

# OLLI

## Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at FURMAN

September 8- November 7, 2025 | Fall Schedule [furman.edu/olli](http://furman.edu/olli) | 864.294.2998



Join our learning community at Furman. *Where Learning Never Retires*

All OLLI members are cordially invited to the  
**Back to OLLI Fall Reception**

Thursday, September 4 | 3-4:30 p.m.  
Furman University, Herring Center  
New Member Orientation, 2:30 p.m.

### **Register Online!**

**August 14**

Registration begins at 8 a.m.

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# ***WELCOME to Fall 2025!***

I am excited to welcome you to OLLI, or to welcome you back. We have so much to look forward to at OLLI this fall, and a lot of it is new!

**We have a new registration system.** If you are a returning OLLI member, you will receive an email inviting you to set up your account with our new system. If you are new to OLLI, you'll just create an account and be ready to go. Either way, staff and volunteers are available to help you get ready to register.

**We have new pricing.** Now that we have a registration system that can handle all of our members at one time, we have made the decision to drop the course package option. Everyone will pay the same price for classes, registration opens the same day for everyone, and everyone has an equal chance of enrolling in those extra-popular classes that fill quickly. But, have no fear—we are offering more courses than ever before this fall. Even if your first choice class fills, you will have many other wonderful options available.

**We will offer courses in multiple locations.** Most courses are at Furman, but you'll also find Zoom offerings (see page 30) as well as 6 courses and 4 bonus events held at Rolling Green Village (see page 32).

As you page through this brochure, you'll see 51 **brand-new courses**, and we are welcoming 14 **brand-new instructors**.

Look forward to an **updated coffee bar**. Thanks to some generous planned gifts from OLLI members, we will be able to make the coffee area larger and more accessible.

You may be asking "Wow--what **hasn't** changed?" The things we love about OLLI are still here. Fantastic instructors still offer engaging classes. You'll see old friends and make new ones. And there are plenty of other ways to engage at OLLI, including Special Interest Groups, Friday Bonus Events, travel, social events, and much more.

I can't wait to see you when classes begin. I'd love to hear about your favorite old or new thing at OLLI!

**Nancy Kennedy**

Director, OLLI@Furman University

*On the Cover: David Rowe holds up his prize winning carving along with Kent Ellison, the instructor, and members of the Woodcarving 201 course. (April 2025)*

*Inside Cover: Senior Leaders Greenville Class 10 Graduates. (April 2025)*



## Important Dates for 2025-26

- August 14** ..... Fall Term Registration
- September 4** ..... Back to Class Reception
- September 8** ..... First Day of Fall Term classes
- November 7** ..... Last Day of Fall Term classes
- December 4** ..... Winter Term Registration
- January 12** ..... First Day of Winter Term classes
- January 19** ..... No class, MLK Jr. holiday
- February 26** ..... Spring Term Registration
- March 9** ..... Last day of Winter term classes
- March 23** ..... First Day of Spring Term classes
- April 3** ..... No class, Good Friday
- May 7** ..... Summer Term Registration
- May 15** ..... Last Day of Spring Term classes
- June 2** ..... First Day of Summer Term classes

## Best Way to Register

- 1. ONLINE:** Go to [furman.edu/olli](http://furman.edu/olli) and click on the Registration link. (If you are new to OLLI, create a new account.) Your user name will be your email address. Type in your user name and password to access your account. Click on Forgot Password to create a new one and access your account. (credit card only)
- 2. IN PERSON:** On registration day, go to the OLLI Office on the Furman campus, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville. The OLLI office is located in the Herring Center for Continuing Education. You will be registered immediately. (cash or check only)
- 3. BY MAIL:** Send your completed registration with payment (check made out to Furman University) to OLLI @ Furman, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, SC 29613. (check only)

**Forms that are mailed in or dropped off will be processed after all walk-in customers are assisted.**

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## Membership Fees

To participate in any OLLI course, trip, or event, you must first join OLLI @ Furman for the academic year. The cost of \$65 covers copies, coffee, parking sticker, bonus events, seminars, software, and other incidental fees incurred by the program during the year. Once you have joined, you can purchase individual courses at the following prices.

**3-to-4-week courses ..... \$35**

**5-to-9-week courses ..... \$50**

# Courses at a glance Fall 2025

<b>Art</b>			
<b>ART101</b>	Acting & Performing (Th, 1:30 p.m.)	<b>HFE513</b>	High Country Hikers (M, 8:30 a.m.)
<b>ART115</b>	Improv 101 (W, 3:15 p.m.)	<b>HFE515</b>	Aquacize (Tu, Th, 9 a.m.)
<b>ART117</b>	Women Artists Throughout History (M, 9 a.m.)	<b>HFE519</b>	Folk & Line Dance Favorites (W, 10:45 a.m.)
<b>ART118</b>	Religion and Art (Tu, 10:45 a.m.)	<b>HFE522</b>	Ballroom for Couples (Th, 10:45 a.m.)
<b>Current Events and Business</b>		<b>HFE527</b>	Yoga Therapy (M, noon)
<b>CEB1702</b>	Go Out With a Plan (W, 9 a.m.)	<b>HFE540</b>	Furman Athletics (Th, 9 a.m.)
<b>CEB1706</b>	Foundations of Investing (Th, 9 a.m.)	<b>HFE562</b>	Yoga for the Optimal You (M, 1:30 p.m.)
<b>CEB1707</b>	Retirement Wealth Management (Tu, 9 a.m.)	<b>HFE570</b>	Beginners Pickleball (W, 10:45 a.m.)
<b>CEB1713</b>	Strategies for Aging (Th, 3:15 p.m.)	<b>HFE579</b>	Stretch and Tone (M, 10:45 a.m.)
<b>CEB1737</b>	American Political Discourse Today (Tu, 10:45 a.m.)	<b>HFE581a</b>	Pickleball I (F, 9 a.m.)
<b>CEB1762</b>	Learn, Forrest, Learn (W, 1:30 p.m.)	<b>HFE581b</b>	Pickleball I (M, 9 a.m.)
<b>CEB1789</b>	Life Happens (M, 10:45 a.m.)	<b>HFE613</b>	Beginner Friendly Yoga (F, 9 a.m.)
<b>CEB1791</b>	Preserve Your Wealth and Your Legacy (W, 1:30 p.m.)	<b>HFE615</b>	America's Challenging Medical System (W, 9 a.m.)
<b>CEB1794</b>	Aggressive Marketing or Greed? (W, 9 a.m.)	<b>HFE623</b>	Intermediate Pickleball (Tu, 11 a.m.)
<b>CEB1795</b>	Navigating the Future (Th, 10:45 a.m.)	<b>HFE627</b>	T'ai Chi Chih (M, 9 a.m.)
<b>CEB1796</b>	Real Estate Transition (M, 10:45 a.m.)	<b>HFE628</b>	Ayurveda (M, 1:30 p.m.)
<b>CEB1797</b>	Silver Tsunami - Real Estate Planning (Tu, 1:30 p.m.)	<b>HFE629</b>	Intro to Self Defense (Tu, 1:30 p.m.)
<b>CEB1798</b>	Faith & Finance - Steward Your Finances (W, 1:30 p.m.)	<b>History &amp; Politics</b>	
<b>Computers and Technology</b>		<b>HIS1453</b>	1453: Printing Revolution, Renaissance, and Conquests (W, 3:15 p.m.)
<b>CPT313</b>	Computers Are Not Magic (Th, 1:30 p.m.)	<b>HIS602</b>	SNAFU (W, 9 a.m.)
<b>Health, Fitness &amp; Exercise</b>		<b>HIS629a</b>	Post Cold War Espionage (Tu, 1:30 p.m.)
<b>HFE501</b>	Monday's Intermediate Hiking (M, 8:30 a.m.)	<b>HIS629b</b>	Post Cold War Espionage (W, 10:45 a.m.)
<b>HFE503</b>	The Rock Stars (F, 8 a.m.)	<b>HIS630a</b>	Last Week's News (Th, 10:45 a.m.)
<b>HFE504</b>	Anthony's Intermediate Hiking (W, 8:30 a.m.)	<b>HIS630b</b>	Last Week's News (W, 9 a.m.)
<b>HFE509</b>	Walk and Talk (Tu, 9 a.m.)	<b>HIS664</b>	History of Early S.C. (Th, 1:30 p.m.)
		<b>HIS685</b>	Interesting Characters (Th, 1:30 p.m.)
		<b>HIS697</b>	Life in the U.S. - Roaring Twenties to Brink of War (Th, 10:45 a.m.)
		<b>HIS715</b>	Stuck on History (M, 10:45 a.m.)
		<b>HIS716</b>	America's Progressive Era (Th, 9 a.m.)
		<b>HIS912</b>	Titanic Sinks! A Media Event (Tu, 11 a.m.)
		<b>HIS951</b>	Shoeless Joe Jackson and Baseball (W, 9 a.m.)
		<b>HIS963</b>	Southern Campaign in the American Revolution (Th, 10:45 a.m.)
		<b>HIS969</b>	Aircraft Carriers (Tu, 9 a.m.)
		<b>HIS970</b>	India: Ancient Empires to Global Powerhouse (Tu, 10:45 a.m.)
		<b>HIS971</b>	American Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and Civil Rights (Tu, 1:30 p.m.)
		<b>HIS972</b>	War in the Pacific (Tu, 9 a.m.)
		<b>HIS973</b>	How to Be a Good Citizen (Tu, 9 a.m.)
		<b>HIS974</b>	Traveling Greece (Tu, 1:30 p.m.)
		<b>HIS975</b>	World History of Genocide (Th, 9 a.m.)
		<b>HIS976</b>	Meet the 20 Regions of Italy (Th, 1:30 p.m.)
		<b>Languages</b>	
		<b>LAN703</b>	German I (F, 9 a.m.)
		<b>LAN708</b>	Intro to American Sign Language (Tu, 3:15 p.m.)
		<b>LAN745</b>	Destinos: EL FIN (W, 10:45 a.m.)
		<b>LAN796</b>	German V (F, 9 a.m.)
		<b>LAN797</b>	More Fun with French (W, 1:30 p.m.)
		<b>Literature</b>	
		<b>LIT100a</b>	Let's Read and Talk (Tu, 9 a.m.)
		<b>LIT100b</b>	Let's Read and Talk (Tu, 9 a.m.)
		<b>LIT102</b>	Robert Frost: The Man and the Enigma (Th, 1:30 p.m.)

- LIT105** Write Life  
(Th, 10:45 a.m.)
- LIT109a** Experienced Writers  
(M, 1:30 p.m.)
- LIT109b** Experienced Writers  
(M, 3:15 p.m.)
- LIT109c** Experienced Writers  
(W, 10:45 a.m.)
- LIT110** Discovering  
Carl Sandburg  
(Tu, 1:30 p.m.)
- LIT112** Poetry Writing  
Workshop  
(Tu, 3:15 p.m.)
- LIT117** The Timeless Tale  
of Forbidden Love  
(W, 1:30 p.m.)
- LIT118** Fiction Writing II  
Workshop  
(M, 1:30 p.m.)
- LIT119** Wisdom of Grace Paley  
(W, 1:30 p.m.)

### Music

- MUS204** Finding Your Voice  
(W, 9 a.m.)
- MUS208** Sigal Music  
Museum Series  
(W, 10:45 a.m.)
- MUS211** Forever Young:  
Bob Dylan  
(Tu, 10:45 a.m.)
- MUS301** Beginning Guitar  
(Tu, 9 a.m.)
- MUS304** Haydn and Mozart  
(Tu, 10:45 a.m.)
- MUS305** Guitar Theory  
and Application  
(Tu, 1:30 p.m.)
- MUS306** Broadway Musicals  
(Th, 10:45 a.m.)

### Practical Arts & Hobbies

- PAH800** Woodcarving 101  
(W, 9 a.m.)
- PAH805** Handmade  
Christmas Cards  
(Tu, 10:45 a.m.)
- PAH810** Card Making  
(Tu, 1:30 p.m.)
- PAH819** Bridge for the Beginner  
(Tu, 9:30 a.m.)
- PAH820** Fabric Creations  
(M, 9 a.m.)
- PAH829a** Holiday Zentangle  
(M, 1:30 p.m.)

- PAH829b** Holiday Zentangle  
(W, 1:30 p.m.)
- PAH834** Woodcarving 201  
(W, 1 p.m.)
- PAH848** Classy Breads  
(W, 10:45 a.m.)
- PAH863** Who Doesn't Like Magic  
(Tu, 9 a.m.)
- PAH884a** Fabulous Chefs  
in Greenville  
(M, 10:45 a.m.)
- PAH884b** Fabulous Chefs  
in Greenville  
(M, 10:45 a.m.)
- PAH887** Intro to  
Intermediate Bridge  
(Th, 10:45 a.m.)
- PAH892** Learn to Knit  
with Dish Cloths  
(Tu, 10:45 a.m.)
- PAH914** Woodcarving 301:  
Christmas Ornaments  
(F, 9 a.m.)
- PAH917** Felting 2D & 3D  
Fiber Arts  
(F, 12:30 p.m.)
- PAH918** Instant Pot  
(Th, 10:45 a.m.)
- PAH930** Advanced Bridge  
(Tu, 10:45 a.m.)
- PAH932** Banded Cross Stitch  
(M, 1:30 p.m.)
- PAH954** Crafting for Missions  
(M, 10:45 a.m.)
- PAH955** Knitting an Ugly  
Christmas Sweater  
(Tu, 1:30 p.m.)
- PAH956** Intro to Gelli  
Plate Printing  
(M, 1:30 p.m.)

### Photography

- PHO1625** Lightroom CC Classic  
(W, 3:15 p.m.)
- PHO1713** Outdoor Nature  
Photography  
(T, 8 a.m.)
- PHO1719** Beauty of Birds  
(Tu, 10:45 a.m.)

### Psychology & Personal Growth

- PPG1346** Trends in  
Psychological Research  
(Th, 3:15 p.m.)
- PPG1350** Mindfulness  
for Daily Life  
(Th, 3:15 p.m.)

- PPG1404** Bridging the Gap  
(Th, 10:45 a.m.)
- PPG1408** Authentic Alignment  
(W, 9 a.m.)
- PPG1409** Perspectives on  
Death and Dying  
(Tu, 1:30 p.m.)

### Religion & Philosophy

- RPH1001** What's Happening in  
American Protestantism  
(M, 10:45 a.m.)
- RPH1002** Christianity: Where  
Faith Meets Reason  
(Th, 10:45 a.m.)
- RPH900** A Survey of  
Jewish History  
(M, 10:45 a.m.)
- RPH901** The Hebrew Prophets I  
(M, 1:30 p.m.)
- RPH905** Biblical Hebrew V  
(M, 9 a.m.)
- RPH955** Basics of Islam  
(Th, 1:30 p.m.)
- RPH961** Sports, Religion, Politics  
(W, 10:45 a.m.)
- RPH975** Those Pesky  
Other Gospels  
(Th, 9 a.m.)
- RPH987** Asian Sacred Places  
(W, 10:45 a.m.)
- RPH996** American Jewish  
Experience  
(F, 10:45 a.m.)
- RPH998** Islamic Mysticism  
and Philosophy  
(M, 9 a.m.)

### Science & Math

- SNM1116** Science of the Earth  
(W, 1:30 p.m.)
- SNM1117** Best of All  
Possible Worlds  
(W, 10:45 a.m.)
- SNM1119** Revolutionary Minds  
(W, 10:45 a.m.)
- SNM1120** Epidemics and History  
(Tu, 9 a.m.)
- SNM1121** Wild World of  
Military Aircraft  
(Th, 9 a.m.)
- SNM1122** Birth, Life, and  
Death of Stars  
(Th, 11 a.m.)
- SNM2013** The End of Everything  
(Th, 1:30 p.m.)

## OLLI Council

### Executive Council

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## Course Descriptions

### Monday

#### HFE501 Monday's Intermediate Hiking

*Monday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Herring Center, Parking Lot (front of Timmons)*

Autumn is a wonderful time to enjoy beautiful foliage and cooler weather as we hike nearby trails. We typically hike 5-10 miles on moderate to some strenuous trails. For this session, we will try to schedule hikes for at least 5 of the 10 sections of the Foothills Trail going from east to west, 3 or 4 of which will likely require a \$40 - \$60 per person charge for a boat shuttle across Lake Jocassee. All hikers should already be in good cardio shape and be able to easily walk a flat, 2-mile course in their neighborhood in under 1 hour (2/mph pace). Please clear this physical activity with your physician. Wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes and dress in layers appropriate for the weather. Bring plenty of water and lunch. We normally meet in the parking lot in front of Timmons Arena in time to form carpools. We will share the cost of gas.

*Jess Greer and Meir Peretz enjoy hiking and will lead this course.*

#### HFE513 High Country Hikers

*Monday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Herring Center, Parking Lot (front of Timmons)*

High Country Hikers is an Intermediate hiking group exploring the mountain trails of Upstate South Carolina and Western North Carolina. Hikes will be 5-8 miles with up to 1800 feet of elevation and range from moderate to strenuous. Please clear this physical activity with your physician. Bring water, your lunch, hiking gear and hiking boots. We meet in the parking lot next to Timmons Arena and will typically leave at 8:30 a.m. Depending on weather and travel distance we may elect to depart sooner or from a different location. We carpool and share the cost of gas.

*Steve Davis and Jimmy Vissage enjoy hiking and will lead this course.*

#### ART117 Women Artists Throughout History

*Monday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Larkin (HC104)*

Although women artists have not always received the attention granted to their male counterparts, many of them have played major roles in the art world. This course will feature many of those female artists... from pioneers in the Baroque and Renaissance periods to the modern artists of today; from various foreign locations to the local upstate area; from the worlds of painting, sculpture, textiles and photography. Through numerous videos and visuals, we will highlight the artistic mastery, unique perspectives and collaborations with male colleagues of these trailblazing women who have helped shaped the history of art.

*Lou Koppel is a sculptor with over a decade in the Upstate art community. He and his wife Joan have taught art history and travel-related OLLI classes at Clemson, San Diego State and Furman.*

#### HFE627 T'ai Chi Chih - Joy Thru Movement

*Monday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Crabtree (HC110)*

T'ai Chi Chih (TCC) is not a martial art and differs from T'ai Chi Ch'uan. TCC is a moving meditation involving a series of 19 movements to activate, circulate, and balance the "chi," the vital force or life energy, which can improve health and well-being. Justin Stone, the originator of TCC, said it's not exercise yet it has the benefits of exercise as well as other benefits. Studies show that TCC has a positive effect similar to other therapies, such as aerobic exercise, dancing, resistance training, and stretching. TCC has proven to be effective for reducing stress, anxiety, depressive symptoms, and mood disturbances and has been endorsed by the Arthritis Foundation, the American Medical Association, and the Mayo Clinic as a treatment option for a variety of psychological and physiological conditions. In this introductory course, we'll look at the principles of moving in TCC and practice basic movements.

*Steven Huskey is an accredited T'ai Chi Chih teacher. He has been practicing*

with a local class for over six years. In addition, he has studied with other experienced teachers across the US.

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### **PAH820 Fabric Creations Outside the Box**

*Monday, 9-noon, Herring Center, Graham (HC005)*

In this course we'll create fabric designs using scraps and samples without a pattern. It will be an imaginative adventure for those who want to design original and personalized pieces. Some knowledge of simple embroidery stitches needed. A kit will be available for \$15 at the first class. Items to bring scissors, sharp embroidery needles, DMC floss and yarn, fabric scraps, ripper, craft glue stick, straight pins, tweezers. This class is not for perfectionists. This four-week course ends September 29.

*Susan Harrison is a former speech therapist and member of preschool special needs assessment team. She is from a very artsy family who loved art supplies and fabric.*

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### **RPH905 Biblical Hebrew V**

*Monday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, President's Conference (HC103)*

This ongoing course will continue teach basic Biblical Hebrew, with the object of being able to read and understand the original text of the Hebrew Bible. Completion of Biblical Hebrew IV or a strong prior knowledge of Hebrew is required. The First Hebrew Primer, third edition - EKS publishing co. It can be ordered through [ekspublishing.com](http://ekspublishing.com)

*Fred Leffert is a Greenville physician with a lifelong interest in Jewish Studies. He has taught several Hebrew classes since 2000.*

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### **RPH998 Islamic Mysticism and Philosophy**

*Monday, 9-10:30 a.m., Meets online, Z*

This course offers an introduction to the world of Islamic mysticism and philosophy, where the pursuit of divine truth and spiritual enlightenment intersect. We will explore the core principles and teachings of Sufism, the most influential figures in Sufi history, such as al-Ghazali, Ibn 'Arabi, Jalal al-din

Rumi, etc. and examine their writings, poetry, and spiritual practices. We will also investigate the role of poetry, rituals, and spiritual practices in helping individuals seek closeness to God, offering insights into the personal and communal aspects of Islamic mysticism. By the end of this course, you will have a deeper understanding of the spiritual heart of Islam and the wisdom of its mystical traditions. This course is offered in partnership with OLLI @ NC State.

*Theodora Zampaki (DPhil Graeco-Arabic Studies) is a tutor at the Hellenic Open University, Greece. She has been offering courses for OLLI at Furman University since 2021.*

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### **CEB1796 Real Estate Transition with Ease**

*Monday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Larkin (HC104)*

This course is designed to guide individuals through the important decisions and steps involved in downsizing to a smaller space or senior living community. You will learn how to assess when it's the right time to move, understanding both the emotional and practical factors involved. You will be guided through the process of selling a home, as well as how to choose a senior community. We will also discuss the option of 'aging in place' and what preparations are needed for that. Participants will gain the knowledge they need to make informed choices for a smooth and successful transition when the time comes.

*Krista Frauenholtz has been in real estate for 30 years and has gathered a team of professionals to teach this course alongside her! You will be hearing from a real estate agent, appraiser, inspector, downsize specialist, auctioneer, assisted living locator, estate lawyer and financial professional.*

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### **HFE579 Stretch and Tone**

*Monday, 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m., Herring Center, Crabtree (HC110)*

This class will have a mat format of strength, flexibility and tone. No weights are needed. Please bring water and a mat to each class.

*Marsha Lyon was a personal trainer and fitness instructor for 15 years*

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in New York. She taught spin for 10 years there, as well as pilates, before moving to South Carolina.

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### **HIS715 Stuck on History: Using Stamps to Study History**

*Monday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Campbell (HC004)*

In this course stamps and postal covers (envelopes) will be used to look at local, state, national, and world history. Topics discussed will include great Americans, world leaders, Presidents and First Ladies, railroads, ships, sports, architecture, movies, food, animals, art, military, aviation, music, Scouts, entertainment, lighthouses, and the 250th anniversary of the United States Navy, just to name a few. We will talk about the history of the United States postal system. We will see how the study of philatelic items can enhance our understanding of history. This is not a course about stamp collecting. Stamps will be used as springboards for topics of historical interest.

*Lynn Duncan is a retired history teacher. He has taught graduate history/education courses at Furman. He has also taught OLLI courses on Circus History and America's Highways, as well as Interesting Characters and Learn Forrest Learn sessions.*

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### **PAH884a The Most Fabulous Chefs in Greenville**

*Monday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Huff with Lindemann Kitchen (HC 105/106)*

This class will feature four different chefs from popular restaurants in Greenville, teaching you the secrets of creating their restaurants' popular dishes. Each week will introduce one chef that will demonstrate different methods and ingredients necessary for you to become a "Gourmet Cook" in your own kitchen. There will be interactive discussions, and some hands-on participation with each of the chefs during preparations of the meals. To allow as many students as possible to experience this class, you may only sign up for one of the four-week classes. In addition, if you took this class previously, you are not eligible to register for this class again. Bon Appetit! Materials fee \$40 (due to

the liaisons at the first class). This four-week class ends September 29.

*Self-proclaimed "Foodies" Cheryl Cotner and Bill Kaiser will assist with this class.*

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### **PAH884b The Most Fabulous Chefs in Greenville**

*Monday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Huff with Lindemann Kitchen (HC 105/106)*

This class will feature four different chefs from your favorite restaurants in Greenville, teaching you the secrets of creating their restaurants signature dishes. Each week will introduce one chef that will show you the different methods and ingredients necessary for you to become a "Gourmet Cook" in your own kitchen. There will be interactive discussions, and hands-on participation with each of the chefs during preparations of the meals. To allow as many students as possible to experience this class, you may only sign up for one of the four-week classes. In addition, if you took this class previously, you are not eligible to register for this class again. Bon Appetit! Materials fee \$40 (due to the liaisons at the first class). This four-week class begins October 6.

