WE'RE BRINGING THE CLASSROOM TO YOU!
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HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm

Our in-office availability is limited during the pandemic but all staff members are available via email during our hours of operation.

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Due to the pandemic, we are not accepting walk-ins at this time. Please contact us to schedule an appointment. UNT requires all visitors to wear a face covering.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The philosopher Heraclitus prophetically said, “The only constant is change.” Who could have imagined just how pertinent this phrase would be in the year 2020? The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of North Texas has had to adapt and change repeatedly over the last several months in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have made it our priority to continue providing lifelong learning while keeping our members as safe as possible. We appreciate your patience with these changes and hope you understand the need for them.

Last spring we had to quickly modify our method of teaching, which resulted in a summer full of stimulating prerecorded video lectures and access to selected titles from The Great Courses. While these videos were wonderful and a great way to continue learning while sheltering in place, we understand that the lack of social engagement was difficult for many of our members. Our team has been hard at work creating a fall semester that will not only provide intellectually stimulating courses, but also recapture some of the social engagement that we have all missed. Our fall classes will be conducted via Zoom, which will allow members the ability to connect with the faculty members live. We are also offering several Special Interest Groups that will allow OLLI members to connect (virtually) with others who share similar interests. The following SIGs will be occurring throughout the fall semester: Woodworking, Texas History, Great Books, and Yoga. Find out when these groups will meet on page 13 of this catalog.

This fall, we have over 70 different courses taught by 64 faculty members. Many of these are brand new classes! One of the silver linings of having our courses online is that you don’t have to travel to a satellite to take a class you are interested in. We even have new faculty members that are teaching from different cities, states, and countries! We are supplementing our course selection with three new titles from The Great Courses: “Books that Matter: The Federalist Papers,” “Cultures of the World,” and “Life and Work of Mark Twain.” For more information on how to access these videos, please see page 33.

In addition to all of our wonderful courses, I am very excited to introduce three amazing lecture series to you. With this being an election semester, we have put together a series entitled Spotlight on the Presidency. This series involves four political science professors speaking about issues that relate to the power, responsibilities, and legacies of America’s highest political office. In conjunction with UNT’s Department of History, we are presenting a multisession course called “Decriminalizing Blackness.” This course is based on the antiracism syllabus that was created this summer by their department. The lectures will get us all to reflect about the history of racism in America, what racism looks like today, and ways that we can become an antiracist country. Our third series covers an enormous amount of health-related information. Physicians from UT Southwestern Medical Center are presenting seven lectures on a variety of medical issues ranging from stroke awareness to helping joint and back pain with exercise.

While it is true that the only constant is change, we are very excited that these changes have allowed us the opportunity to put together such a robust curriculum for you this fall. We miss seeing your faces but are happy to know that you are all still staying intellectually and socially engaged in the safety of your homes.

Please, stay well!

Stephanie Reinke, Ed.D.
Many of you have undoubtedly already used Zoom as a way of staying connected to your colleagues, friends, and family. Zoom is a video conferencing tool that can be used with most computers, smart phones, and tablets. You can choose to create your own user profile and download the Zoom app or you can simply join a Zoom meeting through your internet browser.

Zoom will allow our faculty to show slides and other visual aids as part of their lectures. Zoom also has a chat feature that will facilitate Q&A at the end of each course session. As a member, you will have the option of enabling or disabling your device’s camera, depending on whether or not you would like the group to see your smiling face! Someone on our staff will host each session, giving our usual faculty introduction and controlling who can enter the Zoom meeting. Our staff will also be in charge of muting participants during the lecture so that everyone can hear the instructor as clearly as possible.

On our website, we’ve compiled some helpful tips and tutorials on how to get started if you’re new to Zoom. Take a look at olli.unt.edu/zoom. We recommend that you familiarize yourself with Zoom before attending your first virtual course.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Dr. Max Morley will transition from his role as Vice President to President of the Council. As the outgoing President, Deborah Diehl will serve on the Council ex officio. All other officers will be elected by Council members during their virtual retreat on August 24.
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
$50 PER PERSON | ALL INCLUSIVE

We have temporarily adjusted our membership structure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are currently offering a single semester fall membership for just $50 per person. This membership fee includes access to all of the live Zoom courses and Special Interest Groups included in this catalog, as well as 6 selected titles from The Great Courses library. There are no additional course fees associated with any of our offerings this semester. Fall 2020 memberships are active from the beginning of the semester on Tuesday, September 8 through the end of November.

BECOME A MEMBER  olli.unt.edu/virtual

Instructions on how to create your new member account and purchase a fall membership are available on our website: olli.unt.edu/virtual. Please contact us at olli@unt.edu with any questions you may have.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP  olli.unt.edu/members

Because we extended all annual memberships by one semester this past spring, members with an active annual membership (purchased in Fall 2019 or Spring 2020) are able to enroll in this semester’s virtual courses at no additional cost. If it’s time for you to renew your membership, please sign in to the Member Portal (olli.unt.edu/members), navigate to the Membership category, add the Fall 2020 membership to your cart, and then proceed through the checkout process to submit your $50 membership fee online.

If you’d like to confirm your membership expiration date or arrange to pay your membership fee over the phone, please contact us at olli@unt.edu or 940-369-7293.

GET INVOLVED  olli.unt.edu/volunteer

We encourage you to consider becoming an OLLI at UNT Ambassador or serving on one of our Standing Committees. Go to our website to learn how you can take an active role in shaping our program.

GIVE THE GIFT OF OLLI  olli.unt.edu/gift

Do you know someone who would enjoy our fall semester? Go to our website to find out how you can purchase a membership for them.
ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTIONS

ENROLL ONLINE

Member Portal: olli.unt.edu/members

To enroll in live Zoom courses and Virtual Special Interest Groups, or to request access to our selection of titles from The Great Courses, sign in to your personal account in the OLLI at UNT Member Portal. Please consult the Member Portal Guide that is available to download from our website for helpful tips about how to navigate the Portal.

ENROLL BY EMAIL OR PHONE

Submit your selections to olli@unt.edu or 940-369-7293.

You also have the option to enroll in any of our fall offerings by sending us an email or calling our office. Let us know which courses you’re interested in and we will enroll you manually.

SAVE YOUR CONFIRMATION EMAILS

Whether you enroll through the Member Portal, by email, or by phone, please save your confirmation emails! Once your enrollment is complete, you will receive a confirmation email that includes your personal schedule and instructions on how to join each session live on Zoom. All of the courses, lecture series, and Special Interest Groups in this catalog will have a unique Zoom link. When it’s time for each course session to begin, consult your confirmation email and click the link to open the meeting.

Please contact our office if you need to have your confirmation emails resent to you.

EVALUATIONS & HANDOUTS

olli.unt.edu/handouts

As instructors make handouts available to us, we will post them on our website: olli.unt.edu/handouts. We encourage members to check the prior to attending each new course.

olli.unt.edu/evaluations

Our program has undergone many changes due to the pandemic. Your feedback will be vital to our staff’s efforts moving forward. After the final session of each course, attendees will receive an email reminder with a link to our evaluation form. The form will allow you to provide comments to be shared with faculty as well as staff.
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OLLI SOCIAL HOUR

We invite you to join OLLI at UNT staff for a friendly Zoom meeting on September 11, 25 and October 30 at 10:00am. We will prepare some virtual activities designed to encourage member interaction. We will also allow time for members to share with the group something interesting they learned from a recent OLLI course.

To receive the private Zoom meeting link for these sessions, enroll in the OLLI Social Hour through the member portal or send an email request to olli@unt.edu.

OLLI AT UNT PODCAST

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It's been nearly two years since we launched the OLLI at UNT Podcast. In that time, we've compiled an archive of over 40 interviews that provide a deeper look into the professional and personal lives of various members of the OLLI at UNT community. In each episode, host (and OLLI member) Susan Supak showcases her talent for bringing out interesting facts about your fellow members, as well as the faculty who volunteer to teach our courses. She also gets the latest news about the program from OLLI at UNT staff.

