SUMMER 2021
OLLI AT UNT VIRTUAL SEMESTER

Unique Educational Activities:
- Live Non-Credit Courses on Zoom
- Virtual Holocaust Museum Tour
- Wine & Cheese Pairing Lesson
- Virtual Planetarium Experience
- Special Interest Groups

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Message from the Director

With the long, hot summer days fast approaching, I hope you will browse through this catalog and discover the many ways you can spend your time staying cool while learning something new. With one year of “Zooming” under our belts, we have become accustomed to this creative new way to stay intellectually and socially engaged as we safely navigate these uncertain times. Both our faculty and members have reported that virtual classes have indeed been a meaningful part of their lives during the pandemic.

Our summer semester includes over 65 amazing classes, several educational events, and of course our Special Interest Groups (SIGs), which will all be virtual. Our semester calendar is located on pages 5 through 7 and gives an overview of the times and dates when our classes and events will be held. You’ll notice we’ve relaxed our daily schedule to allow you more time to enjoy your favorite offline activities.

Please take a look at pages 9 through 11 to learn more about the cultural and educational events we have planned for you. We are very excited to provide members a guided, free virtual tour of the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum on June 17th (page 10) as well as a virtual planetarium experience with the UNT Sky Theater (page 9). Back by popular demand is Anna Bottinelli, President of the Monuments Men Foundation for the Preservation of Art in Dallas (page 10). She will be presenting “The Cultural Heritage of Europe and the Heroes Who Saved it During World War II.”

As many of us are dreaming of travelling again, we have a couple of great opportunities to fuel those dreams, including a “Sip and See” Trip Preview with Dr. Laura Evans, OLLI’s beloved art crime professor (page 11). Dr. Evans will walk us through the trip that she will be hosting for OLLI at UNT in spring 2022 called “Treasures and Thieves: Tracing Art Crimes through the Great Museums of Europe.”

Please check out our SIGs, which allow members to engage with others over a common interest (page 12). We’re also hosting social hours, featuring friendly conversations and fun activities (page 8).

This summer is a perfect opportunity to encourage a family member or friend to join in on the fun, since Zoom allows them to participate from anywhere. We have sweetened the deal by making our memberships buy one get one for 50% off.

Special thanks to the spectacular OLLI staff who work diligently day after day to ensure the best lifelong learning program possible is made available to you.

I look forward to “seeing” you in class soon.

Stephanie Reinke, EdD

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Advisory Council

The ten members of the OLLI at UNT Advisory Council work with Director Reinke to provide strategic planning that ensures successful program growth and quality that closely aligns with the needs of the membership.

President: Dr. Max Morley
Vice President: Dr. Darrel VanDyke
Financial Liaison: Dr. Tom Klammer
Secretary: Dr. Emily Richardson

We encourage you to consider becoming an OLLI at UNT Ambassador or serving on one of our Standing Committees. Go to our website to learn how you can take an active role in shaping our program. Notes from Advisory Council and Committee meetings are available on our website for all members to access.

olli.unt.edu/volunteer
We are offering single semester memberships at a cost of $40 per person. Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and their spouses are eligible for a discounted $20 per person rate, as are members of the UNT Retiree Association, UNT Alumni Association, Flower Mound Seniors in Motion, and The Grove at Frisco Commons.

**Member Benefits**

All OLLI at UNT courses and activities listed in this catalog are inclusive for active members, except where an additional fee has been clearly indicated. Many instructors have granted us permission to record their Zoom courses. Members will receive weekly emails containing links to available course recordings.

**BUY ONE, GET ONE, HALF OFF**

Purchase a full price membership for yourself and earn a half price membership for your partner, friend, or relative.

Details at olli.unt.edu/virtual.

**Returning Members**

REGISTER ONLINE: Sign in to your personal member account at olli.unt.edu/members. Select the “Membership” category, add the desired option to your cart, then proceed through the check out process to make a secure credit card payment.

REGISTER BY MAIL: Send a check made payable to OLLI at UNT to our university mailbox. Please indicate the type of membership you are purchasing on the memo line of your check.

**New Members**

REGISTER ONLINE: Follow the instructions for creating a new member account at olli.unt.edu/virtual.

REGISTER BY MAIL: Download and complete the membership form available at olli.unt.edu/virtual. Mail it with a check made payable to OLLI at UNT to our university mailbox.

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Denton, TX 76203
Enrollment Instructions

Once you have joined OLLI at UNT or renewed your membership for this summer, you can enroll in any of the activities in this catalog online, by email, or by phone. You can add activities to your personal schedule at any time throughout the semester.

Enroll Online

To enroll in our summer activities online, sign in to your personal account in the OLLI at UNT Member Portal. Add the desired activities to your account, then proceed through the check out process to submit your order. You will receive a confirmation email following each successful submission.

Please consult the Member Portal Guide that is available on our website for helpful tips on how to navigate the Portal.

Enroll by Email

You also have the option to enroll in any of our summer offerings by sending us an email or calling our office. Let us know which activities you’re interested in. You will receive a confirmation email once we’ve enrolled you in the activities you’ve requested.

Enroll by Phone

940-369-7293

Save Your Confirmation Emails

Once your enrollment is complete, you will receive a confirmation email that includes your personal schedule and instructions on how to join each activity on Zoom. Each OLLI at UNT activity has a unique Zoom link. When it’s time for an activity to begin, consult your confirmation email and click that activity’s link to open the Zoom meeting. Please contact our office if you need to have a confirmation email resent to you.

The Great Courses: Use one of the methods above to enroll in any of The Great Courses that are available through OLLI at UNT. You will then receive a confirmation email containing the log in information for the shared OLLI at UNT account on The Great Courses website. For details, see page 24.
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Looking to improve your Zoom skills? Check out the tips and tutorials we’ve compiled on our website.

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

ooli.unt.edu/evaluations
Member feedback is vital to the development of our program. After the final session of each course, attendees will receive an email reminder with a link to our evaluation form. The form will allow you to anonymously provide feedback to faculty and staff.

