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FOR LEARNERS 50 AND OVER

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Monday

Basic Watercolor

This course is for artists new to the medium of watercolor and for those who wish to brush up on their watercolor painting. We will discuss materials and supplies, values, basic composition, and color. Participants will work from their own photographs and from a still life.

Time & Dates: 9:00–11:00 am, Mon, Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25
Course Fee: $40        Course Maximum: 14
Supplies: Supply list will be sent with course confirmation.
Instructor: Roberta Loflin
Coordinator: Don Schifferl, 766-3654

Christians, Jews and Muslims: Seeking Common Ground

Our world is torn by religious conflict. Join us as we seek the common ground among Christians, Jews, and Muslims. Since all three faith traditions trace their spiritual family tree to Abraham, explore shared values, scripture, faith practices, and theology. The course will include guest speakers from all three faith traditions as well as a field trip to visit a mosque, church, and synagogue.

Time & Dates: 9:30–11:30 am, Mon, Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25
Course Fee: $25
Instructors: Rev. Robin McCullough-Bade
Coordinator: Kay Franklin, 753-9482

Great Books Discussion Group–Series III

Through the use of fiction and non-fiction we will discuss morality, justice, love and even the worth of reading so-called “great books.” Most of the fiction will come from the optional text The Art of the Short Story with a few other selections provided as handouts. All works from the optional texts can also be obtained from the local library or from fiction anthologies. Authors include Shirley Jackson, Guy de Maupassant, Franz Kafka, Jorge Louis Borges and Anton Chekhov. Participants should be prepared to discuss Shirley Jackson’s short story, “The Lottery,” for the first course.

Time & Dates: 9:30–11:30 am, Mon, Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25
Course Fee: $25        Course Maximum: 15
Optional Text: The Art of the Short Story, edited by Dana Gioia and R.S. Gwynn (locally available from Cottenwood Books)
Instructor: Gerald Lively
Coordinator: TBA

Fabulous Felines

From the tip of the nose to the top of the tail you will learn a lot about these beautiful creatures. Topics will include anatomy, behaviors, breeds, diseases, potential poisons, grief issues as well as much more. Time will be allotted for questions and sharing of information from course participants. Non-cat-a-holics are more than welcome to come join us in this fun and informative course.

Time & Dates: 11:00 am–1:00 pm, Mon, Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 18, 25, Nov. 1
Course Fee: $25
Instructor: Trish Kaplan
Coordinator: Donni Shields, 246-8486

Improving Movement as You Age

The Division of Movement Sciences within LSU Department of Kinesiology is conducting some fascinating research on ways to improve movement in older people. Professor Li, director of LSU’s Peripheral Neuropathy Studies, and Professor Van Gemmert, who researches Parkinson’s disease, stress and fine motor performance, will share their latest research findings. Ms. Pan will then lead eight one-hour sessions in tai chi exercises designed to improve participants’ movement and mobility.

Time & Dates:
Lecture: 12:45–2:45 pm, Mon, Sept. 20, 27
Tai Chi: 1:45–2:45 pm, Mon & Wed, Oct. 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27
Course Fee: $25        Course Maximum: 25
Location: Student Training and Research Center, East Fraternity Circle, LSU Campus (Free OLLI at LSU parking is available directly in front of the building.)
Instructor: Li Li, PhD, Arend Van Gemmert, PhD, Zhujun Pan
Coordinator: TBA
### Monday (Continued)

**Between the Wars: 1918–1941**

During the “entre-guerres,” 1919–1939, all policies of peace and stability utterly failed. The peace conferences in 1919 brought no peace, and the League of Nations redefined downward the words “weak” and “irrelevant.” Fascism became the dominant political idea, beginning with the Marxist variety in Russia, in 1919 and nationalist fascism in Italy, in 1922. Democracy faded in popularity, as people looked for national and ideological strength and unity to solve social and economic problems brought on by the Great War. Nor was the economic situation after 1918 any better. Europe never recovered from the costs of war and failure of peace. Only France and America enjoyed prosperity in the 1920s, and the depression overtook everyone after 1929. These were the years of failure in public policy. “There will be stuff,” even more necessary in this tale of woe.

**Time & Dates:** 1:30–3:30 pm, Mon, Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25  
**Course Fee:** $25  
**Course Maximum:** 175  
**Location:** First Christian Church, 8484 Old Hammond Hwy.  
**Instructors:** James D. Hardy, PhD  
**Coordinator:** Joyce Siegel, 928-3700

**Spirituality, Prayer, and Healing**

Join us as we explore a theoretical and experiential study of the relationship between spirituality, methods of prayer, and their practical application in physiological and psychological healing of people who are suffering in any way.