Recently, we've partnered with the UNT Alumni Association to produce monthly Spotlight episodes featuring notable graduates of the university. If you’ve ever reached the end of one of our courses and wished the conversation didn’t have to end, this podcast is for you.

To listen to the podcast, simply go to the podcast page of our website (listed below) and press the play button to start listening. We will send an email notification to all members each time a new episode is available. If you already listen to other podcasts through a podcasting app, you can search for the “OLLI at UNT Podcast” in your app to subscribe so that you automatically receive each new episode.
As we continue to practice physical distancing to limit the spread of COVID-19, it’s more important than ever to remain socially engaged. We’re launching several new Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that will meet virtually this fall. Each SIG will meet for about an hour on the scheduled dates and times listed below.

To enroll in the following SIGs, sign in to the Member Portal and find them under the Virtual SIG category or email olli@unt.edu. Once you enroll, you will receive the link for their Zoom meetings.

**Virtual Yoga**  
**SIG Chair:** Sheila Holinchek

Members of all experience levels are welcome to join Sheila for guided yoga sessions. This SIG will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 am. To make for beneficial sessions, a minimum of 4 members must register for this SIG.

**Texas History**  
**SIG Chair:** Dr. Diana Mason

Join our resident Texas History expert (and Admiral in the Texas Navy) Dr. Diana Mason to discuss interesting aspects of our state’s past. This SIG will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 11:30am.

- **Sept 16:** Howdy Meet & Greet (open discussion)  
- **Sept 30:** Virtual Day Trips (your favorite places to visit)  
- **Oct 14:** Texas State of Mind: Symbolism of Texas (what makes Texas unique and special)  
- **Oct 28:** Historical Markers (facts, fiction and folklore)  
- **Nov 11:** Texas Veterans (Remember Them Forever Program)

**Woodworking**  
**SIG Chair:** Jeff Whitcomb

This SIG will be a portal for all things woodworking. Members of all experience levels are invited to come share ideas, best practices, and suggestions for where to acquire supplies. This SIG will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 2:00pm.

**Great Books**  
**SIG Chair:** Donna Zelisko-McLaughlin

This longstanding book club is accepting 12 new members for their discussions of great works of literature. This SIG will meet on the 4th Friday of each month from 2:00pm - 3:30pm.
This special course was inspired by the antiracism syllabus created this summer by the UNT History Department. The course will explore the history of racism in America, how racism presents itself today, and practical steps that can be taken toward decriminalizing blackness and becoming an Antiracist country. In each session, professors will guide members through the general history of their topic and methods of approach.

**Dr. Kerry Goldmann** received both her BA and MA in History from UNT. She holds a doctorate degree from the University of Texas at Dallas’ Arts & Humanities department. She has taught classes on African American studies and the Civil Rights Movement as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Texas A&M Commerce. She has also taught minority theatre, culture, and histories as an adjunct professor in both the Dance & Theatre and History departments at UNT. Dr. Goldmann is currently a Lecturer in the UNT History department.

**Dr. Christopher Todd** holds a BA in History and Political Science from New York University. Dr. Todd received his doctoral degree in history from the University of Chicago after defending his dissertation titled, “The Slaves’ Money: Slavery, Freedom and Social Change in Jamaica, 1776-1832.” A scholar of slavery and labor in the Early Modern Atlantic World, Dr. Todd has taught courses on nineteenth century US history, the history of colonization in the New World, and “The Experience of North American Settlement.” He is currently an Assistant Professor of History at UNT.

**J. Anthony Guillory** is a Lecturer in the UNT History Department who has taught courses in American History, African American History, and African American Literature. His intellectual interests include Black Nationalism, Race and Sport, Urban History, and applied Racial Formation theory. He is currently researching the development of Oak Cliff as a primarily African American suburb of the DFW Metroplex. His focus is on the social, cultural, and political developments that inform the history of the region from 1965 to 2000.

**SESSION 1: Tuesday, September 8; 10:00am - 11:30am**
Dr. Goldmann will introduce the course, provide an overview of the syllabus, and describe the instructors’ motivations for creating the course at this time in our nation’s history.

**SESSION 2: Tuesday, September 22; 10:00am - 11:30am**
Dr. Todd will explain the history of race as an American idea and system before moving on to cover the role of race in early policing.

**SESSION 3: Tuesday, October 6; 10:00am - 11:30am**
Mr. Guillory will discuss racism in the criminal justice system as it relates to incarceration. He will also cover the historical tradition of protesting American racism.

**SESSION 4: Tuesday, October 13; 10:00am - 11:30am**
Dr. Goldmann will conclude the course by explaining to members the steps they can take to become productive antiracism allies.

*The History Department's full antiracism syllabus will be made available as a handout to encourage continued independent study. The syllabus is comprised of accessible resources, amplifying mostly Black voices.*
In anticipation of the 2020 presidential election, we have assembled a group of political science professors to speak about issues that relate to the power, responsibilities, and legacy of America’s highest political office.

**The President’s Speeches on Supreme Court Decisions**  
**Monday, October 12; 10:00am - 11:30am**

When presidents take positions on pending Supreme Court cases or criticize the Court’s decisions, they are susceptible to being attacked for acting as bullies and violating the norm of judicial independence. Dr. Eshbaugh-Soha will argue that presidents discuss the Court’s decisions to demonstrate their responsiveness to important matters of public concern and to steer the implementation of Court decisions. Using data from Eisenhower to Trump, he will show that presidents discuss cases to promote their re-election, policy goals, and historical legacies, while attempting to affect the impact of Court decisions on the bureaucracy, Congress, the media, and the public.

**Dr. Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha** is Department Chair and Professor of Political Science at UNT. His research focuses on American political institutions, specifically the presidency and mass media, and public policy. He is the author of nearly three dozen scholarly articles and two books: *The Presidents Speeches: Beyond “Going Public”* (Lynne Rienner) and *Breaking through the Noise: Presidential Leadership, Public Opinion, and the News Media*, coauthored with Jeffrey S. Peake (Stanford University Press).

**The Origins of Presidential Power**  
**Wednesday, October 14; 10:00am - 11:30am**

The modern presidency is vastly more expansive than the office the Founders anticipated. This lecture considers the provisions of the Constitution that have been used to justify the growing role of the Chief Executive and the historical events that provided a backdrop for changing power.

**Dr. Wendy Watson** has a JD and a Master’s of Public Policy from the College of William & Mary in Virginia and a PhD in political science from The Ohio State University. She spent four years as a clerk in Federal District Court for the District of Minnesota and has lived in North Texas since 2005. She teaches classes in American politics and constitutional law at UNT and serves as the university’s pre-law advisor.

**The Electoral College: How It Works and Why It Doesn’t**  
**Thursday, October 15; 10:00am - 11:30am**

In two of the last five presidential elections, the winner in the Electoral College was the candidate with fewer votes. Is this how the Electoral College is supposed to work, or has it outlived its usefulness? In this presentation, members can look forward to a detailed explanation of how the Electoral College works. Members will also explore some important issues that will allow them to decide if this institution is serving us well or if it is time to abolish it.

**Dr. Gloria Cox** is a University Distinguished Teaching Professor and Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science. She is the Founding Dean of the Honors College at UNT. Currently she teaches first year courses in American and Texas Government as well as an upper level class on academic freedom, a subject about which she is also conducting research.
The 2020 Election: A Briefing
Friday, October 16; 10:00am - 11:30am

By the time this lecture is given, the 2020 election will be only a few weeks away. Political campaigns will be intense. This lecture will pull back and explore factors that have been found to influence election outcomes over time, such as party identification, party coalitions, turnout rates, the national economy, incumbent popularity and, for presidential elections, the electoral college. These factors will be applied to the 2020 case along with unique elements, such as an election in the midst of a pandemic.

