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Visit olli.unt.edu/pronouns.*

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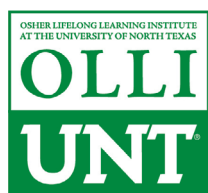
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*Our office closes for all
holidays observed by UNT.*



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Who are we?

We are the University of North Texas's educational program for adults age 50 and better. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UNT is part of a national network of OLLI programs that receive support from the Bernard Osher Foundation.

Our mission is to foster intellectual stimulation and social engagement through an extensive array of learning opportunities curated by and for our members. Since its founding in 2009, our program has grown to include 7 classroom locations around the North Texas region and over 1,400 members.

Our classrooms are an ideal environment for expert instructors to share their wealth of knowledge with eager adult learners. We promote education simply for the joy of learning.

If you've never attended an OLLI course before, please reach out to our office. We'll welcome you for one free course as our guest.

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LABOR EMBROIDERY FROM INDIA TO THE WORLD & LUXURY

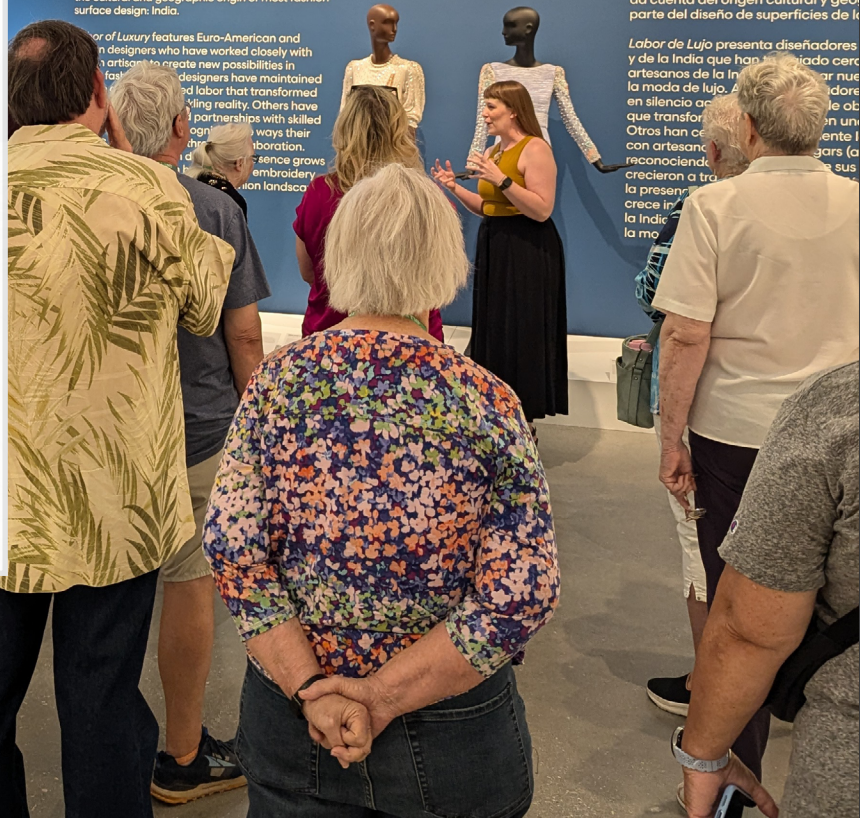
Shimmering sequins, dense beads, and delicate embroidery transform quotidian garments into extraordinary high fashion. While many luxury designers have developed followings based on these sophisticated techniques, few people realize the cultural and geographic origin of most fashion surface design: India.

Labor of Luxury features Euro-American and Indian designers who have worked closely with artisans to create new possibilities in fashion. These designers have maintained a commitment to labor that transformed the fashion industry. Others have formed partnerships with skilled artisans to create new ways their labor is used in the fashion landscape.

LABOR BORDADOS DE LA INDIA AL MUNDO & LUXURY

Lentejuelas brillantes, densas cuentas y bordados transforman las prendas cotidianas en extraordinaria alta costura. Mientras muchos diseñadores de lujo han desarrollado seguimientos basados en estas sofisticadas técnicas, pocas personas conocen el origen cultural y geográfico de la mayoría del diseño de superficies de la moda de lujo.

Labor de Lujo presenta diseñadores europeos y de la India que han trabajado estrechamente con artesanos para crear nuevas posibilidades en la moda de lujo. Estos diseñadores han mantenido un compromiso con el trabajo que transformó la industria. Otros han formado asociaciones con artesanos para crear nuevas formas de utilizar el trabajo en el paisaje de la moda.



Our Instructors

The talented individuals who teach our courses are volunteers with a passion for education. Many are active or retired university faculty members who enjoy sharing their knowledge with lifelong learners. We also offer presentations by experienced educators, independent researchers and other subject matter experts. More information can be found at olli.unt.edu/teach.



What does OLLI offer?

Non-credit Courses

Taught by active and retired university faculty, as well as other subject matter experts, our courses are designed to make learning fast, easy, and fun. Instructors submit proposals prior to each semester for approval by our Curriculum Committee. OLLI courses can consist of up to four 90-minute sessions and there are never any tests, grades, or mandatory assignments.

Special Interest Groups (SIG)

These groups are led by members with support from OLLI staff and provide opportunities to get to know others with shared interests. We have book groups, a yoga group, a solo travelers group, a writers group, and more. Members interested in starting a new SIG should reach out to our staff for assistance.

Lecture Series

We run two unique lecture series every semester. Our Get to Know series highlights faculty and staff from a selected UNT department. Our Debbie & Neal Smatresk OLLI After Five series takes place in early evenings and includes complimentary wine and cheese.

Special Events

We arrange for private tours, culinary activities, guest lecturers, planetarium visits, workshops, and other experiential learning opportunities to add variety to our curriculum.

Travel Opportunities

We partner with travel agencies to offer our members discounted group rates for selected domestic and international trips. When possible, we also partner with OLLI instructors to guide members on custom educational tours. Information about our upcoming trips is available at olli.unt.edu/travel.

Podcast




OLLI member Susan Supak conducts interviews with the instructors who teach our courses as well as UNT alumni and retirees. Each episode is a deep dive into the guest's personal background and area of expertise. The podcast is available to the public for free at olli.unt.edu/podcast.

Authors Out Loud

Dr. Jean Greenlaw and Susan Supak interview renowned authors in this special series. OLLI members sometimes have the opportunity to attend interviews live on Zoom. Recordings of previous interviews are available to the public for free at olli.unt.edu/aol.

Virtual Learning

Virtual learning opportunities in this catalog can be identified by the following symbols:

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|  | Zoom Virtual Activity |
|  | Livestreamed on YouTube |
|  | Recorded Session(s) |

Links for Zoom Virtual Activities are included in the confirmation email members receive after enrolling in each activity.

Links for YouTube livestreams are emailed to all OLLI members in advance of each session.

Links for available recordings are included in the weekly emails received by all OLLI members throughout the semester.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Valid for 365 days from purchase.

All Memberships Include:

- OLLI Lecture Series
- Full Member Benefits
- Livestreams & Zoom Courses
- Access to The Great Courses
- Special Interest Groups

Additional fees apply for some special events.

All Courses Included

\$150 per year (General Public)

Discounted Groups: **\$85** per year

- U.S. Armed Services Veterans & Spouses
- UNT Retiree Association Members
- UNT Alumni Association Members
- Flower Mound Seniors In Motion Members
- The Grove at Frisco Commons Members
- Keller Senior Activities Center Members
- Denton Senior Center Members
- Denton American Legion Hall Members

Pay Per Course

\$55 per year
+ \$15 per course

Course fee applies to each in-person course listed on pages **22 - 29**.

Course fees are due upon enrollment in each course. Pay Per Course members may upgrade to an All Courses Included membership by contacting OLLI at UNT. The cost of an upgrade is the difference between the two membership fees, minus any course fees that have already been paid.

How to Join

New Members: olli.unt.edu/register

Follow the instructions on our website to purchase your membership and enroll in courses and events online. If you prefer to join by mail, download our Membership Form and our Summer 2025 Enrollment Form. Send those forms to our mailing address along with any fees due.

Questions?

Contact olli@unt.edu or 940-369-7293.



Policies

Payment

We accept payment by check and all major credit cards. Course and event fees are due upon enrollment in each activity. Only UNT employees may accept member payments. The staff who work for our satellite classroom partners cannot accept payments for OLLI at UNT memberships or activities.

Dropping a Class / Waitlists

Once an OLLI at UNT activity fills, members are placed on a waitlist in order of enrollment. Members wishing to cancel their participation in an OLLI at UNT activity should contact olli@unt.edu or 940-369-7293 at least 24 hours in advance of the activity. Staff will then notify the next member on the waitlist.

Refunds

OLLI at UNT membership, course, and event fees are **non-refundable**. OLLI at UNT course and event fees will only be refunded if an activity is cancelled and not rescheduled. OLLI at UNT makes every attempt to reschedule activities that cannot be held at their originally scheduled date and time.

Cancellation Deadlines / Credit

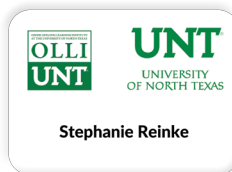
Members who cancel their participation in an OLLI at UNT course or event prior to that activity's **Cancellation Deadline** can request credit for any fees paid. This credit can be applied to a future OLLI activity or membership fee upon member request.

Cancellation Notices

If UNT closes due to inclement weather, all OLLI at UNT activities will be cancelled until the university reopens. Otherwise, the decision to cancel an activity during inclement weather will be made based on conditions at each classroom location and input from our instructors.

In the event that an OLLI at UNT activity is cancelled or rescheduled for any reason, members on the roster will be notified by email. It is important that you provide our staff with an email account you check regularly.

OLLI Member ID Cards



All new members will receive an OLLI at UNT ID card and lanyard by mail following registration. Please show your ID card to the host each time you arrive for an OLLI course or event at any of our locations. It may take 2-3 weeks for your ID card to arrive once your new member registration has been processed. Until it arrives, a printed copy of your registration confirmation email can also be shown as proof of OLLI membership.

Replacement IDs can be requested for a \$5 fee. Contact olli@unt.edu if you've misplaced your ID.

Senior Center Access

To access OLLI at UNT courses held at the Flower Mound Senior Center or The Grove at Frisco Commons, OLLI members must also present proof of senior center membership or purchase a day pass upon entry. For information about each senior center's membership and day pass options, please contact them directly:

Flower Mound Senior Center: 972-874-6110

flower-mound.com/749/Seniors-In-Motion

The Grove at Frisco Commons: 972-292-6550

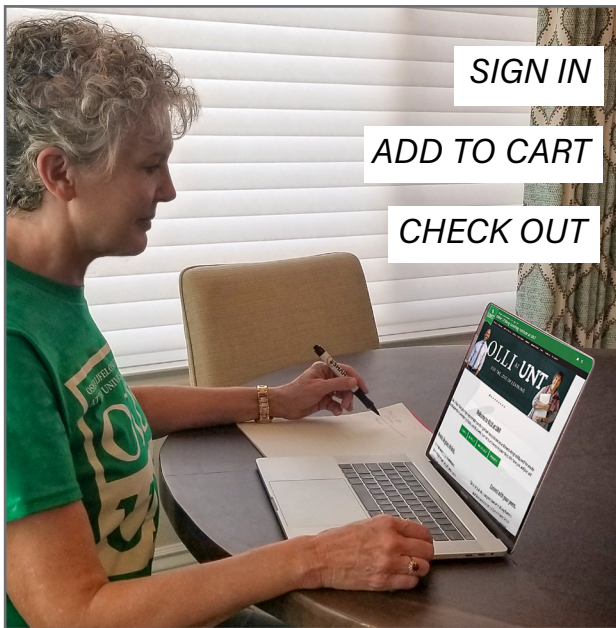
friscotexas.gov/1559/The-Grove-at-Frisco-Commons

All OLLI at UNT members can attend OLLI courses at the Keller Senior Activities Center by showing their OLLI member ID card at the front desk. No entry fee is required.

