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Registration begins April 17
Classes start May 6

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About Us

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Florida State University is an exciting, challenging, scholarly program tailored for adults who love to learn in a stress-free environment where there are no tests and no homework. Each year OLLI provides hundreds of intellectually stimulating non-credit classes, lectures, clubs, local and international trips, and special events for its members on the FSU campus and several locations in the Tallahassee and Panama City 30A areas, as well as on Zoom. We offer an Annual Membership for \$95 that includes participation in Fall, Spring and Summer semesters or you can choose to participate by individual semester for \$60 each. Designed as a member-centered organization, OLLI allows students to expand their intellectual horizons, engage in social activities, participate in volunteer opportunities and hold key leadership positions within the organization.

Benefits of Membership

- Opportunity to enroll in Tallahassee and PC30A OLLI classes
- Clubs: Book, Spanish, Travel, Men's and Walking
- Culture and arts activities
- Speaker Series lectures
- OLLI social events and functions, including the annual holiday celebration, spring gatherings, Wednesdays with OLLI
- Local/regional field trips that may include overnights
- Study-abroad programs
- OLLI at FSU digital catalog
- Weekly Eblast
- Permanent OLLI ID name badge and lanyard
- FSU library privileges
- Rewarding volunteer and leadership opportunities
- Social opportunities with others who enjoy learning!

From OLLI Executive Director Debra Herman



Summer is here and so is registration for our next term beginning on April 17. Again, we have in-person classes as well as Zoom classes. Summer seems to be the time for travel too. In fact, members will be traveling to France for the Study Abroad in May between classes, and others are headed for Nova Scotia with OLLI in August.

Do you like to visit other countries and cultures as well? If so, I encourage you to keep in mind the upcoming trips we have planned for 2025. In May we will travel to Morocco (May 15-29) and another trip is scheduled to Scandinavia in August. Then in May of 2026, we are planning the Kenya/Tanzania safari. Another destination will be added as well that year. If travel is something you are interested in, register for the Travel Club and get on their email list for information. You don't need to be a member to be enrolled in this club, but we ask that you become a member during the term you travel with us.

In April, we start a new cycle of executive volunteers moving up in our Advisory Council. Jan Smith is our incoming president, Debbie Justice-Obley becomes 1st VP, and, well, we don't know who is being voted into our coveted 2nd VP spot just yet! We'll know soon! I want to give a huge thank you to Bruce Bechard who is stepping into the Immediate Past President position. Bruce, we appreciate your time and service this past year.

OLLI can't thank our volunteers, in all positions, enough for all that they do all year long. THANK YOU TO ALL OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS! This is why we at OLLI at FSU are among the very best OLLIs in the country!

Hope to see you soon.

Contact information for OLLI staff, advisory councils and committee chairs for both Tallahassee and PC30A are listed online at olli.fsu.edu.

Save the Date for Summer '24 Virtual Course Overviews

Hear instructors give their summer class overviews.
Available on Friday, April 12, at olli.fsu.edu



Thank you OLLI Supporters - We did it!

We exceeded our \$5,000 goal by \$4,506! Your generous contributions will help sustain the future of OLLI. Thank you!

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Class Location Key and Parking Information

OH: Ohana Institute, 12805 U.S. 98 Suite J 100, Inlet Beach, FL.

RH: Red Hills Retirement Resort, 5103 Cold Harbor Dr. Visitor parking is located in front of and behind the building.

WO: Westminster Oaks Retirement Community, 4449 Meandering Way. Park free of charge in any of the **unnumbered** spots in the large parking garage adjacent to the Maguire Center.

Zoom: Distance-learning classes. Instructors will email registered members a link to the Zoom class prior to or on the morning of the first day of class.

Thanks to OLLI leadership volunteers Bruce Bechard, Jan Smith, Debbie Justice-Obley, Carroll Bewley, Fran Conaway and Linda Fairbanks for their work in producing this catalog -- and to all the committee chairs for organizing this term's fantastic events, lectures and tours. A special thank you to our new 1st VP, Debbie Justice-Obley, for taking the cover photo. Shown are Walking Club members, David Heath, Stanley Behmke, Gary Fournier, Ellen Fournier and Julia Smith.



Monday Class

Early Cuban Exiles: Memories of Loss, Struggle and Rebirth (In-person)

2 sessions with David Powell | 6/10, 6/17 | 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. ET | \$25 | Location: [RH](#)

This course is about the 600,000 Cuban refugees who came to the U.S. after Fidel Castro took power. We will learn what happened in Cuba, why they left and what happened here. The Cuban diaspora continues today. This course will explain how it all began.

Tuesday Classes

Know Your Rights as You Age (In-person)

3 sessions with Rima Nathan | 5/7, 5/14, 5/21
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. ET | \$35 | Location: [RH](#)

Know Your Rights as You Age will expose you to the basic legal concepts OLLI members should be familiar with as they age, including everything from surrogate decision making to financial exploitation and abuse to health care.

