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2022
Spring Catalog
OLLI at UNT’s spring semester is packed with exciting courses and lecture series, as well as amazing special educational and cultural activities. We have so much for you to choose from and I honestly can’t remember being so excited about the content of one of our semesters. There is something for everyone this spring.

This past fall, we saw that many of our members have ventured back into the classroom, while others are more comfortable learning from home. To accommodate all of our members, we have created a hybrid learning environment this spring. This means we will have in-person activities as well as virtual activities on Zoom. Members can now enjoy learning in whichever format they choose!

A couple of introductions are in order this spring. First, we are thrilled to welcome our newest team member, Leanne White. Leanne joined us in early October and now serves as the OLLI Coordinator. She brings so many great skills to our program and we are very excited to have her with us. We would also like to welcome the Keller Senior Activities Center as OLLI at UNT’s newest satellite location. Membership to the Keller Senior Activities Center is FREE, so all OLLI at UNT members can attend courses there without paying additional fees. We will start out the semester in Keller’s current building, but as soon as their beautiful new senior center is completed (right next door), our courses will be moved there.

OLLI at UNT members can meet and spend time with OLLI at Oklahoma State University members this semester as we gather for dinner at one of Denton’s most charming spots, Giuseppe’s Italian Restaurant. The following day, both groups will attend a special event, “Speed Dating with Historic Style,” where they will interact with UNT students conducting research in the Texas Fashion Collection and the esteemed faculty and staff who support them.

We are honored to present OLLI at UNT’s Lunch and Learn Lecture Series featuring the university’s Philosophy and Religion Department. They have some very impressive faculty who are excited to teach you this spring. Our OLLI After Five series this spring is absolutely stellar! Check out pages 24 and 25 to learn more about these one-of-a-kind lectures you get to listen to while enjoying complimentary wine and cheese.

We will also be re-engaging with the Persevere Until Success Happens (PUSH) program this spring. Students in the PUSH program are alumni of the foster care system. OLLI at UNT members will meet with PUSH students at the OLLI office for a potluck dinner filled with great conversation and fun activities. This is a meaningful opportunity for our members to engage with students on campus.

Don’t forget to sign up early for our chartered bus trip for the Horse Country Tour. This one will fill up quickly. We will pick you up at one of our locations, drive you to two different horse ranches where will get an up close and personal look at the equine industry. We will also enjoy an old-fashioned bandwagon lunch in between the two tours.

I could go on and on about this amazing semester! Enjoy browsing through the catalog and choosing which courses and special events you will choose to take part in. I look forward to seeing you in class.

Together for the love of learning,

[Signature]
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Advisory Council 2021-2022

The ten OLLI members on the Advisory Council work with the 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:** Dr. Darrel VanDyke  
**Vice President:** Dr. Emily Richardson  
**Financial Liaison:** Dr. Tom Klammer  
**Secretary:** Dr. Bert Hayslip

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Teach a Course

- Share Your Knowledge  
- Inspire Our Community  
- Attend OLLI Courses For Free  
- Be Our Guest at Our Faculty Reception  
- Receive a Director's Letter of Appreciation

Learn more at [olli.unt.edu/teach](http://olli.unt.edu/teach).

We welcome proposals from active and retired faculty, as well as subject matter experts with a passion for education.
Dear OLLI Members,

Our program is continually evolving and improving to enhance your experience — we have added new locations, created a summer program, provided virtual opportunities for academic learning and offered great travel opportunities. Our progress is made possible by funding we receive from our Osher Foundation endowment, your member dues and extensive support from the University of North Texas.

As we expand our program and offer new opportunities, it’s important that we find ways to operate without the level of support we currently receive from UNT. A fundamental objective of our organization is to become financially self-sufficient while keeping our dues low enough to maximize participation. Now is the time for our members to create a culture of philanthropy by financially supporting the future of OLLI at UNT.

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.

Sincerely,
OLLI at UNT Advisory Council Members

Get Involved

Standing Committees
• Communications & Marketing Committee
• Curriculum Committee
• Membership & Nominations Committee

Ambassadors
Our Ambassadors are volunteers who spread the word about OLLI at events and group meetings in our community. Ambassadors receive training and promotional materials.

Learn more at olli.unt.edu/volunteer.
Pay Per Course Membership: $55

$15 fee for each in-person course listed on pages 30 - 39.

Course fees are due upon enrollment. Pay Per Course members may upgrade to an All Courses Included membership by contacting OLLI at UNT. Any course fees that have been paid will be applied toward the cost of the upgrade.

All Courses Included Membership: $150

Discounted Groups: $85
- 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
- Denton Senior Center Members

All Memberships Include:
- Virtual Courses & Events
- OLLI After Five Lecture Series
- Lunch & Learn Lecture Series
- Special Interest Groups
- Full Member Benefits & Discounts
- Access to The Great Courses

Additional fees apply for some special events.

Payment:
We accept payment by check and all major credit cards. All membership fees are non-refundable. Course and event fees are due upon enrollment. Staff at our satellite classroom locations cannot accept any OLLI at UNT payments as they are not university employees.

Membership Duration:
All OLLI at UNT annual memberships remain active for 365 calendar days from the date of purchase. Registration is open year-round.

Memberships make great gifts.
olly.unt.edu/gift

Flower Mound Senior Center Access
To access OLLI activities held at the Flower Mound Senior Center, OLLI members must either present proof of Seniors in Motion membership or purchase a $1 Day Pass upon entry. For information about how to become a member of the Flower Mound Seniors in Motion, visit their website or call 972-874-6110.
flower-mound.com/749/Seniors-In-Motion

The Grove at Frisco Commons Access
To access OLLI activities held at The Grove, OLLI members must either present proof of Grove membership or purchase a $3 Day Pass upon entry. For information about how to become a member of The Grove at Frisco Commons, visit their website or call 972-292-6550.
friscotexas.gov/1559/The-Grove-at-Frisco-Commons
Enrollment Instructions

New Members: olli.unt.edu/register

Online:
Become an OLLI at UNT member by following the step-by-step instructions on our website. They explain how to create your new member account, purchase an annual membership, and begin enrolling in our activities through the online Member Portal.

Mail:
If you prefer to register by mail, please complete these two forms, which are available on our website.

- **Membership Registration Form**: Provide your contact information and select your membership level.
- **Enrollment Form**: Select the activities you wish to participate in this semester.

Submit these forms to our mailing address, along with any fees owed. You will receive a confirmation email once we’ve processed your registration.

Returning Members: olli.unt.edu/members

Online:
If you need to renew your membership, sign in to the Member Portal using your username and password. Navigate to the “Membership” category, add the desired option to your cart and proceed through the checkout process. All members with an active membership can enroll in this semester’s activities online by using the Member Portal.

If you’ve forgotten your username or password, please do not attempt to create a new member account.

- **Recover Username**: Select this option if you need to have your username emailed to you.
- **Reset Password**: Select this option to receive a temporary password by email that will allow you to access your account. Once you’ve signed in, you’ll be able to create a new password.

Mail:
If you prefer to register by mail, please complete these forms, which are available on our website.

- **Membership Registration Form**: If you need to renew your membership, please confirm your contact information and membership level.
- **Enrollment Form**: Select the activities you wish to participate in this semester.

Submit these forms to our mailing address, along with any fees owed. You will receive a confirmation email once we’ve processed your registration.

Cancellations:
Enrolled in an activity you can no longer attend? Please contact olli@unt.edu or 940-369-7293 to cancel. We might be able to move another member off of the waitlist.

Weekly Emails:
Watch your inbox for important announcements and regular reminders of each upcoming week’s schedule.

Refund Policy:
OLLI at UNT membership fees are non-refundable. Members who cancel their participation in an OLLI course or event prior to the **Cancellation Deadline** can request credit for any fees paid. Such credit can be applied to a future OLLI activity upon member request. Refunds will only be issued 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.
**Member Discounts & Benefits**

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

**UNT Bookstore**
OLLI at UNT members can receive a 10% discount at UNT’s Barnes & Noble campus bookstore by showing their OLLI ID card at checkout.

**UNT Kuehne Speaker Series**
Eight (8) tickets are available through OLLI at UNT for a discounted price of $100 per member.

![Herschel Walker](image)

**Herschel Walker**  
**Thursday, February 10, 2022**  
**11:00am - 1:30pm**  
Renaissance Dallas at Plano Legacy West  
6007 Legacy Dr., Plano, TX 75024

Herschel Walker is a former NFL running back, Heisman Trophy winner, and mental health awareness advocate. Walker is president and CEO of H. Walker Enterprises and Renaissance Man Food Services. He has been inducted into the Collegiate Football Hall of Fame and the International Sports Hall of Fame. In 2015, he was selected as the greatest player in college football in the last half century.

The UNT Kuehne Speaker Series is a signature event that features distinguished speakers who share insights on relevant global issues. Through the Kuehne Speaker Series Endowed Scholarship Fund, three $25,000 scholarships are awarded annually to cover the costs of one year of education for outstanding UNT students.

**UNT Dance & Theatre Performances**
OLLI at UNT members can purchase discounted tickets to Spring 2022 Dance & Theatre performances for just $5 each. Members will be notified by email once tickets go on sale.

**UNT Distinguished Lecture Series**
OLLI at UNT members can claim one complimentary DLS ticket and VIP pass per year. Members will be notified when upcoming speakers are announced. DLS speakers are selected by a committee of UNT students, faculty, and staff. Past speakers have included Don Lemon, Condoleezza Rice, Bill Nye, and Jane Goodall.

**Member Lounge**
OLLI at UNT members can enjoy complimentary coffee and tea in the Member Lounge, which is located just outside of the OLLI at UNT classroom at 1716 Scripture Street 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.

**Mr. Chopsticks Restaurant**
By showing their OLLI ID card, members can receive a 10% discount from this Denton restaurant, which is located across the street from the OLLI at UNT classroom on Scripture Street in Denton. Visit MrChopsticks.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.
OLLI at UNT has purchased three new Instant Video courses from The Great Courses and acquired the rights to share them with our members. To receive the current login information for the shared OLLI at UNT account on The Great Courses website, sign in to the OLLI 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 Great Courses website. You can also email us 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.*

**Also Available:**

- 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
Classroom Locations

All OLLI at UNT members can attend OLLI courses at any of our classroom locations, regardless of their membership type. Complimentary parking (including handicap accessible spaces) is available at each location. The time slots when OLLI courses are scheduled are listed below each location.

**Health & Safety Protocols:** At the time of this catalog’s printing, there are no mask or physical distancing requirements in effect at University of North Texas locations, including our Scripture Street classroom. Our satellite classroom locations implement their own safety guidelines as they see fit. We will communicate by email to keep members informed of the latest policies at our satellite locations.