Weekly Email

Each week during the semester (typically on Friday afternoons), we send an official email to all active members. These emails will contain a daily itinerary of our schedule for the upcoming week. For your convenience, the email will also contain Zoom links for each scheduled activity.

We encourage you to refer back to the email throughout the week. We’ll use these emails to make important announcements, such as schedule changes or deadline reminders. They will also contain links to the latest course recordings that are available. When we learn about local events that may be of interest, we’ll include those in our emails as well.

OLLI Social Hour

Get to know your fellow members at our Zoom social hours! A staff member will be on hand at each session to moderate an open conversation that may include friendly small talk or discussion of recent OLLI courses.

Friday, June 18 at 2:45pm
Friday, July 9 at 2:45pm
Friday, July 30 at 2:45pm

Please submit any suggestions you may have for icebreaker activities, trivia, or games to olli@unt.edu.
Virtual Events

Wine & Cheese Pairing
Tuesday, June 15; 6:00 - 7:00pm

Join Justin Bonard and Benjamin Matt from Ten:One Artisan Cheese Shop for a lesson on pairing white or sparkling wines with a selection of six cheeses. **Enroll through OLLI at UNT by no later than Tuesday, June 8.** The $20 per member fee includes the cost of 3 ounces of cheese plus bread from Ravelin Bakery.

Stop by Ten:One's Locust Street location in Denton between 11:00am and 5:00pm on June 15 to pick up your cheese tray. Ten:One will have a selection of recommended wines available for purchase. The lesson will begin at 6:00pm that evening on Zoom.

**Pick up location:** 515 S. Locust St., Denton, TX 76201

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Virtual Planetarium Experience
Friday, June 25 at 1:00pm

Not all stars are created equal. Some are massive. Others are tiny, almost insignificant. The specific characteristics of a star will determine what type of life it will lead, how long it might live, and even the type of death it will die. On June 25, we will witness the amazing variety of stars and peer into their secret lives.

Our friends at the UNT Sky Theater will host us on Zoom for a special private screening of *Secret Lives of Stars,* narrated by Sir Patrick Stewart of *Star Trek* and *X-Men* fame. Following the movie, Sky Theater staff will take us on a virtual tour of that evening’s sky. They will also take time to answer our astronomy questions.
Virtual Events

Holocaust Museum Tour
Thursday, June 17; 1:00 - 2:30pm

For this special event, we will join a Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum Educator on Zoom for a live virtual tour of the Museum's permanent exhibitions. As the Educator walks through each exhibition, we will be able to ask questions in real time. The 90 minute tour will include the museum's Holocaust/Shoah Wing, Human Rights Wing, and Pivot to America Wing.

This event is inclusive for all members, but registration is required by no later than Monday, June 14.

The Cultural Heritage of Europe and the Heroes Who Saved It During World War II
Thursday, June 10; 1:00 - 2:30pm

As the most destructive war in history ravaged Europe, many of the world’s most cherished cultural objects were in harm’s way. This presentation will introduce the astonishing true story of those men and women who risked their lives amidst the bloodshed of World War II to preserve churches, libraries, monuments, and works of art that for centuries defined the heritage of Western civilization. As the war raged, these American and British volunteers -- museum curators, art scholars and educators, architects, archivists, and artists, known as the Monuments Men -- found themselves in a desperate race against time to locate and save the many priceless treasures and works of art stolen by Adolf Hitler and the Nazis.

Anna Bottinelli was born and raised in Florence, Italy. She obtained a BA in History of Art and a MA in 13th Century Italian Art from the Courtauld Institute of Art in London. She assisted author Robert Edsel on his acclaimed 2013 New York Times Bestseller, Saving Italy: The Race to Save a Nation's Treasure from the Nazis. In 2014, she accepted a full time research position with the Monuments Men Foundation for the Preservation of Art in Dallas. By 2019 she advanced to the role of President of the Foundation. Today, Anna is considered an expert on the subject of art looting and recovery during World War II.
Virtual Events

“Sip & See” Trip Preview
Thursday, June 17; 5:00 - 6:00pm

Join Dr. Laura Evans, UNT’s art crime expert, and travel authority Karen Barclay from Collette as they trace art crime through the great museums of Europe. With stops in London, Amsterdam, and Paris, this guided virtual tour will offer a preview of the “Treasures & Thieves” trip members are invited to take with Dr. Evans in Spring 2022. Grab your beverage of choice, sit back, and learn more about this unique trip.

OLLI’s Travel Adventures 2021-2022
Tuesday, July 13; 1:00 - 2:30pm

Join Karen Barclay from the Collette travel agency as she explains the domestic and international travel opportunities that will be available to OLLI at UNT members through next year. Learn about each trip’s itinerary and how Collette’s travel insurance is perfect for travelers looking to plan ahead in these uncertain times.

Spotlight on NYC Holiday
Nov. 29 - Dec. 3, 2021

Spotlight on Santa Fe
March 27 - April 1, 2022

Treasures & Thieves
May 4 - 15, 2022

Shades of Ireland
Oct. 24 - Nov. 2, 2022

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Virtual Events

An Insider’s Look at the Oldest Form of American Government with Dianne Edmondson
Thursday, July 1 at 2:45pm

Join Denton County Commissioner Dianne Edmondson as she gives a presentation on how exactly our local government operates. A native Texan, Edmondson worked as a reporter and editor for various newspapers in Oklahoma before transitioning into a career in public relations. She later found a niche as a “headhunter” recruiting professionals for the oil and gas industry. In 2018, Edmondson made her debut in professional politics as a Republican candidate for Denton County Commissioner in Precinct 4. She won that election and her four-year term as Commissioner runs until 2022.

Virtual Special Interest Groups

OLLI at UNT Yoga
Join Sheila for guided yoga sessions on Zoom.
1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 10:00am

Recipes: Show, Tell, & Share
Join Kim for food-themed conversations. Show off your favorite recipes and learn from others as members provide each other with tips and “tricks of the trade.”

