveterate Traveller (Session 4) <b>1:30PM:</b> What Orwell Didn't (and Couldn't) Know: (Session 4)	<b>10:00AM:</b> Our Health Care System, an Oxymoron! ... (Session 1) <b>10:00AM:</b> The Modern Revivals of Artisan Blacksmithing <b>2:00PM:</b> ...George Cukor's My Fair Lady (1964) <b>2:00PM:</b> Everything You Didn't Want to Know about Taxes (Sess. 1)	<b>9:30AM:</b> History in the Cloud: Navigating NARA's Online Resources <b>10:00AM:</b> Caregiving 101 <b>2:00PM:</b> Think You Know AI?... <b>2:00PM:</b> Guitar for Novices and Intermediates (Session 1)	<b>10:00AM:</b> The Inheritance of War ... (Session 2) <b>10:00AM:</b> Edible Native Permaculture... <b>12:00PM:</b> Exploring You: Introduction to the Enneagram ... (session 1) <b>2:00PM:</b> ... American Science <b>2:00PM:</b> Explore Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation:	<b>10:00AM:</b> How Does a Poem Mean... (Session 1) <b>11:00AM:</b> How Minds Change: The New Science of Belief, ... (Session 2)
	MARCH 2	MARCH 3	MARCH 4	MARCH 5	MARCH 6
Week 5	<b>10:00AM:</b> Photography with Mirrorless and DSLR Cameras (Session 2) <b>10:00AM:</b> Using the Family Search Center ... <b>1:30PM:</b> What Orwell Didn't (and Couldn't) Know: (Session 5) <b>2:00PM:</b> Fiber Arts in the UGA Makerspace: ...	<b>10:00AM:</b> Our Health Care System, ... (Session 2) <b>10:00AM:</b> Using the UGA Libraries <b>11:30AM:</b> Harriet Powers: Athens' African American Quilter ... <b>2:00PM:</b> ... Taxes (Sess. 2) <b>2:00PM:</b> Fire Extinguisher Simulator Training	<b>10:00AM:</b> Great Conversations (Session 3) <b>10:00AM:</b> The Little Yellow Sticker That Can Save Lives <b>12:00PM:</b> Keeping the State Out of Your Estate <b>2:00PM:</b> Guitar for Novices and Intermediates (Sess. 2)	<b>10:00AM:</b> Revisiting French New Wave Cinema <b>12:00PM:</b> Exploring You: Introduction to the Enneagram ... (session 2) <b>2:00PM:</b> Exploring ...Two American Poets: Oliver and Berry (Session 1)	<b>10:00AM:</b> How Does a Poem Mean... (Session 2) <b>11:00AM:</b> How Minds Change: The New Science of Belief, ... (Session 3) <b>2:00PM:</b> Head Study: Learn Portraiture via Mark Making
	MARCH 9	MARCH 10	MARCH 11	MARCH 12	MARCH 13
Week 6	<b>10:00AM:</b> Photography with Mirrorless and DSLR Cameras (Session 3) <b>10:00AM:</b> Athens First United Methodist Church at its Bicentennial <b>1:00PM:</b> Tax Planning Through Four Stages of Retirement (Session 2)	<b>10:00AM:</b> Growing Food and Flowers in Pots and Other Small Containers <b>10:00AM:</b> Tour esp Athens: ... <b>2:00PM:</b> Everything You Didn't Want to Know About Taxes (Session 3) <b>2:00PM:</b> Ekphrastic Poetry, Marc Chagall, and Women in the Bible	<b>10:00AM:</b> Blimps-to-Drones: Archaeo-Geophysics... <b>10:00AM:</b> UGA Equestrian Facility Tour <b>2:00PM:</b> Unleash Your Words: ... (session 1) <b>5:00PM:</b> American Mahjong Basics (Session 1)	<b>10:00AM:</b> Making Successful Transitions as we Age <b>10:00AM:</b> Dealing with Nuisance Wildlife <b>1:00PM:</b> ...Music Roundtable: Influential Women Songwriters <b>2:00PM:</b> Exploring ...Two American Poets: (Session 2)	<b>10:00AM:</b> How Does a Poem Mean... (Session 3) <b>10:30AM:</b> Get to Know UGA's Ramsey Center for Physical Activity <b>11:00AM:</b> How Minds Change: The New Science of Belief, ... (Session 4) <b>3:00PM:</b> Great Decisions 2026 (Session 2)

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	MARCH 16	MARCH 17	MARCH 18	MARCH 19	MARCH 20
Week 7	10:00AM: How to Behave so Your Grandkids Will Too	10:00AM: Tour of the Georgia Center at UGA	10:00AM: Great Conversations (Session 4)	10:00AM: Gian Lorenzo Bernini: ...	10:00AM: How Does a Poem Mean... (Session 4)
	10:00AM: Introduction to Hypnotherapy	10:00AM: The Shroud of Turin: ...	10:00AM: Tour Demosthenian Hall: One of UGA's Oldest Buildings	10:00AM: Save Money, Reap Benefits at Your Public Library!	
	2:00PM: Into the Heart of Darkness: Exploring the Nature of Evil (Session 1)	2:00PM: The Discovery of the Structure of Deoxyribonucleic Acid	2:00PM: Unleash Your Words: ...(session 2)	1:00PM: Sailing Around the World in 80 Minutes on Corroboree	12:00PM: Tea, Spice & Everything Nice: An Indian Tea Party
	5:00PM: UGA Performing Arts Center: Behind the Scenes	2:00PM: The ABC's for Self-Publishing Authors	5:00PM: American Mahjong Basics (Session 2)		2:00PM: Lyndon House Arts Center Tour
	MARCH 23	MARCH 24	MARCH 25	MARCH 26	MARCH 27
Week 8	10:00AM: Turning your Diary into a Memoir (Session 1)	10:00AM: Social Security, Medicare, Long -Term Care (Session 1)	10:00AM: Georgia Baseball Stories	10:00AM: From Hello to New Friendships	10:00AM: JG Beacham Drinking-Water Treatment-Plant Tour
	10:00AM: St. Petersburg, the City Built by Peter the Great	10:00AM: The Ten Commandments of Wealth Planning		10:00AM: Estate Planning	
	2:00PM: Into the Heart of Darkness: Exploring the Nature of Evil (Session 2)	2:00PM: Creating a Mini Hydroponic Growing Unit	2:00PM: Unleash Your Words: ...(session 3)	2:00PM: The Complex Legacy of Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe	2:00PM: Behind-the-Scenes Tour of Piedmont Athens Regional
		2:00PM: The Mindfulness Practices of Thich Nhat Hanh	2:00PM: The Great American Songbook: Dorothy Fields		2:00PM: Let's Play Footsie: ...Techniques for Foot/Fascial Health
	MARCH 30	MARCH 31	APRIL 1	APRIL 2	APRIL 3
Week 9	10:00AM: iPhone Photography 101	10:00AM: Tour of Tweed Recording Audio-Production School	10:00AM: Great Conversations (Session 5)		10:00AM: Pioneering Aviator: The Life of Admiral John Towers
	10:00AM: Turning your Diary into a Memoir (Session 2)	10:00AM: Social Security, Medicare, Long -Term Care (Session 2)	10:00AM: Why Did Your Mother Tell You to Eat Carrots?		
	2:00PM: Into the Heart of Darkness: Exploring the Nature of Evil (Session 3)	11:30AM: Imaging George Washington: America's Cincinnatus			2:00PM: Living in Love: ...Blueprint for the Good Life (Session 1)
		2:00PM: Body Disposition: So Many Choices			



# OLLI@UGA Spring Schedule 2026 (Weeks 10-12)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	APRIL 6	APRIL 7	APRIL 8	APRIL 9	APRIL 10
Week 10	<b>10:00AM:</b> Declining Fertility Rates:... (Session 1) <i>10:00AM: Turning your Diary into a Memoir (Session 3)</i> <b>2:00PM:</b> Into the Heart of Darkness: Exploring the Nature of Evil (Session 4)	<i>10:00AM: Social Security, Medicare, Long -Term Care (Session 3)</i> <b>10:00AM:</b> Ursula le Guin's Fiction I - Fantasy (Session 1)	<b>10:00AM:</b> Saving Georgia's Story: ...  <b>10:00AM:</b> Medicare Deep Dive  <b>2:00PM:</b> A Necklace of Weasel Testicles: ...	<b>10:00AM:</b> A Visit to Athens Land Trust's Williams Farm <b>10:00AM:</b> Classic Home Front: Athens and UGA in the World Wars  <b>2:00PM:</b> ...The Silicon Valley Tech Money Behind Our Government	<b>10:00AM:</b> Screen Time: Film Production in Athens-Clarke County <b>2:00PM:</b> Living in Love: ...Blueprint for the Good Life (Session 2)  <b>3:00PM:</b> Great Decisions 2026 (Session 3)
	APRIL 13	APRIL 14	APRIL 15	APRIL 16	APRIL 17
Week 11	<i>10:00AM: Declining Fertility Rates:... (Session 2)</i> <b>10:00AM:</b> Can I Hear You Now? Hearing Loss Issues and Assistive Devices <i>1:00PM: Tax Planning Through Four Stages of Retirement (Session 3)</i> <b>2:00PM:</b> Into the Heart of Darkness: Exploring the Nature of Evil (Session 5)	<b>10:00AM:</b> We Let the Dawgs Out: Art in Athens Backyard! <i>10:00AM: Ursula le Guin's Fiction I - Fantasy (Session 2)</i> <b>2:00PM:</b> 10 Rolling Stones Songs and the Stories Behind Them	<i>10:00AM: Great Conversations (Session 6)</i>	<b>10:00AM:</b> ...Myths and Misinformation Surrounding Landfills: ... <b>12:00PM:</b> The Power of Knowing: How Consumer Insights...	<b>10:00AM:</b> The Sketchbook: Washington Irving in the Historic (Haunted) Hudson Valley
	APRIL 20	APRIL 21	APRIL 22	APRIL 23	APRIL 24
Week 12	<b>9:30AM:</b> Understanding and Using Land Records for Family Historians <b>1:30PM:</b> Touring and Hiking Shoal Creek Sanctuary <b>2:00PM:</b> Going to Heaven: Copland's Settings of Dickinson's Poems <b>2:00PM:</b> Theologians Under Hitler: ... (Session 1)	<b>10:00AM:</b> Fighting Healthcare Fraud with the Senior Medicare Patrol <i>10:00AM: Ursula le Guin's Fiction I - Fantasy (Session 3)</i> <b>11:30AM:</b> Volcanoes: Why Do They Matter in Our Life?	<b>10:00AM:</b> Espionage: The Second Oldest Profession  <b>1:30PM:</b> Touring and Hiking Shoal Creek Sanctuary <b>2:00PM:</b> OLLI Cares & Connects: Local Non-Profit Leaders...	<b>10:00AM:</b> Georgia's Historical Recipes <b>12:00PM:</b> Partisan Gerrymandering: What is It...  <b>2:00PM:</b> Stop the Bleed & Hands-Only CPR  <b>2:00PM:</b> Cheese from Around the World	Common Sense Gardening - Walkabout with Dr A <b>10:00AM:</b> Tour A <b>12:00PM:</b> Tour B  <b>1:30PM:</b> Shoal Creek Sanctuary <b>2:00PM:</b> Inequality: How Bad Is It? (Session 1) <b>SATURDAY 2:00PM Great Trees, Shrubs... Garden Tour</b>

# OLLI@UGA Spring Schedule 2026 (Weeks 13-15)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	APRIL 27	APRIL 28	APRIL 29	APRIL 30	MAY 1
Week 13	10:00AM: Tree Identification in the Piedmont: A Guided Walk	10:00AM: Streaming Media Resources Accessible via UGA 10:00AM: Ursula le Guin's Fiction I - Fantasy (Session 4)	10:00AM: Great Conversations (Session 7) 10:00AM: Politics and Memory: Civil War ... in New York City	10:00AM: A Visit to Jubilee Partners (Comer, GA)	
	2:00PM: Theologians Under Hitler: ... (Session 2)	2:00PM: UGA's Explosive Ordinance Disposal team	1:30PM: I Was a Coward - I Went to War (Session 1)	2:00PM: Sandy Creek Nature Center Tour 3:00PM: Third Rail Distillery: A Tour & Tasting	2:00PM: Inequality: How Bad Is It? (Session 2) 2:00PM: Exploring the Georgia Archives
	MAY 4	MAY 5	MAY 6	MAY 7	MAY 8
Week 14	10:00AM: Steps Through Time & Treasures: Touring Historic... 10:00AM: Koh-i-Noor: The Story of the World's Most Infamous Diamond	10:00AM: Understanding Extreme Poverty in the U.S.	12:00PM: Tour Sweet Olive Farm Animal Rescue 1:00PM: The Afterlives of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah"		10:00AM: Hello, My Name Is...: Unusual Names from Georgia's History
	2:00PM: Theologians Under Hitler: ... (Session 3) 2:00PM: Historic Athens: Preserving and Celebrating ...		1:30PM: I Was a Coward - I Went to War (Session 2)	2:00PM: What's Up at the Supreme Court:...	3:00PM: Great Decisions 2026 (Session 4)
	MAY 11	MAY 12	MAY 13	MAY 14	MAY 15
Week 15	10:00AM: Two Grand Narratives: ...(session 1)	11:30AM: The History of Money and an Introduction to Cryptocurrency	10:00AM: Two Grand Narratives: ...(session 2)		10:00AM: When Stars Fell On Georgia: Georgia Meteorites, Impact Craters, and Ejecta Deposits (Session 1)
	1:00PM: Tax Planning Through Four Stages of Retirement (Session 4) 2:00PM: Theologians Under Hitler: ... (Session 4)	2:00PM: Multisensory Shakespeare 2:00PM: Wine Tripping through Italy	1:30PM: I Was a Coward - I Went to War (Session 3) 2:00PM: Keeping Your Dog Mentally Engaged: Sports and Tricks...	2:00PM: Developmental Disabilities: Support for Individuals and their Families 2:00PM: Walking Tour of Historic UGA North Campus	

# OLLI@UGA Spring Schedule 2026 (Weeks 16-18)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	MAY 18	MAY 19	MAY 20	MAY 21	MAY 22
Week 16			<b>10:00AM:</b> How To Age in Place <b>10:00AM:</b> Decoding Restaurant Health Scores: ...		<b>10:00AM:</b> When Stars Fell On Georgia: ...(session 2) <b>10:00AM:</b> UGA Trial Garden and Greenhouse Walking Tour
	<b>2:00PM:</b> Theologians Under Hitler: ... (Session 5)	<b>2:00PM:</b> Modeling For Art and More: Helping Teach Medical Students <b>2:00PM:</b> Cybersecurity Basics (session 1)	<b>1:30PM:</b> The Leap Manifesto and Exploding the Box: ...(session 1) <b>2:00PM:</b> Cybersecurity Basics (session 2)	<b>12:00PM:</b> 1960's-70's Music Roundtable: ...Glen Campbell <b>2:00PM:</b> Great Mayan Cities: Their Art and Architecture (session 1)	
	MAY 25	MAY 26	MAY 27	MAY 28	MAY 29
Week 17					<b>10:00AM:</b> When Stars Fell On Georgia: ...(session 3)
			<b>1:30PM:</b> The Leap Manifesto and Exploding the Box: ...(session 2)	<b>2:00PM:</b> Great Mayan Cities: Their Art and Architecture (session 2)	
	JUNE 1	JUNE 2	JUNE 3	JUNE 4	JUNE 5
Week 18	<b>10:00AM:</b> OLLI Travel Session: Little White House / White Plains	<b>10:00AM:</b> For the Common Good: Bringing the Humanities to Georgia's Prisons		<b>11:30AM:</b> Tour of WUGA Studios	
		<b>2:00PM:</b> Georgia Museum of Art Curator Tour with Ciel Rodriguez	<b>1:30PM:</b> The Leap Manifesto and Exploding the Box: ...(session 3)		



# Lunch & Learns at Trumps

All Lunch & Learns are held at Trumps Catering from 11:30AM-1:30PM unless otherwise stated

Cost \$40 per person (Guest spots are available - please contact the office)

The deadline for registration for Lunch & Learns is the week before the event

Title	Instructor	Fee	Date	Times
<b>Representing the Zenith Man: Death, Love, and Redemption in a Georgia Courtroom</b>	Poston	\$40	Feb 10 (Tu)	11:30AM - 1:30PM
<b>Harriet Powers: Athens' African American Quilter of International Renown</b>	Elsner	\$40	Mar 3 (Tu)	11:30AM - 1:30PM
<b>Imaging George Washington: America's Cincinnatus</b>	Simon	\$40	Mar 31 (Tu)	11:30AM - 1:30PM
<b>Volcanoes: Why Do They Matter in Our Life?</b>	Pistone	\$40	Apr 21 (Tu)	11:30AM - 1:30PM
<b>The History of Money and an Introduction to Cryptocurrency</b>	Saxena	\$40	May 12 (Tu)	11:30AM - 1:30PM

## **Representing the Zenith Man: Death, Love, and Redemption in a Georgia Courtroom**

Feb 10 (Tu)

\$40

11:30AM-1:30PM

TC

Alvin Ridley was a TV repairman who shuttered his business in 1984, started a flurry of accusations and civil litigation against local officials, and otherwise became a malcontent in Ringgold, Georgia. When accused of keeping his wife captive in their basement for decades and then killing her, Ridley turned to McCracken Poston Jr. to help. Autism advocates and true crime enthusiasts have praised Poston's account of managing a mysterious and difficult client. Ridley was first diagnosed as neurodivergent over two decades after his trial. Poston calls for better testing of suspects and better training of police, lawyers, and judges. Books will be available after the event for purchase and signing by the author.

### **McCracken Poston**

McCracken King Poston Jr. is a former member of the Georgia House of Representatives and current criminal defense lawyer in Ringgold, Georgia. His account of representing Alvin Ridley in a 1990s murder trial is told in his book *Zenith Man: Death, Love, and Redemption in a Georgia Courtroom* (Citadel, Hardcover, 2024).

## **Harriet Powers: Athens' African American Quilter of International Renown**

Mar 3 (Tu)

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

TC

Harriet Powers, born enslaved in 1837 in Madison County, GA, died and was buried in Athens in 1910. What is known of her life story, her quilting, her Athens and Madison County locations, and her legacy deserves to be widely shared. Learn where to find her points of interest in Athens.

## **Jacqueline Elsner**

Jacqueline Elsner retired in 2014 from a career as a public librarian with libraries in Maine and Georgia, serving her final 26 years with the Athens Regional Library System. She is a storyteller, an a cappella singer of Appalachian ballads and the poems of Byron Herbert Reece set to music, and a fan of Harriet Powers. She has been a program volunteer for decades at the Len Foote Hike Inn.

## **Imaging George Washington: America's Cincinnatus**

Mar 31 (Tu)

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

TC

Hundreds of President George Washington's (1732-1799) likenesses were produced in paint, marble, engravings, and decorative arts during and after his lifetime, more than any other president of the 18th and 19th centuries. Images of Washington were not just portraits but testaments to his heroic virtues, especially the concept of him as America's Cincinnatus. Like that Roman statesman and military leader, Washington willingly relinquished military and presidential powers to return to his farm at Mount Vernon. We will analyze how portraits and images of Washington by Charles Willson Peale, Gilbert Stuart, Jean-Antoine Houdon and others emphasized his virtues and greatness as the leader of the Continental Army and the nation's first president. We will see, too, how he was turned into a deity after death.

## **Janice Simon**

Dr. Janice Simon is Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor Emerita of the University of Georgia, where she taught art history for 35 years. A specialist in American art and culture, she taught a range of courses in American and modern art.

## Volcanoes: Why Do They Matter in Our Life?

Apr 21 (Tu)

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

TC

Volcanoes have always given rise to powerful emotions. They simultaneously fascinate and frighten those who live on their slopes when they erupt. Approximately 1.1 billion people live or lived within 100 km of active volcanoes that erupted in the last 10,000 years. Many eruptions, especially explosive ones, might occur without giving a clue of upcoming disaster. Volcanologists still strive to accurately forecast the likelihood, magnitude, and style of eruptions. This presentation offers cases of cohabitation between people and active volcanoes, the related pros and cons, and how modern volcanology offers information to thriving 21st-century societies facing the impact of climate change on a regional to global scale. In-class demonstrations, rocks, and slides will be presented.

### Mattia Pistone

Mattia Pistone was awarded BSc in Geological Sciences at Università G. D'Annunzio in Chieti and MSc in Geodynamics, Geophysics, and Volcanology at University of Rome La Sapienza (Italy). He obtained a PhD in Earth Science at ETH-Zurich (Switzerland). Mattia is currently a tenured Associate Professor and director of the MAGMA MIA research group at UGA, and he conducts research on active volcanoes in Italy, Ecuador, and Alaska-Aleutians.

## The History of Money and an Introduction to Cryptocurrency

May 12 (Tu)

11:30AM-1:30PM

\$40

TC

This class will cover how humans invented and reinvented money- originating from the barter system to the evolution of coins and paper money, to electronic and digital money. It will provide an introduction to cryptocurrency (e.g., Bitcoin), how blockchain works, and the future direction of money.

### Manoj Saxena

Manoj Saxena's career has taken him across continents and through a range of industries. After earning his graduate degree from UGA, he spent 35 years working across banking, financial services, consulting, and academia in the United States, India and Singapore. Now retired, he continues to share insights gained from a lifetime of experiences and cross-cultural perspective.

## Catalog Legend: Color Guide



RC = In Person only class at River's Crossing



RC / Z = In Person and Online Class (register by your attendance preference)



Z = Online only class via Zoom



G = In Person only class at UGA Gwinnett



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# Week 1 (Feb 2-6)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
<a href="#"><u>The World is an Amazing Place: Notes from an Inveterate Traveller</u></a>	Longino	4	\$42	Feb 2 (Mo) Feb 9 (Mo) Feb 16 (Mo) Feb 23 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:00AM 10:00AM - 11:00AM 10:00AM - 11:00AM 10:00AM - 11:00AM	Z
<a href="#"><u>Botanicals to Bathtubs: The Art and Science of Gin at Oak House Distillery</u></a>	Woods	1	\$14**	Feb 2 (Mo)	12:00PM - 1:30PM	OS
<a href="#"><u>What Orwell Didn't (and Couldn't) Know: Language, Propaganda, Politics, Media / Social Media</u></a>	Zins	5	\$51	Feb 2 (Mo) Feb 9 (Mo) Feb 16 (Mo) Feb 23 (Mo) Mar 2 (Mo)	1:30PM - 3:00PM 1:30PM - 3:00PM 1:30PM - 3:00PM 1:30PM - 3:00PM 1:30PM - 3:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Who Gets Admitted to UGA? A Case Study</u></a>	Ganas / Graves	1	\$14	Feb 3 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Andersonville: An Introduction to the Civil War's Most Infamous Prison Camp</u></a>	Boyles	1	\$14	Feb 3 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Improving Bone and Joint Health</u></a>	Young	1	\$14	Feb 3 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>AI Literacy for Adult Learners</u></a>	Chrisman / Hall	1	\$14	Feb 4 (We)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	G
<a href="#"><u>Great Conversations</u></a>	Kyker	7	\$69	Feb 4 (We) Feb 18 (We) Mar 4 (We) Mar 18 (We) Apr 1 (We) Apr 15 (We) Apr 29 (We)	10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC / Z
<a href="#"><u>Globalizing the American Revolution: Beyond the Crown vs. the Colonies</u></a>	Bell	1	\$14	Feb 5 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	Z
<a href="#"><u>Community Opportunities at the Hugh Hodgson School of Music</u></a>	Fischer	1	\$14	Feb 5 (Th)	12:00PM - 1:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Fun Time Square Dancing</u></a>	Woodall	1	\$14	Feb 5 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	OS
<a href="#"><u>A Brief History of the Supreme Court, its Current Procedures, and Expanded Role of the "Shadow Docket"</u></a>	Eaton	1	\$14	Feb 5 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC / Z
<a href="#"><u>The Athens Real Estate Market Today and Tomorrow</u></a>	Polaneczky	1	\$14	Feb 6 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC / Z
<a href="#"><u>Climate Change: At the Turning of the Tide</u></a>	Everett	2	\$23	Feb 6 (Fr) Feb 13 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:15PM 2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC / Z

## **The World is an Amazing Place: Notes from an Inveterate Traveller**

Number of Sessions: 4

\$42

Feb 2 (Mo), Feb 9 (Mo), Feb 16 (Mo), Feb 23 (Mo)

10:00AM–11:00AM

Z

Rick Steves. Anthony Bourdain. Great world travelers. Each has explored many foreign countries. Presenter John Longino has visited 50% MORE countries than either of them... and he has experienced every U.S. state at least three times. After 67 years of travel, 60 of which have been international, John will share the “wheres” and “hows” of his experiences. John has crammed several lifetimes of vocations and avocations into his 74 years.

### **John Longino**

John Longino earned his BBA, MBA, and JD from UGA as well as the Senior Superlative award. A practicing business litigator for 50 years, he has also spent 40 years as an entrepreneur and 25 years as an ordained minister (National Baptist). John has travelled to 119 countries, all 50 states (3+ times) and is married with four sons and three daughters. In his “spare time,” John is a pilot, sailor, hiker, trained chef, trilingual, adventurer, crisis volunteer, and sixth-generation Georgian.

## **Botanicals to Bathtubs: The Art and Science of Gin at Oak House Distillery**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 2 (Mo)

12:00PM–1:30PM

OS

The class will introduce techniques related to the distillation of alcohol – from ancient times to modern day with a particular focus on the production of gin. Pot still operation (used in the production of moonshine, whiskey, rum and brandy) will be compared to that of a column still (used in making vodka and gin). The botanicals that are essential for imparting flavors to gin will be discussed and sampled. A tasting of Oak House Distillery products is included, as well as a tour of the distillery and the adjacent, historic, Old Bishop home.

**\$37 to be paid by credit card or cash onsite directly to Oak House to cover tasting and snacks.**

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

### **Rob Woods**

Dr. Woods is a Distinguished Research Professor at the Complex Carbohydrate Research Center in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Georgia. His academic research group uses a range of approaches to study carbohydrate–protein interactions in human diseases. The Woods group maintains and develops an extensive set of carbohydrate modeling tools on the GLYCAM–Web site ([www.glycam.org](http://www.glycam.org)). Additionally, he is President of Lectenz Bio, LLC, and is the co-founder of Oak House Distillery ([www.oakhousedistillery.com](http://www.oakhousedistillery.com)).

## **What Orwell Didn't (and Couldn't) Know: Language, Propaganda, Politics, Media / Social Media**

Number of Sessions: 5

\$51

Feb 2 (Mo), Feb 9 (Mo), Feb 16 (Mo), Feb 23 (Mo), Mar 2 (Mo)

1:30PM-3:00PM

RC

And what Orwell could not have even imagined... This discussion class will be based on the illuminating and still profoundly relevant 2007 anthology, *What Orwell Didn't Know: Propaganda and the New Face of American Politics*. Orwell is now even more relevant than ever. Our text offers both an appreciation and critique of Orwell, addressing profound and disturbing changes in our media/political environment since his prophetic voice warned us of dangers that we still fail to appreciate or adequately address. We will also explore whether there might be various recent and very troubling issues that even the excellent contributors to this anthology could not have anticipated 18 years ago when they wrote their essays. What might be the most effective strategies for reducing the staggering amount of lying, mis/disinformation, censorship and self-deception that vitiates our discourse, polity, and diminishing chances for a livable future?

### **Dan Zins**

Daniel Zins has an M.A. in English from the University of Windsor (Ontario), where he studied with novelist Joyce Carol Oates for two years, and a Ph.D. in American Studies from Emory University. His teaching and research interests include: American literature/history, militarism, national security, nuclear weapons, the Cold War, McCarthyism, Vietnam, terrorism, human rights, democracy/fascism, critical media literacy, critical discourse literacy, critical environmental literacy, critical/empathetic thinking, cynicism, social justice, nonviolence/nonviolent political activists.