**University of North Texas**

**OLLI at UNT Classroom**
1716 Scripture Street
Denton, TX 76201

**Mondays & Wednesdays**
10:00am - 11:30am
& 1:00pm - 2:30pm

**Robson Ranch**

**Clubhouse Ballroom**
9400 Ed Robson Blvd.
Denton, TX 76207

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

**Good Samaritan Society**

**Lake Forest Village**
4th Floor Lounge
3901 Montecito Drive
Denton, TX 76210

**Fridays**
10:00am - 11:30am

**Lantana**

**Community Event Center**
1301 Haverford Lane
Lantana, TX 76226

**Fridays**
10:00am - 11:30am
Scheduling Note: This semester, there will be some exceptions to the classroom schedules listed for the University of North Texas and Robson Ranch. Please pay careful attention to the date, time, and location of each activity in this catalog.

Senior Center Access: Accessing OLLI at UNT courses at the Flower Mound Senior Center and The Grove at Frisco Commons requires the purchase of senior center memberships or Day Passes. See details on page 4. No additional fees are required to access the Keller Senior Activities Center.
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  - Scott – The Historical Jesus...

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  - Cole-Jett – Reconstruction...Red River Valley (Session 1 of 3)

**ZOOM**

- 5:30pm – 6:30pm
  - Authors Out Loud
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  - 1:00pm – 2:30pm
    - Ramsey – Percy Grainger...Wind Band Music (Session 3 of 4)
- **FLOWER MOUND SC**
  - 2:30pm – 4:00pm
    - Cole-Jett – Reconstruction...Red River Valley (Session 2 of 3)

### Tuesday 19
- **UNT**
  - 10:00am – 11:00am
    - Yoga SIG
  - **ROBSON RANCH**
    - 10:00am – 11:30am
      - Kushmaul – Jane Austen’s Novels: Pride & Prejudice
    - 1:00pm – 2:30pm
      - Neal – A Popular 19th Century Invention That Led to 3D Movies
    - 2:45pm – 4:15pm
      - Coelho – A Look at the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill (Session 3 of 3)
  - **FLOWER MOUND SC**
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      - Cole-Jett – Reconstruction...Red River Valley (Session 2 of 3)
- **KELLER**
  - 1:00pm – 2:30pm
    - McKinley – Who Invented the Computer? Part I

### Wednesday 20
- **UNT**
  - 10:00am – 11:30am
    - Torget – Cowboys & Cattle Drives
  - **FLOWER MOUND SC**
    - 2:30pm – 4:00pm
      - Manner – Plate Tectonics... (Session 3 of 4)
- **KELLER**
  - 1:00pm – 2:30pm
    - McKinley – Who Invented the Computer? Part II

### Thursday 21
- **ROBSON RANCH**
  - 1:00pm – 2:30pm
    - Koenig – Appealing 2022 Denton County Property Appraisal (Session 1 of 2)
  - **GIUSEPPE’S**
    - 6:30pm – 8:00pm
      - Pre-CVAD Event Dinner

### Friday 22
- **GOOD SAM LFV**
  - 10:00am – 11:30am
    - Briggie – Modern Philosophy and Climate Change (Session 2 of 2)
  - **LANTANA**
    - 10:00am – 11:30am
      - McCaslin – Texas Rangers
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      - Wray – Esports in the Education System
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      - Great Books SIG: *Fahrenheit 451*

### Monday 25
- **UNT**
  - 10:00am – 11:30am
    - Yadav – *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri (Session 2 of 2)
  - 1:00pm – 2:30pm
    - Ramsey – Percy Grainger...Wind Band Music (Session 4 of 4)
- **FLOWER MOUND SC**
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    - Cole-Jett – Reconstruction...Red River Valley (Session 3 of 3)

### Tuesday 26
- **ROBSON RANCH**
  - 10:00am – 11:30am
    - Simpson – Cut the Cable...
  - 1:00pm – 2:30pm
    - Koenig – Appealing 2022 Denton County Property Appraisal (Session 2 of 2)
  - **KELLER**
    - 1:00pm – 2:30pm
      - McKinley – Who Invented the Computer? Part II

### Wednesday 27
- **UNT**
  - 10:00am – 11:30am
    - Rhinehart-Doty & Lemons – From the UNT Archives to Your Family History
  - 11:45am – 12:45pm
    - Lunch & Learn
      - Briggie – Learning to Fear Climate Change
- **FLOWER MOUND SC**
  - 2:30pm – 4:00pm
    - Manner – Plate Tectonics... (Session 4 of 4)

### Thursday 28
- **GOOD SAM LFV**
  - 10:00am – 11:30am
    - Wray – Esports in the Education System
  - **LANTANA**
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      - McCaslin – Texas Rangers
  - **THE GROVE**
    - 10:00am – 11:30am
      - Wen – Fortified Wines & Sweet Wines

### Friday 29
- **THE GROVE**
  - 10:00am – 11:30am
    - Carter – Native Plants...Before Columbus

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**Horse Country Tour**

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Virtual Courses & Events

All of the activities listed in this section will take place live on Zoom. Members can expect each session to be dynamic and interactive. Several of our virtual presenters will be joining us from outside of the state.

These virtual activities are included for all OLLI at UNT members at no additional cost. It is recommended but not required that members create a personal Zoom account and download the Zoom app onto their computer or mobile device.

Members will receive a confirmation email containing the Zoom link for each activity they enroll in. Our weekly reminder emails will also contain the Zoom links for any virtual activities taking place during the upcoming week. To join an activity, simply click the Zoom link 5 minutes before it is scheduled to begin.

New to Zoom?
Go to olli.unt.edu/zoom to get started.

Sessions marked with this icon will be recorded. Links to all recorded sessions will be included in our weekly emails as they become available.

Great Decisions Virtual Discussion Group

8 Thursdays in Feb. & March, 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Great Decisions is America’s largest discussion program on world affairs. Meet with other OLLI at UNT members on Zoom to watch informative videos created by the Foreign Policy Association and discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Dr. Jim Goodnow will serve as moderator.

Jim Goodnow, DBA, recently retired as Adjunct Professor of International Studies at UNT. He is a 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.

Topics to be discussed:
- February 3 - Changing Demographics
- February 10 - Outer Space
- February 17 - Climate Change
- February 24 - Russia and the U.S.
- March 3 - Myanmar and ASEAN
- March 10 - The Quad Alliance
- March 24 - Industrial Policy
- March 31 - Drug Policy in Latin America

Please Note: Dr. Goodnow recommends purchasing the Great Decisions Briefing Book as a resource for these discussions. You can purchase the book online at: https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_materials.
**Virtual Cooking Lab**

### Beef Fillet Dijonnaise with Potato Dauphnoise and Roasted Brussel Sprouts

**Tuesday, March 22; 2:45pm - 4:15pm**

Prepare with Chef Duryea as she gives step-by-step instructions for this dinner, which will serve two to four people. Dr. Wen will also discuss wines that pair well with this dish. A recipe and wine suggestion list will be provided to participants in advance.

Chef Duryea is a Principal Lecturer in Department of Hospitality & Tourism Management at UNT. She graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in New York. Her experiences range from Garde Manger, line cook, sous chef, Patisserie and Executive Chef in kitchens around the country. She holds a Master’s certificate in Hospitality Management from UNT.

Han Wen, PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Hospitality & Tourism Management at UNT. She earned her PhD in Hospitality Administration from Kansas State University.

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### Legendary Foods of Europe

#### France: Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité...and Food

**Friday, February 18; 1:00pm - 2:30pm**

The culture of French cuisine has been shaped by geography, by historical events, and by foreign and internal forces and groups. France, and in particular Paris, has played an important worldwide role as a center of high culture since the 17th century. From the late 19th century, France has also played an important role in cinema, fashion, literature, technology, the social sciences, and cuisine. Take a luxurious trip through the culinary regions of France to rediscover all your French favorites and discover some new recipes too.

Chef Larry Canepa is a Certified Culinary Educator and Chef, author, researcher, food historian and lecturer on culinary topics. He is a subject matter expert in food and beverage operations with knowledge of current culinary trends.

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#### Italy: Unified Country, Regional Tastes

**Friday, February 25; 1:00pm - 2:30pm**

Across the globe, there is no country with food and wine that is more romanticized and sought after than Italy. It’s a place where good food and delicious wine are available at every turn and taken seriously by the people who make it and those who consume it. Travel across all 20 regions of Italy to discover the unique food, wine and traditions of this culinary destination.

Chef Jodi Duryea, MS, is a Principal Lecturer in Department of Hospitality & Tourism Management at UNT. She graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in New York. Her experiences range from Garde Manger, line cook, sous chef, Patisserie and Executive Chef in kitchens around the country. She holds a Master’s certificate in Hospitality Management from UNT.
How Does the U.S. Rank in 2022?

A Top 10 Summary
Thursday, March 24; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This session will present a compilation of credible survey rankings for global factors like life expectancy, crime rates, national prosperity, education levels, happiness, pollution and much more. All charts and links to data sources will be provided to members in advance. Members should come prepared to discuss their opinions about the rankings.

Doug Stowell has been a national OLLI instructor since 2018. He has worked as Director of Market Research for the Xerox Corporation, U.S. Director for the U.K. firm National Opinion Polling, Ltd., and Senior Consultant with Wirthlin Polling in DC. He opened his own firm in 2002 and continues today conducting global consumer issues surveys and lecturing on global issues.

Only Hope: My Mother and the Holocaust Brought to Light

A Survivor’s Stories of the Holocaust
Friday, March 25; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Before she passed away in 1974, Felicia Bornstein Lubliner wrote about her internment in Polish ghettos and two Nazi concentration camps, Auschwitz and Gross-Rosen. Her powerful stories have recently been published by her son, Irv Lubliner. He will share excerpts from his book, shedding light on his mother’s experiences and indomitable spirit, as well as his experience as a child of Holocaust survivors and his process in bringing the book to fruition. This will be followed by a Q & A session.

Irv Lubliner teaches math, music, and literature classes for the OLLI program at Southern Oregon University, where he has also served on the Council of Directors. An emeritus professor specializing in mathematics education, he taught for 40 years and led seminars for math teachers in 39 states. In 2019, he created Felabra Press and published his mother’s writing about her experiences during the Holocaust, the book that will serve as the theme for this presentation.

“Through a personal, unique and diverse lens, Felicia Lubliner conveys the raw emotional experience of a young woman trapped in the unimaginable depths of despair, yet through whose written words we find hope. Felicia Lubliner’s Only Hope guides the reader through a Holocaust story that is much deeper than a number - 6,000,000 - giving us a human touch in the midst of inhumanity.”

—Dennis J. Eisner, Senior Rabbi, Peninsula Temple Beth El
This spring, Jean Greenlaw and Susan Supak will begin a special new series for OLLI at UNT members. Each semester, they will host a discussion with a renowned author or a panel of authors united by a single theme. These conversations will explore the authors’ books, delving into the inspirations for their characters, themes, and stories. The authors will discuss the craft of writing itself, as well as the trials and victories they experience seeing their work to completion.

**So You Think This Is Fantasy?**
**Friday, April 1; 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

This series will begin with multi-award-winning author Kathryn Lasky. Kathryn has written over 100 books, from historical fiction and informational books to the much-loved fantasy series *Guardians of Ga’Hoole*, which has sold over 4 million copies and was made into an animated film in 2010. All of Kathryn's work, even that fantasy series, is grounded in rigorous research.

