OLLI NOTES June 5, 2020

If you need assistance from the OLLI office staff, the best way to contact us is via email, either individual staff emails or olli@furman.edu. You may call the main line at 864.294.2998 and leave a voicemail message. We are checking voicemail as we can, but you should expect a delayed response. Currently the Furman campus is closed to the public including the Herring Center, the PAC, Duke Library, and the lake walking paths.

We hope you are enjoying your summer term classes! OLLI Notes will return to a once weekly newsletter for the remainder of June and July. We have enjoyed sharing the many informative, fun virtual offerings that have been available for these past months of pandemic life. The staff is looking forward to these warm months ahead and we hope all our members enjoy this season at home, with family and exploring the world either virtually or traveling (maintaining that safe social distance).

As OLLI Director Nancy Kennedy announced via email a few weeks ago, OLLI@Furman’s Fall Term will take place online, in response to the continuing pandemic. We expect to offer around 60 courses in the fall term via Zoom and are grateful to the large number of volunteer instructors who have signed on to teach. The course catalog will be available on our website in late July, and registration will begin in mid-August. Fall Term is scheduled for September 14-November 13.

Check out OLLILife Pandemic Journal: Volume 2 ONLINE on our website. Editor, Sue and her crew have again brought us fantastic real life impressions of this very unusual experience!

OLLI@Furman Summer 20 Term News

Course Links: Reminder emails with the Zoom link for your class will be sent each Monday in June. If you have questions about your class, email us at olli@furman.edu.

Friday Bonus Events: Event links will be sent on Mondays, the week of the event.

You can still register for Summer Term bonus events by calling the OLLI office at 864.294.2998. Please leave a message and we will return your call. Online registration is now closed.

There is ROOM for you! Check out these Summer Term Friday Bonus Events.

BTE1104 Local Author up Close & Personal, June 12

Check out the OLLI@Furman Facebook page for the answers to our summer kickoff interactive guessing game this week HERE.

Furman University Features

The Alumni Learning Consortium will present the webinar Policing in a Pandemic on Tuesday, June 9 12-1:00 p.m. with Dr. Brittany Arsiniega, Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Furman University, as she discusses her research on the dangers of policing, including a discussion of how American policing (including both federal and state/local law enforcement) has been impacted by the COVID-19 virus. For more information and to register, please visit the Alumni Learning Community homepage. Please be sure to check this site frequently, as new events are added regularly.

Enjoy a virtual performance of “Brown Eyes,” a Furman tradition and the traditional closing song of Furman Singers performances, presented by Furman Singers Alumni from the late ‘80s-early ‘90s. View ONLINE here.

The Riley Institute’s Center for Critical Issues with the Furman Advance Team, a select group of Furman students interested in government and public policy, is presenting a new virtual series, COVID-19 Conversations. The series features virtual conversations with a past Riley Institute speaker and members of the team discussing the coronavirus’ impact on the lives of students and society. Enjoy the current episode featuring a discussion of how varying COVID-19 response efforts have illuminated the complex relationship between federal and state powers. Jessica Taylor, Senate and Governors Editor for The Cook Political Report, has been closely monitoring the actions of governors as they have emerged as prominent voices on the national political stage during the pandemic. Taylor, a 2007 Furman graduate and frequent
Straight Talk speaker, sat down with three Advance Team members in early May to discuss the trends she has observed as well as the issue of voting by mail in the 2020 presidential election. Watch the VIDEO.

New ways to stay engaged and learning
Arizona State Museum, at the University of Arizona is offering a FREE webinar this Friday June 5 at 12:30 p.m. EST. The Lives of Two Ancient Pandemics and Their Modern Resonance, a lecture by Dr. Irene Bald Romano, Professor of Art History and Anthropology and Curator of Mediterranean Archaeology at the Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona In this illustrated talk, Dr. Romano discusses two pandemics of the ancient world that are well-documented, both from literary sources and archaeological discoveries: the plague of Athens that struck during the second year of the Peloponnesian War (430 B.C) and was a contributor to the downfall of the Athenian Empire; and the Antonine plague (165-180 A.D.), during the rule of the Antonine Emperors, that heralded the fall of the Roman Empire. The many parallels to our current pandemic are hard to ignore, including conspiracy theories about the origins of these plagues, wildly varying mortality counts, changes in funerary practices, and the responses of leaders and average citizens. Click the link HERE to register for the lecture.

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OLLI@UMICH presents Mentorship Today Impacts the Future which delves into how mentorship plays a valuable role in the development of others. The mentor has a unique perspective on individuals who aspire to develop as a professional and person. This lecture on June 9 at 10-11:30 a.m. will discuss the importance of mentorship, considerations on effectively mentoring others, and the value mentorship provides society in developing the next level of productive citizens and professionals. This lecture is given by Timothy Neal, Assistant Professor, Concordia University and was for 35 years a clinical athletic trainer and Adjunct Professor at Syracuse University. He has mentored dozens of pro athletes, student-athletes and coaches. Link here: https://umich.zoom.us/j/9837897520 Webinar ID: 983 7897 526

Celebrate Sondheim! This year marks the 90th birthday of legendary composer and lyricist, Stephen Sondheim. Musicians, performers and theater companies have honored this great artist with performances this year. Enjoy Take Me to the World, Broadway’s celebratory performance HERE or watch the New York Philharmonic, along with guest vocalists, present orchestral interpretations of some of his most beloved works HERE in concert on PBS.

All this time at home remind you of an escape room? Do you love a good puzzle? Check out this ARTICLE on Simplemost.com for 10 FREE digital escape rooms, many created by librarians. Put your thinking caps on and breakout!

South Carolina watercolor artist, Mary Whyte premiered her masterwork We, The People last fall in Charleston. This celebration of American Veterans includes 50 paintings, each featuring a veteran from one of our nation’s states. Watch this VIDEO episode from our local PBS station to see Whyte’s works, words from the veterans depicted and an interview with Mary discussing her process.