Dr. Patricia Richard is Trustee Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Ohio University. From 1992-2001 she served as Dean of University College and Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies. In her scholarly work, Dr. Richard has written extensively about democracy, elections and campaigns, public opinion, and women's rights. She recently published *Latin American Political Culture: Public Opinion and Democracy* with John A. Booth.

UT SOUTHWESTERN HEALTHCARE

In this special lecture series, doctors from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas will provide members with useful health information as well as an update on some of the latest medical advances in their fields.

Stroke Awareness: Because It Matters
Friday, September 18; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Dr. Mark Johnson is a Professor in the Department of Neurology and Neurotherapeutics at UT Southwestern Medical Center. He specializes in the care of patients with cerebrovascular diseases and neurocritical care illnesses, with a special emphasis on patients who have had a stroke. Dr. Johnson earned his medical degree at Universidad Central del Caribe in Puerto Rico. He completed a residency in neurology and a fellowship in vascular neurology at George Washington University Medical Center, followed by advanced training in neurocritical care through a fellowship at the UT Health Science Center. He is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in neurology and vascular neurology.

Dr. Babu Welch is the Director of the UT Southwestern Microvascular Laboratory. He received educational degrees from Morehouse College and Howard University College of Medicine. He completed his general neurosurgical training at the George Washington University Medical Center and then completed fellowship training in cerebrovascular and endovascular neurosurgery at UT Southwestern. Dr. Welch was included in *D Magazine’s* Best Doctors list for 2018.

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CREDIBLE SOURCES OF PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

Denton County Public Health
• [https://dentoncounty.gov/health](https://dentoncounty.gov/health)
• COVID-19 Hotline: 940-349-2585

UNT Health Alerts
• [https://healthalerts.unt.edu/](https://healthalerts.unt.edu/)

Texas Department of State Health Services
• [https://dentoncounty.gov/health](https://dentoncounty.gov/health)
Cutting Edge Technology for Brain Tumor Surgery

Friday, September 25; 1:00pm - 1:45pm

Dr. Kalil Abdullah earned his medical degree at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, where he was a National Institutes of Health Howard Hughes Medical Institute Scholar. He completed a residency in neurological surgery at the University of Pennsylvania and then received advanced training in open and endoscopic neurosurgical oncology through a fellowship at the Wellington Hospital in New Zealand. Dr. Abdullah directs an Integrated Brain Tumor Research Program that takes tumor tissue directly from the operating room to the laboratory to develop new drug and treatment targets. He has published more than 100 research papers and has been an invited lecturer both nationally and internationally. He co-edited the seminal textbook on malignant gliomas, *Glioblastoma*.

Common Problems With Your Spine in Older Age and Unique Solutions

Friday, September 25; 1:45pm - 2:30pm

Dr. Owoicho Adogwa is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurological Surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center. He focuses on the treatment of spinal diseases, with primary expertise in adult and pediatric scoliosis, degenerative spinal pathologies, and spinal oncology. Dr. Adogwa is one of only a few surgeons in the world who is cross-trained in both orthopedic spine surgery and neurosurgery, which has provided him with unique qualifications to treat patients with complex spinal conditions. Dr. Adogwa is a prolific surgeon-scientist, having published more than 180 peer-reviewed scientific papers and book chapters and presented at more than 160 scientific meetings across the world. He has served on the editorial board of numerous scientific journals, including as Associate Editor of *The Spine Journal*.

Utilizing Spices for Maximum Flavor and Health Benefit

Thursday, October 8; 1:00pm - 1:45pm

Milette Siler serves as lead Culinary Medicine instructor for UT Southwestern, focusing on the relationship between food, health, and disease prevention. She also collaborates with dietetic interns to bring nutrition education to students at the UNT Health Science Center. Additionally, she networks with local food pantries and other organizations to bring Culinary Medicine to underserved populations in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Cancer Immunotherapy: Harnessing the Immune System to Battle Cancer

Thursday, October 8; 1:45pm - 2:30pm

Dr. Ankit Kansagra is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center. He specializes in stem cell transplants and CAR-T therapy and has particular expertise in caring for patients with plasma cell disorders. Dr. Kansagra earned his medical degree at India’s NHL Municipal Medical College, Gujarat University and completed his residency in internal medicine at Partners Health Care - North Shore Medical Center in Boston, where he was Chief Resident. He received advanced training through a hematology/oncology fellowship at Tufts University, where he served as Chief Fellow, and through a stem cell transplant fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He is triple certified in internal medicine, medical oncology, and hematology.

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How Exercise Can Help With Joint and Back Pain

Tuesday, October 20; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Dr. Nasser Ayyad is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at UT Southwestern Medical Center. He specializes in spine and musculoskeletal pain procedures and electrodiagnostic medicine. Dr. Ayyad earned his medical degree at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed a residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at UT Southwestern and received advanced training in interventional spine and sports medicine through a fellowship at Desert Spine and Sports Physicians in Phoenix. He is certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Dr. Reed Williams earned his medical degree at Temple University's Lewis Katz School of Medicine. He completed a residency in sports medicine at the Temple-Moss Rehabilitation program in Philadelphia and received advanced training in sports and ultrasound medicine through a fellowship at the Swedish Medical Center in Seattle. He also holds a master's degree in biological science from Drexel University. He is board-certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in both sports medicine and physical medicine and rehabilitation, and holds additional credentials in musculoskeletal ultrasound from the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

A Discussion on Hearing Loss and Voice Care

Friday, November 6; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Dr. Jenna H. Jones is a Faculty Associate and clinical audiologist in the Department of Otolaryngology at UT Southwestern Medical Center. An expert in adult and pediatric audiology, she is the Audiology Coordinator for the UT Southwestern Moncrief Medical Center at Fort Worth. Dr. Jones earned her audiology degree at Central Michigan University. She is a member of the American Academy of Audiology and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Dr. Ted Mau graduated from Harvard summa cum laude in biochemistry, then earned a Ph.D. in biophysics at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). He attended Harvard Medical School for his M.D., then returned to UCSF for residency training in otolaryngology–head and neck surgery. After residency, Dr. Mau completed a fellowship at Vanderbilt University in laryngology and care of the professional voice. He joined UT Southwestern in 2008 as its first full-time voice specialist. Dr. Mau has written several book chapters covering various topics of otolaryngology. He has delivered lectures to fellow specialists on vocal fold injection and the care of the aging voice.
ARTS & HUMANITIES

A Little Latin
Mondays, September 14, 21, 28, & October 5; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Alexander Pope wrote, “A little knowledge is a dangerous thing,” yet a little Latin can lead to bigger things, including better results on the NYT crossword, improved English grammar, an opening onto one of the greatest epic poems in Western literature, and insights into how language functions. This course will begin at the beginning so that members will quickly be able to make Latin nouns change form to show their function in the sentence and determine the correct form of the Latin verb to express person and tense. And we’ll begin reading the story of Aeneas, hero of Virgil’s Aeneid.

Steve Dubrow received his undergraduate degree from Columbia and graduate degree in Princeton. He has taught at Brown University and served a 25-year stint as a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service. He also spent 19 years as a teacher of world languages in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Feasting on Fiction
Wednesday & Thursday, October 28 & 29; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This will be a fun and informative two-session course focused on the theme of food and feasting in English Literature, a constant motif which highlights aspects of plot, character and literary “ambiance.” The selected works show a contrasting and varied range of examples.

Ms. Marcy Heidish Dolan graduated with her B.A. from Vassar College, and her M.A. from The American University. She has over 25 years of teaching experience and has 18 published books including fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. She has also written several short pieces for The Washington Post as well as other select publications.

Folk Art of the World:
Creating a Cultural Commodity
Tuesday, October 13; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

In remote villages around the world, artisans produce folk art that tells stories about their culture and helps support communities as they build clean water systems and schools. For more than eight years, Jana Hawley has worked closely with the International Folk Art Alliance in Santa Fe, New Mexico to help artisans take their products from their villages to the global marketplace. Jana has also traveled to many of these villages giving her presentation a personal touch. Members can expect to learn more about the wide variety of folk art, the beauty and symbolism of their works, and the impact the artisans have made on their communities.