Monday, June 14 at 2:45pm: Heatless Dishes
Monday, June 28 at 2:45pm: Desserts
Monday, July 12 at 2:45pm: Beverages
Monday, July 26 at 2:45pm: Vegan/Vegetarian Dishes

Great Books
Join Donna for an open discussion of literature that stands the test of time.

Friday, June 25 at 2:45pm: The Sound and the Fury
Friday, July 23 at 2:45pm: The Old Man and the Sea

Book Talk with Dr. Jean Greenlaw
Join the Denton Record-Chronicle’s book review columnist as she discusses selections from her recent columns. Come prepared to recommend a book you’ve read on that month’s topic.

Wednesday, June 9 at 2:45pm
“What I read during snovid.” Recommend something you read while sheltering in place over the last year.

Wednesday, July 14 at 2:45pm
“Tales.” Recommend one of your favorite tales (i.e. Greek, Roman, Arthurian, Native American, etc.).
Arts & Humanities

Art History of the African Calabash
Wednesdays, June 23 - July 14; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

In this four-session course, members will be introduced to the African calabash (gourd) - an artistic medium that has proved essential for African lives, especially those of women, for thousands of years. Members will explore how African women artists often engrave their personal tattoos, scarification marks, prayers, and stylized images of the things they value onto their calabash containers. Members will learn to identify the regional styles, techniques, and rituals associated with a number of calabash art objects found in international museums. Dr. Hurd will also demonstrate how members can practice these artistic techniques on their own gourd at home!

Dr. Jessica Hurd is an art history professor, independent curator, and researcher of both private and public collections in the fields of African, Oceanic, and Latin American art. A Fulbright-Hays award and multiple research grants have allowed Jessica to work closely with artisans in Mali (West Africa).

At the Scene: Photojournalists Documenting History
Thursday, June 24; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Photographic images get our attention and often stay in our memory. Photojournalists work diligently to capture the pictures that help tell the stories in the news and make history seem to come alive. Those who attend this presentation will learn about some of the outstanding photographers who made these kinds of images possible.

Dr. John F. Neal 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. Dr. Neal has given presentations for the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association and the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Clothing Collectors: Donors at the UNT Texas Fashion Collection
Monday, June 28; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

While clothing collections often focus on designers, collectors and patrons of the fashion arts also play an important part in shaping the history of dress. Join us to learn more about the fabulous wardrobes and colorful personalities of Texan donors represented at the UNT Texas Fashion Collection, including socialite Claudia Heard de Osborne, art dealer Shaindy Fenton, and artists Scott and Stuart Gentling.

Annette Becker is the director of the UNT Texas Fashion Collection, an archive of nearly 20,000 historic and designer garments and accessories spanning 250 years of fashion history. Ms. Becker holds an MA in Art History from UNT and has professional experience in museums around the country.

Exploring Afrofuturism
Fridays, June 4 & 11; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Did you know that Martin Luther King, Jr’s dream is directly connected to the success of the Star Trek franchise? This two-session course will introduce members to the fascinating world of Afrofuturism through music, movies, TV shows, and books that elevate African history by launching it into the future. In the second session, members will discuss the short story “What It Means When A Man Falls From The Sky” by Lesley Nneka Arimah.

Jordan Williams is the Senior Communications Specialist for UNT’s Lifelong Learning & Community Engagement department. He received both his Bachelor’s degree in Creative Writing and Master’s degree in Literature from UNT. His writing has appeared in American Micoreviews & Interviews and The Tulsa Voice.
How Should We Read the Hebrew Bible? What We Miss When We Replace Literary Analysis with Source Analysis
Thursday, June 3; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The dominant scholarly understanding of the Bible (for the past 150 years or so) is that the books of the Old Testaments were not written by single authors; rather, each book – indeed, each story! – is composed of literary fragments cobbled together into a single text. This understanding of the Bible calls on us to read each book not as a literary whole, but to identify the different sources that make up a story to understand who wrote each fragment and for what purpose. This method of source analysis precludes a traditional literary reading of the Bible, robbing readers of a unique literary experience, and perhaps robbing an ancient author of literary credit he had rightly earned.

Dr. Chet encourages members to read the first three chapters of Genesis prior to this session.

Dr. Guy Chet earned his bachelor’s degree at the University of Haifa in Israel, and his MA and PhD at Yale University. He serves as Professor of History at UNT, teaching classes on early-American and military history.

Music That Inspired Us and Will Hopefully Inspire You
Friday, July 2; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

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 session, they will recapture these moments in the hope of inspiring others. Be prepared for an iconic journey through their musical memories.

Brad Leali is the Associate Professor of jazz saxophone at UNT. He has performed with many artists and groups throughout his career, including the Harry Connick Jr. Orchestra and the Count Basie Orchestra. Most recently, he has accepted the featured saxophone solo chair with the Lyle Lovett Orchestra.

Carla Helmbrecht began her love affair with music at the age of eight. Her 2001 album Be Cool Be Kind received three Grammy nominations. Helmbrecht’s 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.

Introduction to World Literature: 1950s to the Present
Wednesdays, June 9, 16, 23 & 30; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This four-session course will introduce members to some of the major world/postcolonial authors. Postcolonialism is a dynamic, expansive, and contested field of literary study involving a high degree of multidisciplinary and theoretical innovation. Postcolonial cultural production can be roughly divided into three overlapping phases: works produced during the contact phase, the native responses to colonialism, and the postcolonial cultural production. This course will also introduce the early and current debates of the field and possibilities for the future.

Dr. Masood Raja is an Associate Professor of Postcolonial Literature and Theory in the UNT English Department. He is the editor of Pakistaniaat: A Journal of Pakistan Studies and Project Director of UNT’s partnership with the National University of Modern Languages in Islamabad.

