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.

How to Cast Your Vote this Year. All voters in South Carolina have three options to exercise their right to vote in the 2020 primaries and runoffs, early absentee ballot in person, absentee ballot via mail and election day in-person ballot. You may vote absentee in person until 5 p.m. on the day before the election by visiting your county voter registration office (bring your photo ID.) Registered voters may request an absentee application by mail online (you must be able to print your application) or you may request via phone, email or mail that an application be mailed to you. Visit the website ONLINE HERE to request an absentee ballot. If you elect to vote in person on Election Day, polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m., if you are in line at 7 p.m. you will be permitted to vote. Polling location managers and staff are receiving specialized COVID-19 health sanitation training to protect voters on Election Day as votes are cast.

OLLI@Furman Summer20 Term News
Summer term is almost here! We are thrilled to welcome so many of you to online learning with OLLI. In preparation, each class is holding a short orientation session this week, at the same day/time of your scheduled course. You should have received an email about these sessions, along with the Zoom link that works for your orientation and all 4 class meetings. These orientations will allow us to take care of “housekeeping” issues before class begins next week. Any questions about your classes? Email us at olli@furman.edu.

Summer 20 Registration remains OPEN. Take a look at the online brochure HERE, complete your registration and get ready to ‘Zoom’ into learning. Social distance doesn’t have to mean social isolation. See you in class! This is also a great time to share OLLI with friends. There are two ways to register, either online or by mail. If you need to register by mail and cannot print out the registration form, just send us a note with your course selection, name, email address, and a check with payment. The summer term runs June 2-26.

Are you interested in OLLI’s summer courses, but unsure about Zoom? Now is a great time to jump in with other members and learn! We are offering OLLI Zoom Orientation Sessions. One-hour sessions will be offered Friday, May 29 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The purpose of these sessions is to give you a chance to try Zoom, ask questions, and confirm you may join a class on your device. Click the link to join a session: https://furman.zoom.us/j/96882255769 Meeting ID: 968 8225 5769 New to Zoom and need information on how to access? Follow this link for a ZOOM tutorial.

OLLI Happenings
Teaching Online...easier than pie!
If you have considered teaching an OLLI class, but never dreamed it could be from the convenience of your own home, we invite you to come explore the possibility of teaching online. Don’t be intimidated by the Zoom platform. It is simple and you use your own equipment (laptop, desktop, iPad, etc.) so there is no reason to fear the A/V equipment at the Herring Center.
Interested? Email Pam Roberson, We will set up a series of Zoom meetings to give everyone a chance to see how simple it is to teach from your favorite chair at home with all the coffee you can make!

Furman University Features
On Wed, May 27, 12-1 p.m., the Alumni Learning Consortium will present The Rhetoric of Covid-19: Antiquities Lessons in Policy Response Communications. Register HERE for this free webinar event. Dr. Brandon Inabinet, Associate Professor of Communication Studies at Furman University, will discuss how ancient rhetoric and the liberal arts tradition informs the discussion of the coronavirus today. Much of the conversation can be mapped using 1st century legal theory of stasis, and Aristotle’s topoi of policy debate. Patrick Kerley (’04), Senior Vice President for Digital Advocacy at the Washington DC firm Subject Matter, will discuss how industries and policy-makers are responding to the crisis. Together, they will examine how television pundits, President Trump, health experts, and policymakers all play off one another in the communicative environment.
Join the Cothran Center for Vocational Reflection in reading *The Power of Meaning: Finding Fulfillment in a World Obsessed with Happiness*, by Emily Esfahani Smith. The book club will gather virtually during this time apart. A four-part series will bring together the Furman community—students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends—to discuss lives of depth and significance. Gatherings will occur via Zoom (private link to be provided upon registration, prior to the first meeting) and include opportunities for reflection, sharing, and connection via large and small group discussion. **Sundays, 4 – 5 p.m. | May 31, June 14, June 28, July 12** *Participants are requested to commit to all four sessions!* *Books available in a variety of formats via Amazon, REGISTER HERE* – deadline is **May 27**! Contact Whitney Brown with questions.

**New ways to stay engaged and learning**

Enjoying the virtual book club experience presented by the National Humanities Center, with the support of OLLI@Furman? Join in on Facebook Live for this series spotlighting humanists and authors discussing their work. The sixth and final episode will be **Wednesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. and features Annette Gordon-Reed and Peter S. Onuf** discussing their book, "Most Blessed of the Patriarchs": Thomas Jefferson and the Empire of the Imagination with NHC president, Robert Newman. Gordon-Reed's previous book, “The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family,” won both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. The book for discussion Wednesday is a *New York Times* bestseller, was named one of the Best Books of the Year by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and was a finalist for the George Washington Prize. Participants in these sessions will explore important and timeless questions about the human experience in all its complexities. Access on Facebook [HERE](https://www.facebook.com/OLLIatFurman) or visit the N.H.C. website [HERE](https://www.nhc.edu).

**Cook with Masterchef and Instagram Star, Chef Luca live and online from Florence, Italy**

Chef Luca Morgillo is a gourmet chef and pizza teacher for the tour company Walkabout Florence and has a popular cooking show on Instagram and YouTube. Chef Luca's passion for regional Tuscan and Neapolitan recipes is contagious. Join him and [Upstate International](https://www.upstateinternational.us) to learn some recipes, laugh, and spread a little love with Luca on **Thursday, May 28 from 1-2:00 pm**. The event includes Q&A session. Register [HERE](https://www.upstateinternational.us).

**The Longest History Lesson EVER!**

So many of our OLLI@Furman members are major history buffs. This week we have a treat for you from OLLI@University of North Texas. In 2018, UNT History Professor Andrew Torget set a Guinness World Record for the World’s Longest History Lesson. Dr. Torget’s record-breaking lesson lasted 26.5 hours, covered Texas History from prehistory through the Great Depression, and raised funds to support *[The Portal to Texas History](https://www.theporlttexashistory.org)*. The entire lesson is archived online, divided into units of about an hour or less for easy viewing. Click [HERE](https://www.theporlttexashistory.org) to access links to each unit, along with the topics covered.

**Library Talk for OLLI Members from OLLI@UMICH on Friday May 29, 1:30-3 p.m. 'Over There' With the American Expeditionary Forces in France During the Great War**

Over 2 million Americans served overseas during WWI. In this talk, UMICH Clements Librarian, Louis Miller, examines the experiences of American soldiers in France during the "war to end all wars." Miller will discuss some of the exceptional and heartbreaking stories from that conflict using original documents and artifacts mostly pulled from Clements Library collections. No registration. [Link HERE](https://umich.zoom.us/j/93368891769): Webinar ID: 933 6889 1769

Enjoy this concert provided by OLLI@UNC Asheville with their community partner, Pan Harmonia, which has shared their gift of music through a performance of Aaron Copland’s beautiful *Appalachian Spring* in its original setting for 13 players. Click [HERE](https://umich.zoom.us/j/93368891769) to watch.

See Lady Liberty’s view! The National Park Service has created a unique virtual tour of one of the United States’ greatest landmarks. Take a [VISIT](https://virtualtour.nps.gov/choices/) to Liberty Island and tour the Statue of Liberty from a new vantage point!

**Upstate International**’s Summer 2020 registration is ongoing for foreign language classes. Always wanted to learn Mandarin? You can start on June 22! U.I. offers classes in 13 distinct languages from around the globe and will offer a virtual class option this summer session. Visit [HERE](https://www.upstateinternational.us) for more information or to register.