Dr. Jana Hawley is Dean of the College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism at UNT. She is a Fulbright Scholar to India and a Global Scholar to Turkey, India, and Thailand. Her research is couched in cultural anthropological theories and has focused on textile recycling, sustainability, global artisans, and the Old Order Amish.

How Did They Do That? A Jazz Guitar Primer for Listeners
Friday, October 23; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This course will include a live demonstration of the basic sounds and techniques of jazz guitar, including achieving a ‘jazz’ sound, solo arrangements, and bebop basics. Members will come away with a better sense of what they are hearing in music they enjoy.

Maristella Feustle is the Music Special Collections Librarian at UNT. She oversees the processing and curation of over 100 special collections in the UNT Music Library, and her research interests include jazz history and digital humanities. She is active as a jazz guitarist in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, occasionally doubling on banjo, ukulele, mandolin, and lute.
Indian Classical and Folk Music and Dance

Friday, September 18; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

India has a great heritage of dance and music. Both art forms were originally performed in the temples to entertain various Gods and Goddesses. They were also effective in carrying forward the various mythological stories from generation to generation while entertaining audiences. Each art form has its roots in particular regional cultures as well. However, despite this historical and spiritual connection, the inherent openness to ideas led to the assimilation of foreign influences like Arabian and Persian. Some dance and music forms witness the influence and assimilation. This course will give a brief account of some main forms of Indian folk and classical dance and music.

Richa Yadav is a freelance writer and blogger who has lived in the US for almost two decades.

Metaphors We Live By

Friday, October 2; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Metaphors aren't simply a rhetorical device. They help us understand, structure, and communicate experiences that are difficult to communicate literally. This course will explore the ideas in *Metaphors We Live By*, an influential book by linguists and philosophers George Lakoff and Mark Johnson. Published in 1980, their work has revolutionized the way we understand language and how we relate our own experiences to the world around us. Mrs. Yadav will also explain what her own research into media and public opinion shows about how we are trying to interpret the unexpected situation of the pandemic.

Richa Yadav (see bio, left)

Introduction to Digital Photography with the DSLR Camera

Thursday, October 1; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This introductory course will highlight many of the features that are commonly found in today's digital Single-Lens-Relex (DSLR) cameras, as well as basic compositional tips to get the most out of your DSLR Camera. This course is designed for amateur photographers who own, or are interested in buying, their first DSLR camera and are ready to take the next step.

Jim Hooper has been a photographer for over 20 years, starting out primarily in landscape and nature photography, and more recently diving into the many aspects of portrait photography. His work has been featured in numerous magazines, and he is also the VP and Education Chair of the Finger Lakes Photography Guild in NY. He is a member of the Photographic Society of America and a graduate of the New York Institute of Photography.

Movie Review of *The Man Who Knew Infinity*

Friday, September 11; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

*The Man Who Knew Infinity* is a movie about how an impoverished mathematician from India made it to England in the early 1900s and whose discoveries are considered path-breaking even today. The movie accurately depicts the cultural and religious norms in India in those days and the confluence between Western science and Indian religion. The instructor happens to be the great-grandson of a mentor to this mathematician and so has some additional insights to offer.

Venky Venkatraman, JD, has degrees in electrical engineering, management, and law. He is Principal Consultant/Advisor/Mediator at Zenith Advisory Services.
Music at the Movies: How 19th Century Orchestral Style Was Alive & Well in Film Music of the 20th Century

Wednesday & Thursday, September 9 & 10; 10:00am - 11:30am

Did “classical” music composition disappear in the 20th century? Dr. Morley’s course will show how classical orchestral style was alive & well in the movie soundtracks of the 20th century. He will present a lecture-audio-visual of orchestral soundtracks (also known as “incidental music”) in the movies from 1927 to the present. It will feature a brief discussions of 30 composers and 90 excerpts from 72 films. Expect to hear high quality orchestral music that sounds familiar, but the title may elude you. See if you can name the movie’s title by viewing screen-shots and movie stars while identifying the soundtrack. Movie buffs will be challenged.

Dr. Max Morley retired from the School of Music at Stephen F. Austin State University in 2009. He held three positions at SFA: 20 years as trumpet specialist; 15 years in Arts Programming and Development; and five years teaching music history and literature. He holds the degrees, BM, MM, and DMA from UNT and currently serves on the OLLI at UNT Advisory Council.

Music at the Movies: The Sequel

Wednesday & Thursday, September 23 & 24; 10:00am - 11:30am

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

Dr. Max Morley (see bio above)

Parlez-Vous Français?

Mondays & Tuesdays, October 19, 20, 26, & 27; 10:00am - 11:30am

If you’ve been wondering what you can really do with the French you worked so hard to acquire, then this is the course for you. Conducted entirely in French, this course will have members role-playing, reading and discussing both short literary works and items of current interest, and watching and reflecting upon film clips (thanks to YouTube). The course will take into account the interests and levels of the participants.

Steve Dubrow received his undergraduate degree from Columbia and graduate degree in Princeton. He has taught at Brown University and served a 25-year stint as a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service. He also spent 19 years as a teacher of world languages in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Treasures of the UNT Music Library

Monday, September 21; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

This course will provide an overview of the rare, unique, and weird offerings of the UNT Music Library’s special collections. Members will learn how they can enjoy many of these items through the UNT Digital Library, and get a sense of how these collections enhance teaching and research, with an assortment of materials that is uniquely UNT.

Maristella Feustle is the Music Special Collections Librarian at UNT. She oversees the processing and curation of over 100 special collections in the UNT Music Library, and her research interests include jazz history and digital humanities. She is active as a jazz guitarist in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, occasionally doubling on banjo, ukulele, mandolin, and lute.
CURRENT EVENTS & SOCIAL ISSUES

Cyberwarfare, Disinformation, and the Threat to the United States
Mondays, September 14 & 21; 10:00am - 11:30am

Throughout history, countries have used military force to protect their interests, pressure their adversaries, and expand their influence. The emergence of cyberwarfare has created a new battlefield for countries to use force against their opponents. In this course, we will explore what cyberwarfare is, how it has been used by countries, and what it means for the future of international relations.

Dr. Michael Greig 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.

Identity Theft Protection
Thursday, October 22; 10:00am - 11:30am

This course will cover the following topics: 1) What is Identity Theft? 2) How your identity can be stolen. 3) How identity thieves can use your personal information. 4) How to prevent identity theft. 5) How to detect identity theft. 6) What to do if you’re the victim of identity theft.

Officer David Causey is a graduate of UNT, a certified TCOLE instructor, a certified Gracie Survival Instructor, and a Field Training Officer. Officer Causey has served 8 years with the UNT Police Department. Seven of those years were on patrol, and he is now currently the Community Relations Officer.

Multiple Crises: COVID-19, Recession, and Prospects for Recovery
Wednesday, October 7; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Nations around the world face a calamitous pandemic causing widespread death and illness, economic recessions and potential crises of political legitimacy. Political stability here and abroad may hang in the balance. Different types of governments are differently suited to respond to such crises. The U.S. federal system of divided and overlapping governmental responsibility may work less well for crisis management than do unitary systems that concentrate political authority in a dominant central government. Yet federalism may offer advantages for eventual economic recovery. This course will explore the strengths and weakness of federalism versus unitary governments, seeking insights into how successfully each may address these cascading crises and the prospects for recovery in the middle run future.

Dr. John A. Booth is Regents Professor Emeritus of political science at UNT. His research and teaching at UNT have focused on Latin American politics and public opinion, democratization, and political violence and revolution. He has taught OLLI courses regularly since 2014, and is a currently a member of the OLLI Advisory Council.