**Time & Dates:** 1:30–3:30 pm, Mon, Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25  
**Course Fee:** $25  
**Course Maximum:** 20  
**Instructor:** Francis W. Vanderwall, PhD  
**Coordinator:** Louis Leggio, 927-7872

### Tuesday

**French II: Magnifique**

We will begin on Unit 13, where we left off in the last course. Please bring your book to the first course.

**Time & Dates:** 9:00–11:00 am, Tue, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26  
**Course Fee:** $25  
**Course Maximum:** 20  
**Required Text:** French Now, 4th edition, 3 CDs, Christopher and Theodore Kendris  
**Instructor:** Denise Magnat  
**Coordinator:** Beverly Cerise, 658-5824

**Christianity in Mark’s Gospel**

The beliefs of one early Christian community as reflected in the Gospel of Mark are the topics of this course. We will reflect on the humanity/divinity of Jesus; Jesus as teacher; Jesus as healer, and savior/messiah: the saving function of Jesus’ death on the cross. If time permits, we will compare these beliefs with similar ones found in the other Synoptic Gospels, John’s Gospel and to those of modern-day Christianity.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Tue, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26  
**Course Fee:** $25  
**Instructor:** Ron Perritt  
**Coordinator:** Helen Roberts, 767-2123

**Life Writing**

If you have thought of recording some of your lifetime experiences for your children and grandchildren, this course is what you need to get started. It will provide incentives and encouragement to write about your lifetime experiences. Participants receive individualized assistance to make their experiences interesting to the reader.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Tue, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26  
**Course Fee:** $25  
**Course Maximum:** 16  
**Instructor:** J. M. Cox  
**Coordinator:** J. M. Cox, 354-5152
The Poetry of William Butler Yeats

William Butler Yeats has been called the greatest poet of the twentieth century. What, exactly, might make him “great”? How much does it matter that he was Irish? In this course we will work to find some answers. We will also explore the passionate controversies about beauty, truth and history that mattered so much to Yeats.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Tue, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26
**Course Fee:** $25
**Instructors:** Ann Martin, PhD
**Coordinator:** Court Freeman, 924-3812

Music for the Movies: Part III

In the third course in this series we will explore movies and the music created for them. Both musicals and non-musicals will be featured using movie clips and music from CDs. Some of the performers and composers to be highlighted include Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, Maurice Jarre, Dave Grusin and Henry Mancini. If you love movies, you will love this course. Participants who have not attended parts I and II are welcome.

**Time & Dates:** 11:30 am–1:30 pm, Tue, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26
**Course Fee:** $25
**Instructor:** Gerald Lively
**Coordinator:** Gerald Lively, 766-2136

What’s Going on with the First Amendment

A journalist will report on recent developments affecting freedom of speech and freedom of the press. The US Supreme Court has recently decided several important cases affecting First Amendment freedoms. We will look at cases involving corporate campaign expenditures, animal cruelty videos, indecent language on primetime TV, pre-trial publicity in the Enron case and access to the names of people who sign election petitions. We also cover Congressional efforts to protect reporters and their confidential sources and to protect American journalists from libel judgments obtained in foreign countries.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Tue, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26
**Course Fee:** $25
**Instructor:** Linda Lightfoot
**Coordinator:** Jim Bolner, 766-5987

Update on the World

Investigate significant political, economic and foreign policy changes in China—the most dynamic nation in the 21st century; Russia—growing authoritarianism but economic drag in an increasingly assertive nation; and the evolving Europe—the problems and successes of European unity urged by elite leaders but distrusted by many voters. Examine territorial disputes and worldwide conflicts that lie behind ongoing wars, including Iraq and Afghanistan, along with the difficulties and dangers to foreign correspondents who keep the public informed.

**Time & Dates:** 1:30–3:30 pm, Tue, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26
**Course Fee:** $25
**Instructors:** Henry and Monica Bradsher
**Coordinator:** Bob Evans, 924-1245

French I

We will begin with Unit 4, where we left off in the last course. Please bring your book to the first meeting. This course is not for beginners.