Summer Enrollment Options

Individuals with an active OLLI at UNT membership can use any of the following methods to enroll in our courses, special events, lecture series, and special interest groups:

1. Member Portal: olli.unt.edu/members



2. Enrollment Form

Our Enrollment Form allows you to check off the box by each activity you plan to participate in. The form can then be sent to our mailing address along with a check made payable to OLLI at UNT to cover any applicable fees. The form is available to download from our website at olli.unt.edu/members.

3. Phone or Email

Send an email to olli@unt.edu listing the titles and dates of the activities in which you wish to enroll. Don't forget to include your name! You can also call **940-369-7293** to enroll over the phone.

Please enroll using the method that is most convenient for you. Members can add activities to their schedules throughout the semester.

Confirmation Emails

Whenever you enroll in OLLI activities using one of the methods on the left, you will receive an automated confirmation email containing the date, time, and location of each activity. If you enroll in a Zoom activity, the link will also be included in your confirmation.

Friday Emails

All active members will receive our weekly reminder emails, which are typically sent on Fridays during each semester. These emails include the following information:

- The upcoming week's schedule
- Links for upcoming Zoom courses and CC Young livestreams
- Important OLLI announcements and schedule changes
- Links to available recordings of virtual courses and livestreams
- Upcoming local events of interest

If you're not receiving our weekly emails in your inbox, first check to see if your email provider is filtering them into your junk or spam folder. To prevent our emails from being marked as junk, it may help to add olli@unt.edu to your email account's contacts. If that doesn't fix the issue, please contact our office for assistance.

Course Evaluations

At the end of each course, all members on the roster will receive an email reminder to complete a brief course evaluation. Please complete an evaluation within 5 days of the end of each course you attend. These evaluations are vital to OLLI staff, instructors, and the Curriculum Committee.

Advisory Council

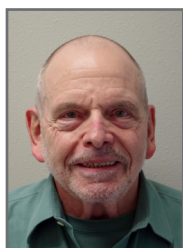
The ten OLLI members on the Advisory Council work with the Senior Director to review and evaluate policies and operations. The Council also does strategic planning to ensure that the program's quality and growth closely align with the needs of the OLLI at UNT membership.

President: Cathy Hartman
Vice President: Sandra Meier-Western

Fundraising Liaisons: Cynthia Parker & Bob Pryor
Secretary: Steve Dubrow



Elaine Darby



Steve Dubrow



Cathy Hartman



Max Morley



Sandra Meier-Western



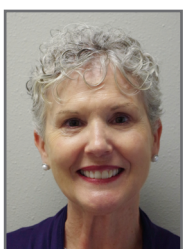
Ray Pahler



Cynthia Parker



Bob Pryor



Susan Supak



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Member Volunteers

We're extremely grateful to each member who volunteers their time to represent OLLI in the community or help our staff complete various projects throughout the year. We couldn't operate our program without member support. Members with strong organizational skills, a talent for collaborating well with others, or prior experience working in lifelong learning or similar programs should contact our office to learn about volunteer opportunities.



Member Benefits & Discounts

UNT College of Music Concerts

Members can reserve **complimentary** tickets through OLLI at UNT for select College of Music concerts each spring and fall semester. Members will be notified by email once the list of selected concerts is available.

UNT CoLab

OLLI at UNT members can receive a **10% discount** off of their retail purchase at the UNT CoLab (excluding consignment) by showing their OLLI ID card at checkout. The CoLab is located at 207 N. Elm Street in Denton.

UNT Kuehne Speaker Series

The UNT Kuehne Speaker Series is a signature event that supports the transformative Kuehne Scholarship Program and features distinguished speakers who share insights on relevant global issues. Discounted tickets are regularly made available to OLLI at UNT members.

UNT Dance and Theatre Performances

OLLI at UNT members can purchase discounted tickets to Dance & Theatre performances. For more information or to purchase discounted tickets, contact the box office at 940-565-2428 or dat-boxoffice@unt.edu and let them know you are an OLLI member.

UNT Pohl Recreation Center

OLLI at UNT members can join UNT's rec center at the discounted rate of \$22 per month by bringing in their OLLI ID card and purchasing a rec center membership onsite. Pohl Recreation Center is located on UNT's campus at 1900 Chestnut St., Denton, TX 76201. For more information, contact recsports@unt.edu or 940-565-2275.

Member Lounge and Free Library

OLLI at UNT members can enjoy complimentary coffee and tea in the Member Lounge, which is located in the UNT Support and Services Building in Denton. The lounge includes comfortable couches and a free library of books that have been donated by members.

UNT Library Card

OLLI at UNT members can request a university library card by contacting olli@unt.edu. The card grants book checkout privileges at Willis Library.

Froth Coffee and Dessert Bar

By showing their OLLI ID card, members can receive a **10% discount** from this Denton restaurant, which is located on 1611 Eagle Drive, across the street from our offices in the SSB. Visit FrothDenton.com to view their menu.

Lewisville Lake Symphony Concerts

OLLI at UNT members can purchase discounted concert tickets from the Lewisville Lake Symphony. Members will be notified by email of upcoming concerts.

Your support makes a difference.

"Please consider making a gift in support of our mission to offer impactful lifelong learning opportunities. Your donation in any amount will be received with gratitude."

OLLI at UNT Advisory Council



olli.unt.edu/donate

The Great Courses

OLLI at UNT has purchased many Instant Video courses from The Great Courses and acquired the rights to share them with our members. To gain access, sign in to the OLLI at UNT Member Portal, add The Great Courses Member Access option to your cart, and proceed through checkout. You will then receive a confirmation email containing the login information you'll use to sign in to the shared OLLI at UNT account on the Great Courses website. You can also email our office to request access.

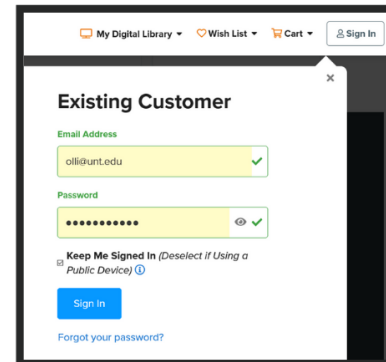
Signing In: You must sign in to The Great Courses website using the OLLI at UNT login information provided in the confirmation email you receive. If you have your own personal account on The Great Courses, the titles we have purchased will not appear in your personal Digital Library.

Make a note of where you leave off in a given course each time you sign out, since other members can also access our shared Great Courses account while you're away.



1.  Sign In

2.  My Digital Library ▾



Titles Available through OLLI at UNT:

- Understanding the World's Greatest Structures: Science & Innovation from Antiquity to Modernity
- How Winston Churchill Changed the World
- How to Read & Understand Shakespeare
- England, the 1960s, & the Triumph of the Beatles
- The American West: History, Myth, & Legacy
- America's Founding Fathers
- The Great Trials of World History
- Books That Matter: The Federalist Papers
- Peoples & Cultures of the World
- Life & Work of Mark Twain
- America After the Cold War: The First 30 Years
- Leonardo da Vinci & the Italian High Renaissance
- Great Minds of the Eastern Intellectual Tradition
- Taking Control of Your Personal Data
- Unsung Heroes of WWII: Europe
- Turning Points in Modern History
- Tai Chi for Aging with Strength and Tranquility
- The Real History of Pirates
- The Botanist's Eye: Identifying the Plants Around You
- Memory and the Human Lifespan
- History of the Supreme Court
- Concert Masterworks
- King Arthur
- Radio Astronomy
- Understanding Imperial China
- The Real Ancient Egypt
- Epigenetics: How Environment Changes Your Biology
- The Vietnam War
- Nature Watching: How to Find and Observe Wildlife
- American Sign Language for Everyone
- The Stories of Missing Masterpieces
- Life in the World's Oceans
- Ancient Writing and the History of the Alphabet
- The Secrets of Great Mystery and Suspense Fiction
- 10 Great What-Ifs of American History
- How the Great Migration Changed America
- Examining the Big Questions of Time
- How Digital Technology Shapes Us

Classroom Locations

All OLLI at UNT members can attend OLLI courses at any of our classroom locations, regardless of their membership type or where they live. Complimentary parking (including designated spaces for disabled persons) is available at each location. The primary OLLI schedule for each location is listed below.

University of North Texas



Support and Services Building (SSB)

1500 N. Interstate 35
Denton, TX 76205

**Members should pick up a parking permit from staff on the first day they arrive for a class at the SSB.*

Mondays & Wednesdays

10:00am - 11:30am
& 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Robson Ranch



Clubhouse Ballroom

9428 Ed Robson Circle
Denton, TX 76207

Tuesdays & Thursdays

10:00am - 11:30am
1:00pm - 2:30pm
& 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Flower Mound Senior Center



Shirley Voirin Ballroom
2701 W. Windsor Drive
Flower Mound, TX 75028

Mondays & Wednesdays
2:30pm - 4:00pm

Lantana



Community Event Center
1301 Haverford Lane
Lantana, TX 76226

Fridays
10:00am - 11:30am

Senior Center Access: Accessing OLLI at UNT courses at the Flower Mound Senior Center and The Grove at Frisco Commons requires the additional purchase of either a senior center membership or a day pass. See details on page 5.

Keller Senior Activities Center



Multipurpose Room

640 Johnson Road
Building C
Keller, TX 76248

Tuesdays

1:30pm - 3:00pm

The Grove at Frisco Commons



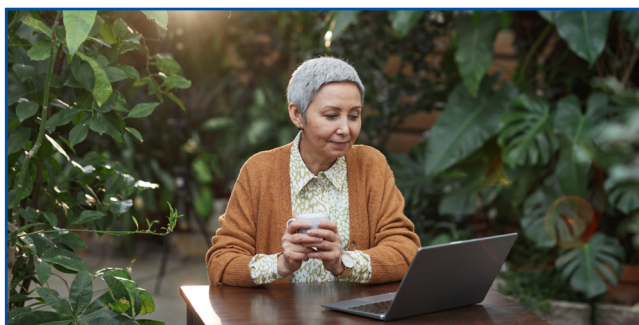
Craft Room

8300 McKinney Road
Frisco, TX 75034

Fridays

10:00am - 11:30am
& 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Zoom Virtual Classroom



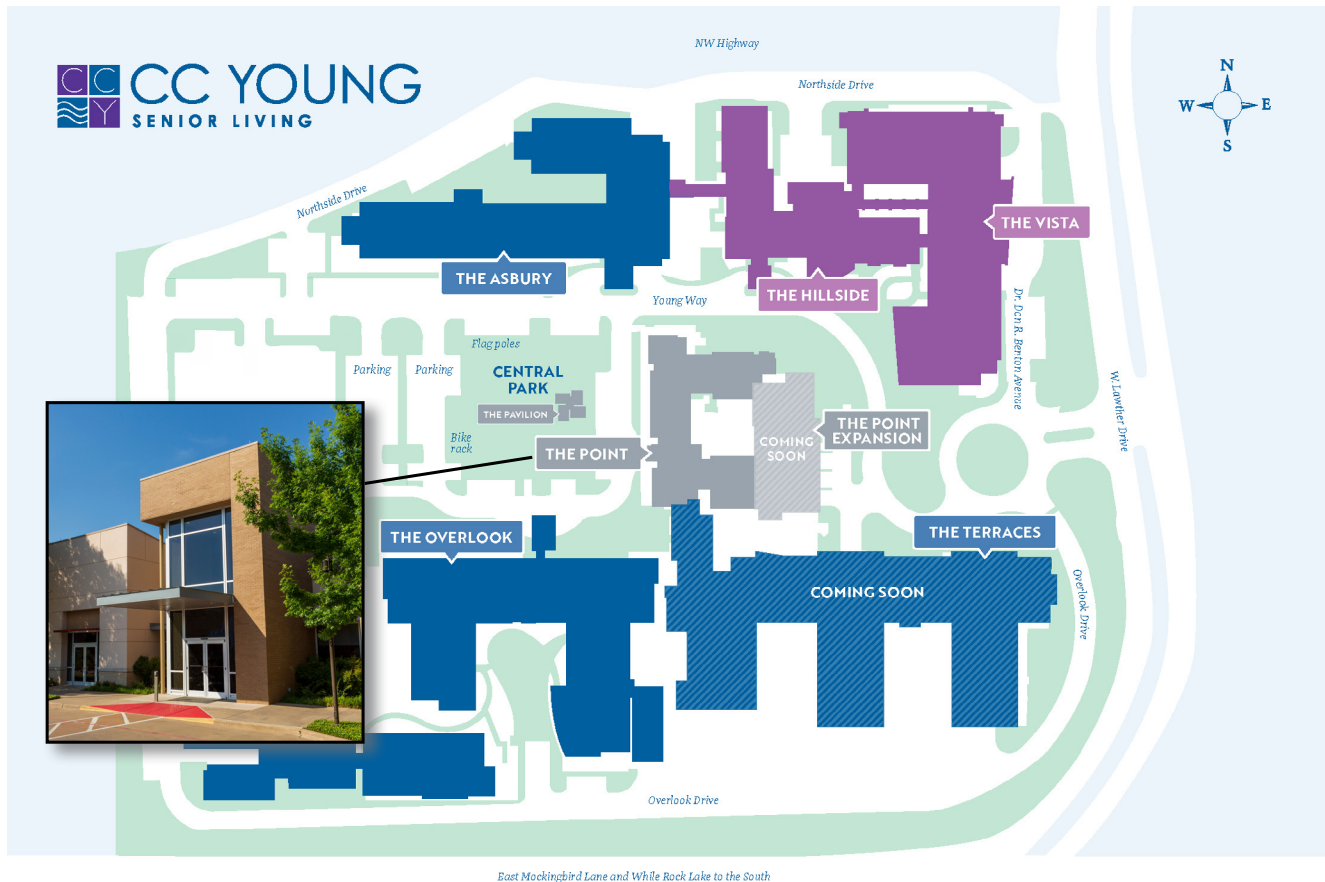
Virtual courses and events are scheduled based on the instructor's availability. Each virtual activity has its own unique Zoom link, which will be included in our confirmation emails.