Opera 201: An Introduction to Opera & What Makes an Opera Great?
Thursdays, June 3, 10, 17, & 24; 10:00am - 11:30am

This four-session course will focus on the intrinsic elements that attract opera audiences. Thanks to YouTube selections from operas of the late 18th, the 19th, and the early 20th centuries, members will discover the contributions to an opera’s “greatness” made by both the playwright’s (the librettist’s) dramatic words, characters, and stories and the composer’s lush melodies and virtuoso display pieces. Then, members will examine how the librettist-composer collaboration creates the stage magic that happens in performance. The result is a “great opera” – namely, one that resonates over generations with the opera-going public.

Steve Dubrow received his undergraduate degree from Columbia University followed by a graduate degree from Princeton. He taught at Brown University before serving a 25-year stint as a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service. He then spent 19 years as a teacher of world languages.
The Art of Winemaking: Comparing Old World and New World Wines
Tuesday, July 13; 10:00am - 11:30am

When it comes to terms of Old World wines and New World wines, wine consumers are often confused. In this session, members will explore and compare Old World wines with New World wines from the perspectives of viticulture, winemaking philosophy, general styles, and their primary flavors/aromas.

**Dr. Han Wen** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Hospitality & Tourism Management at UNT. Wen earned her PhD in Hospitality Administration from Kansas State University, Master's degree of Hotel and Restaurant Management from the University of Houston, and Bachelor's degree of Tourism Management from Sun Yat-sen University.

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The Linguistic Landscape of Denton, Texas
Monday, June 21; 10:00am - 11:30am

This session will give members an opportunity to explore different areas of Denton through the prism of Linguistic Landscape (LL). As a relatively new field of study within sociolinguistics, LL research focuses on language used in public spaces as a way to develop a deeper understanding of how human activities and perceptions of the world around us are influenced by our interactions with language. Members will learn different ways of interpreting and understanding language in public spaces so that no matter where they live or travel, they will be able to use some aspects of LL research to see the world around them from different perspectives.

**Dr. Lawrence Williams** is a professor in the Department of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures at UNT. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in the areas of applied linguistics and French. His research explores language use in digital and real-world contexts, with a focus on Arabic, English, and French.

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The Flash Essay: Writing The Personal in a Brief Form
Tuesday, June 1; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Compression, concision, complexity—the flash essay, like standing on a train platform in the moment of the last car’s passing. Or maybe it’s more quiet, like the last chime of a clock’s hour strike. In this session, members will look at brief essays by established writers (Anne Panning, Paul Lisicky, Lee Martin, Brenda Miller, Ira Sukrungruang), and class will end with a writing exercise. Dr. Talbot will also offer writing prompts so that members can continue to explore on their own. This session will focus on opening lines and images, point of view and portraiture, along with syntax, rhythm, and sound.

**Jill Talbot** is Associate Professor of Creative Writing at UNT. She is the author of *The Way We Weren't: A Memoir* and *Loaded: Women and Addiction*, the co-editor of *The Art of Friction: Where (Non)Fictions Come Together*, and the editor of *Metawritings: Toward a Theory of Nonfiction*. Her writing has appeared in journals such as AGNI, Brevity, Colorado Review, Diagram, Hotel Amerika, The Normal School, and The Paris Review Daily and has been recognized four times in *The Best American Essays*.

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Current Events & Social Issues

Can the U.K. Survive as a Union After its Departure from the E.U.?
Tuesday, June 8; 10:00am - 11:30am

The departure of the United Kingdom from the European Union continues to be problematic even after its formal departure at the end of 2011. Many issues remain unresolved. Some academic commentators have questioned whether the union itself can survive in the medium term.

**Kevin Richardson** is currently employed at a senior level by UK Research & Innovation, that country’s primary state funder of research, development, and innovation. He is also a Visiting Fellow at Newcastle University, a research intensive state institution which is a member of the Russell Group. Mr. Richardson is a proud UNT alumnus, having studied Political Science in Denton in 1992.
Climate Change: A Pocket Guide for Understanding a Big Problem
Wednesday, July 7; 10:00am - 11:30am

Climate change is a defining challenge for the 21st century. It’s easy to get lost in all the information and misinformation out there. This session will give members a guide and compass to this complex issue by providing basic climate literacy, a big picture orientation, and a set of tools for thinking through the problem systematically.

Dr. Adam Briggle is an Associate Professor and the Director of Graduate Studies in UNT’s Department of Philosophy & Religion. He holds a PhD in Environmental Studies from the University of Colorado and served for three years as a postdoctoral fellow working on the philosophy of technology at the University of Twente in The Netherlands. His research and teaching interests focus on the intersections of ethics and policy with science and technology.

Ethical Issues in the Criminal Justice System: Examining Current Events in the United States
Monday, June 28; 10:00am - 11:30am

In this session, members will become acquainted with the criminal justice system in the United States and ethical concerns that have floated to the surface over the last few years. Members will examine how the United States has dealt with the problem of criminal behavior over time and how it is enforced. The ethical issues of immigration, policing, and race along with other varying concerns about the definition of crime and criminality will be presented.

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

From Engineer to Lawyer: Going from the Logic of Information Technology to the Illogic of Family Law
Mondays, July 19 & 26; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Nothing gives people more heartburn than their encounters with the Family Court system anywhere in the U.S. Mr. Venkatraman's encounter with that system began in 2004 and it has still not ended in 2021 although his children are now adults. During this period, he went from being an IT specialist who knew nothing about this system to a lawyer who now knows the ins and outs of this system. In the first session of this course, he will speak about his personal experience, which led to his career transition. In the second session, he will go in-depth into Texas Family Law and Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and explain what to expect if you get entangled in the family court system. He will allow for extensive Q&A during both sessions.

Venky Venkatraman has degrees in electrical engineering, management, and law. He is Principal Consultant/Advisor/Mediator at Zenith Advisory Services.