Submarines, Secrets and Spies

(In-person, Inlet Beach, FL)

3 sessions with Ed Offley | 6/11, 6/18, 6/25
3:30 - 5:00 p.m. CT | \$35 | Location: [OH](#)

Since the birth of the modern submarine in 1900, steady technological gains — particularly the advent of nuclear propulsion in 1954 with the USS Nautilus — has expanded the mission far beyond that of attacking enemy ships. From World War II to the present day, the submarine has become an effective, high-tech spy. At the same time, it has itself become a prime target of enemy espionage.

Wednesday Classes



Football 101 (In-person)

6 sessions with Janis Brown
5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. ET | \$65
Location: [WO](#)

If you know little to nothing about football, this class is for you! You will learn the basics about the field, rules and penalties, offense and defense positions and what they do, coaches' jobs, game prep, football jargon and a whole lot more.

Organize Your Digital Space on Your PC (Zoom)

3 sessions with Deanna Ramsey
5/8, 5/15, 5/22 | 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. ET | \$35

When it comes to tidying up, we don't give our

digital space the same attention we give our physical space. It's easy to neglect! With a little effort, you'll find there are plenty of ways you can clean, organize and enhance your digital space.

More on the Age of AI. What Is AI and How Does It Work (Zoom)

3 sessions with Deanna Ramsey
6/12, 6/19, 6/26 | 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. ET | \$35

Artificial Intelligence has the power to change the way we work, our health, how we consume media and get to work, our privacy and more. Join us to explore different ways to use AI in everyday life.

Controlled Anarchy: The Art of the Marx Brothers (Zoom)

6 sessions with Nicholas Santa Maria | 5/8, 5/15, 5/22,
6/12, 6/19, 6/26 | 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. ET | \$65

Meet the mad Marx Brothers! Get to know them intimately, both onstage and off. This is a deep dive into the lives and career of the funniest family in the history of show business. Complete with hilarious film clips to brighten your day.

Hanna-Barbera: From Modern Stone Age to Meddling Kids (Zoom)

6 sessions with Gregory Ehrbar
5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26
2:30 - 4:30 p.m. ET | \$65

This course is a comprehensive history of Bill Hanna, Joe Barbera and their artists, whose creations include Tom and Jerry, Huckleberry Hound, Yogi Bear, The Flintstones, Top Cat, The Jetsons, Jonny Quest, The Banana Splits, Scooby-Doo, Smurfs and hundreds more.



Charles Darwin and His Theory in Historical Context (In-person)

6 sessions with Darryl Myers | 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 6/12, 6/19,
6/26 | 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. ET | \$65 | Location: [WO](#)

This is a history course. We will take a fairly detailed look (for people who are not professional biologists) at how Charles Darwin developed the theory he is famous for, in the context of his times, and how others responded to his theory.

A Guided Walk of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, Discovering Native Vegetation

(In-person, Santa Rosa Beach)

1 session with Bill Kuenstler | 5/15 | 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. CT
\$10 | Location: [7525 W. County Hwy. 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, FL](#)

Introduction to Wine Tasting (In-person, Inlet Beach, FL)

3 sessions with Jim Wilson | 6/12, 6/19, 6/26 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. **CT** | \$50

Location: [OH](#)

Join wine educator Jim Wilson in the art of wine appreciation and tasting. Learn about the importance of aromas, tastes and balance that make wines enjoyable. Wines from around the world will be tasted, focusing on wines great for summertime cooking. Jim has been conducting classes for more than 30 years in North Carolina, Georgia and Florida.



Thursday Classes

The Top 25 Film Scores of All Time (Zoom)

6 sessions with Emanuel Abramovits | 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27 | 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. **ET** | \$65

The American Film Institute has listed its choices for the 25 best film scores, written by composers who led fascinating lives. With audiovisuals, let's enjoy the ride through the process of creating those historical pieces, and we'll build our own Top 25.

Florida Black Bears and Panthers (In-person)

3 sessions with David Telesco and Zachary Wardle | 5/9, 5/16, 5/23 | 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. **ET** | \$35

Location: [WO](#)

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission biologists who are specialists in Florida black bears and Florida panthers will engage participants by sharing information on the biology, research and management of these two iconic species.

News Reports from Viet Nam 1945-65

(In-person) 3 sessions with Nelson Easterling | 6/13, 6/20, 6/27 | 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. **ET** | \$35 | **Location:** [WO](#)

This class will review reports in national news magazines from 1945-65 concerning the war in Viet Nam. It seeks to inform the class on what the public was told as events unfolded.