**Time & Dates:** 11:30am–1:30 pm, Tue, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26
**Course Fee:** $25  
**Course Maximum:** 20
**Required Text:** French Now, 4th edition, 3 CDs, Christopher and Theodore Kendris
**Instructor & Coordinator:** Denise Magnat, 296-8090

Learning takes a lifetime.
Bring us your **curiosity** and we'll give you the **time of your life**.
French Conversation

Use the knowledge from previous courses to reinforce your ability to converse in French. You must know how to use the past tense and have a good base of grammar and usage skills.

**Time & Dates:** 2:00–4:00 pm, Tue, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

**Course Fee:** $25

**Required Text:** French Now, 4th edition, 3 CDs, Christopher and Theodore Kendris

**Instructor:** Denise Magnat

**Coordinator:** Claire Fontenot, 753-1100

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Special Topics for Gardeners

Gardening is wonderful exercise. Experts in the horticulture field will offer instruction in a number of plants, their selection, care, and maintenance will be covered. Art Landry will teach the care and culture of camellias; Allen Owings will tell how to select, care for and choose the best annual bedding plants for the Louisiana landscape; Dan Gill will help select and grow herbs in our area. Claire Fontenot will discuss hibiscus and hydrangeas for the Louisiana landscape, and Frances Falcon will share how to grow, prune, fertilize and enjoy roses.

**Time & Dates:** 9:00–11:00 am, Wed, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

**Course Fee:** $25

**Instructor:** Frances Falcon, Claire Fontenot, Dan Gill, Art Landry, Allen Owings

**Coordinator:** Ron Read, 261-4497

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Art History Survey, Part I

The survey begins with prehistoric art and architecture, and saunters through the cradles of civilization along the Nile, Tigris, and Euphrates Rivers. Participants will contemplate the contributions of the Greeks and Romans, and follow the erratic migrations of the so-called barbarian invaders. The Roman Empire was never supposed to fall, but it did. The empire found its new incarnation when Charlemagne was crowned Holy Roman Emperor in Rome on Christmas Day in the year 800. What happened then? Come and explore with us and we'll try and figure it out.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Wed, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

**Course Fee:** $25

**Instructor:** Marchita Mauck, PhD

**Coordinator:** Debbie Hugh–Jones, 767-6281

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The nature and variety of educational opportunities that the OLLI at LSU offers is impressive. From personal enrichment courses on philosophy, science, literature and history to practical offerings on health, personal finance and computer usage, OLLI at LSU consistently provides a rich and meaningful array of learning activities for seasoned adults in the Baton Rouge area.

— Mary Bitterman,
President of The Bernard Osher Foundation
Great Decisions Update
Revisit and discuss the following eight topics of last spring semester: 1) The special envoy in American foreign policy, 2) Halting atrocities in Kenya, 3) Transnational crime: Globalization’s shadowy stepchild, 4) China looks at the world: the world looks at China, 5) The global financial crisis and its effects, 6) Europe’s ‘Far East’: The uncertain frontier, 7) The U. S. and the Persian Gulf, and 8) Enhancing security through peace building. In addition, we will add: 1) The world’s bottom billion, and 2) The new energy economy. Two additional study areas are to be included by participant selection.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Wed, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

**Course Fee:** $25

**Course Maximum:** 25

**Instructor:** TBA

**Coordinator:** Tom Moore, 923-0225

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Issues in the Food Industry
Many important, interesting and controversial issues come up when we talk about the system that brings food to our grocers’ stores. We will look at where food comes from, how it is produced, the businesses that process and transport, and how food is made available to us as consumers. Additionally, many issues that concern consumers will be discussed, including safety, source, environmental impact, how we produce food (conventional and organic are examples), and how consumers’ preferences are reflected in grocery stores. Also, we will take a look at the behemoth of retailers, Wal-Mart, and how it has affected the food retailing sector.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Wed, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

**Course Fee:** $25

**Instructors:** Roger Hinson, PhD

**Coordinator:** Betty Carls, 275-0375

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Passport to Italy
Taught by a native speaker, this course is designed for travelers who want to come to a better understanding of the *Bel Paese* and its language. Emphasis is on developing oral skills, building a practical vocabulary and understanding the culture, history and geography of Italy. No books are necessary. The instructor provides handouts.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Wed, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

**Course Fee:** $25

**Course Maximum:** 15

**Instructor:** Fara Mabrey

**Coordinator:** Gerald Lively, 766-2136

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Passport to Italy, Level II
Participants with knowledge of basic Italian (pronunciation, masculine and feminine articles, and nouns) will continue to explore the *Bel Paese* and its beautiful culture. Instructor provides handouts.