*Self-proclaimed "Foodies" Cheryl Cotner and Bill Kaiser will assist with this class.*

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### **PAH954 Crafting for Missions**

*Monday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Small Arts/Crafts (HC113)*

There are many opportunities for crafters to do what they love while helping those in need. This course will explore different Greenville-area mission opportunities, spending 2-3 class periods on each mission project. On the first day the mission area and organization will be introduced and the crafting skills necessary for their projects will be taught. Then 1-2 class periods will be dedicated to working as a group to complete items for that mission. Projects include fleece blankets for Preemies of the Carolinas, fidget mats for Alzheimer patients, and chemo port pillows for cancer patients. Each of these projects require some basic skills but also have opportunity for non-sewers to participate in the assembly (i.e.

stuffing, turning, etc.). A \$10 materials fee is required, and all completed projects will be donated to various organizations at the end of the class.

*Paula Gabbert was a professor of Computer Science for 30 years, the last 27 of those at Furman. She loves crafts of all kinds and specifically enjoys sharing her projects with those in need.*

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### **RPH1001 What's Happening in American Protestantism**

*Monday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Piper (HC111)*

Challenges, disagreements and conflicts have beset Protestantism in the US in the past few years. Most of the new happenings are related to challenges, disagreements and conflicts over many decades. This course will examine the happenings of today within the context of related happenings in the past. Students in the class will discover that two classic theological conflicts about the interpretation of scripture are just beneath the surface of many of the current happenings. The class presentations will be primarily lecture illustrated with PowerPoint slides. There will be ample opportunities for questions. The class will receive the link to a Google Drive for the course. The Google Drive will contain the slides and several articles for reading as various topics are addressed.

*James Ellis Griffeth, pastor and hospital chaplain (retired after 44 years of ministry), holds an AB from Wofford and an MDiv from Duke. Teaching is a serious avocation in his retirement.*

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### **RPH900 A Survey of Jewish History**

*Monday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, President's Conference (HC103)*

This interactive, discussion-oriented class will survey Jewish history from biblical to modern times, emphasizing those aspects which influence modern Jewish life. A list of recommended reading will be supplied at the first class.

*Fred Leffert is a Greenville physician with a lifelong interest in Jewish Studies. He has taught several Hebrew classes since 2000.*

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### **HFE527 Yoga Therapy for Injuries, Diseases & Medical Conditions**

*Monday, noon-1:15 p.m., Herring Center, Crabtree (HC110)*

Yoga Therapy is tailored to address conditions such as pain, mobility challenges, arthritis, stress, depression, insomnia, anxiety, and other health concerns. Classes are offered utilizing movement, breath awareness guided relaxation, education and more. The focus is a combination of tools, geared to accommodate people experiencing challenges. This is a therapy-based class, which includes various healing modalities. Yoga Therapy is an integrative approach to physical, emotional, and mental health. Therapists are trained to assess clients by establishing appropriate goals to manage symptoms and improve function. Yoga Therapists have extensive additional training to become certified. This four-week course ends September 29.

*Beth Blanchard is a 1000-Hour Certified Yoga Therapist C-IAYT, Yoga Teacher and CPU, with over 25 years' experience. She has a private practice working individually with medical conditions, injuries and diseases safely since 2013.*

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### **HFE562 Yoga for the Optimal You**

*Monday, 1:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m., Herring Center, Crabtree (HC110)*

Learn how to honor your physical body with this balanced, core strengthening and energizing yoga practice. Yoga is a great activity for you if you have arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or heart disease. Proven to increase strength and cardiovascular health, tone muscles, improve stamina and flexibility, and release tightness, you will feel challenged, yet successful. Our yoga practice links the breath with the poses and builds core aliveness as you release resistance and layers of tension. Whether you are a beginner or have a consistent practice, this class gives you a holistic approach for a strong metabolism! Wear comfortable clothing and bring your yoga mat. Our yoga class includes asanas/poses and pranayama/breath techniques with a theme/intention to awaken and

integrate the body-breath-mind experience. We focus on asanas for specific areas of the physical for the body, working with the breath, keeping the mind focused in the present experience. Each week we go through the body fully with sequences enabling self-exploration and self-transformation.

*Kristi Ried-Barton is a registered yoga trainer, life coach, nutritionist and director of It's Yoga! Studio. She teaches classes, gives private sessions, provides an in-depth study of yoga/ teacher training, conducts retreats, and facilitates workshops. A teacher since 1979, Kristi is known for her detailed instruction, inspiration and nurturing compassion.*

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### **HFE628 Ayurveda: The Science of Living Your Best Health**

*Monday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.,  
Herring Center, Larkin (HC104)*

Ayurveda originated in India and dates back more than 500 years. Ayurveda's purpose is to influence, transform,

extend our lives regardless of environment and without interference from sickness, disease or aging. In class, discover your unique DNA blueprint to improve diet, exercise, daily and seasonal routines. Learn the Science of Food, build meal plans with demonstrated insights to support your Ayurveda blueprint, gain guidelines for shopping and adding tasty nutrients and recipes to reduce inflammation to the body (the root cause of much pain and disease). Practice Ayurveda exercises to prepare your mind-body for daily activity. Experience guided meditation to activate your healing centers from mind to heart to digestive systems. Learn daily massage and routines for living a more comfortable, balanced life.

*A retired career professional and lifelong learner, Donna Dau has spent over 30 years as an Ayurveda Practitioner studying with experts, helping others find lasting well-being physically, mentally, spiritually.*

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### **LIT109a Experienced Writers Write On**

*Monday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.,  
Herring Center, Huff (HC105)*

If your goal for spring is to kick up your writing skills, this is the class for you! "Experienced Writers" will help you create and communicate through concept development, drafting, and revision as you journey toward more effective writing skills. Structure and usage are tools for compelling prose and poetry. Writing prompts will enhance your creativity, and you will receive instructor feedback on each submission. Participants may also offer selections from their long-term writing projects, both fiction and non-fiction. Class size is limited so that every student has an opportunity to present. This is NOT a class for beginners. Completion of a writing course or demonstrated experience is required.

*Dr. Judith Chandler is a retired Furman professor and has taught at OLLI since its inception. She is also an artist and community volunteer.*

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## **Get involved in our community of learners**

OLLI@Furman thrives on member involvement and is led by a volunteer council, elected by the membership under policies and procedures adopted by the members. We encourage everyone to be a part of the OLLI community by volunteering in some capacity within the program. Full participation can give you a sense of ownership while you have fun meeting new friends.

**Administration and Finance Committee** decides on the length of terms, membership fees, expenditure of endowment funds, etc. Generally meets once a term.

**Class Liaisons** act as a bridge between the instructor, students and the office staff in a class in which they are currently enrolled. Give weekly updates from OLLI Notes and general assistance to instructor.

**Curriculum Committee** seeks competent instructors to teach a well-balanced variety of classes. Subcommittees are based on interest areas from history to art to hobbies. Usually meets three times a term to plan the courses for the following term.

**Instructor Support Committee** supports our incredible faculty through mentors, evaluations and training sessions. Meets a couple of times each term.

**OLLILife** is produced four times a year and includes articles and information from the membership and committees. Writers, photographers and editors are always needed!

**Instructors** are all volunteers with a love of learning and sharing their ideas and life lessons.

**Long-Range Planning Committee** considers the needs and goals for three, five and ten years into the future.

**Office Assistants** greet people while getting to know a lot about the program and how it works, from phone calls and registrations to battery replacements and shelving books. Can work around your schedule.

**Social Committee** plans our fun times together outside the classroom and is made up of a few who coordinate the many members. Hosts events all year long.

**Volunteer Committee** encourages member involvement, working to match those interested in volunteering with opportunities on OLLI committees as well as other aspects of the OLLI @ Furman program.

For more information, contact Heidi Wright at [heidi.wright@furman.edu](mailto:heidi.wright@furman.edu) or **864.294.2997**. You can also indicate your interest on your registration form.

## LIT118 Fiction Writing II Workshop

Monday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Herring Center, Vick Seminar (HC102)

This class is for beginning or experienced writers who want to participate in a fiction writing workshop. Each session will involve sharing fiction submissions that you will write for this class and send to me by email. Each submission will be writing exercises based on the chapters in the text. I will collect your submissions and mail them back out to all participants. We will do constructive critiquing, laid out more in a workshop format than a

## 4 Week Courses QUICK REFERENCE

CEB1702	<b>Go Out With a Plan</b>
CEB1791	<b>Preserve Your Wealth and Your Legacy</b>
CEB1797	<b>Silver Tsunami - Real Estate Planning</b>
CEB1798	<b>Faith &amp; Finance - Steward Your Finances</b>
HFE509	<b>Walk and Talk</b>
HFE527	<b>Yoga Therapy for Injuries</b>
HFE570	<b>Beginners Pickleball</b>
HIS972	<b>The War in the Pacific</b>
HIS974	<b>Traveling Greece</b>
LAN703	<b>German I</b>
LAN796	<b>German V</b>
LIT100a	<b>Let's Read and Talk</b>
LIT100b	<b>Let's Read and Talk</b>
LIT102	<b>Robert Frost: The Man and the Enigma</b>
PAH820	<b>Fabric Creations Outside the Box</b>
PAH884a	<b>The Most Fabulous Chefs in Greenville</b>
PAH884b	<b>The Most Fabulous Chefs in Greenville</b>
PAH917	<b>Felting 2D &amp; 3D Fiber Arts</b>
PAH918	<b>Instant Pot for Beginners and Skeptics</b>
PPG1346	<b>Current Trends in Psychological Research</b>
PPG1350	<b>Mindfulness for Daily Life</b>
SNM1119	<b>Revolutionary Minds</b>
SNM1121	<b>The Wild World of Military Aircraft</b>

lecture format. We will discuss dividing class time up so that everyone has a chance to share their work. It is not necessary for participants to have been in Fiction Writing I.

*William C. Burns, Jr. is an award winning, internationally published author of fiction, poetry, and theater.*

## PAH829a Holiday Zentangle

Monday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Meets online, Z

During the year – or during one's life – many holidays happen - times to remember and times to celebrate. Some are the familiar Holidays like Hallowe'en, Christmas, and Birthdays. Others may be a bit more personal like anniversaries, graduations or special celebrations. Zentangle Drawing is a wonderful embellishment for any holiday. It can be in the form of cards, decorations, coasters, pictures, ornaments – limited only by one's imagination. Come join the fun making ways to celebrate holidays with the joy of Zentangle Drawing. Materials Fee: \$45. Due to the instructor prior to class. All Materials will be sent to students prior to the first class.

*Pam Stevenson is a lifelong artist in multiple disciplines including sewing, quilting, embroidery, papercrafts, and drawing. She has been a Certified Zentangle Teacher since 2015 and has taught Zentangle Drawing at OLLI for several years.*

## PAH932 Banded Cross Stitch Specialty Stitches

Monday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Herring Center, Small Arts/Crafts (HC113)

This course will explore specialty stitches and is not a course for beginners. Students will choose either linen or an even weave fabric (no aida). Students can decide if they want to do a practice piece or work on the pattern (which may not be completed during the semester). The total pattern has 28 specialty stitches (e.g. Norwich stitch, Ray stitch, Sheaf stitch) so we will be learning 2 or more a week. There will be work to complete between classes if working on the actual pattern. Contact the instructor (ktymonko@gmail.com) to obtain supply list to purchase prior to the first class.

*Kathy Tymonko has been cross stitching for over forty years. She works at a*

*cross-stitch store and enjoys attending retreats to meet other stitchers.*

## PAH956 Introduction to Gelli Plate Printing

Monday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Herring Center, Graham (HC005)

Modern gelli plates are soft, squishy surfaces that are fun to use, and which artists use to produce amazing prints and papers. We will introduce the basics of gelli plate printing using acrylic paints, and then move on to making layered designs using additional art supplies and techniques such as stencils, masks and stamping, as well as adding alcohol-based markers, mica powders and more. We will experiment with color and creativity, and you will end up with papers that can be used in card making, collage, or even as stand-alone prints. Materials Fee: \$55.

*Barbara Stoop is a member of the Guild of American Papercutters and has taught at OLLI and the John C. Campbell Folk School. She is a retired Presbyterian minister and enjoys art of all kinds.*

## RPH901 The Hebrew Prophets I

Monday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Herring Center, President's Conference (HC103)

In this course we will read and discuss the Hebrew prophets—Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the 12 minor prophets. The course will continue over the entire year—fall, winter and spring terms, but it is not necessary to commit to the entire course. We will discuss the historical backgrounds of the prophets, their literary art, and their messages. Emphasis will be on an interactive discussion-oriented class.

*Fred Leffert is a Greenville physician with a lifelong interest in Jewish Studies. He has taught many Hebrew classes since 2000.*

## LIT109b Experienced Writers Write On

Monday, 3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m., Herring Center, Huff (HC105)

If your goal for spring is to kick up your writing skills, this is the class for you! "Experienced Writers" will help you create and communicate through concept development, drafting, and revision as you journey toward more

effective writing skills. Structure and usage are tools for compelling prose and poetry. Writing prompts will enhance your creativity, and you will receive instructor feedback on each submission. Participants may also offer selections from their long-term writing projects, both fiction and non-fiction. Class size is limited so that every student has an opportunity to present. This is NOT a class for beginners. Completion of a writing course or demonstrated experience is required.

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## Tuesday

### PHO1713 Outdoor Nature Photography

*Tuesday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Meets offsite*

Come join us as we photograph and explore the great outdoors of Upstate South Carolina and Western North Carolina. Fall is a particularly wonderful time to be out and about in nature, practicing our photography skills, while sharing knowledge and camaraderie with fellow enthusiasts. This class is open to photographers at all skill levels. We will typically carpool from the Herring Center and then drive up to an hour to reach our destinations. Those that prefer not to carpool can meet at the destination at the designated time. Our carpool departure time will be 8:00 a.m. (some locations will require us to leave at 7:00 a.m.) so that we can best take advantage of the morning light. We will plan to return to the Herring Center no later than 2 PM. The course is more about walking than hiking and we will take the time to enjoy photography and nature. All levels welcome, including cellphone photographers.

*Meir Peretz has experience in landscape and nature photography, beginning in high school. He from CA in 2022 where he specialized in desert views, hiking, and travel. His photos are visible at <http://www.meirperetzphotography.com>.*

### CEB1707 Retirement Wealth Management

*Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Vick Seminar (HC102)*

In this course, we will discuss important retirement wealth management concepts. Investment ideas include ways to build low-cost, diversified portfolios that produce income and growth. Tax ideas include ways to reduce taxes on distributions from 401(k)s and IRAs. Risk management ideas include ways to pre-fund long term care. Estate planning ideas include ways to minimize probate fees and other estate settlement costs. Please note: this class is not designed for beginners; students should have a good working knowledge of retirement finance. Materials fee: \$25 (due to instructor at first class).

*Bland Burkhardt and Robby Flink are Wealth Advisors at Goepper Burkhardt. They both maintain the Certified Financial Planner™ designation. In addition, Bland Burkhardt is registered as a CPA in the state of South Carolina.*

### HFE509 Walk and Talk

*Tuesday, 9-11:15 a.m., Meets offsite*

This is a fall walking class for people who want to stretch their legs but are not quite up to serious hiking. We will visit four relatively flat walkable areas with paved trails, such as Furman's Swan Lake Loop, Conestee Nature Preserve, portions of the Swamp Rabbit Trail, and/or historic downtown Greenville. The walks will each be about 3 miles taken at a relaxed pace. We'll start early before it gets too hot and try to get back to our cars by 11:00-11:30 (depending on whether we stop for a snack). This four-week course begins October 14.

*Sally Bornmueller is a retired HR systems professional who has taught several OLLI walking, history and computer classes. She enjoys this walking class with no desire to "graduate" to hiking.*

### HIS969 Aircraft Carriers Then and Now

*Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Crabtree (HC110)*

The Aircraft Carrier has been the preeminent United States Navy warship since Pearl Harbor, the "battleship"

of modern naval warfare. From its early innovations to refining its modern force projection capabilities, the carriers/embarked aircraft team have dominated American military and political presence requirements for 85 years. This course will provide appreciation for the ships, aircraft and crew who 'manned' these behemoths through WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War and Post-Cold War uncertainties. The instructor will take you on an insider's tour of life on board to help you understand a world most never see, given his 20 years' operational experience flying aboard and deploying in carrier operations.

*Bill Blackledge is a retired Naval Officer and national security/historical consultant that connects history to current events. He has global experience in analytical application to policy and organizations.*

### HIS972 The War in the Pacific

*Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Piper (HC111)*

This course will describe the origins of the War in the Pacific Theater of World War II. Topics to be covered are the Meiji Restoration, the causes of the conflict between the U.S. and Japan and the conduct of the war and its aftermath. This four-week course begins October 14.

*Philip Decallejon is a Financial Advisor working in Greenville. He served 7 years in the Air Force including 19 months in Korea learning about the history of U.S. involvement in the Western Pacific.*

### HIS973 How to Be a Good Citizen

*Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Campbell (HC004)*

What does it mean to be a good citizen—and why does it matter? This course explores the foundations of civic life by drawing on classical thinkers like Plato and Aristotle, Enlightenment philosophers such as Locke and Montesquieu, and the wisdom of America's Founders. We'll examine core ideas like justice, liberty, virtue, and the common good, and consider how they apply to modern democratic life. Alongside these theoretical foundations, we'll look at current challenges—polarization, misinformation, civic disengagement—and discuss practical ways to respond.

Each session will include discussion, short readings, and opportunities to reflect on how we can each take part in strengthening our communities and institutions. The goal is to better understand not just the rights of citizenship, but its responsibilities—and to become more thoughtful, engaged participants in our shared civic life.

*Ken Roper '91, born and raised in South Carolina's mountains, brings decades of public service, legal expertise, and civic leadership—as a prosecutor, judge, county attorney, community advocate, and self-described "low-level bureaucrat"—to this course.*

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### LIT100a Let's Read and Talk

*Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, President's Conference (HC103)*

Join our lively book group for open discussion every other week during the Fall Term. We will discuss a different book at each class session. Be ready to contribute your comments and thoughts by reading ahead of the first-class meeting, September 9: "Redeployment" by Phil Klay and September 23: "James" by Percival Everett. Class members will select the remaining three books at the first session.

*Patricia Shakiban and Dan Scieszka, OLLI members will be the class moderators.*

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### LIT100b Let's Read and Talk

*Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Meets online, Z*

Join our lively book group for open discussion every other week during the Fall Term. We will discuss a different book at each class session. Be ready to contribute your comments and thoughts by reading ahead of the first-class meeting, September 16: "Redeployment" by Phil Klay and September 30: "James" by Percival Everett. Class members will select the remaining three books at the first session.

*Patricia Shakiban and Dan Scieszka, OLLI members will be the class moderators.*

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### MUS301 Beginning Guitar

*Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Small Arts/Crafts (HC113)*

Let's make some music - all you need is a guitar. A class perfectly suited for beginners; we'll have a great time learning to play chords and strumming patterns to go along with those hits from the 60s. Attendance during the first weeks of class is required.

Materials fee: \$5 (due to instructor at first class).

*Jann Howell has a master's degree in music and will lead this course. Bill Enloe will assist with this course.*

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### PAH863 Who Doesn't Like Magic

*Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Huff (HC105)*

Want to perform MAGIC for your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, or friends? Want a hobby that makes people feel good, smile, and clap their hands? Want to enroll in a class that will be so much fun you will not be able to wait for the next class? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then enroll in the Furman OLLI MAGIC class. We will NOT be teaching finger busting sleight of hand but rather simple magic tricks that will amaze and amuse. C'mon, learn a lifelong passion. After all, Who Doesn't Like MAGIC? You will need one deck of cards. Required book: "Magic: The Complete Course" by Joshua Jay (ISBN 0761149872).

*Paul DiLella, a retired banker, started this hobby while in the United States Air Force and has been performing MAGIC since 1978. Ray McClelland will assist with this course.*

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### SNM1120 Epidemics and History

*Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Larkin (HC104)*

Explore the dramatic story of epidemics from the Paleolithic Age to modern times in this engaging course. Discover how early human settlements sparked the rise of contagious diseases, and how the Enlightenment ushered in breakthroughs in science and vaccine development. Trace the impact of European exploration and the slave trade on the spread of devastating illnesses during the Columbian Exchange.

We'll examine how humanity gradually

gained control over epidemics by the 18th century, and highlight the vital work of global health organizations in combating disease and promoting education in underserved regions. Finally, we'll delve into the mission and evolution of the U.S. Public Health System. Join us for a compelling journey through the intersections of history, science, and public health.

*Karen McCombe has a master's degree in biology and is a retired physical therapist. Her special interests are reading, travel, crafts, gardening, environmental studies, and taking OLLI courses. She also teaches geology in alternate years.*

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### ART118 Religion and Art

*Tuesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Huff (HC105)*

This course examines the important relationship between religion and art. In most religious traditions, art is not merely an optional "add-on," somethings extra that can be either embraced or discarded; rather, art is an essential element in a community's beliefs and ways of worship. The focus in this course is on two religious traditions, Eastern Orthodox Christianity and Islam, each of which has its own unique form of visual art. In Orthodox Christianity, we will focus on icons, the sacred images that are its distinctive feature. In Islam, we will focus on calligraphy, the quintessential form of Islamic sacred art. For each religion, we will also study its architectural traditions—church architecture in Orthodoxy and mosque architecture in Islam. By the end of the course, we will appreciate the way in which beauty is so important to the life of these religious traditions.

*Dr. Stulting has taught Religion and English at Furman for over 40 years. His teaching specialties are Religion & Art, Religion & Literature, and Middle Eastern Christianity. He travels often to Turkey with students.*

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### CEB1737 American Political Discourse Today: A Historical View

*Tuesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Larkin (HC104)*

This course (4th iteration) offers participants an opportunity to hear and discuss American political and cultural issues in a safe environment. Some issues divide us, but by how

much and do we depend on the media a bit too much to measure that? The course will lean into historical, academic, and evidentiary based sources on current events and issues you want to discuss. Some curriculum is structured, but what is discussed in detail will reflect your preferences. We will analyze the path of America's political parties, Constitutional structures and institutions, and cultural evolution to better understand where we are today. Through media analysis tools, we will find ways to honestly critique the credibility of what you read, watch and hear to form your opinions. You will discover where the wind blows in your media comfort zone and decide if that is healthy for you, or not. Here is an opportunity to familiarize yourself with the tactics and techniques media and politicians embrace to gain your support. The course and moderator will champion every effort to stay neutral and offer only evidentiary based observations. The course does not endorse any political preference or party and will hear what you have to say. It is a tool to exist with confidence in the current American political chapter. Chatham House rules (non-attribution and respect) will be observed.

*Bill Blacklidge is a retired Naval Officer and national security/historical consultant that connects history to current events. He has global experience in analytical application to policy and organizations.*

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### **HFE623 Intermediate Pickleball**

*Tuesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., North Village Pavilion, Pickleball Courts*

Looking to improve your game and take your skills to the next level? Our Intermediate Pickleball class is designed for players who have mastered the basics and are eager to refine their technique. Whether you're looking to sharpen your strategy or boost your overall performance on the court, this class provides instruction in a fun, supportive environment.

The primary focus on this class is skills & drills. Timing of the class is scheduled so students have the option of staying at the end of every class and playing with the OLLI SIG at 1:00. Planned topics include: Advanced shot placement, dinking

and soft game techniques, 3rd shot drops & drives, dealing with bangers, neutralizing attacks, defensive skills, strategy and better decision making.

**Prerequisites:** This class is not for beginners. Players should have a solid understanding of the game and are actively playing at least twice a week. Players should be able to play in fast paced games, demonstrate good court positioning and maintain consistent rallies with partners and opponents. Please do not register for this course if you have taken it previously.