Learn about our classes at CC Young Senior Living on the next page.

The Point at CC Young

Auditorium
4847 W. Lawther Dr.
Dallas, TX 75214

Tuesdays
& Thursdays
10:00am - 11:30am



About Our Relationship with CC Young

OLLI at UNT's sponsorship agreement with CC Young Senior Living in Dallas that brings our courses to their best-in-class facilities. Senior adults throughout the Dallas area have convenient, affordable access to lifelong learning thanks to this commitment by the leadership of CC Young.

All OLLI at UNT members are welcome to attend OLLI courses and events held in The Point Auditorium. Thanks to the generosity of CC Young, OLLI at UNT memberships are now complimentary for all CC Young residents, Terraces Priority members, and Point members.

OLLI courses held at CC Young will be broadcast internally to residents on channel 81. Courses will also be livestreamed on YouTube based on instructor permission. OLLI staff will provide livestream links to all members in our weekly emails.



Livestreamed on YouTube



Travel With Us

We have partnered with the Collette travel agency to offer the following trips.

Canadian Rockies by Train

feat. British Columbia, Alberta, and Banff

July 20 - 28, 2025 • 9 Days • 13 Meals

Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls, & Botswana

feat. Chobe National Park and 8 Wildlife Safaris

September 12 - 26, 2025 • 15 Days • 29 Meals

Southern Charm Holiday

feat. Historic Charleston, St. Simons Island, and Caroling

December 2 - 8, 2025 • 7 Days • 9 Meals

Visit oli.unt.edu/travel for more information.



"I had never taken a guided tour like this before so I really didn't know what to expect; plus I was traveling solo and didn't know anyone else going.

Our tour guide, local guides, and the tours to expected destinations were excellent. The unique side trips to unexpected locations were gems! I felt as though I had experienced the tastes and culture of the country.

It was hard to say goodbye to my new friends and re-enter the real world after spending this time in a travel utopia."

-Sheila H.

**Cowboys & Comanches
with Dr. Andrew Torget**
October 2025
(Registration Details TBA)

Registration details for this historical bus trip were not available at the time of printing. Once that information is available, we will notify all members by email and update the travel page of our website.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

These groups are led by OLLI members and provide opportunities to get to know others with shared interests.

Writing For Fun

Wednesdays, June 18 & July 16

10:00am - 11:30am

UNT SSB 101 (Conference Room)



This brand new SIG is being led by OLLI member John Penaska, a former IT professional who loves to write for fun. The group is open to any member who wants to explore examples of fun writing and practice writing with others. All experience levels and writing styles are welcome.

The group will use this summer's meetings to discuss and define what is fun about writing, review some examples of fun writing, and decide together what direction the group will take. Members are encouraged to bring samples of their own writing and take an active role in determining the agenda for future meetings.

Yoga

Tuesdays, June 3 & 17,

July 1 & 15

10:00am - 11:00am

UNT SSB 105

Join Sheila Holincheck for guided yoga sessions. Participants should bring their own mat. All experience levels are welcome.



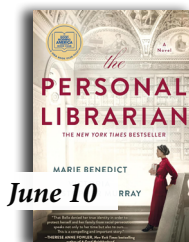
Bookshelf Catch-Up

Tuesdays, June 10 & July 8

2:45pm - 4:15pm

Denton Senior Center Orange Room (509 N. Bell Ave.)

This discussion group is for readers who love getting lost in libraries and bookstores, only to realize months later that the bestseller on their shelf has been sitting there unread way too long. Each participant will suggest a book for next semester and lead the discussion if their book is chosen by the group.



The Personal Librarian

by Marie Benedict
& Victoria Christopher Murray

A remarkable novel about J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.



Before the Coffee Gets Cold

by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

July 8

In a small back alley of Tokyo, there is a café that has been serving carefully brewed coffee for more than one hundred years. Local legend says that this shop offers something else besides coffee—the chance to travel back in time. Over the course of one summer, four customers visit the café in the hopes of making that journey. But time travel isn't so simple, and there are rules that must be followed. Most important, the trip can last only as long as it takes for the coffee to get cold.

Great Books

Fridays, June 27 & July 25

2:45pm - 4:15pm

UNT SSB 105

Join Donna Zelisko-McLaughlin to explore a category of literature called "great books." Selections might be philosophical, political, scientific, literary, or culturally significant. Participants will respond to the works from a personal perspective of what resonates to them.



June 27
& July 25

The Adventures of Augie March

by Saul Bellow

Augie, the exuberant narrator-hero, is a poor Chicago boy growing up during the Great Depression. Originally published in 1953, Saul Bellow's modern picaresque tale colorfully challenges the twentieth-century pursuit of success through a carefree but reflective anti-hero. Bellow's awards include the Nobel Prize for Literature and the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

This group will be selecting the "great" works they want to read and discuss in 2026, as well as sharing how reading a particular work/author made a difference in their lives.

Book Talk with Dr. Greenlaw

Wednesdays, June 18 & July 16

2:45pm - 4:15pm

UNT SSB 101 (Conference Room)



This discussion group is led by Jean Greenlaw. The topic for each meeting will be the theme of Dr. Greenlaw's "Book Talk" column that appears in the *Denton Record-Chronicle* on the first weekend of each month. It is not necessary to read the books mentioned in the column, but it will make your participation more

meaningful if you do read a book that fits the theme. It can range from a picture book for children to the most complex book you find on the topic. Dr. Greenlaw will begin each session by discussing the topic and a few books from her column (a copy of the column will be sent to the SIG roster before each meeting). Then members will participate by discussing the book they read. There are three points Dr. Greenlaw would like participants to be ready to discuss with the group:

- How does the book you read fit the theme?
- What was your most important takeaway from the book?
- Why would others be interested in reading the book?

You are welcome to be a member of the SIG and not participate in the discussion if you wish. It just is more fun for you if you put in your 2 cents worth!

Summer Book Talk Themes:

June 18: Romance

July 16: Potpurri (miscellaneous)

Solo Travelers, Unite!

Thurs. June 12

2:00pm - 3:30pm

UNT SSB 102

Thurs. July 24

1:30pm - 3:00pm

Keller Sr. Act. Center



Traveling independently can be challenging for individuals, both experienced and inexperienced travelers. This group, led by Cathy Hartman, with Carolyn Hodge serving as co-leader for Keller meetings, is based around members empowering and supporting each other to travel independently with confidence. Group meetings will alternate between Denton and Keller to accommodate as many members as possible.



The **PUSH (Persevere Until Success Happens)** program at UNT provides a campus-wide network of support for students who have experienced foster care or homelessness. By focusing on the academic, financial, career and social well-being of each student, PUSH enables them to arrive and thrive on campus.

Since 2019, our department has partnered with UNT's PUSH program to help support the incredible students who benefit from its services.

Our **Friends of PUSH** initiative connects lifelong learners with PUSH staff so that they can support students more directly and sustainably through financial assistance, hot meals, and more. It's been our pleasure to work with the PUSH staff, led by UNT's Foster Care Liaison Officer Brenda Sweeten.

We're working to create new opportunities for members to support PUSH students and bring members and students together in fun, engaging ways.

We hope you will choose to participate and make a difference in these students' lives. To express your interest in getting involved, please fill out the form on our website.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

These activities may take place outside of the traditional classroom setting and may also have a unique educational format. Activities in this section are complimentary for all OLLI members, except where an event fee is clearly indicated in red.

Couture Up Close: The History and Creation of High Fashion

Monday, June 3

1:00pm - 2:30pm

UNT Art Building - Room 259

1201 W. Mulberry St., Denton, TX 76201

Limited to 22 members.



Custom-created in the elite workshops of storied French fashion houses, couture has captured the imaginations of Paris Fashion Week attendees, blockbuster fashion exhibition goers, and viewers of popular media like drama series *The New Look*, the film *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris*, and documentaries featuring famous

designers. However, few people know the intricacies of this elite fashion system or get to see examples of the elaborate designs created within it. Join Annette Becker for a lecture about couture's history and present, accompanied by examples of these elegant designs housed within the UNT Texas Fashion Collection.

Parking Permit Required: Members who enroll in any of these sessions may pick up a single day parking permit from OLLI at UNT staff on the day of the event. The permit is required to park in lots 50, 54, or 55 near the Art Building and the Welch Street Complex.



Annette Becker, MA, is Director of the Texas Fashion Collection, where she stewards the TFC's holdings of nearly 20,000 historic and designer garments and accessories. Annette is a material culture historian and arts educator who holds an MA in Art History from UNT and brings experience from museums and

archives around the country. She was a recipient of the UNT Provost's OLLI Faculty Award for 2023.

History at the Movies:

Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb

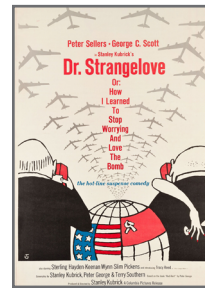
Friday, June 13

2:00pm - 4:30pm

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema

3220 Town Center Tr., Denton, TX 76201

\$50 Per Member



Stanley Kubrick's 1964 masterpiece, *Dr. Strangelove*, captured the insanity of the Cold War and the ever-present threat of nuclear war that hung over all Americans of that era in what one critic called "one of the fiercest satires of human folly ever to come out of Hollywood." OLLI members can attend an exclusive, private

screening of this classic film, which will feature an in-theater talk by historian Andrew J. Torget, who will talk about history of the Cold War, the nuclear standoff between the United States and the USSR, and how the strange experience of American life during the 1950s framed the wry satire of *Dr. Strangelove*.

The fee for this event includes 1 ticket to the screening, Dr. Torget's talk, and an order of popcorn. Members will be able to purchase additional food and drink items on their own at the theater. A portion of the proceeds from this event fee will go toward supporting OLLI at UNT.



Andrew J. Torget, PhD, is a historian of 19th century North America at UNT, where he holds the University Distinguished Teaching Professorship. He is the author or editor of five books, he set a Guinness World Record in 2018, and he has won multiple teaching awards on two different continents.

Registration & Cancellation Deadline:

Friday, June 6 (see policy on page 5)

Wine & Cheese Pairing Lesson

Wednesday, June 25

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Blank Space Events

521 S. Loop 288, Suite 145, Denton, TX 76205

\$40 Per Member

In this educational wine and cheese pairing event held at Blank Space Events in Denton, members will enjoy a glass of wine with a selection of three cheeses. With expertise and passion, Justin Bonard from Ten:One Artisanal Cheese Shop will discuss the wine and cheeses in detail, while explaining why they compliment each other so well. The event fee includes: 1 glass of wine, a selection of 3 cheeses (1 oz. each), bread from Ravelin Bakery, plus an assortment of house nuts, jams, and poached fruit.