Mysteries of the Old Order Amish
Tuesday, September 29; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

The Old Order Amish are a traditional community that seems to be caught in a time warp. Known for their simple lifestyle, lack of technology, and commitment to church rules, the Amish are an enigma to the wider American culture. The Amish endorse basic Christian beliefs but their spirituality has been shaped by their cultural practices rather than theological doctrines. Join us to learn more about the inside practices and behaviors of the Old Order Amish in today’s world.

Dr. Jana Hawley is Dean of the College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism at UNT. She is a Fulbright Scholar and a Global Scholar. Her research is couched in cultural anthropological theories and has focused on textile recycling, sustainability, global artisans, and the Old Order Amish.
**The True Cost of Human Trafficking**

**Wednesday, September 30; 2:45pm - 4:15pm**

In this course, members will discuss and discover the answers to questions such as: What is Human Trafficking? What is the scope and prevalence of human trafficking in Texas, the US, and worldwide? Who are the typical victims of human trafficking? Who are the typical traffickers? Who do you call if you suspect human trafficking? What else can you do to help stop human trafficking, and much more. Don't miss this very informative course over a difficult, but very real topic.

**Dr. Kim Robinson** is a a semi-retired Clinical Psychologist who still sees private clients and conducts exams for the Veterans Administration on a part time basis. She specialized in the rehabilitation of brain-injured individuals while working at The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research in Houston and was a faculty member at Midwestern State University. Prior to her semi-retirement, she worked as a military psychologist where she specialized in PTSD.

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**Video Relay Sign Language Interpreting: How Does It Work?**

**Wednesday, September 9; 2:45pm - 4:15pm**

How do deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deafblind individuals make and receive phone calls? Attend this course and learn how Video Relay Sign Language Interpreting is empowering the deaf community to be more self-determined and independent.

**Dr. Sonya Spolsky** is an Assistant Professor at Texas Woman's University in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. She is a certified teacher of the deaf and a practicing video relay sign language interpreter. She has a Master's Degree in Deaf Education and a PhD in Special Education with a minor in Family Studies and Human Development from the University of Arizona in Tucson.

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**Understanding Our Partisan Divide**

**Friday, October 9; 10:00am - 11:30am**  
**Friday, November 13; 1:00pm - 2:30pm**

*This course is being repeated twice. Members may attend the session that is most convenient.*

In this course, members will learn about the Graves Theory of human psychosocial development, and explore how it applies to them and their interactions with their families, friends, and our society in general. The course objective will be to better understand the strong divisions we see in our country today.

**Rick Thomas** has been a university professor, a manager with the IBM Corporation, and a Life coach. He enjoys helping others in their quest to better understand themselves and the world we live in.

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**Can Capitalism Survive and Serve?**

**Mondays, October 19 & 26; 1:00pm - 2:30pm**

In this two-part course, Dr. Higgins will discuss why capitalism is the best wealth creation system available, although it sometimes must be saved from self-interested capitalists. He will discuss why capitalism leads to wealth concentration and a lopsided distribution of income. Then he will uncover how income imbalance has been addressed throughout history, and review the recommendations being made today to more evenly distribute income while preserving the benefits of capitalism. Finally, he will speculate which among these have the greatest chance to improve the economic condition of our diverse citizenry and thus enhance social coherence and stability.

**Dr. David Higgins** earned his doctorate in financial management and investments from The University of Texas at Austin, an MBA from the University of Arizona, and a BA from Rutgers University.
Health Care and Your Retirement

**Thursday, September 10; 1:00pm - 2:30pm**

This course will address what steps investors should take to prepare for health care costs (including Medicare and long-term care costs) to help ensure their retirement savings stay healthy.

**Kyle Schlabach** is a financial advisor with Edward Jones. He serves individual investors with a focus on retirement and estate strategies. He received his Bachelor’s degree from Texas Tech University.

Investing Basics

**Wednesday, September 16; 1:00pm - 2:30pm**

During this 90 minute course, members will explore the basic fundamentals of investing. Through interactive discussions and illustrations, members will understand more about investments and how they can be utilized in any phase of life.

**Kara Lebanik** is a financial advisor with Edward Jones who has been in the industry for several years. She has an extensive background in many different types of investment vehicles, and working closely with those who are unfamiliar with how investing works.

Outsmart the Scammers

**Monday, September 14; 2:45pm - 4:15pm**

Incidents of fraud are on the rise and scammers’ tactics are becoming more complex. This course will help provide the information you need to outsmart the scammers. Mr. Schlabach will discuss how to spot certain red flags that may indicate a fraudulent encounter, resources you can turn to in the event you or your loved one is targeted and steps you can take now to help protect yourself and your loved ones in the future.

**Kyle Schlabach** (see bio above)

Upcoming Financial Events

For Those Under 65

**Tuesday & Thursday, September 22 & 24; 2:45pm - 4:15pm**

This course is primarily intended for the 50-65 year old to aide in planning their financial future. Topics to be discussed include: filing for Social Security and Medicare; choosing a Medicare Supplement Insurance plan, tapping into your 401K or IRA, whether to take a pension as a lump sum or periodic payments, Long-Term Care Insurance, property taxes for those over 65, Required Minimum Distributions and how they affect your taxes, plus much more. Anyone over 65 is also encouraged to attend, especially if they haven't hit all of these milestones, or would like to share their experiences on any of these topics. Class participation will be strongly encouraged.

**Mr. Gary Koenig** has a BS degree in Computer Science and a Masters in Business Administration. He ended his corporate career as CFO of a small company. Mr. Koenig has volunteered to provide free tax counseling for senior citizens and low-income households through AARP's Tax-Aide program for over 15 years.

What Happens After the Paychecks Stop?

A Retirement Income Primer

**Thursday, September 17; 2:45pm - 4:15pm**

This course will examine how to budget for retirement expenses and potential sources of retirement income. The course will also identify risks to retirement income and ways to address them.

**Kyle Schlabach** (see bio above, left)
China in a Nutshell: 
An Overview of Historical, Political & Cultural Roots of Today’s China

*Thursday, October 1 & 8; 2:45pm - 4:15pm*

This course will include an overview of periods of civil strife and centralized rule in China over the past three millennia as well as some of the most important characteristics of Chinese culture - especially those that grew from its Confucian ethic. The course will also trace stages of evolution of Chinese Communist rule from Mao to President Xi Jinping and his visions for the future including renewed support for state enterprises and the Belt and Road initiative.

**Dr. Jim Goodnow** is Adjunct Professor of International Studies at UNT, Coordinator and Professor Emeritus of International Business at Bradley University, and a Fellow of the Academy of International Business. He received his BA from Albion College and MBA and DBA from Indiana University. He has also served as co-director of several Executive MBA and adult study tours to China.

Dwight Eisenhower: 
The Texas Story of a Great Man

*Tuesday, September 8; 1:00pm - 2:30pm*

Dwight D. Eisenhower, Five Star General and 34th President of the United States, was born in Denison, Texas in 1890. While he did not grow up in Texas, his life and career are firmly rooted in our state. This presentation will cover the history of 20th century Texas through the lens of Eisenhower’s life.

**Robin Cole-Jett**, a graduate of ETSU, UNT, and TWU, currently works as the Educator at the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site in Denison, Texas. For the past two decades, she’s also known as the Red River Historian, chronicler of the history of the “where the South meets the West.”

Great Irish Famine 1845 to 1852: 
Origins, Devastation, Consequences, and Beyond

*Thursday, October 22; 2:45pm - 4:15pm*

Famine is considered one of most lethal natural disasters in the nineteenth century. Before blight in 1845, the potato supported the fastest population growth in Western Europe with Ireland reaching close to nine million inhabitants. The blight transformed the potato from a symbol of thriving to one of death by starvation. The massive misery, mortality and emigration it brought resulted in half of Ireland’s population “disappearing” by 1900.