## Who Gets Admitted to UGA? A Case Study

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 3 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

Have you ever wondered how the University of Georgia makes undergraduate admissions decisions? As the number of applications increases, the competition for admission gets tougher every year. This class will put you on the admissions committee as we walk through reviewing mock files and deciding who to admit to UGA. You will learn about UGA's holistic application-review process and have the chance to put it into practice. After reviewing five applications, the group will make admit, deny or waitlist recommendations for each applicant.

### Cindy Ganas

Cindy Ganas is the Associate Director for National Recruitment for Undergrad Admissions.

### David Graves

David Graves is the Director of Undergrad Admissions at UGA. In this role, Graves oversees new student recruitment and application review for first-year and transfer applicants. David joined UGA in 1997 and has held many positions in UGA's admissions office. He has helped the admissions team innovate their admission process and greatly expanded the use of technology. Davis also authors UGA's admissions blog that helps students and parents navigate the admissions process.

## Andersonville: An Introduction to the Civil War's Most Infamous Prison Camp

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 3 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

The presentation heavily involves the diary of Private Robert K. Sneden of the 40th New York Infantry Regiment. Sneden's story begins in New York, moves to Virginia, then to Southwest Georgia and back to New York. Southwest Georgia in the mid-1860's could only mean Andersonville. What makes Sneden's story remarkable is the written and visual record he left behind. His resourceful efforts to document his experiences are hard to fathom today, and the roundabout story of how his diary was discovered and secured by one of the best museums in the country is also a bizarre tale. Sneden's written record brings up an important distinction between the differences between a diary and a memoir.

### Fred Boyles

Fred Boyles served as a Superintendent of four different National Park Service areas. In those jobs, he "fought the Civil War" for 19 years, cared for a battlefield of the American Revolution and the home of a President. Fred also served in the Navy Reserve for 29 years, retiring in 2016 as captain after a two-year deployment to Seoul, Korea. A graduate of UGA and Clemson, he and wife Debbie are proudest of their three rambunctious grandsons and one very sweet granddaughter.

## Improving Bone and Joint Health

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 3 (Tu)

2:00PM–3:00PM

RC

Strategies for treating chronic pain, staying active, and maintaining the quality of life and activities you desire are covered in this class. We will discuss the diagnosis and treatment options for chronic pain related to hip and knee arthritis. We will also cover when to consult a surgeon about considering the possibility of hip or knee replacement surgery and what that process entails, including new technologies. Osteoporosis, including treatment and fall-prevention strategies, will be explained. I will also answer any general questions you may have related to bone and joint health or chronic pain that prevents you from enjoying the active life you desire.

### Everett Young

Dr. Everett Young is a fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon specializing in adult reconstructive surgery. He grew up in Athens before attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for undergraduate and medical school studies, and a masters degree in public health. He completed his residency at Orlando Health in Orlando, FL. Dr. Young completed his fellowship in adult reconstruction at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

## AI Literacy for Adult Learners

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 4 (We)

10:00AM–11:30AM

G

Join UGA Gwinnett Campus Assistant Director Ben Hall and UGA Gwinnett Library Manager Charles Crisman for a fast-paced, one-hour “AI Toolbox”; session that breaks down UGA-approved platforms – Copilot, Gemini, and NotebookLM – and shows you how to use each responsibly. Expect a live demo of Google Gemini to recognize AI’s usefulness, understand potential pitfalls, and become more AI literate. Slides and whiteboard snapshots will be emailed afterward, so you can focus on learning, not note-taking. Space is limited.

*This class is sponsored by Bob and Dawn Torcivia, dedicated to David Torcivia*

### Ben Hall

Ben Hall is Assistant Director of Student and Faculty Services at the UGA Gwinnett Campus in Lawrenceville. He has been with UGA for over 15 years and has a background in learning, design, and technology as well as library and information science, and education.

### Charles Crisman

Charles Crisman is the Gwinnett Library Manager at the UGA Gwinnett Campus in Lawrenceville. He has been working with lifelong learners for over 25 years, has a Master’s of Science in Library Science, and a Master’s of Education.

## Great Conversations

Number of Sessions: 7

\$69

Feb 4 (We), Feb 18 (We), Mar 4 (We), Mar 18 (We), Apr 1 (We), Apr 15 (We), Apr 29 (We)  
10:00AM-11:30AM

RC / Z

We read short selections from some of the world's best fiction and nonfiction including those from the Great Conversations book series. Through conversation with each other, attendees achieve greater appreciation for the material, gain interesting insights, and enjoy social engagement. Class members determine the reading selections, which vary each semester. Each selection is independent of others, so missing a session or more is no problem.

*This class is sponsored by Bill Loughner*

## Kathryn Kyker

Kathryn Kyker has been a member of OLLI since 2018. She worked as a social work manager in the ER at Piedmont Athens for over twenty-nine years and now enjoys writing (screenplays, poems, essays, and, most recently, a memoir), biking on trails with her husband, and traveling in their converted campervan.

## Globalizing the American Revolution: Beyond the Crown vs. the Colonies

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 5 (Th)

10:00AM-11:00AM

Z

When we think of the American Revolution, we picture 13 colonies squaring off against the British Crown in a spirited bid for independence. But this version of the story is only half the truth – and perhaps not even the most interesting half. In this riveting program, historian and author Richard Bell invites us to rediscover the Revolution as a world war that unleashed chaos, opportunity, and transformation across six continents – from the sugar fields of the Caribbean to the court of the King of Mysore – from refugee camps on the Canadian frontier to political uprisings in Sierra Leone and Peru.

## Richard Bell

Dr. Richard Bell is Professor of History at the University of Maryland. He holds a PhD from Harvard University and is author of the new book *Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped into Slavery and Their Astonishing Odyssey Home*. He has won more than a dozen teaching awards, including the University System of Maryland Board of Regents Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, the highest honor for teaching faculty in the Maryland state system.

## Community Opportunities at the Hugh Hodgson School of Music

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 5 (Th)

12:00PM–1:00PM

RC

Located on the UGA campus, the Hugh Hodgson School of Music offers a wide range of opportunities for community members to engage with music. Each year, the HHSOM hosts approximately 350 concerts, welcomes numerous guest artists, and organizes a variety of events. Through its Community Music School, it also provides lessons and classes for learners of all ages. This session will highlight the many ways individuals can participate in and experience the vibrant musical life at the HHSOM as well as a live music performance.

### Stephen Fischer

Stephen Fischer serves as the director for the UGA Hugh Hodgson School of Music Community Music School, Summer Music Camps, and as the HHSOM Outreach Administrator. A graduate of UGA, he earned a Bachelor of Music degree in music education and a Masters and DMA in saxophone performance. Additionally, he has served on the music faculties of Georgia College, Clemson University, and the University of West Georgia.

## Fun Time Square Dancing

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 5 (Th)

2:00PM–3:30PM

OS

Come have a fun time dancing the way you may have done as a kid at school. No experience, partner, or dance clothing needed. The caller will lead everyone in a walk-through for each dance and then call the dance with recorded music. We will dance one or two routines in a big circle and then form squares for a few more dances. Classic City Square Dance Club members will also give a demonstration of modern western square dancing, the type of dancing our club does. Information concerning dance lessons will be provided. More information available from Bob Woodall at [1fjsailor@gmail.com](mailto:1fjsailor@gmail.com).

Please see receipt note for address/additiol details.

### Bob Woodall

Bob Woodall is the Dance Lesson Coordinator for the Classic City Square Dance Club. The caller for the class will be the club caller, Bob Morrison. Bob took dance lessons at the club four years ago, and after learning the basics, he joined the club and has been dancing two to four times a month ever since. He is also a nature photographer and has given OLLI classes on Africa, the Galapagos Islands, the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone National Park.



## **A Brief History of the Supreme Court, its Current Procedures, and Expanded Role of the “Shadow Docket”**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 5 (Th)

2:00PM–3:15PM

RC / Z

This talk will address the evolution of the U.S. Supreme Court from its earliest beginnings to its current status. Also included is a description of how the court selects the cases it will hear, the procedures used in that litigation, as well as a discussion of the expanded role of the “Shadow Docket.”

### **Tom Eaton**

Tom Eaton is the J. Alton Hosch Professor Emeritus at the University of Georgia School of Law, where he taught for 40 years. Among the courses he taught was a class on constitutional litigation.

## **The Athens Real Estate Market Today and Tomorrow**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 6 (Fr)

10:00AM–11:00AM

RC / Z

It seems as though a number of local real estate owners, be they homeowners or investors, are scratching their heads about the current national and local real estate market, and this head scratching has morphed into actual concern as folks ponder whether or not it’s a good time to buy, sell, or hold. For many concerned owners, their age is a factor in needing to know what’s going on now. This session concerns the current state of affairs of the local real estate market, and the speaker will candidly weigh in on where things might be going. There will be plenty of time for Q&A.

### **Joe Polaneczky**

A local real estate broker and owner of Nabo Realty, Inc. in Athens, Joe Polaneczky has been in real estate for 18 years and before that was a high school English teacher at Clarke Central H.S. and in northern CA. He also has an extensive, professional landscape–design background, worked for a time in the wine business, and is still passionate about that world. He and wife Rachel Allen have two grown kids and are proud Athens philanthropists.

## Climate Change: At the Turning of the Tide

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

Feb 6 (Fr), Feb 13 (Fr)

2:00PM–3:15PM

RC / Z

Sometime in the next few years, global greenhouse gas emissions are expected to peak and begin to decline. This turning of the tide will be worth celebrating, but the climate crisis is by no means over. Given the ferocious opposition to renewable energy from the Trump administration, why do we think that we are close to the peak? Is the green energy transition irreversible? After the peak, what can we do to drive emissions down to zero and perhaps beyond? And how can we adapt to the changes that are now unavoidable?

### Dan Everett

Dan Everett is a retired UGA faculty member in Computer Science. He is active in climate change volunteer service on the national, state, and local levels. He enjoys hiking, camping, and caring for his three grandchildren.

## Week 2 (Feb 9-13)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
<a href="#"><u>Marxism: Then and Now</u></a>	Keene	2	\$23	Feb 9 (Mo) Feb 11 (We)	10:00AM - 12:00PM 10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>How Tax Planning Changes Through Four Stages of Retirement</u></a>	Stilwell	4	\$42	Feb 9 (Mo) Mar 9 (Mo) Apr 13 (Mo) May 11 (Mo)	1:00PM - 2:30PM 1:00PM - 2:30PM 1:00PM - 2:30PM 1:00PM - 2:30PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Gut Check: Managing GI Issues and Food Sensitivities Through Nutrition</u></a>	Meachum	1	\$14	Feb 9 (Mo)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
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## **Marxism: Then and Now**

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

Feb 9 (Mo), Feb 11 (We)

10:00AM–12:00PM

RC

Most Americans are Marxists. They just don't know it. The Russian and Chinese states that purported to be Marxist were hardly more so than the United States and certainly less so than the social democracies in western Europe. Nor is Marxism merely a dated relic of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This course will examine Marxism as a complex and developing intellectual tradition that is highly self-critical and that continues to offer illuminating insights into the many "contradictions" in today's societies.

### **Tom Keene**

Tom Keene is Emeritus Professor of History at Kennesaw State University, where he taught for 42 years, doing mostly undergraduate teaching of World History, the History of Science and South Asian History. He served for 15 years as Director of the KSU International Center, organizing study abroad and faculty exchange programs. He is an avid cyclist. He and Jane Keene moved to Athens in 2015 to be near their grandchildren.

## **How Tax Planning Changes Through Four Stages of Retirement**

Feb (Mo)

Number of Sessions: 4

\$42

Feb 9 (Mo), Mar 9 (Mo), Apr 13 (Mo), May 11 (Mo)

1:00PM–2:30PM

RC

Most retirees don't fully understand how taxes work in retirement, yet they're keenly aware of how much taxes impact their income each year. In this session, participants will learn how to create an effective retirement tax strategy that integrates income planning, Social Security, and Medicare. The class explores various types of taxes encountered during retirement and how these interact with Social Security benefits and Medicare premiums. We'll also cover the four stages of retirement, outlining key tax actions for each phase and discussing complex IRA rules, Roth conversion timing, and the consequences of poor withdrawal sequencing. Participants will gain practical insights into: Reducing unexpected costs to make retirement less expensive; avoiding increased Medicare premiums from income mismanagement; coordinating tax, investment, and estate decisions for long-term efficiency.

### **Amanda Stilwell**

Founder and Financial Advisor of Clarity Financial Solutions, Amanda is a fiduciary retirement planner and specializes in Social Security strategies, tax-efficient retirement-income planning and Medicare optimization. She is passionate about moving clients from confusion to clarity on topics touching retirement. Amanda is a National (NSSA) and Registered Social Security Advisor (RSSA), is Series 65 certified, and Certified in Long-Term Care.



## **Gut Check: Managing GI Issues and Food Sensitivities Through Nutrition**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 9 (Mo)

2:00PM-3:15PM

RC

This class explores how nutrition can support individuals dealing with digestive issues and food intolerances. Participants will gain practical insights into identifying symptoms, making dietary adjustments, and improving gut health through sustainable strategies. The session offers tools to reduce discomfort, enhance daily well-being, and build confidence in managing nutrition-related challenges over time. It's designed to empower attendees with knowledge they can apply immediately and long term.

### **Ashley Meachum**

Ashley is a registered dietitian and owner of Ingrid Knight, RD and Associates. She specializes in gastrointestinal health, helping individuals manage digestive concerns and food allergies with lasting success. Her personalized care and proven track record have made her a trusted leader in the field.

## **Evidence and Arguments for the Existence of God**

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

Feb 10 (Tu), Feb 11 (We)

10:00AM-12:00PM

RC

Is there any evidence that God exists? This course examines the historical and scientific evidence, and the philosophical arguments in support of God's existence. Topics include Near-Death Experiences; the Cosmological Argument; Fine-Tuning Argument; Moral Argument; Argument from Contingency; Ontological Argument; and the Mathematical Argument. This course is not doctrinal. It examines this question from historical, scientific, and philosophical viewpoints and is intended for both religious and non-religious people who have an intellectual curiosity about the basis for belief in God.

### **Tom Spencer**

Tom Spencer retired after a 30-year sales/marketing career with Ford Motor Company and 12 years with Carrier Transicold. Since retiring, Tom has become the Athens Chapter Director for Reasonable Faith, a Christian Apologetics organization founded by William Lane Craig, one of the world's leading philosophers and theologians.

## 5,000 Miles in our National Park System

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 10 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

We share remarkable places and their stories selected from over 5,000 miles of day hikes in over 430 National Park Service units. Against the backdrop of striking scenery and rapidly evolving history, we consider the National Park System's current value, relevancy, and challenges.

### David Kroese

David Kroese is one of fewer than a hundred people known to have visited all 400+ National Park Service units in December 2017. Over the past decade, David has logged over 1,400 visits and four thousand trail miles exploring NPS sites across the country. David wrote of his experiences in the first published narrative through all the NPS sites, *The Centennial: A Journey through America's National Park System*.

## Representing the Zenith Man: Death, Love, and Redemption in a Georgia Courtroom

Number of Sessions: 1

\$40

Feb 10 (Tu)

11:30AM-1:30PM

TC

Alvin Ridley was a TV repairman who shuttered his business in 1984, started a flurry of accusations and civil litigation against local officials, and otherwise became a malcontent in Ringgold, Georgia. When accused of keeping his wife captive in their basement for decades and then killing her, Ridley turned to McCracken Poston Jr. to help. Autism advocates and true crime enthusiasts have praised Poston's account of managing a mysterious and difficult client. Ridley was first diagnosed as neurodivergent over two decades after his trial. Poston calls for better testing of suspects and better training of police, lawyers, and judges. Books will be available after the event for purchase and signing by the author.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

### McCracken Poston

McCracken King Poston Jr. is a former member of the Georgia House of Representatives and current criminal defense lawyer in Ringgold, Georgia. His account of representing Alvin Ridley in a 1990s murder trial is told in his book *Zenith Man: Death, Love, and Redemption in a Georgia Courtroom* (Citadel, Hardcover, 2024).

## **The Civil War in our National Park System**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 10 (Tu)

2:00PM-4:00PM

RC

Over 90 of our 430 National Park Service sites have a direct connection to the Civil War! Such is the impact the Civil War had on American history and the country we live in today. We'll explore these sites, revisiting profound tales of heroism and tragedy within events that changed the course of our nation.

### **David Kroese**

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## **All About Bubbles... Cava to Champagne**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 11 (We)

2:00PM-3:15PM

OS

Taste your way through four sparkling wines while you learn about how the exploding wines were discovered. Each wine will be paired with cheese and small bites. We will feature a Lambrusco from Italy, a Petillant naturel from the United States, a Cava from Spain, and a Champagne from France. A discussion about glassware choices, serving temperature, and the effects of wine-making techniques on each wine is included. \$40 to be paid on-site to Tapped.

Please note: \$40 fee to be paid via credit card onsite on the date of the event (for wines and snacks) See receipt note for address/additional details.

### **Todd Hurt**

Dr. Hurt has a PhD. in Higher Education Leadership and is a Certified Specialist of Wine with the Wine Educators Society. He and his wife Angela own Tapped Athens Wine Tasting Market located in Bottleworks on Prince Ave near Sea Bear restaurant.

### **Captain Henry Wirz: The Last Victim of Andersonville**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 12 (Th)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

Perhaps no other person in the American Civil War is more controversial or misunderstood than Captain Henry Wirz. This Confederate officer was held responsible for war crimes at the end of the war for his role at Camp Sumter prison at Andersonville. The sensational military court martial trial ended in his conviction and execution. To some, he is seen as cruel and evil while others have called him a martyr. Today, his trial is still taught in law schools and was made into a Broadway play. Wirz's story is complicated and still captivates people interested in history and justice.

### **Fred Boyles**

Fred Boyles served as a Superintendent of four different National Park Service areas. In those jobs, he "fought the Civil War" for 19 years, cared for a battlefield of the American Revolution and the home of a President. Fred also served in the Navy Reserve for 29 years, retiring in 2016 as captain after a two-year deployment to Seoul, Korea. A graduate of UGA and Clemson, he and wife Debbie are proudest of their three rambunctious grandsons and one very sweet granddaughter.

### **1960's-70's Music Roundtable: A Career Overview of The Monkees**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 12 (Th)

1:00PM-3:00PM

RC

This class covers the unique career of The Monkees, a group that began as a TV show comedy act and quickly morphed into a wildly-successful music phenomenon of the '60s and beyond. We cover the group, their albums, and events from the era, utilizing a combination of audio and video presentation. No student preparation or materials are required; however, it is recommended that you have at least a general knowledge of the topic.

### **Keith Guinn**

Keith Guinn has held various senior-level positions in sales and quality for a major, Fortune 50 organization. He holds a Digital Six Sigma Green Belt Certification for Quality/Process Improvement. Keith has enjoyed a lifelong passion for popular music and associated collection/archival study. He conducts regional music roundtable seminars on milestone pop artists and is actively involved in music documentary production.



## What is Fascism?

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 12 (Th)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

The class will explore fascism as a form of political governance characterized by ending the rule of law and building a social movement focused on scapegoats. As a case study, we will look at the rise of fascism in Germany, although the first fascist movement rose in Italy with occurrences in several other countries as well. A conundrum of fascism is whether it can ever be ended from within once it comes to power. There will be an opening presentation and plenty of time for questions and discussion.

## C. Clark Kissinger

Kissinger has been a political activist since the early 1960s when he organized the first March on Washington against the war of Vietnam. In the years since, he has studied the rise of fascism in Germany in the 1920s and 30s. He lives in Athens with his daughter, a faculty member at UGA. For further biographical info, see [www.dissident.info](http://www.dissident.info).

## Great Decisions 2026

Number of Sessions: 4

\$42

Feb 13 (Fr), Mar 13 (Fr), Apr 10 (Fr), May 8 (Fr)

3:00PM-4:30PM

RC

Each year the Foreign Policy Association publishes a booklet analyzing eight topics related to foreign policy it believes offer opportunities and/or risks to the United States. This discussion course expects participants to buy the "Great Decisions 2026 Edition" briefing book (\$35), read the assigned material, and come to class prepared to offer individual insights and opinions. The booklet is available from the Foreign Policy Association via its website (<https://fpa.org/product/great-decisions-2026-pre-order/>).

## Bill Alworth / Peter Rice

William ("Bill") Alworth is a retired chemistry professor, and Peter Rice is a retired math professor and consultant. Peter Rice was educated at St. John's College, The Great Books School, and has experience leading discussions on matters of ancient and current concern. William Alworth received his BA from Harvard College and his PhD from the University of California Berkeley. These instructors have led Great Decision Discussions for OLLI for several years.

## Week 3 (Feb 16–20)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
<a href="#"><u>Get the Most Out of Your Coffee: The Basics of Roasting, Brewing, and Tasting</u></a>	Blokzyl	1	\$14	Feb 16 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Fighting Internet and Social Media Scams</u></a>	Coflin	1	\$14	Feb 17 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC / Z
<a href="#"><u>ACC Traffic Engineering Facility Tour</u></a>	Griffeth	1	\$14	Feb 17 (Tu)	12:00PM - 1:15PM	OS
<a href="#"><u>Everything You Didn't Want to Know About Taxes</u></a>	Grafstein	3	\$32	Feb 17 (Tu) Frb 24 (Tu) Mar 3 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:15PM 2:00PM - 3:15PM 2:00PM - 3:15PM	Z
<a href="#"><u>Staying Warm and Comfortable Inside or Outdoors</u></a>	Laycock	1	\$14	Feb 17 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Evidence for the Divinity of Jesus</u></a>	Spencer	2	\$23	Feb 18 (We) Feb 19 (Th)	10:00AM - 12:00PM 10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>What Did You Do in WW II, Daddy?</u></a>	Saul	1	\$14	Feb 18 (We)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	G
<a href="#"><u>The Great American Songbook: Duke Ellington</u></a>	Kraft	1	\$14	Feb 18 (We)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>The Inheritance of War / The Legacy of Trauma</u></a>	Perkins	2	\$23	Feb 19 (Th) Feb 26 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Wine Styles of the Willamette Valley</u></a>	Frank	1	\$36	Feb 19 (Th)	2:00PM - 4:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Golden Voices, Silver Screen: Great Opera Singers in the Movies</u></a>	Richardson	1	\$14	Feb 19 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>How Minds Change: The New Science of Belief, Opinion and Persuasion</u></a>	Calhoun	4	\$42	Feb 20 (Fr) Feb 27 (Fr) Mar 6 (Fr) Mar 13 (Fr)	11:00AM - 12:30PM 11:00AM - 12:30PM 11:00AM - 12:30PM 11:00AM - 12:30PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Becoming News and Media Savvy: How to Navigate the Digital Information Landscape Today</u></a>	Bright / Lough	1	\$14	Feb 20 (Fr)	12:00PM - 1:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Understanding the Composite Novel</u></a>	Bishoff	1	\$14	Feb 20 (Fr)	2:00PM - 4:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Ranked Choice (Instant Runoff) Voting: Dispelling the Myths</u></a>	Smith	1	\$14	Feb 20 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC / Z

## Get the Most Out of Your Coffee: The Basics of Roasting, Brewing, and Tasting

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 16 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC

Bill will cover the basics of coffee roasting, types of roasting equipment, and methods of preparing coffee. What can you expect from different coffees around the world and how can roasting and preparing yield the best coffee experience? Moka pot and French press use will be demonstrated with brewed samples provided. One goal of the class is to help attendees develop their coffee palates. Time will be allotted for Q&A.

### Bill Blokzyl

Bill Blokzyl is the owner/roaster at Mr. Bill's Beans. A Navy veteran, Bill has lived in the Athens area for 10 years and has been roasting coffee for over 20 years. His company specializes in very small batch roasting, typically three pounds at a time, and his specialty is organic, fair-trade coffees from small growers around the world.

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## **Fighting Internet and Social Media Scams**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 17 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC / Z

This one-hour class will educate attendees on common scams that target individuals using the Internet and social media, and we will discuss strategies to best protect ourselves and our finances from these scams.

### **Nathan Coflin**

Nathan Coflin is a graduate of Old Dominion University and has been a fierce advocate for older adults and other vulnerable populations for over 10 years. Currently, Nathan serves as Lead Outreach Specialist for the federally-funded Senior Medicare Patrol program in Georgia, where he and his team seek to empower Medicare beneficiaries to fight the over \$65 billion in Medicare fraud, waste, and abuse that occurs nationwide each year.

## **ACC Traffic Engineering Facility Tour**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 17 (Tu)

12:00PM-1:15PM

OS

The tour showcases how road signs are made, roadway markings are installed, how traffic signals work, and includes a tour of the telecommunications center, where we handle and control communications for traffic.

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### **Tim Griffeth**

Timothy Griffeth is a distinguished Athens-Clarke County Government employee and an alumnus of the University of Georgia (UGA). He has dedicated over 42 years of service to the Traffic Engineering Division, beginning his career in 1983 as a Sign & Marking Technician I. Through years of hard work and dedication, he advanced to the position of Sign & Marking Supervisor before achieving his current role as the Traffic Engineer. In this present capacity, Mr. Griffeth oversees five critical sections within the Transportation & Public Works/Traffic Engineering Division: Administration, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Sign & Marking, Signal, and Studies Sections, ensuring the safe and efficient flow of traffic throughout the county.



## Everything You Didn't Want to Know About Taxes

Number of Sessions: 3

\$32

Feb 17 (Tu), Feb 24 (Tu), Mar 3 (Tu)

2:00PM-3:15PM

Z

This course gets real about what tax policy (including tariffs) can and cannot accomplish. We also examine the tax ideas embedded in the One Big Beautiful Bill. If you care about politics, you probably believe that tax policy is important. Elected officials on the Left certainly display a strong faith in the power of taxes on the rich to increase fairness and fund a European-style welfare state. Officials on the Right are equally convinced that tax cuts will boost economic growth without increasing the national debt. Unfortunately, the hopes so many invest in tax policy often rest on myths.

### Bob Grafstein

Robert Grafstein is the Georgia Athletic Association Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Georgia. He also was the associate dean and interim dean of the School of Public and International Affairs. He received his BA from the University of Pennsylvania and his MA and PhD from the University of Chicago. Specializing in political economy, he is the author of two books, co-editor of one, and author of numerous articles in leading political science journals.

## Staying Warm and Comfortable Inside or Outdoors

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 17 (Tu)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

This class is a non-technical look at the physiology of how your body reacts to cold weather and what you can do to counter those reactions. Learn the common mistakes most people make that actually make you colder. We will end with what gear or clothing helps or hinders in the quest to stay warm and comfortable while enjoying activities.

### Lynn Laycock

Lynn Laycock is retired from the camping and outdoor retail industry in which she worked for 50 years. She started two companies that lead trips and outdoor adventures including caving, climbing, camping, cross country skiing, canoeing and kayaking.

## Evidence for the Divinity of Jesus

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

Feb 18 (We), Feb 19 (Th)

10:00AM-12:00PM

RC

Is there any evidence that Jesus rose from the dead and is the divine Son of God? Or is Christian belief just a matter of having faith? This course is not doctrinal and is intended for both religious and non-religious people who have an intellectual curiosity about the basis for Christian beliefs. Using tools historians use in studying ancient history, this course examines the historical evidence in support of the divinity of Jesus. Topics include evidence from non-biblical sources that supports biblical accounts; the reliability of Gospel accounts; the timeline of New Testament sources; authorship of the Gospels; motivations of Gospel authors; evidence of the burial and resurrection of Jesus; and how ancient documents referenced the Messiah.

### Tom Spencer

Tom Spencer retired after a 30-year sales/marketing career with Ford Motor Company and 12 years with Carrier Transicold. Since retiring, Tom has become the Athens Chapter Director for Reasonable Faith, a Christian Apologetics organization founded by William Lane Craig, one of the world's leading philosophers and theologians.