*Ray McClelland, Anne Bonn, and Karen Wright are pickleball enthusiasts who enjoy teaching the game in a fun and instructive manner.*

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### **HIS970 India: From Ancient Empires to Global Powerhouse**

*Tuesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Campbell (HC004)*

India, the world's largest democracy, is poised to become the most populous nation by 2028, surpassing China. As a rising economic power and nuclear-armed state, India plays a crucial role in shaping regional stability and global geopolitics. Understanding India's development is essential for addressing world challenges such as economic inequality, religious pluralism, and post-colonial nation-building. This eight-session course explores India's ancient and medieval history, the British Raj, and the independence movement. The final sessions examine Partition, its aftermath, and the socio-political dynamics of India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh, emphasizing Hindu-Muslim relations and internal factions critical to understanding global conflict resolution.

*Jim Nicholson teaches diverse OLLI courses, including history, popular culture, etc. Exploring topics that interest him, he finds that teaching these subjects deepens his knowledge both through research and contributions of fellow OLLI members.*

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### **MUS211 Forever Young: Bob Dylan in the 21st Century**

*Tuesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Crabtree (HC110)*

In 2021, the "voice of the sixties" turned 80. Bob Dylan has continued to tour and record, and his vast body

of work has achieved a mastery of form and content that is unsurpassed among songwriters. This course will consider well-known and not so well-known selections of Dylan's work from 1962 to 2022, with an emphasis on the ethical and spiritual depth that underlies his greatest work. We will listen to and discuss songs that capture the enduring genius and provocative message of the great American troubadour. Join us for a detailed exploration of the genius of Bob Dylan. This course is a continuation of a course taught in Spring 2025. That course is not a prerequisite.

*Tony Owens is a semi-retired business consultant and instructional developer with post-graduate degrees in English and American literature and teaching experience on the undergraduate and adult-learning levels. He has previously taught OLLI courses on Bob Dylan, Characters of the Renaissance and Traditional Music.*

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### **MUS304 Haydn and Mozart: The Classical Period**

*Tuesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Piper (HC111), H*

Haydn and Mozart are the 2 giants of the Classical Period (ca. 1750-1800). One had a long life, one a very short life—and both changed the trajectory of music. We'll listen to bunches of music (that you know!) and travel through their lives to understand what precipitated their musical works.

*Jann Howell has a master's degree in music theory/composition. She taught public school strings/band for 30 years.*

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### **PAH805 Handmade Christmas Cards**

*Tuesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Graham (HC005)*

If you have ever wanted to make handmade Christmas Cards but have had no idea where to begin then this is the class for you. We will cover what a basic tool kit consists of. You will get hands-on use of cutting machines along with the different types of dies that are on the market today. We will play with the different kinds of rubber stamps, ink pads, and coloring mediums available to you. A total of 16 different card designs will be made with an instructor who will share over

## Lunch & Learn Tuesdays

Speakers from the community will present a variety of interesting topics. Free and open to the public, 12:30-1:20 p.m., HC110. Invite your friends.

- Sept. 9 **Greenville Theater: Celebrating 100 years in Greenville.** Max Quinlan, Producing Artistic Director for the Greenville Theater
- Sept. 16 **Reflections and Memories on a Long and Wonderful Career Nationally and in the Upstate.** Jack Roper, longtime WSPA 7 News Weatherman and TV Host
- Sept. 23 **New Ideas for Habitat's Home Ownership.** LaTonya Phillips, President and CEO, Habitat for Humanity for Greenville County
- Sept. 30 **Places of Hope within the Community.** Nick Bush, Director of Homeless Services
- Oct. 7 **Technologies for Mitigating Climate Change.** Dr. John MacCarthy, Adjunct Physics Instructor at Wofford College and Current OLLI Instructor
- Oct. 14 **When the Reedy River Ran Red: 100 years of Waste Treatment in Greenville.** George Fletcher, Board Member of ReWa
- Oct. 21 **Conestee Nature Preserve: An Accessible Retreat Into Nature!** Josh Zalabak, Advancement Director for Conestee Nature Preserve
- Oct. 28 **A Reclusive Artist, a Southern Ghost Town, and a Poetry Loving Dog: Drawing Inspiration from Real Life to Craft an Award Winning Novel.** Jo Hackl, Attorney at Law, Wyche Law Firm, Southern Book Prize winner, Publishers Weekly Bestseller, Read Across America Selection
- Nov. 4 **The Colorful Life of SC Native John Laurens and His Contributions to the Revolutionary War.** Dr. John Barrington, Professor of History at Furman University

30 years of tips and tricks to take the stress out of Card Making. This is a beginner friendly class. Materials fee: \$45 (due to instructor at first class).

*Kimberly Hellams has been a mixed media artist, instructor and paper crafter for over 30 years. She shares her art on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram. Shaun Hellams will assist with this course.*

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### PAH892 Learn to Knit with Dish Cloths

*Tuesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, President's Conference (HC103)*

Have you wanted to learn to knit? This is your chance to learn the basics and then some. Each week will start a new dish cloth so skills like casting-on and binding-off can be repeated regularly for max learning. After learning the knit and purl stitches we'll move on to patterns, lace, and cables. Yarn and needles will be provided on the first day of class.

*Heather Buono has been knitting for many years and enjoys sharing what she has learned with others.*

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### PAH930 Advanced Bridge

*Tuesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Herring Center, Small Arts/Crafts (HC113)*

This course is for experienced intermediate players who have mastered the basics and want to move on to the next level. Our goal is to provide an enjoyable and challenging interactive learning experience which will enhance your understanding and appreciation of the game and of course improve your results at the table. Subjects covered will include competitive bidding, advanced hand evaluation, Jacoby 2NT, negative doubles, Roman Key Card Blackwood, new minor and 4th suit forcing, reverses and two over one game forcing. Upon completion you will be a more knowledgeable and successful competitor whether you play social, club or tournament bridge. Copy fee of \$5 due to OLLI at first class.

*John Clancy is an accredited bridge teacher with over 25 years of experience and a Gold Life Master. Karen Clancy, a Bronze Life Master, will assist with this course.*

### PHO1719 Beauty of Birds

*Tuesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Vick Seminar (HC102)*

This 5-week course, from August 19 to September 16, is designed to help experienced photographers master the art of bird photography in outdoor settings. The two instructors will guide you through the technical skills and creative approaches needed to capture stunning images of birds in their natural habitat. Throughout the course, you will learn essential techniques of using long lenses, understanding light, composing still and action shots and identifying bird species.

In addition to three class meetings at the Herring Center, two field trips to the Nut House in Clemson, S.C. (<https://www.carlackerman.com>) will allow you to expand your photography skills in a unique backyard bird oasis. These sessions will be provided at no charge to students enrolled in this course. A tripod with a ball or gimbal head may be necessary, depending on the image stabilization capability of your camera and lens system.

By the end of the course, you will have the confidence to photograph birds perched on branches, in flight and interacting with their surroundings. The goal is for you to leave with a portfolio of beautiful images, a deeper appreciation for the art of photographing birds and hopefully, the desire to continue this challenging yet rewarding genre of photography.

*Bernard Robin is a retired university professor and passionate nature photographer. David Schutzman has been practicing and studying photography since the 1970s and has a particular love of capturing the natural beauty around us.*

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### HIS912 Titanic Sinks! A Media Event

*Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Meets online, Z*

Titanic sank the night of April 14-15, 1912. This course examines how the mass media of the day – newspapers, magazines, books, film, and sheet music, to name a few – covered the sinking and contributed to understanding the disaster both then and now. Discussion will

emphasize American and British newspaper coverage and the influence of emerging technologies on reporting and society. Also featured: Advertising and the nascent public relations industries as they responded with what we now call "crisis communications," a role that, though refined over the years, remains much the same with each new natural or human-made calamity. Finally, we will examine the Titanic in public memory and its influence on our culture to this day. This six-week course begins September 16 and ends October 21. This course is offered in partnership with OLLI @ NC State.

*Dr. Frank Fee is a retired associate professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at UNC-Chapel Hill, where he taught graduate and undergraduate media history courses. He was also an editor and reporter in daily newspapers for nearly 35 years.*

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### **CEB1797 Silver Tsunami - Real Estate Planning For Retirement**

*Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Herring Center, Vick Seminar (HC102)*

Dubbed the "silver tsunami," the Boomer Generation has a significant influence on the housing industry across the US and has used real estate to improve financial affairs while creating a more enjoyable lifestyle. This course will cover current trends in real estate related to real estate needs in retirement. These topics will include downsizing/rightsizing, transfer of wealth through real estate, how to use home equity for financial future, estate planning, and trusts. We will also cover active adult communities and more recent trends including multi-generational properties, ADUs, and in-law suites. You will leave this course with a tactical plan to downsize or right-size in retirement, clarity on the transfer of wealth to your heirs, and a strategy to use the equity in your home to invest in real estate. This four-week course ends September 30.

*Lindsey Kovach is a local realtor in Travelers Rest. Her business specializes in helping families upgrade and downsize locally. She believes in supporting clients in connection to people and groups within our community.*

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### **HFE629 Introduction to Self Defense**

*Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Herman W. Lay Physical Activities Center, Group Fitness Studio*

Simple, effective, efficient self-defense based on Wing Chun and Jeet Kune Do principles. Learn the basics of self-defense and have fun while doing so. Geared to all ages and abilities, this style of defense is based on hundreds of years of practices and experience passed down from the Ip Man legacy.

*Rob Stockton, a former US Marine, brings over 15 years of self-defense training in the martial arts styles, Jeet Kune Do and Wing Chun, made famous by the Ip Man legacy student Bruce Lee.*

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### **HIS629a Post Cold War Espionage & Covert Operations**

*Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Herring Center, Crabtree (HC110)*

This course will explain espionage and covert operation actions that either caused or supported the outcomes of major international events we all experienced in the news. The classes will include some of the following events:

How the Israeli Mossad helped neutralized the Iraqi atomic weapon threat; the high-profile mission to eliminate Osama bin Laden; the use of ECO teams in the US-led invasions of Panama and Grenada to their mixed successes during Operation Iraqi Freedom and the attempt to rescue US Embassy hostages in Iran; a number of other ECO activities in pivotal campaigns such as the liberation of Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm and the swift invasion of Afghanistan; the ECO support for NATO operations during the Balkans War and their critical role in assisting Ukraine against Russian aggression.

Participants will experience these operations from the point of view of the decision makers and see how each ECO case succeeded or failed due to the poor intelligence collected. Finally, we will look ahead to current and future trends in espionage and special operations, highlighting their evolving role in a rapidly changing security landscape. Join us to gain a comprehensive understanding of how these covert activities shape global

affairs and strategic outcomes.

*Bob Fannin worked at Army Intelligence School and is a thirty-year member of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers with a master's in information science.*

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### **HIS971 Movements in American Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and Civil Rights**

*Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Herring Center, Piper (HC111)*

This course will cover topics that may be graphic in nature, so participant discretion is advised. This class will cover the American way of life in the New South under the Reconstruction and how it evolved into life under Jim Crow rules. This will cover many topics such as voter suppression, convict lease systems, and sharecropping as well as the rise of various groups serving both good and bad causes. It will discuss the events in Forsyth County, Georgia, special legal cases, events such as the Tulsa Burning, Lynch Laws, etc. The latter part of the class will cover major Civil Rights events such as the Albany Movement, March to Montgomery, The Children's March, and the Freedom Rides and others that led to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The class will show how American society attitudes evolved over a century of unmitigated tension between various groups.

*Donald Little served in the United States Marine Corps and United States Army from 1991 to 2015. After retirement from the military, Don instructed Georgia Studies in Cobb County, Georgia at Daniell Middle school.*

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### **HIS974 Traveling Greece**

*Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Herring Center, Larkin (HC104)*

Amy and Christopher Blackwell spent eight weeks in 2024 hiking around Greece. Amy is a historian and botanist; Christopher is a Classicist. They will share stories, pictures, and insights into the Greece of today and the Greece of the past. Topics will include mythology, ancient culture, ancient and modern food, agriculture, and geography. This four-week course ends September 30.

*Christopher Blackwell is a professor of Classics at Furman. Amy Hackney*

Blackwell has degrees in History, Law, and Botany. They are the authors of "Mythology for Dummies" and articles on botany and ancient manuscripts.

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### LIT110 Discovering Carl Sandburg

Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Herring Center, Campbell (HC004), H

During the first half of the twentieth century, Carl Sandburg seemed to be everywhere and do everything: poet and political activist; investigative reporter, columnist, and film critic; lecturer, folk singer, and musicologist; Lincoln biographer and historian; children's author; novelist; and media celebrity. But as time went on, his fame began to fade, and by the twenty-first century, the public knew little, if anything, about his legacy. The class is structured as a 12-hour tour of the Sandburg Home in Flat Rock, NC, and is informed by my book, "Discovering Carl Sandburg." Historical context, images, humorous anecdotes, and quotations as well as visual and audio recordings by Sandburg and those who wrote about his life and work and/or knew him personally are featured. Participants will develop new understandings of the depth and breadth of Sandburg's accomplishments. He deserves to regain his place in American culture.

Dr. Quinley wrote the book, *Discovering Carl Sandburg*. He is a former docent at the Sandburg Home and a retired college administrator and faculty member with degrees in Higher Education Administration, Humanities, and Psychology.

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### MUS305 Guitar Theory and Application

Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Herring Center, Small Arts/Crafts (HC113)

Do you want to dive deeper and go beyond the basics of playing the guitar? If so, this course is for you! The class will cover the musical alphabet, scales and scale patterns, chords and chord construction, the CAGED system, Circle of Fifths and many other fundamentals that will give you tools that will add to your understanding and knowledge of playing guitar. Bring your guitar and let's have some fun learning together.

Mike Vaughn has played guitar for many years and has taught guitar lessons. His desire is to share knowledge of playing while still

learning more about playing!

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### PAH810 Card Making

Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Herring Center, Graham (HC005)

Do you like cards that are different, ones that will WOW your recipient? Well, this class is for you! Each week we will focus on a different type of folded card. For example, you will learn how to make cards with elements that fold, slide, swing, or pop-up.

During the first session, we will discuss simple design and layout and which types of adhesives (glue vs sticky tape) work best for different parts of your construction. Each week you will receive a handout with complete instructions for the card you will be making that week. If time permits, you may make more than one card each week. Lots of plain, colored and printed card stock and paper will be available for your use. In addition, we will have two die-cutting machines, punches and pre-made die-cuts and templates for you to use.

The class materials fee will be \$45 payable during the first class by cash, check, or Zelle.

Dr. Joan Cassidy-Huck is a multi-media artist. She currently creates jewelry using metal, wire, leather, polymer clay and a variety of other embellishments. Lately, she has been making greeting cards as well as boxes and bags using a variety of mixed media and embellishments.

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### PAH955 Knitting an Ugly Christmas Sweater

Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Herring Center, President's Conference (HC103)

This course is a follow-on to the summer, Design an Ugly Christmas Sweater. We'll take our designs and knit a sweater to wear for the holiday season. Students should be experienced knitters and have a pattern to start knitting.

Heather Buono has been knitting for many years and enjoys sharing what she has learned with others.

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### PPG1409 Perspectives on Death and Dying

Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Herring Center, Huff (HC105)

The nature of life includes the eventuality of death, and how we view

this final rite of passage informs the way we live our lives. This class will explore various attitudes toward death and dying, addressing such questions as how we can change the end-of-life experience for ourselves and our loved ones in a death-phobic society obsessed with eternal youth.

Through the lens of various cultural, religious and philosophical approaches to death and dying, we will uncover the gifts inherent in living with an acute awareness of our mortality, exploring such topics as the concept of a "good death," the truth of the axiom "we die the way we live," and we will examine and reframe the root of grief traditionally associated with the reality of our own demise or that of our loved ones. Join us as, together, we explore new perspectives on death and dying through personal reflection and class discussion, through film, literature, and journaling.

Please note that students will be challenged to think about ideas that require emotional stamina and may be uncomfortable at times. If you are ready to dig deep in a supportive environment, however, the class provides rich, varied opportunities to clarify and recalibrate your perspectives on this topic, resulting in a lighter, more peaceful approach to life, dying and death. Suggested Reading List (not required): Atul Gawande, "Being Mortal." Paul Kalanithi, "When Breath Becomes Air."

Leigh Berman, MA, is an ordained interfaith minister and interdisciplinary teacher, end-of-life doula and grief coach. She provides spiritual and emotional support around death and dying, bereavement, grief, and loss of dream, helping individuals and families explore new ways to approach the continuum of life.

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### LAN708 Introduction to American Sign Language

Tuesday, 3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m., Herring Center, Larkin (HC104)

In this course, we will explore Deaf culture, history and community. We will learn how to fingerspell and count. We will practice using basic vocabulary and utilize expressive and receptive skills through simple conversations in American Sign Language (ASL).

Katie Rabe earned a degree from Flagler College in Deaf Education

way back in the 90's. She taught mostly hearing students over the years including teaching her own children to sign before speaking. Logan Rabe is a senior in high school and will assist with this course.

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### **LIT112 Poetry Writing Workshop**

*Tuesday, 3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m., Herring Center, Vick Seminar (HC102)*

This course is a highly participatory approach to poetic forms for beginning or experienced poets. Students will write poems, keep a poet's journal, write and share poetry with the other participants. We'll discuss tips on writing your poems, finding your voice, and the impact of different poetical forms. Topics will be: What is poetry and how do I begin to write? Popular Types of poetry. Exposing Poetry's Bones: what poetry is made of? How do I keep a journal? Poetical forms like sonnets, sestinas, narrative poems, and more.

This is more of a workshop than a series of lectures. We will spend most of our class time discussing the poetical topics and reviewing the poems you submit every week.

*William C. Burns, Jr. is an award winning, internationally published author of fiction, poetry, and theater. Several of his original poetical productions have been presented by OLLI.*

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### **HFE515 Aquacize**

*Tuesday & Thursday, 9-10 a.m., Herman W. Lay Physical Activities Center, Pool*

Aquacize is a combination of strength training, toning, flexibility, and cardio routines using the resistance of the water for physical improvement and the buoyancy of the water to alleviate strain on muscles, bones, and joints. This course emphasizes full range of motion and balance. The ability to swim is not a requirement, and we do not put our faces in the water. The co-instructors lead exercises while in the water, and a lifeguard watches over the class from poolside. Water temperature is around 80 degrees. *Greg Parker has been an OLLI member since 2008. Dorothy Buschmann will assist with this course. They have participated in Aquacize at OLLI and in their community for years.*

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## **Wednesday**

### **HFE504 Anthony's Intermediate Hiking**

*Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Herring Center, Parking Lot (front of Timmons)*

We will be hiking distances of plus or minus four to twelve miles with elevation gains approximating (at the very most) as much as two thousand feet. However, we will be hiking at an intermediate pace, depending on the elevation changes, trail conditions, water crossings, etc. We will take time to stop along the trails to take in waterfalls, panoramic views, tranquil lakes and gurgling streams. Before beginning every hike, we will allow time for stretching. We will allow ample time for lunch and will try to make our lunch stops at places with beautiful views. We will sometimes stop to identify various types of flora. *Anthony Cicone, retired Presbyterian Minister, has been walking through the woods since he was a child. He still enjoys sharing this form of recreation with others. Elsie Cicone will assist with this course.*

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### **CEB1702 Go Out With a Plan**

*Wednesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Vick Seminar (HC102)*

Many people spend more time planning this year's vacation than developing a plan for their end of life. Through lecture and discussion, we will review and discuss not only the reasons this happens, but the difficulties it will cause for both you and any potential caregivers. We will look at the items that need to be included in your plan as well as exploring what will make a good plan for you. The development of a good plan will not only make your remaining years more enjoyable and less stressful but also help your caregivers and friends work alongside you to live out your life your way. This four-week course ends October 1.

Required book: "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande (ISBN 1250076226)

*Charlie Ennis is a retired engineer, manufacturing manager and IT professional. He has taught students from second grade through community college, businesses and OLLI.*

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### **CEB1794 Aggressive Marketing or Greed?**

*Wednesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Campbell (HC004)*

Effective marketing is important to any successful business. There are many types of marketing, from celebrity endorsements to lifestyle positioning, product specific, and multiple others. However, what happens when marketing "crosses the line" from marketing to outright dishonesty? This class will look at marketing in general, but mostly focus on specific examples of marketing excess, such as the tobacco industry, dangerous chemicals, parts of the financial industry, and others.

*Bill Bridges is a Furman graduate with MBA from Clemson. Worked in financial industry over forty years. Still involved in Finance as Treasurer/ Finance Committee Chair of Community Foundation of Greenville, member of Finance Sub-Committee of Greenville Tech Foundation.*

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### **HFE615 Understanding America's Challenging Medical Care System**

*Wednesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Small Arts/Crafts (HC113)*

The US medical system is one of the most poorly understood institutions in all the land. From its unique financial model to the intricate balance among its components, American medicine often seems estranged from the patients it is designed to serve. Taught by a vascular surgeon, former health executive, medical school dean and national healthcare leader, this course is a comprehensive overview of the American medical care system with an emphasis on medical finance and the balance needed among doctors, hospitals, payors & universities to assure patient well-being.

At completion of the course the participant will be able to 1) understand how the American medical system works (financially & operationally), 2) describe how balance is required to assure patient well-being, 3) outline the current opportunities to rebalance medicine and 4) discuss the steps needed to make patient well-being the priority.

*Spence M. Taylor M.D., a national physician leader, surgeon and academician, is former president of the Greenville Health System—*

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## Policy 2012.1: OLLI (Classroom) Code of Conduct

Topics included within the OLLI curriculum may evoke emotional and visceral reactions to social, religious, political, and economic events, which inherently have elements of human tragedy, and during the course of time, may create discord. Comments shared within the class should be voiced in a professional manner conducive to promoting civil discourse and intellectual honesty. Passionate dialogue is encouraged as long as opposing viewpoints are respected and the dignity of others is maintained. In the event that an issue arises which compromises this premise and is deemed detrimental to the learning environment (i.e., unwarranted personal attacks or unsolicited dialogue outside of the classroom environment), then the OLLI administration has the authority to remove a student or instructor from the class and/or the program.

now part of Prisma Health—and Planning Dean for the USC School of Medicine Greenville.

## HIS602 SNAFU

*Wednesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Crabtree (HC110)*

This course will cover the Bicentennial Campaign of 1876 and General MacArthur's Campaign(s) in SouthWestPacificArea or SWPA and as Commander, UN Forces, Korea. It will cover the greatest triumphs and failures of each campaign.

*Rory Case has taught classes at FULIR/OLLI since 2001. His hobby is the study and sharing of history.*

## HIS630b Last Week's News

*Wednesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, President's Conference (HC103)*

If you are a news junkie and enjoy discussing issues of the day with diverse thinkers, this class is for you. We will examine news articles from various perspectives as a foundation for small group discussions. If you are a person who does not want to hear an opposing point of view, you will not have a good time in this

class. Discussion will be facilitated through questions with a goal to have thoughtful, respectful, open class participation.

*Maggie Manning holds a B.S. in Industrial and Labor Relations and an M.A. in Organizational Development. She has been a member of OLLI since 2006 and an instructor since 2018.*

## HIS951 Shoeless Joe Jackson and Baseball from 1901-1920

*Wednesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Larkin (HC104)*

This course explores the life and legacy of Greenville's most famous native, Shoeless Joe Jackson, within the broader context of American baseball from 1901 to 1920, a transformative period in the history of the sport. The class will focus on Jackson's life and playing career, the emergence of baseball as America's pastime, the many people and events leading up to the infamous 1919 Black Sox Gambling Scandal and the aftermath of the scandal. Key topics include the influence of gambling and social class on the game, the Reserve Clause and labor tensions between players and team owners, the rivalry between the American League and National League, and the moral and cultural debates surrounding gambling and the integrity of sport.

On May 13, 2025, MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred removed all deceased players from MLB's Permanently Ineligible List, making them eligible for election into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. The course will conclude by re-examining Shoeless Joe's legacy in light of this decision and debating whether Jackson deserves induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Recommended books: "Eight Men Out" by Eliot Asinof and "Say It Ain't So Joe!" by Donald Gropman.

*A lifelong fan of both baseball and how baseball weaves into the national fabric of the American story, Rusty Copsey is a 7th generation Greenvillian who wants to help preserve the history of the region.*

## MUS204 Finding Your Voice

*Wednesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Huff (HC105)*

An exploratory course for singers and non-singers. Learn how to express

yourself in song. Focus is on proper breath support, vowel placement and pitch. Students will provide sheet music. Great for wannabe performers of all skill levels.