**Time & Dates:** 11:30 am–1:30 pm, Wed, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

**Course Fee:** $25

**Course Maximum:** 15

**Instructor:** Fara Mabrey

**Coordinator:** Deborah Hugh-Jones, 767-6281

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Chinese Ink Painting
Asian ink and watercolor painting is known and appreciated for its fluid simplicity of line. Controlled use of brushstrokes creates a sense of spontaneity, which captures the spirit of the subject rather than merely reproducing it. Explore the techniques used in painting landscape elements, including: rocks and trees, mountains, water and clouds, bamboo, orchids, and lotuses.

**Time & Dates:** 1:00-4:00 pm, Wed, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

**Course Fee:** $40

**Course Maximum:** 16

**Supplies:** Instructor orders supplies for around $60

**Instructor:** Margaret Koai

**Coordinator:** Marcia Correll, 627-6505
Cajuns in Louisiana
Meet the Cajuns where they thrive through video and song. We’ll provide a refresher history lesson about the Acadians’ journey to Louisiana. Two native Cajun French speakers will teach you a bit of the language. There will be a lively discussion about what it means to be Cajun in 2010, especially, laissez les bons temps rouler.

Course Fee: $25
Instructors: Earlene Broussard
Coordinator: Ted Jambon, 926-1208

Healthy Steps, Move to Better Health with the Lebed Method
This therapeutic dance and movement program is designed to stimulate and ramp up the lymphatic and immune systems, and promote optimum health. Meetings will include lectures, movement and dance segments. Some movements include the use of props which are provided by the instructor. No prior exercise or dance experience is necessary. No equipment is necessary. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes, non-slip shoes and bring water and towels. No activities will be performed on the floor.

If participants have a significant medical condition, a medical release form, from his/her current physician should be submitted. Information requested includes if the participant is on blood thinning medications or oxygen, has an external port or recent surgical incision (any incision must be healed for at least 3 weeks prior to starting the program), rheumatoid arthritis, or has any other medical condition where movement may be contraindicated.

Course Fee: $25
Instructor: Susan Dubinsky, LCSW, CLM
Coordinator: TBA

Origins of Philosophy: Socrates, Plato, Aristotle
Chaos, cosmos, all of the “logy” words such as mythology, all of the “ics” words such as physics, and all of the “polis” words, such as metropolis...Have you ever wondered what these words meant to people who came up with them? A modern thinker once said that all of Western thought is a series of footnotes to Plato. This observation is true if you add Socrates and Aristotle. Learn about the personalities and circumstances of the creators of philosophy—what they tried to do, and how well they did it. Discussions will focus from Plato’s 35 dialogues: Euthypro, Politeia (Republic), Phaedrus, Apology, Timaeus, and commentary from Aristotle’s Nichomachian Ethics, Politics, Organon (Logic), Physics, and Metaphysics.

Course Fee: $25
Instructor: Bob Robinson, PhD
Coordinator: Pierre Bagur, 387-8701

This gift from the Osher Foundation demonstrates not only their extraordinary generosity, but their extraordinary vision as well. A true university serves not just young people, but all age groups within a community. Efforts like OLLI help us broaden our mission as well as broaden the diversity of the people that make up LSU. We also thank the Bernard Osher Foundation for creating an endowed gift, which will provide a continuous source of funding for this important program at LSU for many years to come.

– Hon. W. Henson Moore,
Chariman of the Forever LSU Campaign
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**WEDNESDAY**

**This is Economics?**
Explore how economic reasoning can be applied to everyday life, including some rather bizarre-sounding applications. Topics will be taken from the optional texts and may include such things as parents, the education gap, children’s names, low voter turnout, traffic congestion, addiction, discrimination, popcorn at the movies, the budget deficit and the national debt, morality, good intentions and incentives, savings rates, germs and global warming.

*Time & Dates:* 1:30–3:30 pm, Wed, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27  
*Course Fee:* $25  
*Instructor:* Nancy Sidener, PhD  
*Coordinator:* Brenda LeBoeuf, 769-8969

**Film Stories, Part III**
Through watching and discussing selected films, participants will reflect together on the importance of stories in our lives. As food should nourish our bodies, so stories should nourish our spirits.

*Time & Dates:* 1:30–4:00 pm, Wed, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27  
*Course Fee:* $25  
*Instructors:* Peter J. Callery  
*Coordinator:* TBA

**OLLl at LSU has no academic prerequisites.**  
There are no exams, no grades—just a passion for lifelong learning.

**THURSDAY**

**Exploring Color in Watercolor**
The more you know about your paint colors, the fewer colors you need to make a beautiful, harmonious painting. Find out what colors mix well together and avoid “mud” on your palette. Learn the language of color and put more emotion into your work. This course is suitable for beginner and intermediate students.