Ten:One Artisanal Cheese Shop has been in operation for over 6 years. In that time, they have won the *Dallas Observer's* Best Cheese Shop award and have been a finalist for the *Denton Record-Chronicle's* Best Wine Shop and Best Wine List. They have also been featured on NBC's *Texas Today*. Learn more at tenonecheese.com.

Registration & Cancellation Deadline:

Wednesday, June 18 (see policy on page 5)



Nut & Gluten Allergies: Please notify olli@unt.edu no later than one week prior to this event to request a nut-free or gluten-free board.

UNT Sky Theater Planetarium *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*

Monday, June 30

10:00am - 11:00am

UNT Environmental Science Building

1704 W. Mulberry St., Denton, TX 76201*



***Parking Options:** Members are welcome to park at the UNT Support & Services Building and walk 0.7 miles up the sidewalk to the theater. Members also have the option to pick up a single day permit from OLLI at UNT staff that will allow access to lots that are closer to the theater.

On a two-year journey to Mars, astronauts will face extraordinary challenges—long distance, a closed environment, isolation, altered gravity, radiation. What will it take to get astronauts to Mars—and back—safely? This new, animated planetarium production highlights NASA research and training initiatives that are preparing the next generation of astronauts who will head to Mars. The film shows how creativity, collaboration, communication, and expertise in a diverse number of fields are key for the success of deep space travel—while also inspiring the next generation of STEM professionals!

Following the 26-minute documentary, UNT Astronomy staff will use the planetarium's technology to give members a preview of that night's sky and answer astronomy questions.

GET TO KNOW UNT LIBRARIES

The UNT Libraries facilitate teaching, learning, and research for students, faculty, and information seekers at UNT and around the world. Their expert staff, spaces, services, and collections support academic success and lifelong learning.

Preservation: From UNT Special Libraries to Your Family History

Tuesday, June 3
1:00pm - 2:30pm
Robson Ranch Clubhouse

In this presentation members will gain insight into what preservation work is being done at the University of North Texas' Special Libraries. Find out what it takes to preserve rare and unique materials so that they may be made accessible for use, research, exhibition, and long-term storage. The last part of the session will look at simple preservation solutions and ideas to preserve your own family history.



Jodi Rhinehart-Doty, MS, is the Special Libraries Senior Program Project Coordinator for UNT. She holds BA and MS degrees in Psychology from Florida State University and has over 14 years of Project Management experience in

several industries such as software management, non-profit, and education. She has been working with UNT Libraries for 7 years.



Justin Lemons, MIS, is the Preservation and Acquisitions Librarian for the UNT Special Collections department and teaches Special Materials Preservation for UNT's College of Information. He holds a BFA in Drawing and

Painting and an MIS in Library Science, both from UNT. As a Library Science student, Justin studied special materials preservation and audio preservation, and spent time at the Library of Congress' National Audio-Visual Conservation Center in Culpeper, VA as a Junior Fellow. He owns and operates a mostly analog recording studio out of his home in Denton.

Love is in the Air! Marriage and Relationships in Early American History

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| Wednesday, June 18 2:30pm - 4:00pm Flower Mound Senior Center | Friday, July 11 10:00am - 11:30am Lantana Community Event Center |
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In this presentation, members will explore the world of marriage and romance through letters and manuscripts from early American history hosted in Voices of the Eastern Shore. Delve into 200 year old stories of will they, won't they, and how does it all turn out? This will be a fun romp through the nature of love on the Eastern Shore in the 19th century. Members will have two opportunities to attend this presentation and can choose the date and location that is most convenient.



Dreanna Belden, MS, is Director of External Partnerships at UNT Libraries, where she has worked since 2003. Her interests involve working with museums, libraries, historical societies and archives to place historic materials online. She's

spoken nationally and internationally about her research, including at Library of Congress. In addition to her work with the Portal to Texas History, she is Co-Director of the project Texas History for Teachers, and Voices of the Eastern Shore.

voicesoftheeasternshore.org

ABOUT THIS SERIES

Previously known as our Lunch & Learn Lecture Series, this newly renamed project sees OLLI at UNT collaborate with a different unit on campus each semester. Members attending these presentations will get to know some of the remarkable faculty and staff in each area and learn about their roles at the university. These presentations are complimentary for all OLLI at UNT members.

Treasures of Special Collections

Tuesday, July 22

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Robson Ranch Clubhouse

The Special Collections department at UNT Libraries maintains rare and unique research collections, including medieval manuscripts, miniature books, and Texana collections, that are utilized by researchers around the world. This presentation will feature rare books, fine printing, archival materials, and other treasures of Special Collections. Members will be able to see these materials in-person while learning more about the fascinating ways they are utilized for teaching and scholarship.



Morgan Gieringer, MLS, is the Head of UNT Libraries Special Collections department, which includes the libraries' rare book collection, Preservation Lab, University Archive, Television News Archive, and over 40,000 linear feet of archival

materials. As an instructor in the College of Information, Morgan developed the Graduate Certificate in Archival Management and teaches graduate course in Archival Studies and Archival Appraisal. Morgan received her BA in Anthropology from UNT, her Master's in Library Science from Texas Woman's University, and is a member of the Academy of Certified Archivists.

Unlocking Knowledge: A Journey through Lifelong Learning with Film and Games

Tuesday, July 29

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Robson Ranch Clubhouse

The presenters will discuss the resources and events available at the University of North Texas Media Library that promote lifelong learning. These resources encompass feature films and documentaries across a range of genres, as well as tabletop and video games. Discover how to connect with fellow enthusiasts at Media Library events to enjoy films, learn to play games, or engage in media-related crafting activities.



Diane Robson, MS, serves as the Games and Education Librarian at UNT. In this role, she oversees collection development, cataloging, and outreach initiatives pertaining to video games, tabletop games, and game-related equipment.

Lindsay Duke is the Film & Video Outreach Coordinator for the UNT Media Library. She maintains and promotes the film collection by purchasing, licensing, and showcasing films, television, and streaming titles for library patrons.



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The

Debbie & Neal Smatresk OLLI After Five Series

This special series is named for Debbie & Neal Smatresk, reflecting their steadfast dedication to our members and their commitment to enriching the North Texas community through the joy of lifelong learning. The series is available to all OLLI members at no additional cost. Each series event includes a complimentary selection of wines, beers, cheeses, and crackers.



Where's the "Science" in Political Science? How UNT Researchers Are Trying to Learn from Current World Events

Tuesday, June 10

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Robson Ranch Clubhouse

UNT Political Science faculty often teach OLLI courses. But have you ever wondered what it means to do research in political science? How can "political science" even be a science? In this lecture, UNT professor Michael Greig will talk about how political scientists like him do their research and use it to learn from contemporary foreign policy events. Discussion in the lecture will focus on how events in the war in Ukraine have inspired Dr. Greig's research and what it has told us about what influences the fighting effectiveness of militaries and shapes who wins and loses wars between countries.



Michael Greig, PhD, is Michael Greig, PhD, is a Professor of Political Science at UNT with a primary research and teaching expertise in international relations. His work explores the forces that cause the outbreak of conflict and

the tools that are most effective in transitioning war to a stable peace. Dr. Greig was the recipient of the UNT Provost's OLLI Faculty Award for 2024.

This lecture was originally scheduled to take place in Spring 2025.

America's Humble Servant: Ben Franklin's Perspectives on American Ingenuity, Resolve, and Liberty

Monday, June 16

5:30pm - 6:30pm

[The Point Auditorium at CC Young](#)

Allow Dr. Benjamin Franklin to share his life's stories, experiences, and perspectives that exemplify what would come to be known as the American Spirit. In this immersive experience, Franklin himself will bring his journey to life, revealing how an insatiable curiosity led a boy with only two years of formal education to rise from a fugitive to a world-renowned philosopher, scientist, businessman, diplomat, and statesman. In the traditional wit of Poor Richard, members will enjoy the philosopher's insights on American ingenuity and resolve that transformed a once-loyal British subject into a rebel who helped establish liberty and the world's longest-standing constitutional republic. What question would you ask Ben if you had the chance? Now you will!



Darren York is a mathematician and industrial engineer, specializing in optimization and work process improvement—unlike Ben Franklin in math proficiency, yet akin to Franklin in his roles as a postmaster and

printer for efficiency. A passionate history lover, Darren ventured into the creative realm, becoming a historical interpretive actor portraying Ben Franklin. Through his performances, he aims to spark curiosity and foster a deeper connection to history, science, business, and public service, offering an immersive, engaging, and transformational experience with the 18th century master of wit and wisdom.



Watch in-depth video interviews with Kate DiCamillo, Nicholas Kristof, Sheryl WuDunn, Brad Meltzer, Lois Lowry, Kathryn Lasky, and more.

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Listen to over 90 audio interviews with faculty, alumni, and retirees hosted by Susan Supak.

olli.unt.edu/podcast

Summer 2025 Courses

Classroom Location Key:

UNT = UNT Support & Services Bldg.
CCY = The Point at CC Young
RR = Robson Ranch Clubhouse
FM = Flower Mound Senior Center
KEL = Keller Sr. Activities Center
LAN = Lantana Comm. Event Center
FR = The Grove at Frisco Commons
ZOOM = Virtual Classroom

See location addresses on page 10.

Scheduling Notes:

Multi-session Courses: If a course has multiple sessions listed at a single location, it will continue from one session to the next, with new material being presented at each session.

Repeated Courses: If a course has multiple locations listed, that indicates the entire course will be repeated at each location.

Instructor Handouts:

Handouts are posted to our website, oli.unt.edu/handouts, as they are made available to OLLI staff.

Course Fees:

For Pay Per Course members, each in-person course in this section carries a \$15 fee, which is due upon enrollment in the course. Virtual courses on **Zoom** and **YouTube** livestreams are included for all members at no additional cost.

Cancellation Deadlines:

Pay Per Course members who cancel their attendance at least 24 hours in advance of a course's start date can request to apply their course fee to another course this semester.



Guest Policy:

Guests can see what our program is all about by attending one of the courses in this section for free, while space is available. Contact oli@unt.edu to enroll as a guest in one free course.

*This catalog was printed in April 2025.
Any changes to a course's schedule will be communicated to the members on the roster via email.*

Arts & Humanities

A Brief History of Early Jazz

CCY Thurs. July 10;
10:00am - 11:30am  
UNT Wed. July 23; 10:00am - 11:30am

This session will examine the roots of jazz through pictures and musical examples of musicians from 1900 through the 1920s.

Steve Harlos, DMA, serves as chair of the Division of Keyboard Studies in the UNT College of Music. He has performed with such diverse artists as Timofei Dokschutzer, Harvey Phillips, Dick Hyman, Marvin Gaye and Maureen McGovern. He was staff keyboardist for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra from 1996 until his retirement in 2022.

Ron Fink is a Professor Emeritus in the UNT College of Music, where he taught percussion for 35 years. Mr. Fink was principal percussionist and timpanist with the Ft. Worth Symphony for about a dozen years. In his retirement, he continues to play professionally with his Dixieland band, German band, Jazz groups, and other music venues.

Challenging the Boys' Club: Classical Music by Contemporary American Women

FM Mon. & Wed. July 21, 23, & 28;
2:30pm - 4:00pm

For most of the history of the Western classical music tradition, the careers of women composers have been subject to many constraints and limited opportunities. Yet over the past century, there has been a dramatic increase in female composers with a wide array of styles. Within the U.S., several women have come to the forefront in concert music with distinct voices, including Amy Beach, Florence Price, Ruth Crawford Seeger, Joan Tower, Meredith Monk, Julia Wolfe, Pauline Oliveros, and Missy Mazzoli. This introductory three-session course will focus on some of the major American female composers of the 20th and 21st centuries by exploring their lives and works with active member discussions through additional thematic lenses such as accessibility, performance practice, advocacy, extramusical influences, and societal discourse.

Dayton Kinney, PhD, is an award-winning composer whose music explores the limits of ambiguity in thematic material, accessibility, harmony, and form, which Gramophone describes as "compelling single-movement designs." Her research on American women composers directly influences her work as a composer with an eclectic style of juxtapositions. Dr. Kinney earned her PhD in Music Composition from Duke University, where her work focused on the musical borrowings in Joan Tower's dedicated homages.