*Phyllis Dunne is a Woody Guthrie Folk Singing Champion and recording artist. She has taught voice lessons to students of all skill levels and ages. Phyllis believes in the healing power of song.*

## PAH800 Woodcarving 101

*Wednesday, 9-noon, Herring Center, Graham (HC005)*

This course is an introduction to woodcarving. We will begin with the basics of woodcarving, including safety, carving tools, and how to maintain them. Students will learn the basic knife strokes preparing for their first project. There will be a variety of projects provided to progressively improve skills. We will cover painting and finishing of the woodcarvings. The materials fee covers a new knife, glove, sharpening stop, and wood for projects. Materials fee: \$60 (due to instructor at first class).

*Kent Ellison has been carving since 2003 and has won numerous awards in competitions. He is a 20-year member of the Piedmont Wood Carvers Club. Kent has been teaching at OLLI and elsewhere since 2006.*

## PPG1408 Authentic Alignment

*Wednesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Piper (HC111)*

Too often, we find ourselves living a life that feels unfulfilling waking up and wondering, what am I even living for? Where's the joy? Why am I so unhappy? Often, this happens because we've started listening to external voices telling us what we should do, rather than following our own inner guidance. We begin living for others' expectations instead of aligning with our true desires. But discovering your calling isn't meant to be a conference call—it's an intimate process of reconnecting with who you truly are and uncovering the work, relationships, and experiences that bring you the greatest joy, fulfillment, and well-being. This class is designed to help you tune in to the quiet voice within—the one you may have ignored for too long. Whether you're uncertain about your direction or feeling stuck in moving forward, this experience will

help you break through roadblocks and gain clarity.

*Sarah Troy is an Ayurvedic Health Practitioner, Integrative Counselor, Heart Based Meditation Instructor, and Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapist with over 8,000 hours of training in consciousness based holistic healing.*

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### **HFE519 International Folk & Line Dance Favorites**

*Wednesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herman W. Lay Physical Activities Center, Group Fitness Studio*

Try a mix of international folk and line dances for a fun way to exercise! Each term we teach a different selection of new and favorite dances, including a mix of the easier and simpler folk and line dances from the dance repertoire. They may range from slower rhythms to more aerobic and dynamic steps. Step-by-step instructions will be provided. Dance provides benefits for the cardiovascular system, bones, memory and balance. No prior experience with dance is required. Wear comfortable clothing and bring your water bottle.

*Theresa Pizzuto is an international folk-dance teacher and has been teaching since 1997. She is known for her clear, relaxed teaching style and enjoys helping others discover the joy of dance. Susie Rakes will assist with this course.*

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*Bob Fannin worked at Army Intelligence School and is a thirty-year member of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers with a masters in Information Science.*

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### **LAN745 Destinos: EL FIN**

*Wednesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Larkin (HC104)*

Learn Spanish the fun way! This semester we will watch the final 9 episodes of this educational soap opera and see if Don Fernando finally gets to meet his grandchildren and if Arturo gets the girl, Raquel. Previous Destinos classes are required, but if you have taken any this past year and want to rejoin for the final celebration you are welcome to! No books are required for this class, but you will be expected to have watched episodes 1- 43 before this class begins.

*Emily Getz earned her Bachelor's degree in Spanish from Furman and her Master's degree in Education from Wake Forest. She has taught Spanish to students age 3 - 83 since 2002 and tries to make learning the language fun.*

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### **LIT109c Experienced Writers Write On**

*Wednesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Vick Seminar (HC102)*

If your goal for spring is to kick up your writing skills, this is the class for you! "Experienced Writers" will help you create and communicate through concept development, drafting, and revision as you journey toward more effective writing skills. Structure and usage are tools for compelling prose

and poetry. Writing prompts will enhance your creativity, and you will receive instructor feedback on each submission. Participants may also offer selections from their long-term writing projects, both fiction and non-fiction. Class size is limited so that every student has an opportunity to present. This is NOT a class for beginners. Completion of a writing course or demonstrated experience is required.

*Dr. Judith Chandler is a retired Furman professor and has taught at OLLI since its inception. She is also an artist and community volunteer.*

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### **MUS208 Sigal Music Museum Series**

*Wednesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Piper (HC111)*

Presented by the Sigal Music Museum in Greenville, this engaging class offers a journey through music history. Explore the evolution of musical styles, instruments, and traditions from the Baroque era to the modern day, with highlights from the museum's collection of historical instruments.

Each session will delve into a different theme, featuring expert insights, demonstrations, and discussions that reveal the stories behind music's most significant milestones. Whether you're a seasoned music lover or a curious beginner, this course will inspire a deeper appreciation for the art of sound and its enduring impact on culture and society.

*Jon Grier is a composer and serves on the Board of Directors for the Sigal Music Museum and will moderate this course.*

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### **PAH848 Classy Breads**

*Wednesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Huff with Lindemann Kitchen (HC 105/106)*

Come learn to bake a variety of breads with ease and confidence. Each week we will prepare a different bread - which may include plain old whole wheat, focaccia, scones and sticky buns. This is the same course offered Fall24, please do not repeat. Food cost: \$7 per session (\$7 due to instructor at first class with remainder due at second class). This five-week course ends October 8.

*Keith Stevenson will lead the class.*

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## **RPH961 Sports, Religion, Politics: The Intertwined Trinity**

*Wednesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.,  
Herring Center, Small Arts/Crafts  
(HC113)*

Religion, Sports, Politics—how these three seemingly unrelated topics overlap and affect one another, similarities and differences, positive and negative effects of each... how emotion and loyalty, prejudice override careful reflection... how sport and politics have become our civil religions.

Why do we sing or play the national anthem at almost all sporting events? Why do we not have a “Fellowship of Religious Athletes” organization? Why do Presidents (POTUS) tend to listen to the religious right? What is the status of NCAA lawsuits? Should the government set guidelines?

Sport, religion and politics generate passionate conversations. In US culture these three share traditions, rituals and even language. Politicians, clergy and sports commentators use sport metaphors to consolidate, even sacralize their power.

With an emphasis on college sports, we explore how this trinity has increasingly influenced the transition of “American pastime” to a multibillion-dollar industry. We consider the emergence of the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, ESPN (Entertainment Sports Programming Network), NIL (Name, Image, Likeness) and how these organizations and recognition impact players, coaches and administrations. We will explore this powerful trinity through readings, handouts, guest speakers, Furman coaches, faculty and student-athletes.

*Al Masters has a Master of Divinity and Doctorate of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, and has served churches and campus ministries in North and South Carolina. Currently he is Volunteer Affiliate Staff in the Office of Spiritual Life at Furman.*

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## **RPH987 Asian Sacred Places**

*Wednesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.,  
Herring Center, Crabtree (HC110)*

Emphasis in this course will be on active Asian sacred places and the

pilgrimages that lead to them. The six-hundred-mile pilgrimage devoted to the Goddess of Mercy called Kannon-bosatsu is the longest Japanese trek I have made in search of the sacred, but it was not the most strenuous. Of the seven Japanese pilgrimages I have hiked, the Omine ordeal with Esoteric Buddhists takes that prize. China’s Buddhist and Daoist holy mountains increasingly draw pilgrims as the country changes in the 21st century. Sites in Thailand and Burma continue to thrive. Hindu veneration of Lord Krishna centers around the circular pilgrimage near the Yamuna River in northeastern India. It is a story of sacred love. Our Asian study will include video programs I have made at Bodh Gaya, the birthplace of Buddhism, and Varanasi, the venerable Hindu worship center on the banks of the Ganges River. The course ends with a consideration of Native American and Latino Catholic sites in Southwestern United States.

*Jim Leavell, Ph.D., is Furman's Herring Professor Emeritus of Asia Studies. He has been a participant/observer on multiple pilgrimages throughout the world for more than 50 years.*

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## **SNM1117 The Best of All Possible Worlds**

*Wednesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.,  
Herring Center, Campbell (HC004)*

The world is a much better place for human beings than it has ever been before but is nowhere near as good as it will likely be in the future. We owe much of this improvement to our ever-increasing power to optimize nearly everything. Enabling this activity are factors like better data, faster computers, and deeper scientific knowledge but, mostly it is due to the use of mathematical optimization methods. This course will survey the types of mathematical optimization methods that are available including linear programming, decision analysis, game theory, genetic algorithms, and discrete event simulation. The course emphasis will be on the conceptual basis for these methods and their applications, rather than on the technical details. We will also discuss the potential rewards and dangers that use of these methods may engender in the near future.

*Bill Mawby has a Ph.D. in Biomathematics. He has taught*

*multiple OLLI courses on science topics. Bill has done extensive consulting work, published 5 books, and authored around 25 patents.*

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## **PAH834 Woodcarving 201**

*Wednesday, 1-4:00 p.m., Herring Center, Graham (HC005)*

Prerequisite for this class is Woodcarving 101 or having some woodcarving experience. You should be able to maintain sharp tools and have proper safety equipment. Returning students will have projects or request new ones that will be supplied. New students will choose a project available or be assigned one to get started. Assorted carving tools will be available for use. Painting and finishing options will be discussed towards the end of term. Methods to keep tools sharp will be covered. The materials fee will cover all projects provided by the instructor. Materials fee: \$35 (due to instructor at first class).

*Kent Ellison has been carving since 2003 and has won numerous awards in competitions. He is a 20-year member of the Piedmont Wood Carvers Club. Kent has been teaching at OLLI and elsewhere since 2006.*

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## **CEB1762 Learn, Forrest, Learn**

*Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m., Herring Center, Crabtree (HC110)*

“My momma said this OLLI course was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you’re gonna get.” Forrest Gump would like this course – nine sessions on varying topics related to Greenville. However, you won’t know what you’re gonna get until you arrive in the classroom. You might find something that you have been waiting all your life to learn.

*Sally Bornmueller is the coordinator of this course. This course will be taught by a variety of OLLI instructors on a variety of subjects, each to be revealed on the day of each session.*

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## **CEB1791 Preserve Your Wealth and Your Legacy**

*Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m., Herring Center, Vick Seminar (HC102)*

This is an engaging and entertaining course designed to equip you with the knowledge and tools necessary to understand what is involved in estate planning and legacy building.

Whether you're just starting to think about your legacy or looking to refine your existing plans, this course will guide you through the essential components of estate planning. We will cover the importance and use of various techniques and documents, including wills, trusts, health care directives, and powers of attorney. Next, we will discuss the pros and cons of the probate process. We will also examine planning with the right priorities and consider the effect of estate and income taxes on your plan. Additionally, we will explore the impact of gifting strategies. Planning for blended families and individuals with special needs will be addressed. Furthermore, we will discuss how to incorporate your values into your plan and create a legacy of significance. Finally, we will focus on how to communicate your legacy to your loved ones. This four-week course ends October 1.

*Michael Stuart is a widely recognized attorney and CPA who has earned a reputation as a responsible, reliable, and thoughtful counselor since 1981. He believes in educating people about their options and building strong, lifelong relationships.*

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### **CEB1798 Faith & Finance - Being a Good Steward of Your Finances**

*Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m., Herring Center, Vick Seminar (HC102)*

What does 'wealth' mean to you? The scriptures talk a lot about money. God wants us to create, produce, and be great—not for our selfish ambition but to glorify His kingdom. Money is a tool, a test, and a testimony in our lives.

Katrina Whitlinger, CHFC®, CEPA®, AAMS™ is the founder of Stella Maris Wealth. She's passionate in guiding her clients to understand 'why' we invest and to navigate fears and worry when it comes to money. Her mission is to help her clients live their best lives, knowing that they have taken care of the controllable and have prepared for the unexpected. This four-week course begins October 15.

*Katrina founded Stella Maris Wealth after over 15 years of combined experiences in Corporate Finance and Financial Services. In the last 7 years, Katrina has found her life-long calling—helping people achieve their financial goals.*

### **LAN797 More Fun with French**

*Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m., Herring Center, President's Conference Room (HC103)*

With conversations, stories, and songs, brighten your days by dusting off your high school or college French. Enjoy speaking and reading, with much class participation. We'll use the book *Intermediate French Short Stories from Lingo Mastery* (ISBN: 9781 7909 75181), available from Amazon, to help as a prompt, then branch out into our own conversations.

*The course will be co-taught by Peg VanBergen and Paul Serridge. Peg has spoken French since childhood, and although fluent in several European languages, prefers French. Paul worked for Michelin for 36 years including 13 in France and is fluent in French.*

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### **LIT117 The Timeless Tale of Forbidden Love**

*Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m., Herring Center, Small Arts/Crafts (HC113)*

In this class we will start with the earlier narrative poem on which the plot of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" is based. The class will be covering the plot, literary analysis, fair Verona, Juliet's balcony scene and much more. We will discuss the stage plays, musicals, spin-offs, movies (both musical and non), ballet and opera right into the present with accompanying media. This tragic tale of generational animosity still applies today. If the romantic in you is still alive, this class is for you.

*Nina Dembin has taught several classes in Shakespeare at OLLI. She loves to accompany her teaching with audio-visuals. Ms. Dembin has a Master's Degree in Library Science.*

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### **LIT119 The Necessary Wit and Wisdom of Grace Paley**

*Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m., Herring Center, Huff (HC105)*

Grace Paley—Bronx-born feminist, activist and humorist—was one of America's most brilliant short story writers. Her ear for dialogue offers an insight into the inconstant tragedy and comedy of our everyday lives. She writes with a music all her own, an informal-seeming prose with a sly Yiddish lilt—part poetry, part love song, part complaint, all of it intimately honed. We will read and discuss a

dozen of her stories from her volume: *Grace Paley, The Collected Stories*. ISBN 978-0374530280.

*Poet, playwright and novelist, Arthur McMaster taught writing and literature courses for fourteen years at South Carolina colleges and universities. His historical fiction novel, In the Orchards of Our Mothers, was published in 2024.*

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### **PAH829b Holiday Zentangle**

*Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m., Herring Center, Campbell (HC004)*

During the year – or during one's life – many holidays happen - times to remember and times to celebrate. Some are the familiar Holidays like Hallowe'en, Christmas, and Birthdays. Others may be a bit more personal like anniversaries, graduations or special celebrations. Zentangle Drawing is a wonderful embellishment for any holiday. It can be in the form of cards, decorations, coasters, pictures, ornaments – limited only by one's imagination. Come join the fun making ways to celebrate holidays with the joy of Zentangle Drawing. Materials Fee: \$45. Due to the instructor at the first class.

*Pam Stevenson is a lifelong artist in multiple disciplines including sewing, quilting, embroidery, papercrafts, and drawing. She has been a Certified Zentangle Teacher since 2015 and has taught Zentangle Drawing at OLLI for several years.*

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### **SNM1116 The Science of the Earth**

*Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m., Herring Center, Piper (HC111)*

Earth came into existence about 4.6 billion years ago as a hot, rocky body orbiting the newly formed sun. Its position in the solar system makes it unique among the planets in having liquid water on its surface. The continued outward transfer of heat from its interior has kept it geologically active, driving constant motion and recycling of its outer layers. These dynamic forces not only produced incredible geologic events but also set the stage for life to evolve from a single cell to more complex forms over the millennia. From crystals to plate tectonics and volcanoes to fossils, this class will travel through time focusing on the evolution of plants and animals – and the incredible geology of the planet we call Earth.

As an undergraduate, Jay Gaskin was inspired by two summers of study at the Smithsonian Institution's Department of Paleontology. He has had a life-long fascination with fossils, rocks, minerals, and prehistoric life.

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### **ART115 Improv 101**

*Wednesday, 3:15-4:45 p.m., Herring Center, Vick Seminar (HC102)*

This improv workshop is designed to help students tap into their creativity, enhance communication skills, and build confidence in a fun and engaging environment. Whether you're a beginner or have some improv experience, this workshop is perfect for anyone looking to be more outgoing, think on their feet, and connect with others. Students will participate in interactive games, group exercises, and scene work that foster quick thinking and collaboration. The course culminates in a live showcase, providing students an opportunity to demonstrate their growth and creativity in front of a supportive audience.

*With an MBA and training from Westside Comedy in Los Angeles, Taz Shaikh-Shenk is passionate about fostering creativity and connection. Her workshops help students build confidence, spontaneity, and communication skills—all in a fun, supportive environment!*

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### **HIS1453 1453: Printing Revolution, Renaissance, and Conquests**

*Wednesday, 3:15-4:45 p.m., Herring Center, Crabtree (HC110)*

The mid fifteenth century was a period of significant transitions in Europe. Italy was in the height of the early Renaissance with artists and scholars like Donatello and Lorenzo Valla. The Ottoman conquest of the Byzantine capital Constantinople in 1453 shook Europe; indeed, the oldest surviving book from Gutenberg's presses was an admonition for Christendom against the Turks printed in the months after the fall of Constantinople. 1453 also saw France finally force the English out of their continental holdings, as France had recently turned the tide in the Hundred Years War inspired by Joan of Arc and implementing the new technology of gunpowder and artillery; within 2 years a three-decade-long civil war broke out in England

(Wars of the Roses). Frederick III was consolidating Habsburg control over the Holy Roman Empire that would last until the modern era. This course will investigate religious, cultural, political, diplomatic, intellectual, and technological history.

*Dr. Timothy Fehler is a Professor of History at Furman where he teaches Early Modern European history. He has taught at OLLI since 1997.*

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### **PHO1625 Lightroom CC Classic**

*Wednesday, 3:15-4:45 p.m., Herring Center, Piper (HC111)*

Lightroom Classic is the one of best software options for organizing and post processing photographs. We will address overall capabilities with a focus on importing photos, managing them in the catalog, image editing and output. We will also cover advanced features as time permits. The course will be classroom-based instruction with on-screen demonstration. Students should be prepared to take notes and practice between classes. Since this is a lecture/demonstration class and not a hands-on lesson, students should have the latest version of Lightroom installed on their personal computers so they can practice between classes. Any level of proficiency, from beginners to experts, is acceptable.

*Gordon Magee is an avid nature photographer and has been teaching Lightroom at OLLI for the past ten years.*

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## **Thursday**

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### **CEB1706 Foundations of Investing**

*Thursday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Vick Seminar (HC102)*

Have you ever wanted to be able to speak intelligently about investing but are not sure where to begin? Interested in learning how to set up reliable income streams during retirement, or just get your "financial house" in order? This class is specifically tailored to those who are wanting a refresher, managing their families' finances for the first time, or completely new to investing altogether. We will learn about all the major types of investments from

stocks, bonds, mutual funds, ETFs, and annuities as well as discuss which types of investments might work best for you. We'll also cover concepts like retirement income planning, estate and legacy planning, portfolio construction and even scam preparedness and prevention. This course is designed to help you developing a strategy, understand the impact of asset allocation, and overall be better informed investors.

*Justin Smith is a graduate of Anderson University and is an AAMS certified financial advisor with Hemisphere Financial Group. He has been a financial advisor since 2008 in the north Greenville area and has taught at OLLI since 2012.*

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### **HFE540 Furman Athletics**

*Thursday, 9-10:30 a.m., On Campus*

Whether or not you are a sports fan, you will enjoy hearing from the Furman Athletic Director and Furman coaching staffs as they explain what it takes to compete at a high level in the Southern Conference and what it takes to recruit student athletes to a university with high academic standards. Generally, the class will include a tour of that sport's playing field/arena, and in some cases their training and locker rooms. You will also get a feel for what it takes to be a student athlete at Furman as they face classroom rigors and compete on a high level in the sports arena.

*George Hammond coordinated and will facilitate this course. Furman coaches and/or administrators will speak each week.*

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### **HIS716 America's Progressive Era**

*Thursday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Campbell (HC004)*

This is a 'remodel' of a course previously offered (Fall 2024). This is an overview of one of the most dynamic periods in American History. This is NOT a political philosophy course but is a review of the many events that made this such an important period in our history. The class will continue with a discussion of the many contributions made by ordinary citizens as well as those of the key political and business leaders of the era. During our review we will touch upon the term 'Progressivism' and how it has evolved over time. Were

the early 20th Century Progressives Democrats or Republicans? Liberals or Conservatives? What can we learn from this period and how might they apply to the challenges America faces today? The problems America faced back then and the way both our leaders and ordinary citizens rose up to meet those challenges makes one optimistic about the future and extremely proud to be an American.

To guide us along our amazing journey we will be using an equally terrific book "A Fierce Discontent: The Rise and Fall of the Progressive Movement in America" by Michael McGeer, 2003 ISBN 0195183657. Whereas it is not required that you purchase this text, it is highly recommended that you do so in order to get the most out of this course. (You may do so at a number of used books sites for less than \$10.)

*Alan Dzur recently retired to South Carolina from Long Island, New York. He holds a BA in History from Long Island University and an MBA from Hofstra University. In addition, he has taken several graduate courses at Clemson.*

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### **HIS975 World History of Genocide**

*Thursday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Larkin (HC104)*

This course examines genocide across different regions and historical periods, using scholarly readings, films, and podcasts to facilitate dialogue-based learning. Participants will explore the political, social, and ideological factors contributing to mass violence, gaining tools to critically analyze the causes and consequences of genocide. Discussions will cover case studies from North America, Africa, Asia, Australia, and Europe, focusing on the roles of political and religious ideologies in shaping genocidal events. Additionally, students will investigate contemporary weaponization and warning signs of genocide, developing frameworks to understand and address ongoing atrocities. By course completion, students will possess the analytical skills to thoughtfully discuss genocide, recognizing patterns and indicators to assess current global events. Ultimately, participants will leave better prepared to engage meaningfully in discussions around genocide, contributing to awareness

and prevention efforts in their communities and beyond.

*Arielle Nakdimon, PhD student in Holocaust and Genocide Studies specializing in antisemitism, combines extensive nonprofit leadership experience and academic expertise to foster impactful dialogue and deeper understanding of historical and contemporary genocides worldwide.*

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### **RPH975 Those Pesky Other Gospels**

*Thursday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Piper (HC111)*

Would you be surprised if I told you that there are many more gospels about Jesus than just the four found in the Christian Bible? Well, there are. Oodles. In this class we will look at some of them, seeing what they might contribute to our understanding of Jesus and the earliest days of Christianity.

*David Gillespie holds degrees from Columbia International University and Reformed Theological Seminary in philosophy, theology, and biblical studies. Cat dad; househusband; he still has time to study and write. He hopes to never stop learning.*

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### **SNM1121 The Wild World of Military Aircraft**

*Thursday, 9-10:30 a.m., Herring Center, Crabtree (HC110)*

This course will begin with the basics of how an airplane gets off of the ground and maneuvers. The major systems of an aircraft, such as propulsion, pressurization, and navigation will be covered. Then we will explore the exciting world of military aircraft – descriptions of the many aircraft types including trainers, spy planes, refuelers, transports and fighters flown by the military and the men and women that fly them. We will cover the intense training and experience necessary to progress from a fledging pilot to a combat ready warrior capable of accomplishing the many missions of the military. A typical sortie, pilot equipment, procedures and continuous training will be presented. This will be expanded into specific mission types, such as combat, cargo flights and special operations such as reconnaissance, gunships, and flights from unimproved dirt runways in combat zones. This four-week course

ends October 2.

*Bob Haney flew C-130's including two years in Viet Nam. He joined the Air National Guard as a RF-84 reconnaissance pilot. Since being a fighter pilot, he has owned and flown several civilian airplanes. David Kostyal had a 40-year career in the aircraft industry, starting as a licensed mechanic and instructor. Most of his career was spent managing one-of-a-kind design/build projects involving special mission aircraft.*

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### **CEB1795 Navigating the Future: Debt, Disruption, and Abundance**

*Thursday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Campbell (HC004)*

The Federal Debt is a staggering number! According to the Congressional Budget Office, the national debt is increasing five million dollars every day! Many brilliant minds believe this debt is insurmountable while others say it's inconsequential. First, we'll delve into the reasons behind these beliefs, dissecting the complex economic forces at play and understanding the potential consequences for our nation.

But don't worry, this isn't a course in doom and gloom! In the second half things get truly fascinating. We'll explore the coming "Technology Convergence." A world where through Artificial Intelligence, interconnected technologies drive an unprecedented explosion in productivity. Think of plummeting costs, overflowing abundance, and a transformation of the very fabric of our lives. Could this technological revolution be the key to unlocking solutions to our national debt crisis? Could this era of abundance be the path to a more secure future? We'll tackle these questions together.