**Rudy Ray Seward** is a descendant of Mary Davis, born in 1792 in County Tyrone, Ireland. He first visited Ireland in 1971 and in 1998 was Research Fellow at National University of Ireland, Galway. In 2012, he was designated Professor Emeritus at UNT after 39 years on faculty.

The History of White Supremacy in Denton County

*Fridays & Wednesdays, October 9, 14, 16, & 21; 1:00pm - 2:30pm*

This intensive course will examine nearly two hundred years of historical development in Denton County to expose local histories long covered up and softened for the sake of white comfort. By using local histories to expose how white power manifests and wields itself, the course reveals how whiteness is afforded its privileges generationally and systemically through a supremacist culture embedded within socio- and theopolitical institutions.

**Jessica Luther Rummel** is a local scholar and activist who earned her Advanced Honors Scholars Award from UNT in the Spring of 2020 for her thesis entitled, “Legacies of Power: The Cultural Heritage of Theological White Supremacy,” which offers an intersectional case study of “Ku Klux-Konfederatism” in Denton County, Texas. She is currently earning her PhD in Philosophy at UNT.
In the Shadow of a Hell Ship:
The Survival Story of a WWII Prisoner-of-War

Wednesday, November 11; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

George Burlage was a prisoner-of-war for the Japanese for forty months during World War II. When he was captured on the island of Corregidor in May 1942, he swore that he would survive. He endured torture, starvation, disease, slave labor work in a mine, and thirty-nine days in the hold of a hell ship, and he survived when so many didn't. This is the story of perseverance and determination as shared in his memoirs.

Ms. Georgianne Burlage is a national officer in the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor Memorial Society and has done extensive research on her father's wartime experiences. She has participated in POW descendants’ tours of the Philippines and Japan. Her book, In the Shadow of a Hell Ship, will be published by UNT Press in fall 2020. Ms. Burlage is a retired Denton ISD history teacher.

Origin of Civilizations

Mondays & Wednesdays, November 2, 4, 9, & 11; 10:00am - 11:30am

This course will compare the rise of complex societies in Mesopotamia and Mesoamerica, including the domestication of plants and animals, the emergence of village life and ultimately cities. Factors in these changes include the roles of economy, technology, religion, writing, science, trade, warfare and social stratification. Comparisons of Old World and New World cases lead to discussions of the processes that drive social change as historical frameworks for looking at our civilization today.

Dr. Reid Ferring is a Professor Emeritus in UNT’s Department of Geography and the Environment. He holds a PhD in Archaeology from Southern Methodist University and a PhD in Geology from the University of Texas at Dallas. His research has been conducted in the Southern Plains, Israel, Portugal, the Ukraine and the Republic of Georgia.

Rome’s Jewish Wars & Modern Israel:
The Zionist Take on the Jewish Revolts Against Rome

Tuesday, September 29; 10:00am - 11:30am & 1:00pm - 2:30pm

In the 1st & 2nd centuries AD, Judea launched two major rebellions against the Roman Empire. These revolts represented a major military challenge to Rome, but it suppressed them both with brutal efficiency. From its inception in the 1880s, the Jewish national movement (Zionism) sought to reverse the effects of these ancient wars—to return Jews from their global diaspora to their ancient homeland, revive Jewish statehood in the land of Israel, and revive the Jewish language (Hebrew). For this reason, Zionists used these rebellions from the classical era as a central element in their effort to convince & inspire Jews in the modern era to accept Zionism's core values, beliefs, and objectives.

Dr. Guy Chet was raised in Ness Ziona, Israel. He earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Haifa, and his MA and PhD at Yale University. He serves as Professor of History at UNT. Although a specialist in early-modern history, Chet’s first love was and still is Roman history.

Mad King Ludwig: Inside the Life & Mind of Germany’s Fairy Tale King

Thursday, October 8; 10:00am - 11:30am

Although he once famously said, “I wish to remain an eternal enigma to myself and to others,” King Ludwig II, who was born 175 years ago, is perhaps the most illustrious of all Germans. Best known as an eccentric whose love for art (especially the music of Richard Wagner) and architecture is legendary, the young King had a charmed but also tragic existence. Join German historian Anette Isaacs as she unravels this “eternal enigma” and presents members with mesmerizing insights into the Fairy Tale King’s truly extraordinary life!

Anette Isaacs, MA, is a German historian and public educator who has been presenting hundreds of programs on topics pertaining to her native country’s history, politics, and culture at colleges and lifelong learning institutes in the Chicagoland area and in South Florida. Ms. Isaacs holds Master’s Degrees in American Studies, Political Science, and History.
Seeds of Empire: Cotton, Slavery, and the Transformation of the Texas Borderlands

Thursday, October 29; 10:00am - 11:30am

Professor Torget will tell the remarkable story of how the cotton revolution of the early nineteenth century transformed northeastern Mexico into the western edge of the United States, and how the rise and spectacular collapse of the Republic of Texas as a nation built on cotton and slavery proved to be a blueprint for the Confederacy of the 1860’s.

Dr. Andrew J. Torget is a historian of 19th century North America at UNT, where he directs a digital humanities lab. His most recent book, Seeds of Empire, won twelve major book prizes and was hailed by Texas Monthly as “the most nuanced and authoritative rewriting of the Texas origin myth to date.”

The 14th Amendment & the Heart of the Constitution

Tuesday, September 15; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

In this course, Dr. Chet will argue that the 14th Amendment has transformed the Constitution and recast it in its own image. He will show how we have made the 14th Amendment the heart of the Constitution, and in doing so, transformed the primary purpose of the Constitution.

Dr. Guy Chet (see bio on previous page)

Slash and Dash in Scandinavia: The Theft of Munch’s The Scream & The Stockholm Art Museum Heist

Tuesday, September 22; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The Stockholm Museum heist in 2000 is like something out of an art crime movie. The thieves exemplified the “slash and dash” method of art crime when they stole $30 million worth of art through a series of car bombs, guns, and speedboats. This lecture will cover the Stockholm theft as well as the tragicomic theft(s) of Munch’s The Scream from Norway.

Dr. Laura Evans is an Associate Professor of Art History and Art Education and the Coordinator of the Art Museum Education Certificate at UNT. Her research interests are in the intersections between art museum education, interpretation, gender and narrative. Evans has also interned or worked at galleries across the world.

The Reverse Underground Railroad: Slavery & Kidnapping in Pre–Civil War America

Thursday, October 15; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Philadelphia, 1825: five young, free black boys fall into the clutches of the most fearsome gang of kidnappers and slavers in the United States. Over four long months, their kidnappers drive them overland into the Cotton Kingdom to be sold as slaves. Determined to resist, the boys form a tight brotherhood as they struggle to free themselves and find their way home. Their ordeal shines a glaring spotlight on the Reverse Underground Railroad, a black market network of human traffickers and slave traders who stole thousands of legally free African Americans in order to fuel slavery’s rapid expansion in the decades before the Civil War.

Dr. Richard Bell is a professor of history at the University of Maryland. He works extensively with lifelong learning groups in the DC area, including OLLI at Johns Hopkins, the Smithsonian members group, and The Great Courses.
The Story of Quakertown

Tuesday, September 15; 10:00am - 11:30am

Survey the history and development of Denton’s Quakertown district. This course will chronicle the African-American experience in Denton both before and after the displacement of Quakertown residents, paying tribute to the courage and enduring resilience of Denton’s remarkable citizens.

**Karyn Blucker** is a retired Denton ISD elementary teacher of language arts and social studies. She has volunteered with the Denton County Office of History and Culture for 5 years. She does museum tours and traveling museums to schools and other organizations.

The Texas Revolution

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 15, 17, & 24; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This course will cover the coming, fighting, and aftermath of the Texas Revolution of 1835-36 that remade North America. Covering the war from its outbreak, to the struggle at the Alamo, to its unlikely end at San Jacinto, this course will pierce through the mythology of that era to tell the grittier -- and often darker -- history of the Revolution, and why its legacies can be felt to the present.