Contemporary Texas Authors Looking at 19th Century Texas

RR Thurs. July 17; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Many OLLI members have eagerly attended classes on Texas history. Looking at the facts is critical to understanding what Texas is about. But looking at how contemporary Texas authors bring to life the facts and/or myths about 19th century Texas provides a different kind of awareness of what we think Texas is. This session will examine four novelists: Steve Harrigan, Paulette Jiles, Elizabeth Crook, and Larry McMurtry.

La Donna Womochel, PhD, taught at Texas Tech either part-time or full-time for nine years. She earned her PhD from Texas Tech University, where she specialized in 19th century American novels. She currently serves on the OLLI at UNT Advisory Council and frequently reviews books for organizations at Robson Ranch.



Dialect Variation, Language Change, and Texas English

CCY Tues. July 15;
10:00am - 11:30am  

This lecture will examine the mechanisms of language change over time with a special interest in all things Texas English.

William Salmon, PhD, is Chair of the Department of Linguistics at UNT. He has an MA in Linguistics from UNT and a PhD in Linguistics from Yale University. His research interests include Southern vernacular Englishes in general and especially in Texas.



Frank Lloyd Wright and His Usonian Vision

CCY Thurs. June 5;
10:00am - 11:30am  
FM Mon. June 16; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

In the latter part of his architectural career, Frank Lloyd Wright translated his personal beliefs about American values and ideals into a uniquely democratic style of architecture that he called Usonian. In this session, members will have the opportunity to learn more about how Wright's design style evolved from designing expansive Prairie-style homes for the wealthy "avant-garde" to focusing on designing accessible homes for middle-income "every-man" families. The presentation will explore Wright's interior and exterior designs of his expansive Usonian oeuvre starting in the 1930s, and, by the end of the session, members will be able to recognize the key elements that defined his homes built during this important time period of his career.

Jessica Hogue developed a passion for Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural designs after visiting the Pope-Leighey House near Washington, DC. Since then, she has visited Wright-designed residences and public buildings throughout the country.

Gustave Caillebotte: Impressionist Painter and Collector

CCY Tues. June 3;
10:00am - 11:30am  

This session will examine the art and life of Gustave Caillebotte, an often overlooked member of the Impressionist group, who was both a painter and collector of their works. Caillebotte's independent wealth allowed him to paint subjects of his own choosing without the need to sell, and the donation of his collection to the French state now forms the core of Impressionist works at the Musee d'Orsay, Paris.

Lane Banks is a lecturer and museum educator focusing on the history of modern and contemporary art. He has taught continuing education courses at SMU for the past twenty years, has been a docent at the Dallas Museum of Art and Nasher Sculpture Center, and continues to lead gallery talks at the DMA.



Hwæt! A Brief History of English

FR Fri. July 11; 10:00am - 11:30am
FM Wed. July 16; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

English is constantly changing, but where were its roots? In this session, members will take a journey through the development of the language from the unrecognizable sounds of Old English to Middle, Early Modern, and contemporary English. You don't need to be a linguist to be a logophile!

Lynne Kelsey is a retired English teacher who taught twelfth grade British literature to 175 high school seniors in her former hometown and loved every minute of it.

John Philip Sousa: The March King

CCY Tues. & Thurs. June 24 & 26;
10:00am - 11:30am  

John Philip Sousa has been called America's March King. He has given the American people over 130 marches and numerous other musical offerings. This two-session course will examine the life of John Philip Sousa and the background behind some of his more famous marches. Filled with pictures and music, Sousa's contributions to American wind band music will be experienced.

Darhyl Ramsey, PhD, retired as Professor of Music in the College of Music at UNT where his area of expertise in undergraduate music education was instrumental literature and band history.

Lone Star Literary Landscapes: Texas Literature and the Environment

KEL Tues. June 24 & July 1; 1:30pm - 3:00pm

In this session, members will explore Texas' literary history and examine how Texas writers engage with the state's diverse environments—from sprawling prairies and rugged deserts to dense forests and dynamic coastlines—and how these landscapes shape historical narratives, cultural identities, and environmental consciousness. Members will read works by acclaimed authors, including Larry McMurtry, John Graves, and Rick Bass, discuss themes of conservation and loss, abundance and scarcity, and progress and preservation, and reflect on the state's contemporary ecological challenges.

Rochelle Gregory, PhD, is a Clinical Associate Professor in UNT's Department of Multidisciplinary Innovation. She grew up on a farm in rural central Texas. She attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas, where she earned a BA and MA in English. Later, Rochelle attended Texas Woman's University, where she earned a PhD in Rhetoric. Rochelle is currently teaching writing and literature at the UNT Frisco campus and is writing her first novel.



Music for Movies that Make Social Comment

FM Mon. & Wed. June 2 & 4; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

We find movies today and yesterday making "social comments," sometimes subtle and sometimes overt, about people's moral, political, and social attitudes in the times in which the movies are produced. What members will see and hear in this two-session course is a selection of movies that have enjoyable soundtracks (incidental music) coupled with a discussion of a variety of cultural, historic, or literary interests that are associated with the movie - some heavier and some lighter.

Max Morley, DMA, taught music history and literature at Stephen F. Austin State University until his retirement. He earned his BM, MM, and DMA degrees from UNT. Dr. Morley was also a recipient of the UNT Provost's OLLI Faculty Award for 2023.



Pride and Prejudice: The Men

CCY Tues. June 17;
10:00am - 11:30am  

Pride and Prejudice is the most popular of Jane Austen's six novels. It may have invented the rom-com, but is that all it is? What can we learn from it, and what does it say about the culture Austen lived in at the time it was written? In this session, members will explore *Pride and Prejudice*, and for a change, concentrate on the men in the novel. Members are encouraged to read or re-read the book in advance or, alternately, watch the movie (preferably the A&E/PBS 1995 version which allows six hours for the story to unfold).

Elaine Kushmaul, MLIS, has had a long-standing admiration for Jane Austen and her novels. A mid-life career change led to a Master's in Library Information Services from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. One of the projects during graduate study concentrated on Jane Austen and her life.

Singing School: The Lyricality of Irish Nobel Poet Laureate Seamus Heaney

CCY Thurs. July 31;
10:00am - 11:30am  

Acclaimed Irish poet Seamus Heaney began writing poems from his rural countryside upbringing, morphed into poems that addressed the retributive violence of "The Troubles" and ended in more contemplative modes that examined his and Ireland's place in the world. In a session that showcases this trajectory, members will enjoy a discussion and analysis of a few pre-provided poems.

LeeAnn Derdeyn, PhD, is a Clinical Associate Professor in UNT's College of Applied and Collaborative Studies. She has a BA in Medieval Literature and Spirituality, as well as an MA and PhD in Modern and Contemporary Literature. Her primary dissertation focus was T. S. Eliot and Modernism.

The American Musical: Reminiscence and History

RR Tues. June 24 & July 1; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

This two-session course will cover the American Musical from 1903 to the present. Through audio and visuals, it will feature reminiscence of more than 50 of the most successful musicals, highlighting their composers, lyricists, actors, actresses, and especially the music.

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The Barbizon Hotel and The Women Who Stayed There

UNT Wed. July 23; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The story of the Barbizon Residential Hotel for Women (1927-1980), located in New York City, reflects the many major societal disruptions and economic changes experienced by women coming of age in the mid-20th century. The “Doll House” was designed as a safe place for unchaperoned women to stay while working or studying in NYC. First built as a residential living space for women in the Arts, the hotel later housed women from the Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School and the Ford Modeling Agency. In this session, members will learn about the many women who at one time resided at the Barbizon, including Silvia Plath, Candice Bergen, Liza Minnelli, and Grace Kelly. This presentation will be based on personal experience and information from the book *The Barbizon* by Paulina Bren.

Lois Levine-Elman is a former school psychologist who has given OLLI presentations on a variety of topics.

The Early History of Photography

FM Mon. June 9; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Learn about the discoveries that led to the invention of photography as well as the people who first made photographic images. Early forms of photography on metal, glass, and paper will be covered in this illustrated presentation, as will examples of strategies used to capture images that long exposure times made difficult.

John F. Neal, PhD, taught journalism and mass communication at the college level for more than 30 years. He received his PhD from UNT, and while in graduate school at The University of Texas at Austin, he worked in the photography collection of the Harry Ransom Center.

War and the Pity of War: An Introduction to War Poetry in the 20th and 21st Centuries

RR Thurs. June 5; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

In this session, Dr. Dubrow will present a brief history of English-language war poetry in the 20th and 21st centuries. Beginning with classical influences such as Homer and Virgil, members will consider essential examples from WWI, WWII, the Vietnam War, as well as more recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. How do poets write about combat, trauma, and the homefront? And what are the abiding themes of war poetry across generations?

Jehanne Dubrow, PhD, is the author of three books of nonfiction and ten poetry collections, including most recently *Civilians*. Her work has appeared in *The Southern Review*, *New England Review*, and *Ploughshares*, among others. She is a Professor of Creative Writing at UNT.

Business & Economics

How to Avoid Overpaying Taxes in Retirement

RR Tues. & Thurs. June 3 & 5;
2:45pm - 4:15pm

Most people pay more in taxes in retirement than is necessary. If retirees and those preparing to retire don't understand the complicated role of taxes in retirement, they could end up stumbling into horrific and costly mistakes. This session is designed to guide members through some of the “tax traps and opportunities” that retirees face through the four stages of retirement.

Joe Dowdall, MBA, is a certified Financial Planner, Chartered Retirement Plan Consultant, and a Retirement Income Certified Professional. He earned his bachelor's degree from the State University of New York and his MBA in Finance from Saint Joseph's Haub School of Business.

Outsmart the Scammers

RR Tues. June 17; 1:00pm - 2:30pm
LAN Fri. July 18; 10:00am - 11:30am

In this session, members will learn how to spot certain red flags that may indicate a fraudulent encounter. The presentation will also cover resources individuals can turn to in the event they or a loved one are targeted and steps members can take now to help protect themselves and loved ones.

Kyle Schlabach is a financial advisor with Edward Jones who focuses on retirement, estate, and legacy strategies. He received his Bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University.

Revealing the Potential of Charitable Giving

FR Fri. June 20; 1:00pm - 2:30pm
RR Thurs. July 24; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This session will seek to guide charitable family stewards through the nuances of effective giving. During the session, Dave Ragan will dig into four essential topics that can help members optimize their charitable strategies and maximize the impact of their charitable contributions. This session will be best suited for those who do have a charitable bent and want to discover how their wealth can serve a greater purpose beyond just numbers.

Dave Ragan, Certified Financial Planner, is an adjunct professor who not only teaches the senior level financial planning class for UNT, but also helps run his own wealth management firm. He enjoys walking people through concepts then brings real life examples into the classroom, bridging the gap between theory and actual implementation. Dave has been teaching since 2008 and an adviser since 2003.

The U.S. Federal Reserve and Banking System

LAN Fri. June 20; 10:00am - 11:30am

In this session, members will learn how the Federal Reserve System and overall banking system affects the US economy.

Stan Nelsen, MA, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Fresno State University and a Master's degree in Banking and Finance from Golden Gate University.

Who Gets Your Stuff When You Die?

FM Wed. July 30; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

In this session, Leigh Hilton will discuss the intricacies of wills, trusts, estate planning, asset protection and more.

Leigh Hilton is an Accredited Estate Planner. She received her law degree from the South Texas College of Law in Houston and is a member of the Wealth Counsel, National Association of Elder Law Attorneys, and Elder Counsel.

Will You Lose All of Your Assets If You Have to Go to a Nursing Home?

KEL Tues. June 3; 1:30pm - 3:00pm
RR Tues. June 10; 10:00am - 11:30am

In this session, members will learn how to protect their families from losing what they have worked hard to earn if they have to go into a nursing home.