*Reid Becker has a BA degree from UC Santa Cruz and an MBA from the Wharton School. He is the founder of STEAM Tech Teams, a Furman OLLI Special Interest Group (SIG).*

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### **HFE522 Ballroom Dancing for Couples**

*Thursday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herman W. Lay Physical Activities Center, Group Fitness Studio*

This course is designed for novice level couples and will feature instructions on three popular Ballroom

# OLLI Course Calendar | September 8 - November 7, 2025

## Monday

### 9-10:30 a.m.

- HFE501 **Monday's Intermediate Hiking\***  
(Greer/Peretz), HPL  
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- HFE513 **High Country Hikers\***  
(Davis/Vissage), HPL  
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- ART117 **Women Artists  
Throughout History**  
(Koppel/Koppel), HC104
- HFE581b **Pickleball I** (Derr/Price), RGV
- HFE627 **T'ai Chi Chih -  
Joy Thru Movement**  
(Huskey), HC110
- PAH820 **Fabric Creations  
Outside the Box\***  
(Harrison/Blackmon), HC005  
9 a.m.-noon
- RPH905 **Biblical Hebrew V**  
(Leffert), HC103
- RPH998 **Islamic Mysticism  
and Philosophy**  
(Zampaki), ZOOM

### 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

- CEB1789 **Life Happens**  
(Chastain), RGV
- CEB1796 **Real Estate Transition**  
(Frauenholtz), HC104
- HFE579 **Stretch and Tone\***  
(Lyon), HC110  
10:45-11:45 a.m.
- HIS715 **Stuck on History**  
(Duncan), HC004
- PAH884a **Fabulous Chefs in Greenville**  
(Cotner/Kaiser), HC105/106
- PAH884b **Fabulous Chefs in Greenville**  
(Cotner/Kaiser), HC105/106
- PAH954 **Crafting for Missions**  
(Gabbert), HC113
- RPH1001 **What's Happening in  
American Protestantism**  
(Griffeth), HC111
- RPH900 **Survey of Jewish History**  
(Leffert), HC103
- HFE527 **Yoga Therapy for Injuries\***  
(Blanchard), HC110  
Noon-1:15 p.m.

### 1:30-3 p.m.

- HFE562 **Yoga for the Optimal You\***  
(Ried-Barton), HC110  
1:30-2:45 p.m.
- HFE628 **Ayurveda**  
(Dau), HC104
- LIT109a **Experienced Writers**  
(Chandler), HC105

- LIT118 **Fiction Writing II Workshop**  
(Burns), HC102
- PAH829a **Holiday Zentangle**  
(Stevenson), ZOOM
- PAH932 **Banded Cross Stitch**  
(Tymonko), HC113
- PAH956 **Intro to Gelli Plate Printing**  
(Stoop), HC005
- RPH901 **Hebrew Prophets I**  
(Leffert), HC103
- 3:15-4:45 p.m.**
- LIT109b **Experienced Writers**  
(Chandler), HC105

## Tuesday

### 9-10:30 a.m.

- PHO1713 **Outdoor Nature Photography\***  
(Harrison/Peretz), Offsite  
8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- HFE515 **Aquacize\***  
(Buschmann/Parker), PAC Pool  
9-10 a.m.
- CEB1707 **Retirement Wealth  
Management**  
(Burkhardt/Flink), HC102
- HFE509 **Walk and Talk\***  
(Bornmueller), Offsite  
9-11:15 a.m.
- HIS969 **Aircraft Carriers Then and Now**  
(Blackledge), HC110
- HIS972 **The War in the Pacific**  
(Decallejon/Byers), HC111
- HIS973 **How to Be a Good Citizen**  
(Roper), HC004
- LIT100a **Let's Read and Talk**  
(Scieszka/Shakiban), HC103
- LIT100b **Let's Read and Talk**  
(Scieszka/Shakiban), ZOOM
- MUS301 **Beginning Guitar**  
(Howell/Enloe), HC113
- PAH863 **Who Doesn't Like Magic**  
(DiLella/McClelland), HC105
- SNM1120 **Epidemics and History**  
(McCombe), HC104
- PAH819 **Bridge for the  
Absolute Beginner\***  
(Hack/Haddox), RGV  
9:30-11:30 a.m.

### 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

- ART118 **Religion and Art**  
(Stulting), HC105
- CEB1737 **American Political Discourse**  
(Blackledge), HC104
- HFE623 **Intermediate Pickleball**  
(McClelland/Bonn/Wright), NVJ  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

- HIS970 **India: Ancient Empires  
to Global Powerhouse**  
(Nicholson), HC004
- MUS211 **Forever Young: Bob Dylan**  
(Owens), HC110
- MUS304 **Haydn and Mozart**  
(Howell), HC111, HYBRID
- PAH805 **Handmade Christmas Cards**  
(Hellams/Hellams), HC005
- PAH892 **Learn to Knit with Dish Cloths**  
(Buono), HC103
- PAH930 **Advanced Bridge**  
(Clancy/Clancy), HC113
- PHO1719 **Beauty of Birds**  
(Robin/Schutzman), HC102
- HIS912 **Titanic Sinks! A Media Event\***  
(Fee), ZOOM  
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### 1:30-3 p.m.

- CEB1797 **Silver Tsunami -  
Real Estate Planning**  
(Kovach), HC102
- HFE629 **Intro to Self Defense**  
(Stockton), GFS
- HIS629a **Post Cold War Espionage**  
(Fannin), HC110
- HIS971 **American Reconstruction,  
Jim Crow, and Civil Rights**  
(Little), HC111
- HIS974 **Traveling Greece**  
(Blackwell/Blackwell), HC104
- LIT110 **Discovering Carl Sandburg**  
(Quinley), HC004, HYBRID
- MUS305 **Guitar Theory and Application**  
(Vaughn), HC113
- PAH810 **Card Making\***  
(Huck), HC005  
1:30-3:30 p.m.
- PAH955 **Knitting an Ugly  
Christmas Sweater**  
(Buono), HC103
- PPG1409 **Perspectives on  
Death and Dying**  
(Berman), HC105

### 3:15-4:45 p.m.

- LAN708 **Introduction to American  
Sign Language**  
(Rabe/Rabe), HC104
- LIT112 **Poetry Writing Workshop**  
(Burns), HC102

## Wednesday

### 9-10:30 a.m.

- HFE504 **Anthony's Intermediate Hiking\***  
(Cicone/Cicone), HPL  
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

CEB1702 **Go Out With a Plan**  
(Ennis), HC102

CEB1794 **Aggressive Marketing or Greed?**  
(Bridges), HC004

HFE615 **America's Challenging Medical Care System**  
(Easterling/Taylor), HC113

HIS602 **SNAFU**  
(Case), HC110

HIS630b **Last Week's News**  
(Manning), HC103

HIS951 **Shoeless Joe Jackson**  
(Copsey), HC104

MUS204 **Finding Your Voice**  
(Dunne), HC105

PAH800 **Woodcarving 101\***  
(Ellison), HC005  
9 a.m.-noon

PPG1408 **Authentic Alignment**  
(Troy), HC111

**10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

HFE519 **Folk & Line Dance Favorites**  
(Pizzuto/Rakes), GFS

HFE570 **Beginners Pickleball**  
(Pitts/Spain), RGV

HIS629b **Post Cold War Espionage**  
(Fannin), ZOOM

LAN745 **Destinos: EL FIN**  
(Getz), HC104

LIT109c **Experienced Writers**  
(Chandler), HC102

MUS208 **Sigal Music Museum Series**  
(Grier), HC111

PAH848 **Classy Breads**  
(Stevenson), HC105/106

RPH961 **Sports, Religion, Politics**  
(Masters), HC113

RPH987 **Asian Sacred Places**  
(Leavell), HC110

SNM1117 **Best of All Possible Worlds**  
(Mawby), HC004

SNM1119 **Revolutionary Minds**  
(Matthews), RGV

**1:30-3 p.m.**

PAH834 **Woodcarving 201\***  
(Ellison), HC005  
1-4 p.m.

CEB1762 **Learn, Forrest, Learn**  
(Bornmueller), HC110

CEB1791 **Preserve Your Wealth & Legacy**  
(Stuart), HC102

CEB1798 **Faith & Finance**  
(Whitlinger), HC102

LAN797 **More Fun with French**  
(VanBergen/Serridge), HC103

LIT117 **The Timeless Tale of Forbidden Love**  
(Dembin), HC113

LIT119 **Wisdom of Grace Paley**  
(McMaster), HC105

PAH829b **Holiday Zentangle**  
(Stevenson), HC004

SNM1116 **The Science of the Earth**  
(Gaskin), HC111

**3:15-4:45 p.m.**

ART115 **Improv 101**  
(Shaikh-Shenk), HC102

HIS1453 **1453: Printing Revolution, Renaissance, and Conquests**  
(Fehler), HC110

PHO1625 **Lightroom CC Classic**  
(Magee), HC111

## Thursday

**9-10:30 a.m.**

HFE515 **Aquacize\***  
(Buschmann/Parker), PAC Pool  
9-10 a.m.

CEB1706 **Foundations of Investing**  
(Smith), HC102

HFE540 **Furman Athletics**  
(Hammond), On Campus

HIS716 **America's Progressive Era**  
(Dzur), HC004

HIS975 **World History of Genocide**  
(Nakdimon), HC104

RPH975 **Those Pesky Other Gospels**  
(Gillespie), HC111

SNM1121 **The Wild World of Military Aircraft**  
(Haney/Kostyal), HC110

**10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

CEB1795 **Navigating the Future**  
(Becker), HC004

HFE522 **Ballroom Dancing for Couples**  
(Cicchetti/Cicchetti), GFS

HIS630a **Last Week's News**  
(Manning), HC103

HIS697 **Life in the U.S. - Roaring Twenties to Brink of War**  
(Hermes), HC110

HIS963 **Southern Campaign in the American Revolution**  
(Little), RGV

LIT105 **Write Life**  
(Moston), HC005

MUS306 **Broadway Musicals**  
(Becker), HC104

PAH887 **Intro to Intermediate Bridge\***  
(Clancy/Clancy), HC113  
10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

PAH918 **Instant Pot**  
(Fitzgerald), HC105/106

PPG1404 **Bridging the Gap**  
(Woodall), HC102

RPH1002 **Christianity: Faith Meets Reason**  
(Gillespie), HC111

SNM1122 **Birth, Life, and Death of Stars**  
(Ellison), ZOOM  
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**1:30-3 p.m.**

ART101 **Acting & Performing\***  
(Hachem/Board-Rein), HC105  
1:30-3:30 p.m.

CPT313 **Computers Are Not Magic**  
(Rubin), HC104

HIS664 **History of Early South Carolina**  
(Greer), HC111

HIS685 **Interesting Characters in History**  
(Henry), HC110

HIS976 **20 Regions of Italy**  
(Jenko), HC004

LIT102 **Robert Frost**  
(Davidson), HC102

RPH955 **Basics of Islam**  
(Teipen), HC113

SNM2013 **The End of Everything**  
(Fortner), ZOOM

**3:15-4:45 p.m.**

CEB1713 **Strategies for Aging**  
(Singleton), HC004

PPG1346 **Current Trends in Psychological Research**  
(Psych Dept), HC111

PPG1350 **Mindfulness for Daily Life\***  
(Liao), HC104  
3:15-4:30 p.m.

## Friday

**9-10:30 a.m.**

HFE503 **The Rock Stars\***  
(Hill/Stuck), Offsite  
8 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

HFE613 **Supported Yoga\***  
(Baiden), HC110  
8:15-9:30 a.m.

HFE581a **Pickleball I\***  
(Derr/Hamilton)  
9-11 a.m.

LAN703 **German I** (Hickey), ZOOM

LAN796 **German V** (Hickey), ZOOM

PAH914 **Woodcarving 301\***  
(Ellison), HC005  
9 a.m.-noon

**10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

RPH996 **American Jewish Experience**  
(Anker), HC104

**1:30-3 p.m.**

PAH917 **Felting 2D & 3D Fiber Arts\***  
(Ho), HC005  
12:30-3:30 p.m.

dances over 9-weeks. Each dance will be taught for three consecutive weeks. Registration is for couples only, a Leader and a Follower. We cannot accommodate singles. The dances are: East Coast Swing, Cha-Cha and Salsa. Each dance will start with the basics and progress over three weeks. In addition to the dance steps, you will learn the techniques used by the Leader and Follower to perform movements like Underarm Turns, Open Breaks, etc. Dress is comfortable. Wear shoes with soles that are not too slippery or sticky on a wood floor.

*Richard Cicchetti is a certified dance instructor who has taught dance professionally and competed professionally winning 7 world class titles in UCWDC competitions. Sue Cicchetti will assist with this course.*

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### **HIS630 Last Week's News**

*Thursday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, President's Conference (HC103)*

If you are a news junkie and enjoy discussing issues of the day with diverse thinkers, this class is for you. We will examine news articles from various perspectives as a foundation for small group discussions. If you are a person who does not want to hear an opposing point of view, you will not have a good time in this class. Discussion will be facilitated through questions with a goal to have thoughtful, respectful, open class participation.

*Maggie Manning holds a B.S. in Industrial and Labor Relations and an M.A. in Organizational Development. She has been a member of OLLI since 2006 and an instructor since 2018.*

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### **HIS697 Life in the United States: From the Roaring Twenties to the Brink of War**

*Thursday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Crabtree (HC110)*

Lindbergh, Babe Ruth, Henry Ford, the "Roaring Twenties." Black Tuesday in 1929, bread lines, Hoovervilles. FDR, "The only fear we have is fear itself." Alphabet agencies, slow, sputtering recovery. The "Harlem Renaissance", Hemingway, Gershwin, Porter. "Gone with the Wind." Father Coughlin preaches to millions from WJR, Detroit. Nylon from DuPont. The DC-3 Begins to carry us across the nation, but

Knute Rockne and Will Rogers die in crashes. From the top of The Empire State Building, you can see the storm clouds of war, China, Spain and Hitler. We withdraw; isolationism grows in a national debate. Fringe antisemitisms and Nazi sympathies move toward the center powered by Lindbergh and Coughlin. In 1939, my father takes me to the World's Fair in New York, and I remember "Railroads on Parade." Months later Germany invades Poland. We will visit the thirties through audio, video and thoughtful consideration.

*Matt Hermes is a retired scientist and inventor. He brought Lindbergh, Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, the Transcontinental Railroad to OLLI. His only book, "Enough for One Lifetime," a biography of nylon inventor Wallace Carothers, sold 300 copies.*

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### **LIT105 Write Life**

*Thursday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Graham (HC005)*

Write Life—in 300 words or less. These short snapshot scenes from moments in time can stand alone or be part of a larger story, whether fiction or nonfiction. Through in-class exercises that model great lines from other artists and weekly submissions generated by focused prompts, participants will have an opportunity to demonstrate their own "write tight" skills. Similar in format to previous classes—different emphases, examples, and exercises. However, there will likely be few repeated favorites because, as Groucho Marx said, "If you've heard this story before, don't interrupt me. I'd like to hear it again."

*Marcia Moston has been helping OLLI members write their stories since 2015. She is an award-winning author of two books and has contributed to several magazines, newspapers, and anthologies.*

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### **MUS306 Broadway Musicals and... Movies, Pop Music and Minorities**

*Thursday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Larkin (HC104)*

Having previously covered the history of the American musical theatre and the "nuts and bolts" of putting on a Broadway show, this course will focus on three additional topics of interest: the interplay between the

musical theatre and movies, pop music and minorities. Through lecture and wonderful video examples, we'll explore how Hollywood and The Great White Way have been competitors yet maintained a symbiotic connection. We'll analyze how musicals have intersected with the pop music scene in America. And we will examine how various minority groups have been discriminated against, and/or embraced, in the business of Broadway through the years. No prior knowledge of the American musical theatre is required. This 5-week course begins October 9.

*Dr. Laura Becker has a PhD in History from the University of Pennsylvania, with a special interest in American social and cultural history. She is also a lifelong fan of Broadway musicals.*

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### **PAH887 Introduction to Intermediate Bridge**

*Thursday, 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Herring Center, Small Arts/Crafts (HC113)*

This course is for players who have completed beginner bridge and want to move on to greater challenges and for experienced social players wishing to improve and modernize their game. The objective is to ready students for the challenges of intermediate bridge. To accomplish this, we will review the basics while introducing more advanced material. The emphasis will be on understanding the basic concepts and building a foundation which will serve you as you move forward in the wonderful world of bridge. Classes will consist of a short lecture, followed by 4 practice hands to help students internalize the material. Upon completion, you will have the skills to play duplicate at your club and be a successful social player. Copy fee of \$5 due to OLLI at first class.

*John Clancy is an accredited bridge teacher with over 25 years experience and a Gold Life Master. Karen Clancy, a Bronze Life Master, will assist.*

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### **PAH918 Instant Pot for Beginners and Skeptics**

*Thursday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Huff with Lindemann Kitchen (HC 105/106)*

Pressure cookers cook at a higher heat, under pressure, to develop foods' characteristic flavors and textures faster

than conventional methods. Traditional, stove-top pressure cookers could be dangerous and explode your mother's supper all over the kitchen. Modern, free-standing electric pressure cookers like Instant Pot have added safety features so there is virtually no risk of accidents. The Instant Pot's ascendance has been sudden, swift, and far-reaching,

This course will demonstrate the use of InstaPot to prepare four flavorful soups and stews. We will also discuss recipe sources; factors to consider when buying an Instant Pot; alternative uses like air fryer or slow cooker; and its use as a yogurt maker or rice cooker. Materials fee of \$20 due at the first class. This four-week course begins October 16.

*Bruce Fitzgerald, a development economist retired from the World Bank, has been cooking since his senior year at Georgia Tech. For 35 years, if his family eats at home, he cooked the food.*

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### **PPG1404 Bridging the Gap**

*Thursday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Huff (HC102)*

We interact with people every day, from the grocery store clerk to your neighbor or loved ones. Most conversations are benign and go smoothly. But what about when they don't? Have you ever said, "I thought I heard..." or "I thought you meant..."

It's confusing when you and the other person are not on the same page. Maybe you feel disappointment, frustration, or even anger. It's normal to think, "They are behaving this way just to frustrate me." While this may or may not be true in every circumstance, there are tools and ways to get to the heart of what's happening. In this class, you will discover that you are uniquely wired to think and behave a certain way, and so are those around you. You will learn techniques to identify these differences, which will result in stronger relationships and better communication.

We are made for human interaction, so let's learn how to do this better in a fun environment. This six-week course ends October 16.

*Michele Woodall has been developing teams for over 35 years, from banking to coaching. As a Certified Life and*

*Grief Coach, Michele helps people move from where they are to where they want to be.*

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### **RPH1002 Christianity: Where Faith Meets Reason**

*Thursday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Piper (HC111)*

Ever since the time of Paul, Christians have tried to defend their beliefs; not only defend but make the case for what they believe and preach. Think Augustine, Aquinas, C.S. Lewis, Francis Schaeffer or Lee Strobel. What happens when faith meets reason? Is Christianity rational? Does it make sense? Can one argue for it on a rational basis or is it simply a matter of faith? How can faith be substantiated? In this class, we will look at arguments for and against Christianity from an objective point of view, pointing out problems in both when we find them. The information will be presented, we will discuss, you will make up your own mind.

*David Gillespie's undergraduate studies were in biblical studies/philosophy and graduate studies in theology/philosophy, and ethics. He has been teaching at OLLI for quite a while and loves every minute of it.*

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### **SNM1122 Birth, Life, and Death of Stars**

*Thursday, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Meets online, Z*

Our sun is one of many billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy and trillions throughout the universe. Stellar evolution has been studied intensely in astrophysics for a century since the realization that nuclear fusion was the main energy source powering stars. A vast amount of specialized knowledge has been developed, but the purpose of this course is to distill this information into essential aspects accessible to non-experts. Students will gain a greater appreciation of the wonderful complexity and beauty of our star-filled universe. This course is taught in partnership with OLLI @ NC State. This three-week course begins October 30 and ends November 13.

*Don Ellison; Ph.D., The Catholic University of America; Professor Emeritus, Physics, NC State; has taught and done research on the theory of cosmic rays, particle acceleration*

*in high-energy astrophysics, and the modeling of supernova remnants. Fellow of the American Physical Society since 1998. Since 2019, has taught OLLI courses on astrophysics and general physics.*

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### **ART101 Acting & Performing**

*Thursday, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Herring Center, Huff (HC105)*

Students will learn the art of performing through monologues, scenes and improvisation. At the end of the term, students will be able to put on a show. The student can either have no experience or be advanced and just want to sharpen their skills. The class is designed to satisfy all levels of performing. Acting materials will be supplied by the instructors. This is a fun class helping students with everyday situations such as public speaking and confidence in a group setting and simply the joy of performing.

If you know you will have more than one absence from class, please enroll in the next semester this class is given. We build on each class following the prior one and it makes it difficult for everyone if there are many absences. Missing more than one class will significantly disadvantage your learning as well as those of your fellow students.

*Francine Hachem has her master's certification from Will-O-Way Apprentice Theatre in Bloomfield, Michigan. She was the theatre director for Older Person Commission in Michigan for 15 years. Gayl Board-Rein will assist with this course.*

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### **CPT313 Computers Are Not Magic**

*Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m., Herring Center, Larkin (HC104)*

In this high-tech world, many people are baffled by computers and see them as magical machines that can do anything. This is simply not true. But the complexity of computers is daunting, and the wizardry needed to manage them can sometimes seem like witchcraft.

In this introductory class, you will get a broad but shallow survey of the entire computer phenomenon, from the wires to the most advanced operations. No tests, no readings, and no homework, but the class is dense with information, so sit back and enjoy the ride. The goal is to equip you with "cocktail

## Thursday Lunch Book Clubs

### MYSTERY READING GROUP

HC003 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Contact: Edie McLaurin at [mizedith@gmail.com](mailto:mizedith@gmail.com)

#### Books for the Fall Term are:

- Sept. 18 ***Last Twilight in Paris***  
by Pam Jenoff
- Oct. 2 ***You'd Look Better as a Ghost***  
by Joanna Wallace
- Oct. 16 ***The Witch Elm***  
by Tana French
- Oct. 30 ***The Mystery Guest***  
by Nita Prose

### ROGUE READERS

HC104 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Contact: Gayl Glover at [ggonstarson@hotmail.com](mailto:ggonstarson@hotmail.com)

*Elisa Golden will host a concurrent Zoom meeting of this group.*

#### Books for the Fall Term are:

- Sept. 9 ***Katharine, the Wright Sister***  
by Tracey Enerson Wood
- Sept. 25 ***Lady Tan's Circle of Women***  
by Lisa See
- Oct. 9 ***Everyone Brave is Forgiven***  
by Chris Cleave
- Oct. 23 ***The Life Cycle of the Common Octopus***  
by Emma Knight
- Nov. 6 ***The Frozen River***  
by Ariel Lawhon

party knowledge," the background familiarity that will let you understand even the most intense nerd who tries to snow you with jargon you while you're enjoying a drink.

Have you ever wondered how the Internet works? Would you like to know what's going on in those tiny microchips? Curious to know how they make those dazzling computer-animated movies? Want to understand Bitcoin and other crypto currencies? Concerned about privacy issues and hacking? And just what is Artificial Intelligence? Take this course and you'll wonder no more.

*Steven Rubin is a retired computer scientist from California's Silicon Valley, with a Ph.D. in Computer Science and over fifty years of programming experience. He likes to teach, and he can't wait to teach you.*

### HIS664 History of Early South Carolina

Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m., Herring Center, Piper (HC111)

South Carolina has a very colorful and interesting past. The goal of this class is to highlight the people and events that made this history from Precolonial to the Royal Period. Lecture, hands-on artifacts, and primary sources will be utilized to "bring the past to life."

*Larry Greer, Ph.D is a retired history teacher. He has written history curriculum materials for the state, and for national book publishers.*

### HIS685 Interesting Characters in History

Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m., Herring Center, Crabtree (HC110)

Interesting Characters has a different subject and presenter each week. The topics and instructors will include Eliezer Ben Yehuda by Arthur Lebowitz, David Bowie by David Howcroft, Grace O'Malley (the Pirate Queen of Ireland) by Kathy Vyrostek, Women of '70s Rock by Brenda Bridges-Jones & Barbara Neb, Bill Russel by Bill Bridges, Baroness Micaela Almonester de Pontalba of New Orleans by Betty Jo Shaw, Father Coughlin by Matt Hermes, a character TBD by Jann Howell, and Davy Crockett by Larry Greer.