Kathryn estimates that for every hour of writing, she does one hour of research. By studying in the bio labs of Harvard and helicoptering over polar bears in Manitoba, she's able to faithfully create owls that forge iron into fierce battle talons and polar bears capable of computing mathematical equations concerning the dissolution of the polar ice cap. In this discussion, Kathryn will describe her process in detail.

**Suggested Reading (at least one of the following):**
- *The Secret of Glendunny: The Haunting*
- *The Capture*
- *The Rise of a Legend*
- *Faceless*
- *Night Witches*
- *The Burning Queen*
- *Hawksmaid*
- *Lone Wolf*
- *She Caught the Light*
- *The Most Beautiful Roof in the World*

Submit questions for the author to olli@unt.edu by March 15.

**Hosts**

**Jean Greenlaw, PhD**, is an expert in children’s literature and leader of our Book Talk SIG. She has been a book reviewer for decades.

**Susan Supak** is a member of the OLLI at UNT Advisory Council and host of the OLLI at UNT podcast.

This marks the end of our virtual activities for the spring semester. Each activity on the following pages will take place in person.
Special Events & Local Trips

Distant Worlds: Alien Life?

Wednesday, February 2
1:00pm - 2:30pm
UNT Sky Theater

Come watch a beautiful planetarium film exploring one of the most enduring questions of humankind. Are we alone? For millennia, our ancestors watched the stars, questioning the origin and nature of what they saw. Still today we ask these questions, knowing that the Universe is a vast place filled with billions and billions of stars and planets, yet Earth is the only planet we know for sure to be inhabited.

Meet us at the UNT Sky Theater (1704 W. Mulberry Street) or park at the OLLI at UNT Classroom and we’ll walk together just 0.5 miles up the sidewalk.

PUSH Potluck Dinner

Thursday, February 17
6:00pm - 7:30pm
OLLI at UNT Classroom

The Persevere Until Success Happens (PUSH) program at UNT supports foster care alumni at the university, enabling them to arrive and thrive on campus. Bring a homemade dish and get to know some of these remarkable students at this informal dinner. We will be joined at this event by some of our friends in the UNT Retiree Association.

Information about additional ways to support students in the PUSH program is available at studentaffairs.unt.edu/push/giving.

Wine & Cheese Pairing Lesson

Thursday, March 10; 5:30pm - 6:30pm
OLLI at UNT Classroom

Join Justin and Ben from Denton’s Ten:One Artisanal Cheese Shop for an educational wine and cheese pairing event. Enjoy a glass of wine and a selection of three cheeses. With expertise and passion, the mongers from Ten:One will teach us all about the wine and cheeses, while explaining why they complement 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.

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 tray.

Cancellation Deadline: Monday, February 28
Shiloh Field Community Garden Tour

**Working to End Hunger in Denton County**
**Tuesday, April 12; 10:00am - 11:30am**
1650 Nottingham Drive, Denton, TX 76209

The Shiloh Field Community Garden is the largest community garden in the county, growing over 50,000 pounds of produce a year. Come tour the garden and learn how they start their seeds, plant in raised beds, maintain the garden and harvest the produce that is donated to several agencies in Denton County. This will be a great learning experience for all levels.

Wear comfortable closed-toed shoes (they might get muddy), long pants, and a hat or sunshades. Bring gloves for hands-on demos, paper and pencil for notes, and a water bottle.

**Tour Guide:** Cindy Helm is a Denton County Master Gardener and serves on the board of Directors for Friends of Shiloh Garden-Shiloh Field.

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**Visiting Lecturer: Kevin Richardson**

**Thursday, March 31**
**OLLI at UNT Classroom**

Kevin Richardson is currently employed at a senior level by UK Research & Innovation, the United Kingdom's primary state funder of research, development, and innovation. He is also a Visiting Fellow at Newcastle University, which is a member of the Russell Group. Mr. Richardson studied Political Science at UNT in 1992.

**10:00am - 11:30am**
**What Are Universities For?**

This session will examine and question critically the concept of universities as we have known them. Emphasis will be placed on their role not just in terms of teaching and research, but also what else they should do for local people and the real world places where they are based. This session will draw on recent work of the Civic University Network and the role of Civic University Agreements in the United Kingdom.

**1:00pm - 2:30pm**
**Research: Who and Where Is It For?**

This session will question existing understandings of research inside universities as being too driven by science and technology, as well as the aspirations of those institutions and their academics. It will identify the role of local communities in helping to identify social and community needs using concepts such as social innovation and the foundational economy. The session will draw on recent work in England towards a national strategy for research and development.

**2:45pm - 4:15pm**
**Americans and the English: Two Worlds Separated by a Common Language?**

This session will question traditionally understood differences between American and English cultures. In what ways are we similar and how (and why) do we differ? Is such a comparison still possible and meaningful? This transatlantic talk will use interactive polling on Zoom to connect a group of policy experts and academics in England with OLLI members in our North Texas classroom.

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**Members will be notified of any changes to Mr. Richardson’s travel plans.**
Friday, April 22
12:00pm - 1:30pm
UNT CVAD Art Galleries
1201 W. Mulberry Street
Denton, Texas 76201

Organized through the UNT College of Visual Arts and Design (CVAD), this program offers an afternoon of speed dating with student research in the exhibition “Delights: Selections from the Texas Fashion Collection.” Undergraduate students enrolled in Art History Professor Denise Baxter’s “Understanding Art Museums” course will share short presentations on their object-based research while OLLI members from both UNT and Oklahoma State University circulate through the CVAD Galleries. These informal talks will offer myriad approaches to museum studies and fashion history, all while highlighting the world-class holdings of the TFC. Annette Becker and Stefanie Długosz-Acton will also be on-hand to offer insight into their leadership in the exhibition’s planning and execution.

Denise Baxter is the UNT CVAD Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs and Professor of Art History. Annette Becker is the director and curator of the UNT CVAD Texas Fashion Collection. Stefanie Długosz-Acton is director and curator of the UNT CVAD Galleries.

Parking: Members may purchase a day use permit from UNT Transportation Services, which will allow them to park in Lot 55 near the intersection of Welch Street and W. Mulberry Street. Hourly parking is also available in the Union Circle Garage using the Parkmobile app. Visit transportation.unt.edu for more details on how to park on campus as a guest, or call 940-565-3020 to speak to a representative.

Pre-Event Dinner
Thursday, April 21 at 6:30pm
Giuseppe’s Italian Restaurant
821 N. Locust Street
Denton, TX 76201

Limit: 35 Members

Get to know some of our friends from OLLI at OSU when they arrive in town the night before our CVAD event. The fee for this dinner includes a house salad with bread, an entree, and tiramisu for dessert. Alcoholic beverages must be purchased on your own at the restaurant.

Cancellation Deadline: Thursday, April 7
On this trip, we will wind our way through North Texas horse country on a chartered bus and visit two premier ranches to get a behind-the-scenes look at the equine industry. For lunch, we'll enjoy an old-fashioned bandwagon feast at Oak Meadow Ranch, complete with an exotic wildlife meet and greet and a cowboy mounted shooting demonstration.

**Cardinal Reining Horses** is one of the largest reining ranches in North Texas Horse Country. The ranch features the largest private covered arena in the world, a first class show barn, 200+ stalls, and a state-of-the-art breeding operation. The ranch is home to the best performers and producers in the performance horse industry. During the behind-the-scenes tour, we will visit the arena where horses will be warming up for training, along with the breeding barn, stallion station, and mare and foal barns.

**Fred Thomsson Reining Horses** is a first class facility, boasting 62 stalls in two barns, a 125 by 275 foot indoor arena, carefully tended ground, and other amenities. The ranch is also home to the main veterinary clinic for North Texas Horse Country, the Trailmark Equine. This state-of-the-art facility includes a horse treadmill, along with cutting edge technology to diagnose and treat horses. During this behind-the-scenes tour, we will visit the veterinary clinic, tour the stallion and mare barns, meet champion horses, and witness a reining performance from the famous Fred Thomsson himself.

**Oak Meadow Ranch** resembles an Old West town filled with beautiful landscaping, exotic animals, indoor and outdoor dining areas, fire pits, picnic tables and genuine friendly hospitality. Our menu will include brisket, chicken, 2 sides, salad, bread, and dessert, all crafted by award-winning Chef Eduardo Navarro from the Whitehorse Steakhouse.

**Bus #1 (55 Seats):** Stops at Flower Mound Senior Center & Robson Ranch  
**Bus #2 (39 Seats):** Stops at Keller Senior Activities Center & OLLI at UNT Scripture Street Office

**Cancellation Deadline:** Thursday, April 7
Documentary Filmmaking Stories Behind the Scenes: What Is and Isn’t Shown on the Screen
Tuesday, February 1

Have you ever wondered what it is really like to be behind the documentary film camera in a foreign culture or country? The documentary director isn’t just making a “movie,” but having to delicately and respectfully make quick judgments and decisions, all while interfacing with those who have graciously agreed to be filmed. Sometimes the things that happen when the camera is turned off are just as interesting as what ends up in the final film itself. See excerpts from several documentaries directed by UNT Professor Melinda Levin (including Mongolia and Cuba) and learn about some fascinating behind-the-scenes occurrences when a professional documentary film crew is invited into different cultural, legal, political, religious and societal landscapes.

Melinda Levin, MFA, MS, is a documentary filmmaker and a Professor in UNT’s Department of Media Arts. Working primarily in the documentary mode, Levin has produced, directed, edited and shot documentaries in the U.S. and abroad, including North America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Levin has served the U.S. Department of State as part of the U.S. Speakers Bureau, and traveled as a citizen artist ambassador to Autonomous Region of Northern Afghanistan, Tajikstan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

This dynamic series is complimentary for all OLLI at UNT members. Each session includes a selection of wines, beers, cheeses, and crackers at no charge.
Using Computers to Uncover the Authorship of Letters Sent by the Zodiac Killer

Thursday, March 3

There was very exciting news in December of 2020 when a team of three cryptographers solved the Zodiac-340 cipher after 51 years. This has provided more writings from the Zodiac serial killer for analysis and comparison to writing from known suspects in the case. Despite Zodiac’s attempts to conceal his writing with misspellings, does his word choice frequency and punctuation use give him away?

Ryan Garlick, PhD, is a Principal Lecturer in the UNT Department of Computer Science and Engineering. He holds a PhD in Computer Science from Southern Methodist University. Dr. Garlick was a principle in the National Geographic Channel special The Code Breakers and the 5-part History Channel series The Hunt for the Zodiac Killer.

Emeralds and Rubies: The Theft of Tucker’s Cross and Dorothy’s Ruby Slippers

Tuesday, March 29

When Teddy Tucker, the Bermudian underwater treasure hunter, found an emerald-studded 22-carat gold cross in the ruins of the shipwreck of the San Pedro (1594), it was the most valuable item found in a shipwreck at that time (1955). Dr. Evans will dive into this tale, which involves pirates, Queen Elizabeth, and deceit. She will also discuss the theft of Dorothy’s ruby slippers from The Wizard of Oz and their journey back home (because there is no place like home).