**Dr. Andrew J. Torget** (see bio on previous page)

The Transcontinental Railroad

Thursday, October 1; 10:00am - 11:30am

This course will examine the building of the Transcontinental Railroad. This year marks its 150th anniversary. Members will look at the politics and background, the incredible engineering, the toil and effort, and the contributions of the Transcontinental Railroad. The course will also examine the contributions of immigrants, the backroom deals, the sometimes-shady financing, and unique contributions like the “Hell on Wheels” towns and the Harvey Girls. It promises to be quite a ride. All aboard!

**Mr. James Robinson** is a retired teacher of American and Afro-American History. His Masters Degree involved Civil War origins, and he has long been both a student and teacher of Texas History. Mr. Robinson currently volunteer for the Denton County Office of History and Culture, specifically in the Traveling Museum project, which brings museum artifacts and presentations to school children all over the county.

Votes for Women: Understanding the Politics of Suffragette Fashion

Wednesday, October 7; 10:00am - 11:30am

With the election just around the corner, perhaps there is no better time to examine the role dress and appearance play during heightened political times. Follow the women’s suffrage movement from Seneca Falls to Seventh Avenue, New York’s fashion capital. On our journey, you will meet Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Amelia Bloomer as they dress for the cause. We will explore some of the nation’s best museums, parks, special exhibits, and even a few Netflix films that pay tribute to the 100 year struggle of the suffragettes.

**Dr. Christy Crutsinger** is a Professor in UNT’s Department of Merchandising & Digital Retailing, where she has taught fashion history, trend analysis, and merchandising/retail strategies.
**NATURE & GARDENING**

**Benefits of Bees**

**Friday September 25; 2:45pm - 4:15pm**

The course will cover the lives of one of our greatest pollinators and reveal the mysteries of the hive. Learn about the benefits of honey bees as well as common myths. It is busy in a bee hive and everyone has a job.

Dr. Emily C. Richardson has been a Texas Master Naturalist (TMN) since 2002. She has attended 400 hours of advanced training and provided over 6000 hours of service to the Elm Fork Chapter TMN. She also took up beekeeping in 2015 and served on the Denton County Beekeepers Association as Treasurer for 2 years. Currently she is president of the new Elm Fork Beekeepers Association in the Cooke County Area.

**Your Family History Identity:
Discovering Who You Are**

**Friday & Tuesday, October 2 & 6; 1:00pm - 2:30pm**

The craft of genealogy helps an individual learn about their ancestors and as a result better understand their own personal identity. This is an introductory genealogy course for those who want to research their ancestors. The focus of the course is on American research. Participants will be introduced to key record types and the role of technology in genealogical research.

Dr. Emily C. Richardson worked in higher education for 30 years as an administrator and a tenured faculty member before retiring in December 2018 to follow her genealogy passion and open her genealogy business, Kinsearchers. She has done genealogy research for over 40 years and is currently a member of the OLLI at UNT Advisory Council.

**Your Family History:
Federal and State Land Records**

**Wednesday & Friday, October 21 & 23; 10:00am - 11:30am**

Land records are key records for pre-1850’s in helping genealogists find out more about the family structure. Yet for many genealogists, finding these records is frustrating. And interpreting them even more difficult. This two-part course will focus on both federal and state land records. Multiple examples will be used to highlight key points when using land records.

Dr. Emily C. Richardson (See bio above)

**The Beagle and the Islands that Sparked Charles Darwin’s On the Origin of Species**

**Monday, November 16; 10:00am - 11:30am**

The Galapagos Islands straddle the equator. The species native to the islands have been protected from predators since Charles Darwin studied them in the early 19th century. Darwin spent over a year there during his voyage on the research vessel called the Beagle. This course will cover how the islands formed and some of the unique things that happen along the Equator, not only in the Galapagos Islands but also in Ecuador. Trips to the Galapagos are currently limited in number to preserve this environment but a stroke of luck gave Dr. Busche a chance to go. He will be inviting members to join him on an upcoming trip he is helping to coordinate.

Dr. Fred Busche holds a BS and MS in Geology as well as a PhD in Geochemistry. He currently teaches as an adjunct professor at Brookhaven College.
Ecotourism with a Hand Lens: The Invisible Wonders of Sub-Antarctic Biodiversity

Tuesday, October 6; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

In 2005, UNT took the lead for the coordination of the Sub-Antarctic Cape Horn Center, in partnership with the University of Magallanes and the Omora Foundation in Chile. This world-class research facility will serve as a scientific center of the Cape Horn Biosphere Reserve and the Diego Ramirez Islands-Drake Passage Marine Park. To communicate scientific discoveries and to conserve this unique biodiversity the research team created an activity called “Ecotourism with a Hand Lens.” Through observation of the diversity and unity of life, this activity broadens the economic perspective that prevails today by reintegrating an ecological, aesthetic, and ethical understanding of life.

Dr. Ricardo Rozzi is a Chilean ecologist and philosopher who is one of the directors of the Sub-Antarctic Biocultural Conservation Program. He is also a Professor of Philosophy and Religion at UNT and the Universidad de Magallanes in Chile.

Storm Awareness & Safety

Tuesday, October 20; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

This course will cover community storm safety, storm preparation, and what to look for in severe weather to stay safe.

Jason Gentry is a weather enthusiast and has been a storm chaser on a local chase team for 8 years. His main goal in chasing is not only to witness mother nature, but to help inform the public of proper safety for immediate severe weather.

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

The Four Gospels: Four Views of Jesus

Thursday, October 22; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The four gospels included in the New Testament are not history, nor are they biography; they are portraits forged within different communities. They are "gospels," which tell the story of Jesus as "good news." This course will uncover the perspective and the architecture of the gospel so as to provide an understanding of the original audiences and message to that audience. In that way, one may discover a way to “compose” one’s own gospel.

Dr. Russell Gregory studied at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary before discerning that teaching was his real calling. He completed his doctorate in Religious Studies with a concentration in the Hebrew Bible and eventually taught 25 years at Radford University in Virginia.

The Parables of Jesus: Stories for the Kingdom

Thursday, October 15; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God extensively (in Matthew, the Kingdom of Heaven). Similar to the stories of Zen, the mondos, the parables not only describe how near the kingdom was/is, how one could enter the kingdom, and how kingdom citizens behaved, but the parables are delightful stories in their own right. After a brief introduction to the notion of the Kingdom of God as central to the teaching of Jesus, the parables, and the categories that have been suggested for them, will be examined.

Dr. Russell Gregory (see bio above)
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH

Changing the World One Element at a Time
Wednesday, September 16; 10:00am - 11:30am

This presentation highlights how the history of Texas laid the foundation of our status on the world’s stage and how elemental discoveries in Texas have made a difference. Selected are the 10 stories (maybe more) that are engaging and leave you with all the bragging rights that make Texas and Texans extraordinary. It’s not just a tag line: What started “here” in Texas has changed the world and we like to brag!

Professor Emeritus Diana Mason holds a Ph.D. in Science Education with the emphasis in chemistry. She taught chemistry for 33 years until her retirement from UNT in 2012. In 2016 she was commissioned by Governor Abbott as an Admiral in the Texas Navy recognizing her passion for the great state of Texas.

The Mysterious & Secret World of the Dark/Deep Web
Friday, September 11; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The layers of the Internet go far beyond the surface content that many can easily access in their daily searches. The other content is that of the Deep Web, content that has not been indexed by traditional search engines such as Google. The furthest corners of the Deep Web, segments known as the Dark Web, contain content that has been intentionally concealed. The Dark Web may be used for legitimate purposes as well as to conceal criminal or otherwise malicious activities. This lecture will give members a basic understanding of the Dark Web and what is on it.

Dr. Scott Belshaw is the Director of the UNT Cyber Forensics Lab, where his goal is to connect with as many police departments and federal agencies as possible to accelerate investigation processes.