## What Did You Do in WW II, Daddy?

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 18 (We)

10:00AM-12:00PM

G

Nearly every Baby Boomer had a father, and in some cases a mother, who wore the uniform of the U.S. armed forces between 1941 and 1945. One common comment from children of U.S. veterans is they never heard their parent talk about the war; they had no idea what their father did, or what he experienced, or what he saw. This course is designed to fill that information void. We will explore the times, the people, and the campaigns that define WW II.

### Lawrence Saul

Military historian and Colonel (retired) Lawrence Saul served for 34 years in the U. S. Army, including tours in Germany, Holland, Belgium, England, Kosovo and other locations. He was one of the last veterans of the Vietnam War still serving on active duty when he retired in 2008. A Battlefield Tour Guide, he has a BA in History from Georgia State University as well as two master's degrees.

## **The Great American Songbook: Duke Ellington**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 18 (We)

2:00PM–3:30PM

RC

This 90-minute class presents the life story of Duke Ellington through spoken words plus live musical performance and recordings. Hear about the childhood and family life of the songwriter as well as his professional career and relationships. Duke Ellington is known as a transformative 20th-century American composer, bandleader, and pianist who helped define jazz music and American music. Ellington's innovation in big band jazz, his collaborations with artists like Billy Strayhorn, and his ability to break racial barriers through global tours solidified his legacy as one of the greatest musicians of all time.

### **Susan Kraft**

Susan Kraft has worked as a trombonist, pianist and vocalist in the Atlanta area for more than 40 years. She has played for many years in Atlanta area big bands and salsa bands, as well as classical music groups and pit orchestras for musicals. Currently she plays with jazz combos, Orquesta Taboga salsa band, Atlanta Blue Notes big band, and the Callanwolde Concert Band.

## **The Inheritance of War / The Legacy of Trauma**

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

Feb 19 (Th), Feb 26 (Th)

10:00AM–11:30AM

RC

The inheritance of war has shaped and shattered our world. War's dystopian imprint on humanity is both our burden and our legacy. My story explores war trauma and its legacy through my father, a member of the US Army Air Force in WWII. A POW for 14 months, it details his experiences through three German Luftwaffe POW camps, the 'Heydekrug Run' and the 550 mile 'LONG MARCH' across Poland and Germany in the harsh European winter of 1945. His journey was horrific, arduous and difficult, his unresolved traumatic experiences life changing. But it only reveals half the story. It is a personal account of living in a post-WWII family who struggled with the unresolved psychological imprint of war. My story is visceral, honest and insightful detailing how my father's unresolved traumas are intricately woven into mine and is supported by current scientific research on the inheritance of traumas through environmental, genetic and epigenetic mechanisms. "The Inheritance of War / A Legacy of Trauma" is a non-fiction memoir with broad reading interests: History, genetics, epigenetics, neurology, psychology, psychiatry, mental health counseling and veterans health.

### **Jan Perkins**

Jan Perkins is an internationally known artist, designer and aspiring author who holds a B.S. in Art Education and Art Therapy. Additionally, she spent two decades in corporate marketing and has been known as a wildlife artist since 2010, exhibiting in the US, UK, and Europe. Perkins was commissioned by the University of Georgia's College of Engineering for its permanent art collection: The Art of Engineering & Technology. She also authored a book about her father's WWII POW experiences, trauma, epigenetics and resilience.

## **Wine Styles of the Willamette Valley**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$36

Feb 19 (Th)

2:00PM-4:00PM

RC

Willamette Valley is a important producer of high-quality wines that are often compared to French Burgundy. Class participants will learn about the history, geography and climate of this region and how these impact wine production and quality. There will be emphasis on chardonnay and pinot noir varieties. Tasting will include four wines to provide examples of Burgundian and New World styles.

### **Joe Frank**

Dr. Joseph Frank is Professor Emeritus of Food Science and Microbiology at UGA. He taught wine science as a Maymester study abroad course in Cortona, Italy, for 11 years. He and his wife also led the Athens Chapter of the American Wine Society for 10 years. Dr. Frank has traveled to many wine regions throughout Europe.

## **Golden Voices, Silver Screen: Great Opera Singers in the Movies**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 19 (Th)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

While it's rare to see an opera star in movies today, famous singers were once important in popular culture and sought after by the film industry. Starting (somewhat weirdly) in the silent movie era, opera singers played leading roles in Hollywood and European films. This class features clips from a number of these, from Caruso in 1918 to Pavarotti in 1982. Other singers include Lily Pons, Ezio Pinza, Risë Stevens, Lauritz Melchior, and Beniamino Gigli.

### **Malcolm Richardson**

Malcolm Richardson taught English at LSU for over 30 years, including a course on Literature of London.



## **How Minds Change: The New Science of Belief, Opinion and Persuasion**

Number of Sessions: 4

\$42

Feb 20 (Fr), Feb 27 (Fr), Mar 6 (Fr), Mar 13 (Fr)

11:00AM-12:30PM

RC

How do people arrive at their beliefs, and how can individuals, groups, and whole societies change their beliefs rapidly? This discussion-based course uses the 2022 book of the same name by David McRaney. Together we will explore how beliefs and opinions develop, how we can influence others, and how we can change our own minds. At a time when society seems more divided than ever, it is reassuring to know that there are ways we can still find areas of agreement and commonality. Please read the introduction and first two chapters of the book for the first class.

Required text: How Minds Change: The Surprising Science of Belief, Opinion, and Persuasion ISBN-10 - 0593190297 Please read the introduction and first two chapters of the book for the first class.

### **Rosemary Calhoun**

Rosemary is an Atlanta native who moved to Athens with her husband Dan in June 2024. She has a BA in Psychology from Emory University and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Georgia. She worked for 25+ years providing human resource management services for several State of Georgia agencies. Her interests include watching professional tennis, playing handbells at church, and amusing her two cats.

## **Becoming News and Media Savvy: How to Navigate the Digital Information Landscape Today**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 20 (Fr)

12:00PM-1:00PM

RC

Clickbait. Deepfakes. Disinformation. Bias. Hoaxes. Fake news. Media shapes what we know about our community and world, and being savvy about news and information is essential to making decisions. We all must enhance our ability to discern between truth and information disorder through critical examination of how we access, analyze, verify and create media messages. This class, led by UGA Certificate in News Literacy faculty, will discuss the role of the media, focusing on trust and ethics, and then give you tools and strategies to figure out what's true (and not true) online.

### **Amanda Bright**

Amanda Bright, PhD, MJE, is a clinical associate professor at the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication at UGA, specializing in community journalism, news product innovation, design, and pedagogy. She is the managing editor of Grady Newsource, assistant editor and instructor for The Oglethorpe Echo, and the director of the Cox Institute for Innovation, Management & Leadership.

### **Kyser Lough**

Kyser Lough, PhD, directs the News Literacy Certificate and the Solutions Journalism Hub at UGA.

## Understanding the Composite Novel

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 20 (Fr)

2:00PM-4:00PM

RC

In 2010, Jennifer Egan's book *A Visit from the Goon Squad* won the Pulitzer Prize for literature. Although the book has been described (and advertised) as a "novel," both *Goon Squad* and its sequel, *The Candy House* (2022), are arguably better described as composite novels, or novels in which individual chapters can be read as independent short stories. Also referred to as "novels in stories" and, in some cases, "short story cycles" (though these terms are not always interchangeable), composite novels present a compelling alternative to more traditional novel forms. This class aims to survey a selection of the classics of the composite novel—such as James Joyce's *Dubliners* (1914), Jamaica Kincaid's *Annie John* (1985), Amy Tan's *The Joy Luck Club* (1989), and Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried* (1990)—as well as newer additions, including but not limited to Egan's books. This class will also consider what, if anything, is gained from the "novel in story" mode and question how "transgressive" this form really is in its departure from the structure of traditional novels.

### Colin Bishoff

Colin Bishoff is a PhD student in creative writing and first-year writing instructor at UGA. He holds a BA in English/Creative Writing and a minor in film studies from UGA and an MFA in fiction from Georgia College & State University. While his creative work explores his experiences growing up in the religious South, his critical work is grounded in media and adaptation theory. His academic work has appeared recently or is forthcoming in *Literature/Film Quarterly* (2024) and *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Global Shakespeare* (2025), as well as in forthcoming essay collections on film adaptation and popular media.

## Ranked Choice (Instant Runoff) Voting: Dispelling the Myths

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 20 (Fr)

2:00PM-3:15PM

RC / Z

Following a 30-minute documentary titled *Majority Rules*, the floor will be opened to questions for your host from Better Ballot Georgia, an organization focused on election reform, both in how campaigns are financed and how they are held.

### Jayson Smith

Jayson Smith is a professional actor and acting teacher living in Athens since 2019. Originally from Atlanta, Jayson works in film, TV and stage and teaches in Atlanta. He joined Better Ballot Georgia about two years ago when searching for a way to give back to society in a meaningful way—convinced that election reform, both in how campaigns are financed and how they are held, is the root of most of what ails our current situation. Realizing that campaign finance reform is too big a problem for him to meaningfully impact, he decided to give his time, energy and talents to election reform.

## Week 4 (Feb 23-27)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
<a href="#"><u>Photography with Mirrorless and DSLR Cameras</u></a>	Whiting	3	\$32	Feb 23 (Mo) Mar 2 (Mo) Mar 9 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Our Health Care System, an Oxymoron! Why Health Care is so Expensive and How to Function Within It</u></a>	Kibbe	2	\$23	Feb 24 (Tu) Mar 3 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:15AM 10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>The Modern Revivals of Artisan Blacksmithing</u></a>	Dittmeier	1	\$14	Feb 24 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Why Can't a Woman be More Like a Man? George Cukor's My Fair Lady (1964)</u></a>	Kraft	1	\$14	Feb 24 (Tu)	2:00PM - 4:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>History in the Cloud: Navigating NARA's Online Resources</u></a>	Carter	1	\$14	Feb 25 (We)	9:30AM - 12:30PM	RC / Z
<a href="#"><u>Caregiving 101</u></a>	Vogt	1	\$14	Feb 25 (We)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Think You Know AI? The Surprising Truths You Need to Understand</u></a>	Warner	1	\$14	Feb 25 (We)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	G / Z
<a href="#"><u>Guitar for Novices and Intermediates</u></a>	Armitage	2	\$23	Feb 25 (We) Mar 4 (We)	2:00PM - 3:00PM 2:00PM - 3:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Edible Native Permaculture on a Half Acre</u></a>	Stege	1	\$14	Feb 26 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Exploring You: Introduction to the Enneagram and Your Personality Type</u></a>	Getch	2	\$25	Feb 26 (Th) Mar 5 (Th)	12:00PM - 1:00PM 12:00PM - 1:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>The History and Future of American Science</u></a>	Farmer	1	\$14	Feb 26 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Explore Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation: Melissa Harshman and Jeffery Whittle Exhibition</u></a>	Malone	1	\$14	Feb 26 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	OS
<a href="#"><u>How Does a Poem Mean...</u></a>	Helm	4	\$42	Feb 27 (Fr) Mar 6 (Fr) Mar 13 (Fr) Mar 20 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:15AM 10:00AM - 11:15AM 10:00AM - 11:15AM 10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC / Z

## Photography with Mirrorless and DSLR Cameras

Number of Sessions: 3

\$32

Feb 23 (Mo), Mar 2 (Mo), Mar 9 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

This class is for photographers using traditional digital cameras. Users of all skill levels will have an opportunity to rekindle their imagination, get inspired, and create the best photos possible. Learn practical shooting tips and techniques that will help you create more vibrant, interesting, and meaningful photographs regardless of subject or conditions. In the first session, students will learn and practice in the classroom. Session two is an offsite field trip for hands-on experience, and a third classroom session will continue with Q&A and a review in a friendly, helpful environment.

### Gary Whiting

Gary Whiting is a freelance photographer, naturalist, kayaker, and British car enthusiast. His photography vision is to capture uncommon moments that create unique works of art. Gary currently hosts the Picture This photography and Splashdown kayaking SIGs. When not paddling or taking photos, he can be found exploring twisty roads in a vintage Mini Cooper. His award-winning presentations have been enjoyed by OLLI members, photography clubs, Audubon societies, and conservation organizations throughout Georgia and Florida.

## Our Health Care System, an Oxymoron! Why Health Care is so Expensive and How to Function Within It

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

Feb 24 (Tu), Mar 3 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

David will briefly describe the history of health care's development in our country and why it is so expensive today. In as simple a manner as possible he will define and explain the economic and policy complexities that drive health care. He will then bring it down to a practical level for attendees relative to health coverage choices, benefits, billing and payment, explanation of benefits, etc. He will close with alternative visions or scenarios for health care in our country as Baby Boomers age and providers are stretched to meet increasing requirements. David will sprinkle hope and positive vignettes into his sometimes grim, analytic perspective.

### David Kibbe

David Kibbe is an experienced health care professional who has spent his career working with physicians, hospitals, and other providers in health care economics and finance. He has led provider-owned health plans and negotiated with major health insurers. David has actively served on and chaired multiple health care boards.

## **The Modern Revivals of Artisan Blacksmithing**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 24 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

Since 1970, artisan blacksmithing has enjoyed a remarkable revival in North America. Yet, it was not the first such revival in the modern era. The late 19th and early 20th centuries had an earlier revival that spanned Art Nouveau, Art Deco and the Art Moderne periods. Both are depicted in two wall-mural timelines that will be introduced via a slide lecture. John will also display historic portfolios, books, ironwork, and tools, and provide resources and insights into the craft. Though he no longer has a shop, he is in contact with local blacksmiths.

### **John Dittmeier**

Now retired, John Dittmeier creates furniture, furnishings and sacred art, applying industrial design and product engineering to his blacksmithing work. John received training from the late Bill Gichner of Gichner Iron Works and continued his studies in three British shops and in the libraries and museums of Paris. He has developed two wall-mural timelines of the revivals of modern artisan smithing, 1890-1940 and 1970-2020.

## **Why Can't a Woman be More Like a Man? George Cukor's My Fair Lady (1964)**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 24 (Tu)

2:00PM-4:00PM

RC

George Cukor is known as a “woman’s director,” and many of his films feature strong performances by actresses. His films also offer meditations on the very definition of “woman.” In this two-hour class, we will look at the 1964 musical *My Fair Lady* for the way Cukor explores (in collaboration with lyricist Alan Jay Lerner) the differences- and similarities- between the sexes. This topic is especially interesting in this script which features the creation of the “perfect woman” by a not-so-perfect man! Participants may wish to view the entire film prior to class, but relevant clips will be shown during class in order to serve as the basis for our discussion.

### **Elizabeth Kraft**

Elizabeth Kraft is Professor Emerita of English from the University of Georgia where she taught from 1987 to 2020. Her field of specialization is Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature, with side interests in classic Hollywood films and in the works of Leonard Cohen.



## Caregiving 101

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 25 (We)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC

Caregiving touches everyone at some point in our lives. We will discuss strategies on how to adjust to your changing role and build resiliency through becoming an advocate for yourself and your loved one. We will focus on tools you can use to stay ahead of potential problems and how to build your team of support. Informal and formal supports available to you and the tools needed to build your village will be identified. The goal of this class is to leave this session feeling confident, better informed, and supported.

### Abbie Vogt

Abbie Vogt holds a Masters in Gerontology; is Care Manager Certified; is a Positive Approach to Care Independent Consultant; a Certified Dementia Practitioner. Abbie has been a certified Advanced Professional of the Aging Life Care™ Association since 2013 and is Care Manager Certified through the National Academy of Certified Care Managers. In 2020, she became a Teepa Snow PAC (Positive Approach® to Care) Independent Consultant, focusing on transforming what exists into a more positive dementia care culture.

## History in the Cloud: Navigating NARA's Online Resources

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 25 (We)

9:30AM-12:30PM

RC / Z

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) safeguards the documentary heritage of the United States, preserving vital records that trace the nation's story from the 1700s to today. From Revolutionary War pensions to immigration files, NARA holds documents that touch nearly every American- unless your roots in the U.S. are very recent, your history is likely here. Whether you're a genealogist, public servant, educator, or history enthusiast, NARA's online tools open a gateway to millions of digitized records- illuminating personal stories and national milestones alike. This three-hour class offers an overview into NARA's digital resources, supported by 10-12 hours of optional preparatory homework and hands-on, in-class exploration. You'll gain practical skills to uncover hidden connections in the archives and bring history to life- your own, or the nation's.

### Laura Carter

Laura W. Carter connects people with knowledge, sharing the power of libraries and discovery.

## Think You Know AI? The Surprising Truths You Need to Understand

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 25 (We)

2:00PM–3:00PM

G / Z

Join us for an engaging fast-paced, eye-opening webinar on artificial intelligence—designed for both non-techies and experts alike. Presenter Richard Warner, founder of the cybersecurity training company Aware Force and longtime TV/radio broadcaster, breaks down what AI has become, explores how employees are using it effectively (and sometimes mistakenly), and shows how scammers are leveraging it to target individuals, families, and businesses. The session features videos, fresh statistics, and real-world examples drawn from work with dozens of companies across North America. We'll dispel myths, highlight surprising trends, and share practical insights that go beyond the workplace and can help protect your loved ones, too.

### Richard Warner

Presenting this session is a fellow Bulldog, Richard Warner, whose company Aware Force provides content for over 50,000 employees and consumers every month. Richard has moderated Cyber Security Summits around the US for over 15 years and has been a Georgia-based television and radio journalist since 1978.

## Guitar for Novices and Intermediates

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

Feb 25 (We), Mar 4 (We)

10:00AM–11:00AM

RC

Been trying to learn guitar but not really getting anywhere? These two classes are designed to start playing a few songs using 3 or 4 basic chords only. Your teacher will not be teaching music theory, barre chords or scales but with luck, you will be on your way to do a little jamming with friends when we are done. You are not going to become an accomplished player in two lessons, but it can be a start. If you are a seasoned player, you will not learn anything here.

### Allan Armitage

Professor Emeritus of Horticulture, Armitage has written 17 books that serve as classroom texts, reference books, and gardeners' companions. His reference book *Herbaceous Perennial Plants*, now in its 4th edition, was recognized as one of the best 75 books in the last 75 years. One of his most recent books, *Of Naked Ladies and Forget-me-Nots*, which tells the stories behind plant names, is also a best seller. His App, Armitage's Great Garden Plants, serves industry and consumers.

## **Edible Native Permaculture on a Half Acre**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 26 (Th)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

This class will share how you can create and you and neighbors can relish a “messy” yard. Water storage, carbon emission, wildlife habitat, organic food, financial, recreational, bird watching, exercise, educational, noise benefits, are just a few of the considerations when traditional lawn/bush landscaping is replaced with a native ecosystem. Questions answered include: Why to avoid deadheading, fertilizers, organic pesticides, bird feeders, cultivars, and plants native to other parts of the U.S.; why to avoid fish in ponds; cost, time, contractors, and strength considerations for implementation; mistakes to avoid; benefits of ancient practices; and videos and books that present too rosy a picture.

### **Kathy Stege**

Kathryn Stege has spent seven years creating a meadow ecosystem with straight-species local natives and using permaculture techniques on her half-acre suburban lot. She grows many little-known native edibles in the manner of pre-contact indigenous people. Her lot also includes a frog pond, a pumped stream, and a drainage-ditch wetland; all are fed by her gutters. She’s made every mistake possible, but now the garden self perpetuates.

## **Exploring You: Introduction to the Enneagram and Your Personality Type**

Number of Sessions: 2

\$25

Feb 26 (Th), Mar 5 (Th)

12:00PM-1:00PM

RC

Unlock the transformative power of the Enneagram- an ancient symbol and modern tool for self-discovery and personal growth. At the heart of the Enneagram are nine distinct personality types, each offering unique insights into our core motivations, fears, and desires. This class introduces the Enneagram system and shows how it can deepen your understanding of yourself and improve relationships with others. You’ll receive foundational knowledge of all nine types, including a detailed look at your core type. Prior to the class, you will complete a simple questionnaire, and all attendees will receive a personalized profile to support their self-study. If you’re curious about why you think, feel, and act the way you do- or if you want to better understand and connect with the people around you- the Enneagram is an invaluable resource with roots in both psychology and spiritual wisdom.

### **Bill Getch**

Bill Getch is an executive communications consultant. Early in his career, he served as an executive speechwriter, crafting remarks for notable figures such as Lee Iacocca, Bill Gates, Rupert Murdoch, and the CEOs of BellSouth, MCI, and Grumman Corporation. He trained hundreds of GE executives in communications skills. An Enneagram Typing Specialist (Type 5, Wing 7), Bill teaches a course called The Credible Leader. He attended Syracuse University’s Newhouse School of Communications.

## The History and Future of American Science

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 26 (Th)

2:00PM-3:00PM

RC

From the founding of the National Academy of Sciences in 1863 to the establishment of the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health in 2022, the U.S. has a long history of public investment in scientific research. The results have been astonishing and have largely been responsible for the growth of the U.S. economy over the past century. Today, a combination of cultural and political actions threaten the dominance of the American research enterprise in ways unlike anything that has occurred before. This class will explore the challenges facing American Science today and what must be done to preserve it.

### Mark Farmer

Mark Farmer is Professor of Cellular Biology at the University of Georgia. While serving as a Program Officer for the National Science Foundation in Washington, DC, he became keenly interested in how science is communicated to the general public and to legislatures in particular. His past OLLI classes have touched on everything from stem cells to vaccines. Mark is also an active member of the Athens chapter of Citizen's Climate Lobby.

## Explore Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation: Melissa Harshman and Jeffery Whittle Exhibition

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 26 (Th)

2:00PM-3:15PM

OS

Join Executive Director Beth Malone on a guided tour. The Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation presents a dual exhibition featuring the intricate paperworks of Melissa Harshman and the expressive paintings of Jeffery Whittle. Both artists draw inspiration from flowers and the natural world, using them to explore themes of growth, change, and renewal. Harshman's layered paper pieces highlight the beauty of pattern and repetition, while Whittle's vibrant paintings bring light and emotion to imagined botanicals. Together, their works celebrate the color, rhythm, and enduring energy of nature. Come Explore.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

### Beth Malone

Beth Malone joins the Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation with 17 years of experience in arts leadership, curation, and education. Founder of the award-winning nonprofit Dashboard, she has led major public projects nationwide and supported thousands of artists. A University of Glasgow graduate, Beth has earned grants from leading arts institutions, shared her work through national media, and reached a global audience with her TED Talks on dementia and creativity.

## How Does a Poem Mean...

Number of Sessions: 4

\$42

Feb 27 (Fr), Mar 6 (Fr), Mar 13 (Fr), Mar 20 (Fr)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC / Z

This class is an exploration of the choices poets make to create meaning in their work. Each of four sessions will amplify our understanding of the fullness and intentionality of those choices. We'll read a lot of examples and even try our hands at emulating them.

### Adrien Helm

Retired Educator and recovering lawyer, Adrien founded two on-going poetry writing workshops, one in Vermont ten years ago and one following an OLLI class in 2018. She has also presented for OLLI two series on poets: American Voices of Nature. She has lived in Athens with her husband since 2017. They spend six months of the year in Vermont. Her formal education: BA English, Mills College; MA Political Science, Rutgers University; JD, Catholic University.

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## Week 5 (Mar 2-6)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
<a href="#"><u>Using the Family Search Center to Research Your Family Tree</u></a>	Turlington / Stephens	1	\$14	Mar 2 (Mo)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	OS
<a href="#"><u>Fiber Arts in the UGA Makerspace: An Exploration of Embroidery and Laser Cutting</u></a>	Allison / La Dolce	1	\$14	Mar 2 (Mo)	2:00PM - 4:00PM	OS
<a href="#"><u>Using the UGA Libraries</u></a>	White	1	\$14	Mar 3 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC / Z
<a href="#"><u>Harriet Powers: Athens' African American Quilter of International Renown</u></a>	Elsner	1	\$40	Mar 3 (Tu)	11:30AM - 1:30PM	TC
<a href="#"><u>Fire Extinguisher Simulator Training</u></a>	Alger	1	\$14	Mar 3 (Tu)	2:00PM - 4:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>The Little Yellow Sticker That Can Save Lives</u></a>	Kelly	1	\$14	Mar 4 (We)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	G / Z
<a href="#"><u>Keeping the State Out of Your Estate</u></a>	Butler	1	\$14	Mar 4 (We)	12:00PM - 1:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Revisiting French New Wave Cinema</u></a>	Neupert	1	\$14	Mar 5 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Exploring the Nature Poetry of Two American Poets: Mary Oliver and Wendell Berry</u></a>	Rieger	2	\$23	Mar 5 (Th) Mar 12(Th)	2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Head Study: Learn Portraiture via Mark Making</u></a>	Flanigan	1	\$14	Mar 6 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC

## Using the Family Search Center to Research Your Family Tree

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 2 (Mo)

10:00AM-12:00PM

OS

The first part of the class will be a presentation about what is available in the Family Search Center to use for researching your family tree and family history. The presentation will cover FamilySearch.org and a preview of 15 other premium websites that are available to use for free while in the center. We will also discuss the AI Research tool and AI Full Text Research in FamilySearch. The last part of the class will be hands on. Participants will explore the websites and use the AI tools. The websites are accessed through FamilySearch.org, so class members should set up a free account with FamilySearch.org prior to class.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

### Debbie Stephens

Debbie Stephens is a retired math teacher. She has helped many people discover their ancestors.

### Donna Turlington

Donna Turlington is a native Georgian who grew up in south Georgia. She and her husband raised their family in his home state of North Carolina, but she has lived in Athens for the last 18 years. Donna has enjoyed working on her family history since she was in her early 30's. She recently became the coordinator of the Family Search Center that opened on September 7, 2025, and is located in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Watkinsville.

## **Fiber Arts in the UGA Makerspace: An Exploration of Embroidery and Laser Cutting**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 2 (Mo)

2:00PM-4:00PM

OS

Learn to make designs and transfer them to fabric using embroidery machine and laser cutting technology in the UGA Makerspace (located in the MLC building)! The first part of this workshop will focus on creating unique designs using collage and drawing media, and the workshop will conclude with hands-on session in the Makerspace using the Glowforge laser cutter and Singer Embroidery Machine to transfer designs to fabric. Each participant will leave with a unique piece of fiber art and experience using new design technologies!

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

### **Caitlin La Dolce**

Caitlin La Dolce is an interdisciplinary artist and educator originally from the Northeast Kingdom region of Vermont and currently based in Athens, Georgia. Through material interaction and transformation, their work explores the themes of ritual, decay, illness, and time. La Dolce has completed residencies at the Vermont Studio Center, 77 Art, and Watershed Ceramics, and exhibited nationally, including exhibitions at Burlington City Arts, Athens Institute for Contemporary Art, and the Arrowmont School Gallery.

### **Lindsey Allison**

Lindsey Allison is a Student Success Librarian at the University of Georgia. Originally from North Georgia, she received her BA in English and Journalism from UGA before getting her MLS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has worked in both public and academic libraries, focusing on increasing digital and information literacy skills within different communities. Her current work concentrates on library programming and outreach to grieving populations on campus, as well as library instruction for first-year students.

## **Using the UGA Libraries**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 3 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC / Z

Your OLLI membership comes with access to the amazing resources of the UGA Libraries. Learn about how to access online materials, check out books, and get a library card in this one-hour session.

### **Elizabeth White**

Elizabeth White is a Research and Instruction Librarian. She has worked at the UGA Libraries for 19 years, and specializes in the areas of political science, international affairs, public administration, and criminal justice.

## **Harriet Powers: Athens' African American Quilter of International Renown**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$40

Mar 3 (Tu)

11:30AM-1:30PM

TC

Harriet Powers, born enslaved in 1837 in Madison County, GA, died and was buried in Athens in 1910. What is known of her life story, her quilting, her Athens and Madison County locations, and her legacy deserves to be widely shared. Learn where to find her points of interest in Athens.

## **Jacqueline Elsner**

Jacqueline Elsner retired in 2014 from a career as a public librarian with libraries in Maine and Georgia, serving her final 26 years with the Athens Regional Library System. She is a storyteller, an a cappella singer of Appalachian ballads and the poems of Byron Herbert Reece set to music, and a fan of Harriet Powers. She has been a program volunteer for decades at the Len Foote Hike Inn.