Keys to Understanding Global Cultural Diversity
Thursday, July 15; 1:00pm - 2:30pm*

Understanding and appreciating similarities and differences among diverse cultural groups around the world can help advance the cause of worldwide peace and security. This session will address conceptual ways of classifying and explaining inherent universal versus learned and shared thought processes and resultant behavior patterns of peoples living in countries throughout the world. The session will summarize the relevant survey research findings of five highly acclaimed scholars, including two whose work focused on inherited traits and three who focused on learned and shared values, thinking processes, and behavior traits.

Dr. Jim Goodnow recently retired as Adjunct Professor of International Studies at UNT. He is 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.

*This is a new date. Dr. Goodnow’s session was originally scheduled for Monday, June 14 at 10:00am.
Mysteries of the Old Order Amish
Monday, June 21; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

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

Dr. Jana Hawley is Dean of the College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism. She is a Fulbright Scholar and a Global Scholar. Her research has focused on textile recycling, sustainability, global artisans, and the Old Order Amish.

Rags to Riches: Do You Know Where Your Old Clothes Go?
Monday, July 12; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Every year, thousands of pounds of used clothing are donated to favorite charities with the understanding that the clothes will be sold at the charity’s local shop. The truth is, our used clothing finds its way into a plethora of recycling options. This session will shed light on the many ways that our clothes end up miles away serving a new customer or a new purpose.

Dr. Jana Hawley (see bio above)

Scams: Awareness and Avoidance
Tuesday, June 29; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

In today’s world, scammers are abundant. They use ever-evolving tactics to take advantage of our community. During this session, Officer Causey will discuss some of the tactics scammers use, but more importantly, some red flags that someone may be attempting to take advantage of you.

Officer David Causey is the UNT Police Department’s Community Relations Officer. He is a graduate of UNT, a certified TCOLE instructor, a certified Gracie Survival Instructor, and a Field Training Officer.

The Right to Vote: Always a Fight
Wednesday, June 30; 10:00am - 11:30am

It’s a representative democracy, right? Voting should be a right and a responsibility of citizenship. In fact, however, enfranchisement has been a tough battle over long periods of time for many people and groups in the United States. Because it is now hard to disenfranchise entire groups, lawmakers are putting their skills to making it harder for people to engage in the act of voting. What is going on and what do they hope to accomplish? Join Dr. Cox for an analysis of voting integrity or voter suppression, whichever you think it is.

Dr. Gloria Cox is a University Distinguished Teaching Professor and Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science. She is the Founding Dean of the Honors College at UNT. Currently, she teaches first year courses in American and Texas Government as well as an upper level class on academic freedom, a subject about which she is also conducting research.

Traditional Medicare vs. Medicare Advantage: Which Should You Choose?
Thursday, June 10; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

A great benefit of turning 65 is that everyone is entitled to health insurance coverage under Medicare. The bad news is that seniors now face a bewildering array of choices which can be quite confusing. The main decision that seniors must make is whether to choose traditional Medicare or “Medicare Advantage.” Mr. O’Neill will provide a broader historical context for this debate and evidence that cuts through the marketing hype!

Liam O’Neill is an Associate Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation and Health Services at UNT. He has been a health economist and policy analyst since 1997.
What Causes Civil Wars and is the United States Headed Toward One?
Fridays, June 4 & 11; 10:00am - 11:30am

Civil wars have been the source of immense human suffering across history. In the modern era, Americans have typically thought of civil conflicts in terms of the degree to which they promote instability in parts of the world where the U.S. has important interests. Yet some today have questioned whether the United States itself might be headed toward a civil war. In this two-session course, members will explore the causes of civil conflict and their implications for the United States. Session 1 will cover the forces that encourage the outbreak of civil wars and what makes these conflicts so intractable. Session 2 will explore what research on civil wars tells about the threat that civil conflict presents to the United States.

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

The Gift That Keeps On Giving
Friday, June 18; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

One of life’s great puzzles is how to have plenty of income when you retire, fight taxes, and still support the causes that you are passionate about in life. There are ways to do all three! This session will focus on the use of charitable devices that pay you income. These gifts can provide you and a loved one with a lifetime stable income, regardless of how long you live. Just as importantly, they allow you to support charitable causes that are important to you. Another advantage this session will cover is how members can protect collections they have built up with one of these devices. We will look at various ways to fund these amazing options that include ways other than outright cash.

Roy Grisham graduated from the College of Business at UNT before going on to a successful career in insurance, risk management, finance and international business. He is currently Executive Director of Estate and Planned Giving at UNT.

Finance & Business

Consumer Decision Making
Tuesdays, June 8 & 15; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The focus of this two-session course will be on developing members’ knowledge of consumer decision-making processes and the factors that influence these decisions, purchases, and consumption of products and services. The course will help members to identify what stimuli marketers can use to influence consumers’ decision-making, purchase and consumption.

Dr. Priyali Rajagopal is an Associate Professor of marketing at the G.Brint Ryan College of Business at UNT. Her research areas include consumer psychology, specifically information processing and memory.

History

Art Crime Storytime:
True Tales from the History of Art
Wednesday, July 14; 10:00am - 11:30am

This session will be full of snapshots of several different art crimes that have occurred in Europe from the 1800’s to today, all undertaken by a series of bumbling and, often times, lovable art thieves. Blending true crime with art history, the session will explore these remarkable escapades and their outcomes.

Dr. Laura Evans is an Associate Professor of Art History and Art Education and the Coordinator of the Art Museum Education Certificate at UNT. Her research interests are in the intersections between art museum education, interpretation, gender and narrative. Evans has also interned or worked at galleries across the world.
The History of the Microprocessor and the People Who Changed the World With It
Monday, June 14; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This session will focus on one decade, the 1970s, and how some immensely talented people from around the world grabbed a new invention called the microprocessor and proceeded to change the world. It will cover their ideas and resulting inventions, all leading up to cell phones, the Internet, space technology, and more.

Dr. Darrel VanDyke holds a PhD in Computer Science and has worked with several early computer companies. He is an author of the book, *Fire in the Mind*, which details the computer ideas that came about during the 1970s. He also serves on the OLLI at UNT Advisory Council.