*Class moderator Tim Henry is a history buff and has taught at OLLI.*

### HIS976 Meet the 20 Regions of Italy

Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m., Herring Center, Campbell (HC004)

Italy is comprised of 20 regions- think 50 American states. Each is unique- just like Mississippi is vastly different from Rhode Island. Explore each of the 20 regions, with its geography, history, and location. Learn the major cities in each region, along with typical foods. With each class, you will have the opportunity to learn a few phrases in Italian! Each participant will also receive a list of resources for further exploration.

*Dr. Jenko serves as faculty at Greenville Technical College but has a love of 'Bel Italia.' Her great-grandparents immigrated from Sicily. She studies the Italian language and makes annual trips to Italy.*

### LIT102 Robert Frost: The Man and the Enigma

Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m., Herring Center, Vick Seminar (HC102)

Robert Frost once wrote, "Poems like love begin in surprise, delight, and tears and end in wisdom." Come join us as we explore Frost's ideas and his process of writing through thoughtful reading and exploration of his poetry. Whether you thought of Frost as you stopped by some woods on a snowy evening or contemplated a road not taken in your own life, your contributions to our class conversations will help flesh out this complex and enigmatic and brilliant and compassionate poet. No previous knowledge about poetry or Robert Frost is required. Your own unique perspectives will enhance the discussions. This four-week course ends October 2.

*Fran Davidson is a Professor Emeritus from Mercer County Community College, NJ, with 30+ years' experience. Fran taught "Introduction to 19th Century Poetry: Romantics to Victorians" at OLLI and teaches at Greenville Literacy Association.*

## RPH955 Basics of Islam

Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m., Herring Center, Small Arts/Crafts (HC113)

An examination of the origins and development of Islam, the world's second largest religious tradition. Particular attention is given to the formation of Islamic faith and practice as well as contemporary manifestations of Islam in Asia, Africa, and North America.

*Dr. Alfons H. Teipen has taught religion at Furman University since 1997. He is interested in the early biographies of Muhammad, relations between the Abrahamic Religions, and inter-religious dialogue.*

## SNM2013 The End of Everything, Astrophysically Speaking

Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m., Meets online, Z

The universe had a beginning. With the big bang, it expanded from a state of unimaginable density to an all-encompassing cosmic fireball to a simmering fluid of matter and energy, laying down the seeds for everything from black holes to one planet orbiting a star near the edge of a galaxy that developed life. But what happens to the universe at the end of the story? Here we take a mind-bending tour through five possible finales of the cosmos: the Big Crunch, Heat Death, the Big Rip, Vacuum Decay and the Bounce. We will guide you through cutting-edge science and major concepts in quantum mechanics, cosmology, string theory and more as we examine the fate of the universe as currently foreseen by the astrophysics community. This course is offered in partnership with OLLI @ NC State and will closely follow Katie Mack's bestseller of the same name. This six-week course ends October 16.

*Brand Fortner is a teaching professor at NC State University where he teaches astronomy, astrophysics and physics. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in high-energy astrophysics.*

## CEB1713 Strategies for Aging

Thursday, 3:15-4:45 p.m., Herring Center, Campbell (HC004)

Elder Law Attorney and former Probate Judge Susan Cobb Singleton shares strategies for seniors which

equip them to know How to Pay How to Play, and How to Protect their Loved Ones. Course topics include advance directives (Wills, trusts, Powers of Attorney-Health and Financial), the probate process, Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security benefits, aging in place, the hospital game, selecting nursing facilities, senior scams, grief and loss, leaving a legacy, and more. While the topics are serious, Ms. Singleton injects humor and relevant illustrations to explain concepts and welcomes course participant insights and questions. Required book: "Strategies for Aging" by Susan Singleton (ISBN 0999689509). NOTE: Please purchase book yourself, not provided by instructor.

*Susan Singleton, Elder Law Attorney and former Probate Judge, is passionate about equipping seniors to make informed legal, medical, and aging decisions.*

## PPG1346 Current Trends in Psychological Research

Thursday, 3:15-4:45 p.m., Herring Center, Piper (HC111)

Session 1 (September 11): Dr. Erin Hahn, "Moral Judgments of the Edibility of Animals in Children and Adults"

Session 2 (September 18): Dr. Adam Putnam, "The Science of Magic"

Session 3 (September 25): Dr. Erin Wamsley, "How Sleep Shapes Our Memories—and Our Dreams"

Session 4 (October 2): Dr. Veronica Flores, "Perceiving the World through Sensory Integration"

*This course is presented by faculty from Furman's Psychology Department.*

## PPG1350 Mindfulness for Daily Life

Thursday, 3:15-4:30 p.m., Herring Center, Larkin (HC104)

While this time of global and individual stress seems to be outside of our control, we can influence how we relate to the uncertainty. In this course, the instructors will share practices in mindfulness to help students build resources for inner peace and outer calm. We will focus on three areas of mindfulness: mindfulness of the body, mindfulness of the mind, and mindfulness in

action. Together, we will practice various techniques including the body scan, mindful movement, visualizations, breath-focused, mantra-focused and other meditations. At the end of the class, students will have a few mindfulness tools to navigate uncertainty more skillfully. This four-week course ends October 2.

*Dr. Min-Ken Liao is a faculty member at Furman University, registered yoga teacher, and certified mindfulness teacher. OLLI and in their community for years.*

## Friday

### HFE503 The Rock Stars

Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Meets Offsite

Explore the mountain trails of Upstate South Carolina and Western North Carolina. Hike 6 to 10 miles at a moderately strenuous to strenuous pace. Please clear physical activity with your physician before registering. Bring water, lunch, and hiking gear including sturdy footwear. Carpool.

*Willie Stuck will lead these hikes. Mike Hill will assist.*

### HFE613 Supported Yoga (Beginner Friendly)

Friday, 8:15-9:30 a.m., Herring Center, Crabtree (HC110)

In our go-go-go and fast-paced world, we get significant benefits from yoga; it enables slow and purposeful movement that strengthens our bodies and opens us to peaceful internal energies. This is a safe, practical style of yoga that is understandable, doable, and accessible to all fitness levels. Our breath-centered practice includes strength, flexibility, balance, and relaxation while encouraging us to listen to our body's individual needs. The class is a mixture of mat/floor and standing postures with props such as chairs, blocks, blankets, and straps available for support. No previous yoga experience is required.

*Dhara Baiden embarked on her yoga journey 15 years ago, initially out of curiosity but soon recognizing its profound benefits. Certified as a RYT-*

## Zoom Courses QUICK REFERENCE

HIS629b	<b>Post Cold War Espionage*</b>
HIS912	<b>Titanic Sinks! A Media Event*</b>
LAN703	<b>German I</b>
LAN796	<b>German V</b>
LIT100b	<b>Let's Read and Talk</b>
PAH829a	<b>Holiday Zentangle</b>
PAH998	<b>Islamic Mysticism and Philosophy*</b>
SNM1122	<b>Birth, Life, and Death of Stars*</b>
SNM2013	<b>The End of Everything, Astrophysically Speaking*</b>

\*Offered in Partnership with  
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500 and in trauma-informed yoga, she's also a National Board Certified Teacher and a Certified Functional Nutrition Counselor. Outside yoga, she explores the world with her husband, Jake.

### HFE581a Pickleball I

Friday, 9-11:00 a.m., North Village Pavilion, Pickleball Courts

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. It is not only a fun sport but also an extremely social activity as well. Played on dedicated pickleball courts or modified tennis courts, it is played with a perforated ball and a special paddle. It is easy to learn and utilizes skills found in tennis, table tennis and racquetball. Because of the modified court, it appeals to those people who love a competitive sport that can be less physically demanding. This course was designed specifically as an entry level course for beginner players to become acquainted with the gift of pickleball. Paddles and balls are provided.

Jim Derr is a pickleball enthusiast, both indoor and outdoor, and has

played at venues throughout the state. He looks forward to introducing this fast growing and socially active sport to future pickleballers. Bud Hamilton will assist.

### LAN703 German I

Friday, 9-10:30 a.m., Meets online, Z

This introductory German course is centered on teaching vocabulary and grammar. This four-week course meets September 12, October 3, October 17, and October 31.

Sonja Hickey was raised in a German-speaking household and studied German in high school and college. Sonja loves German and hopes you will, too!

### LAN796 German V

Friday, 9-10:30 a.m., Meets online, Z

This ongoing German course is centered on increasing fluency, expanding vocabulary and deepening the knowledge of grammar and structures. This four-week course meets September 19, October 10, October 24, and November 7.

Sonja Hickey was raised in a German-speaking household and studied German in high school and college. Sonja loves German and hopes you will, too!

### PAH914 Woodcarving 301: Christmas Ornaments

Friday, 9 a.m.-noon, Herring Center, Graham (HC005)

In this class we will carve a variety of Christmas ornaments. There will be up to 5 ornaments offered and carved by each student in the class. We will also plan to paint all ornaments carved. Completion of Woodcarving 101 and 201 required. Materials fee of \$25 due to the instructor at the first class.

Kent Ellison has been carving since 2003 and has won numerous awards in competitions. He is a 20-year member of the Piedmont Wood Carvers Club. Kent has been teaching at OLLI and elsewhere since 2006.

### RPH996 American Jewish Experience

Friday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Herring Center, Larkin (HC104)

Journey through four centuries of the American Jewish Experience! Learn about what brought Jews to this country, how they assimilated and the outsized impact of this small population on American culture, science and politics. PBS' miniseries, "The Jewish Americans" and optional readings compliment the course.

Devon Anker has a MA in Judaic Studies and Jewish Communal Service from Brandeis University. She leads the book club at Temple of Israel.

### PAH917 Felting 2D & 3D Fiber Arts

Friday, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Herring Center, Graham (HC005)

Wool can be transformed into wool painting or wool sculpture with various felting techniques. The instructor will demonstrate how to turn wool fibers into decorative yet functional felt creations. Step-by-step instruction will be offered. You will be guided how to blend, mix and needle felt with colorful wool fibers to create beautiful 2D wool motif and wool painting. You will also learn how to apply 3D needle felting technique to make a wool ornament. In addition, you will learn about wet felting and create a unique non-woven felted washcloth. Basic wool materials are included and felting tools for use. This four-week 3-hour course ends Oct 2. Materials fee: \$120 (due to instructor at first class).

Cecilia Ho, a teaching-artist for Greenville SmartARTS program, has shared felting fun with all ages through festivals, workshops and FELTasticFashion DIY kits since 2011.

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# Offsite Locations (NOTE: These courses are open to all OLLI members.)

## ROLLING GREEN VILLAGE

### HFE581b Pickleball I

*Monday, 9-11:00 a.m., Rolling Green Village, Pickleball Courts*

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America, it is not only a fun sport but also an extremely social activity as well. Played on dedicated pickleball courts or modified tennis courts it is played with a perforated ball and a special paddle. It is easy to learn and utilizes skills found in tennis, table tennis and racquetball. Because of the modified court, it appeals to those people who love a competitive sport that can be less physically demanding. This course was designed specifically as an entry level course for beginner players to become acquainted with the gift of pickleball. Paddles and balls are provided.

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### CEB1789 Life Happens

*Monday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.,  
Rolling Green Village Center, Blue Ridge E*

Life is unpredictable, and financial planning is key to confidently navigating each stage with assurance and stability. "Life Happens: Financial Planning for Every Stage" is an all-encompassing course tailored to steer individuals and families through the intricacies of financial planning, no matter their current life phase or financial standing.

Whether you're just starting out or over, gearing up for retirement, or at any point in between, this course equips you with the acumen and instruments necessary for making sound financial choices. Enroll to build the assurance needed to confront financial obstacles with determination and secure a prosperous future for yourself and your family.

*Following his graduation from Furman University with a degree in Business Management, Justin Chastain embarked on a career in finance. He has earned the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™, Chartered Financial Consultant®, and Certified Retirement Counselor® designations.*

### PAH819 Bridge for the Absolute Beginner

*Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Rolling Green Village Center,  
Commons Private Dining Room*

This course is for those of you who have never played bridge before or haven't played "since college," and would like to find out "what it's all about." No previous bridge or card playing experience of any kind is required. We will start with the basics; a description of the game and how it's played. Bidding and strategy will come later. Participants will determine the pace of the class. Please bring your book to the first class. Required book: "Bridge Basic I: An Introduction" by Audrey Grant (ISBN 0939460904).

*Stan Hack, a Bridge Life Master, has been playing bridge for more years than he cares to remember. He has previously taught "Bridge for the Absolute Beginner," "Introduction to Duplicate Bridge" and "Beginning Computer for the Terrified" for OLLI. Jan Haddox, also a Bridge Life Master, will assist with the course.*

### HFE570 Beginners Pickleball

*Wednesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Rolling Green Village Center, Pickleball Courts*

Join us to learn the fastest growing sport, pickleball! We will offer an introductory level course covering the history of the game, equipment, areas of the court, strokes, rules, scoring and more. The course will take place on two new fenced outdoor pickleball courts located at Rolling Green Village (on "the other side" of Greenville, exit 54 off I-85). Paddles and balls will be available for use. The course will be limited to six registrants and will include coached play during each session. This four-week course ends October 1.

*Emily Pitts is Rolling Green's Wellness Coordinator. She directed RGV's first pickleball tournament and offers weekly pickleball lessons to residents. William Spain played collegiate tennis. He's taught courses on pickleball at RGV to residents and staff.*

### SNM1119 Revolutionary Minds

*Wednesday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Rolling Green Village Center, Blue Ridge D*

The class will celebrate the groundbreaking contributions of women and men scientists who have transformed our understanding of the world and improved human lives. We will explore the lives, achievements, and lasting impacts of scientists who have shaped the course of history. This four-week course ends October 1.

*Yvonne Matthews is an educator from CT & NYS. She serves as the OLLI Co-Chair of Curriculum, is on Council, and Long-Range Planning. Yvonne is also a Greenville Literacy & Meals on Wheels Volunteer. She serves as a Garden Club member and docent at historical sites.*

### HIS963 Southern Campaign in the American Revolution

*Thursday, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Rolling Green Village Center,  
Blue Ridge D*

The class will focus on the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution in 1780-1781. The course will cover key battles such as Charleston, Yorktown, Camden, Kings Mountain, Cowpens and more. These discussions will include military elements such as strategic, tactical, topographical factors that shaped the outcome.

The course will feature several key figures that were influential in the campaign including, but not limited to, Lord Cornwallis, Banastre Tarleton, Horatio Gates, Dan Morgan, Francis Marion, Nathaniel Green, and Patrick Ferguson.

In addition, the course will cover the weaponry used during the campaign and how certain capabilities served as an asset or liability on each side.

Finally, we will tie in the social, political, and economic aspects of the campaign. We will discuss in detail the political strategies on each side and their goals, as well as the social aspects of the campaign that influenced the lives of all involved and had a major impact on the event. This will include discussing the involvement of Native Americans and slaves in the campaign. The economics will cover how and why this area was selected to be occupied by the British and why this was important.

*Don Little served in the United States Marine Corps and United States Army from 1991-2015. His education includes a BA in History from Cameron University and an MA in Human Resources from Webster University.*

# Friday Bonus Trips & Events

BTE1112	<b>Fall Beauty in Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains</b> Sept. 12, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Offsite	BTE1110	<b>How to Accept Anything</b> Sept. 26, 1-3 p.m., RGV	BTE1437	<b>They Cut Every Tree in Greenville County</b> Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-noon, HC110
BTE1502	<b>The Electric Energy Grid</b> Sept. 12, 9 a.m.-noon, HC111	BTE1130	<b>Charcuterie Boards Made Easy</b> Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-noon, HC 105/106	BTE1440	<b>Together Women Rise</b> Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-noon, HC111
BTE1140	<b>Fromagerie Tour</b> Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-noon, Offsite	BTE1403	<b>Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) #2 Tour and Overview</b> Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-noon, Offsite	BTE1445	<b>Salad School – No Lettuce Required</b> Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-noon, HC 105/106
BTE1171	<b>Property Tax and Reassessment Overview</b> Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-noon, HC110	BTE1414	<b>British Invasion Bands of the 1960's</b> Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-noon, HC111	BTE1598	<b>Bald Rock – Stepping Into the Future</b> Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-noon, Offsite
BTE1620	<b>Retracing the Keowee Trail</b> Sept. 12, 1-3 p.m., HC110	BTE1129	<b>How to Overcome Shoulder Pain</b> Oct. 3, 1-3 p.m., HC111	BTE1546	<b>Growing Up in a Small Textile Village in the 1940's and 1950's</b> Oct. 24, 1-3 p.m., HC111
BTE1152	<b>City Scape Winery and Vineyard Tour</b> Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-noon, Offsite	BTE1407	<b>The Misadventures of Sam Clemens</b> Oct. 3, 1-3 p.m., RGV	BTE1448	<b>AI Demystified: Practical Everyday Applications</b> Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-noon, HC110
BTE1163	<b>Living Love and Justice Amid Chaos and Fear</b> Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-noon, HC111	BTE1412	<b>ReWa Centennial and Tour of Swamp Rabbit Trail</b> Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-noon, Offsite	BTE1450	<b>Music Fundamentals</b> Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-noon, HC111
BTE1170	<b>Too Hot to Handle!</b> Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-noon, RGV	BTE1417	<b>The Man Who Shot J. P. Morgan</b> Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-noon, HC110	BTE1452	<b>Tips and Tricks for Creating Your Own Travel Adventures</b> Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-noon, HC004
BTE1460	<b>Overview of Public Art in Greenville</b> Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-noon, HC110	BTE1597	<b>Bridging the Political Divide</b> Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-noon, HC004	BTE1143	<b>Autumn on Lake Jocassee</b> Oct. 31, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Offsite
BTE1544	<b>Creating Art with Alcohol Inks</b> Sept. 19, 12:30-3 p.m., HC113	BTE1420	<b>Make and Take Paper Stars</b> Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., HC113	BTE1153	<b>Floral Table Design</b> Oct. 31, 1-3 p.m., HC005
BTE1115	<b>Guided History Walk: Main Street Hendersonville</b> Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-noon, Offsite	BTE1116	<b>Hands-Only CPR and Then Some</b> Oct. 10, 1-3 p.m., HC110	BTE1430	<b>Emancipation Proclamation</b> Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-noon, HC110
BTE1187	<b>Thriving in Menopause</b> Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-noon, HC111	BTE1421	<b>Resistance Exercise</b> Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-noon, HC111	BTE1455	<b>Give, Invest and Buy Local</b> Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-noon, HC004
BTE1189	<b>The Chemistry of Artisan Cheese</b> Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-noon, HC 105/106	BTE1428	<b>The Battle of Antietam</b> Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-noon, HC110	BTE1457	<b>Tales from a Volunteer Tax Preparer</b> Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-noon, HC111
BTE1192	<b>26 Unfamous People of The Great War Who Became Famous</b> Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-noon, RGV	BTE1434	<b>Paint the Sky</b> Oct. 17, 1-3 p.m., HC005		
BTE1179	<b>California Wine Tasting at Eagle Mountain</b> Sept. 26, Noon-2 p.m., Offsite	BTE1429	<b>The Gray Divorce Phenomenon</b> Oct. 17, 1-3 p.m., HC111		
		BTE1168	<b>Laughter is the Best Medicine</b> Oct. 17, 1-3 p.m., HC110		

## Bonus Event Registration Update:

While course registration begins August 14, bonus event registration will occur on a later date. Watch OLLI notes and the website for more information.

## Friday Bonus One-Day Trips & Events

### **BTE1112 Fall Beauty in Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains**

Sept. 12, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Offsite

The Blue Ridge Mountains are known for their fall beauty. Join Seth Harrison, SC Master Naturalist, and visit sites in the mountains of the Pisgah National Forest. The period when the days are getting shorter brings many changes in the forest. See and photograph them and learn some of their natural histories as well. We will carpool from Furman to interesting sites along the Blue Ridge Parkway and take our lunch to enjoy the outdoors. Note: We will be walking on natural trails for one to five miles with some moderate, up to 900 ft., elevation gain. Dress in layers, wear appropriate shoes and bring plenty of water and snacks. Distance from Furman: 50 miles. **Limit 20**

### **BTE1502 The Electric Energy Grid**

Sept. 12, 9 a.m.-noon, HC111

What exactly is the electric grid and why is it essential for reliable electric service? How can electric generators hundreds of miles away provide electricity to our homes and how are over 3,000 electric companies connected together? This will be a non-technical event with less detail on what electricity is and more discussion on the components of the grid and how it operates to reliably deliver electric power. Attendees will explore the evolution of electric power grids and discuss what needs to be done to accommodate the growth of solar and wind power while reducing consumption of carbon-based fuels. There will also be Q&A time for curious minds. Bill McCann, leader of this event, is a retired utility executive who has presented many energy programs at OLLI. **Limit 40**

### **BTE1140 Fromagerie Tour**

Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-noon, Offsite

Attendees of this event will meet at The Cheese Wheel and arrive before the shop opens to the public. The first 45 minutes of the event will include a tour of the shop, a history of cheese-making, charcuterie-making, cheese production, and specific cheese tastes. The second 45 minutes will be a tasting of five to six artisan cheeses with a description of those tastes and history. Distance from Furman: approximately 6 miles. Event fee of \$20 is payable at the time of the event. Michael Hallisey, a retired physician, will lead this event. His wife and son operate The Cheese Wheel, the

only artisan cheese shop in upstate South Carolina which carries over 260 artisan cheeses. **Limit 20**

### **BTE1171 Property Tax and Reassessment Overview**

Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-noon, HC110

This event is an overview of property taxes in Greenville County including reassessment and the homestead exemption for residents over age 65. Attendees will learn the components of a property tax bill, the process for applying for homestead exemption, and the impacts of property reassessment. The leader of this event, Scott Case, CPA, has over 30 years of experience in accounting, tax, and financial consulting. He has served as Greenville County Auditor since 2007, and has been instrumental in key financial initiatives in Greenville County. **Limit 120**

### **BTE1620 Retracing the Keowee Trail**

Sept. 12, 1-3 p.m., HC110

Attendees of this event will learn the story of the Cherokee Path that connected the low country of colonial Carolina with the Cherokee nation. The Keowee Trail was a busy trading route for a burgeoning deerskin trade between the Cherokee nation and the British colony of South Carolina. Along this same path, epidemic disease made its way from the colony toward the Cherokee nation, reducing their population by more than one-half. Along this path, warfare was waged in both directions, by Cherokee war parties determined to defend their homeland and by settlers hungry for land. Dispossession of native peoples was the necessary prelude to the advancement of slavery across South Carolina and the Southeast and the enslaved ancestors of African Americans will forge a significant place in this story. Stuart Taylor, leader of this event, is a retired Presbyterian pastor who served congregations in Georgia, Arizona and North Carolina. He is co-author of "St. Francis and the Foolishness of God." **Limit 120**

### **BTE1152 City Scape Winery and Vineyard Tour**

Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-noon, Offsite

Attendees of this event will be treated to a tour of the tasting room, production areas and vineyards. They will hear the history of the winery and how the grapes are grown in the vineyards and see behind-the-scenes of the 6,400 sq ft underground

production facility. Distance from Furman: 23 miles. Tickets, payable at the time of the event, are \$25 and include the tour, a glass of wine, and a souvenir wine glass. Josh Jones, leader of this event, is the owner and head winemaker at City Scape Winery. With over 15 years of wine-making experience, his wines have won countless regional, national, and international awards through the years. **Limit 30**

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### **BTE1163 Living Love and Justice Amid Chaos and Fear**

Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-noon, HC111

What can we learn from others who have lived constructively in eras marked by hatred, violence, and chaos? What gifts of perspective do they share and what counsels do they offer for both our outer and inner life? What questions and disciplines do they invite us to live with? During this event, we will draw on figures from a variety of traditions and cultures as well as committed, non-violent activism dating from the 1960's. Steve Doughty, leader of this event, is an OLLI instructor, author and Presbyterian minister. He has studied and practiced non-violent action for justice in the United States and Colombia, South America. **Limit 45**

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### **BTE1170 Too Hot to Handle!**

Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-noon, Rolling Green Village