## **Fire Extinguisher Simulator Training**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 3 (Tu)

2:00PM-4:00PM

RC

This hands-on, interactive, fire extinguisher simulator training class will teach safe and effective use of a fire extinguisher. Participants will practice with a digital simulator that creates a realistic but safe fire scenario. The engaging training teaches proper steps to operate an extinguisher, reinforces fire safety basics, and builds confidence in responding to a small fire emergency. This is a valuable, practical experience without the mess or hazard of real flames.

## **Emily Alger**

Wanting to help prevent accidents, Emily Alger pursued a career in fire service. In 2010, she joined Athens-Clarke County Fire & Emergency Services, working her way from firefighter recruit to Fire Sergeant. Now, as the Community Risk Reduction Educator, she fulfills her passion for Fire and Life Safety Education while serving the community in which she grew up.

## **The Little Yellow Sticker That Can Save Lives**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 4 (We)

10:00AM-11:00AM

G / Z

What if I told you there was a little sticker that may save your life after a car crash? What if I told you it was free? Learn about the Georgia Department of Health's Yellow Dot Program, a free-to-start program that helps first responders react as quickly as possible to help victims at crash scenes. A Yellow Dot Kit in the vehicle alerts first responders to a person's medical conditions, medications, medical allergies, and more. Attendees will learn how the program works; how an organization can host a Yellow Dot Program; how it saved a woman's life.

### **Jim Kelly**

While Jim works for the Georgia Department of Public Health, he's not a doctor. However, he's played one on TV's *The Resident* (and stand-in for Christopher Walken). In the real world, Jim manages the 55+ Driver Safety Program. He's worked with: National Safety Council, AAA, Honda, Yamaha, Harley-Davidson, the Universities of Illinois, Connecticut, and Georgia, held motorcycle safety-instructor-trainer national certification, and worked as a corporate driving instructor and precision driver for TV and movies.

## **Keeping the State Out of Your Estate**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 4 (We)

12:00PM-1:00PM

RC

Have you ever wondered what will happen when you pass away or if you become incapacitated? Who will control your assets and make decisions on behalf of your estate? Learn how wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and healthcare directives work together to avoid probate, reduce conflict, and plan for long-term care. We'll cover common mistakes, tax-saving tips, and how to keep control of your wishes. You'll leave with precise, practical steps to simplify life for your family and safeguard your legacy.

### **Trish Butler**

Trish Butcher graduated from UGA followed by the Emory University School of Law. After advanced training with the New Law Business Model, Trish became a certified Personal Family Lawyer and Family Business Lawyer® in order to step away from the antiquated, billable-hour model and become a trusted advisor.



## Revisiting French New Wave Cinema

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 5 (Th)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

The French New Wave, or Nouvelle Vague, was one of the most important movements in film history (Truffaut, Godard, Varda...). In 2025, American director Richard Linklater made a tribute to one of the most famous New Wave movies, Godard's *Breathless* (1960), shot in French and black and white 35MM. This class revisits the New Wave to discuss Linklater's movie. *Nouvelle Vague* is on Netflix and it is recommended that everyone watch *Breathless* (encore) as well.

## Richard Neupert

Richard Neupert recently retired after teaching Film Studies at UGA (and previously at Georgia Tech). While most of his publications are about French cinema and animation, he regularly taught American film history, especially up to WWII. Richard is President of the Board for the non-profit Athens Ciné.

## Exploring the Nature Poetry of Two American Poets: Mary Oliver and Wendell Berry

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

Mar 5 (Th), Mar 12 (Th)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

The focus of the class will be on reading and responding to selected poems of Oliver and Berry rather than on technical analysis. We will look at the ways these poets use a sense of place and the natural world to connect to broader themes and to the human experience. Emphasis will be on the pleasure found in the work of these two poets and on the connections and resonances experienced between poems, poets, and readers.

## Marilyn Rieger

Marilyn Rieger is a retired English teacher, librarian, and school administrator. A UGA alum, she holds a PhD in educational psychology.

## Head Study: Learn Portraiture via Mark Making

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 6 (Fr)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

The class focuses on drawing the head using automatic drawing techniques. We will learn the process of mark making that Broderick arrived at while displaced by a 2022 winter storm. We will use bright color pencils, pens, or crayons, to explore portraiture through this lens.

Students should bring: Color pencils, pens, crayons, 8 1/2 in x 11 in white or cream paper.

## Broderick Flanigan

Athens-based painter and muralist Broderick Flanigan works in a variety of media to share stories of Black people in bright, bold, beautiful light. His visual narratives often include elements of nature and how the environment affects or interacts with his subjects. His most recent show at the Robert and Claire Clements Gallery in the Unitarian Church in Athens was a big success. Be on the lookout for his upcoming show at the Taylor Grady House in 2026.

## Week 6 (Mar 9 – 13)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
<a href="#"><u>Athens First United Methodist Church at its Bicentennial</u></a>	Jackson	1	\$14	Mar 9 (Mo)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	OS
<a href="#"><u>Growing Food and Flowers in Pots and Other Small Containers</u></a>	Ney	1	\$14	Mar 10 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC / Z
<a href="#"><u>Tour esp Athens: Providing Services to Members with Disabilities and Their Families</u></a>	Portwood	1	\$14	Mar 10 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS
<a href="#"><u>Ekphrastic Poetry, Marc Chagall, and Women in the Bible</u></a>	Hamilton	1	\$14	Mar 10 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Blimps-to-Drones: Archaeo-Geophysics at Rock Eagle and Rock Hawk</u></a>	Garrison	1	\$14	Mar 11 (We)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>UGA Equestrian Facility Tour</u></a>	Highsmith	1	\$14	Mar 11 (We)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	OS
<a href="#"><u>Unleash Your Words: Writing Through Grief and Trauma, Part II</u></a>	Coley	3	\$32	Mar 11 (We) Mar 18 (We) Mar 25 (We)	2:00PM - 4:00PM 2:00PM - 4:00PM 2:00PM - 4:00PM	RC / Z
<a href="#"><u>American Mahjong Basics</u></a>	Depalma	2	\$23	Mar 11 (We) Mar 18 (We)	5:00PM - 7:00PM 5:00PM - 7:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Making Successful Transitions as we Age</u></a>	Murphy	1	\$14	Mar 12 (Th)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Dealing with Nuisance Wildlife</u></a>	Mengak	1	\$14	Mar 12 (Th)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>1960's-1970's Music Roundtable: Influential Women Songwriters</u></a>	Guinn	1	\$14	Mar 12 (Th)	1:00PM-3:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Get to Know UGA's Ramsey Center for Physical Activity</u></a>	Kellogg	1	\$14	Mar 13 (Fr)	10:30AM - 12:00PM	OS

## Athens First United Methodist Church at its Bicentennial

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 9 (Mo)

10:00AM-12:00PM

OS

The presentation includes numerous historical illustrations of the 200+-year history of Athens First UMC, founded by charter UGA faculty member Rev. Hope Hull, a close colleague of Bishop Francis Asbury. Methodist denomination founder John Wesley sent Asbury out in 1771 to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Asbury met Hope Hull in 1783, and Hull traveled the U.S. East Coast preaching and establishing churches until in 1801 he found himself in Athens, a founding member of the faculty of America's first state-chartered university, Franklin College, the University of Georgia. Dr. Jackson celebrates the bicentennial of the church's founding on its current site with a year-by-year review of the development of the congregation, its facilities, its leaders, and the fascinating stories of significant historical figures who have emerged from it, including six Methodist bishops. The history is interwoven with that of Athens itself, the leaders of the church and community most often being the same.

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### Tom Jackson

Tom Jackson retired from UGA in 2017 after 28 years as head of public relations, of which the last eight were as Vice President for Public Affairs. He holds AB, MPA, and PhD degrees, all from UGA. Research and writing interests include higher education and United Methodist Church history. He is author of *Forward Through the Ages*, a bicentennial history of Athens First United Methodist Church.

## Growing Food and Flowers in Pots and Other Small Containers

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 10 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC / Z

Do you want flowers or a veggie garden right outside your door? Do you want a garden but don't want to dig to prepare the ground or worry about keeping up with weeds all summer? You might consider a container garden! In this class we will learn all about how to start a low-input, thriving garden, grown in pots and other small containers.

### Laura Ney

Laura Ney is the Athens Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent. Before becoming an Extension Agent, Laura completed a bachelor's in Horticulture, worked as an educator and farm manager at the UGA Costa Rica campus, then returned to Athens, where she earned a PhD. She now works with UGA and Clarke County to provide support and education to producers and homeowners concerning sustainable management, food production and landscaping.

## **Tour esp Athens: Providing Services to Members with Disabilities and Their Families**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 10 (Tu)

10:00AM–11:00AM

OS

Visit the esp (Extra Special People) Athens location at 189 VFW Drive in Watkinsville for a tour and discussion of the services provided to members with disabilities and their families. This will include the opportunity to visit the Playground of Possibilities, a public/private partnership between esp and the city of Watkinsville. There will be a brief informational session and an opportunity for Q&A at the conclusion of the tour.

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### **Craig Portwood**

Craig Portwood is the Executive Director of esp Athens. He has over 30 years of nonprofit leadership experience in secondary education, community engagement, and higher education. He has experience in building and revitalizing programs, implementing operational systems, and volunteer board development. Craig is a career communicator with expertise in public speaking, script writing and event planning. He is also a Certified Fund Raising Executive through CFRE International.

## **Ekphrastic Poetry, Marc Chagall, and Women in the Bible**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 10 (Tu)

2:00PM–3:15PM

RC

Dr. Hamilton will discuss her participation in an ekphrastic project focused on lithographs and prints by 20th-century Russian-modernist artist Marc Chagall that were inspired by stories in the Hebrew Bible. This session will introduce ekphrasis, a literary response to visual art, and give an overview of Chagall's engagement with biblical topics. Hamilton will then discuss her interest in Chagall's depiction of women from the Bible and describe the challenges of creating poems that respond not only to Chagall's visual renderings but also to the biblical texts behind them. The session will include a reading of several poems from the project.

### **Patricia Hamilton**

Patricia L. Hamilton, a Professor of English in Jackson, Tennessee, received her PhD from the University of Georgia. She is the author of a poetry collection, *The Distance to Nightfall*, and the recipient of three Pushcart Prize nominations. She won the Rash Award in Poetry in 2015 and 2017 and has published widely in literary journals in the US as well as in England, Australia, Ireland, and Northern Ireland.

## **Blimps-to-Drones: Archaeo-Geophysics at Rock Eagle and Rock Hawk**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 11 (We)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

The class explains the use of drone-mounted sensors to characterize the Rock Eagle and Rock Hawk prehistoric effigy mounds in Putnam County, Georgia. Aerial photogrammetry, ground penetrating radar (GPR), and data analysis, together with the archaeological and geological context for these important sites will be discussed in detail. Learn what may have prompted early Georgia inhabitants to construct these large sites that are estimated to have been constructed between 1,000 to 3,000 years ago.

### **Ervan Garrison**

Dr. Erv Garrison is Professor Emeritus, Geology & Anthropology at UGA, where he taught for 32 years. He spent three years at NOAA and 10-1/2 years at Texas A&M University. Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dr. Garrison is a Citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. He is married to Ginger Garrison, who retired from UGA's Georgia Sea Grant.

## **UGA Equestrian Facility Tour**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 11 (We)

10:00AM-11:15AM

OS

This class provides participants with an informative introduction to the UGA Equestrian program and an up-close tour of its top of the line facility. See where and how the horses are cared for by athletes and staff, and view competition areas.

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### **Anna Highsmith**

Anna Highsmith is a University of Georgia alumna. She graduated in 2022 with a degree in Animal Science. Her deep connection to the institution's athletics led her back to campus, joining UGA Athletics in April 2023 as the Coordinator of Facilities and Event Management for the Equestrian team. This role was a natural progression, built on the relationships she established while working part-time for the team as an undergraduate.



## Unleash Your Words: Writing Through Grief and Trauma, Part II

Number of Sessions: 3

\$32

Mar 11 (We), Mar 18 (We), Mar 25 (We)

2:00PM-4:00PM

RC / Z

This is another three-part workshop series on healing through writing for those who want to write about their trauma and get past the roadblocks of anger, sadness and grief. Using a framework of tools and strategies developed by licensed clinical therapists, tap into your emotion to turn grief and pain into your superpower of descriptive storytelling. We will employ new writing prompts and positive techniques for deep writing. Note: This is a continuation of the grief and trauma writing class from Fall 2025, but Part I is not a prerequisite for Part II. Anyone can join.

### Tracy Coley

Tracy Coley retired from University of Georgia communications where she earned an MFA in narrative nonfiction writing and taught journalism. She is a national award winning writer for magazine feature writing and semi-finalist for the Alex Albright Creative Nonfiction Prize. She is owner and writing coach at Lucky Dog Press, a boutique publishing firm where she encourages writers to unleash their words. She is currently working on three memoir projects about inherited trauma and grief.

## American Mahjong Basics

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

Mar 11 (We), Mar 18 (We)

5:00PM-7:00PM

RC

This class spans two sessions for thorough learning. Session one covers the game's history, American development, rules, format, and National Mah-Jong League card. Session two features actual gameplay to practice week one's skills and address additional questions. This two-part structure ensures comprehensive understanding through both theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience, allowing students to confidently apply what they've learned in real-game situations.

### Caly Depalma

Caly DePalma developed a passion for Mahjong while learning to play four years ago. Teaching it to others makes Mahjong even more fun. Caly moved to Athens in 2023 along with her wife and mini dachshund, Annie. She found willing pupils in the OLLI ranks and hopes you will join them.

## **Making Successful Transitions as we Age**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 12 (Th)

10:00AM-12:00PM

RC

We have put many of life's biggest changes behind us: We grew up, finished school, went to work, maybe got married, perhaps raised a family, and more. Now we face different challenges to navigate, challenges that require us to continue to change. This lively, interactive class will explore what we each uniquely need to make successful transitions.

### **Margaret Murphy**

Margaret's career includes being a managing principal for a global business transformation consultancy and for a global marketing communications firm. As a certified executive coach, Margaret has worked with dozens of companies and executives, focusing on communications and change. Today, she has dialed way back, gotten to know her dog better, and loves life in Athens.

## **Dealing with Nuisance Wildlife**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 12 (Th)

10:00AM-12:00PM

RC

We will discuss effective (and ineffective) strategies for dealing with nuisance wildlife (mostly mammals and no insects) issues around the home and garden. We will review biology of common nuisance species and discuss laws, practices, and methods to resolve wildlife conflict issues. The session begins with discussions of deer, moles, voles, squirrels, armadillo, and a few birds. Attendee participation is encouraged.

### **Mike Mengak**

Mike Mengak served as Wildlife Specialist at UGA. His duties included training landowners, extension staff and adult education. He taught classes in Wildlife Damage Management and Human-Wildlife Conflict Resolution and co-authored over 100 publications on a wide array of wildlife damage-management topics. Mike also conducted over 20 annual trainings of nuisance wildlife control operators, extension agents, Master Gardeners, and Master Naturalists. He is a Certified Wildlife Biologist.

## 1960's-70's Music Roundtable: Influential Women Songwriters

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 12 (Th)

1:00PM-3:00PM

RC

The stories behind six women (Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton, Laura Nyro, Joni Mitchell, Carole King, and Carly Simon) whose persevering songwriting skills paved the way for today's artists. We cover the artists, their albums, and events from the era, utilizing a combination of audio and video presentation. No student preparation or materials are required; however, it is recommended that you have at least a general knowledge of the topic.

### Keith Guinn

Keith Guinn has held various senior-level positions in sales and quality for a major, Fortune 50 organization. He holds a Digital Six Sigma Green Belt Certification for Quality/Process Improvement. Keith has enjoyed a lifelong passion for popular music and associated collection/archival study. He conducts regional music roundtable seminars on milestone pop artists and is actively involved in music documentary production.

## Get to Know UGA's Ramsey Center for Physical Activity

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 13 (Fr)

10:30AM-12:00PM

OS

Tour the Ramsey Student Center and learn everything it offers. "Ramsey," as it is known by students, is a 440,000 square foot student recreational and athletic facility located on UGA's East Campus. One of the largest student athletic recreation facilities in the U.S., it was built and named in honor of Bernard and Eugenia Ramsey. Among the recreational activities offered are: 8 basketball courts, 9 volleyball courts and 12 badminton courts; over 25,000 square feet of weight-training space with 360+ pieces; 44-foot high climbing wall and 14-foot outdoor bouldering wall; 1/8-mile indoor jogging/walking track; and 50-meter competition pool, diving pool and 8-lane recreational pool.

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### Anna Kellogg

Anna Kellogg is the Member Services Coordinator at the Ramsey Student Center in Recreational Sports, which is a part of Student Affairs. She deals with all of the membership questions that patrons and visitors have about the facility.

## Week 7 (Mar 16-20)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
<a href="#"><u>How to Behave so Your Grandkids Will Too</u></a>	Murray	1	\$14	Mar 16 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Introduction to Hypnotherapy</u></a>	Yonce-Hayes	1	\$14	Mar 16 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Into the Heart of Darkness: Exploring the Nature of Evil</u></a>	Buchanan / Zins	5	\$51	Mar 16 (Mo) Mar 23 (Mo) Mar 30 (Mo) Apr 6 (Mo) Apr 13 (Mo)	2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>UGA Performing Arts Center: Behind the Scenes</u></a>	Mobley / Schneider	1	\$14	Mar 16 (Mo)	5:00PM - 6:00PM	OS
<a href="#"><u>Tour of the Georgia Center at UGA</u></a>	Beckham	1	\$14	Mar 17 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	OS
<a href="#"><u>The Shroud of Turin: The Burial Cloth of Jesus or a Medieval Forgery?</u></a>	Spencer	1	\$14	Mar 17 (Tu)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>The Discovery of the Structure of Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA), the Molecule of Life</u></a>	Hardin	1	\$14	Mar 17 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>The ABC's for Self-Publishing Authors</u></a>	Carley	1	\$14	Mar 17 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC / Z
<a href="#"><u>Tour Demosthenian Hall: One of UGA's Oldest Buildings</u></a>	Earnest	1	\$14	Mar 18 (We)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	OS
<a href="#"><u>Gian Lorenzo Bernini: From Renaissance Beauty to Modern Spirituality</u></a>	Zuraw	1	\$14	Mar 19 (Th)	10:00AM - 1:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Save Money, Reap Benefits at Your Public Library!</u></a>	Green	1	\$14	Mar 19 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Sailing Around the World in 80 Minutes on Corroboree</u></a>	Ryan	1	\$14	Mar 19 (Th)	1:00PM - 2:30PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Tea, Spice &amp; Everything Nice: An Indian Tea Party</u></a>	Kittur	1	\$29	Mar 20 (Fr)	12:00PM - 2:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Lyndon House Arts Center Tour</u></a>	Wellnitz	1	\$14	Mar 20 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	OS

## **How to Behave so Your Grandkids Will Too**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 16 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC

Learn to analyze why those darling grandkids behave the way they do. Learn strategies for shaping better behavior that will help you bond with the little ones while maintaining pleasant relationships with their parents (i.e., your kids). While this class will focus on the behavior of children, its strategies can also be applied to shaping the behavior of pets, co-workers, family members, etc. Learn basic components of Applied Behavior Analysis [the science of changing behavior by changing components of the setting (identifying triggers, rewards, grandparent reactions, etc.) and where it is used in our current world.

### **Gina Murray**

Gina Murray is a board certified behavior analyst who has worked in behavioral change positions for over 30 years. Settings have included daycares, family homes, foster care homes, playgrounds, and clinics.

## **Introduction to Hypnotherapy**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 16 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

In this class, you will not only learn what hypnotherapy is but also what it is not. Hypnosis has long been misunderstood, and the goal of this class is to demystify it and educate participants. We will discuss the subconscious mind, the role it plays in our day-to-day life, and how hypnotherapy works to address our subconscious patterns. A brief hypnotherapy session will be offered at the end of the class. Participation in this part is optional, and class members are welcome to simply observe. (Contrary to popular belief, no one can be hypnotized against his/her will.)

### **Melissa Yonce-Hayes**

Melissa graduated from UGA in 2002 and was first introduced to guided visualization as a member of the UGA Track & Field team. Although the technique she learned helped Melissa to literally reach new heights as a high jumper, she forgot about it after she graduated. Fast forward 20-something years, and hypnotherapy/guided visualization found her again. Melissa is now a certified hypnotherapist and is passionate about helping her clients overcome the subconscious patterns that keep them from living up to their fullest potential.



## Into the Heart of Darkness: Exploring the Nature of Evil

Number of Sessions: 5

\$51

Mar 16 (Mo), Mar 23 (Mo), Mar 30 (Mo), Apr 6 (Mo), Apr 13 (Mo)

2:00PM–3:30PM

RC

What do we mean when we call something “evil”? Is evil a force, a choice, a structure, or a failure of imagination? This five-week course explores how philosophers, theologians, psychologists, and writers have grappled with evil– from its most obvious horrors to its ordinary disguises in everyday life. We’ll consider the “banality of evil,” “the evil of banality,” structural and systemic harm, projection and denial, and the tension between despair and hope. Participants will be invited to think critically and empathetically about evil’s nature– and our own capacity to resist or perpetuate it. We will discuss such writers and thinkers as Hannah Arendt, Elizabeth Minnich, Reinhold Niebuhr, Carl Jung, Bill Moyers, Elaine Scarry, Ariel Dorfman, and MLK.

### Dan Zins

Daniel Zins has an M.A. in English from the University of Windsor (Ontario), where he studied with novelist Joyce Carol Oates for two years, and a Ph.D. in American Studies from Emory University. His teaching and research interests include: American literature/history, militarism, national security, nuclear weapons, the Cold War, McCarthyism, Vietnam, terrorism, human rights, democracy/fascism, critical media literacy, critical discourse literacy, critical environmental literacy, critical/empathetic thinking, cynicism, social justice, nonviolence/nonviolent political activists.

### Tom Buchanan

Rev. Tom Buchanan is Pastor and Head of Staff at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Athens. A veteran OLLI presenter, Tom’s teaching interests span the background and interpretation of Biblical literature, historical and constructive theology, and the challenges facing religion in the 21st century.

## Catalog Legend: Color Guide



RC = In Person only class at River’s Crossing



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Z = Online only class via Zoom



G = In Person only class at UGA Gwinnett



G / Z = In Person and Online Class (register by your attendance preference)



OS = Off Site In Person class



## UGA Performing Arts Center: Behind the Scenes

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 16 (Mo)

5:00PM-6:00PM

OS

Hear behind-the-scenes tales about the most distinctive entertainment venue in Athens, and learn what makes Hodgson Concert Hall and Ramsey Concert Hall such superior destinations for all kinds of performances.

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### Mark Mobley

Mark Mobley became director of marketing and communications for the UGA Performing Arts Center after teaching for three years in the Hugh Hodgson School of Music. He is a journalist and producer who worked for NPR in various capacities for over 20 years. He won the Peabody Award as musical head of Performance Today, and the ASCAP/Deems Taylor Award for distinguished music journalism while serving as music critic of the Virginian-Pilot and Ledger-Star newspapers in Norfolk, Virginia.

## Tour of the Georgia Center at UGA

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 17 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:30AM

OS

The UGA Center for Continuing Education & Hotel, situated in the heart of Athens and at the center of campus, is many things. It serves many constituencies in a variety of ways- whether you are hosting/attending a conference, taking a continuing education course, visiting your college kid, enjoying an alumni weekend or sporting event, dining either privately or at our Savannah Room Restaurant, or just stopping by to enjoy a cup of coffee... the Center has you covered. This guided tour provides the chance to get to know us for the first time or perhaps broaden your understanding of what we do. We'll visit hotel rooms, dining spaces, meeting rooms and more!

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### Simon Beckham

Simon Beckham works as a sales associate for the UGA Center for Continuing Education & Hotel in the heart of campus.

## **The Shroud of Turin: The Burial Cloth of Jesus or a Medieval Forgery?**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 17 (Tu)

10:00AM-12:00PM

RC

The image on the Shroud of Turin of a crucified man with wounds matching the biblical description of Jesus's crucifixion is the most studied artifact in history. After hundreds of thousands of hours of study, scientists are unable to say how the image was formed. This class examines the unique characteristics of the Shroud; the scientific efforts to unravel the mystery; the various hypotheses offered to explain the image; and why the answer to the question of how the image was formed is important.

### **Tom Spencer**

Tom Spencer retired after a 30-year sales/marketing career with Ford Motor Company and 12 years with Carrier Transicold. Since retiring, Tom has become the Athens Chapter Director for Reasonable Faith, a Christian Apologetics organization founded by William Lane Craig, one of the world's leading philosophers and theologians.

## **The Discovery of the Structure of Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA), the Molecule of Life**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 17 (Tu)

2:00PM-3:15PM

RC

This class is based on the book, *The Double Helix* (1968) by James Watson that concerns the discovery of DNA's structure in 1953. Watson's book was an immediate best seller and controversial, not least because of his treatment of Rosalind Franklin. We will go through the process whereby Watson and Crick realized their model and how it could be replicated in living things. We will also discuss the Franklin controversy and why she did not receive a Nobel Prize. The book is both a classic and a great read! I recommend two versions: The Norton Critical Edition reprints several reviews of the book when it came out. Note the review by Jacob Bronowski (of *Human Odyssey* fame) who got it right on! The Annotated and Illustrated Edition by Gann and Witkowski (2012) is superb with many annotations and additional photographs that add significantly to the entire, classic tale.

### **Ian Hardin**

Ian Hardin is a retired (from UGA) fiber and polymer chemist. He taught at Auburn and UGA and has been teaching for over 54 years, including current, one-hour freshman seminars at UGA on Scotland. He first read James Watson's book while in grad school and realized that discovery of the DNA structure would change biology forever and that Watson's book would be a classic.

## **The ABC's for Self-Publishing Authors**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 17 (Tu)

2:00PM-3:15PM

RC / Z

Whether a work of fiction or non-fiction, your book's completion is a big milestone. But what is the next step in your publishing journey? Today, many successful authors choose to publish their own stories rather than using a book publisher. For self-publishers, Amazon is currently the most popular option. Is it your best option? If so, how do you go about placing your book on the Amazon platform, and how much time or money is necessary? This class provides a step-by-step guide for copyrighting, obtaining an ISBN, designing a book cover, correct formatting for Amazon publication, and creating an audio version of your book. Instructor Susan Carley is an Amazon author with two fiction works published under the book series The Dollhouse Fae Chronicle. She invested substantial time educating herself about the necessary steps in self publishing.

### **Susan Carley**

Susan is a sociologist and New Orleans native with a love of that city and its rich cultural heritage. She enjoys cooking, history, archaeology, and keeping abreast of sociopolitical trends.

## **Tour Demosthenian Hall: One of UGA's Oldest Buildings**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 18 (We)

10:00AM-11:30AM

OS

The Demosthenian Literary Society is an extemporaneous debate society founded in 1803 at UGA and has been active ever since. In 1824, the Society built Demosthenian Hall, one of the oldest buildings on the campus. It is full of historical books and artifacts, such as the lectern made especially for the Society, and serves as a shining example of well-maintained architecture that has stood the test of its over 200-year lifespan. Demosthenian Historian Ashlyn Earnest will lead a guided tour of the building, sharing its rich history, current activities, and enduring legacy within the university community.

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### **Ashlyn Earnest**

Ashlyn Earnest is a current Master of Historic Preservation student at UGA. She earned her B.A. in History from UGA in 2025. Ashlyn joined the Demosthenian Literary Society in 2022 and has since served in several officer roles, including over a year as the Society's Historian.