*Time & Dates:* 9:00–11:00 am, Thu, Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28  
*Course Fee:* $40  
*Course Maximum:* 14  
*Supplies:* Supply list will be sent with course confirmation receipt  
*Instructor:* Roberta Loflin  
*Coordinator:* Don Schifferl, 766-3654

**Mosaics**
Discover the world of mosaics. Learn to structure a picture or design one using small precut pieces of glass. Also learn to cut glass pieces using tile nippers that will be available to check out. Using mosaics techniques, make three to four projects. New participants create one mandatory project, and then select two or three more. Choose from an 8”x8” stepping stone, various tile sizes, or a 6” diameter terracotta saucer or perhaps a brick. Returning participants may choose any three or four projects. Please note: projects will require home work to complete by the end of the course.

*Time & Dates:* 9:00 am–12:00 pm., Thu, Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28  
*Course Fee:* $40  
*Course Maximum:* 17  
*Supplies:* $30 for project materials collected the first day of the course  
*Instructor:* Anne-Marie Davis  
*Coordinator:* Denise Magnat, 296-8090

**Advanced French**
Members who know the basics of the French language will be challenged to expand their vocabularies and build upon grammar and usage skills. Gain fluency and the confidence to feel at home in *la belle France.* This
Financial Securities
Today’s economy makes investing a challenge. Find out your investment choices in today’s market. Learn the history of security trading and explore the methods of investing, exchanges and over the counter trading, income securities, and securities for appreciation. Should investors participate in speculation—yes or no?

Time & Dates: 9:30–11:30 am, Thu, Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28
Course Fee: $25    Course Maximum: 25
Instructor: Robert Blumberg
Coordinator: Ron Read, 261-4497

The Life, Times and Science of Charles Darwin
Follow the life of Charles Darwin, the reclusive biologist whose ideas were revolutionary to both science and society. We will explore his early influences, his voyage aboard the Beagle to South America and the Galapagos Islands, and his years at Downe House where he was busy with science projects while letting the years slip by. We will also discuss the writing of his masterpiece, On the Origin of Species and examine the science of Darwin’s theory and events that followed its publication. This will be a comprehensive look at one of history’s greatest scientists.

Time & Dates: 9:30–11:30 am, Thu, Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28
Course Fee: $25    Course Maximum: 20
Instructor: Darlene Reaves
Coordinator: Nancy Sidener, 923-2005

Understanding the Energy Problem
Why has energy become so important? How has the gulf oil spill changed our energy future? This highly illustrated course will consider “what is energy?”; kinds; forms; problems with energy; some of the proposed energy policies; the ramifications of them; why energy is so expensive; alternatives; U.S. and foreign sources. Participants will gain some insight into how our own economy and the world’s economy hinges on energy and the immense capital being invested in it today worldwide.

Time & Dates: 9:30–11:30 am, Thu, Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28
Course Fee: $25
Instructor: Eugene Tims, DSc
Coordinator: Tom Moore, 923-0225

Emmanuel Levinas: Basic Philosophical Writings
Born to a Jewish family in Lithuania, Levinas served in the French army until he became a German prisoner of war (not exterminated like his father and brothers). He introduced Sartre to existentialism and became a leading post-Heideggerian philosopher in Europe, famous for his Talmudic studies. Learn about his philosophical contributions including his emphasis on the importance of ethics, not metaphysics, as the “first philosophy.” By introducing the concept of the other person, the stranger, the destitute, and the rejected, his writings sought to encourage man to become one who helps others.

Time & Dates: 11:30 am–1:30 pm, Thu, Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28
Course Fee: $25
Required Text: Levinas: Basic Philosophical Writings may be purchased from Amazon
Instructor: Charles Bigger, PhD
Coordinator: Helen Roberts, 767-2123
Lagniappe Studies Unlimited Chapter

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THURSDAY (Continued)

Ancient Mayan Civilization

The ancient Mayan civilization developed in the tropical rainforests of the Central American countries of Mexico, Guatemala, Belize and parts of Honduras and El Salvador. Learn about these fascinating people; the landscape of their world; the Classic Maya; their cosmology and calendar; and their collapse. Course participants are invited to attend LSU Maya Archaeology Night on Thursday, Sept 16, where LSU students and graduate students will present their original research. This year our keynote speaker is Dr. Jaime Awe, Director of the Belize government Institute of Archaeology.