The word "scandal" is defined as "an action offending propriety or morality." In the past, certain things were considered scandalous at which today no one would be offended. Our discussion will not include scandals in American politics, too many, or Bernie Madoff, too recent. Power, deceit, hubris, and ambition often intertwine, leading to a person's downfall. We'll look at over a dozen shocking scandals in the areas of art, academia, sports, publishing, entertainment, national security, and more. Join this discussion for a glimpse into the world of people who chose a dangerous life of duplicity, dishonesty, and deceit. This event will be held at Rolling Green Village. Carol Nescio, leader of this event, taught high school French and German. **Limit 16**

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### **BTE1460 Overview of Public Art in Greenville**

Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-noon, HC110

Attendees of this event will observe many works of Greenville's public art and learn how each piece reveals something about Greenville's past. Ken Bickel, leader of this event, is interested in Greenville history and is a tour guide with Greenville Bike Taxi. **Limit 100**

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### **BTE1544 Creating Art with Alcohol Inks**

Sept. 19, 12:30-3 p.m., HC113

Join us for this fun, exciting workshop using alcohol inks to create beautiful, vibrant, abstract paintings. Demonstrations will be given of different techniques and you can try them all or choose the ones you prefer. This is a beginner level class for those interested in learning about this colorful medium, but you are welcome to attend if you have worked with alcohol inks in the past. WEAR OLD CLOTHES and/or an apron and BRING A ROLL OF PAPER TOWELS. All other supplies are included in the fee. Attendees may bring a snack for the break. Materials fee: \$45 (due to instructor at event). Vicki Van Vynckt ([www.vanvyncktfineart.com](http://www.vanvyncktfineart.com)), who paints in oils, alcohol inks and other mediums and has taught art for over 20 years, will lead this event. **Limit 15**

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### **BTE1115 Guided History Walk: Main Street Hendersonville**

Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-noon, Offsite

Join this guided history walk on Main Street in Hendersonville, NC. This tour is a lively 90-minute stroll along Hendersonville's lovely Main Street. Expect to be charmed and informed about the history and architecture in this historic downtown. Learn about bordellos, trolley lines, the oldest buildings, big fires, underground Hendersonville, architects of renown, and more. Distance from Furman: 32 miles. Event fee: \$10 (due at event). Mary Jo Padgett, leader of this event and Hendersonville, NC resident for 40 years, frequently leads history walks in Hendersonville. She is also a regular OLLI instructor. **Limit 30**

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### **BTE1187 Thriving in Menopause**

Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-noon, HC111

With women living over one third of their lives in menopause, we need to not just survive and get through this phase, we need to learn how to thrive! Perimenopause and the cross-over to menopause can be filled with overwhelming symptoms, changes in the body, and a fear of losing a lifestyle once taken for granted. Gone are the days where women are dismissed after menopause. Topics discussed during this event will include: exercising for improving bone density, how to build muscle mass, pelvic health symptoms of menopause, cardiovascular health, and fall and fracture prevention. Dr. Elizabeth Eldridge, a Women's Health Physical Therapist, will bring her expertise to help you fully understand menopause changes, how to advocate for yourself, and how to thrive in menopause. **Limit 45**

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### **BTE1189 The Chemistry of Artisan Cheese**

Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-noon, HC 105/106

This event includes an academic discussion of the chemistry, production, distribution and tasting of artisan cheese. After the discussion, attendees will enjoy a tasting of five special cheeses to apply their newfound knowledge. Event fee: \$20. Michael Hallisey, a retired physician, will lead this event. His wife and son operate The Cheese Wheel, the only artisan cheese shop in upstate South Carolina which carries over 260 artisan cheeses. **Limit 20**

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### **BTE1192 26 Unfamous People of The Great War Who Became Famous**

Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-noon, Rolling Green Village

Little do we know when we are in our teens or early twenties that one day our name will be known around the world. Several young people directly involved in World War I, The Great War, or on the periphery of that war went on to make their mark in history. Names like Chanel, Fleming, Pilates, Jung, Ravel, Chagall, and more. Join us to learn more about these "Unfamous People Who Did Indeed Become Famous," this event will be held at Rolling Green Village. Carol Nescio, leader of this event, taught high school French and German and has been an OLLI instructor for several years. **Limit 18**

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### **BTE1179 California Wine Tasting at Eagle Mountain**

Sept. 26, Noon-2 p.m., Offsite

Eagle Mountain Winery (EMW) opened its doors to the public in June of 2021 and has since served over 80,000 visitors. The winery team seeks to educate guests about California wine by providing premium varietals that they create with a number of California grape growers. Russ Gardiner serves as the President and George Bursick serves as Head Wine Maker for the operation. Attendees of this event will tour the facility and then partake in a short wine education seminar and tasting of the many wines created by EMW. Distance from Furman: 12 miles. Event fees: \$22 plus tax and gratuity for a tasting/flight of 6 wines plus a glass of your favorite and \$18 plus tax and gratuity for charcuterie board tasting (artisan meats, cheeses and other snack bites). Lauri Sybell, leader of this event, has worked at EMW for five years. She began as a volunteer assisting with planting two grape vineyards and now works in the Tasting Room where she educates customers on California wines. **Limit 50**

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### **BTE1110 How to Accept Anything**

Sept. 26, 1-3 p.m., Rolling Green Village

Have you ever struggled to accept something? It would be a rare human who hasn't. Whether it's

learning how to accept yourself, what's happened in your life, others, the world... there is a litany of options when it comes to ways in which you may fight with reality. And really, that's what lack of acceptance is-a belief that things should be some way other than what they are. Come to this event if you are interested in exploring your relationship with acceptance. What is the foundation for all suffering? What do you most resist in your life? How do you learn to accept the unacceptable? Leave with a deeper understanding of where you can seek more acceptance in your life and tools to help you go about doing so. This event will take place at Rolling Green Village. Sarah Troy, leader of this event, is an Ayurvedic Health Practitioner, Integrative Counselor, Heart-Based Meditation Instructor and Craniosacral Therapist with over 4,000 hours of training in consciousness based holistic healing. **Limit 45**

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### **BTE1130 Charcuterie Boards Made Easy**

Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-noon, HC 105/106

This event will provide both demonstration and participation as attendees learn about the popular charcuterie boards and are guided on how to prepare them for one person or many people. Participants will learn how to cut and arrange meats, cheeses, breads, and other goodies, as well as how to assemble a beautiful and appetizing board, tray, cup or box...and we will eat our creations! Event fee: \$10 cash payable at time of event to instructor. Cheryl Cotner, leader of this event, earned degrees in culinary arts and hospitality management, has worked in restaurants, taught cooking classes, catered large and small affairs, and hosted many parties for family and friends. **Limit 24**

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### **BTE1403 Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) #2 Tour and Overview**

Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-noon, Offsite

This tour will cover day to day operations at AASF#2 as well as the missions conducted by 2-151 AVN. Aircraft housed at the facility are the CH-47F and the UH-72A and B. Distance from Furman: 7 miles. Col Matthew Summey will lead this tour. He belongs to the 2-151st Aviation Regiment (SSAB), 59th Aviation Troop Command (ATC), and South Carolina National Guard (SCNG). **Limit 35**

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### **BTE1414 British Invasion Bands of the 1960's**

Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-noon, HC111

During this event, we will look at the factors behind the 1960's British Invasion and review some of the major bands involved, including the Beatles, Stones, the Who, the Kinks, and seven more. Our format will primarily be lecture with audio-visual aids. David Howcroft, leader of this event, is a

self-professed Rock music aficionado who lived in England for three years in the early 1960's. He had a Georgetown University radio show, produced several concerts, and managed a record store. **Limit 40**

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### **BTE1129 How to Overcome Shoulder Pain**

Oct. 3, 1-3 p.m., HC111

Through an interactive presentation, attendees of this event will learn the common causes of shoulder problems, the keys to achieving lasting relief, and how to return to their favorite activities without medications, injections, or surgery. Dr. Tim Varghese, leader of this event, is a physical therapist and founder of Movement Solutions. **Limit 35**

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### **BTE1407 The Misadventures of Sam Clemens**

Oct. 3, 1-3 p.m., Rolling Green Village

Before he became the famous author Mark Twain, Sam Clemens thought he had found his lifelong calling—a Mississippi riverboat pilot. After all, at age 23 he was living large in New Orleans and earning as much as the vice-president of the United States, \$500 per month! What could possibly go wrong? Join us to find out as Sam spends the next seven years of his life as a Civil War soldier, a bureaucrat in the wild west, a silver miner, a lumber baron, both a “millionaire and destitute” within days, a newspaper reporter, and a surfer in the Hawaiian Islands! This event will take place at Rolling Green Village. Jim Maurer, leader of this event, has presented many bonus events at OLLI for several years. **Limit 50**

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### **BTE1412 ReWa Centennial and Tour of Swamp Rabbit Trail**

Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-noon, Offsite

The history of ReWa is also the colorful history of the Reedy River and the City of Greenville. Our tour will begin with a summary of the agency's history presented in the recently rebuilt Training and Operations Center. Next will be a one mile walk on the trail—part of which was designed and built by the Conestee Nature Preserve and part by ReWa. Along the way, there will be wildflower gardens, bee hives, large paintings on the sides of tanks, wetland overlooks, hidden salamanders (similar to Mice on Main) and signs explaining various aspects of water. Distance from Furman: 9 miles. George Fletcher, leader of this event, was Chair of the ReWa Centennial and a career environmental engineer. **Limit 30**

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### **BTE1417 The Man Who Shot J. P. Morgan**

Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-noon, HC110

On July 3, 1915, financier J. P. Morgan Jr. was hosting guests at his Long Island estate when an armed man forced his way inside. Nine years

### **Bonus Event Registration Update:**

While course registration begins August 14, bonus event registration will occur on a later date. Watch OLLI notes and the website for more information. In addition, OLLI Notes, published weekly, will list available spots throughout the term. Prior to the event, you will be contacted by email with instructions and/or directions.

### **Bonus Trip Cancellation Policy:**

Even though most one-day events are free, any cancellations after the Monday prior to an event or no-shows by members will be charged \$25 by OLLI.

earlier, Harvard professor Erich Muentzer vanished after being suspected of poisoning his wife. Later, in Texas, a man calling himself Frank Holt married Leona Sensabaugh and moved to Ithaca, New York, to teach at Cornell. Some colleagues suspected he resembled Muentzer. Could Holt and Muentzer be the same person? And what connected him to the attack on Morgan? This event tells a gripping story of false identities, radical politics, and criminal ambition in the tense years before the U.S. entered World War I. A presentation of the story of The Man Who Shot J.P. Morgan can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RON5o9fNSKU>. Mary Noe, leader of this event, is a professor at St. John's University. **Limit 120**

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### **BTE1597 Bridging the Political Divide**

Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-noon, HC004

The divisiveness in our country is palpable. We all see it...feel it. Many of us have had difficulty discussing politics among those with different views. Such attempts often lead to anger or, minimally, withdrawal or avoidance. At such times, we're facing the “great divide” that exists across our country, and the gap is widening. Braver Angels is a national organization dedicated to bringing Americans together to bridge the partisan divide. It has a proven successful approach to engagement with those of other beliefs and opinions. This educational event will provide attendees with knowledge, skills and tools to have productive conversations across political divides. Eric Ireland, Co-Chair of the Palmetto Alliance of Braver Angels (PABA) who has served in leadership positions in many non-profit and community organizations, will lead this event. **Limit 30**

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### **BTE1420 Make and Take Paper Stars**

Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., HC113

Moravian, German and Origami 3-dimensional 3 and 4 inch stars are made by folding a variety of long paper strips. They make wonderful gifts to have on hand or hang from a tree or in a window for the holidays or change of seasons. Attendees will enjoy a fun activity using fall and winter holiday printed papers. Small motor skill finger dexterity is helpful and patience is a plus. Materials fee of \$20 is payable to the instructor. Jill Breaux, leader of this event, studied art, design, healthy living and Feng Shui in the U.S. and Canada. **Limit 10**

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### **BTE1116 Hands-Only CPR and Then Some**

Oct. 10, 1-3 p.m., HC110

Would you know what to do if you found someone collapsed on the floor and unresponsive? Would you know what to do if someone, while eating, starts to choke and is not able to breathe or speak? Do you know the early signs of a stroke? Studies have shown that early intervention increases the survival chances from such events. This American Heart Association sponsored event will demonstrate how to perform Hands-Only CPR. We will also review choking and stroke management. Please note: this event is NOT for BLS certification. Randy Blouin, leader of this event, is a retired Pediatric Neurologist, having practiced in Greenville for 33 years. Gayle Blouin will assist with this event. **Limit 30**

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### **BTE1421 Resistance Exercise**

Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-noon, HC111

The average American begins to experience a physical decline that begins as early as their mid-20's and continues throughout the course of their life, terminating in the final decades of their life in a state of dysfunction and dependence. Attendees of this event will learn the concept of physiological head room and the notion that a quality life is not just measured in years, but in "area under the curve." We will also discuss how a brief and infrequent regimen of high intensity exercise can reverse the diseases of modern civilization and how the new science of myokines (hormone-like substances released by working skeletal muscle) makes this possible. Dr. Doug McGuff, leader of this event, is an Emergency Physician, an Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Greenville, and owner of Ultimate Exercise. **Limit 40**

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### **BTE1428 The Battle of Antietam**

Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-noon, HC110

Join us for a detailed look at what may have been

the most dramatic, meaningful and yet disturbing major battle of the entire Civil War. The conflict along Antietam Creek near the tiny village of Sharpsburg, MD could and should have ended the war, thereby saving hundreds of thousands of lives. Instead, it prolonged the conflict and essentially sealed the fate of the South. It was also the bloodiest single day in American history with 3,675 men officially listed as KIA with as many as another 1,000 from among those listed as MIA. We will discuss the leadup to the first meeting of forces from the North and South on Union soil, why it occurred in such a remote location and the incredible courage and determination of the men on both sides who fought so gallantly on that awful day. Bob Dwyer, leader of this event, is a retired Wall Street executive who has been instructing at OLLI@Furman since 2007. Mary McGee has been partnering with him for eight of those years and they are both life-long, dedicated avocational historians. **Limit 130**

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### **BTE1434 Paint the Sky**

Oct. 17, 1-3 p.m., HC005

Learn how to use acrylic paint to create stunning, expressive skies. This hands-on event will guide you through essential painting techniques, including blending colors smoothly, layering for depth, and mastering brushwork to capture the beauty of clouds, sunsets, and sky gradients. This creative session offers step-by-step instruction and plenty of encouragement. Come discover how to turn a blank canvas into a breathtaking sky! Participants need to have prior painting experience and bring their own 11" by 14" (or similar sized) canvas, one large brush and one small brush for detail, and the following acrylic paints: titanium white, ultramarine or cobalt, hansa yellow or cadmium yellow, cadmium red or quinacridone. Optional colors: cerulean blue, phthalo blue, phthalo green, yellow ochre, Payne's gray, and cadmium orange. Kate Fagan, leader of this event, is a South Carolina-based painter whose landscapes capture the ephemeral intersection of place and time. She earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts in oil painting from Clemson University. **Limit 30**

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### **BTE1429 The Gray Divorce Phenomenon**

Oct. 17, 1-3 p.m., HC111

From 1990 to the present, the divorce rate among US adults aged 50 and older has increased dramatically. This phenomenon has been called The Gray Divorce Revolution. This event will discuss the causes of gray divorce and the implications for gray divorcees and the professionals who work with them. We will discuss the economic and social implications of gray divorce and the impact of gray divorce on adult children. We will also address key economic issues such as the division of retirement plans and real estate, spousal support, estate planning, health insurance,

and social security. The discussion will also focus on personal growth after divorce and the concept of post traumatic growth and how gray divorcees can surmount the twin challenges of divorce and retirement to create a meaningful and purposeful life for themselves. Andrew Hatherley CDFA® is the host of The Gray Divorce Podcast which is dedicated to educating people about the financial, legal and emotional issues affecting divorcees over the age of fifty. **Limit 45**

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### **BTE1168 Laughter is the Best Medicine**

Oct. 17, 1-3 p.m., HC110

Tired of the political rhetoric that divides us like never before? Frustrated with a relative who does not see the issues the same way as you? Are family gatherings more contentious than in the past? Do you want to escape the frustrations you feel? If so, you need a laugh! Laughter can improve your emotional and mental health. Larry Candler, leader of this event and a jokester at heart, will share funny personal stories as well as jokes that he will apply to his own family members. Frank Hill, the "manure man of South Carolina," will be featured along with his quail dropping jewelry. **Limit 100**

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### **BTE1437 They Cut Every Tree in Greenville County**

Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-noon, HC110

The Cherokee cleared and burned the flat lands, immigrants cleared mountain sides to grow corn, landowners cleared bottomland to grow cotton and land barons harvested large original growth to supply the ever-expanding railroads. So how did the colorful forests of northern Greenville County emerge from these threats and from the ravages of "Big Lumber?" During this event, attendees will explore the complex history of the land barons and lumber companies in Greenville County and why we can still proudly call our home "Greenville." Jim Stehlik, leader of this event, is a published Greenville historian whose area of expertise is northern Greenville County. He has taught several courses on the "Dark Corner of Greenville" for OLLI@Furman. **Limit 120**

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### **BTE1440 Together Women Rise**

Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-noon, HC111

With origins in Greenville, SC, Together Women Rise has been advancing global gender equality since 2003. This once local movement is now a powerful, nationwide community with approximately 300 local chapters across the United States and partnerships worldwide. Members come together to learn about and advocate for gender equality issues, give grants to organizations that empower women and girls in low-income communities in the Global South, and forge meaningful connections with each other and

with women and girls globally. The organization has impacted more than 5 million people in over 70 countries through programs that provide women and girls with education, health care, and economic opportunities, and also help to end harmful practices like child marriage and female trafficking. Come learn about these exciting and creative programs that powerfully change individual lives and communities. Both women and men are invited to participate in this event. Lynn Bell is a retired community health nurse who co-leads a Together Women Rise chapter and Dr. Lisa Hall is a retired educator and nonprofit administrator and a Together Women Rise Chapter Support Liaison. They will co-lead this event. **Limit 40**

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### **BTE1445 Salad School – No Lettuce Required**

Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-noon, HC 105/106

This fun, fast-paced event will open your eyes and your taste buds to a whole new world of bold, colorful, flavor-packed salads. From Marshall Field's famous Chicken Salad to a zesty Shrimp and Mango combo and an unexpected Carrot and Blue Cheese twist, you'll learn to mix quick, crave-worthy salads using mostly fresh ingredients, but some canned, and time saving ingredients. Come hungry-you'll taste everything! Get the user friendly guide to making a perfect salad every time! Event fee: \$7 for ingredients payable to instructor at time of event. Alix Sanchez, leader of this event, is a self-taught home cook but has operated several small catering businesses while living in Venezuela, Panama and Australia. **Limit 15**

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### **BTE1598 Bald Rock – Stepping Into the Future**

Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-noon, Offsite

A previous event was held at Bald Rock Heritage Preserve in October of 2023 introducing the efforts of Friends of Bald Rock and South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) to improve and preserve this historic mountain landmark in northern Greenville County. Since that time, much progress has been made. This event will highlight a new entrance and parking lot, a hiking trail onto the rock surface (1/2 mile each way with uneven surfaces) and continued cleanup and restoration efforts. A brief history will be presented and the short hike will be led by the presenters. Along the way there will be plenty of time for questions and identification of the flora, fauna and geologic formations, as well as time to enjoy the spectacular fall foliage and views. Attendees are welcome to bring a bag lunch if they choose to stay after the presentation. Distance from Furman: 27 miles. Lisa Hunter, secretary of Friends of Bald Rock, Susan Jordan, founder and President of Friends of Bald Rock and Austen Attaway of SCDNR will be co-leading this event. **Limit 30**

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### **BTE1546 Growing Up in a Small Textile Village in the 1940's and 1950's**

Oct. 24, 1-3 p.m., HC111

While growing up in a small textile village was similar to life in textile villages in Greenville, it was also different in many ways. This event will focus on the instructor's life experience growing up in the small textile village of Lockhart, SC (population 2,500) and some of the characters who lived there. Family secrets resulting in a search for black relatives leads to an intriguing adventure. His story illustrates the family dynamics in an era of segregation and discrimination, where the feelings were real and sometimes very raw. Larry Candler, leader of this event, has worked as a consulting engineer and previously facilitated OLLI @ Furman classes. **Limit 45**

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### **BTE1448 AI Demystified: Practical Everyday Applications**

Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-noon, HC110

This event will offer a practical introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI), designed for individuals with limited prior knowledge. Attendees will gain a foundational understanding of AI concepts, explore a popular AI platform such as Google's Gemini, and learn how to apply Gemini for everyday tasks. Through live classroom demonstrations, attendees will learn how AI can be used to craft various personalized notes, generate poems, and create engaging stories, emphasizing its potential for both productivity and creative expression. Paul DiLella, leader of this event, has facilitated a variety of OLLI @ Furman classes and events. **Limit 120**

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### **BTE1450 Music Fundamentals**

Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-noon, HC111

This event is an introduction to music or a brief review of music reading skills from days past. No prior musical experience is necessary to attend. Learn how to decipher a page of music...you know you want to! Phyllis Dunne, leader of this event, has been teaching piano lessons since she was 16. As a piano major, voice minor, K-12 vocal music teacher and professional musician, she knows her music and wants to share her knowledge! **Limit 40**

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### **BTE1452 Tips and Tricks for Creating Your Own Travel Adventures**

Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-noon, HC004

When you book your own travel, you save money, stay flexible, and create a trip that's truly your own adventure. With the right tools and a little research, anyone can create a more authentic, rewarding travel experience. Alix and Francisco Sanchez, leaders of this event and visitors to over

45 countries, will show attendees the tips and tricks they've used to arrange month-long vacations to exotic locales including Nepal, Peru, Thailand, Egypt, Turkey, Croatia and many more. **Limit 35**

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### **BTE1143 Autumn on Lake Jocassee**

Oct. 31, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Offsite

A short stretch of South Carolina, known as the Jocassee Gorges, contains more species of trees than almost anywhere else on earth. The majority are deciduous trees that sport a unique look every spring and fall. Explore the science behind changing colors and meet some of the area's most interesting and colorful trees, up close and personal, from the comfort of a pontoon boat. Be prepared to view trees in a whole new way...as living, breathing individuals. We'll also visit some of the beautiful waterfalls and wild rivers for which Lake Jocassee is so famous. Distance from Furman: 41 miles. Event fee: \$60 per person payable at time of the event. Upstate Master Naturalists, Kay Wade and Sheryl White of Jocassee Lake Tours, will lead this event. **Limit 24**

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### **BTE1153 Floral Table Design**

Oct. 31, 1-3 p.m., HC005

Unleash your creativity and learn how to craft a stunning floral centerpiece using fresh flowers! In this demonstration, attendees will discover the art of floral design and learn how to create a breathtaking table arrangement that captures the essence of the holidays. Participants will work with a variety of seasonal blooms and learn how to arrange them in a way that highlights their natural beauty. Materials fee: \$5 payable to the instructor at time of event. Melanie Coblentz, leader of this event, previously owned a floral business and now utilizes all her talents as the marketing director for White Wine and Butter and as the owner of YeahThatMom.com, a family-friendly activity and travel website. **Limit 30**

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### **BTE1430 Emancipation Proclamation**

Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-noon, HC110

Attendees of this event will review the outcome of the Union's controversial victory at the battle of Antietam. On September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the executive order now known as the Emancipation Proclamation that would change the entire character of the War. He had the order on his desk since the summer but refrained from issuing it until the Union forces had won a victory on the battlefield. It was a brilliant military move on his part that made the War a fight against slavery and removed all chance of European intervention that had been under consideration in both Paris and London. But did it actually free all slaves? What were the exact terms? Who WAS affected? We will explain all the

ramifications and details of the historic proclamation and answer any questions you may have. Bob Dwyer, leader of this event, is a retired Wall Street executive who has been instructing at OLLI@Furman since 2007. Mary McGee has been partnering with him for eight of those years and they are both life-long, dedicated avocational historians. **Limit 130**

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### **BTE1455 Give, Invest and Buy Local**

Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-noon, HC004

Want to learn how to leverage your dollars to make a greater impact in Greenville? Attendees of this event will identify and discuss the various options available to give, invest, and buy local. Come ready to learn and share about the many ways we can each put our money to work here in Greenville and how to give back without giving it all away. Don't have a lot of money? Don't worry. You can still make a difference with what you have so come and learn how. Ame Sanders, leader of this event, is President of State of Inclusion and host of the State of Inclusion podcast and The Inclusive Community newsletter. **Limit 30**

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### **BTE1457 Tales from a Volunteer Tax Preparer**

Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-noon, HC111

This is not a course on how to prepare your taxes or how to minimize your tax bill or maximize your refund. So why attend? Attendees will discuss several recurring issues such as conceptions, misconceptions and questions that seem to repeatedly challenge taxpayers across all ages and income levels. Case studies will be included and we will spend time discussing some painful instances of fraud and the ability to resist it. This will be a highly interactive course, so expect lots of questions and be ready to respond. At the conclusion, attendees can hopefully be better prepared for the 2026 tax season. Susan Nelson, leader of this event, has worked as a Volunteer Tax Preparer for over 12 years helping families, friends and fellow South Carolinians navigate each tax season. **Limit 40**

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# Special Interest Groups

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A Special Interest Group (SIG) is a group of OLLI members whose focus is a certain area of interest and social interaction. The following SIGs are already in place, and new SIGs are encouraged to form at any time. You do not need to register for SIGs and there is no fee; however, you must be a current OLLI member to participate. Those interested in learning more about the SIGs below are encouraged to reach out to the contact person listed to learn more about SIG meeting times and the like. Information about starting a new SIG is available in the OLLI Office and on the OLLI website. Questions? Contact Heidi Wright at [heidi.wright@furman.edu](mailto:heidi.wright@furman.edu) or 864-294-2997.