Laura Evans, PhD, 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 Music That Inspired Us and Will Hopefully Inspire You

Tuesday, April 19

Grammy Award-winning UNT Professor Brad Leali and his Grammy-nominated wife, vocalist Carla Helmbrecht, have inspired each other by sharing their greatest musical discoveries. In this live jazz concert, they will recapture these moments in the hope of inspiring others. Be prepared for an iconic journey through their musical memories.

Brad Leali, MM, is Professor of Jazz Saxophone in the UNT College of Music. He received his Bachelor’s degree in Music Education from UNT, where he played with the One O’Clock Lab Band, and earned his Master’s degree from Rutgers University. Leali has served as musical director of the Harry Connick Jr. Orchestra and won two Grammy Awards as a member of the Count Basie Orchestra. Leali has recorded five CDs and performed with legends such as Nancy Wilson, Freddie Hubbard, Clark Terry, Joe Williams, Jimmy Cobb, and Benny Golson. Most recently, he has performed as the featured saxophone solo chair with the Lyle Lovett Orchestra.

Carla Helmbrecht has been singing professionally since age 13. Her dual career in music and Speech Pathology has given her a unique understanding of the balance between vocal efficiency and expression in this fragile instrument – the voice. Her album Be Cool Be Kind (2001) debuted as “the most added jazz record on radio in the nation” and received three Grammy nominations. Helmbrecht tours internationally and has been a featured artist at special events like the KXJZ Sacramento Jazz Concert Series, the San Francisco International Film Festival, the San Jose Jazz Festival, the Katy/West Houston Jazz Festival and the Fillmore Jazz Fest.
Ecotourism with a Hand Lens for Sustainable Tourism and Biocultural Conservation
Thursday, February 17
Robson Ranch Clubhouse

In response to the problems arising from rapid global socio-environmental change, a new concept and practice of biocultural conservation is being recognized that proposes a solution applied at local scales: “ecotourism with a hand lens.” This lecture will cover ecotourism’s theoretical foundations as well as practices linked to sustainable and just tourism. A new platform for international collaboration between UNT and the University of Magallanes Cape Horn International Center in Puerto Williams, Chile is enabling the development of the theory and practice of novel forms of sustainable tourism and biocultural conservation.

Ricardo Rozzi, PhD, is a Professor at UNT and at the University of Magallanes in Chile. Based in these institutions, he is the director of the Sub-Antarctic Biocultural Conservation Program, which received a Strait of Magellan Award from the Chilean government in 2020 in recognition of its innovative “ecotourism with a hand lends” concept. Dr. Rozzi holds a PhD in Ecology from the University of Connecticut.

Philosophy and Contemplative Practice
Wednesday, February 9
OLLI at UNT Classroom

The methods of philosophy may be associated with practices such as rational dialogue, logical analysis, argumentation, and intellectual inquiry. However, many philosophical traditions in Asia, as well as in the ancient Western world, consider an array of embodied contemplative practices as central to the work of philosophy. This lecture will survey a few such practices, including those of the ancient Greek Stoics as well as Jain, Buddhist, and Confucian traditions.

Leah Kalmanson, PhD, is an Associate Professor and the Bhagwan Adinath Professor of Jain Studies at UNT. She holds a PhD in philosophy from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. She is author of Cross-Cultural Existentialism: On the Meaning of Life in Asian and Western Thought (2020) and co-author with Monika Kirloskar-Steinbach of A Practical Guide to World Philosophies: Selves, Worlds, and Ways of Knowing (2021).

The UNT Department of Philosophy and Religion is the home of the nation’s leading Doctoral Program in environmental ethics/philosophy and the nation’s first Master’s Program in the field. Faculty in the department affiliate with university-wide environmental initiatives, such as the President’s Sustainability Council and the Research Cluster for Human Health and Environmental Sustainability. Faculty also have affiliated members in interdisciplinary programs such as Women’s Studies, Jewish Studies, and the Teach North Texas Science and Math Education Certification Program, as well as affiliation in university-wide research projects.

The department is the long-time home of Environmental Ethics, the first journal in its field, as well as the Center for Environmental Philosophy. With connections to the United Nations Environmental, Science, and Cultural Organization, the department’s Water Project is a leading university program connecting the arts with science, and also offers the possibility for Research Fellowships. With an endowment from the Jain Education and Research Foundation, UNT established the second Professorship in Jain Studies in the country in 2017.
From the Zapatistas in Chiapas to the Water Protectors at Standing Rock: A Decolonial Perspective
Wednesday, February 28
OLLI at UNT Classroom

In this lecture, Professor Gualdrón Ramírez will engage with two contemporary Indigenous movements in Central and North America to show how their political mobilizations criticize and resist the colonial construction of the Western world. Different from many of the ancient and modern Western approaches to political philosophy, focused on an abstract reflection on the kind of society we could or should construct, he will suggest a more fruitful analysis by studying the history of how our political present came to be what it is. In our particular time and place, this history is marked by the colonial construction of an epistemic and political system that can be theorized as one of “coloniality.” He will define this system of coloniality and then show the ways in which these two Indigenous movements constitute forceful responses to this system both in terms of resisting and of constructing new worlds.

Miguel Gualdrón Ramírez, PhD, is an Assistant Professor at UNT. He holds a BA and MA in philosophy from the Universidad Nacional de Colombia and a PhD from DePaul University. He is currently working on a manuscript entitled Decolonial Aesthetics: Theory and Praxis from the Americas.

What Does Ethics Taste Like?
Wednesday, March 2
OLLI at UNT Classroom

What does the taste of food and ethics have to do with each other? Taste is entirely personal, subjective, and idiosyncratic, whereas ethics is universal, objective, and reasoned. One has nothing to do with the other – at least that’s the conventional view. But what if ethics and taste are not separate but related? What if the taste of something influences our ethical judgments, and our ethical judgments influence how something tastes?

David M. Kaplan, PhD, is Professor and Chair in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at UNT. He is the author of Food Philosophy and editor of The Philosophy of Food and the Encyclopedia of Food and Agricultural Ethics. He has published articles on food technologies, genetically-modified food, artificial ingredients, and junk food. He also manages the Philosophy of Food Project, which aims to galvanize a community of philosophers working on food issues and help raise the level of public discourse about food, agriculture, animals, and eating.

Learning to Fear Climate Change
Wednesday, April 27
OLLI at UNT Classroom

Despite knowing about the risks of climate change for decades, global society has failed to reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses. There are many reasons for this. This lecture will explore the reason put forth by the philosopher Hans Jonas: we have failed to act because we are not sufficiently afraid. Jonas recommends cultivating a new kind of fear, one that is learned rather than experienced automatically. He argues that only through the powerful motivator of fear can we muster the will to act before catastrophe strikes. Should scientists be doing more to scare us? Or is fear unnecessary and even counterproductive? This is at the heart of contemporary debates about climate science, communication, and politics.

Adam Briggle, PhD, is an Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at UNT. He holds a PhD from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is a member of the Editorial Board for the journal Philosophy & Technology and has published books on bioethics, fracking, and climate change.

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**Special Interest Groups**

OLLI at UNT Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are organized by members to provide opportunities to meet new people and discuss topics of shared interest. Even if you have previously been a member of these SIGs, please enroll this spring to indicate that you intend to continue participating.

**Recipes: Show, Tell, & Share**
One Monday per month at 2:45pm
**OLLI at UNT Classroom**

Join Kim Kinnear as we come together over food. Bring a dish to share and talk about based on the theme. Be ready with any tips or tricks you used.

- **February 14:** Italian for Love
- **March 21:** Quick and Easy (30 minutes or less)
- **April 18:** Hometown Favorites

**Great Books**
4th Friday of the month at 2:45pm
**OLLI at UNT Classroom**

Join Donna Zelisko-McLaughlin to explore a category of literature called “great books.” Selections might be philosophical, political, scientific, literary, or culturally significant. Group members respond to the works from a personal perspective of what resonates to one as a reader.

- **February 25:** Frank Herbert's *Dune* Book I: DUNE
- **March 25:** Frank Herbert's *Dune* Book II: MUAD’DIB and Book III: THE PROPHET
- **April 22:** Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* (60th Anniversary Edition)

**OLLI at UNT Yoga Group**
Two Tuesdays per month at 10:00am
**OLLI at UNT Classroom**

Join Sheila Holincheck for guided yoga sessions. All experience levels are welcome.

- **February 1 & 15, March 1 & 22, April 5 & 19**

**Book Talk with Dr. Jean Greenlaw**
2nd Wednesday of the month at 2:45pm
**OLLI at UNT Classroom**

This will be a discussion group 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 for you 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 link to the column will be sent to the SIG roster before the 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:

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

**Themes:**
- **February 9:** Bestsellers of 2021 and Black History Month
- **March 9:** Women's History Month
- **April 13:** Plants, trees, gardening, or anything tied to the Denton Redbud Festival

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

**OLLI Year-Round**
**Save the Date for May 18**

Can't get enough OLLI? Stay connected with your fellow members between semesters as we come together for a day of fun activities and social interaction. Activities might include art activities, games, movies, and of course food! Stay tuned for more details in your email about what Advisory Council member Cheryl Storm has planned in-between our spring and summer semesters.
We've conducted over 75 faculty and alumni interviews since 2019. Here are a few episodes you may have missed.

**Episode 6: The World's Longest History Lesson with Dr. Andrew Torget**

In this episode, Susan had a wide-ranging discussion with Andrew Torget, Associate Professor in UNT’s History Department. She and Dr. Torget discussed why it’s important for us to learn about history, how he made history by teaching the world’s longest history lesson, and his connection to the discovery of a safe full of documents that reveal the presumed-lost history of the Galveston City Company.

**Episode 14: Memories of Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia with Dr. Milan Reban**

In this very special episode, Susan sat down for an extended conversation with the late Milan Reban. This episode was recorded on March 15, 2019, exactly 80 years to the day since Nazi troops descended on Dr. Reban’s hometown. Dr. Reban shared vivid memories of his childhood in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia during World War II, as well as the aftermath of the war and its impact on his own life and that of his family.

**Episode 26: Near-Death Experiences with Dr. Jan Holden**

In this episode, Susan interviewed Dr. Jan Holden, who had recently retired from a 31-year career as part of the UNT Counseling Program. Dr. Holden spoke with Susan about how she came to conduct extensive research into the counseling implications of near-death experiences. Dr. Holden shared examples of astonishing transpersonal experiences from her research and discusses the profound life changes reported by those who have had these experiences.

**Episode 48: Documenting Iraq’s Missing Modern Art with Dr. Nada Shabout**

In this episode, Susan spoke with Dr. Nada Shabout, Professor of Art History in UNT’s College of Visual Arts & Design. After explaining how 20th century Arab artists started to express themselves in new ways as the colonial era gave way to postcolonialism, Dr. Shabout described her efforts to document the works that went missing from Iraq’s Museum of Modern Art after the fall of Baghdad in 2003.