## **Gian Lorenzo Bernini: From Renaissance Beauty to Modern Spirituality**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 19 (Th)

10:00AM-1:00PM

RC

This course will consider the career of the sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini (1598-1680) by contrasting his two distinct types of images- extraordinarily beautiful, classically-inspired bodies and ethereal, practically-ineffable spiritual recreations. We easily recognize this opposition when considering his Apollo and Daphne alongside his Saint Teresa. Both are marble, both imitate emotion and motion, both illustrate texts, and yet one depends on concrete, touchable reality for its effect, and the other requires the viewer to recognize the impossibility of what one sees. Bernini, born at the tail end of the Renaissance, becomes by his death a sculptor not of the ideal, but of the divine. This course will trace that development.

### **Shelley Zuraw**

Recently retired from UGA's art history department, Shelley taught medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque art history for 30+ years. Her research focus is Italian Renaissance sculpture of the 15th and 16th centuries. For example, this year she gave a lecture at the Renaissance Society of America on ancient sacrificial vessels on papal tombs in Rome. But whatever you do in this field, Michelangelo is always the first word or the last.

## **Save Money, Reap Benefits at Your Public Library!**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 19 (Th)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC

Based on an article called "7 surprising ways the public library can save you money," we'll look at ways you can save money by using library resources.

### **Trudi Green**

Trudi Green is an experienced library administrator with more than two decades of leadership in public-library services. She currently serves as the Assistant Director for Learning and Engagement at the Athens Regional Library System, where she develops and implements staff training and professional-development initiatives across the region. Previously, she served as Assistant Director for Public Services and Branch Manager. Earlier in her career, she managed information and adult services departments in both Georgia and Florida, leading teams, developing community programs, and advancing access to library resources and technology.



## Sailing Around the World in 80 Minutes on Corroboree

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 19 (Th)

1:00PM-2:30PM

RC

From 2017-2023, Eric Sponberg and Arliss Ryan sailed their 35' sailboat Corroboree around the world. They crossed the Caribbean Sea and the South Pacific, Indian, and South Atlantic Oceans. Their adventures (and misadventures!) both at sea and on land include dodging hurricanes and lightning storms, sailing amidst tropical islands on beautiful days and along dangerous coasts on magical full-moon nights, exploring the Australian Outback and going on African safaris. In all, they sailed 32,000 miles and spent 438 days at sea. This talk is geared to a general audience and is entertaining, educational and upbeat. A Q&A session following the program welcomes every question you might have about sailing around the world and traveling overseas. Eric and Arliss created this program as a way to pay forward the many kindnesses they received from people along their route. Hop aboard and set sail!

### Arliss Ryan

Arliss Ryan is the author of seven novels and the sailing blog "The Old Woman and the Sea." Husband Eric Sponberg, a naval architect, owned and operated Sponberg Yacht Design and designed the couple's circumnavigating sailboat Corroboree. They fell in love at the University of Michigan in 1968, and together they have sailed over 40,000 miles in two voyages. The couple now lives ashore in Alpharetta, GA, and continues to travel far and wide.

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## Tea, Spice & Everything Nice: An Indian Tea Party

Number of Sessions: 1

\$29

Mar 20 (Fr)

12:00PM–2:00PM

RC

You can't step into an Indian home without being offered a cup of chai and a couple of biscuits (cookies). Tea-time in India is more than a break- it is a social ritual of connection and hospitality. In this warm and flavorful class, we will sip some masala chai (tea with spices) and sample an array of sweet and savory tea-time treats that showcase India's diverse regional flavors. Together, we'll roll up our sleeves to make two classic Indian savory snacks, perfect for pairing with your cup of chai. Learn how a simple cup of tea becomes a symbol of hospitality, community, and comfort across India. Whether you're new to Indian food or already a fan, this afternoon of tea, spice, and shared stories will leave you inspired to bring a little tea-time magic to your own table.

### Nupur Kittur

Nupur Kittur has lived in Athens, GA, since 2013 and works as a staff scientist at UGA. She grew up in India and has always loved the diversity and vibrancy of the many cuisines of India. Nupur is an experienced home cook and cooking instructor and has written a food blog for 20 years. She is enthusiastic about bringing people and cultures together over a shared love for good, fresh food.

## Lyndon House Arts Center Tour

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 20 (Fr)

2:00PM–3:00PM

OS

Join us for a guided tour of the Lyndon House Arts Center and experience part of this season's dynamic season of exhibitions. On view will be the 51st Juried Exhibition, showcasing works by artists from Athens-Clarke County and 16 regional counties. Also on view is Creative Tracks, an exhibition in collaboration with the Athen-Clarke County Jail that features artwork created by Creative Tracks classes held once per week in the jail. Visitors will also enjoy featured solo exhibitions by Sebastian Granados, Kate Kaiser, and Jeff Campana. This tour provides an opportunity to explore a range of artistic voices and connect with the vibrant creative community of Athens and the region.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

### Andrea Wellnitz

Andrea Wellnitz is the Director at the Lyndon House Arts Center, where she supports exhibitions, programs, and community engagement. With a background in the arts and a passion for connecting people to creative experiences, she enjoys sharing the rich history and vibrant present of the Lyndon House. Andrea looks forward to welcoming OLLI members and offering insight into this unique cultural space in the heart of Athens.

## Week 8 (Mar 23 - 27)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
<a href="#"><u>Turning your Diary into a Memoir</u></a>	Craig	3	\$32	Mar 23 (Mo) Mar 23 (Mo) Mar 23 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:00AM 10:00AM - 11:00AM 10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>St. Petersburg, the City Built by Peter the Great</u></a>	Hardin	1	\$14	Mar 23 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Social Security, Medicare, Long-Term Care</u></a>	Haines	3	\$32	Mar 24 (Tu) Mar 31 (Tu) Apr 7 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:00AM 10:00AM - 11:00AM 10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>The Ten Commandments of Wealth Planning</u></a>	Weber	1	\$14	Mar 24 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	G / Z
<a href="#"><u>Creating a Mini Hydroponic Growing Unit</u></a>	Steele	1	\$39	Mar 24 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>The Mindfulness Practices of Thich Nhat Hanh</u></a>	Wallach	1	\$14	Mar 24 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Georgia Baseball Stories</u></a>	Bramlett	1	\$14	Mar 25 (We)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	G / Z
<a href="#"><u>The Great American Songbook: Dorothy Fields</u></a>	Kraft, S.	1	\$14	Mar 25 (We)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>From Hello to New Friendships</u></a>	Murphy	1	\$14	Mar 26 (Th)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Estate Planning</u></a>	Haines	1	\$14	Mar 26 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>The Complex Legacy of Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe</u></a>	Kraft, E.	1	\$14	Mar 26 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>JG Beacham Drinking-Water Treatment-Plant Tour</u></a>	Kirkland / Turbok / Sherry	1	\$14	Mar 27 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS
<a href="#"><u>Behind-the-Scenes Tour of Piedmont Athens Regional</u></a>	Cook	1	\$14	Mar 27 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	OS
<a href="#"><u>Let's Play Footsie: Movement &amp; Manual Techniques for Foot/Fascial Health</u></a>	Knighton	1	\$22	Mar 27 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC

## **Turning your Diary into a Memoir**

Number of Sessions: 3

\$32

Mar 23 (Mo), Mar 30 (Mo), Apr 6 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC

This writing course is structured as an Action Class... well, as much action as a writing class can be. The instructor plans to solicit one or two students to serve as project guinea pigs. Guided by the instructor, the class will actively begin the process of turning the selected students' source material into memoirs. Each session will begin by sharing samples- written examples, and potentially a short video or two- from prominent memoirists or other relevant sources. Attendees will share selected portions of their writing for discussion and analysis. Homework will be assigned. The class will then move into the active process of turning the two chosen diaries or journals into memoirs. This process will incorporate advice from the instructor, the authors, and the entire class, thereby providing students with practical pathways toward doing the same with their own source material. There may or may not be lollipops.

### **Bowen Craig**

Bowen Craig has been writing since he could hold a pen with his stubby little child fingers. He co-founded Bilbo Books Publishing in 2006 and has helped local authors with memoirs, novels, children's books, and other genres. He has written for and been fired from many newspapers and magazines, including Lake Oconee Living. His books include Keeping Away from the Joneses and Hitchhiking with Salmon. He works on maintaining his sanity in an insane world - through writing.

## **St. Petersburg, the City Built by Peter the Great**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 23 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

Built on the Neva in a swampland, St. Petersburg gave Russia a link to the west. Created from nothing where the Neva drains into the Baltic Sea, it was named after the czar's patron saint. The city has had four names over the centuries: 1703, Saint Petersburg; 1914, Petrograd; 1924, Leningrad; 1989, Saint Petersburg. Its history is fascinating, and its beauty overwhelming. This will be the story of the city and the presenter's personal experiences with it.

### **Ian Hardin**

Ian Russell Hardin was born in Glasgow, Scotland, of a Scottish Mother (British Land Army) and an American GI from Birmingham, AL. At 18 months old, Ian accompanied his mom to America on the Queen Mary in February, 1946, to rejoin his father in Birmingham. Half of the family still lives in Scotland, and Ian visits every year.

## **Social Security, Medicare, Long -Term Care**

Number of Sessions: 3

\$32

Mar 24 (Tu), Mar 31 (Tu), Apr 7 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC

The Social Security presentation highlights the critical role Social Security plays in retirement planning. Making informed decisions can greatly impact long-term financial security. The Medicare presentation provides a clear overview of Original Medicare, along with an explanation of your rights, available options, and associated costs. The Long-Term Care presentation addresses the importance of planning for future care needs including both medical and non-medical support for individuals with chronic illnesses or disabilities- particularly assistance with everyday tasks, also known as “activities of daily living.”

### **Shantel Haines**

Shantel Haines is the owner of Next Phase Consulting, a financial consulting firm that specializes in educating and supporting clients as they navigate Social Security benefits, Medicare options, long-term care solutions, and retirement and estate planning.

## **The Ten Commandments of Wealth Planning**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 24 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:30AM

G / Z

Topics to be discussed in this class include: Do's and don'ts to improve the likelihood of achieving your lifetime goals; establishing a gameplan; risk; your behavior as it relates to your money; and more. This learning experience will end with the discovery of the one thing that matters most to your wealth planning. The class is offered exclusively to OLLI programs in Georgia.

### **Joshua Weber**

Joshua Weber is an Emory University graduate with 30 years wealth management experience. He obtained Certified Financial Planner designation in 2002 and Chartered Financial Consultant certification in 2006. He became a Certified Investment Management Analyst in 2008, a designation offered through the Executive Program at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. In 2019, he earned the Certified Private Wealth Advisor designation, one of the premier credentials in wealth management, through the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.



## Creating a Mini Hydroponic Growing Unit

Number of Sessions: 1

\$19

Mar 24 (Tu)

2:00PM-3:15PM

RC

Learn the basics of Kratky hydroponics in this hands-on class using small styrofoam coolers. We'll explore how plants grow without soil, set up simple water-based systems, and discuss tips for success. This low-cost, low-maintenance method is perfect for beginners who want to grow fresh greens at home. Cooler and all supplies are provided by the instructor, a professional hydroponic farmer.

### Melissa Steele

Melissa Steele is an artist, designer, teacher and organic farmer. With over 30 years leading her own interior design firm, Steele's work has been featured on television and in national publications. In 2015, she and Michael founded Little Rose Organics, a small hydroponic farm in Georgia. There, she grows lettuce, tomatoes, and herbs for local chefs and clients, blending creativity, sustainability, and community connection in every part of her work.

## The Mindfulness Practices of Thich Nhat Hanh

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 24 (Tu)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

This engaging, experiential class explores the practical, accessible, and ecumenical teachings of Zen Master and peace activist Thich Nhat Hanh. We'll focus on integrating his mindfulness meditations into everyday life, transforming routine activities- from washing dishes to walking- into moments of calm. Discover techniques like mindful breathing and deep relaxation to effectively reduce stress, enhance physical and emotional health, and foster a holistic sense of spiritual and social well-being. An introductory video: <https://youtu.be/DRObW9noiVk>

### Ronald Wallach

Ron Wallach is a long time mindfulness practitioner and teacher. He has introduced the OLLI and Athens community to the little known sport, Pétanque, through OLLI classes and the Pétanque SIG. He also started the Cinema@Cine SIG, a film viewing and discussion group.

## Georgia Baseball Stories

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 25 (We)

10:00AM-11:00AM

G / Z

Learn the fascinating, sometimes strange stories of Georgia's long history with America's pastime. Hear about the early teams, the strange coincidences, and the best players.

*This Class is sponsored by Martha McFerron in memory of Steven McFerron*

### Andrew Bramlett

Andrew Bramlett is a local historian in Kennesaw, Georgia. A student at Kennesaw State University, he is interested in Georgia history, the history of books, and the Progressive Era. More information can be found at his website, [www.ajbramlett.com](http://www.ajbramlett.com).

## The Great American Songbook: Dorothy Fields

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 25 (We)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

Never heard of Dorothy Fields? Maybe you have and you don't know it. Fields was the most successful female songwriter in the golden age of the Great American Songbook. In her career spanning more than four decades, she wrote lyrics for many hit songs including "The Way You Look Tonight," "Pick Yourself Up," "On The Sunny Side Of The Street," and "Big Spender," to name a few. In this class, you will hear some of her hit songs and how she established herself in a world dominated by powerful and ambitious men - including gangsters!

### Susan Kraft

Susan Kraft has worked as a trombonist, pianist and vocalist in the Atlanta area for more than 40 years. She has played for many years in Atlanta area big bands and salsa bands, as well as classical music groups and pit orchestras for musicals. Currently she plays with jazz combos, Orquesta Taboga salsa band, Atlanta Blue Notes big band, and the Callanwolde Concert Band.

## From Hello to New Friendships

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 26 (Th)

10:00AM-12:00PM

RC

Communication is vital to establishing relationships and making friends as we age. You probably know where to meet new people (OLLI classes, for example!) but how do you turn meeting people into friendships? In this light-hearted, two-hour, interactive class, you'll learn how to make the most of your natural communications style to discover new connections.

### Margaret Murphy

Margaret's career includes being a managing principal for a global business transformation consultancy and for a global marketing communications firm. As a certified executive coach, Margaret has worked with dozens of companies and executives, focusing on communications and change. Today, she has dialed way back, gotten to know her dog better, and loves life in Athens.

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## **Estate Planning**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 26 (Th)

10:00AM–11:00AM

RC

This estate planning presentation teaches attendees how to effectively prepare for the management and distribution of their assets in the event of death or incapacitation. The session covers essential legal documents—such as wills, trusts, and powers of attorney—that communicate your wishes regarding property, dependents, and healthcare decisions. Participants will also learn how to build a comprehensive estate plan that helps preserve wealth for future generations while minimizing potential tax burdens. A good estate plan starts with you—your life, family, financials, and goals.

### **Shantel Haines**

Shantel Haines is the owner of Next Phase Consulting, a financial consulting firm that specializes in educating and supporting clients as they navigate Social Security benefits, Medicare options, long-term care solutions, and retirement and estate planning.

## **The Complex Legacy of Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 26 (Th)

2:00PM–3:15PM

RC

Daniel Defoe's 1719 novel was an immediate hit and continues to intrigue us three hundred years later. The book provided Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels talking points for economic theory; it served as inspiration for the enslaved Harriet Jacobs and for Holocaust survivor Imre Kertesz; and it spawned many "sequels," from Defoe's own Farther Adventures of Robinson Crusoe to the television show Gilligan's Island and the Tom Hanks film Cast Away. The myth of Crusoe has also received strong post-colonial critique in light of the relationship between the title character and "his man Friday." Some find it a harmful book in this regard and have called for its boycott. In this class we will consider the various aspects that make the tale one of the most enduring and problematic narratives in the English language.

### **Elizabeth Kraft**

Elizabeth Kraft is Professor Emerita of English from the University of Georgia where she taught from 1987 to 2020. Her field of specialization is Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature, with side interests in classic Hollywood films and in the works of Leonard Cohen.

## JG Beacham Drinking-Water Treatment-Plant Tour

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 27 (Fr)

10:00AM-11:00AM

OS

Athens' JG Beacham Drinking Water Treatment Plant transforms raw water into clean, great-tasting drinking water, then conveniently delivers it to taps at homes and businesses. This is the only drinking water treatment plant in Athens-Clarke County and provides approximately 14 million gallons to the city daily through a span of 800 miles of pipes. Raw water is sourced from the North Oconee River, Middle Oconee River, and Bear Creek Reservoir. During this tour, you will learn how raw water is processed and how the facilities are maintained by our operators.

Please wear close toed shows and dress accordingly as this is an outdoor walking tour. In the event of rain we can reschedule. The tour will be approximately 1 hour. Please see receipt note for address/additioal details.

### Katie Kirkland

Katie is the Program Education Specialist, and her primary focus is on PreK-12 education. An average week for Katie will likely consist of classroom visits, educating others about ways to conserve water, or leading tours of our facilities.

### Andra Turbok

Andra Turbok is the Graduate Assistant with the Water Conservation Office. She assists with and coordinates classroom visits, facility tours, or other educational visits. While working in the office, she is pursuing her Master's Degree in Natural Resources, with a focus on Environmental Education, at the UGA Warnell School of Forestry.

### Jackie Sherry

Jackie Sherry is the Program Coordinator for the Water Conservation Office. Her primary focus is on adult education, which includes workshops and creating various reports on water quality. She also partners with local businesses and organizations that want to promote the practice of being water smart.

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## **Behind-the-Scenes Tour of Piedmont Athens Regional**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 27 (Fr)

2:00PM–3:15PM

OS

OLLI members will take a behind-the-scenes tour of nationally acclaimed trauma center, NICU, and regional hospital, Piedmont Athens Regional (PAR). Most patients and visitors rarely see many of the amazing things that happen here. Participants will get a look in our award-winning Trauma and Center Emergency Department. Additionally, we'll meet our tiniest patients, some real heroes, in the Level 3 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). As the second largest employer and the largest hospital in our region, we want you to meet some of our stellar staff.

Please see receipt note for address and/or parking details.

### **Elaine Cook**

Elaine Cook will be your host, but you will meet members of our stellar clinical staff at each stop on the tour. Elaine is currently the Director of Major Gifts at Piedmont Athens Regional. During her tenure at the hospital, she has worked in marketing, public relations, community relations, and philanthropy. Elaine has a long history of community service working with organizations such as the Athens–Area Chamber of Commerce, LEAD Athens, the United Way of Northeast Georgia, the Athens Rotary Club, the American Heart Association, the Athens–Clarke Career Academy, and the Athens Symphony.

## **Let's Play Footsie: Movement & Manual Techniques for Foot/Fascial Health**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$22

Mar 27 (Fr)

2:00PM–3:15PM

RC

A hands-on movement and manual techniques class with a short lecture. Lisa will show you how to flirt with your feet! Performed often and over time, the simple but profound movements and techniques you'll learn may improve not only the health of your feet but also the entire line of fascia that extends from the foot upward and over your head. In the class, plan to remove your shoes and work directly with the fascia of your feet. During the short lecture, we'll talk about walking and the foot's role in motion, trends in barefoot movement and wearing minimalist shoes, and how a greater connection to your feet may improve your balance.

### **Lisa Knighton**

Lisa Knighton, a Board-Certified Structural Integration Practitioner and ACE-Certified Personal Trainer, aims to disrupt the way you age. She believes a healthy, physically fit body is within everyone's reach, regardless of current health.



## Week 9 (Mar 30 - Apr 3)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
<a href="#"><u>iPhone Photography 101</u></a>	Whiting	1	\$14	Mar 30 (Mo)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Tour of Tweed Recording Audio-Production School</u></a>	Ratcliffe	1	\$14	Mar 31 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS
<a href="#"><u>Imaging George Washington: America's Cincinnatus</u></a>	Simon	1	\$40	Mar 31 (Tu)	11:30AM - 1:30PM	TC
<a href="#"><u>Body Disposition: So Many Choices</u></a>	Skeele	1	\$14	Mar 31 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC / Z
<a href="#"><u>Why Did Your Mother Tell You to Eat Carrots?</u></a>	Armitage	1	\$14	Apr 1 (We)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Pioneering Aviator: The Life of Admiral John Towers of Rome, GA</u></a>	Bramlett	1	\$14	Apr 3 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Living in Love: The Hidden Blueprint for the Good Life</u></a>	Scurry	2	\$23	Apr 3 (Fr) Apr 10 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC

### iPhone Photography 101

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 30 (Mo)

10:00AM-12:00PM

RC

Frustrated with the non-intuitive controls of your iPhone? Wonder how the kids do this stuff? This class is for iPhone users of all levels who want to better understand this tool and create the best photos possible. Chock full of shooting tips and editing techniques that will help you create more vibrant, interesting, and meaningful photographs regardless of subject or conditions. Students will learn and practice in the classroom for hands-on experience.

### Gary Whiting

Gary Whiting is a freelance photographer, naturalist, kayaker, and British car enthusiast. His photography vision is to capture uncommon moments that create unique works of art. Gary currently hosts the Picture This photography and Splashdown kayaking SIGs. When not paddling or taking photos, he can be found exploring twisty roads in a vintage Mini Cooper. His award-winning presentations have been enjoyed by OLLI members, photography clubs, Audubon societies, and conservation organizations throughout Georgia and Florida.

## Tour of Tweed Recording Audio-Production School

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 31 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:00AM

OS

In the heart of downtown Athens, Tweed Recording stands as a beacon for aspiring audio professionals. Our facility is packed with spaces for students to learn, equipment to get their hands on and use, and programs that will immerse students in the world of audio production. Our five studios contain one of the best collections of contemporary and vintage gear in the world. Beyond technical skills, we emphasize the importance of understanding the music business, teaching students how to monetize their creations and navigate the industry's complexities. At Tweed, students forge meaningful connections within the music community, laying the foundation for a sustainable and fulfilling career in audio production.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

### Andrew Ratcliffe

As a drummer, teacher, and founder of Tweed Recording, Andrew Ratcliffe has engineered and produced hundreds of recordings over his 23-year career, including Jars of Clay, Jimbo Mathus, Will Hoge, Pokey LaFarge, American Aquarium and Cedric Burnside, among others. Andrew is passionate about teaching the next generation of audio professionals how to expertly capture sound and imbue his students with the values and professionalism necessary to the calling of music production. Visit <https://tweedrecording.com/staff/andrew-ratcliffe/>

## Catalog Legend: Color Guide



RC = In Person only class at River's Crossing



RC / Z = In Person and Online Class (register by your attendance preference)



Z = Online only class via Zoom



G = In Person only class at UGA Gwinnett



G / Z = In Person and Online Class (register by your attendance preference)



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## Imaging George Washington: America's Cincinnatus

Number of Sessions: 1

\$40

Mar 31 (Tu)

11:30AM-1:30PM

TC

Hundreds of President George Washington's (1732-1799) likenesses were produced in paint, marble, engravings, and decorative arts during and after his lifetime, more than any other president of the 18th and 19th centuries. Images of Washington were not just portraits but testaments to his heroic virtues, especially the concept of him as America's Cincinnatus. Like that Roman statesman and military leader, Washington willingly relinquished military and presidential powers to return to his farm at Mount Vernon. We will analyze how portraits and images of Washington by Charles Willson Peale, Gilbert Stuart, Jean-Antoine Houdon and others emphasized his virtues and greatness as the leader of the Continental Army and the nation's first president. We will see, too, how he was turned into a deity after death.

### Janice Simon

Dr. Janice Simon is Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor Emerita of the University of Georgia, where she taught art history for 35 years. A specialist in American art and culture, she taught a range of courses in American and modern art.

## Body Disposition: So Many Choices

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 31 (Tu)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC / Z

Funerals today have come a long way since our grandparents' time, when the only option was direct burial into the church cemetery or family graveyard. While many of us have some experience of a loved one being buried or cremated, we now have more choices for body disposition than just burial- options that are more environmentally friendly. And nothing is more environmentally friendly than a green burial. Michele Skeelee will help participants discover the options for body disposition currently in practice, and some that are still up and coming, to help with the very important task of planning ahead for our deaths. Planning for the inevitable is a tremendous gift to our families and communities.

*This class is sponsored by Nick Dale*

### Michele Skeelee

Michele Skeelee has been involved with end-of-life care for over 20 years. She is a Home Funeral Guide with the Center for End-of-Life Transitions (CEOLT) in Asheville, helping families navigate after-death arrangements. In 2017 she completed End of Life Doula training through the University of Vermont College of Medicine. Michele recently retired from Carolina Memorial Sanctuary, assisting families with green burials at the Mills River conservation cemetery. A life-long musician, Michele was certified as a therapeutic musician in 2004 and sings with the Threshold Choir at the bedside of hospice patients. Michele has spoken at OLLI programs at UNC-A and UNC-W as well as UU congregations in NC and MA.

## Why Did Your Mother Tell You to Eat Carrots?

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 1 (We)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC

Dr. Armitage will educate and entertain with his Tales From The Garden. Was there really someone called Joe Pye? Of all the flowers in the world, why is the poppy the flower of remembrance? What do bachelor's buttons have to do with bachelors, and why is a dogwood called a dogwood? It has nothing to do with dogs. Enjoy the stories behind the common names of plants we know. Smile and learn.

### Allan Armitage

Professor Emeritus of Horticulture, Armitage has written 17 books that serve as classroom texts, reference books, and gardeners' companions. His reference book *Herbaceous Perennial Plants*, now in its 4th edition, was recognized as one of the best 75 books in the last 75 years. One of his most recent books, *Of Naked Ladies and Forget-me-Nots*, which tells the stories behind plant names, is also a best seller. His App, Armitage's Great Garden Plants, serves industry and consumers.

## Pioneering Aviator: The Life of Admiral John Towers of Rome, GA

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 3 (Fr)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

Learn about Admiral John Towers, the pioneering naval aviator from Rome, GA. Towers commanded the first transatlantic flight in 1919, and is probably best remembered for his attack on Pearl Harbor in the war games in February of 1932. Come learn about this fascinating man and his accomplishments.

### Andrew Bramlett

Andrew Bramlett is a local historian in Kennesaw, Georgia. A student at Kennesaw State University, he is interested in Georgia history, the history of books, and the Progressive Era. More information can be found at his website, [www.ajbramlett.com](http://www.ajbramlett.com).

## **Living in Love: The Hidden Blueprint for the Good Life**

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

Apr 3 (Fr), Apr 10 (Fr)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

This course explores one profound idea: that love is the foundation of everything we seek- happiness, success, meaning, and fulfillment. Whether our goals are personal or professional, emotional or material, love is the key that unlocks them. Through philosophy, psychological research, and real-world stories from Mason Scurry's work as a love researcher, we'll examine how love functions not only as a feeling, but also as a way of living and leading- a mindset that shapes how we see ourselves, others, and the world. Students will explore how living in and with love can transform relationships, expand creativity, build wealth, and deepen inner peace. This is not a sentimental study, but a rigorous inquiry into the most powerful force in human life- and how understanding it can change everything.

### **Mason Scurry**

Mason Scurry is an entrepreneur, speaker, coach and mentor. He's been a non-profit founder and executive who has started five businesses and sold his first when he was 18. Now, Mason is an Adjunct Lecturer at Brown University and is focused on his startup, Wayfinder, a youth mentorship program. Mason is also a love researcher, something that is infused with everything he does.



## Week 10 (Apr 6 – 10)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
<a href="#"><u>Declining Fertility Rates: Where, Why, and So What</u></a>	Farnsworth	2	\$23	Apr 6 (Mo) Apr 13 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:15AM 10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Ursula le Guin's Fiction I - Fantasy</u></a>	Gatrell	4	\$42	Apr 7 (Tu) Apr 14 (Tu) Apr 21 (Tu) Apr 28 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Saving Georgia's Story: How the Georgia Trust Preserves Our Heritage</u></a>	Reap	1	\$14	Apr 8 (We)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC / Z
<a href="#"><u>Medicare Deep Dive</u></a>	Haines	1	\$14	Apr 8 (We)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>A Necklace of Weasel Testicles: Birth Control in Medieval Europe</u></a>	McMurry	1	\$14	Apr 8 (We)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>A Visit to Athens Land Trust's Williams Farm</u></a>	Stangle	1	\$14	Apr 9 (Th)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	OS
<a href="#"><u>Classic Home Front: Athens and UGA in the World Wars</u></a>	Brown B. / Brown S.	1	\$14	Apr 9 (Th)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>The Guys Behind The Guys Discussing The Silicon Valley Tech Money Behind Our Government</u></a>	Brown J.	1	\$14	Apr 9 (Th)	2:00PM - 4:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Screen Time: Film Production in Athens-Clarke County</u></a>	Montgomery	1	\$14	Apr 10 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC

### Declining Fertility Rates: Where, Why, and So What

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

Apr 6 (Mo), Apr 13 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

Fertility rates have been declining in the U.S. and abroad for several decades- from the post-war Baby Boom to an unprecedented fertility low. The depth of the current decline is greater than demographers had anticipated, and if it continues, will force changes in important societal institutions like retirement funding. This class will address first, the current dimensions of the decline in fertility and likely causes (there are many), and second, the record of policy successes and failures. During the course of the discussion, the class will consider what should be the goals for policies regarding fertility.