The WWII Battle of Peleliu
Monday, July 19; 10:00am - 11:30am

From interviews of men who fought in this battle, this session will take members on a journey of what it was like to fight on a coral rock in the middle of the Pacific against Japanese soldiers. The session will explore why Japan entered into the south Pacific conflict, the battle of Peleliu itself, and the aftermath of WWII in the South Pacific.

Dr. Darrel VanDyke (see bio above)

The Doolittle Raiders
Monday, July 5; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

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. What was it like to train for a mission when you had no idea what it was for? What was it like to use a parachute for the first time in rain, at night, over enemy territory, and at 10,000 feet? The session will answer these questions and more, and supply the audience with many great photographs of the mission.

Dr. Darrel VanDyke (see bio above)

The Protestant Origins of Denton’s Ku Klux Konfederate Culture
Wednesdays, July 7, 14, & 21; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

After the turn of the twentieth century, the Second-Generation Ku Klux Klan revitalized and homogenized longstanding theo-political tropes of white civic identity in Protestant American communities across the nation, particularly those in the South. Employing apocalyptic millenarian discourse and racialized nationalist rhetoric, the 1920s Klan thoroughly expressed itself within the Protestantism of local communities like Denton, Texas. Building close ties between Church leaders and the local Klan, militant Protestant Klanspersons employed theo-political myths that both popularized and normalized a thriving Ku Klux Konfederate culture which continues to permeate throughout Denton and the North Texas region today.

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

To Better See the World: The Adventure Journalism of Eliza Ruhama Scidmore
Wednesday, June 23; 10:00am - 11:30am

This session will cover the journalistic career of Eliza Ruhama Scidmore, who was one of the first women to write and photograph for *National Geographic* magazine. She worked primarily in the Pacific in the last decades of the 19th century, writing about China, Japan, and Alaska. She was the first woman to serve on the National Geographic Society’s Board of Directors, and historians credit her for modernizing the magazine through the use of photographs.

Dr. James E. Mueller is Associate Dean and Professor in the Mayborn School of Journalism at UNT. His research focuses on 19th century history. He is the author of four books.
Ye Olde Roads of North Texas
Monday, July 5; 10:00am - 11:30am

History seems fairly modern in the North Texas region, but that’s only because historic evidence is often erased by concrete and asphalt. Older history is easy to find, though, if you know where to look. Join Robin Cole-Jett, the Red River Historian, to retrace the old paths, trails and road in North Texas and, while doing so, plan your next historic road trip.

Robin Cole-Jett is a graduate of East Tennessee State University, UNT, and Texas Woman's University. She 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.”

Your Family History:
Learning How to Navigate the FamilySearch Website for Genealogy
Thursday, July 8; 10:00am - 11:30am

This session will delve into the FamilySearch website to teach members how to use the site for genealogical research. Each of the main areas (Records, Catalog, Genealogies, Books, and the Wiki) will be demonstrated and discussed. In addition, members will look at the Activities and Indexing possibilities. This is a must website for anyone doing genealogy research and it is free.

Dr. Emily C. Richardson 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 college students, adult learners and in two other lifelong learning institutes. She currently serves on the OLLI at UNT Advisory Council.

Nature & Gardening

The Crazy Weather in Your Backyard
Tuesday, June 22; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The freeze of 2021 caught everyone’s attention and raised many questions about what in our landscape would survive. The freeze hasn’t been the only “crazy weather” that we have experienced in North Texas in the last few years. This session will cover some of the major weather events and their impact on our plants both in our landscapes and in the wild. It will also include tips on how to prepare and recover from these events.

Janet Laminack has been the Denton County Extension Agent for Horticulture since September 2008. During this time, Janet has been the coordinator for the Master Gardener program and the advisor for the Master Naturalists program. Janet has both a B.S. in horticulture and a Master's of Education in agricultural education from Texas A&M University.

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math

How Soft Materials Impact Our Lives
Tuesdays, June 22 & 29; 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Soft materials are at the forefront of many contemporary technologies, such as wearable devices, flexible displays, functional surface coatings, and lab-on-a-chip biotechnology. Soft materials such as polymers, rubbers, gels, colloids, and liquid crystals touch every aspect of our lives. This two-session course will help members to understand the properties of everyday materials, based on the fundamental science behind molecular self-assembly and the physics of soft materials.

Dr. Xiao Li joined the Material Science and Engineering Department at UNT in 2019 as an Assistant Professor. She works in the area of self-assembly of soft materials for achieving a variety of applications. Previously, she worked at the University of Chicago and Argonne National Lab.
Wellness & Lifestyle

Aging Independently
Thursdays, July 8 & 22; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

In this two-session course, members will learn to navigate the challenges of growing older alone which goes beyond just saving money. Adults need to think about other aging concerns like health, social connections, nearby support, affordable housing and the location, and having purpose that motivates them to thrive.

Carol Marak is a Solo Living Advisor and Advocate. After spending thousands of hours helping her parents with senior care, researching needed resources, and writing hundreds of articles on aging-related topics for the senior care sector, she learned what's needed to grow older confidently when solo aging.

Aphrodisiacs:
Forbidden Foods and Drinks
Friday, July 9; 10:00am - 11:30am

The association between food and eroticism is primal, but some foods have more aphrodisiacal qualities than others. Throughout the centuries, emperors and everyday folk alike have ingested, imbibed, sprinkled, or applied almost every conceivable substance—from almond paste to zebra tongues—in the hope of arousing sexual desire. Whether to woo a lover, revive a flagging libido, or pique carnal pleasure and performance, lovers the world over have relied on aphrodisiacs to do the trick. But which ones have the greatest reputations for potency (and why?) and do any of them really work?

Chef Larry P. 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.

Architecture of Food
Monday, June 7; 10:00am - 11:30am

One of the founders of French Grande Cuisine, Marie Antoine Carême studied as an architect before becoming an international chef to royalty. His career-changing decision led the way to modern food plating, including the modern wedding cake. This session will explore the great architecture of the world and the lasting influence on every plate placed before you in restaurants across the world.