**Episode 51: The Search for Black Holes and Quasars with Dr. Ohad Shemmer**

In this episode, Susan discussed some of the latest developments in astrophysics with Dr. Ohad Shemmer, Associate Professor in UNT’s Physics Department. In 2019, Dr. Shemmer and his colleagues reported their discovery of the oldest black hole known to astronomers. He explained to Susan how recent discoveries in astronomy allow scientists to better understand the history of our universe.

**Episode 60: Women Musicians in the Age of Beethoven with Dr. Rebecca Geoffroy-Schwinden**

In this episode, Susan spoke with Dr. Rebecca Geoffroy-Schwinden, Assistant Professor of Music History in the UNT College of Music. She took Susan on a journey to Europe from the 1770s to 1820s to explore the musical worlds of women and girls. She discussed the socio-economic possibilities that music provided to women and also reflected on how current attitudes about this time period shape the way its female musicians are viewed today.

All of our previous interviews are available online. We’ll be releasing new episodes this spring.

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FACULTY & ALUMNI INTERVIEWS HOSTED BY OLLI MEMBER SUSAN SUPAK

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A Look at Existentialism

UNT Mon. March 7; 10:00am - 11:30am

In this session, an English professor will discuss some aspects of existentialism as they are laid out in the literary works of some of the 20th century existential writers. Principally, he will examine the plays "No Exit" by Jean-Paul Sartre and "Six Characters in Search of an Author" by Luigi Pirandello, as well as the short stories "San Manuel Bueno, Mártir" by Miguel de Unamuno and "The Guest" by Albert Camus. These authors examine the basic questions: "Who am I?" or "What am I?" In this session, members will evaluate various methods of deriving answers to these questions.

Don Vann, PhD, is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of English at UNT and a retired Regent's Professor. He has been an author or editor of eight books, as well as scores of articles and reviews.

Appreciation of Symphonic Music

UNT Fri. April 8; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

In this session, Ron Fink and Amy Bishop will present their favorite classical music and composers with short excerpts of music. This session will be an excellent introduction for persons wanting to build a library of this music and learn little-known facts about the music and composers.

Ron Fink has several degrees from the University of Illinois and is a Professor Emeritus in the UNT College of Music. He was the first full-time University percussion teacher in Texas.

Amy Bishop is an award-winning journalist and the midday host at Classical WRR 101.1FM. She is also the station’s Director of Marketing and Promotions. Amy started her career in radio as a student DJ for KNTU.

Everything You Didn't Know About Drumming

UNT Mon. Feb. 7; 10:00am - 11:30am

In this session, Quincy Davis will discuss in detail the role of the drummer by breaking down all of the different components of a drum set, talking about rhythm and groove, talking about the various functions of a drummer in a band, and having members participate in various "groovy" activities.

Quincy Davis is Associate Professor of Jazz Percussion and chair of the drumset department in the UNT College of Music. He is a graduate of Western Michigan University and has performed and toured with many world-renowned musicians.

Galveston, oh Galveston: Victorian Fashion and Architecture

UNT Mon. Feb. 28; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

As a central port and immigration hub in the 19th and early 20th century, Galveston grew and many Victorian homes, now on the National Register of Historic Places, were built. Although many of the original structures were destroyed during the Great Storm of 1900, the influence of the Victorian era can still be experienced today. From the Dickens on the Strand costume festival held each December to the Galveston Historic Home Tour held each May, the resilient city of Galveston never disappoints.

Christy Crutsinger, PhD, is a Professor in the Department of Merchandising & Digital Retailing at UNT, where she has taught fashion history, trend analysis, and merchandising/retail strategies.

Jane Austen's Novels: Pride and Prejudice

RR Tues. April 19; 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? Members are encouraged to read or re-read the book. Alternately, watch the movie, preferably the A&E/PBS 1995 version starring Colin Firth.

Elaine Kushmaul, MLIS, graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in nursing. She later earned a Master’s degree in Library Information Services from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and worked as a librarian at a community college in Charlotte.
Music at the Movies:
How 19th Century Orchestral Style was Alive and Well in Film Music of the 20th Century

**KEL** Tues. Feb. 8 & 15; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

In this course, Dr. Morley will present an audio-visual lecture of orchestral soundtracks (also known as “incidental music”) in the movies from 1927 to the present. It will feature brief discussions of 30 composers and 90 excerpts from 72 films. Members can expect to hear familiar high quality orchestral music and be quizzed to see if they can name a movie’s title by viewing screenshots of its stars while listening to the soundtrack. Movie buffs will be challenged.

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. He is currently a member of the OLLI at UNT Advisory Council.

Peoples, Cultures, and Color

**RR** Thurs. April 14; 10:00am - 11:30am

In this session, members will see how culture and custom have a strong influence on the use of color in societies. For example, peoples in Far East Japan consider yellow a sacred color while in Western Japan, yellow denotes treachery. Favoring colors express common values and mores of a people, sometimes with the influence of the materials at hand to create color. Historical and contemporary examples will be used to explain why and how a color becomes associated with a people.

Peggy Higgins, MS, is a retired Health Educator and Assistant Professor from UT Southwestern Medical Center. She also has a professional background in interior designs.

Percy Grainger: Perky Personality Produces Great Wind Band Music

**RR** Tues. & Thurs. March 1, 3, 8, & 10; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

**UNT** Mon. April 4, 11, 18, & 25; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Percy Aldridge Grainger was a piano virtuoso who performed and wrote for many wind, vocal and orchestral ensembles. His music has become a mainstay for the wind band because of its variety of sounds. This four-session course will trace Grainger’s life and delve into some of his most famous compositions.

Darhyl Ramsey, PhD, is a retired Professor of Music from the College of Music at UNT, where his area of expertise was instrumental literature and band history.

Piano Man by Dick Hyman

**RR** Tues. March 1; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

**GS** Fri. March 4; 10:00am - 11:30am

**UNT** Mon. March 7; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

**Piano Man** is a ballet for piano solo that represents the history of jazz piano in a 30-minute piece. The music is composed by Dick Hyman, in the styles of historical pianists from Scott Joplin to Bill Evans. Steve Harlos will talk about the work and perform it along with a video slide show.

Steve Harlos, DMA, serves as staff keyboardist for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and as Chair of Keyboard Studies in the UNT College of Music. He has performed with such diverse artists as Timofei Dokshützer, Harvey Phillips, Dick Hyman, Marvin Gaye and Maureen McGovern. His recent CD, *The Piano Music of Dick Hyman*, was released on Arbors Records.

Preservation: From the UNT Archives to Your Family History

**UNT** Wed. April 27; 10:00am - 11:30am

In this session, members will gain insight into what preservation work is being done at UNT’s Libraries Special Collections Preservation Lab. Members will 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. Finally, members will be shown some preservation solutions and ideas to preserve their own family history.

Jodi Rhinehart-Doty, MS, is the Program Project Coordinator for UNT Libraries Special Collections. She earned her BA and MS in Psychology from Florida State University.

Justin Lemons, MIS, is the Lead Preservation Technician for UNT Libraries Special Collections. He earned a BFA in Drawing and Painting and an MIS in Library Science, both from the UNT.

South Asian Literature: Perspectives and Central Themes

**UNT** Mon. March 21 & 28; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The rich tradition of South Asian literature, consisting of Indian writing in English and also the extensive repertoire of literary works of other South Asian countries form a huge, significant part of South Asian cultural studies, which is a complex, intriguing, ever-evolving field. This short course will illustrate a few literary gems from this arena and delve into the central themes, perspectives, and areas of exploration in these texts.

Lopamudra Banerjee is an author, poet, and editor who has taught at Dallas College’s Richland campus and Texas Christian University. She is the author of the Journey Awards-winning memoir *Thwarted Escape: An Immigrant’s Wayward Journey*.
Splendors of Imperial China: Treasures from the National Palace Museum

**RR** Thurs. April 7; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This course will present a unique opportunity to learn about selected works of art from the National Palace Museum’s repository of more than 600,000 items, made up of largely the personal collection of Ch’ien-lung emperor 1736-95. The artworks epitomize China’s traditional view of its own past.

Francesca d’Atria - Romano, MFA, MA, received her MFA from Kean College and her MA in Arts & Supervision from Newark State College. She is an artist and art instructor who has worked as a docent at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The Greatest Poem Ever Written

**UNT** Mon. Feb. 14; 10:00am - 11:30am

During more than sixty years of study, Dr. Vann has poured over thousands of pieces of literature. He has selected one piece that gives an insight to the most important element of the human being; in fact, it gives a definition of what it means to be human. It draws on the experience of an ancient hero and the realization about life that he has achieved. It deals in mythology, not the fairy tale sort, but myths that have survived millennia because they present eternal truths, truths that define life, that define us.

Don Vann, PhD (see bio on page 30)

The Music of Haydn, Brahms, Debussy, and Ravel and the Paintings of the Academics and Impressionists

**UNT** Mon. Feb. 7 & Wed. Feb. 9; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The music of Joseph Haydn and Johannes Brahms in the early and middle 19th century preceded the music of Claude Debussy and Maurice Ravel at the turn of the 20th century. The paintings of Academic Classicism in the early to middle 19th century preceded the paintings of Impressionism at the turn of the 20th century. In this course, members will hear music by Haydn, Brahms, Debussy, and Ravel coupled with more than 120 paintings in two slide shows. Dr. Morley will focus on how the stylistic changes in these periods of time were caused by the musical and visual artist’s reaction to the political, economic, religious, and philosophical forces that shaped their lives and their works of art.

Max Morley, DMA (see bio on page 31)

Unaccustomed Earth: Short Stories by Jhumpa Lahiri

**UNT** Mon. April 18 & 25; 10:00am - 11:30am

Unaccustomed Earth is a collection of short stories from American author Jhumpa Lahiri. It is her second collection of stories, following Interpreter of Maladies. As with much of Lahiri’s work, Unaccustomed Earth considers the lives of Indian Americans and how they deal with their mixed cultural environment in America.

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

CURRENT EVENTS & SOCIAL ISSUES

Are the United States and China Headed Toward a New Cold War?

**FR** Fri. April 15 & 22; 10:00am - 11:30am

This course will explore the developing dangers of the U.S.-China relationship and its potential for the emergence of a new Cold War. Professor Greig will examine potential flashpoints over Taiwan and in the South China Sea. He will explore the way in which the U.S. has begun responding to the strategic challenge presented by China and examine both the dangers and opportunities this response offers.

Michael Greig, PhD, is a Professor of Political Science at UNT with a primary 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.

Esports in the Education System

**KEL** Tues. April 5; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

**LAN** Fri. April 15; 10:00am - 11:30am

**FR** Fri. April 22; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

**GS** Fri. April 29; 10:00am - 11:30am

From middle school to college, competitive video game competitions (also referred to as esports) are emerging in our education system. In the U.S. and abroad, educators, coaches, and students themselves are bringing gaming to school and it’s probably here to stay.