### Martha Farnsworth

Martha Farnsworth served as Director of the U.S. Census Bureau between 1994 and 1998. Since then, she has consulted, written, and lectured on demographic changes and their effects on policies, programs, and products. A fellow of the American Statistical Association, she is affiliated with the University of Georgia's School of Public and International Affairs.

## Ursula le Guin's Fiction I - Fantasy

Number of Sessions: 4

\$42

Apr 7 (Tu), Apr 14 (Tu), Apr 21 (Tu), Apr 28 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

Welcome to the world of Ursula le Guin- one of the greatest writers of science and fantasy fiction. Each of this class's four sessions will cover an aspect of le Guin's writing. To provide a focus for the wide-ranging scope of her novels and stories, the instructor will spend some time on one work in each of four general categories. In this 4 session class, you will cover: Session 1- Introduction and Earthsea I The first trilogy: A Wizard of Earthsea, The Tombs of Atuan and The Farthest Shore, Session 2 - Earthsea II The second trilogy: Tehanu, Tales from Earthsea and The Other Wind; Session 3 - The trilogy Annals of the Western Shore: Gifts, Voices and Powers; Session 4 - Other novels and stories

### Simon Gatrell

Simon Gatrell is professor emeritus of English at UGA. He reached Athens by way of Oxford, South Africa, and Northern Ireland. His broad academic specialisations are in nineteenth- and twentieth-century British and Irish literature. More particularly, the large majority of his time has been spent with the poetry and novels of Thomas Hardy, but Jane Austen's work has been a lifelong passion.

## Saving Georgia's Story: How the Georgia Trust Preserves Our Heritage

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 8 (We)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC / Z

Discover how the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation protects the places that make Georgia unique- from grand antebellum estates to humble rural schoolhouses, and from endangered landmarks to entire historic neighborhoods. We'll go behind the scenes of the Georgia Trust's vital work. Learn about flagship programs including the Places in Peril list; the Revolving Fund that saves buildings through strategic acquisition and rehabilitation; and advocacy efforts. You'll hear success stories of rescued landmarks across the state and discover how preservation drives economic development, strengthens communities, and connects us to our shared heritage. We'll explore the Trust's educational programs, preservation easements, and hands-on restoration workshops. Special focus: Spring Ramble in Marietta; I'll preview this April event where you can explore historic homes, gardens, and sites normally closed to the public.

### James Reap

James K. Reap is an attorney who specializes in heritage conservation and is also a Professor Emeritus of Historic Preservation Program at UGA. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation and a past president of the Athens-Clark Heritage Foundation and the Athens Historical Society. Reap has served on preservation commissions in Athens, Decatur, and DeKalb County and is a founding member of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. He has held a number of positions in the International Council on Monuments and Sites and was appointed by President Obama to the State Department's Cultural Property Advisory Committee.

## Medicare Deep Dive

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 8 (We)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC

This Medicare Deep Dive session explores essential components of the program, including: Original Medicare, the government-run plan that includes Part A, Part B, and optional Part D; Medicare Advantage (Part C); Medigap (Medicare Supplement Insurance); Enrollment Periods, including the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP); and Costs, the out-of-pocket expenses such as premiums, deductibles, and prescription drug costs.

## Shantel Haines

Shantel Haines is the owner of Next Phase Consulting, a financial consulting firm that specializes in educating and supporting clients as they navigate Social Security benefits, Medicare options, long-term care solutions, and retirement and estate planning.

## A Necklace of Weasel Testicles: Birth Control in Medieval Europe

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 8 (We)

2:00PM-3:15PM

RC

Does birth control and Middle Ages sound like a major mismatch to you? Didn't medieval parents desire large families, and didn't they lack any practical means to limit births? Wasn't the medieval church strongly opposed to anything resembling birth control? In this class we'll examine the reasons why people in the medieval era might have wanted to control their fertility and how they went about doing so.

## Nan McMurry

Nan McMurry is retired from the UGA Libraries and also taught history of medicine classes for the UGA History Department for many years. She has a PhD in history from Duke University with a specialty in the history of medicine.

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## **A Visit to Athens Land Trust's Williams Farm**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 9 (Th)

10:00AM-12:00PM

OS

Athens Land Trust (ALT) has a five-acre farm right in the heart of town! Come for a tour of the farm and see what's growing there. The farm is a model for organic food production in an urban setting and provides employment for under-served youth. The farm manager and youth assistants will show us around and answer questions. Learn how ALT promotes responsible and equitable land use in Athens-Clarke County through its programs and activities.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

### **Nancy Stangle**

Nancy Stangle is a co-founder of Athens Land Trust (ALT), a local nonprofit organization that conserves land, provides permanently affordable housing, and promotes community agriculture, youth development, and entrepreneurship. ALT is one of the only land trusts in the U.S. that addresses all these areas. She is a former high school teacher, middle school counselor, and international student advisor who learned about sustainable land use while working with her neighbors to establish their own neighborhood.

## **Classic Home Front: Athens and UGA in the World Wars**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 9 (Th)

10:00AM-12:00PM

RC

Stories and rare local graphics illustrate a slide presentation reviewing the impact on and contributions of Athens-Clarke and UGA when life was disrupted by the two huge and inescapable world wars of the 20th century. A presentation offered for the anniversary of VE Day in 2015 and the Armistice in 2018 are combined.

### **Beth Brown**

A native of Georgia, Beth Brown holds degrees from Columbia College and the University of South Carolina. Retiring from a career as the librarian in a number of public schools from elementary to high school, she moved to Athens in 2006, working as an archivist in the Heritage Room of the Athens Clarke Public Library. Marrying Steven in 2019, they lecture, write, and conduct tours as "Athens Magic Lantern."

### **Steven Brown**

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Steven Brown joined the University of Georgia Libraries Faculty in 1979. In 2000 he was called to the Hargrett Library to direct the University's archives and records management program. Retiring as University Archivist Emeritus in 2008, he continued part-time at Hargrett until 2019, specializing in local and university history. Marrying Beth in 2019, together they write, speak, and conduct tours on local history for various groups.

## **The Guys Behind The Guys Discussing The Silicon Valley Tech Money Behind Our Government**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 9 (Th)

2:00PM-4:00PM

RC

2026 is an election year. What are we facing as everyday citizens? The first hour of this class will involve listening to host Gil Duran's podcast "The Nerdreich" and the second hour discussing what was covered in the podcasts concerning if or how "big tech" money is affecting our everyday lives. We will discuss the movers and shakers in big tech along with issues such as artificial intelligence and cryptocurrency and their potential affects on our lives and economy. Attendees will be provided other sources they can use to gain knowledge on billionaire tech money and how it affects society.

### **John Brown**

John Brown was a former delegate candidate in the 2020 Presidential election; a former registered lobbyist in the state of Alabama; and is currently founder and president of Heart of Dixie Obligation PAC, a political-action committee supporting statewide candidates in Alabama and federal candidates nationwide. He has a minor degree in history and has taught OLLI courses at the University of Alabama and at UGA.

## **Screen Time: Film Production in Athens-Clarke County**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 10 (Fr)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC

Join the Athens Film Office to learn more about the history and process of filming TV and movie projects in Georgia and the Athens area. During this session, we'll explore the role of state and local film offices in helping the production process; film-related resources in Athens and the state; educational and workforce development opportunities in film; Georgia's status in the film industry; notable productions that have filmed in the Athens area; current challenges within the film industry; and ways that you can list your property or services as a local film resource.

### **Jeff Montgomery**

Jeff Montgomery moved to Athens in 1995 after graduating from Furman University. He joined ACCGov's Public Information Office, now Communications Department, in 1998 and has led it since 2013. Serving as the state-designated local film liaison since 2011, he launched the Athens Film Office in 2023. Along with assisting film-related projects of all sizes, Montgomery coordinated the effort that led to the Sundance Film Festival's considering Athens as its new home from among 15 U.S. communities.



## Week 11 (Apr 13-17)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
<a href="#"><u>Can I Hear You Now? Hearing Loss Issues and Assistive Devices</u></a>	Penning	1	\$14	Apr 13 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>We Let the Dawgs Out: Art in Athens Backyard!</u></a>	Ford	1	\$14	Apr 14 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>10 Rolling Stones Songs and the Stories Behind Them</u></a>	Summerlin	1	\$14	Apr 14 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Salutary Precautions: Public Health During the Plague Years</u></a>	McMurry	1	\$14	Apr 15 (We)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Dump the Myths and Misinformation Surrounding Landfills: A Tour</u></a>	Janssen/ Sawyer	1	\$14	Apr 16 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS
<a href="#"><u>The Power of Knowing: How Consumer Insights Drive Brand Success</u></a>	Bacon	1	\$14	Apr 16 (Th)	12:00PM - 1:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>The Sketchbook: Washington Irving in the Historic (Haunted) Hudson Valley</u></a>	Schuyler Ford	1	\$14	Apr 17 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	G

### Can I Hear You Now? Hearing Loss Issues and Assistive Devices

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 13 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

Hearing loss affects everyone and is considered a disability according to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Hearing loss impacts our ability to understand speech and can lead to isolation, depression and even dementia. In this class, assistive listening devices will be described in detail. We will discuss the issues facing people with hearing loss and ways in which we can advocate for effective solutions in our lives.

### Tim Penning

Tim worked in radiology for various hospitals from 1978 until 1993. After 23 years, he retired from Athens Regional Medical Center as Chief Information Officer/VP in 2011. He also worked as Senior Project Manager at St. Mary's Hospital for seven years. Tim is a co-teacher in the UGA Health Informatics graduate course.

## **We Let the Dawgs Out: Art in Athens Backyard!**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 14 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

Athens has one of the most vibrant and unique downtowns in the Southeast. It is continually reinventing itself through public art to become a creative center that has a huge impact on our community. Downtown's outdoor museum includes the iconic "We Let the Dawgs Out" Bulldawgs; Project Ginkgo lamp post mosaics; murals; and Harold Rittenberry's metal sculptures that tell a story. You'll learn where the ideas for Athens' unique public art come from, how it is funded, and who the artists are. Downtown Athens is truly a work of art.

### **Linda Ford**

Linda has been co-director of the Athens Downtown Development Authority since 2018. She works with business and property owners to maintain an economically vibrant Central Business District. Linda has a B.S. and M.S. in chemistry from UGA. She owned Jingles, a gift shop in Five Points, for over 20 years and served as Athens-Clarke County Commissioner from 1999 until 2002. Linda loves public art and was co-chair of the "We Let the Dawgs Out" project.

## **10 Rolling Stones Songs and the Stories Behind Them**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 14 (Tu)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

The Rolling Stones took the world by storm during the British Invasion of the 1960s and are considered one of the greatest rock bands of all time. Their songs have been part of the soundtrack of your life, but do you know the stories behind them? Donnie Summerlin will count down 10 essential Rolling Stones songs and share the history behind the recordings. The session will be enhanced by music clips, videos, and photographs that give life to these entertaining stories.

### **Donnie Summerlin**

Donnie Summerlin is the Digital Projects Archivist at the Digital Library of Georgia, where he manages the ongoing effort to digitize Georgia's historical newspapers. He earned a BA in history from UGA, an MA in history from Georgia College State University, and an MLIS from Valdosta State University. His writing credits include articles published in Georgia Backroads Magazine, Screen Rant, and Georgia Historical Quarterly.

## Salutary Precautions: Public Health During the Plague Years

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 15 (We)

2:00PM–3:15PM

RC

Given that medieval people lacked a germ theory to explain the spread of plague and had no effective treatments for it, we may be tempted to see them as helpless victims reduced to waiting for God to claim or spare their lives. In fact, the medieval plague years witnessed the development of many public health measures still in use today. We'll explore the extensive strategies created to prevent or at least mitigate the damage brought by plague epidemics.

### Nan McMurry

Nan McMurry is retired from the UGA Libraries and also taught history of medicine classes for the UGA History Department for many years. She has a PhD in history from Duke University with a specialty in the history of medicine.

## Dump the Myths and Misinformation Surrounding Landfills: A Tour

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 16 (Th)

10:00AM–11:00AM

OS

Think you know what happens after the garbage truck leaves your curb? Think again! Join us for an eye-opening journey to uncover the truth about modern landfill operations. The “Dump the Myths Tour” will separate fact from fiction as we explore how today’s modern, engineered landfills protect the environment, recover resources, and manage waste responsibly. Participants will get a behind-the-scenes look at landfill design, daily operations, environmental monitoring systems, and long-term site management. We’ll tackle common myths like “landfills are dumps” and “landfills are just giant holes in the ground,” and reveal the science, technology, and teamwork that make these facilities essential to sustainable waste management.

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### Suki Janssen

Suki Janssen is Director of the ACC Solid Waste Department and has been with ACC for nearly eighteen years. Her largest accomplishment to date in ACC was bringing a Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM) to Georgia. Prior to her position in ACC, she was a Program Coordinator for the Keep Georgia Beautiful program. She is a certified middle grades teacher, having taught 7th- and 8th-grade science in Cobb County, Georgia for five years.

### Abbie Sawyer

Abbie Sawyer is the Compost Education Specialist for the Athens–Clarke County Solid Waste Department. She works with community members and stakeholders to promote organic-waste reduction action and education.

## **The Power of Knowing: How Consumer Insights Drive Brand Success**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 16 (Th)

12:00PM–1:00PM

RC

Behind every successful brand is a sharp understanding of the consumers it serves. This session explores how insights reveal hidden motivations, guide smarter strategies, and inspire innovation that resonates. From uncovering unmet needs to building loyalty, we'll examine how leading brands transform data into clarity, and clarity into growth. Discover how the power of knowing turns information into impact and drives sustainable brand success. Examples provided from Zaxby's, Buffalo Wild Wings, and Dunkin Donuts.

### **Tatyana Bacon**

Tatyana Bacon is an accomplished consumer insights professional with an extensive background in market research across a multitude of industries. Currently, as Head of Consumer Insights at Zaxbys, she has implemented a comprehensive process around consumer insights and testing, providing guidance in navigating the product development landscape.

## **The Sketchbook: Washington Irving in the Historic (Haunted) Hudson Valley**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 17 (Fr)

10:00AM–11:30AM

G

Journey up the Hudson River to explore the world that inspired Washington Irving, "America's author."; This riveting 90-minute presentation by Master Storyteller Linda Schuyler Ford combines lecture, stunning visuals, and performance. Uncover the influences that shaped Irving, celebrate his unsung service to our country, explore Hudson River School art, and experience a hypnotic dive into The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.

### **Linda Schuyler Ford**

Linda Schuyler Ford is a Master Storyteller inspired by the enchanting folktales and landscape of Sleepy Hollow, NY. Her vibrant repertoire spans Hudson Valley tales, inspiring women's narratives, and personal stories. As a former Sleepy Hollow Cemetery researcher/docent, she's been dubbed "The Maven of Hudson Valley's Gilded Age." Linda also uses the healing power of narrative to support caregivers. Her talks always brim with magic and heart.

# Week 12 (Apr 20 - 24)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
<a href="#">Understanding and Using Land Records for Family Historians</a>	Carter	1	\$14	Apr 20 (Mo)	9:30AM - 12:30PM	RC / Z
<a href="#">Touring and Hiking Shoal Creek Sanctuary</a>	Pickering	1	\$14	Apr 20 (Mo)	1:30PM - 4:00PM	OS
<a href="#">Going to Heaven: Copland's Settings of Dickinson's Poems</a>	Kelly	1	\$14	Apr 20 (Mo)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
<a href="#">Theologians Under Hitler: Faith, Ideology, and the Seduction of Power</a>	Buchanan	5	\$51	Apr 20 (Mo) Apr 27 (Mo) May 4 (Mo) May 11 (Mo) May 18 (Mo)	2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM	RC
<a href="#">Fighting Healthcare Fraud with the Senior Medicare Patrol Program</a>	Coflin	1	\$14	Apr 21 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC / Z
<a href="#">Volcanoes: Why Do They Matter in Our Life?</a>	Pistone	1	\$40	Apr 21 (Tu)	11:30AM - 1:30PM	TC
<a href="#">Espionage: The Second Oldest Profession</a>	Mills	1	\$14	Apr 22 (We)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
<a href="#">Touring and Hiking Shoal Creek Sanctuary</a>	Pickering	1	\$14	Apr 22 (We)	1:30PM - 4:00PM	OS
<a href="#">OLLI Cares &amp; Connects: Local Non-Profit Leaders Share Their Mission and Community Impact</a>	Multiple	1	\$14	Apr 22 (We)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
<a href="#">Georgia's Historical Recipes</a>	Frey	1	\$14	Apr 23 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC / Z
<a href="#">Partisan Gerrymandering: What is It and What Can we do About It?</a>	Ringhand	1	\$14	Apr 23 (Th)	12:00PM - 1:30PM	RC
<a href="#">Stop the Bleed &amp; Hands-Only CPR</a>	Calkin	1	\$14	Apr 23 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	RC
<a href="#">Cheese from Around the World</a>	Hammond	1	\$14	Apr 23 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	RC
<a href="#">Common Sense Gardening - Walkabout with Dr A - A</a>	Armitage	1	\$14	Apr 24 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS
<a href="#">Common Sense Gardening - Walkabout with Dr A - B</a>	Armitage	1	\$14	Apr 24 (Fr)	12:00PM - 1:00PM	OS
<a href="#">Touring and Hiking Shoal Creek Sanctuary</a>	Pickering	1	\$14	Apr 24 (Fr)	1:30PM - 4:00PM	OS
<a href="#">Inequality: How Bad Is It?</a>	Everett	2	\$23	Apr 24 (Fr) May 1 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:15PM 2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC / Z
<a href="#">Great Trees, Shrubs and Perennials for Southern Garden: A Garden Tour</a>	Dirr	1	\$14	Apr 25 (Sa)	2:00PM - 4:00PM	OS



## Understanding and Using Land Records for Family Historians

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 20 (Mo)

9:30AM-12:30PM

RC / Z

Land records are treasure troves for family historians. Whenever a country claims new territory, it must decide how to divide and distribute that land- creating a detailed paper trail that often stretches back centuries. Because land ownership is so vital, these records are among the first to be re-recorded after disasters like fires, floods, or earthquakes. Yet, the unfamiliar language- terms such as dower, escheatment, and warrant- can make these documents seem intimidating. As a result, many researchers either overlook them or miss the rich clues they contain. Learning to interpret land records correctly can open powerful new pathways for solving family-history puzzles.

### Laura Carter

Laura W. Carter connects people with knowledge, sharing the power of libraries and discovery.

## Touring and Hiking Shoal Creek Sanctuary

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 20 (Mo)

1:30PM-4:00PM

OS

Join creator and visionary Dr. John Pickering on a moderately-strenuous two- to three- hour hike around Shoal Creek Sanctuary, 247 acres of land under a conservation easement on the east side of Athens. The sanctuary's mission is to improve biodiversity and serve as a practical model for pesticide-free, community-driven conservation. Dr. Pickering will guide attendees through his various projects and progress on the sanctuary and share his vision for this land and beyond. During the tour, Dr. Pickering will: (1) show upland, slope, aquatic, and floodplain habitats; (2) discuss land use history since colonial times, and (3) describe how we are removing invasive species, controlling deer, and restoring native species. Wear sturdy shoes/boots and come rain or shine (there will be a make-up day for severe weather). Visit [shoalcreeksanctuary.org](http://shoalcreeksanctuary.org).

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### John Pickering

Dr. John Pickering was on UGA's faculty of Ecology and Entomology for 32 years. Since retiring, he has built Shoal Creek Sanctuary on the east side of Clarke County, managing its 247 acres in a permanent conservation easement with the Oconee River Land Trust. With the help of hundreds of volunteers, the sanctuary is a showcase of how to study and restore nature without the use of poisonous chemicals.

## Going to Heaven: Copland's Settings of Dickinson's Poems

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 20 (Mo)

2:00PM-3:15PM

RC

Here we encounter two seminal figures in American arts: Composer Aaron Copland and poet Emily Dickinson. Copland's settings of Dickinson's poems is a landmark in the vocal repertory of American music. We will be looking at a selection of these, discussing the poems and then their musical settings, to discover what makes them so expressive. A basic ability to read music would be helpful but certainly not required.

### Kevin Kelly

Dr. Kevin Kelly retired from the Music Library at the UGA Hodgson School of Music, where he taught music theory and history of American music. He is currently director of music at Friendship Presbyterian Church, the Athens Chamber Singers, and the Athens Recorder Ensemble.

## Theologians Under Hitler: Faith, Ideology, and the Seduction of Power

Apr (Mo)

Number of Sessions: 5

\$51

Apr 20 (Mo), Apr 27 (Mo), May 4 (Mo), May 11 (Mo), May 18 (Mo)

2:00PM-3:30PM

RC

Many have heard of church leaders who resisted the Nazi regime- names such as Bonhoeffer and Niemöller still inspire. But what of those who did not resist? How could so much of the German church, steeped in a rich Christian tradition and a deep intellectual culture, come to embrace Hitler's vision? Drawing on Robert P. Ericksen's *Theologians Under Hitler*, this five-week series examines how the Deutsche Christen ("German Christian") movement and eminent theologians such as Gerhard Kittel, Paul Althaus, and Emanuel Hirsch bent Christian faith to serve Nazi ideology. Through presentation and discussion, we'll consider how faith became an instrument of nationalism and hatred, and the sobering lessons this history still holds.

### Tom Buchanan

Rev. Tom Buchanan is Pastor and Head of Staff at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Athens. A veteran OLLI presenter, Tom's teaching interests span the background and interpretation of Biblical literature, historical and constructive theology, and the challenges facing religion in the 21st century.

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## **Fighting Healthcare Fraud with the Senior Medicare Patrol Program**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 21 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC / Z

This class will cover what the nonprofit, federally-funded Senior Medicare Patrol program is and how attendees can help us fight the estimated \$65 billion dollars plus that occurs in Medicare fraud each year. This one-hour class will discuss common scams in Medicare, and how you can prevent, detect, and report this fraud.

### **Nathan Coflin**

Nathan Coflin is a graduate of Old Dominion University and has been a fierce advocate for older adults and other vulnerable populations for over 10 years. Currently, Nathan serves as Lead Outreach Specialist for the federally-funded Senior Medicare Patrol program in Georgia, where he and his team seek to empower Medicare beneficiaries to fight the over \$65 billion in Medicare fraud, waste, and abuse that occurs nationwide each year.

## **Volcanoes: Why Do They Matter in Our Life?**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$40

Apr 21 (Tu)

11:30AM-1:30PM

TC

Volcanoes have always given rise to powerful emotions. They simultaneously fascinate and frighten those who live on their slopes when they erupt. Approximately 1.1 billion people live or lived within 100 km of active volcanoes that erupted in the last 10,000 years. Many eruptions, especially explosive ones, might occur without giving a clue of upcoming disaster. Volcanologists still strive to accurately forecast the likelihood, magnitude, and style of eruptions. This presentation offers cases of cohabitation between people and active volcanoes, the related pros and cons, and how modern volcanology offers information to thriving 21st-century societies facing the impact of climate change on a regional to global scale. In-class demonstrations, rocks, and slides will be presented.

### **Mattia Pistone**

Mattia Pistone was awarded BSc in Geological Sciences at Università G. D'Annunzio in Chieti and MSc in Geodynamics, Geophysics, and Volcanology at University of Rome La Sapienza (Italy). He obtained a PhD in Earth Science at ETH-Zurich (Switzerland). Mattia is currently a tenured Associate Professor and director of the MAGMA MIA research group at UGA, and he conducts research on active volcanoes in Italy, Ecuador, and Alaska-Aleutians.

## **Espionage: The Second Oldest Profession**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 22 (We)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

The great game of espionage or spying, as a distinct literary genre, fills bookstore and library shelves with fictional accounts of spying that are exciting and filled with danger. The reality is no less fascinating or dangerous. After a brief review of spy fiction, the course will delve into how spies are recruited, the organizations that house them, intelligence gathering; tradecraft or the methods used by intelligence agents to protect national and operational security; and betrayals, accounts of spies who sell their secrets for money, sex or revenge.

### **Penny Mills**

Penny Mills received degrees in political science with a focus in international relations from Northern Arizona University (MA) and University of Arizona (PhD). She spent 19 years at Gainesville State College, first in the classroom and later as Dean of the Oconee Campus. From 2010-2012 she directed a nonprofit and since 2019 has worked as a Library Assistant.

## **Touring and Hiking Shoal Creek Sanctuary**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 22 (We)

1:30PM-4:00PM

OS

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## OLLI Cares & Connects: Local Non-Profit Leaders Share Their Mission and Community Impact

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 22 (We)

2:00PM–3:15PM

RC

So much important work in our community happens thanks to nonprofit organizations. Hear from multiple-area non-profit organizations to learn about their mission, impact, and opportunities to get involved. Each group will give a quick, 10-minute presentation and take five minutes for questions. The Classic Center Cultural Foundation, Friends of the Library, Community Works Oconee, and others present.

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## Georgia's Historical Recipes

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 23 (Th)

10:00AM–11:15AM

RC / Z

Many cookbooks and recipes still exist from Georgia's early years, yet most have been forgotten. They sit quietly in archives, waiting to be rediscovered. These sources not only preserve traces of delicious foods that are new again to current generations, but also hold many clues about what home life was like for Georgians in the past. In this presentation, archivist and writer Valerie J. Frey, author of *Georgia's Historical Recipes: Seeking Our State's Oldest Written Foodways and the Stories Behind Them* (UGA Press, 2025), will lead an exploration of recipes from 1733 through 1945 with a historian's eye. Learn about yesteryear's cooks and taste of the history of Georgia, the South, and the U.S. through historic foodways. Athens area foodways will also be covered. (Please note that the speaker welcomes program participants to bring knitting or other quiet handiwork to do as they listen.)

### Valerie Frey

Valerie J. Frey (pronounced "fry") is a writer from Athens. She holds degrees from UGA and UT Knoxville. Valerie's archives career began with a Junior Fellowship at the Library of Congress, and she went on to serve as Manuscripts Archivist at the Georgia Historical Society and Education Coordinator at the Georgia Archives. The UGA Press published her books *Preserving Family Recipes: How to Save and Celebrate Your Food Traditions* (2015) and *Georgia's Historical Recipes* (2025).



## **Partisan Gerrymandering: What is It and What Can we do About It?**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 23 (Th)

12:00PM–1:30PM

RC

Americans are frustrated with our political process and are losing faith in elections as a way to peacefully transfer power. This course explains why our elections work the way they do and how engaged citizens might change the election process if we want to.

### **Lori Ringhand**

Lori A. Ringhand is the Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor and J. Alton Hosch Professor of Law at the University of Georgia School of Law. She teaches Constitutional Law, Law & Democracy, and Election Law. She received her JD degree from the University of Wisconsin and a post-JD degree from Oxford University. Her work has been discussed in the *New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, BBC, CNN, and numerous other national and international media outlets.

## **Stop the Bleed & Hands-Only CPR**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 23 (Th)

2:00PM–3:00PM

RC

Practice how to stop life-threatening bleeding with wound packing and tourniquets. Practice how to respond to cardiac arrest with hands-only CPR.