My Life in Show Business (Zoom)

1 session with Nicholas Santa Maria | 5/9 | 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. **ET** | \$10

Do you know what it's like to follow your dreams and make a career out of them? That's what I've done, and I talk about it in my two-hour lecture. I've done everything in show business over the last 50 years, and I have lots of stories and clips.

Kingdom and Conquest: Forging Protestant Ireland, 1540 - 1800 (Zoom)

5 sessions with Eoin Devlin | 5/9, 5/16, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27 | 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. **ET** | \$55

Explore early modern Ireland and its profound political, social and religious upheaval. The repercussions of English interest in the island were felt for the next 200 years by attempts to create and resist "Protestant Ireland."

Understanding the Internet (In-person)

3 sessions with Paul McGinniss | 5/9, 5/16, 5/23 | 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. **ET** | \$35 | **Location:** [WO](#)

This course is a tutorial on how the internet works, but explanations avoid technical details. Concepts include denial of service, the cloud, code exploits and security.

Agatha Christie, Queen of Crime (In-person)

3 sessions with Michelle Kazmer | 6/13, 6/20, 6/27 | 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. **ET** | \$35 | **Location:** [WO](#)

Agatha Christie, Queen of Crime, is a 3-week exploration of Agatha Christie's life, novels, short stories, plays and adaptations, guided by leading Agathologist Dr. Michelle Kazmer.

Fall Prevention Strategies through Yoga (Zoom)

3 sessions with Lisa Wixted | 5/9, 5/16, 5/23 | 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. **ET** | \$20

Engage in fall prevention strategies exercises and yoga poses to improve balance, stability, strength and mobility. Hip, ankle and stepping strategies will strengthen hips, ankles and legs while increasing base of support and posture.

Southern Appalachian Forests and Forestry (Zoom)

3 sessions with Blair Bishop | 6/13, 6/20, 6/27 | 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. **ET** | \$35

The forests of the Southern Appalachian Mountains are comprised of uniquely diverse communities of flora and fauna, reflecting this region's ecological and ethnohistory. Join us as we explore these forests and the conservation efforts to protect them.

The House on Prytania (Zoom)

3 sessions with Margaret Gamble | 6/13, 6/20, 6/27 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. **CT** | \$35

Part book club, part New Orleans travel guide, explore The Big Easy while reading The House on Prytania by award-winning author Karen White. This class will feature discussion of the novel while virtually exploring the neighborhoods and HAUNTS mentioned by the author. The first 12 registrants receive a free book.

Lecture Series Tallahassee



A World War II Story Through Sketches
with Janet de Vries, retired career counselor and director of the Student Success Center at Casper College, Monday 8/5, Zoom



The Libyan: Memoir of a Singapore Girl in Gadaffi's Libya
with Esther Kofod, author, Thursday 8/8, Zoom



Everything You Know About Gun Control Is Wrong
with Dr. Gary Kleck, FSU Professor Emeritus of Criminology, Tuesday 8/6, Zoom



Hunting Hurricanes for Research
with Heather Holbach, NOAA, Friday 8/9, Zoom



An Overview of Tallahassee State College--Today and Tomorrow
with Dr. Jim Murdaugh, President, Tallahassee State College (formerly TCC), ***In-person Lecture*** at 10 a.m., Wednesday 8/7, Maguire Center, Westminster Oaks

Zoom lectures take place from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. ET

Sign up online at olli.fsu.edu.
Registration is required to participate in lectures. A Zoom link will be emailed to those registered. These lectures are free to members and \$10 to non-members.

Clubs

Clubs are important benefits that provide an opportunity to join with other OLLI members who share similar interests. For more information about any of our clubs, contact the club coordinator or visit olli.fsu.edu.

To participate, OLLI members must follow these steps each semester: **Step 1:** Register online for each club you desire, as you would for a class. **Step 2:** Then email each club coordinator and request to be added to their email distribution list to receive pertinent information.

Monday Book Club

Contact Ramona Bowman at rbowman072@gmail.com.
May 13 The Light We Carry by Michelle Obama
June 10 Tinkers by Paul Harding

Wednesday Book Club

Contact Gena Pedroni at ollibookclub@gmail.com.
May 8 Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt
June 12 When the Apricots Bloom by Gina Wilkinson

Club Español

Contact Laura Morris at startrek1330@gmail.com.

Men's Group

Contact Frank Alarcon at alarconfj@yahoo.com.

Travel Club

Contact Harriet and George Waas at waas01@comcast.net



Walking Club

Contact Vicki Holley at 1217vjholley@gmail.com.

Wednesdays with OLLI at 5 p.m. - Summer

Weekly gathering over drinks and dinner at various restaurants in town. Contact Denise or Renae at gethappyolli@gmail.com.