WELLNESS & LIFESTYLE

A Self-publishing Journey: From Blank Page to Bestseller List
Wednesday, September 9; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Thanks to the easily accessible infrastructure created by direct publishing companies over the last years, anyone committed to writing a book can bypass the gatekeepers of traditional publishing houses and self-publish. However, the newly gained freedom goes hand in hand with new responsibilities. Besides writing, self-published authors must also master skills related to producing, publishing, and promoting their books. In this course, real-world examples will be used to cover the self-publishing process from a blank page to a published book to a bestseller list.

Dr. Iva Neumann is the author The Wall, a bestselling psychological thriller written under the pen name I. C. Cosmos. Before turning to writing fiction, she was a business consultant, a director of an expertise center for forensic psychiatry, and co-authored numerous scientific and non-fiction publications.

Cooking Demo: Saffron Shrimp Risotto
Monday, October 12; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Watch a live virtual demonstration of how to make this tasty dish. The risotto calls for a medium pot or saute pan and the following ingredients: unsalted butter; finely diced shallot, onion, or leek; saffron; short grain arborio rice; a bay leaf; shrimp, chicken, or vegetable broth (or boullion); shrimp or crawfish tails; fresh thyme; peas; pepper; and salt. Parmesean cheese is optional and parsley can be used as garnish.

Chef Jodi Duryea, M.S. is a Senior Lecturer in the UNT Department of Hospitality & Tourism Management. She is a former Executive Chef who graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in New York.
Grandparents Raising Their Grandchildren

Friday, September 18; 10:00am - 11:30am

Grandparents who have taken on the responsibility of raising their grandchildren face many challenges yet have many resources and skills to aid them in this important endeavor. This class will present an overview of such grandparents to educate those who are not raising a grandchild regarding this phenomenon so that they can better offer support and help to such persons, to help them prepare for the possibility that they too may be asked to raise a grandchild, and to offer information, help, and support to those grandparents who are currently raising a grandchild.

Dr. Bert Hayslip, Jr. received his doctorate in Experimental/Developmental Psychology from the University of Akron in 1975. He was on the UNT faculty from 1978 to 2013, where he is now Regents Professor Emeritus. He is currently a member of the OLLI at UNT Advisory Council.

Successful Aging: Movie Appreciation

Friday, October 2; 10:00am - 11:30am

In this course, members will view and compare clips from films, documentaries, and short videos that focus on successful aging across different cultures. The course will also feature research on how improving social engagement helps to maintain a healthy life. When it comes to living a meaningful life, you are the lead actor!

Xiaoli Li has published four books about film culture in China. In 2016, she came to UNT as a visiting scholar. She shifted research interests to public health with a focus on applied gerontology. Now she researches how social engagement improves the quality of life among older adults.

Improving Your Memory: How to Remember Not to Forget

Tuesday, September 8; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

This lecture will enable members to understand the ways in which we understand memory in later life. The lecture will explore the many influences on memory and enable members to learn new skills to improve your memory.

Dr. Bert Hayslip, Jr. (see bio above)

Maintaining & Improving Your Mental Skills As You Grow Older

Wednesday, September 23; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

This course will focus on the aging of our mental skills-the complex picture of growth and decline and the reasons for such changes. Specific recommendations and techniques for maintaining and improving one’s mental skills as persons grow older will be provided.

Dr. Bert Hayslip, Jr. (see bio above)
OLLI at UNT members can sign in to the Member Portal or email olli@unt.edu to request access to the streaming video of these Great Courses titles.

Books That Matter: The Federalist Papers

Despite their lack of official or legal status, it would be difficult to overstate the influence of The Federalist Papers. These 85 brilliant essays have served as the single most important guide to the interpretation and application of the United States Constitution for more than 230 years. Authored by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, they offer a detailed blueprint for building a successful democratic republic. Taught by acclaimed professor and legal scholar Joseph L. Hoffmann of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, these 12 thought-provoking lectures take you back to the hot summer weather of Philadelphia in 1787, when the delegates from the states gathered to revise the Articles of Confederation.

Peoples and Cultures of the World

In Peoples and Cultures of the World, Professor Edward F. Fischer reveals the extraordinary power of anthropology—and his subspecialty, cultural anthropology—as a tool to understand the world’s varied human societies, including our own. As a science that incorporates many disciplines, including psychology, biology and genetics, politics, economics, and religion, anthropology probes human behavior from nearly every possible perspective. These 24 lectures give you an opportunity to survey the full scope of the field of cultural anthropology.

The Life and Work of Mark Twain

Samuel Clemens, the man known to history as Mark Twain, was more than one of America’s greatest writers. He was our first true celebrity, one of the most photographed faces of the 19th and 20th centuries. This course explores Twain’s dual identities as one of our classic authors and as an almost mythical presence in our nation’s cultural life. It seeks to appreciate Twain’s literary achievements and to understand his life by highlighting seven of his major works. Professor Stephen Railton is extraordinarily qualified to bring to light the subtlest insights into Twain’s texts. An expert on Twain, he has appeared on The Newshour with Jim Lehrer as a distinguished Twain scholar and is the creator of Mark Twain in His Times, an award-winning Internet archive about Twain’s life and career. Professor Railton shows the issues that concerned Twain most throughout his lifetime and that appear repeatedly in the pages of his books.

America after the Cold War: The First 30 Years

Contemporary life is changing so rapidly that it can be daunting to take a step back and tell a cohesive story from 1990 to 2019, but this is precisely what “America after the Cold War: The First Thirty Years” offers. Taught by esteemed professor Dr. Patrick Allitt of Emory University, these 12 fascinating lectures tie the threads of contemporary life together to give you a rich understanding of the United States after the threat of war with the Soviet Union had passed.

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Leonardo da Vinci and the Italian High Renaissance

This 36-lecture course—packed with illustrations and animations that bring you closer than ever before to Leonardo’s paintings, sculptures, sketches, and notebooks—is like touring an imaginary and comprehensive exhibit devoted to his entire career. Through Professor George R. Bent of Washington and Lee University, you’ll gain fresh insights into da Vinci’s iconic paintings, his important anatomical studies, and his astonishingly prescient visions for machines we now take for granted. But more than that, you’ll experience what it was like to live in Leonardo’s world and to understand the High Renaissance as it swept through great Italian cities such as Florence, Milan, and Rome.

Great Minds of the Eastern Intellectual Tradition

In 36 lectures, award-winning Professor Grant Hardy of the University of North Carolina at Asheville introduces you to the men and women responsible for molding Asian philosophy and for giving birth to a wide variety of spiritual and ideological systems, including Hinduism, Daoism, Confucianism, Sufism, and Buddhism. By focusing on these key thinkers in their historical contexts, you’ll witness the development of these rich traditions as they shaped and defined Eastern cultures through the rise and fall of empires, the friendly and hostile encounters with each other and with the Western world, and the rapid advancements of the modern age.

TRAVEL IN 2021

We have worked with our partners at the Collette travel agency to create travel plans for 2021 that take our unique global health situation into account. Collette has implemented health and wellness protocols based on guidance from medical professionals and the CDC. Their renowned travel insurance policy is perfect for travelers looking to plan ahead in these uncertain times.

For full details, go to olli.unt.edu/travel.

Our website includes an informative video presentation by Karen Barclay of Collette and Dr. Laura Evans, who will be leading our art crime-themed tour of European museums.

Heritage of America
Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington D.C.
April 25 - May 3, 2021

Treasures and Thieves:
Tracing Art Crimes through the Great Museums of Europe with Dr. Laura Evans
May 6 - 12, 2021

Shades of Ireland
Dublin, Waterford, Limerick, and more
September 13 - 22, 2021

Spotlight on New York City Holiday
Radio City Music Hall, 9/11 Memorial, Broadway Musical, and more
November 29 - December 3, 2021*

*This trip was rescheduled from Winter 2020 due to the pandemic.