### **Katie Calkin**

Katie Calkin is a Certified Health Education Specialist with a Master's Degree in Public Health. She has worked at Piedmont Athens Regional since 1999. Her passion is helping people to make healthy choices in their lives. She provides education in the community on topics such as first aid skills, quitting nicotine, increasing exercise, coping with stress, and improving nutrition.

## **Cheese from Around the World**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 23 (Th)

2:00PM–3:00PM

RC

Travel the globe one bite at a time in this flavorful exploration of international cheeses. From creamy French bries and alpine wheels to bold blues and crumbly cheddars, this class uncovers the stories, traditions, and craftsmanship behind the world's most iconic cheeses. Perfect for curious palates, aspiring cheese mongers, and anyone who believes good cheese has a story to tell!

### **Whitney Hammond**

Fromager by trade, cheese lover by fate! Whitney Hammond is the head cheese monger of the Alps Road Murray's Cheese Shop within Kroger, where she and her team (Evan Carnes and Bailey Wood) combine craftsmanship, curiosity, and community to celebrate the world of artisan cheese. With a passion for education and local food culture, they teach others how tradition and science come together behind every wheel.

## Common Sense Gardening – Walkabout with Dr A

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 24 (Fr)

Session A: 10:00AM–11:00AM

Session B: 12:00AM–1:00PM

OS

Gardening need not be complicated. It is not brain surgery. Dr A will open his garden to participants and use common sense to simplify topics like pruning, plant selection, fertilizing, perennials, shrubs and season long color.

### Allan Armitage

Professor Emeritus of Horticulture, Armitage has written 17 books that serve as classroom texts, reference books, and gardeners’ companions. His reference book *Herbaceous Perennial Plants*, now in its 4th edition, was recognized as one of the best 75 books in the last 75 years. One of his most recent books, *Of Naked Ladies and Forget-me-Nots*, which tells the stories behind plant names, is also a best seller. His App, Armitage's Great Garden Plants, serves industry and consumers.

## Touring and Hiking Shoal Creek Sanctuary

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 24 (Fr)

1:30PM–4:00PM

OS

Join creator and visionary Dr. John Pickering on a moderately-strenuous two- to three- hour hike around Shoal Creek Sanctuary, 247 acres of land under a conservation easement on the east side of Athens. The sanctuary’s mission is to improve biodiversity and serve as a practical model for pesticide-free, community-driven conservation. Dr. Pickering will guide attendees through his various projects and progress on the sanctuary and share his vision for this land and beyond. During the tour, Dr. Pickering will: (1) show upland, slope, aquatic, and floodplain habitats; (2) discuss land use history since colonial times, and (3) describe how we are removing invasive species, controlling deer, and restoring native species. Wear sturdy shoes/boots and come rain or shine (there will be a make-up day for severe weather). Visit [shoalcreeksanctuary.org](http://shoalcreeksanctuary.org).

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### John Pickering

Dr. John Pickering was on UGA’s faculty of Ecology and Entomology for 32 years. Since retiring, he has built Shoal Creek Sanctuary on the east side of Clarke County, managing its 247 acres in a permanent conservation easement with the Oconee River Land Trust. With the help of hundreds of volunteers, the sanctuary is a showcase of how to study and restore nature without the use of poisonous chemicals.

## Inequality: How Bad Is It?

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

Apr 24 (Fr), May 1 (Fr)

2:00PM-3:15PM

RC / Z

Income inequality in America and many other advanced countries has risen sharply since the 1970s. We will look at what several respected economists and other thinkers write about inequality. Why is inequality increasing? Are higher levels of inequality damaging our social fabric, or are they no big deal? Are there effective ways to reduce inequality without placing too much burden on American taxpayers?

### Dan Everett

Dan Everett is a retired UGA faculty member in Computer Science. He is active in climate change volunteer service on the national, state, and local levels. He enjoys hiking, camping, and caring for his three grandchildren.

## Great Trees, Shrubs and Perennials for Southern Gardens: A Garden Tour

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 25 (Sa)

2:00PM-4:00PM

OS

In addition to hosting a guided tour of his garden, Dr. Dirr will provide the opportunity to discuss, learn and photograph new plants with the gardener who lovingly planted and tended over 225 trees, numerous flowering shrubs and perennials for 16 years. Dirr will also share identification, propagation techniques, pollinator attributes, and cultural requirements. Baptisia bred by Dirr should be in full flower, and seedlings will be given to participants. The presentation's goal is to provide measures of inspiration and education for beginning and advanced gardeners.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

### Michael Dirr

Michael Dirr is a Professor Emeritus, Horticulture, UGA who taught woody ornamental plant taxonomy, plant propagation, and introductory horticulture. Recipient of Meigs and Brooks teaching awards, Dirr is a renowned plant breeder and sole or co-inventor on 73 UGA and private-company patents. He is a UGARF inventor of the year (2009); Fellow, National Academy of Inventors; author of nine books; and is currently a partner in Premier Introductions, Inc., a plant-breeding company in Watkinsville, GA. Dirr is an avid gardener with 3.5 acres of trees and shrubs.

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## Week 13 (Apr 27–May 1)

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<a href="#">Tree Identification in the Piedmont: A Guided Walk</a>	Campbell	1	\$14	Apr 27 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	OS
<a href="#">Streaming Media Resources Accessible via UGA</a>	Johnson / Carter	1	\$14	Apr 28 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC / Z
<a href="#">UGA's Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team</a>	Hammock	1	\$14	Apr 28 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
<a href="#">Politics and Memory: Civil War Commemoration in New York City</a>	Reason	1	\$14	Apr 29 (We)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
<a href="#">I Was a Coward... I Went to War</a>	Zins	3	\$32	Apr 29 (We) May 6 (We) May 13 (We)	1:30PM - 3:00PM 1:30PM - 3:00PM 1:30PM - 3:00PM	RC
<a href="#">A Visit to Jubilee Partners (Comer, GA)</a>	Mosley	1	\$14	Apr 30 (Th)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	OS
<a href="#">Sandy Creek Nature Center Tour</a>	Mowbray	1	\$14	Apr 30 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	OS
<a href="#">Third Rail Distillery: A Tour &amp; Tasting</a>	Taylor	1	\$14**	Apr 30 (Th)	3:00PM - 4:00PM	OS - G
<a href="#">Exploring the Georgia Archives</a>	Klemm	1	\$14	May 1 (Fr)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	Z

### Tree Identification in the Piedmont: A Guided Walk

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 27 (Mo)

10:00AM–11:30AM

OS

This field-based class entails a guided tree walk on UGA North Campus to identify and learn uses of several native tree species. From this class, participants will learn easy techniques for tree identification, including examining leaves, bark, buds, flowers, and other features. Participants can then apply these skills to learn 15 native Piedmont tree species found on campus, including evergreen and deciduous species. The speaker will also mention other uses of the species visited, including whether or not a species is edible or has craft uses. The walk will begin at the UGA Arches, rain or shine, but will be cancelled in the event of severe weather.

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### Holly Campbell

Holly Campbell is a Public Service Associate PSO faculty member at the UGA Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources where she provides instruction and outreach in dendrology, foraging, and urban forestry to both students and the public.

## Streaming Media Resources Accessible via UGA

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 28 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC/ Z

Films! Documentaries! Tutorials, oh my! Learn about the collection of streaming video resources accessible via UGA and available open source including Kanopy, LinkedIn Learning, the Peabody Collection, DocuSeek, and more. Find out which streaming resources UGA OLLI members can access!

### Kathleen Carter

Kathleen Carter is the News Archivist for the UGA Libraries' Brown Media Archives. As a member of the UGA Special Collections Libraries Fellows Instructional Team, she also provides archival instruction and works with faculty.

### Dana Johnson

Dana Johnson is a Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian with UGA's Main Library in Athens, GA. Her role serving on the Academic Engagement Team at UGA Libraries is to provide library instruction and research assistance to students, staff, and the public. Johnson has experience working with the federal government as well as multiple academic institutions. She obtained her MSLS from the University of North Texas in 2011 and her MEdT from DeVry University in 2009.

## UGA's Explosive Ordinance Disposal team

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 28 (Tu)

2:00PM-3:15PM

RC

The University of Georgia is one of the few campus law enforcement agencies in the country to have a full response Explosive Ordinance Disposal (bomb team) that serves as not only as a resource to the University community but also the neighboring areas surrounding us. The team consists of multiple EOD technicians who are certified in handling and rendering safe hazardous devices as well as multiple K-9 units that aid in the location of devices. The team is outfitted with a truck, robot, total containment vessel and numerous other items that they use when responding to incidents. The team will speak about the training that they undergo in order to be certified, the types of calls they respond to and showcase some of the equipment that they use while responding to calls. The truck and K-9s will also be at River's Crossing for the class.

### Jeff Hammock

Jeff Hammock has been with the University of Georgia Police Department for nineteen years and is currently the Deputy Chief over Community Engagement and Professional Standards. Jeff has held multiple positions within the police department with a majority of his time spent in the Criminal Investigations Division. Jeff holds undergraduate degrees in Political Science and Criminal Justice from UGA as well as a Master's in Public Safety Administration from Columbus State University.



## Politics and Memory: Civil War Commemoration in New York City

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 29 (We)

10:00AM-11:00AM

RC

In the decades following the Civil War, New York City built more monuments to the Union cause than any other city in the nation outside of Washington, DC. Ranging from simple standing soldiers to grand triumphal arches and temples, these monuments shaped commemorative aesthetics and iconography at the local and national levels. Unlike Confederate monuments, which were mostly initiated by private organizations, New York's soldiers' monuments were largely supported through city and state funding. These civic projects attracted the interest of competing groups- artists, politicians, veterans, and the public- who all sought to influence the growing commemorative landscape. Learn about the works and their creation in a fractious political landscape defined as much by municipal maneuvering as by artistic principle.

### Akela Reason

Akela Reason is an Associate Professor of History at UGA and Director of the Interdisciplinary Certificate in Museum Studies. A scholar of American visual and material culture, she teaches courses in material culture, urban history, and museum studies.

## I Was a Coward: I Went to War

Number of Sessions: 3

\$32

Apr 29 (We), May 6 (We), May 13 (We)

1:30PM-3:00PM

RC

Reading Tim O'Brien's deeply moving short story "On the Rainy River" as a springboard, this discussion course will offer an interdisciplinary critique of the Vietnam War, the antiwar movement, and Ken Burns' 2017 PBS documentary. With consummate artistry, O'Brien dramatizes his distress, anguish, and increasing doubts about the morality and necessity of the war, a torment exacerbated by his community's and family's very different perspectives on Vietnam, U.S. foreign policy, "patriotism," and the legitimacy of the domestic opposition. What lessons might that very polarized time be especially relevant in our own deeply-divided era?

### Dan Zins

Daniel Zins has an M.A. in English from the University of Windsor (Ontario), where he studied with novelist Joyce Carol Oates for two years, and a Ph.D. in American Studies from Emory University. His teaching and research interests include: American literature/history, militarism, national security, nuclear weapons, the Cold War, McCarthyism, Vietnam, terrorism, human rights, democracy/fascism, critical media literacy, critical discourse literacy, critical environmental literacy, critical/empathetic thinking, cynicism, social justice, nonviolence/nonviolent political activists.



### **A Visit to Jubilee Partners (Comer, GA)**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 30 (Th)

10:00AM-11:30AM

OS

Jubilee Partners is a Christian service community in rural Georgia, founded in 1979. Their primary work is to offer hospitality to refugees who have experienced violence or persecution. Jubilee offers a place for recovery and healing as well as practical supports such as language classes, legal resources and medical care. Jubilee is blessed with 258 acres of very pretty land, creeks, forest, three ponds- and lots of happy children. Come tour the grounds with founding director Don Mosley. After a brief intro to the organization, board the 14-passenger van on a driving tour to see parts of the community that you would not have time to see on foot, especially the part we refer to as the “;Welcome Center,”; where most of our 4000+ refugees have each lived for at least a couple of months. There will be an option to stay after the tour for announcements and devotions and join the group for lunch in the main dining room.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

### **Don Mosley**

Don Mosley and his wife, Carolyn, moved to southern Georgia in 1970 where he helped to fight racism by designing and leading construction of dozens of houses for local black families living in dilapidated shacks - leading to the launching of Habitat for Humanity. He was a founder of Jubilee Partners in Comer in 1979.

### **Sandy Creek Nature Center Tour**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 30 (Th)

2:00PM-3:15PM

OS

If you have not yet been to Sandy Creek Nature Center at all or recently, join us for an introduction/reintroduction. We'll share information about the nature center, go on a tour indoors and outside, and learn how you can become more involved. The property features 225 acres of woodlands and wetlands with over four miles of trails, including an ADA interpretive trail and a connection to the North Oconee River Greenway. The SPLOST-funded Education's Visitor Center includes live reptiles, amphibians, marine and freshwater aquariums, interactive natural history exhibits, and an incredible resource library, all housed in an eco-friendly building.

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### **Kate Mowbray**

Sandy Creek Nature Center staff and SCNC Inc. Board members are a passionate group of people that enjoy sharing their love of nature with others.

### **Third Rail Distillery: A Tour & Tasting**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 30 (Th)

3:00PM-4:00PM

OS -G

Join us for a tour and tasting at Third Rail Distillery. Located in Downtown Lawrenceville's Depot District, Third Rail Distillery offers craft cocktails made from their signature spirits and fresh ingredients. Start with a behind the scenes tour of the facility to learn about how these spirits are made. Then, enjoy a tasting flight of Third Rail's signature spirits: Gin, Wheated Bourbon, Rye, &Vodka. Our host will be their GM, Mick Taylor. With over 17 years in the industry, he will be on hand to answer any and all questions you may have regarding the production and proper consumption of these unique spirits.

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\$20.00 (plus tax) to be paid directly to Third Rail the day of the tour for the tasting.

#### **Mick Taylor**

Mick is the GM of Third Rail Distillery, having been with the company since December of 2023. Originally from New Hampshire and graduating from VSU, he posses over 17 years in the industry with his expertise ranging in everything from craft brewing to mixology.

### **Exploring the Georgia Archives**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 1 (Fr)

2:00PM-3:15PM

Z

Discover how the Georgia Archives preserves the state's documentary heritage and makes it accessible to the public. This session introduces the Archives' history, collections, and services, offering an inside look at records available for genealogical, historical, and legal research. Learn about public programs, online resources, and how to make the most of a visit to Georgia's official repository of history.

#### **Robin Klemm**

Robin Klemm is the Outreach Archivist at the Georgia Archives. She earned her MLIS with a concentration in archives at the University of Alabama. At the Archives, she develops public programs and works with partners across the state to make Georgia's history more accessible. She's especially interested in helping people connect with archives through clear, practical tools and hands-on experiences. Outside of work, Robin volunteers with the Henry County Humane Society and shares her home with rescue dogs Ruby and Wesley.

## Week 14 (May 4-8)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
<a href="#"><u>Steps Through Time &amp; Treasures: Touring Historic Watkinsville</u></a>	Watson-Greer	1	\$14	May 4 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	OS
<a href="#"><u>Koh-i-Noor: The Story of the World's Most Infamous Diamond</u></a>	Saxena	1	\$14	May 4 (Mo)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Historic Athens: Preserving and Celebrating Athens' Unique History</u></a>	Sunta	1	\$14	May 4 (Mo)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Understanding Extreme Poverty in the U.S.</u></a>	Ager	2	\$23	May 5 (Tu) May 12 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Tour Sweet Olive Farm Animal Rescue</u></a>	Howkins	1	\$14	May 6 (We)	12:00PM - 1:15PM	OS
<a href="#"><u>The Afterlives of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah"</u></a>	Kraft, E.	1	\$14	May 6 (We)	1:00PM - 2:30PM	G
<a href="#"><u>What's Up at the Supreme Court: A Wrap-Up of Cases Argued in the 2025-2026 Term</u></a>	Eaton	1	\$14	May 7 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC / Z
<a href="#"><u>Hello, My name Is...: Unusual names from Georgia's Historic Politicians</u></a>	Bramlett	1	\$14	May 8 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC

### Steps Through Time & Treasures: Touring Historic Watkinsville

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 4 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:15AM

OS

Stroll the charming streets of historic Watkinsville and uncover a blend of stories and style on this guided walking tour. From hidden antiques at Attic Treasures to modern craftsmanship at Outpost Oconee, you'll experience the town's soul- past and present. Pause for a peek into historic Eagle Tavern, grab the perfect brew at Publica Coffee, and wrap up with artful finds at Bird and Brass. Every stop is a step into Watkinsville's living history.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

### Jan Watson-Greer

Jan Watson-Greer is the Director of Downtown Development for the city of Watkinsville, where she is responsible for its events and economic growth. Watson-Greer has a wealth of experience in program coordination, volunteer management, and community-partnership cultivation.

## **Koh-i-Noor: The Story of the World's Most Infamous Diamond**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 4 (Mo)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

This class will cover the fascinating journey of the Koh-i-Noor diamond- from its discovery in the alluvial plains of Southern India to its prized position as the “Jewel in the Crown” of the British monarchy. The resulting history is one of greed, murder, torture and colonialism that cuts through a swathe of British, Indian and central Asian history.

### **Manoj Saxena**

Manoj Saxena’s career has taken him across continents and through a range of industries. After earning his graduate degree from UGA, he spent 35 years working across banking, financial services, consulting, and academia in the United States, India and Singapore. Now retired, he continues to share insights gained from a lifetime of experiences and cross-cultural perspective.

## **Historic Athens: Preserving and Celebrating Athens’ Unique History**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 4 (Mo)

2:00PM-3:15PM

RC

This session will explore Historic Athens’ broad impact- from preserving historic buildings and protecting cultural landmarks to engaging the public through events, education, and advocacy. Attendees will learn about programs such as our monthly History Hours, seasonal walking tours, the Historic Athens Welcome Center, Porchfest, youth development efforts, and more.

### **Denise Sunta**

Denise Sunta is the Engagement Coordinator at Historic Athens. A lifelong Athenian and UGA graduate, Denise works to make local history education more accessible and reflective of the diversity in Athens. She hosts monthly History Hours at the Lyndon House, weekly oral history broadcasts on Facebook, and seasonally-crafted walking tours to highlight the unique history and culture of the city she loves so much.

## Understanding Extreme Poverty in the U.S.

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

May 5 (Tu), May 12 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

One and a half million adults and three million children each live on less than \$2.00 per day in the U.S. How is this possible, what do people affected do to make ends meet, and why does it matter? This presentation provides students an opportunity to examine various explanations for extreme poverty as well as economic survival strategies through readings, discussion, and experiential learning. Topics include poverty measurements, social policy, the labor market, and the informal economy; and a diverse array of strategies used by those impacted such as off-the-books legal work, illegal work, trade and support through social networks, use of credit/borrowing, and others.

Required reading: Edin, K., & Shaefer, H. L. (2015). \$2.00 a day: Living on almost nothing in America. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. ISBN-10 : 054481195X (**Read first 1/2 of book by first class.**)

### Mary Ager

**Mary Ager is a social worker and associate professor whose research explores poverty as a function of public policy and the market economy. She studies household debt and community-based interventions. Mary directs the Poverty (and Social Investment Lab and teaches policy)**

## Tour Sweet Olive Farm Animal Rescue

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 6 (We)

12:00PM-1:15PM

OS

Come walk around the farm and learn about our rescue operations and the animals. We will walk around the barn pasture and Kat will tell stories of how the animals came to be at the farm. Alpacas, goats, sheep, cows, horses and donkeys are some of the animals you will meet. We will see some cats and kittens in the 100-year old barn and hear its history and that of the farmhouse, how the rescue came to be, and how Sweet Olive got its name. We will feed berries to Tuk Tuk the emu and also scratch the tummies of some of our 100 pig residents.

Please see receipt note for address and/or parking details.

### Kat Howkins

Sweet Olive Farm Animal Rescue provides a forever home for farm and exotic animals who are homeless, elderly, injured or just need a safe place to land. Our mission is to create community and a safe, welcoming and compassionate space for all.

## **The Afterlives of Leonard Cohen’s “Hallelujah”**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 6 (We)

1:00PM–2:30PM

G

Leonard Cohen’s “Hallelujah” is his most enduring legacy. In this class, we will briefly consider the history of the song and its meaning before moving on to examine its role in various aspects of popular culture. We will end by looking at several responses to the work by contemporary artists and poets.

### **Elizabeth Kraft**

Elizabeth Kraft is Professor Emerita of English from the University of Georgia where she taught from 1987 to 2020. Her field of specialization is Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature, with side interests in classic Hollywood films and in the works of Leonard Cohen.

## **What’s Up at the Supreme Court: A Wrap-Up of Cases Argued in the 2025–2026 Term**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 7 (Th)

2:00PM–3:15PM

RC / Z

In the Fall 2025 presentation, “What’s Up at the Court?”; Tom Eaton previewed cases that would be argued before the United States Supreme Court. This presentation will summarize the decisions reached and those that remain to be decided.

### **Tom Eaton**

Tom Eaton is the J. Alton Hosch Professor Emeritus at the University of Georgia School of Law, where he taught for 40 years. Among the courses he taught was a class on constitutional litigation.

## **Hello, My Name Is...: Unusual Names from Georgia’s Historic Politicians**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 8 (Fr)

10:00AM–11:15AM

RC

You may know Button Gwinnett, but do you know Dionysius Crandell Oliver or Tugalo Harvie Risner? This presentation covers politicians from across Georgia history who have very unusual names.

### **Andrew Bramlett**

Andrew Bramlett is a local historian in Kennesaw, Georgia. A student at Kennesaw State University, he is interested in Georgia history, the history of books, and the Progressive Era. More information can be found at his website, [www.ajbramlett.com](http://www.ajbramlett.com).



## Week 15 (May 11-15)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Tim	Venue
<a href="#"><u>Two Grand Narratives: Essentialism to Existentialism and Big History</u></a>	Keene	2	\$23	May 11 (Mo) May 13 (We)	10:00AM - 12:00PM 10:00AM - 12:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>The History of Money and an Introduction to Cryptocurrency</u></a>	Saxena	1	\$40	May 12 (Tu)	11:30AM - 1:30PM	TC
<a href="#"><u>Multisensory Shakespeare</u></a>	Bishoff	1	\$14	May 12 (Tu)	2:00PM - 4:00PM	RC / Z
<a href="#"><u>Wine Tripping through Italy</u></a>	Hurt	1	\$14**	May 12 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	OS
<a href="#"><u>Keeping Your Dog Mentally Engaged: Sports and Tricks to Keep them Thinking!</u></a>	Beden-baugh	1	\$14	May 13 (We)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	RC / Z
<a href="#"><u>Developmental Disabilities: Support for Individuals and their Families</u></a>	Murray	1	\$14	May 14 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Walking Tour of Historic UGA North Campus</u></a>	Dendy	1	\$14	May 14 (Th)	2:00PM - 3:30PM	OS
<a href="#"><u>When Stars Fell On Georgia: Georgia Meteorites, Impact Craters, and Ejecta Deposits</u></a>	Harris	3	\$32	May 15 (Fr) May 22 (Fr) May 29 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM 10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC

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## **Two Grand Narratives: Essentialism to Existentialism and Big History**

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

May 11 (Mo), May 13 (We)

10:00AM-12:00PM

RC

Historical narratives are simplifications but necessary ones. Otherwise, as one 19th century English scholar put it, “History becomes just one damn fact after another.” This course will focus on two of the grandest of all historical narratives. First, in the history of ideas, is the long and tortured road from the essentialist thinking of the ancient Greeks to modern existentialism. Second, is the development in recent decades of so-called Big History, which sees ALL history- natural as well as human, and from the Big Bang to current events- as a product of a common evolutionary process. Hold on to your hats!

### **Tom Keene**

Tom Keene is Emeritus Professor of History at Kennesaw State University, where he taught for 42 years, doing mostly undergraduate teaching of World History, the History of Science and South Asian History. He served for 15 years as Director of the KSU International Center, organizing study abroad and faculty exchange programs. He is an avid cyclist. He and Jane Keene moved to Athens in 2015 to be near their grandchildren.

## **The History of Money and an Introduction to Cryptocurrency**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$40

May 12 (Tu)

11:30AM-1:30PM

TC

This class will cover how humans invented and reinvented money- originating from the barter system to the evolution of coins and paper money, to electronic and digital money. It will provide an introduction to cryptocurrency (e.g., Bitcoin), how blockchain works, and the future direction of money.

### **Manoj Saxena**

Manoj Saxena’s career has taken him across continents and through a range of industries. After earning his graduate degree from UGA, he spent 35 years working across banking, financial services, consulting, and academia in the United States, India and Singapore. Now retired, he continues to share insights gained from a lifetime of experiences and cross-cultural perspective.

## Multisensory Shakespeare

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 12 (Tu)

2:00PM-4:00PM

RC / Z

This class explores how East Asian cinematic adaptations of Shakespeare engage multiple senses to articulate women's experiences and amplify women's voices within other spaces. By combining sensory analysis with a gendered lens, this study examines how the selected films employ auditory, tactile, gustatory, and olfactory cues to represent female characters' gendered melancholia, desires, and agency. As the focus shifts from mere visibility, the multisensory emerges as the mechanism through which the other space becomes experientially distinct, shaping the female characters' lived experiences. Therefore, heterotopia provides the overarching theoretical framework, highlighting how other spaces in the films- whether natural landscapes, palaces, schools, or spaces of solitude- allow women to explore, negotiate, and reflect on their identities beyond socially prescribed roles.

### Nayoung Bishoff

Nayoung Bishoff is a Ph.D. student in English at George Washington University, where she holds a Columbian Distinguished Fellowship. Her research centers on East-West comparative literature, with a particular emphasis on Shakespearean adaptations. Her academic interests include gender studies, cultural globalization, and film and media studies. Bishoff's recent works have been published in *Literature/Film Quarterly*, *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Global Shakespeare*, and *Borrowers and Lenders: The Journal of Shakespeare and Appropriation*, among other venues.

## Wine Tripping through Italy

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 12 (Tu)

2:00PM-3:15PM

OS

Wine production in Italy dates to 4,000 years B.C. on the island of Sicily. There are 11 major wine-producing regions spanning from the Alps in the north all the way to the toe of the boot in the Mediterranean Sea. Please join us as we retrace a recent wine trip to Italy through photos, stories, food, and of course wine. We will begin our journey in Venice and travel west through Gavi, Verona, Lake Garda, and south through Bologna, Florence, Montepulciano, Montecino, and finally Rome. Five two-ounce pours of wine will be presented with a pairing of appropriate cheeses and charcuterie. \$40 to be paid on-site to Tapped.

Please note: \$40 fee to be paid via credit card onsite on the date of the event (for wines and snacks) See receipt note for address/additional details.

### Todd Hurt

Dr. Hurt has a PhD. in Higher Education Leadership and is a Certified Specialist of Wine with the Wine Educators Society. He and his wife Angela own Tapped Athens Wine Tasting Market located in Bottleworks on Prince Ave near Sea Bear restaurant.

## **Keeping Your Dog Mentally Engaged: Sports and Tricks to Keep them Thinking!**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 13 (We)

2:00PM–3:00PM

RC / Z

This class will introduce participants to trick training and recreational sports that you can do with your dog- scentwork, barn hunt, tracking and others that will keep both you and your dog engaged!

### **Lisa Bedenbaugh**

Lisa Bedenbaugh is a licensed physical therapist and certified canine rehabilitation practitioner with over 20 years' experience providing rehabilitation services to canines. She works with a mixed population of post-injury, senior, and sporting dogs and has a special interest in helping owners of dogs with hip dysplasia manage their symptoms.

## **Developmental Disabilities: Support for Individuals and their Families**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 14 (Th)

2:00PM–3:15PM

RC

This class examines developmental disabilities and the types of supports needed to ensure quality of life for individuals diagnosed with them. Case studies will be presented and discussed, as well as regulations like IDEA and ADA, funding sources (Medicaid, Katie Beckett, NOW/COMP, Children's Medical Services). Natural resources that can be developed (and obstacles to developing them) will be analyzed. Also, local Athens-area supports that are available will be emphasized, and the class will generate ideas on ways each of us can participate to further support individuals in this special population.