Dylan Wray, MS, is the Assistant Director of Esports at UNT, supporting several competitive teams and providing students with practical knowledge about the Esports industry. Wray received his BA in Media Communications at Colorado State University and then his MS in Audio Engineering for Video Games at the University of Colorado Denver.

Keys to Understanding Texas Government

**RR** Tues. Feb. 22; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

In this session, members will get an update on how and why Texas has organized its government. Answers lie in how the state’s history shaped its ancient (146 years) and lengthy (92,000 words) constitution. Compared to the U.S. government, Texas operates with a part-time legislature, a weak executive branch and bureaucracy, and a divided judicial system. Texas’ county and city governments shouldered much of the burden of executing state public policy. Texas also shares power and responsibilities with a national government that our officials often resist.

John A. Booth, PhD, is Regents Professor Emeritus of Political Science at UNT. His research and teaching have focused on Latin American politics and public opinion, democratization, and political violence and revolution.

Public Opinion in Contemporary American Politics

**RR** Tues. Feb. 22; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

How can a survey of 1,000 people tell us what the whole U.S. thinks? When should we trust and when should we distrust polls? The session will address these and other questions while exploring the role of public opinion polling in elections and the relationship of public opinion to policy. Members will learn about the history of polling and how technology has changed it, how polling is used (and sometimes misused) in campaigns, and what polls tell us about politics today.

Patricia Richard, PhD, is Trustee Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Ohio University. 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.

In the Spring of 2017, UNT President Neal Smatresk started a Presidential Initiative to develop a competitive Esports program for the university to represent in intercollegiate competitions. The program was officially founded in April 2018 and now recruits students to represent the university on one of its three varsity teams.
Suicide in Later Life

This course will provide an overview of suicide in later life. This important issue will be discussed in terms of why older adults attempt and/or are successful in taking their own lives and how signs that this tragedy may occur can be recognized by family and professionals. Efforts at prevention and treatment will be discussed, as well as the unique circumstances confronting survivors and applying to veterans.

Bert Hayslip, Jr., PhD, is Regents Professor Emeritus in the UNT Department of Psychology. He received his doctorate in Experimental/Developmental Psychology from the University of Akron.

The Electoral College: Escape from Censure

UNT Mon. Feb. 21 & Wed. Feb. 23; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

In 1788, Alexander Hamilton made the following statement about the original Electoral College provision of the then-proposed new U.S. Constitution: “I venture that if the manner of it be not perfect, it is at least excellent.” Fifteen years later, the provision of which Hamilton was so proud had to be completely re-written. In 2021, it almost resulted in the most serious constitutional crisis in the nation’s history. In this course, members will explore how the Electoral College came to be and why January 6, 2021 could have resulted – from a constitutional standpoint – in a much bigger surprise than any of us imagined.

Jim Bays, JD, is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of Virginia Law School. He has taught courses on Thomas Jefferson and the transition from the Articles of Confederation to the U.S. Constitution.

FINANCE & BUSINESS

Appealing 2022 Denton County Property Appraisal

RR Thurs. & Tues. April 21 & 26; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This course is intended to help Denton county homeowners to file an appeal to their 2022 property appraisal. The course will be most helpful for new Texas residents and those who have one or more of their tax amounts not capped by the over-65 or other exemptions. Techniques will be taught on how to find comparable properties used to substantiate an appeal. Mr. Koenig will try to remove any fear participants might have of appealing, if they have never done so.

Gary Koenig, MBA, has provided free tax counseling for senior citizens and low-income households through AARP’s Tax-Aide program for over 15 years. He ended his corporate career as CFO of a small company.

Preparing and Filing 2021 U.S. Personal Income Taxes

RR Tues. Feb 15 & 22; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

This course is intended to help singles or couples file or prepare to file their 2021 income taxes. All new items in the tax law for 2021 will be discussed. There will be a focus on the newly single for those who find themselves in a new tax status. Free filing opportunities will be identified to avoid costly preparation fees.

Gary Koenig, MBA (see bio above)

What Does the Federal Reserve System Do?

RR Thurs. March 10; 10:00am - 11:30am

The 1913 legislative charge to the Federal Reserve is to use monetary policy to promote maximum employment, maintain stable prices, and support moderate long-term interest rates. What tools does the Fed use to try to achieve these objectives and how well do they work? In this session, explanations of quantitative easing, tapering, and taper tantrums will be provided in layman’s terms.

David Higgins, PhD, earned his doctorate in financial management and investments from The University of Texas at Austin. His specialty areas are the keys to financial performance, the creation and maintenance of business value, treasury management, business economics, and investments.

HISTORY

A Popular 19th Century Invention That Led to Today’s 3D Movies

RR Tues. April 19; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Stereoscopes came into widespread use in many households following Queen Victoria’s interest in a display of lenticular stereoscopes at the Great Exhibition in 1851. The principle of stereoscopic photography was applied to motion pictures during the 20th century, and it is currently used in the projection of digital 3D movies. This presentation will include information about the history of stereoscopes and the uses of stereoscopic media.

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.

Covering the Kennedy Assassination and Five Presidents

GS Fri. Feb. 4; 10:00am - 11:30am
UNT Wed. Feb. 9; 10:00am - 11:30am

In 1963, Keith Shelton was the political writer for the Dallas Times Herald. He was in the motorcade when President Kennedy was shot. He had been covering the President in San Antonio, Houston, and Fort Worth. He reported on what happened at the Trade Mart and later at the Jack Ruby trial. He also covered at least once Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon.

Keith Shelton worked on newspapers for 23 years and was also on the journalism faculty at UNT for 23 years. He worked on newspapers in Lawton, Oklahoma and Wichita Falls, Texas, as well as the Denton Record-Chronicle, of which he was managing editor.

Scheduling Note:

If a course has multiple sessions listed at a single location, it will continue from one session to the next.

If a course has multiple locations listed, that indicates the entire course is being repeated at each location.
This session will examine the rise of the 19th century cattle industry in Texas from its earliest roots to its heyday during the 1870s-1880s and eventual demise by the 1890s. Covering the wars with Indians along the Plains and the lives of everyday cowboys and cattle barons, the lecture will provide a ground-level view of one of the most iconic moments in Texas history.

Andrew J. Torget, PhD, is a historian of 19th century North America at UNT. 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."

Don’t Throw That Away! Ephemera in the Archives and How to Preserve Your Own Ephemera Collections

UNT Wed. March 2; 10:00am - 11:30am

In this session, UNT Libraries Special Collections staff will present the newly accessioned James Flowers Collection of Ephemera Found in Returned Library Books and share their process behind arranging and describing the collection’s unique contents spanning over a century. They will discuss what meaning ephemera can hold when viewed through a historical lens, what types of ephemera one might collect, and how members can preserve their own trove of keepsake ephemera to treasure for years to come.

Ticket stubs, receipts, fliers, notes, and doodles are a few examples of ephemera, which are made for short-term use and typically not meant to last.

Rachael Zipperer is the University Archivist for UNT, where she collects, preserves, and makes available materials related to university history and culture. As an archivist, Rachael seeks to engage community members as users of and contributors to the archive.

Meagan May is the Public Services Librarian for UNT Libraries Special Collections, where she manages the Judge Sarah T. Hughes Reading Room. Her research interests include exploring new ways to incorporate aspects of popular culture into special collections instruction and outreach.

Caroline Moore is a part-time Assistant Archivist at UNT Libraries Special Collections and a full-time graduate student at UNT studying Library Science with a concentration in Archival Studies and Imaging Technology.

From Clovis to Columbus

RR Tues. March 22, 29, & April 5; 10:00am - 11:30am

This three-session course will trace the history of Mesoamerica, beginning with an explanation of how and why people first came to the New World and a discussion of the Olmec culture, which marked the high point of the New World Neolithic. The course will proceed through the 1,000-year dominance of Maya culture in session two and end with the Toltec and Aztec empires in session three. The rise and fall of these New World civilizations provoke us to ask why they forged patterns of development independent and ignorant of those in Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, and China.

Reid Ferring, PhD, is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Geography and the Environment at UNT. He holds a PhD in Archaeology from Southern Methodist University and a PhD in Geology from the University of Texas at Dallas.

History of American Political Parties

RR Thurs. Feb. 17; 10:00am - 11:30am

This session will trace the origins of our two party system, and how it evolved. It will also examine third parties and why they have failed and will likely continue to fail. The session will begin with the Glorious Revolution of 1688 and end with the election of Bill Clinton in 1992, so no current political animosity and divisions will be covered, only historical facts.

James Robinson is a retired teacher of American and Afro-American History. His Master’s Degree involved Civil War origins. Mr. Robinson currently volunteers 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.

Life of a Civil War Soldier

FM Wed. Feb. 9; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

KEL Tues. April 12; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Bruce Ralston, a Civil War reenactor, complete with uniform, will give a lively presentation on the realities being in the Union army during the war. He will share history ranging from camp life, a description of his weapons and uniform. He will also discuss the contributions of women and African Americans and much more.

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

Reconstruction in the Red River Valley

UNT Fri. April 1, 8, & 15; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

FM Mon. April 11, 18, & 25; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Due to its location as a historic border region, the Red River Valley of the American Southwest experienced some of the most incredibly violent interactions during Reconstruction (1865-1876), the period after the Civil War (1861-1865) that was supposed to bolster societal change and improvement. This course will explore the region’s political, social, and economic history in this era using maps, images, and newspaper sources.

Robin Cole-Jett, a graduate of East Texas State University, UNT, and TWU, has worked 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 “where the South meets the West.”

Slavery and the Founders

KEL Tues. Feb. 1; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

RR Tues. Feb. 8; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

FR Fri. March 11; 10:00am - 11:30am

LAN Fri. April 1; 10:00am - 11:30am

This session will first consist of a brief overview of what U.S. historians have said about slavery from U.B. Phillips' American Negro Slavery (1917) to the New York Times’ 1619 Project and a number of historians’ responses to that document. The session will continue with a discussion of the role of slavery in the Declaration of Independence, The Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution. The lecture will not focus on Critical Race Theory from either a negative or positive position.

Gus Seligmann, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the UNT Department of History. He has been teaching U.S. political history at both the undergraduate and graduate level for several decades.
St. Patrick and His Day(s) of Celebration

KEL Tues. March 1; 1:00pm - 2:30pm
LAN Fri. March 4; 10:00am - 11:30am
FR Fri. March 11; 1:00pm - 2:30pm
GS Fri. March 25; 10:00am - 11:30am

St. Patrick’s death (probably on the 17th of March during the 5th Century) has been celebrated for at least a thousand years in Ireland. Celebrations, now worldwide, occur in more countries than any other holiday. In the U.S., celebrations have become almost akin to a national holiday. In this session, the origins, changing cultural significance from religious to secular, and contradictory legacy of the celebrations will be explored.

Rudy Ray Seward, PhD, is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Sociology at UNT. He is a descendant of Mary Davis, born on Christmas Day in 1792 in County Tyrone, Ireland. He first visited Ireland in 1971 and in 1998 was Research Fellow at National University of Ireland, Galway.