Activities/Socials/Tours

There are many ways OLLI at FSU members connect and engage outside of the classroom, from in-person educational outings to international trips and local experiential workshops. We hope you take this opportunity to get to know your fellow OLLIites and register for one or more of these events. Online registration is required at olli.fsu.edu. For more information contact the coordinator listed in the full activity description located in the online registration system.

Music on the Hill

Millstone Institute for Preservation
[6500 Old Millstone Plantation Rd.](#)

Monday, 4/22, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Fee: Free / Register by 4/19

FAMU Center for Viticulture and Small Fruit Research, [6361 Mahan Dr. #6201](#)

Friday, 4/26, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Free / Register by 4/22

Leon County Supervisor of Election's Office Tour, [2990-1 Apalachee Pkwy.](#)

Wednesday, 5/1, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Free / Register by 4/29

Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra Open Rehearsal

[Ruby Diamond Concert Hall, 200 W. College Ave.](#)

Saturday, 5/4, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Free / Register by 5/1

OLLI Cooks! Mama Mia Greek Theme

Saturday, 5/4, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Home of Ginger and Ken Loewe

[3842 Paces Ferry Rd.](#)

Fee: Registrants bring assigned items

Register by 4/29



WCTV Station Tour, [1801 Halstead Blvd.](#)

Friday, 5/10, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fee: Free / Register by 5/6

Tour FSU Panama City Underwater Crime



Scene Lab and Dive

Locker, [FSU Panama City Campus](#) / Monday, 5/13 OR

6/17, Choose one.

10:00 a.m. **CT** / Fee: Free

Register by 5/10 for the 5/13

tour and 6/10 for the 6/17 tour.

Hopkins Power Station Tour, [1125 Geddie Rd.](#)

Friday, 5/17, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Fee: Free / Register by 5/13



The Capital Chordsmen 2024 Annual Barbershop Show

[444 Appleyard Dr., Turner](#)

[Auditorium at TSC, formerly TCC](#)

Saturday, 6/8, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10 at the door

Register by 5/31

Fire Station #4 and Tallahassee Fire Department Museum

[2899 W. Pensacola St.](#)

Friday, 6/14, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Fee: Free / Register by 6/10

OLLI Cooks! Fondue Dinner and a Movie

Home of Jeff and Vicki Holley

[1412 Conservancy Dr. E. in Summerbrooke](#)

Saturday, 6/22, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Fee: Registrants bring assigned items

Register by 6/17

Gadsden Art Center & Museum

[13 N. Madison St., Quincy, FL](#)

Friday, 6/28, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$5 at entrance (museum members, free)

Register by 6/24

Florida Caverns State Park

[3345 Caverns Rd., Marianna FL 32446](#)

Thursday, 7/18, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon **CT**

Cave Tour Fee: \$18, pay via OLLI online

Register by 7/5

Farmer's Daughter Guided Wine Tasting

[106 N. Broad St, Thomasville](#)

Thursday, 7/25, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$20 for guided wine tasting, payable at time of service / Register by 7/15

AR Workshop Tallahassee

[1950 Thomasville Rd. Suite J](#)

Tuesday, 7/30, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Fee: Pre-pay. Use the registration link and password

to pre-pay for your project. Registration Link: [https://](https://www.arworkshop.com/events/tallahassee/432369/)

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Password: OLLI / Register by 7/22



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Ways to Learn This Summer!

In the Classroom
 Outdoor Experiences
 Online Learning

Registration Begins 4/17

How to Register for OLLI

Membership, Class, Club and Activity Registration opens at 10:00 a.m. ET and 9:00 a.m. CT on Wednesday, April 17. Summer Semester Membership fee is \$60. If you do not have an OLLI account, you can create one, free of charge, prior to the registration date. **Detailed registration information and the Terms and Conditions and Refund Policy are all available online at olli.fsu.edu.**



Online

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Phone

850.644.3520 or
 850.644.7947



In Person

The Claude Pepper Center
 636 W. Call St., Room 267, FSU Campus
 Wednesday, 4/17 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

TRAVEL WITH OLLI

The Travel Club will host a meeting for each trip featuring our Collette Travel representative, Jack Brinson, who will give us information and answer questions. Join us, because traveling with OLLI provides a richer experience than traveling alone! Registration information about future trips will be posted on the OLLI website at olli.fsu.edu.

The Colors of Morocco May 15 - May 29, 2025

Get to know the vibrant culture and colorful backdrops that are distinctively Morocco. Explore Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world, on a walking tour in the



Medina, where donkeys and mules laden with goods still walk the ancient market. Make your way to your desert camp by 4x4 jeep and spend a full day exploring the Sahara Desert.

Travel the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs" to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Kasbah Ait-Ben-Haddou. In Marrakech, get a true taste of Moroccan hospitality during an interactive cooking class at a women's cooperative. Experience Morocco's deep history, unique atmosphere and welcoming people on an unforgettable journey.