Chef Larry P. Canepa (see bio, left)

Demon Foods: Are Your Favorite Foods Killing You?
Friday, July 2; 10:00am - 11:30am

Foods grown for shelf life and transport, saturated in toxic chemicals, generally aren't so great for actual consumption when it comes to nutrient value. Has science and agribusiness made the “perfect food” yet? This session will examine the current crazes, diets, fads, fact and fiction of “demon foods.” Members will explore the foods and snacks of yesteryear and the fantastic foods of the future. This session will include some favorite “demon foods” and some delicious, healthy alternatives.

Chef Larry P. Canepa (see bio, left)

Designing Curiosity
Monday, June 7; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

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?

Cassini Nazir is a designer of conversations, curricula, and interfaces. He is a Program Director and Clinical Associate Professor at UNT at Frisco where he teaches classes in design thinking and interaction design.
Event Planning and Management
Wednesday, July 28; 10:00am - 11:30am

This session will address successful practices in event planning. In particular, it will focus on how to prepare and plan for small events, such as family events. The session will include topics such as planning, designing, and managing events, implementation of communication and marketing strategies, and the impacts of events management on operations.

Dr. Young Hoon Kim is a Professor in the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management at UNT. With more than 30 years of industry and academic experience, he holds a Ph.D. in Hospitality Administration from Texas Tech University, and both Master's and B.S. degrees in Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management from the University of South Carolina.

Memory and Aging: How to Remember Not to Forget
Thursday, July 1; 10:00am - 11:30am*

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

Dr. Bert Hayslip Jr. received his doctorate in Psychology from the University of Akron. He was on the UNT faculty from 1978 to 2013 and is now Regents Professor Emeritus. He currently serves on the OLLI at UNT Advisory Council.

Mindful Eating
Friday, June 25; 10:00am - 11:30am**

In this session, members will learn about stress eating, how our relationship with food influences what and how much we eat, and how we can use mindful eating tools to help us eat better.

Jessica Small is the Better Living for Texans Agent in Denton County. She works for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, where she provides free nutrition education programs to limited income audiences. She received her Master of Science degree in Kinesiology from Texas Woman's University.

Plant Forward Meals
Thursdays, July 15, 22, & 29; 10:00am - 11:30am

This three-session course will cover the dietary features of three macro-nutrients: carbohydrate, lipids, and protein. Each session will have a unique topic: Fiber the Carbohydrate Hero, Fats from Plants, and Plant Powered Protein.

Dr. Priscilla Connors is an Associate Professor in the College of Merchandising, Hospitality, and Tourism at UNT and a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and National Dairy Council funded Dr. Connors’ previous research in food choice and waste. She has presented study results at Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior, School Nutrition Association, and National Nutrient Databank conferences.

Positive Psychology: What It Can Do For You
Tuesday, July 6; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This session is designed to provide an overview of positive psychology - its history and current concepts. Positive psychology has been applied to diverse areas, like the building of resilience in the army, improving achievement in education, and improving physical and mental health. Members in this session will learn practical strategies that have been shown to make a significant difference in people's lives and their well-being.

Dr. Carola Hundrich-Souris is a psychologist who has been working in mental health for more than two decades. After spending years focusing, in short, on “what is wrong with people”, she found that what really matters is “what is right with people” in spite of everything else. She is currently pivoting to positive psychology in order to be able to clearly focus on people's strengths, meaning, and purpose.

*This is a new date. Dr. Hayslip's session was originally scheduled for Wednesday, June 16 at 10:00am.

**This is a new date. Ms. Small's session was originally scheduled for Monday, July 12 at 10:00am.
The Denton ISD Board of Trustees recently announced that the district’s ninth middle school will be named in honor of retired educator and longtime OLLI member Pat Cheek. During her 37 years teaching in the district, Mrs. Cheek volunteered as a tutor for special education classes and mentored at-risk students. She’s been active in the community since arriving in Denton in 1957, helping to form the Denton Christian Interracial Fellowship, a group of black and white women who sought to ease the integration of black students into Denton public schools during the 1960s.

**Small But Mighty Steps to Health and Wellness**
Tuesday, July 27; 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This session will teach you how to improve your health by doing what you love or at least enjoy, prioritize what's most important in your “health house,” be strategic with your choices to build momentum, tap into true motivation, simplify the changes you want to make in your life, prevent distractions from your goals, and use accountability wisely.

**Dr. Anna Love** has degrees in dietetics, sports nutrition, and community health education. Dr. Love taught full time in the Department of Health Studies at Texas Woman’s University for several years before creating a private practice and wellness services company named Love to Live Well, where she is a Dietitian and Health Coach.

**Working Toward Change**
Wednesday, June 9; 10:00am - 11:30am

Certain core components are required to achieve true change in our personal lives, such as vision, resources, and an action plan. This presentation will identify and explain several key components of change by drawing on Ambrose’s “Managing Complex Change” model.

**Sara Wilson** (see bio above)

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**In Memoriam**

**William “Bill” Kamman,** Professor Emeritus of history and former associate and interim dean of the UNT College of Arts and Sciences, died January 14, 2021. In addition to serving as a UNT History Professor for over 30 years, Dr. Kamman was a member of the original Advisory Board for the Emeritus College, the lifelong learning program that became OLLI at UNT in 2016. Dr. Kamman was also an active member of the UNT Retiree Association. He always had a kind word for those he spoke to and he’ll be remembered fondly.

**Pat Hagan Cheek Middle School**

The Denton ISD Board of Trustees recently announced that the district’s ninth middle school will be named in honor of retired educator and longtime OLLI member Pat Cheek. During her 37 years teaching in the district, Mrs. Cheek volunteered as a tutor for special education classes and mentored at-risk students. She’s been active in the community since arriving in Denton in 1957, helping to form the Denton Christian Interracial Fellowship, a group of black and white women who sought to ease the integration of black students into Denton public schools during the 1960s.
Accessing The Great Courses

OLLI at UNT has purchased several Instant Video courses from The Great Courses and acquired the rights to share them with our members. To receive the password for the shared OLLI at UNT account on The Great Courses website, enroll in any of the following courses through the OLLI Member Portal or email olli@unt.edu to let us know which titles you intend to watch. You will then receive a confirmation email containing the password you’ll use to sign in to the Great Courses website.