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Current Events & Social Issues



Claims of Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents

UNT Wed. June 4 & 11; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

A caste system is a social hierarchy created on the basis of characteristics like race or religion, in which dominant castes control subordinate ones. The main idea of Isabel Wilkerson's 2020 nonfiction bestseller *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* is that the United States, like India and Nazi Germany, has operated under a hidden caste system based on race. Wilkerson suggests that we can draw parallels between Blacks and Whites as a part of "caste" systems in the U.S., upper and lower castes in India, and the 'superior' class of Nazi Germany over "inferior" non-Germans. This two-session course will explore the thesis and the arguments given by the author. It will also include some scenes from the 2023 movie adaptation *Origin*, by Ava DuVernay.

Richa Yadav, PhD, is a freelance writer who earned her doctorate degree in Philosophy. She moved to the United States almost two decades ago and has taught OLLI courses on literature, religion, and Indian culture since 2019.

International Relations with Dr. Greig: Understanding the Conflicts in Today's Headlines

ZOOM Wed. July 30;
1:00pm - 2:30pm  

In these regular updates on global affairs, UNT Political Science Professor Michael Greig draws from his research interests in international conflict and conflict management to provide insight into critical events that are making headlines around the world. These sessions explore important concepts in political science that will help members better understand the foreign policy decisions facing U.S. policymakers and diplomats. The topic for this semester will be determined by current events and announced to members in advance of the session.

Michael Greig, PhD, is a Professor of Political Science at UNT with a primary research and teaching expertise in international relations. His work explores the forces that cause the outbreak of conflict and the tools that are most effective in transitioning war to a stable peace.

One Diplomat's Life: A Tale Told in Anecdotes

FM Wed. June 11; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

KEL Tues. June 17; 1:30pm - 3:00pm

In this session, Steve Dubrow will tell his personal story of spending almost 30 years as an American diplomat. He will present this case study informally, recounting anecdotes sequentially. They will serve to illustrate memorable moments in his U.S. Foreign Service career. In order better to bring members to realize that a diplomat's career is more a lifestyle choice than a job, he will encourage their questions and comments.

Steve Dubrow graduated from Columbia and Princeton, taught at Brown University, served for 25 years as a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service, and taught world languages for 19 years.

Religious Nationalism and the Challenge to Democracy

UNT Mon. June 16; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

FR Fri. June 27; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This presentation will apply the framework of political culture to explore the challenge of American religious nationalism (RN) to American democracy. The presentation will explore the Old Testament biblically-based worldview that religious nationalists seek to implement in American society. The results of national survey research and the criticisms within American Christianity will be reviewed to further understand RN. Some of the current political inroads of RN will be described. It will be proposed that the authoritarian aspects of RN pose a threat to American democracy and that a civic values-based approach needs to be considered.

Rob Demski, PhD, has a degree in experimental psychology with a social psychology specialization from Texas Tech University. He has taught numerous courses including research methods, media psychology, political psychology, and presidential election courses for 2008, 2012, and 2016 co-taught with communications and political science faculty at Adams State University. He currently teaches on-line and through correspondence, and is semi-retired.

Solutions to America's Politics? Major Changes Without Amending the Constitution

FM Mon. June 30; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Public opinion surveys suggest that many Americans across the partisan divide express dissatisfaction with the state of American politics. In this session, members will explore the potential impacts of some ideas that could reshape American politics without amending the Constitution. As part of the session, members will explore how ideas like expanding the size of the U.S. Congress, changing how Americans vote, altering the Senate filibuster, among others could reshape the American political landscape. Dr. Greig will discuss the feasibility of these ideas as well as their potential for increasing Americans' satisfaction with their political system.

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Update on Mexico 2018-2030: Economy, Public Safety, Politics, and Foreign Policy

CCY Tues. July 8;
10:00am - 11:30am



This session will include a review of developments during the presidential administration of Mexico's President Andrés Manuel López Obrador (2018-2024), and possible change and continuity of President Claudia Sheinbaum (2024-2030). Topics will include economic development, law enforcement and public safety, national politics, and foreign policy.

John A. Booth, PhD, is Regents Professor Emeritus of political science at UNT. Over 37 years, he taught courses on U.S. government and politics, democracy, and Latin America. His research and teaching have focused on Latin American politics and public opinion, democratization, and political violence and revolution. He has offered OLLI classes since 2013.

History



Do You Know Your Texas Bill of Rights?

RR Thurs. June 12; 10:00am - 11:30am
KEL Tues. July 15; 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Every Texan adult could probably name most of the Bill of Rights, but those are generally understood to be protected by the U.S. Constitution. But do you know the 36 rights protected under the Texas Constitution? This session will be a study of the rights commonly reserved under “independent grounds” because they are specific only to residents of Texas. Members will explore everything from bail to beaches, including mystic words such as primogeniture, perpetuities, and entailments—oh my!

Carlton Jordan has taught Federal & Texas Government as an adjunct at Collin College. He also has 16 years experience teaching Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses in Government.

From the Negro Leagues to the Majors: The Untold Story the Integration of Baseball From 1947 - 1973

RR Thurs. July 10; 1:00pm - 2:30pm
CCY Tues. July 29;
10:00am - 11:30am  

The story of Jackie Robinson and the integration of baseball has been told many times. We argue that the integration of baseball took decades and was not fully achieved until the early 1970s. This session will recount the stories of many unsung heroes who followed in the footsteps of Jackie Robinson, such as Hank Thompson, Sam Jethroe, Satchel Paige, Walt Williams, and Curt Flood. Members will re-examine the Red Sox loss in the 1967 World Series and the so-called “Curse of the Bambino.”

Liam O'Neill, PhD, is an Associate Professor in UNT's Department of Rehabilitation and Health Services. He has been a health economist and policy analyst since 1997.

In Their Own Words: The Stories of Six Civil War Brothers

RR Tues. July 8; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The story of six brothers from the Morrow family in Iowa who served in the Civil War will be the focus for this presentation. Pension files, historical research and newspaper articles will be used to tell their story and that of their brothers and sisters in Iowa during the war. From a fifer, to infantry, from Tennessee to Mississippi to Louisiana, the stories told will help to better understand their commitment to service and their absolute love and care for family.

Emily C. Richardson, EdD, worked in higher education for 30 years as an administrator and a tenured faculty member, before retiring to follow her genealogy passion and open her genealogy business, Kinsearchers. She has done genealogy research for over 40 years and has taught this topic to both college students and adult learners.

The Confederacy and the Myth of the Lost Cause

KEL Tues. July 8; 1:30pm - 3:00pm

A wealth of documents from the beginning of the Civil War make it clear that slavery was the foremost issue that drove eleven states to secede from the Union. But since the end of the war southern writers have denied this and maintained that the “Lost Cause” was the defense of states’ rights. This session will review the contents of those documents to reveal the expressed motives of the Confederacy, and describe the evolution of the “Lost Cause” myth.

Steven Jent, MS, received a BA in History from Rice University in 1973 and an MS in Computer Science from SMU in 1995. He was employed by IBM in software development from 1976 to 1998. Since he left IBM, he has written two books on Texas history.

The Middle Passage & Enslaved Resistance

FR Fri. June 6; 1:00pm - 2:30pm
UNT Mon. June 23; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The Middle Passage was the forced voyage of enslaved Africans from West Africa to North America as part of the Atlantic slave trade. This session will include the origins of the slave trade, conditions on ships & impact. In addition, the presentation will examine a number of slave revolts in Colonial America & from the early history of the United States.

Bruce Ralston is a Civil War living history actor. He taught U.S. History in California schools for 45 years.

The Role of Women During World War II: The Home Front & Beyond

LAN Fri. June 13; 10:00am - 11:30am

For the Greatest Generation, World War II has been looked upon as a time of change. This is especially true for women. They would play a significant part in the war effort both at home and in uniform. This session will cover such topics as Rosie the Riveter, military service, everyday life, personal stories, and more.

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Using Newspapers to Enhance the Lives of Your Ancestors

UNT Wed. July 9; 10:00am - 11:30am

In this session, members will learn how to document the daily life of their ancestors by using newspapers. The presentation will demonstrate how members can click and read articles about their ancestors, obituaries and marriage notices, military reports and even the sermons preached at their funerals. History comes alive as you climb beyond the names and dates on your family tree to the recorded details of their lives.

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World War II as Seen Through Literature of the Past 5 Years

UNT Mon. July 21; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

As more archives are made available, authors of fiction and non-fiction have used them as a source for a plethora of books with a World War II setting. This session will highlight the focus of these recent books (women in the war, secret installations like Bletchley Park, etc.) while also reviewing some of the best available books.

Jean Greenlaw, PhD, is a Regents Professor Emeritus in the UNT College of Education. She has been a reviewer for decades and is the book review columnist for the *Denton Record-Chronicle*.

Nature & Environmental Science

Assembling Texas: A Journey Through Earth's Middle Age

RR Thurs. July 3; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Two and a half billion years ago, at the beginning of the Proterozoic Eon, the land we walk on did not even exist. This session will be a journey through Earth's middle age to visit how some of the oldest rocks in the world came together to form the North American Continent and the basement rocks that underlay our home state.

Scott Kiester, MS, is a retired geologist and has an MS in environmental science. A certified Texas Master Naturalist since 2003 and Audubon Master Birder for North Central Texas, Mr. Kiester is a lifelong birder and student of nature. He has worked on different conservation related projects and with conservation groups throughout East Texas.

Backyard Beekeeping Part 2: Sweet Sustainability

FR Fri. June 20; 10:00am - 11:30am

RR Tues. June 24; 10:00am - 11:30am

As the sequel to the popular OLLI lecture "My First Year in Beekeeping," Dr. Derdeyn will bring more humorous anecdotes about the foibles of urban beekeeping, as well as new insights into the secret lives of honeybees and how they benefit the environment.

LeeAnn Derdeyn, PhD, is a Clinical Associate Professor in UNT's College of Applied and Collaborative Studies. She has a BA in Medieval Literature and Spirituality, as well as an MA and PhD in Modern and Contemporary Literature. Her primary dissertation focus was T. S. Eliot and Modernism.

Shedding Light on Light Pollution: Strategies for Conservation of Nature at Night

UNT Wed. June 4; 10:00am - 11:30am

LAN Fri. June 6; 10:00am - 11:30am

Almost every living thing on our planet uses the cycle of light and dark to trigger life processes. Light pollution interrupts this cycle. This program helps us understand the effects of light pollution on living things, including ourselves, and how we can protect nature at night. Participants will take home a new awareness about lighting practices which allow us to have the light we need for nighttime activities, while minimizing the negative effects of light pollution. Members will learn 5 things they can do to reduce light pollution, increase safety, limit the negative consequences on wildlife, and save energy.

Karen McGraw, EdD, is the Outreach Coordinator for DarkSky Texas, a Texas Master Naturalist (Elm Fork Chapter), and a Texas Stream Team citizen scientist. Karen is passionate about the reduction of light pollution to conserve dark skies for humans and wildlife. Since 2016, she has been involved in dark skies outreach and education for community, region, and state-wide events.

Philosophy & Religion

Cultivating Religious Pluralism

ZOOM Mon. July 7;
1:00pm - 2:30pm



It's hard to talk about religious differences or to understand other people's traditions. Instead of allowing our religious diversity to cause conflict, we can choose to cultivate religious pluralism. This virtual session will help members identify the role that religion and spirituality may play in their lives and communities, identify strategies to support religiously marginalized communities, and prepare to contribute to a greater sense of belonging for people of all religious, secular, and spiritual identities.

Marcella C. Clinard, PhD, earned a doctorate in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies from Texas Woman's University studying how instructors in women's and gender studies teach about religion in introductory courses. She previously served as the Assistant Director of Diversity & Inclusion at UNT and currently serves as a Faculty Development Specialist in Faculty Success at the university. Marcella is passionate about religious inclusion and feels that her life has been enriched by learning about other people's religious and spiritual paths.

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math

AI in the Cloud

CCY Thurs. July 17;
10:00am - 11:30am



This session will explore the combination of Cloud computing and AI in the next generation of smart technologies. The session will include a discussion of the benefits and harms of such systems and how we can use them in an effective way. It will also explore various use cases of Cloud+AI technologies.

Mohsen Amini Salehi, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at UNT. He received his PhD from Melbourne University and has been working in the area of distributed and cloud computing ever since.

Are We Alone? The Relentless Search for Extraterrestrial Life in the Universe

CCY Tues. July 22;
10:00am - 11:30am



Throughout history, humans have wondered whether there is life beyond Earth. For the past century, we have developed the tools that would help us answer that question. This session will explore the prospects and limitations of searching and potentially discovering a variety of life forms in the Universe.