Texas in the Civil War

FR Fri. Feb. 11; 1:00pm - 2:30pm
RR Thurs. April 7; 10:00am - 11:30am

This course will discuss the origins and impact of the Civil War with particular emphasis on the roles that Texas played. There will also be a brief discussion of post-war Texas and Reconstruction.

James Robinson (see bio on previous page)

Texas Rangers

FM Wed. Feb. 2; 2:30pm - 4:00pm
FR Fri. Feb. 4; 1:00pm - 2:30pm
GS Fri. Feb. 18; 10:00am - 11:30am
LAN Fri. April 22; 10:00am - 11:30am

Texas Rangers have become the focus of controversy in contemporary Texas. But what is a Ranger? The truth is that the Rangers have been several different organizations throughout their history, changing as the needs of Texas evolved. This will be a survey of the many different incarnations of the rangers, with key individuals and events highlighted.

Richard B. McCaslin, PhD, is a Texas State Historical Association Endowed Professor of Texas History in the Department of History at UNT, where he currently teaches classes on Texas and 19th century U.S. military history. His primary interest is in addressing the myths of our past and finding the truth that lies within, as well as explaining the not-so-true elements that develop.

The Doolittle Raiders of WWII

LAN Fri. Feb. 11; 10:00am - 11:30am

This session will be based upon an interview with the co-pilot to Jimmy Doolittle and research on the crews who bombed Tokyo within months after Pearl Harbor. Members will get a feel for what it was like to take off from a carrier with no training, head out over hundreds of miles of nothing but ocean, bomb Tokyo in daylight, and try to escape.

Darrel VanDyke, PhD, received his doctorate degree in Computer Science and worked with several early computer companies. He is currently President of the OLLI at UNT Advisory Council.

The Hidden History of Hooch and Prohibition in Denton County

UNT Wed. March 30; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Moonshine, White lightning, Corn Squeezins... whatever its name, illegal liquor has long been a controversial enterprise that gets included in few official histories. Interestingly, Denton County has long had an intimate if conflicted relationship with alcoholic beverages. This session will provide a history of bootlegger outlaws and whiskey entrepreneurs as a precursor to today’s renewed interest in craft beer, Texas whiskey, and popular draft houses or growler bars that are reinvigorating many downtown Texas communities.

Shaun Treat, PhD, is a former UNT Assistant Professor of Communication Studies and local history writer who hosts Nerd Nite Denton, founded Denton Haunts Ghost Tours, and is an active member in numerous civic organizations.

The History of Feminist Credit Unions and Women's Banks in Texas

FR Fri. March 4; 10:00am - 11:30am

While there was a boom in feminist credit unions and women’s banks in the 1970s as a grassroots response to the mistreatment of women by traditional banks and other lenders, most had fizzled out by the 1980s. The Dallas FF CU, on the other hand, persisted until 2012. This session will explore the history of women’s banking and lending, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act of 1972, and how and why Dallas women’s financial institutions were so resilient.

Danielle Dumaine, PhD, is a lecturer at UNT at Frisco and coordinator for the North Texas Now! dual-credit program. She is a 20th century US historian, and she specializes in histories of women, gender, sexuality, and capitalism.

The Mystery Behind the Knights Templar: Separating Facts from Fiction

RR Tues. March 22; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The Knights Templar, the warrior monks who became a formidable force in the Middle Ages, vanished as quickly as they had appeared, leaving behind them a trail of mystery which has led to many conspiracy theories. More than 700 years after their disappearance, essays, films, and best-selling novels about the Templars continue to be produced. What is so fascinating about them? This lecture will explore their history and attempt to distinguish between facts and fiction.

Marie-Christine W. Koop, PhD, was a Professor of French civilization at UNT for 31 years, in addition to serving as Chair of the Department of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. She is past president of the American Association of Teachers of French and has received several international awards.

The Quakertown Story: Historic African American Families

UNT Mon. Feb. 28; 10:00am - 11:30am

Freed slaves moved to Denton after the Civil War and established a community that came to be known as Quakertown. It thrived until the people were forced to move and begin again. This session will survey the history and development of Denton’s Quakertown district. It 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 several years. She does museum tours and traveling museums to schools and other organizations.
The Sweep of American History as Revealed through Currency and Coins

LAN Fri. Feb. 18; 10:00am - 11:30am

Eagles, Bison, Native Americans, Tennessee Woodsmen, Western Expansion, Explosion of Agriculture, Rapid Industrialization, Wars, and more. The numerous re-issues of currency glow with insights into American history. They are a visual depiction of how our culture and values have evolved. Members in this session will learn about this line of evolution through numerous photographs of currency and coins and the interesting stories behind their design.

David Higgins, PhD, (see bio on page 33)

Three First Ladies of the 19th Century

LAN Fri. Feb. 4; 10:00am - 11:30am
FM Mon. April 4; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

This course will examine the lives and contributions of three fascinating first ladies of the 19th century - Dolley Madison, Julia Tyler & Frances Cleveland - including their roles as teammates while their husbands were in the White House.

Bruce Ralston (see bio on page 34)

Tippecanoe and Twitter Too: Changing Techniques in American Presidential Campaigns

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

This course will explore changing techniques in U.S. presidential campaigns from 1840 to the present. The emphasis will be on changing technology and methods of reaching voters.

Gus Seligmann, PhD (see bio on page 34)

Using Cemetery Research to Supplement Regular Genealogy Research

FM Mon. March 21; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

This session will provide information about researching and using cemetery information to learn more about a deceased relative's life and family. This will include such topics as preparing for the trip, what to bring, how to preserve the information you find, and interpreting symbols and logos listed on the headstone markers. Also, websites will be provided to help locate where relatives are buried and other related information.

Charles P. Wilt, CISA, is a graduate of Cameron University who was involved with genealogy research for over 30 years. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Wounded Knee and Lakota Life Yesterday and Today

FM Mon. Feb. 14; 2:30pm - 4:00pm
UNT Wed. April 6; 10:00am - 11:30am

In this session, members will be presented with background on why the Lakota Sioux came to be isolated in a small patch of ground in South Dakota called Pine Ridge. Then a discussion will follow regarding life on their reservation today.

Darrel VanDyke, PhD (see bio on page 35)

Your Family History: Discovering Who You Are

KEL Tues. March 22 & 29; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The craft of genealogy helps an individual learn about their ancestors and better understand their own personal identity. This course will introduce genealogical methods applicable in American and international research. Members will be introduced to key record types and the role of technology in genealogical research.

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.

Church records are an underutilized source. Yet, it is in these records where members may find ancestors' births, maiden or married names, marriage details, deaths, family relationships, and residences. This course will help members develop a step-by-step process for identifying, locating, and accessing church records.

Emily C. Richardson, EdD (see bio above)

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NATURE & GARDENING

A Look at the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: A Ten Year Perspective

RR Tues. April 5, 12, & 19; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Learn about the national response to the worst oil spill in U.S. history and how experts from around the world worked to combat the spill and ultimately shut down the flow of oil from the seafloor. This course will provide some interesting facts about the response itself, the environmental research that took place in the decade that followed, and will briefly examine how communities respond to environmental crisis. Finally, members will learn how the Deepwater Horizon oil spill compares to other large spills that have occurred worldwide in the past 40 years, and what efforts are taking place to prevent accidents like this from happening again in the future.

Gina Coelho, PhD, currently 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.

How the Natural Environment Gets Away With Murder

RR Thurs. March 3; 10:00am - 11:30am

This session will focus on the environmental and human health impacts of geologic materials and geologic processes. A balanced, fact-based discussion will be provided on both positive and negative effects of the natural environment on human health with emphasis on the issues that impact Texas and surrounding areas.

Robert Finkelman, PhD, helped create the field of medical geology and has co-edited five books on the subject. He received his doctorate degree in Chemistry from the University of Maryland. Since the mid-1990s he has conducted research on the issues that will be covered in this lecture.
Native Plants That Were in Texas Before Columbus

UNT Wed. Feb. 16; 10:00am - 11:30am
FR Fri. April 29; 10:00am - 11:30am

This session will explore the relationship between native plants and their pollinators. Native plants by definition are those that were present in Texas before the lifetime of Christopher Columbus. They require little water, fertilizer, and attention. They are undergoing considerable pressure due to pollinator die off, climate change, and real estate development.

Cecil Carter has served as President of the Native Plant Society of Texas and taught on the Adjunct Faculty at Oklahoma State University’s Oklahoma City Branch for five years. He and his wife have birded across Texas. Much of their 2-acre home site is devoted to native plants and a portion is also left as a wildscape.

The Geldingadalir Volcano and Iceland Experience

RR Tues. March 8; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

In March 2021, a new volcanic event began in Iceland creating one of the most accessible opportunities to witness a volcano close up. In this session, members will witness this amazing force of nature and other sights in South Iceland through still photography. Iceland is indeed the land of fire and ice.

Alfred Lockwood is an avid nature and travel photographer with decades of experience behind the camera. Through photography, his mission is to not only document moments, but to express the emotion of the experience.

Indian Philosophy and Culture

FM Wed. Feb. 16 & 23; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Indian culture spreads its fragrance in multiple ways, encompassing a variety of cuisines, festivals, language, attitude, music, and dance, each with a flavor of its own. There are ceremonies for birth and death; likewise, an Indian wedding is a celebration of union, not only of the bride and groom but also of two families! Surprisingly, irrespective of its diversity, Indian culture is deeply rooted in a core philosophy which translates into a value system and then gets reflected into the way of life, the artifacts. This course will walk members through the three-way journey to understand and appreciate Indian culture.

Richa Yadav (see bio on page 32)

Modern Philosophy and Climate Change

RR Tues. March 29 & April 5; 1:00pm - 2:30pm
GS Fri. April 15 & 22; 10:00am - 11:30am

What are the root causes of climate change? This course will explore the thesis that key modern philosophical ideas about humans and nature set the stage for our current high-energy way of life. Do we need to abandon these ideas if we are to solve climate change? Or does modernity hold the solution to the problems of its own creation?

Adam Briggle, PhD (see bio on page 27)

The Historical Jesus Through the Prism of the Kabbalah

FR Fri. April 1; 1:00pm - 2:30pm
UNT Wed. April 6; 1:00pm - 2:30pm
GS Fri. April 8; 10:00am - 11:30am

Applying the knowledge of the Ancient Jewish Mystical Tradition, The Kabbalah, to the Gospel accounts of Jesus, this course will explain the purpose of Jesus’ mission (namely, to establish the Kingdom of God in Israel prophesied by Isaiah), how Jesus attempted to do this, what Jesus did when he failed to bring about the Kingdom of God in Israel, and the mechanics of gaining Enlightenment and Salvation.

Leonard C. Scott is a researcher who has been conducting research on the Historical Jesus for the past twenty-five years using Kabbalistic sources. He has written articles and a book, soon to be published, on the Historical Jesus.