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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.

England, the 1960s, and the Triumph of the Beatles

It’s been more than 60 years since the Beatles first blazed across the universe, bringing with them a charming, mournful, raucous, uplifting, experimental, and transcendent sound in songs we still know the words to today. Led by best-selling biographer Professor Michael Shelden of Indiana State University, these 12 fascinating lectures offer a fresh look at how a pop band became one of the most compelling voices against the status quo. Taking you deeper than any simple music survey, Professor Shelden’s course zeroes in on the cultural backstory of how the Beatles emerged as a worldwide phenomenon and inspired a devotion so strong, it had its own name: Beatlemania. Using the advantages of hindsight, recent scholarship, and interviews with key figures, he reconstructs an incredible period in sonic and social history.
The American West: History, Myth, & Legacy

The conquest and settlement of the American West transformed the United States from a regional republic into a continental power. An area that Thomas Jefferson believed would take 1,000 years or more to settle was overrun with in a century. Believed by European colonial powers to be the least enticing area of the Americas, the West instead became the heartland of the richest and most powerful nation in the history of the world. The idea of the West exercised a great fascination over generations of Americans, and remains a central part of American folklore and self-understanding. The 24 lectures of this course explore the processes of Western history and show how they became the stuff of myths, legends, movies, political speeches, and continuing claims about the exceptional character of the United States.

America’s Founding Fathers

Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, and many others—are larger than life in our collective memory, having near-mythical status. The truth is that the Founders were flawed, contradictory people with their own radical views on what America’s new government should look like. Through their lives, opinions, and deeds, one can see just how messy and rancorous a process was the formation of a “more perfect union.” Now, more than ever, any well-informed citizen should understand how the Constitution lives, breathes, and endures. America’s Founding Fathers is a deep dive into the creation of the U.S. Constitution as it actually happened – not as many are led to believe it happened. Professor Allen C. Guelzo of Gettysburg College delivers 36 compelling lectures on the remarkable men who played their own unique role in the creation (and survival) of American democracy.

The Great Trials of World History and the Lessons They Teach Us

Join award-winning law professor Dr. Douglas O. Linder of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law for a 24-lecture investigation of important legal cases from around the world and across the centuries. From the trials of Socrates in ancient Athens and Thomas More in Henry VIII’s England to the Nuremberg Trials in the wake of World War II and the media frenzy of the O. J. Simpson murder case, you’ll discover what each of these fascinating and profound trials has to teach us about ourselves and our society. The horror of the Salem Witch Trials, the drama of the Scopes “Monkey” Trial, the trial for Nelson Mandela’s life—inside these and other cases are enduring lessons that can help us avoid repeating the errors of the past and that will strengthen your appreciation for the goal of justice.

Books That Matter: The Federalist Papers

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

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

America after the Cold War: The First 30 Years

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

The Life and Work of Mark Twain

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

Leonardo da Vinci and the Italian High Renaissance

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

Great Minds of the Eastern Intellectual Tradition

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

On this page, we’ve compiled a list of senior discounts in our area that may be of interest to you. OLLI at UNT is not affiliated with any of these businesses, museums, or organizations. The discounts they offer are available to all seniors and are not contingent on membership in our program. Please use the contact information provided to get more information about each discount.

**Texas Parklands Passport:** (512) 389-8900
50% off entry fee at any state park for seniors over 65.  
[tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/park-information/passes/](tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/park-information/passes/)

**Texas Discovery Gardens:** (214) 428-7476 x341
$8 admission for seniors over 65. Half off for military.  
[https://txdg.org/visit](https://txdg.org/visit) (Dallas)

**Dallas Arboretum:** (214) 515-6615
$14 admission for seniors over 65.  
[dallasarboretum.org/visitor-information/](dallasarboretum.org/visitor-information/)

**Frontiers of Flight Museum:** (214) 350-3600
$8 admission for seniors over 65.  
[flightmuseum.com/visit/](flightmuseum.com/visit/) (Dallas)

**Nasher Sculpture Center:** (214) 242-5100
$7 admission for seniors over 65.  
[nashersculpturecenter.org/visit/plan-a-visit](nashersculpturecenter.org/visit/plan-a-visit) (Dallas)

**Denton County Transit Authority:** (940) 243-0077
Reduced fares for seniors over 65.  
[dcta.net/fares-passes/fare-information](dcta.net/fares-passes/fare-information)

**Patterson-Appleton Arts Center:** (940) 382-2787
General admission is free.  
[dentonarts.com/exhibitions](dentonarts.com/exhibitions) (Denton)

**Recycled Books, Records, & CDs:** (940) 566-5688
10% off for seniors and military.  
[recycledbooks.com/programs-discounts](recycledbooks.com/programs-discounts) (Denton)

**National Video Game Museum:** (972) 668-8400
$10 admission for seniors.  
[nvmusa.org/tickets](nvmusa.org/tickets) (Frisco)

**Amon Carter Museum of American Art:** (817) 738-1933
General admission is free.  
[cartermuseum.org/plan-your-visit](cartermuseum.org/plan-your-visit) (Ft. Worth)

**Nat’l Multicultural Western Heritage Museum:** (817) 534-8801
$8 admission for seniors over 62, by appointment only.  
[cowboysofcolor.org/about-us/](cowboysofcolor.org/about-us/) (Ft. Worth)

**Nat’l Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame:** (817) 336-4475
$7 admission for seniors over 65.  
[cowgirl.net/museum/plan-your-visit/](cowgirl.net/museum/plan-your-visit/) (Ft. Worth)