Time & Dates: 11:45 am–1:45 pm, Thu, Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28

Course Fee: $25


Location: Student Training and Research Center, East Fraternity Circle, LSU Campus. (Free OLLI at LSU parking is available directly in front of the building.)

Instructor: Cory Sills
Coordinator: Marcia Correll, 627-6505

A Nineteenth Opera Season

For four meetings, we will focus on a single opera each week using DVDs and lectures. The operas will be Verdi’s Aida and I Lombardi, Donizetti’s La Fille du Régiment, and Massenet’s Thaïs. Arrangements for two sessions involving LSU Music School faculty will be announced after the course begins.

Time & Dates: 1:30–3:30 pm, Thu, Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28

Course Fee: $25

Instructor: Thomas Beard, PhD
Coordinator: Ken Nelson, 769-7842

FRIDAY

Cultural Heritage of India

India is a complex country with an exciting and interesting culture. The course includes an overview of India’s geography, history, religions, Hindu temples, festivals, cultural activities, wedding ceremonies and other customs. Course participants are invited to visit the temple of the Hindu Samaj for a devotional service on Sunday from 11:00 am–12:00 pm following the course.

Time & Dates: 1:30–3:30 pm, Fri, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Course Fee: $25

Location: BREC Sharp Road Park; 501 Sharp Road

Instructor: Madurendu H. Kumar, PhD
Coordinator: TBA

BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS

OLLI at LSU follows the policy of the local public school system with regard to school closings in times of inclement weather. If the public schools are closed because of weather conditions or other emergencies, our courses will also be cancelled. You will be able to get closing announcements from TV or radio news.
New Orleans Stories

Although Shirley Ann Grau and Ellen Gilchrist capture elements of the Garden District/Uptown New Orleans in their works, their fiction could happen anywhere since they encapsulate universal human elements. Elitism, love, hate, abortion, drugs, depression, suicide, wealth, poverty, and racial problems—these two authors capture the human dilemma with a New Orleans twist. We will use Grau’s novel, which is divided into four parts, and Gilchrist’s short stories to explore human problems with the ambiance of New Orleans.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Monday, Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11  
**Course Fee:** $18  
**Instructor:** Olivia Pass, PhD  
**Coordinator:** Arlene Folmar, 634-9851

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Introduction to the Internet and E-mail

The Internet is a fast and convenient way to access the world. Learn how to perform basic Internet searches using Google, as well as the basic skills needed to access the Internet. Learn how to send and receive e-mails to keep in touch with family and friends (and notices from OLLI at LSU).

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Tue, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12  
**Course Fee:** $18  
**Course Maximum:** 10  
**Location:** West Feliciana Parish Library  
**Instructor:** Sara Morgan  
**Coordinator:** Millie Morgan, 721-3577

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Discovering Geology, Part I

Would you like to be a “roadside geologist?” You can understand and enjoy geology underfoot or through your car window. This beginning geology course will teach the basics of geology through discussions and hands-on activities. Topics for Part I include minerals and rocks, landforms, sequence of events and plate tectonics.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Tue, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12  
**Course Fee:** $18  
**Instructor:** Darleen Reaves  
**Coordinator:** Fred Mendenhall, 784-2131

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Writers and Letters of the New Testament

We will focus on the writers and letters of the New Testament, not written by the Apostle Paul, including Hebrews, James I, Peter I, Peter II, John, John II, John III, and Jude. We will discuss the author of each letter, the situation or reason for the letter, the location of the writer and recipients, and any uniqueness found in the letter.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Wed, Sept. 22, 29, Oct 6, 13  
**Course Fee:** $18  
**Instructor:** Joe H. Ratcliff  
**Coordinator:** Deanna Ship, 635-3444

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Please keep the classrooms neat and clean. When you depart, pick up trash and place your chair where it was found.

»Thanks for helping!
**Felicianas Chapter**

Except where noted, all Felicianas Chapter courses will be held at First Baptist Church’s Old Fellowship Hall, Hwy 10, St. Francisville.