Ohad Shemmer, PhD, is an Associate professor in the Department of Physics at UNT. He attended Tel Aviv University in Israel where he completed his Doctorate degree. His areas of research interest include astronomy, black hole mass, accretion rate, and metal abundances in active galactic nuclei.

Digital Cameras and Smartphones Technology for 2025: A Workshop

RR Tues. June 17; 10:00am - 11:30am

This workshop will explore Steve Simpson's personal selection of digital cameras and smartphones that includes brands from Canon, Light, Apple, Google, and Shiftcam. The workshop will include a slide show, short YouTube videos, and live demos.

Steve Simpson is an experienced OLLI Instructor with a passion for teaching about "Cutting the Cable," Photography, Drones, and High Tech Devices. He worked for over 20 years supporting the major mobile wireless phone carriers.

Fly Me to the Moon: The Trials and Triumphs of the Apollo 11 Guidance Computer

LAN Fri. June 27; 10:00am - 11:30am

FM Mon. July 7; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

In July 1969, a revolutionary computer guided the Apollo 11 mission safely to the moon, but not without some drama along the way. This presentation will tell the fascinating story of the Apollo Guidance Computer, including how it was built and programmed, how it almost caused the first manned moon landing to fail, and how, in the end, it succeeded in getting Eagle safely to the surface, despite numerous unexpected problems.

David McKinley retired from Oracle Corporation after a 50-year career as a systems and software engineer. Holding positions at both major corporations and startup companies, he not only observed, but actively participated in advancing computer hardware and software technology over the course of five decades.

Materials Science and Our Daily Lives: Historical Perspectives on Stuff

FR Fri. June 13; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

FM Wed. July 2; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Look around your daily life and imagine how different life would have been 25, 50, 100, 250, 1000, or 5000 years ago. Ever wonder about the origins of paper, eyeglasses, cups, car windows, or cell phones? All of these everyday things that shape our daily lives have origins in material failures and breakthroughs. In this session, members will learn the fundamental concepts of materials science through examination of everyday things like toilet paper, plastic combs, razorblades, eyeglasses, aluminum cans, wine glasses, and beer steins to more advanced things like cell phones, computers, cars, aircraft, and satellites. These materials include metals, ceramics, glasses, polymers, and composites. All of these things will be discussed with a historical perspective in mind which will highlight the origins of these everyday items, how they changed over time, and how they affect our current lives.

Marcus L. Young, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at UNT. He has degrees in Fine Arts, Metallurgy, and Materials Science and Engineering. With experience in industry, government laboratories, and academia, his research ranges from cultural heritage studies on museum objects such as greenstones and bronzes, bioresorbable metal foams for biomedical implants, and energy storage materials for battery technologies, to composite materials for the U.S. military and shape memory alloys for NASA satellites.

Principles and Practices of Safe Computing

UNT Mon. July 14; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

KEL Tues. July 22; 1:30pm - 3:00pm

In this session, members will be introduced to the basic principles of safe computing along with practical suggestions about how to implement these principles in practice. Topics will include basic safety practices and suggestions on how to exercise positive skepticism in digital interactions.

Patrick McLeod, MLIS, is a proud double alumni of UNT (BA, MLIS) as well as a 22 year employee of UNT and the University of North Texas System. He currently serves as the Business Information Security Officer for UNT.

Renewable Energy: What Challenges Do We Face?

CCY Thurs. June 12;
10:00am - 11:30am



This presentation will explain some of the primary forms of large-scale renewable energy and will highlight some of the challenges and environmental costs of energy production. The session will examine some recent innovations and breakthroughs in the field and will briefly explore what the future might hold for the United States' energy infrastructure.

Gina Coelho, PhD, works for the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement in the Response Research Branch, where she oversees research related to oil spill prevention and response. Previously, she spent nearly 30 years in environmental consulting where she had the opportunity to work in all seven continents.

The Mighty MOSFET: The Device at the Heart of Intelligent Machines

RR Tues. June 3; 10:00am - 11:30am

CCY Tues. June 10;
10:00am - 11:30am



Electronics today are dominated by integrated circuits. Integrated Circuits, especially in computers, are dominated by MOSFETs: Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor Field-Effect-Transistors, making them likely the most manufactured devices in history. This session will provide an overview of how these ubiquitous devices work and how they are used to build the intelligent machines that make up so much of modern life.

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Wellness & Lifestyle

Dementia 101

FM Mon. June 23; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

LAN Fri. July 25; 10:00am - 11:30am

This presentation will help families navigating the disease to learn more about what it entails and how to best help their loved ones who have dementia.

Godwin Dixon is the co-owner and co-founder of Teresa's House Senior Care. He is a senior care professional with 35 years of experience. Teresa's House – Craig Ranch (McKinney) is an Assisted Living and Memory Care community that opened in 2020 and has been voted Best of McKinney for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023

Teresa Whittington is the co-owner and co-founder of Teresa's House Senior Care. She is a senior care professional with 35 years of experience. She is also a past board member and regular juror for SAGE (Society for the Advancement of Gerontological Environments) and is a current board member of Dementia Friendly Denton.

Meatless Mondays/Tuesdays/ Wednesdays: Eating Eco- and Body-Friendly



CCY Thurs. July 24;
10:00am - 11:30am



Dr. Derdeyn will offer some insights on how to make some dietary changes to eating choices that make for a healthier body and lifestyle, as well as a healthier eco-system. Having been raised on a family farm by two parents with LSU Animal Nutritionist degrees, Derdeyn didn't come naturally to a vegan lifestyle, but having taught Environmental Humanities and Literature and having additionally researched the health and nutrition, that's where she's landed. She'll be illustrating best-selling author Michael Pollan's seven-word mantra: "Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants," as she talks to members about—not how to quit, but how to reduce—consumption of animal products for a healthier world and a healthier you.

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Retirement Reimagined: Designing Your Next Chapter with Purpose

ZOOM Thurs. June 26;
2:45pm - 4:15pm  

Most retirement planning focuses on finances, but few conversations address the emotional, psychological, and identity shifts that come with transitioning into retirement. This interactive session will explore how to navigate career shifts, personal life changes, and redefining purpose so that retirement becomes a time of growth, not just a winding down. Using insights from adult development, life transitions, and positive psychology, members will gain practical tools and clarity to design a fulfilling and meaningful next chapter.

Carola Hundrich-Souris, PhD, is a psychologist who has been working in mental health for more than two decades using a wide range of interventions, including biofeedback and neurofeedback. After spending years focusing on mental illness and decreasing symptoms to help people function better, in short focus on “what is wrong with people”, she found that what really matters is “what is right with people” in spite of everything else. She is currently pivoting to positive psychology in order to be able to clearly focus on people’s strengths, meaning, and purpose.

Senior Pageantry: Confidence, Community, and Celebration After 50

RR Tues. July 1; 10:00am - 11:30am

Join Dr. Glynis Worthington, Ms. Senior World 60s 2025, and Amy Sue Bosway, Ms. Senior World Texas 50s 2025, for an inspiring and insightful look into the world of senior pageantry. The two will share their (unexpected) pageant stories and how pageantry provides women over 50 opportunities for personal growth, confidence-building, and a vibrant sense of community. Learn how participating in pageants can open doors to new friendships, unique experiences, and a renewed sense of purpose. This session’s engaging and uplifting perspective is designed to appeal to members whether they’re curious about competing or simply wondering “why?”

Amy Sue Bosway is a retired corporate litigation attorney, adoptee, and adoption advocate passionate about travel and connecting with inspiring women worldwide. A widow and proud supporter of senior women, her pageant platform, Climb Every Mountain, reflects her belief in overcoming life’s literal and figurative challenges to embrace life’s next great adventure.

Glynis Worthington, EdD, became fascinated by pickleball during the pandemic. Her dissertation “Flow in Pickleball” provided evidence players experience Flow during the game. As “Dr. Glynis, Pickleball Scientist” she uses social media to share the latest findings in the fields of social and psychological research surrounding the sport and is authoring a book based on her findings.

The Coach Approach Workshop: Coaching Skills for Enhancing Conversations and Connections

UNT Mon. June 9; 1:00pm - 2:30pm
KEL Tues. June 10; 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Coaching is a practice that can positively impact on how individuals listen, engage, and connect with others. In this 90-minute workshop, members will learn basic coaching skills and examine their application in daily life. Whether in friendships, volunteer roles, mentoring, or personal connections, a “coach approach” promotes meaningful and effective conversations. This interactive and experiential session will combine learning, discussion, and practice in a supportive setting. Listening and connection skills are important at any stage of life, particularly for building strong relationships. Coaching skills enable individuals to support others in a non-directive manner. No prior coaching experience is required, just curiosity and openness to new communication perspectives!

Tim Kincaid, EdD, teaches an aviation supply chain/logistics course at UNT Ryan College of Business and runs a successful executive and career-planning coaching practice. He is a Professional Certified Coach by the International Coaching Federation (ICF) and holds certifications in various personality assessments.

Travel Smarter

FR Fri. July 11, 18, & 25; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Denise and George Bouhasin will demystify international travel in this three-session course. They help members learn to keep themselves, their money, and their possessions safe. They will share their many how-tos and tricks for trip planning, packing, security, technology, traveling more comfortably, and much more. The course is designed to be useful for experienced travelers and those who are planning their first trip overseas.

Denise and George Bouhasin have visited more than 75 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and South America, as well as Australia and New Zealand. Since George retired in 2009, they have made 27 international trips. Through his work before George’s retirement, they had the opportunity to live for an extended period in Brazil, Argentina, Chile, and China. They have familiarity with several languages. Denise and George are looking forward to more enriching experiences through travel.

Summer 2025 Schedule

| DATE & TIME | LOCATION | TITLE <i>(Highlighted = Special Event or Lecture Series)</i> |
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| WEEK 1 | | |
| Monday, June 2nd | | |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | UNT ART BLDG | Couture Up Close: The History and Creation of High Fashion - Annette Becker |
| 2:30pm - 4:00pm | FM | Music for Movies that Make Social Comments (Session 1 of 2) - Max Morley |
| Tuesday, June 3rd | | |
| 10:00am - 11:00am | UNT | Yoga SIG |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | CCY | Gustave Caillebotte: Impressionist Painter and Collector - Lane Banks |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | RR | The Mighty MOSFET: The Device at the Heart of Intelligent Machines - David McKinley |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | RR | Preservation...Family History (Get To Know UNT Libraries) - Jodi Rhinehart-Doty & Justin Lemons |
| 2:45pm - 4:15pm | RR | How to Avoid Overpaying Taxes in Retirement (Session 1 of 2) - Joseph Dowdall |
| 1:30pm - 3:00pm | KEL | Will You Lose All of Your Assets if You Have to Go to a Nursing Home? - Leigh Hilton |
| Wednesday, June 4th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | UNT | Shedding Light on Light Pollution...Conservation of Nature at Night - Karen McGraw |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | UNT | Claims of Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents (Session 1 of 2) - Richa Yadav |
| 2:30pm - 4:00pm | FM | Music for Movies that Make Social Comments (Session 2 of 2) - Max Morley |
| Thursday, June 5th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | CCY | Frank Lloyd Wright and His Usonian Vision - Jessica Hogue |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | RR | How to Avoid Overpaying Taxes in Retirement (Session 2 of 2) - Joseph Dowdall |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | RR | War and the Pity of War: An Introduction to War Poetry... - Jehanne Dubrow |
| Friday, June 6th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | LAN | Shedding Light on Light Pollution...Conservation of Nature at Night - Karen McGraw |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | FR | The Middle Passage, Slavery & Resistance - Bruce Ralston |
| WEEK 2 | | |
| Monday, June 9th | | |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | UNT | The Coach Approach Workshop...Enhancing Conversations and Connections - Timothy Kincaid |
| 2:30pm - 4:00pm | FM | The Early History of Photography - John Neal |
| Tuesday, June 10th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | CCY | The Mighty MOSFET: The Device at the Heart of Intelligent Machines - David McKinley |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | RR | Will You Lose All of Your Assets if You Have to Go to a Nursing Home? - Leigh Hilton |
| 2:45pm - 4:15pm | DSC | Bookshelf Catch-Up SIG: The Personal Librarian |
| 1:30pm - 3:00pm | KEL | The Coach Approach Workshop...Enhancing Conversations and Connections - Timothy Kincaid |
| 5:30pm - 6:30pm | RR | Where's the "Science" in Political Science? (OLLI After Five) - Michael Greig |
| Wednesday, June 11th | | |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | UNT | Claims of Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents (Session 2 of 2) - Richa Yadav |
| 2:30pm - 4:00pm | FM | One Diplomat's Life: A Tale Told in Anecdotes - Stephen Dubrow |
| Thursday, June 12th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | CCY | Renewable Energy: What Challenges Do We Face? - Gina Coelho |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | RR | Do You Know Your Texas Bill of Rights? - Carlton Jordan |
| 2:00pm - 3:30pm | UNT | Solo Travelers Unite! SIG |
| Friday, June 13th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | LAN | The Role of Women During World War II: The Home Front & Beyond - Bruce Ralston |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | FR | Materials Science and Our Daily Lives: Historical Perspectives on Stuff - Marcus Young |
| 2:00pm - 4:30pm | ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE | History at the Movies: Dr. Strangelove w/ Andrew Torget |