Changing the World One Element at a Time

KEL Tues. March 8; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

A notable bull rider once said, ‘It ain’t braggin’ if it’s true!’ This presentation will highlight how the history of Texas has laid the foundation of our status on the world’s stage and how things that happened in Texas have made a difference. Through 10 stories (maybe more), members will learn about important advances such as the discovery of oil, the addition of a malodorant to natural gas, the fluoridation of municipal water supplies, a few special solutions, and the birth of nanotechnology and the lithium battery. Members will leave with all the bragging rights that make Texas and Texans extraordinary.

Diana Mason, PhD, is a Professor Emeritus in the UNT Department of Chemistry. She taught chemistry at high school and university levels for 33 years. Dr. Mason is a Fellow of the American Chemical Society. In 2016, she was commissioned by Governor Abbott as an Admiral in the Texas Navy, recognizing her passion for the great state of Texas.

Cut the Cable: Let’s Sharpen the Scissors

RR Tues. April 26; 10:00am - 11:30am

In this session, members will learn how they can successfully “cut the cable” to save money on their entertainment. The session will include an open discussion of streaming devices and services, including roof antennas and the latest in ATSC 3.0 NextGen 4K over the air transmission.

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.

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

Aspects of Comparative Religion

UNT Mon. April 4; 10:00am - 11:30am

Each faith has its own focus and intricacies. This session, which will be the first in a series, will begin exploring similarities and differences in the world’s major religions. With a scholarly approach, the session will address how different faiths define their God and their goals for each human life.

Richa Yadav (see bio on page 32)
Geology of the National Parks: Part I

RR Tues. Feb. 1, 8, 15, & 22; 10:00am - 11:30am

The national parks provide accessible and protected examples of important geologic processes. Volcanism, mountain building, tectonic activity, glaciation, groundwater and geothermal activity, and river erosion are represented. Geologic history and features of selected national parks will be presented using photos, supplementary reading material, and geologic and topographic maps. This course presumes little or no geologic or scientific background.

Barbara Manner, PhD, received her Master’s and doctorate degrees in Geology and Secondary Education from the University of Akron. She taught geology there as well as at Duquesne University. Dr. Manner has traveled extensively and has spent time in 40 of the national parks.

Immunity and Aging

FR Fri. April 8; 10:00am - 11:30am

Our knowledge of the immune system exploded during the past decades. However, understanding how the immune system changes with age continues to be a developing field of research. In this session, members will be introduced to the basics of the immune system in order to understand the changes that may cause functional decline of immunity in advanced age. The session will also highlight areas of current research on aging and immunity.

Pamela Witte, PhD, is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at Loyola University Chicago School of Medicine. She holds a PhD from UT Southwestern Medical Center and has investigated the immune system for 40 years.

Mysteries of the Human Heart

FM Wed. March 2; 2:30pm - 4:00pm
FR Fri. March 4; 1:00pm - 2:30pm
UNT Wed. March 9; 1:00pm - 2:30pm
RR Thurs. April 14; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

This session will provide an overview of our overall understanding of the human heart, its disease, and its remarkable ability to adapt with age and stress. Dr. Singh will discuss some of the seminal discoveries in the field of cardiac biology and how these discoveries have impacted our ability to treat cardiac disease in the clinic, and have offered new paradigms for drug discovery with the potential to not only save lives and improve quality of life, but also lower the economic burden associated with cardiac health care.

Sarvjeet Singh, PhD, MBA, is a Clinical Associate Professor at UNT at Frisco. He is a biomedical research scientist who has implemented cutting edge technologies to identify molecular pathways in human patients of muscle and cardiac disease such as Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Plate Tectonics: A Moving Experience

FM Wed. April 6, 13, 20, & 27; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Did you ever wonder why earthquakes, volcanoes, and mountain ranges occur where they do? It was the evolution of the theory of Plate Tectonics that provided us with a unifying idea - a theory that linked Earth’s topographical features with its shaking and rumbling. In this session, members will learn how this theory developed and why the Earth is a dynamic system undergoing constant change.

Barbara Manner, PhD (see bio, left)

Strokes: Impact, Science, Safety, and Patient Perspectives

UNT Wed. March 9; 10:00am - 11:30am
GS Fri. March 11; 10:00am - 11:30am

In this session, members will learn about strokes from a local neuroscientist who recently experienced one herself. She now seeks to empower others by sharing her knowledge and raising awareness.

April Becker, PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavior Analysis at UNT. Her research and interests have two aims: to better understand the basic mechanisms of learning and recovery from brain injury and to develop better clinical approaches to rehabilitation.

Who Invented the Computer? Part I

RR Tues. March 1; 10:00am - 11:30am
FR Fri. March 25; 10:00am - 11:30am
KEL Tues. April 19; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

It is impossible to identify a single inventor of the machine we call the computer. There are, however, significant milestones along the road to the creation of this ubiquitous modern tool. A surprising one is found in the early 1800s, marking the work of two intriguing pioneers: Charles Babbage and Ada Lovelace. This session will explore the inspirations and collaborations of this son of a wealthy banker and daughter of a famous poet, and how their talents and personalities combined to almost create a working computer 100 years before any other became a reality.

David McKinley retired in 2020 after a 50-year career as a systems and software engineer, spanning two-thirds of the era of electronic digital computers. He was personally involved with computers programmed via patch panels, experienced the PC revolution, and was ultimately a principal architect of cloud-based systems for Oracle.

Who Invented the Computer? Part II

RR Tues. March 8; 10:00am - 11:30am
FR Fri. April 1; 10:00am - 11:30am
KEL Tues. April 26; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The period between 1945 and 1951 saw an explosion of work resulting in a half dozen or more working computers in the US and England, all following a similar architecture, where before there had been none. Two key contributors to this blossoming of technology were Alan Turing and John von Neumann, but others behind-the-scenes may deserve even more credit. This session will explore the contributions of these pioneers, along with the developments that led to the rapid successful adoption of an architecture that is still used as the basis of virtually all computers today.

David McKinley (see bio above)
A Beginner's Guide to Curiosity

UNT Wed. Feb. 23; 10:00am - 11:30am
RR Thurs. March 24; 10:00am - 11:30am
LAN Fri. March 25; 10:00am - 11:30am

Curiosity is powerful. Research tells us it can enhance intelligence and increase perseverance. Being curious propels us to deeper engagement, superior performance, and more meaningful goals. The question is: how can we be more curious? This session will give members a first orientation to the strange, fascinating and fragile phenomenon of being curious. Members will explore what curiosity is, what kind of curious they are, ways they can be more curious and, if possible, how they might invite others to be curious.

Cassini Nazir, MFA, is a Program Director and Clinical Associate Professor at UNT at Frisco where he teaches classes in design thinking and interaction design.

Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia

RR Thurs. Feb. 3; 10:00am - 11:30am
FM Mon. Feb. 7; 2:30pm - 4:00pm
GS Fri. Feb. 25; 10:00am - 11:30am

This session will provide an overview of Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia. Their origins, diagnoses, progression, and treatment will be discussed as well as issues pertinent to persons who are caring for loved ones suffering from dementia.

Bert Hayslip, Jr., PhD, (see bio on page 33)

Brain Health: The Care and Feeding of Your Brain

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

There are countless options for us to continue to maintain and enhance brain function, build new brain cells, and reduce the risk of dementia. This will not be an anatomy and physiology lesson. The session will provide members with a basic understanding of factors that influence brain function and provide a wide range of tools that will help preserve, stimulate, and challenge brain function.

Kirsten Kaae, MEd, is a Registered Nurse and Licensed Professional counselor with 30+ years of experience working in end-of-life care, consulting and counseling on issues related to aging, and providing grief support services.

Building Skills Through Imagery

GS Fri. Feb. 11; 10:00am - 11:30am
FM Mon. Feb. 21; 2:30pm - 4:00pm
RR Thurs. Feb. 24; 10:00am - 11:30am
LAN Fri. Feb. 25; 10:00am - 11:30am

Imagery is an experience in which the imagination of the five senses significantly resembles an object or event. This session will present the scientific and neurological understanding as to why imagery practices are successful methods of increasing motor skills. Multiple studies have proven the efficacy of imagery practices on motor skill learning, yet imagery integration in schools is rarely taught. This session will provide demonstrations and materials that help build skills through imagery, such as motor skill acquisition and self-confidence.

Kenny Ross is a current Brass Methods Teaching Fellow in the UNT College of Music, where he is pursuing his doctorate. Kenny wrote his master's thesis on imagery intervention practices within music and is excited to apply it to a new audience.

Fortified Wines and Sweet Wines

LAN Fri. April 29; 10:00am - 11:30am

This session will introduce the basic and popular styles of fortified wines and sweet wines in the world, including Sherry, Port, Noble Rot sweet wines, and ice wines. With a tasting session, members will compare and contrast different characteristics of these wines.

Han Wen, PhD (see bio on page 17)

How to Navigate the Current Health Care System

UNT Wed. Feb. 2; 10:00am - 11:30am
RR Thurs. Feb. 10; 10:00am - 11:30am
FM Wed. March 9; 2:30pm - 4:00pm

This session will cover the U.S. health care system and how it developed its current structure. The various pressures that different parts of the system are under will be discussed, with recommendations for how to best navigate them to get the care you need. This will not be a political talk and will not be about the best health care systems.

John McKenzie, MD, retired after a 30 year career in east Texas as a Family Practice Specialist, with additional certification in Geriatric Medicine. After retiring from his practice, he taught at LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport.


LAN Fri. April 8; 10:00am - 11:30am

What one sends and intends & what others receive and interpret often results in two different messages. Join Kaye Nubel for a fast moving, highly experiential session of exploring the reasons why we each see the world differently and how we can use this information for more empathetic communication in our personal and professional lives. Specific skills will be introduced and practiced.

Kaye Nubel is a former Associate Professor who has taught at university and college levels for over 25 years and provided workshops and seminars in the public arena. Her areas of expertise are in Public Speaking, Interpersonal Communication, Intercultural Communication which includes Gender Communication, Group Dynamics and Team Building.

Successful Aging in Movies

FR Fri. Feb. 4, 11, 18, & 25; 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 published four books about film culture in China before coming to UNT as a visiting scholar in 2016. 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.

The Benefits of a Positive Psychology

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

This session will focus on the psychological and neurobiological aspects of positive psychology, such as gratitude, altruism, and positive emotions.

Craig Neumann, PhD, is a Distinguished Research Professor in the UNT Department of Psychology. He has been active teaching and conducting research in the Clinical Psychology Graduate Training Program at UNT for over 20 years.
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FALL FLASHBACK: Chartered Bus Trip to the Dallas Museum of Art

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FALL FLASHBACK: Fall 2021 Courses & Activities

- Recreational Drone Flying with Steve Simpson
- Painting with a Twist: "Colors of Autumn"
- Humor in Newsprint with Ron Fink & Donna Fielder
- Swing Music and the Rhythm That Makes It Swing with Quincy Davis
- From the UNT Archives... with Jodi Rhinehart-Doty & Justin Lemons
- Wine & Cheese Pairing Lesson with Ten:One Artisanal Cheese Shop