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**M O N D A Y** (Session II)

**Beginning Quilting**

Are you interested in learning to quilt, the fastest growing craft in the nation right now? If so, sign up for this wonderful course that will show you how to choose a pattern, cut pieces out using a rotary cutter and cutting mat, sew the pieces together to make a block, and sew the blocks together to make a finished project. No previous quilting experience required, but basic sewing skills would be helpful.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Mon, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29  
**Course Fee:** $18  
**Course Maximum:** 12  
**Supply List:** Supply list is part of the confirmation receipt  
**Location:** Sunday School Room 1, First Baptist Church Annex  
**Instructor:** Mary Boneno and Margaret Calhoun  
**Coordinator:** Charlotte McNamara, 634-2955, Jane Dietrich, 634-3560

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**T U E S D A Y** (Session II)

**What’s on Your Bucket List?**

A Course about Life’s Journey and What’s Left to Discover

Through group discussions, instructor input, and personal discovery, participants will explore those life goals which are yet unrealized and determine a plan for making the remaining years the best of their lives. Attention will be given to personal values, personality profiles, skills and interest evaluations, and realistic goal setting. Nothing too serious, yet each meeting should be very thought provoking and encouraging.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Tue, Nov., 2, 9, 16, 30  
**Course Fee:** $18  
**Course Maximum:** 12  
**Supply List:** Supply list is part of the confirmation receipt  
**Location:** Sunday School Room 1, First Baptist Church Annex  
**Instructor:** Carolyn O. Thornton  
**Coordinator:** Josette Lester, 784-2131

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**BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS**

OLLI at LSU follows the policy of the local public school system with regard to school closings in times of inclement weather. If the public schools are closed because of weather conditions or other emergencies, our courses will also be cancelled. You will be able to get closing announcements from TV or radio news.
Discovering Geology, Part II
Continue improving the skills and knowledge you acquired in Part I because there is more! Topics include earth history, fossils, the Louisiana delta, oil formation, and the geology of the Tunica Hills area. In addition, learn how to use a geologic highway map and a roadside geology guide. Once you have completed parts I and II, you will be ready to hit the road.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Tue, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30
**Course Fee:** $18  
**Course Maximum:** 20
**Optional Text:** *Roadside Geology of Louisiana*, by Darwin Spearing
**Instructor:** Darlene Reaves
**Coordinator:** Fred Mendenhall, 784-2131

Color Mastery by Betty Edwards, Part II
While studying color historically and its meanings, participants will be working with hands-on projects to explore all aspects of color in painting and printing. Create a single portfolio of examples of exercises, plus one final still life piece drawn and painted from life. We will closely follow the instruction given by Betty Edwards in her book on color, and work in acrylics. You need not have enrolled in a previous Betty Edwards course taught by Ms. Denton.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30 am–12:00 pm, Thu, Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2
**Course Fee:** $35  
**Course Maximum:** 12
**Required Text:** *Color: A Course in Mastering the Art of Mixing Colors*, by Betty Edwards, published by Tarcher/Penguin.
**Supplies:** Supply list is printed on the confirmation receipt
**Instructor:** Elizabeth Denton
**Coordinator:** Hilda Crangle, 634-2489

The Second World War: From Mukden to Hiroshima 1931–1945
Examine the political and ideological factors leading the Great Powers to World War II, beginning with Japan in 1931, and then involving Britain and France against Germany in 1939. We will look at the year 1941, when the Russian and American entry into the war changed the strategic balance against the Axis. Next we will examine the end of the fighting in 1945, which led not to peace but to Cold War. There will be stuff.

**Time & Dates:** 9:30–11:30 am, Wed, Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1
**Course Fee:** $18
**Instructor:** James D. Hardy, PhD
**Coordinator:** Arlene Folmar, 634-9851

Regarding the Bernard Osher Foundation $1 million Endowment to OLLI at LSU:

This gift will help OLLI at LSU continue to serve the intellectual and social needs of adult learners throughout the capital region. As the flagship university of Louisiana, it is part of LSU’s mission to promote lifelong learning to those outside the University. Today, one-third of the population in the U.S. is over age 50.

— Douglas Weimer, Executive Director of LSU Continuing Education

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**M O N D A Y**

**Introduction to Computers**
Want to know how to get started using a computer? This entry-level course covers how to turn a computer on and off; create, edit, and save documents; select your font size and color; create an e-mail account; and send and receive e-mail messages. Computers are provided.

*Time & Dates:* 9:30–10:30 am, Mon, Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25
*Course Fee:* $35  
*Course Maximum:* 6
*Location:* St. James Place Card Room
*Instructor:* Mona Bickham
*Coordinator:* Judy Najolia, 757-1389

**Surfing 101: Introduction to the Internet**
Learn the basics of exploring the Internet: search, browse, save and organize your favorite websites, and print web pages and images using two-way video. Computers are provided.