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| WEEK 3 | | |
| Monday, June 16th | | |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | UNT | Religious Nationalism and the Challenge to Democracy - Robert Demski |
| 2:30pm - 4:00pm | FM | Frank Lloyd Wright and His Usonian Vision - Jessica Hogue |
| 5:30pm - 6:30pm | CCY | America's Humble Servant: Ben Franklin's Perspectives... (OLLI After 5) - Darren York |
| Tuesday, June 17th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:00am | UNT | Yoga SIG |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | CCY | Pride and Prejudice: The Men - Elaine Kushmaul |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | RR | Digital Cameras and Smartphones Technology Workshop for 2025 - Steve Simpson |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | RR | Outsmart the Scammers - Kyle Schlabach |
| 1:30pm - 3:00pm | KEL | One Diplomat's Life: A Tale Told in Anecdotes - Stephen Dubrow |
| Wednesday, June 18th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | UNT | Writing for Fun SIG |
| 2:45pm - 4:15pm | UNT | Book Talk with Dr. Greenlaw SIG: Romance |
| 2:30pm - 4:00pm | FM | Love is in the Air!...Early American History (Get to Know UNT Libraries) - Dreanna Belden |
| Thursday, June 19th | | |
| UNT Closed in Observance of Juneteenth Holiday | | |
| Friday, June 20th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | LAN | The U.S. Federal Reserve and Banking System - Stan Nelsen |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | FR | Backyard Beekeeping Part 2: Sweet Sustainability - LeeAnn Derdeyn |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | FR | Revealing The Potential of Charitable Giving - Dave Ragan |
| WEEK 4 | | |
| Monday, June 23rd | | |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | UNT | The Middle Passage, Slavery & Resistance - Bruce Ralston |
| 2:30pm - 4:00pm | FM | Dementia 101 - Godwin Dixon |
| Tuesday, June 24th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | CCY | John Philip Sousa: The March King (Session 1 of 2) - Darhyl Ramsey |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | RR | Backyard Beekeeping Part 2: Sweet Sustainability - LeeAnn Derdeyn |
| 2:45pm - 4:15pm | RR | The American Musical: Reminiscence and History (Session 1 of 2) - Max Morley |
| 1:30pm - 3:00pm | KEL | Lone Star Literary Landscapes... (Session 1 of 2) - Rochelle Gregory |
| Wednesday, June 25th | | |
| 4:00pm - 5:00pm | BLANK SPACE | Wine & Cheese Pairing Lesson |
| Thursday, June 26th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | CCY | John Philip Sousa: The March King (Session 2 of 2) - Darhyl Ramsey |
| 2:45pm - 4:15pm | ZOOM | Retirement Reimagined: Designing Your Next Chapter with Purpose - Carola Hundrich-Souris |
| Friday, June 27th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | LAN | Fly Me to the Moon: The Trials and Triumphs of the Apollo 11 Guidance Computer - David McKinley |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | FR | Religious Nationalism and the Challenge to Democracy - Robert Demski |
| 2:45pm - 4:15pm | UNT | Great Books SIG: The Adventures of Augie March |

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| WEEK 5 | | |
| Monday, June 30th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:00am | UNT ENV BLDG | UNT Sky Theater - <i>Mars: The Ultimate Voyage</i> |
| 2:30pm - 4:00pm | FM | Solutions to America's Politics? Major Changes Without Amending the Constitution - Michael Greig |
| Tuesday, July 1st | | |
| 10:00am - 11:00am | UNT | Yoga SIG |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | RR | Senior Pageantry... - Glynis Worthington & Amy Sue Bosway |
| 2:45pm - 4:15pm | RR | The American Musical: Reminiscence and History (Session 2 of 2) - Max Morley |
| 1:30pm - 3:00pm | KEL | Lone Star Literary Landscapes... (Session 2 of 2) - Rochelle Gregory |
| Wednesday, July 2nd | | |
| 2:30pm - 4:00pm | FM | Materials Science and Our Daily Lives: Historical Perspectives on Stuff - Marcus Young |
| Thursday, July 3rd | | |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | RR | Assembling Texas: A Journey Through Earth's Middle Age - Scott Kiester |
| Friday, July 4th | | |
| UNT Closed in Observance of Independence Day | | |
| WEEK 6 | | |
| Monday, July 7th | | |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | ZOOM | Cultivating Religious Pluralism Workshop - Marcella Clinard |
| 2:30pm - 4:00pm | FM | Fly Me to the Moon...Apollo 11 Guidance Computer - David McKinley |
| Tuesday, July 8th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | CCY | Update on Mexico 2018-2030... - John Booth |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | RR | In Their Own Words: The Stories of Six Civil War Brothers - Emily Richardson |
| 2:45pm - 4:15pm | DSC | Bookshelf Catch-Up SIG: <i>Before the Coffee Gets Cold</i> |
| 1:30pm - 3:00pm | KEL | The Confederacy and the Myth of the Lost Cause - Steve Jent |
| Wednesday, July 9th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | UNT | Using Newspapers to Enhance the Lives of Your Ancestors - Emily Richardson |
| Thursday, July 10th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | CCY | Brief History of Early Jazz - Ron Fink & Steve Harlos |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | RR | From the Negro Leagues to the Majors... - Liam O'Neill |
| Friday, July 11th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | LAN | Love is in the Air!...Early American History (Get to Know UNT Libraries) - Dreanna Belden |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | FR | Hwæt! A Brief History of English - Lynne Kelsey |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | FR | Travel Smarter (Session 1 of 3) - Denise & George Bouhasin |

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| WEEK 7 | | |
| Monday, July 14th | | |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | UNT | Principles and Practices of Safe Computing - Patrick McLeod |
| Tuesday, July 15th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:00am | UNT | Yoga SIG |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | CCY | Dialect Variation, Language Change, and Texas English - William Salmon |
| 1:30pm - 3:00pm | KEL | Do You Know Your Texas Bill of Rights? - Carlton Jordan |
| Wednesday, July 16th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | UNT | Writing for Fun SIG |
| 2:45pm - 4:15pm | UNT | Book Talk with Dr. Greenlaw SIG: Potpurri (miscellaneous) |
| 2:30pm - 4:00pm | FM | Hwæt! A Brief History of English - Lynne Kelsey |
| Thursday, July 17th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | CCY | AI in the Cloud - Mohsen Amini Salehi |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | RR | Contemporary Texas Authors Looking At Nineteenth Century Texas - La Donna Womochel |
| Friday, July 18th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | LAN | Outsmart the Scammers - Kyle Schlabach |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | FR | Travel Smarter (Session 2 of 3) - Denise & George Bouhasin |
| WEEK 8 | | |
| Monday, July 21st | | |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | UNT | World War II as Seen Through Literature of the Past 5 Years - Jean Greenlaw |
| 2:30pm - 4:00pm | FM | Challenging the Boys' Club: Classical Music.. (Session 1 of 3) - Dayton Kinney |
| Tuesday, July 22nd | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | CCY | Are We Alone? The Relentless Search for Extraterrestrial Life in the Universe - Ohad Shemmer |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | RR | Treasures of Special Collections (Get to Know UNT Libraries) - Morgan Gieringer |
| 1:30pm - 3:00pm | KEL | Principles and Practices of Safe Computing - Patrick McLeod |
| Wednesday, July 23rd | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | UNT | Brief History of Early Jazz - Ron Fink & Steve Harlos |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | UNT | The Barbizon Hotel and The Women Who Stayed There - Lois Levine-Elman |
| 2:30pm - 4:00pm | FM | Challenging the Boys' Club: Classical Music... (Session 2 of 3) - Dayton Kinney |
| Thursday, July 24th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | CCY | Meatless Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays: Eating Eco- and Body-Friendly - LeeAnn Derdeyn |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | RR | Revealing The Potential of Charitable Giving - Dave Ragan |
| 1:30pm - 3:00pm | KEL | Solo Travelers Unite! SIG |
| Friday, July 25th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | LAN | Dementia 101 - Teresa Whittington |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | FR | Travel Smarter (Session 3 of 3) - Denise & George Bouhasin |
| 2:45pm - 4:15pm | UNT | Great Books SIG: <i>The Adventures of Augie March</i> |

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| WEEK 9 | | |
| Monday, July 28th | | |
| 2:30pm - 4:00pm | FM | Challenging the Boys' Club: Classical Music... (Session 3 of 3) - Dayton Kinney |
| Tuesday, July 29th | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | CCY | From the Negro Leagues to the Majors... - Liam O'Neill |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | RR | Unlocking Knowledge...Film & Games (Get to Know UNT Libraries) - Diane Robson & Lindsay Duke |
| Wednesday, July 30th | | |
| 1:00pm - 2:30pm | ZOOM | International Relations with Dr. Greig... - Michael Greig |
| 2:30pm - 4:00pm | FM | Who Gets Your Stuff When You Die? - Leigh Hilton |
| Thursday, July 31st | | |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | CCY | Singing School: The Lyricality of Irish Nobel Poet Laureate Seamus Heaney - LeeAnn Derdeyn |

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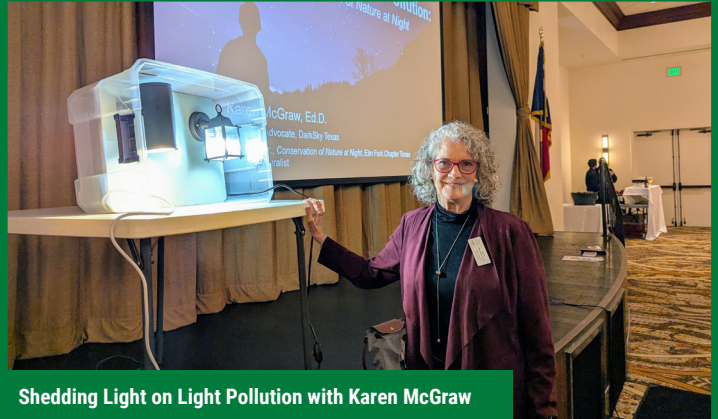
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OLLI HIGHLIGHTS

Spring 2025 Courses & Activities



Liza's Chip & Dip Farewell



Shedding Light on Light Pollution with Karen McGraw



Faculty Appreciation Dinner



Authors Out Loud: Kate DiCamillo



Friends of PUSH Parentines Game Night



Masters of Harlem Stride Piano with Steve Harlos & Ron Fink

Thank you, Liza!

We wish Liza McLatcher the best as they've begun a new role at Brown University as their Lifelong Learning Coordinator. Liza joined our department in 2022 and held the positions of Administrative Assistant, Program Project Specialist, and Program Associate Director. In each of their roles, Liza helped strengthen our community by always treating others with empathy and care. As Associate Director, Liza was also instrumental in scheduling this summer's semester.



Congratulations, Grace!

Grace McClintock joined our department as a Student Assistant in 2024 and quickly became an essential part of our team as we experienced a period of significant transition. Her professionalism, attention to detail, and eagerness to support a team member in need have made her a joy to work with. We celebrate Grace's graduation from UNT and know that great things lie ahead for her.



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