### **Gina Murray**

Gina Murray has worked in the field of developmental disabilities since 1988, spending time in special education classrooms, group homes, day programs, independent living settings and family homes. Gina has performed a variety of roles including case management, behavioral management, supported living coach and quality assurance over programs at the state level.

## Walking Tour of Historic UGA North Campus

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 14 (Th)

2:00PM–3:30PM

OS

UGA's iconic North Campus features buildings and spaces – many more than a century old—that are architecturally diverse, aesthetically charming, and rich in history, lore, and legend. Attendees will get a close-up look at these landmarks on a walking tour starting at the Arch and covering much of the North Campus area. We will visit the oldest building in Athens; the beautiful UGA Chapel; the site of the first murder on campus; the charming Founders Memorial Garden; and the field where the first college football game in Georgia was played. The tour will last 90 minutes, entails walking the entire time and climbing up and down steps and on moderate inclines.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

### Larry Dendy

After earning a journalism degree from UGA in 1965, Larry Dendy was a newspaper reporter and editor in Winston-Salem, NC, and Tifton, GA. In 1972, he joined the UGA Office of Public Affairs where he worked for 37 years as a writer, editor, news service director, speech writer and special projects manager. He wrote *Through the Arch: An Illustrated Guide to the University of Georgia Campus*, published in 2013 by the UGA Press.

## When Stars Fell On Georgia: Georgia Meteorites, Impact Craters, and Ejecta Deposits

Number of Sessions: 3

\$32

May 15 (Fr), May 22 (Fr), May 29 (Fr)

10:00AM–11:30AM

RC

We will examine how geologists recognize and study asteroid and comet impacts in Earth's past. We will also investigate the occurrences of meteorite falls in Georgia including the recent McDonough meteorite. And we will explore the record of much larger impacts preserved in the rocks of our state, including the fallout from the Chesapeake Bay impact 35.5 million years ago that rained down across the Coastal Plain and the enormous 220-kilometer-diameter Roosevelt impact structure that formed more than 800 million years ago when a rock almost 30 kilometers wide penetrated the crust of west-central Georgia.

### R. Scott Harris

Scott Harris is an Athens native who is an award-winning K-12 science educator, planetarium director, and internationally recognized planetary geologist who works on asteroid and comet impacts around the world.

## Week 16 (May 18 - 22)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
<a href="#"><u>Modeling For Art and More: Co-creating Art and Helping Teach Medical Students Using Your Body</u></a>	Waters	1	\$14	May 19 (Tu)	2:00PM - 4:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Cybersecurity Basics</u></a>	Everett	2	\$23	May 19 (Tu) May 20 (We)	2:00PM - 3:15PM 2:00PM - 3:15PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>How To Age in Place</u></a>	Vogt	1	\$14	May 20 (We)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Decoding Restaurant Health Scores: What They Really Tell You About Food Safety</u></a>	Ingmundson	1	\$14	May 20 (We)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>The Leap Manifesto and Exploding the Box: An Introduction to Naomi Klein</u></a>	Zins	3	\$32	May 20 (We) May 27 (We) Jun 3 (We)	1:30PM - 3:00PM 1:30PM - 3:00PM 1:30PM - 3:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>1960's-70's Music Roundtable: A Career Overview of Glen Campbell</u></a>	Guinn	1	\$14	May 21 (Th)	12:00PM - 2:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Great Mayan Cities: Their Art and Architecture</u></a>	Stephenson	2	\$14	May 21 (Tu) May 28 (Tu)	2:00PM-3:00PM 2:00PM-3:00PM	RC
<a href="#"><u>UGA Trial Garden and Greenhouse Walking Tour</u></a>	Bergani / Ruter	1	\$19	May 22 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	OS

### Modeling For Art and More: Co-creating Art and Helping Teach Medical Students Using Your Body

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 19 (Tu)

2:00PM-4:00PM

RC

Artists have drawn and painted human figures for millennia. Figure drawing is among the hardest art forms to master, and artists need human models. This course demystifies what modeling involves and introduces some unconventional opportunities like posing as patients at medical schools, even here in Athens. Modeling types from portrait to clothed figure to costumes to nude will all be discussed, with expectations and pay for each. Attendees interested in becoming personally involved will see examples of the model types posing and will learn how to join in at their own level of comfort.

### Rick Waters

Dr. Rick Waters coordinates models for area art associations and first modeled in Athens in 1995 for artists at the Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF). He currently works with OCAF, as well as The Georgia Museum of Art, The Winterville Cultural Center, the University of North Georgia, and UGA's evening Community Art School. In the past, he has presented for OLLI on amateur radio and on flying drones.



## Cybersecurity Basics

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

May 19 (Tu), May 20 (We)

2:00PM–3:15PM

RC

This two-day course provides a comprehensive overview of essential digital safety and privacy practices, designed to help participants navigate the online world with confidence. Day 1 focuses on foundational knowledge, starting with an introduction to why internet safety matters, identifying the most common online threats, and understanding how scammers trick people. A key focus is learning concrete strategies for protecting personal information and developing a practical Safe Internet Habits Checklist. Day 2 transitions into practical application across various online activities, covering techniques for safe web browsing, best practices for secure online shopping and payments, managing social media safety and privacy settings, and securing personal devices like phones, tablets, and smart home technology. This class will be a lecture format. There is no need for attendees to bring their personal electronics.

### Ross Everett

Ross Everett has worked in Information Technology and Cybersecurity for more than four decades. He brings to the classroom a deep well of knowledge, enriched by real-world experience and practical insights into how systems truly operate – and how they can be compromised. Ross has taught cybersecurity for the past ten years and continues to work in the field, helping prepare cybersecurity professionals for challenging certification examinations. Despite his extensive expertise, Ross creates an approachable and engaging learning environment. He invites students to call him “Uncle Ross” fostering a collaborative atmosphere that feels more like a group of colleagues learning together than a traditional, rigid course.

## How To Age in Place

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 20 (We)

10:00AM–11:00AM

RC

Learn how to age in place because there is no place like home! This class will identify the many factors involved in developing a successful aging-in-place plan. We will discuss environmental supports, and informal and formal supports that together create a solid plan to support your aging journey. We will also evaluate the realistic expectations of what aging in place looks like and how to be sure you are set up for optimal success and quality of life while staying safely in your home.

### Abbie Vogt

Abbie Vogt holds a Masters in Gerontology; is Care Manager Certified; is a Positive Approach to Care Independent Consultant; a Certified Dementia Practitioner. Abbie has been a certified Advanced Professional of the Aging Life Care® Association since 2013 and is Care Manager Certified through the National Academy of Certified Care Managers. In 2020, she became a Teepa Snow PAC (Positive Approach® to Care) Independent Consultant, focusing on transforming what exists into a more positive dementia care culture.

## **Decoding Restaurant Health Scores: What They Really Tell You About Food Safety**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 20 (We)

10:00AM-11:30AM

RC

Ever wondered what those restaurant health-inspection forms really mean? We will take you behind the letter grades and inspection sheets posted in Georgia restaurants to uncover the critical food safety practices they reflect. Learn how to interpret inspection results, recognize key risk factors for foodborne illness, and apply those insights to everyday food preparation at home. The class will also introduce the basic regulatory structure governing retail food safety in the U.S.

### **Kris Ingmundson**

Kris Ingmundson is the Assistant Food Safety and Preservation Coordinator working with Extension as part of the National Center for Home Food Preservation. As an instructor in the department of Nutritional Sciences at UGA, she teaches retail and consumer food safety to graduate and undergraduate students. She has over 20 years of experience in the food service industry, mostly focused on food safety. Kris is a Double Dawg with a MPH degree in Environmental Health Science.

## **The Leap Manifesto and Exploding the Box: An Introduction to Naomi Klein**

Number of Sessions: 3

\$32

May 20 (We), May 27 (We), Jun 3 (We)

1:30PM-3:00PM

RC

Naomi Klein's international best-selling books include No Logo, The Shock Doctrine, This Changes Everything, Doppelgänger, and No Is Not Enough. Although I consider Klein to be one of the most important writers and thinkers of our time, not only most Americans, but also most of my OLLI students are unfamiliar with this brilliant, prophetic witness. This discussion course is for fans of Klein and those previously unaware of her work. There is no required text for the class, but I especially recommend Klein's 2017 book No Is Not Enough. I will also be recommending various online resources.

### **Dan Zins**

Daniel Zins has an M.A. in English from the University of Windsor (Ontario), where he studied with novelist Joyce Carol Oates for two years, and a Ph.D. in American Studies from Emory University. His teaching and research interests include: American literature/history, militarism, national security, nuclear weapons, the Cold War, McCarthyism, Vietnam, terrorism, human rights, democracy/fascism, critical media literacy, critical discourse literacy, critical environmental literacy, critical/empathetic thinking, cynicism, social justice, nonviolence/nonviolent political activists.

## **1960's-70's Music Roundtable: A Career Overview of Glen Campbell**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 21 (Th)

12:00PM-2:00PM

RC

This class covers Glen Campbell's incredible journey from accomplished studio musician to global superstar of both music and television. We cover the artist, his albums, and events from the era, utilizing a combination of audio and video presentation. No student preparation or materials are required; however, it is recommended that you have at least a general knowledge of the topic.

### **Keith Guinn**

Keith Guinn has held various senior-level positions in sales and quality for a major, Fortune 50 organization. He holds a Digital Six Sigma Green Belt Certification for Quality/Process Improvement. Keith has enjoyed a lifelong passion for popular music and associated collection/archival study. He conducts regional music roundtable seminars on milestone pop artists and is actively involved in music documentary production.

## **Great Mayan Cities: Their Art and Architecture**

Number of Sessions: 2

\$23

May 21 (Th), May 28 (Th)

2:00PM-3:00PM

RC

Just a couple of hours away by air, the ancient and present home of the Maya of Central America presents a fascinating world of history, architecture and art. This course explores the Maya through a serial visit to the standing remains of ancient Mayan cities and sacred centers, from the jungles of Guatemala and Chiapas to the northern landscape of the Yucatec Maya. The focus is on the art and architecture, along with discussion of the history and features of the great civilization responsible for their creation. The course is designed as a two-day series, and the presentations will feature the speaker's personal photography from numerous forays into the region.

### **John Stephenson**

John Stephenson received a doctorate in ancient art history from Emory University, with specialties in Roman architecture and Egyptian art. He has worked at the archaeological site of ancient Carthage in Tunisia and in the program in Roman archaeology at the American Academy in Rome. He taught art history as a tenured professor at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. He has traveled and researched in 23 countries in Asia, Europe, Africa and Central America.

## UGA Trial Garden and Greenhouse Walking Tour

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 22 (Fr)

10:00AM-11:00AM

OS

The Trial Gardens at the University of Georgia evaluate the newest ornamental plants from top breeding companies located around the world. We are the “go-to” garden in the arena of testing plants for adaptability to heat and humidity. Tucked away on UGA’s South Campus, our garden is a perfect place to escape and take a breather from the hustle-and-bustle of everyday life. We have shaded benches and a gazebo in the center of the garden. This tour includes one acre of garden and greenhouse areas.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

### John Ruter

Dr. John Ruter is the Allan M. Armitage Professor & UGA Trial Gardens Director; Emphasis: Ornamental breeding & production. Prior to 2011, Dr. Ruter served as the Nursery Crop Research and Extension Specialist on the University of Georgia Tifton Campus. Classes taught include Environmental Issues in Horticulture and Herbaceous Plant Identification.













### Sandra Begani

Sandy Begani received her Bachelor's in Environmental Science at DePaul University and a Master's of Horticulture at UGA. She began managing the students, volunteers, and plant trials along with Dr. John Ruter, UGA Trial Garden Director, in 2020. Sandy lives in Bethlehem with her husband Paul. They both enjoy cooking, nature hikes, and adopting stray kittens.

## Week 17 (May 25 – May 29)

*No New Classes*

## Catalog Legend: Color Guide

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	G = In-Person only class at UGA Gwinnett	
	G / Z = In-Person and Online Class (register by your attendance preference)	
	OS = Off Site In Person class	

## Week 18 (June 1– June 5)

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
<b>OLLI Travel Information Session: Little White House / White Plains</b>	Joerschke	1	Free	Jun 1 (Mo)	10:00AM-11:00AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>For the Common Good: Bringing the Humanities to Georgia's Prisons</u></a>	Young	1	\$14	Jun 2 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:15AM	RC
<a href="#"><u>Georgia Museum of Art Curator Tour with Ciel Rodriguez</u></a>	Rodriguez	1	\$14	Jun 2 (Tu)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	OS
<a href="#"><u>Tour of WUGA Studios</u></a>	Dua- Swartz	1	\$14	Jun 4 (Th)	11:30AM - 12:30PM	OS

### **For the Common Good: Bringing the Humanities to Georgia's Prisons**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Jun 2 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:15AM

RC

How can communities divided by space, time, and resources collaborate to foster deeper self and societal awareness? How can one learning community's writing practice contribute to another community's learning process? These questions are being explored by students at UGA and incarcerated students enrolled in Common Good Atlanta's higher education program. This correspondence facilitates a scholarly conversation about the humanities and its role in our personal and collective lives. In this informative session, Dr. Young will introduce her work and its impact. She will talk about prior collaborations, one the communities are currently working on, and engage attendees in broader brainstorms about future OLLI collaboration.

### **Caroline Young**

Caroline Young is a senior lecturer in UGA's English Department. She also serves as Site Director for the Common Good Atlanta higher education prison program at Whitworth Women's Facility in Hartwell, Georgia. Bringing university, incarcerated, and the broader community into ongoing conversation is the joy and purpose of her life.

## Georgia Museum of Art Curator Tour with Ciel Rodriguez

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Jun 2 (Tu)

2:00PM–3:00PM

OS

Ciel Rodriguez, curator of the exhibition “We, Too, Are Made of Wonders,” will lead a tour featuring a selection of artworks and poems that consider how artists and writers respond to the night sky, outer space, and the vast universe.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

### Ciel Rodriguez

Ciel Rodriguez is a museum professional, local arts advocate, curator, writer, and artist. She is currently the curatorial assistant in contemporary art at the Georgia Museum of Art. Previously, she worked for the Carlos Museum, the Lyndon House Arts Center, the Athenaeum gallery and other arts organizations. Rodriguez has also taught at craft schools across the US including Penland School of Craft, Ox-Bow School of Arts and Artists’ Residencies, and Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft.

## Tour of WUGA Studios

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Jun 4 (Th)

11:30AM–12:30PM

OS

Take a tour of WUGA and see what goes into the day-to-day operations of Athens' local public radio station. You'll get to meet the staff and ask questions about our award-winning local and national programming.

Please see receipt note for address/additional details.

### Lara Dua-Swartz

A native New Yorker, Lara is new to Athens, having just moved to this delightfully quirky town in 2021. She’s been working in broadcasting for the last 25 years in markets such as New York City, Los Angeles, Washington, DC, and Atlanta. When she’s not at WUGA, you can find Lara covered in cats, playing D&D, or skating (as a rookie) with Classic City Roller Derby.





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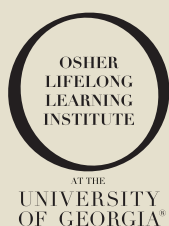
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# Classes at UGA Gwinnett

The UGA Gwinnett Campus is located at 2530 Sever Rd NW, Lawrenceville, GA 30043  
Parking at the campus is free.

Title	Instructor	Sessions	Fee	Date	Times	Venue
AI Literacy for Adult Learners	Hall	1	\$14	Feb 4 (We)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	G
What Did You Do in WW II, Daddy?	Saul	1	\$14	Feb 18 (We)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	G
Think You Know AI? The Surprising Truths You Need to Understand	Warner	1	\$14	Feb 25 (We)	2:00PM - 3:00PM	G
The Little Yellow Sticker That Can Save Lives	Kelly	1	\$14	Mar 4 (We)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	G
The Ten Commandments of Wealth Planning	Weber	1	\$14	Mar 24 (Tu)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	G
Georgia Baseball Stories	Bramlett	1	\$14	Mar 25 (We)	10:00AM - 11:00AM	G
The Sketchbook: Washington Irving in the Historic (Haunted) Hudson Valley	Schuyler Ford	1	\$14	Apr 17 (Fr)	10:00AM - 11:30AM	G
Third Rail Distillery: A Tour & Tasting	Taylor	1	\$14	Apr 30 (Th)	3:00PM - 4:00PM	G
The Afterlives of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah"	Kraft	1	\$14	May 6 (We)	1:00PM - 2:30PM	G

## AI Literacy for Adult Learners

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 4 (We)

10:00AM-11:30AM

G

Join UGA Gwinnett Campus Assistant Director Ben Hall and UGA Gwinnett Library Manager Charles Crisman for a fast-paced, one-hour “AI Toolbox”; session that breaks down UGA-approved platforms – Copilot, Gemini, and NotebookLM – and shows you how to use each responsibly. Expect a live demo of Google Gemini to recognize AI’s usefulness, understand potential pitfalls, and become more AI literate. Slides and whiteboard snapshots will be emailed afterward, so you can focus on learning, not note-taking. Space is limited.

*This class is sponsored by Bob and Dawn Torcivia, dedicated to David Torcivia*

### Ben Hall

Ben Hall is Assistant Director of Student and Faculty Services at the UGA Gwinnett Campus in Lawrenceville. He has been with UGA for over 15 years and has a background in learning, design, and technology as well as library and information science, and education.

### Charles Crisman

Charles Crisman is the Gwinnett Library Manager at the UGA Gwinnett Campus in Lawrenceville. He has been working with lifelong learners for over 25 years, has a Master’s of Science in Library Science, and a Master’s of Education.

## What Did You Do in WW II, Daddy?

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 18 (We)

10:00AM-12:00PM

G

Nearly every Baby Boomer had a father, and in some cases a mother, who wore the uniform of the U.S. armed forces between 1941 and 1945. One common comment from children of U.S. veterans is they never heard their parent talk about the war; they had no idea what their father did, or what he experienced, or what he saw. This course is designed to fill that information void. We will explore the times, the people, and the campaigns that define WW II.

### Lawrence Saul

Military historian and Colonel (retired) Lawrence Saul served for 34 years in the U. S. Army, including tours in Germany, Holland, Belgium, England, Kosovo and other locations. He was one of the last veterans of the Vietnam War still serving on active duty when he retired in 2008. A Battlefield Tour Guide, he has a BA in History from Georgia State University as well as two master’s degrees.

## Think You Know AI? The Surprising Truths You Need to Understand

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Feb 25 (We)

2:00PM–3:00PM

G / Z

Join us for an engaging fast-paced, eye-opening webinar on artificial intelligence—designed for both non-techies and experts alike. Presenter Richard Warner, founder of the cybersecurity training company Aware Force and longtime TV/radio broadcaster, breaks down what AI has become, explores how employees are using it effectively (and sometimes mistakenly), and shows how scammers are leveraging it to target individuals, families, and businesses. The session features videos, fresh statistics, and real-world examples drawn from work with dozens of companies across North America. We'll dispel myths, highlight surprising trends, and share practical insights that go beyond the workplace and can help protect your loved ones, too.

### Richard Warner

Presenting this session is a fellow Bulldog, Richard Warner, whose company Aware Force provides content for over 50,000 employees and consumers every month. Richard has moderated Cyber Security Summits around the US for over 15 years and has been a Georgia-based television and radio journalist since 1978.

## The Little Yellow Sticker That Can Save Lives

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 4 (We)

10:00AM–11:00AM

G / Z

What if I told you there was a little sticker that may save your life after a car crash? What if I told you it was free? Learn about the Georgia Department of Health's Yellow Dot Program, a free-to-start program that helps first responders react as quickly as possible to help victims at crash scenes. A Yellow Dot Kit in the vehicle alerts first responders to a person's medical conditions, medications, medical allergies, and more. Attendees will learn how the program works; how an organization can host a Yellow Dot Program; how it saved a woman's life.

### Jim Kelly

While Jim works for the Georgia Department of Public Health, he's not a doctor. However, he's played one on TV's *The Resident* (and stand-in for Christopher Walken). In the real world, Jim manages the 55+ Driver Safety Program. He's worked with: National Safety Council, AAA, Honda, Yamaha, Harley-Davidson, the Universities of Illinois, Connecticut, and Georgia, held motorcycle safety-instructor-trainer national certification, and worked as a corporate driving instructor and precision driver for TV and movies.

## **The Ten Commandments of Wealth Planning**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 24 (Tu)

10:00AM-11:30AM

G / Z

Topics to be discussed in this class include: Do's and don'ts to improve the likelihood of achieving your lifetime goals; establishing a gameplan; risk; your behavior as it relates to your money; and more. This learning experience will end with the discovery of the one thing that matters most to your wealth planning. The class is offered exclusively to OLLI programs in Georgia.

### **Joshua Weber**

Joshua Weber is an Emory University graduate with 30 years wealth management experience. He obtained Certified Financial Planner designation in 2002 and Chartered Financial Consultant certification in 2006. He became a Certified Investment Management Analyst in 2008, a designation offered through the Executive Program at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. In 2019, he earned the Certified Private Wealth Advisor designation, one of the premier credentials in wealth management, through the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

## **Georgia Baseball Stories**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Mar 25 (We)

10:00AM-11:00AM

G / Z

Learn the fascinating, sometimes strange stories of Georgia's long history with America's pastime. Hear about the early teams, the strange coincidences, and the best players.

*This Class is sponsored by Martha McFerron in memory of Steven McFerron*

### **Andrew Bramlett**

Andrew Bramlett is a local historian in Kennesaw, Georgia. A student at Kennesaw State University, he is interested in Georgia history, the history of books, and the Progressive Era. More information can be found at his website, [www.ajbramlett.com](http://www.ajbramlett.com).



## **The Sketchbook: Washington Irving in the Historic (Haunted) Hudson Valley**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 17 (Fr)

10:00AM–11:30AM

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Journey up the Hudson River to explore the world that inspired Washington Irving, “America’s author.” This riveting 90-minute presentation by Master Storyteller Linda Schuyler Ford combines lecture, stunning visuals, and performance. Uncover the influences that shaped Irving, celebrate his unsung service to our country, explore Hudson River School art, and experience a hypnotic dive into The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.

### **Linda Schuyler Ford**

Linda Schuyler Ford is a Master Storyteller inspired by the enchanting folktales and landscape of Sleepy Hollow, NY. Her vibrant repertoire spans Hudson Valley tales, inspiring women’s narratives, and personal stories. As a former Sleepy Hollow Cemetery researcher/docent, she’s been dubbed “The Maven of Hudson Valley’s Gilded Age.” Linda also uses the healing power of narrative to support caregivers. Her talks always brim with magic and heart.

## **Third Rail Distillery: A Tour & Tasting**

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

Apr 30 (Th)

3:00PM–4:00PM

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Join us for a tour and tasting at Third Rail Distillery. Located in Downtown Lawrenceville’s Depot District, Third Rail Distillery offers craft cocktails made from their signature spirits and fresh ingredients. Start with a behind the scenes tour of the facility to learn about how these spirits are made. Then, enjoy a tasting flight of Third Rail’s signature spirits: Gin, Wheated Bourbon, Rye, &Vodka. Our host will be their GM, Mick Taylor. With over 17 years in the industry, he will be on hand to answer any and all questions you may have regarding the production and proper consumption of these unique spirits.

Please see receipt note for address/ additional details.

\$20.00 (plus tax) to be paid directly to Third Rail the day of the tour for the tasting.

### **Mick Taylor**

Mick is the GM of Third Rail Distillery, having been with the company since December of 2023. Originally from New Hampshire and graduating from VSU, he possesses over 17 years in the industry with his expertise ranging in everything from craft brewing to mixology.



## The Afterlives of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah"

Number of Sessions: 1

\$14

May 6 (We)

1:00PM-2:30PM

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Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" is his most enduring legacy. In this class, we will briefly consider the history of the song and its meaning before moving on to examine its role in various aspects of popular culture. We will end by looking at several responses to the work by contemporary artists and poets.

### Elizabeth Kraft

Elizabeth Kraft is Professor Emerita of English from the University of Georgia where she taught from 1987 to 2020. Her field of specialization is Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature, with side interests in classic Hollywood films and in the works of Leonard Cohen.

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# How to Register Online

## To register for membership and classes:

From your web browser:

- a) Enter [www.oli.uga.edu](http://www.oli.uga.edu) into the address bar.
- b) Select Members Login in the top right hand corner.
- c) Select the red Registration Log In button.
- d) You will be taken to the Sign-in Page in the registration site.
- e) Sign in to “Existing Account” by entering your username and password in the top two boxes.

Note:

- If you are not signed in, you will not be able to add items to your cart.
- If you have forgotten your username and password, you will be able to request a new one using the prompts provided.

If you are not currently a member, create a new account by scrolling to the bottom of the page and filling in the information under Create New Account. As soon as you have created your account, please purchase a membership so that you will be ready to add classes when class registration opens.

## Membership:

- If your membership expired on or before **December 31, 2025**, you will need to add a membership to your cart before you can select any classes.
- If your membership expires on **December 31, 2026** or **June 30 2026**, you will be able to add items directly to your cart.

## Adding classes:

- Registration for the classes starts Tuesday January 13 at 10:00AM
- On the registration site, select how you want to take your classes ('In Person' or 'Zoom')
- Classes are then listed by week,
- To select a class click the Add to Cart button - this will place your class in your cart.
- To add more classes, preview your cart, then click the Continue Shopping button to return to the registration pages to select another class.
- Classes are open for registration until the day before the class meets.

## Checking out:

- Once you have registered for all the classes you wish to take, click on your Cart and follow the prompts to check out.
- You may return to the registration site at any time to enroll in more classes.
- If you are using a public computer, please remember to log out when you have finished the registration process.

## Don't like registering online?

- You can pick up a paper registration form from the office.

# How to use Zoom

About 15–30 minutes before your class is scheduled to begin, you will receive an email from OLLI@UGA with a link to your Zoom meeting and instructions for using Zoom on your desktop, laptop, or mobile device. These instructions are reproduced below. Videos showing how to use Zoom on any device are available on the OLLI@UGA [YouTube Channel](#).

## Using Zoom on your desktop or laptop computer:

Click the Zoom link in the email from [olli@uga.edu](mailto:olli@uga.edu). Your default browser (e.g., Chrome, Firefox, Safari) should open automatically.

If you have never downloaded Zoom before, you will be prompted to do so:

### For PC:

- Click the link that reads “[download and run Zoom](#)”.
- After your software downloads, click the Zoom.exe file at the bottom left of your browser.
- Zoom will begin to install.

### For Mac:

- Click the link that reads “[download and run Zoom](#)”.
- Your new software will be located in your Downloads folder as a PKG or DMG file. Double-click this file.
- Zoom will begin to install.

Zoom will launch, prompting you to enter your name. Please enter your full first and last names so we can verify your registration, then click “**Join Meeting.**”

If the host and presenter are still preparing for the class when you join, you may be placed in a waiting room for a few minutes. Once you’re admitted to the meeting room, click “**Join with Computer Audio.**”

Your microphone may be muted upon entry, and your camera turned off when you enter the room. To be heard and seen, click the options to “Unmute” and “Start Video” at the bottom left of the Zoom window. You’re now ready to begin!

## Tips for enjoying (and helping others enjoy) a Zoom meeting:

**Please mute you microphone if you are not speaking.** Background noise (doors opening and closing, phones ringing, dogs barking, laundry machines, dishwashers, microwaves, or microphone feedback in general) may not seem distracting to you but it may be for other participants. If a host mutes your microphone, please do not unmute yourself until you’ve eliminated the noise.

Please be sure that your face is no more than 3 feet away from your microphone so that we can hear any questions or comments you may have. You may also click the **Chat icon** at the bottom of the Zoom window (PC / Mac) to open the chat window where you can type your questions or comments for the host to read aloud.

If your camera is on, **please be dressed appropriately.** If you are not appropriately dressed, feel free to leave your camera off. We’ll understand.