*Time & Dates:* 10:30–11:30 am, Mon, Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25
*Course Fee:* $35  
*Course Maximum:* 6
*Location:* St. James Place Card Room
*Instructor:* Mona Bickham
*Coordinator:* Judy Najolia, 757-1389

**T U E S D A Y**

**Four Great Operas and Singers**
We will examine a different opera each week using DVDs and lectures. Each opera will feature one of the world’s greatest singers. The operas are: Puccini’s *La Bohème* with Luciano Pavarotti; Verdi’s *La Traviata* with Renée Fleming; Puccini’s *Tosca* with Placido Domingo; and Bellini’s *Norma* with Joan Sutherland.

*Time & Dates:* 1:00–3:00 pm, Tue, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12
*Course Fee:* $18
*Location:* St. James Place Convocation Room
*Instructor:* Thomas Beard, PhD
*Coordinator:* Ed Calamari, 925-2523

**Movies in Louisiana, Part II**
Part II continues where Part I ended. We start in the 1980s and continue through the 1990s. As before, the course will include anecdotes, fun quizzes, fun surveys and a plethora of headlines. The director of Louisiana’s Film and Video Commission will present the current Louisiana initiatives at one of our sessions.

*Time & Dates:* 3:00–5:00 pm, Tue, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12
*Course Fee:* $18
*Location:* St. James Place, Theatre Room
*Instructor:* Jerry Leggio
*Coordinator:* Carmel Mask, 761-1678

**W E D N E S D A Y**

**Down with Lawyers**
As Louisiana citizens, our lives have been affected by court cases decided in the state. We will jog our memories as we discuss the outcomes of some famous trials of recent years and also review important cases in Louisiana history. The Seventh Amendment right to trial by jury and the deterioration of that right over recent years will be covered. A video entitled “The Academy Awards of the Courtroom” will demonstrate how important the drama and comedy of the courtroom has been in the production of famous movies. Lawyer image problems in the face of “tacky” lawyer advertising, and what the organized bar is attempting to do about this serious problem, will be addressed.

*Time & Dates:* 2:00–4:00 pm, Wed, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27
*Course Fee:* $25
*Location:* St. James Place, Theatre Room
*Instructor:* James George
*Coordinator:* Richard Najolia, 757-1389
The Global Economy
What is globalization and why is it taking place? What role does the U.S. play in the global economy? How does the value of the dollar affect us? Does the trade deficit really matter? How is it related to our domestic budget deficit and our national debt? Is anyone really hurt by globalization and, if so, can they be compensated? We will discuss the pluses and minuses of free trade; the effects of reductions in trade barriers; the dollar as the international reserve currency; the roles of international agencies such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the World Bank; criticisms of the international agencies and changes in their practices; and the Doha Round of trade negotiations.

Time & Dates: 9:30–11:30 am, Fri, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Course Fee: $25
Location: St. James Place, Theatre Room
Instructor: Nancy Sidener, PhD
Coordinator: Louise Couvillion, 769-2380

Nature Walks in Felicianas
As the cooler weather returns, so do the very popular nature walks in the Felicianas led by Fred Mendenhall. On the third Friday of each month, OLLI at LSU members are cordially invited to join the group for a slow-paced visit to some of our area’s loveliest places. The walks are a free treat that focus not only on the floral and views, but quite often on the unusual birds so easily missed. Plan to meet at the First Baptist Church in St. Francisville at 9:45am or at the trail head at 10:00 am. Bring your binoculars (if you have them) and plan to have a fun time.

The September 17 nature walk will be to he Mary Ann Brown Preserve near the Bluffs in St. Francisville. Contact Fred if you have questions or would like to be sent an email about upcoming walks, at: fmendenhallinla@aol.com

Time & Dates: 9:45 am, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, and Dec. 17
Location: First Baptist Church in St. Francisville
Coordinator: Fred Mendenhall, 784-2131

FIELD TRIPS (open to all OLLI members)

LIGO Field Trip
Sponsored by the Lagniappe Studies Unlimited Chapter
Tuesday, August 24, 2010, 9:30 – 11:30 am
LIGO Facility, Livingston, LA
$5 per person
Meet at the LIGO Science Education Center on the LIGO grounds at 9:30 am for a tour the facility.

Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola
Sponsored by the Felicianas Chapter
Tuesday, September 14, 2010
Angola, LA
$10 per person (includes lunch)
Meet at the First Baptist Church in St. Francisville, and then leave in a car caravan at 8:45 am for a tour of facility, return by 2:30 pm