## Acoustic Jam

This SIG is for any OLLI member who likes to play an acoustic instrument or sing along to a variety of songs (Standards, Rock, Country, Folk). Current members include guitar, ukulele, mandolin, and harmonica players. We welcome skill levels from advanced beginner to expert who like to sing, play, share songs or swap ideas. We meet once a week for 2 hours, and the time and location vary each OLLI term based on room availability. Contact Charlie Lyman at [Lymansys@gmail.com](mailto:Lymansys@gmail.com).

## Big Questions

The Big Questions SIG is for anyone with an interest in talking, listening, and thinking carefully about fundamental issues. We have pondered questions like: What is the meaning of life (and how do we recognize it)? Which is more fundamental, the individual or the community? Is reason co-extensive with science? The group decides what to discuss. Genuine interest in ideas is the only requirement of membership. We meet weekly. Our discussions are free-wheeling and only lightly moderated. All participants are encouraged to freely voice their opinions while respecting and giving space to the viewpoints of others. Contact Peter Michael at [petemich9@gmail.com](mailto:petemich9@gmail.com).

## Bocce

The Bocce SIG offers OLLI members an opportunity to enjoy the game in a social, non-competitive atmosphere on the Furman grounds near the Herring Center. We play weekly during each term at a time agreed upon by SIG members. Contact Jim Zickos at [jzickos@gmail.com](mailto:jzickos@gmail.com).

## Bridge

The Bridge SIG is for players of all levels. They meet weekly on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. in Manly Lobby of the Herring Center. More groups may form if there is enough interest. Contact Barb Nebb at [banebb@comporium.net](mailto:banebb@comporium.net) or Glenda Auxier at [gauxier1@aol.com](mailto:gauxier1@aol.com).

## Fix-It Clinic

This SIG brings together the talents, tools, and experience of OLLI Handymen and Handywomen who have a knack for repairing broken or malfunctioning household items. The idea is to keep usable items out of landfills and help avoid costly replacements or repairs.

Examples of items we work on include bicycles, items with power cords (vacuums, hair dryers, lamps), battery-operated

devices (toys, tools), furniture, electronics (laptops, TVs), and much more. If you're interested in becoming a "Fixer," please contact Skip Redman at [skipredman@gmail.com](mailto:skipredman@gmail.com). If you have an item you'd like to have repaired for free, watch for our monthly Fix-It Clinic announcements in OLLI Notes.

## Food Friends Fun

This SIG meets monthly to dine at Greenville area restaurants. OLLI members who like to be social, meet new people and enjoy great food are encouraged to join. Contact Jacqui Foster at [jacquilee1955@gmail.com](mailto:jacquilee1955@gmail.com) or Patti Wargo at [pattifunfood@hotmail.com](mailto:pattifunfood@hotmail.com).

## French

*Êtes-vous Francophone? Vous êtes invité à un SIG où on parlera français. On peut pratiquer la belle langue, et on peut faire la connaissance d'autres qui parlent français.* The French Conversation SIG welcomes all French proficiency levels. Contact Juvi Peretz at [juper1958@gmail.com](mailto:juper1958@gmail.com).

## Handbuilding with Clay

Join the Hand Building with Clay SIG and explore your creative potential with an afternoon of working with clay! All levels of experience welcome. Bring your own supplies or we will have some clay on hand for those that don't have it. Contact Betsy Beach at [betsyb421@icloud.com](mailto:betsyb421@icloud.com) or Karen Hughes at [swimclark78@gmail.com](mailto:swimclark78@gmail.com).

## Handchimes

This SIG is for those interested in playing music with hand chimes. It is a group effort to practice and play beautiful music while having fun at the same time. The group practices each week of the OLLI year preparing music that will be played publicly. Being able to read music is the only prerequisite. Prior experience ringing the chimes is not necessary. Ringing music with others brings joy and camaraderie to the participants. If this interests you, contact Sheldon Timmerman at [hsheldentimmerman@gmail.com](mailto:hsheldentimmerman@gmail.com).

## Italian

This SIG meets via Zoom and focuses on conversational Italian with an emphasis on beginners to intermediate level Italian usage and knowledge. Our aim is to practice our Italian language skills while at the same time exploring new vocabulary. Contact Elisa Golden at [e\\_m\\_golden@hotmail.com](mailto:e_m_golden@hotmail.com) or Mary Jo Pruitt at [mpruitt915@aol.com](mailto:mpruitt915@aol.com).

### **Knitted Knockers**

The Knitted Knockers SIG helps women who have had mastectomies. We knit (and crochet) “Knitted Knockers” which are soft, lightweight breast prosthetics provided free of charge to women either to use pre-reconstruction, or as a more comfortable alternative to silicone prosthetics. All OLLI member knitters and crochet enthusiasts are welcome! Contact Cathy Sanchez at cathysanchez2005@yahoo.com or Sally Bornmueller at sally.bornmueller@gmail.com.

### **Mah Jongg**

The Mah Jongg SIG is for experienced players who would like to get together weekly to play Mah Jongg. They also welcome those who have recently taken a Mah Jongg class or who are trying to brush up on some “rusty” skills. They currently meet at 1:30 on Wednesdays in Manly Lobby at the Herring Center. Contact Karen Wenstrup at karenwenstrup@hotmail.com.

### **Meditation**

For fellow OLLI members who have experience with meditation and would like to get together and practice meditation. We offer an informal session once a week where one can sit and meditate. Contact Liz Kelley at lizkelley05@gmail.com.

### **Mexican Train**

This SIG is centered on the dominoes-based game, Mexican Train. All levels of play are welcome as players come together and play house rules in the Herring Center Manly Lobby. Contact Kathy Dorman at kathyconrad1951@gmail.com or Sally Bornmueller at sally.bornmueller@gmail.com.

### **Modern American Canasta**

This SIG is for OLLI members who already know how to play Canasta. We follow Modern American Canasta rules and meet twice a month. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Beth Bare at jeterbare9@gmail.com or Fran Kaiser at frkaizy23@gmail.com.

### **Mountain Dulcimer**

The Mountain Dulcimer SIG is for those folks who enjoy getting together and playing the dulcimer. It is open to anyone with basic beginner to intermediate skills. The meeting will entail selecting a new song each month for everyone to practice and memorize. We will employ a “circle jam” format in which we will encourage each other by sharing our favorite songs. Each attendee must have their own dulcimer, pick and tuning instrument. Contact Christen Palombo at palombopottery@gmail.com or Clay Allen at ctallen07@gmail.com.

### **OLLI@Habitat**

The OLLI@Habitat SIG is your chance to join OLLI members and work toward a meaningful purpose. It is the intention of the SIG to plan and participate in one Build day during each full OLLI term. The date will be determined by what is available with Habitat for Humanity and what we as a group are able and interested in helping with... probably not siding! SIG meetings will be “workdays” on actual Habitat for Humanity houses and members can participate as they are able. Contact Janet Aguilar at janetag1944@gmail.com.

### **OLLI Players**

The OLLI Players SIG is designed for OLLI members who love the theater and enjoy being a part of the atmosphere, team and comradery that this SIG embraces. We have room for actors, carpenters, designers, stage managers and every aspect the theater has to offer. We strive to create 2 shows per year and without all the talent both on stage and off, it would not be possible. If you have a love of the theater and want to be part in any capacity, please let us know. We are a fun-loving group and you'll fit right in! Contact Mary Robert at mary.robert51@icloud.com or Francine Hachem at fjhachem@aol.com.

### **OLLI Recorder Consort**

Do you play the recorder—or did you play in the past? It's proven that music is good for the brain! Come join the OLLI Recorder Consort to awaken the joy of making music with others. We play music across a range of historic periods and types that are chosen by the group. Even if you have not played for a while, come join us. The group is open and welcoming to new members. Contact Rich Mead at rich.mead@mindspring.com or Sharon Howell at jasmnrc@icloud.com.

### **OLLI Singers**

The OLLI Singers SIG is designed to bring together people who enjoy singing in a chorus. We gather once a week in the Herring Center to read through various kinds of music – anything and everything from traditional folk songs to Renaissance madrigals to Broadway show tunes, depending on the number, interests and abilities of our members. The main goal is to have fun singing together as an ensemble, with occasional performances at OLLI and other area venues. All you need is good pitch and the ability to read music OR to pick it up quickly by ear. Most of our music will be sung in parts, but there may be some solos and unison singing as well. Contact Laura Becker at LLB3130@gmail.com.

### **Open Studios**

The Open Studio SIG provides a welcoming place to work on your current painting and drawing projects. Share your interest in art and practice your skills with artists of all levels. Contact Paula Winiski at pwiniski@bellsouth.net.

### **Out and About Singles**

If you find yourself wanting to get out and about without a partner for whatever reason, we welcome you. This group plans activities together such as theatre, movies, local events or just grabbing coffee at a local coffee shop. OLLI members that join are encouraged to attend and/or plan activities. Contact Melody Breen at mbreen@charter.net or Vanessa Vestergaard at vanessavav4@gmail.com.

### **Painless Penniless Poker**

The Painless Penniless Poker SIG is for players who already know the rules for poker and with some experience. “Penniless” means we are not playing for money – only your pride is on the line! We play a variety of poker games each week from a list of “approved games.” Contact Dave Knox at ollidave@gmail.com or Dawn Boulous at dawnmlb.shopper@gmail.com.

### **Pickleball**

This SIG offers a drop-in pickleball playing schedule. We ask that in addition to being a current member, you have a solid understanding of pickleball rules, doubles play, etiquette and scoring. The OLLI Pickleball SIG group does not teach pickleball. We use the smartphone app TeamReach to communicate and coordinate play. If this group is of interest, email Karen Wright at karenawright@hotmail.com and request information to join. It is helpful if you can confirm you are a current OLLI member and indicate your pickleball experience in your correspondence.

### **Political Issues of the Day**

This discussion SIG is for those OLLI members who have taken a class in either "Last Week's News" or "Political Issues." All points of view will be respected. Anyone who does not wish to listen to opposing viewpoints or to respectfully engage should not attend. Contact Kristi Allam at misrea95@yahoo.com or John Birchler at john\_birchler@yahoo.com.

### **Science Explorers**

Discover our Scientific Future! Curious about groundbreaking innovations like better EV batteries, vertical agriculture, filming cells, modeling cancer, and more? Join other OLLI members interested in discussing the latest scientific discoveries. Contact Tom Roy at thomasonroy313@gmail.com.

### **Scrabble**

All skill levels are invited to join our Scrabble SIG in the Herring Center Lobby. Contact Mary Ivasutyn at mivasuty@gmail.com.

### **Sit and Knit**

Bring your current knitting project, your lunch and your favorite yarn and join the Sit and Knit SIG. Enjoy a relaxing break with fellow knitters, share tips and tricks, or simply enjoy the company. All skill levels welcome! Contact Vicki Federoff at federoffv@gmail.com.

### **Spanish Conversation**

¡Bienvenido! ¡Hablemos! ¡Sí! OLLI tiene un SIG de conversación en español. All levels of Spanish skill are welcome. The group meets weekly to practice conversing. To keep the conversation flowing, members are encouraged to bring news to share or a topic they would like to discuss. It's a great way to practice speaking Spanish and to make new friends. Feel free to join us anytime. ¡Nos vemos pronto! Contact Julie Goldberg at jandrgoldberg@gmail.com or Mary Ellen Muldoon at maryellen.muldoon@gmail.com.

### **Stamp Collecting**

Stamp Collecting SIG meetings will include a brief presentation, show and tell, trading of stamps and discussion of philatelic related topics. Contact Lynn Duncan at echoes92@charter.net.

### **STEAM Tech Teams**

The primary goal of this SIG is to promote STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) programs in local schools through 3D design and printing; competition robotics;

Artificial Intelligence and machine learning; exploring biomolecules and neuroscience; and a GoBabyGo! Program in connection with Prisma Health dedicated to providing mobility to babies and toddlers with special mobility needs. To learn more, see our website at [www.STEAMTechTeams.com](http://www.STEAMTechTeams.com). All are welcome. You do not have to be technically oriented to participate in this extraordinary project. Training is available! Contact Reid Becker at Reid.Becker@gmail.com.

### **Taste Buds**

Calling all OLLI Bakers – we have just the SIG for you! The Taste Buds SIG is intended to bring OLLI members together that love to bake and share their goodies. SIG members are part of delivering occasional treats which appear in the Manly Lobby and some of OLLI's favorite events. Contact Sally Bornmueller at sally.bornmueller@gmail.com or Wendy Vermeulen at wvermeulen@comcast.net.

### **Theatre of the Spoken Word**

The purpose of this SIG is to engage OLLI participants in the creation, rehearsal and performance of productions that celebrate the spoken word. This SIG will do production projects such as Readers Theatre, Radio Dramas and Open Mics. Contact Bill Burns at talsydon437@gmail.com or Mary Robert at mary.robert51@icloud.com.

### **Threads**

There are so many ways to create with thread, (yarn, cord, floss, etc). Threads is a SIG to work on and share any art you enjoy using any fiber you choose. Example of a few thread art formats are crochet, weaving, needlepoint, tatting, knitting, cross stitch, embroidery and many,many others. Contact Diana Myers at td030405@yahoo.com.

### **Tocqueville**

Exasperated with the strident tone of much discussion of current political, social and economic issues? The Tocqueville SIG invites you to participate in an ongoing forum that promotes civilized discussion in a too-often uncivilized world. Taking a page from Furman's Tocqueville Society—and in partnership with that group—the SIG offers a welcoming environment to explore contemporary issues through the lens of current and past writers and thinkers. The SIG also plans to sponsor well-known speakers whose presentations will be open to all OLLI members and the community. Contact Mary Hiles at mary.hiles@icloud.com or Tom Clarke at trclarke07@gmail.com.

### **Wine SIG**

Designed for OLLI members interested in expanding their knowledge though sharing their appreciation of the grape, the Wine SIG meets as determined by its members. Options are visits sharing our favorite wines along a certain them, such as cabernet sauvignon or best reds under \$15, structured tasting at local wine bars, tasting with experts on a particular region or grape, visits to local wineries and remote wine regions, and more. Contact Marilyn Bracy at Marilyn Bracy at winesensing@yahoo.com or Dan Scieszka at maddjs@att.net.

# TRAVEL with OLLI

*If you like to explore, learn about and enjoy the surrounding area, then join these OLLI @ Furman travel excursions! If you have travel-related questions, please see Heidi Wright in the OLLI office.*

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## **Uncovering Big Stories in Small Places — from Rome (GA) to Muscle Shoals (AL)**

**October 22-26, 2025, Limit: 24**

It's a bus trip to the "confluence" at historic Rome, across Lookout Mountain, and into the Shoals! We'll explore a riverfront city not named Greenville, take in scenic drives through the Southland, and uncover surprising stories tucked into Alabama's Tennessee River Valley. There's more: fine art and folk art, high cotton and Indian Removal, the Muscle Shoals Sound, and a NASA space center. You truly have to see these places to believe them.

Join a small group of OLLI travelers for a five-day tour filled with charm, discovery, and the kind of stories that put small places on the map. From northwest Georgia into north Alabama, we'll follow the trail of nationally significant tales in towns that still feel under the radar—and all the more special for it.

We'll travel in style with Young Transportation, dine on delicious local food, and stay in well-appointed hotels. Along the way, we'll share conversations, laughter, and maybe even a few surprises.

### **Trip Highlights:**

**Rome, GA** – First-night stay; stories of Cherokees, Berry College, and "Mussolini's gift"

**Cullman, AL** – Bavarian-founded town, Ave Maria Grotto, Sacred Heart Church

**Muscle Shoals area** – TVA prototype, Muscle Shoals Sound, Helen Keller, Frank Lloyd Wright

**Huntsville, AL** – U.S. Space & Rocket Center, civic beauty, and some oddities too

**Scenic South** – Lookout Mountain, North Alabama's karst and sub-Appalachian wonders

**Cultural stops** – Booth Western Art Museum, Oak Hill Mansion, Berry College driving tour

**Accommodations:** Hawthorn Suites (Rome), Renaissance Shoals Resort & Spa, and Hampton Inn (Gadsden)

**Fun, festive, informative, and timely. Just another "week" in the life of OLLI at Furman! Please join us.**

**Trip Price:** \$2,276 per person (double occupancy); single supplement \$445. Includes private coach, driver tip, 4 nights with breakfast, 3 lunches, 3 dinners, and all group touring. (Trip insurance, alcohol, and other meals not included.)

## **Explore South Carolina: Aiken, SC Premier Winter Colony in the Carolina Sand Hills**

**November 18-20, 2025, Limit: 16**

Let's explore South Carolina – where hidden stories abound along roads less traveled, and in lovely, historic "small places." Join a small group of OLLI explorers on an adventure to Aiken, SC – known for horses and lifestyle. We'll spend two nights in Aiken's lovely and quaint downtown, allowing us to soak in the charm – through our touring of historic neighborhoods and local sites; and during down time, when you can stroll lively Richland Avenue, or wander in the historic graveyard of St. Thaddeus Church. Aiken is one of two important Winter Colony towns in the Carolina Sand Hills region (the other is Camden), attracting a horse-loving bourgeoisie from the Northeast, beginning in the Gilded Age. The railroad made travel easy; and the sandy soil was perfect for all things horse and hound. We'll tour with local guides, featuring Winter Colony neighborhoods and local museums. The walkers among us can explore Hitchcock Woods – one of South Carolina's great parks. And we'll explore stories outside of Aiken, including the Graniteville Mill, and the story of Old Edgefield pottery.

### **Trip Highlights:**

- Two nights in the Carriage House Inn
- Touring of Winter Colony neighborhoods with local guides
- Great stories outside of Aiken, including the Graniteville Mill and Edgefield pottery
- Lovely driving routes
- The best in "what's local" — hospitality, food, and drink

**Trip Price:** \$1193 / person (double occupancy); single supplement, \$250. Price includes comfortable coach transportation, bus driver tip; two nights accommodation with breakfast in the Carriage House Inn; two lunches and one dinner; all group touring per the itinerary; guide and concierge service throughout the trip, by Explore Up Close staff. Price does not include alcohol, one lunch, one dinner, optional trip insurance.

Registration for these OLLI @ Furman Trips is open and can be made with payment made by check, cash or credit card. Sign up in the OLLI office (first come, first served). You may also call 864.294.2998 to reserve your spot with your credit card.

# OLLI Fall 2025 Course Registration PLEASE PRINT.

Please sign release form in the OLLI office. Unsigned, incomplete, or illegible forms will be returned without being processed.

Register

**ONLINE**

Go to [furman.edu/olli](http://furman.edu/olli) and click on the Registration link.

**IN PERSON**

At the OLLI Office located in the Herring Center for Continuing Education.

**BY MAIL**

OLLI @ Furman University  
3300 Poinsett Highway  
Greenville, SC 29613-1511

Student Information

- Are you a brand new member?  Renewal
- I need an OLLI name tag (only if you are a new member or misplaced yours).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone \_\_\_\_\_

Each term we publish a directory so members can contact each other. If you DO NOT want your contact information listed, please check here.

Throughout the term, photographs will be taken by staff and other members for use in our video scrapbook, publicity materials or bulletin board displays.

If you DO NOT want your picture used, please check here.

**We encourage our members to volunteer within the OLLI organization.** Please check those activities that you would like to know more about. **(Please do not check areas where you are already involved.)**

- Editing/Proofreading  Instructor
- Hospitality/Greeters  Coffee Brigade
- Office Assistant  Class Liaison

**Committees**

- Social  Volunteer
- Curriculum  Finance
- Instructor Support  Bonus Events

To better serve and understand our members and their talents, please specify your professional background.

\_\_\_\_\_ Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Course Information

Course #	Course Name	Day   Time	Serve as class liaison? Yes or No
1. _____			Yes or No
2. _____			Yes or No
3. _____			Yes or No
4. _____			Yes or No
5. _____			Yes or No

**Bonus Event Registration Update:**

While course registration begins August 14, bonus event registration will occur on a later date. Watch OLLI notes and the website for more information.

Payment

**Course Fees:**

- \$50 per 5-9 week course
- \$35 per 4 week course

**Total course fees** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \$65 per academic year (9/25-5/26) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with your check (made payable to Furman University) to:

**OLLI @ Furman University**  
3300 Poinsett Highway  
Greenville, South Carolina 29613-1511

**Register online at [furman.edu/olli](http://furman.edu/olli)**

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Where is the office located?** The OLLI Office is located in the Herring Center for Continuing Education on the main level. If you enter the building at the front entrance, you will be in Manly Lobby, and our offices will be on your left past the Marvin Book Nook.

**What is the wait list policy?** If you sign up for a class that is full, you can choose to be put on a waiting list. We are limited by classroom sizes, time available to us, instructor comfort levels, and safety. If a class has a long waiting list, the Curriculum Committee works to secure the course for future terms. Please be patient if you are put on a waiting list; many times, we are able to open/move a class to handle the demand.

**Are there any class rules?** Out of consideration of other OLLI members, please arrive on time or wait to enter your classroom during the break. If you need to leave a class early, please leave at the break time. We also ask that members refrain from heavy perfume/after shave in respect to those with allergy issues. So that others may enjoy the topic, we request that members not repeat courses.

**Do you have scholarships available?** Yes. If you need financial assistance, please contact Nancy Kennedy at 864.294.2979.

**How do I use the Hearing Loop?** Members can check out headphone sets from the OLLI Office prior to their classes held in HC004, HC110 and HC111. These headphone sets will assist those without hearing aids.

**Why do you not accept credit cards via mail or in the office?** For Furman's and your security, we request that when paying for courses in the office or by mail that members use check or cash.

**What do the Photography classes proficiency levels mean?** The proficiency levels are to help prospective students match a photography class to their technical ability. Level 1 is for novices/beginners with limited experience. Level 2 is for hobbyists/aspiring photographers who are familiar with the principles of photography, camera operations and basic post processing. Level 3 is for advanced photographers with high competence with the principles of photography, camera operations and post-processing.

## Staff

Director .....	Nancy Kennedy 864.294.2979
Program Coordinator Curriculum.....	Alex Fagan 864.294.2939
Program Coordinator Instruction .....	Pam Roberson 864.294.2938
Program Coordinator Enrichment.....	Heidi Wright 864.294.2997
Program Coordinator Communications ..	Jessica Justice 864.294.2110
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OLLI Office .....	864.294.2998 olli@furman.edu

## Refund Policy

Term fees are refundable through the end of the second week of classes. After the end of the second week, no refunds will be given. An administrative charge of \$10 will apply to any dropped courses unless you switch to another course at the same time. If an entire membership and/or all classes are dropped, there will be a \$25 administrative charge. **Note: For all cooking and four-week classes, term fees are refundable through the end of the first week only.**

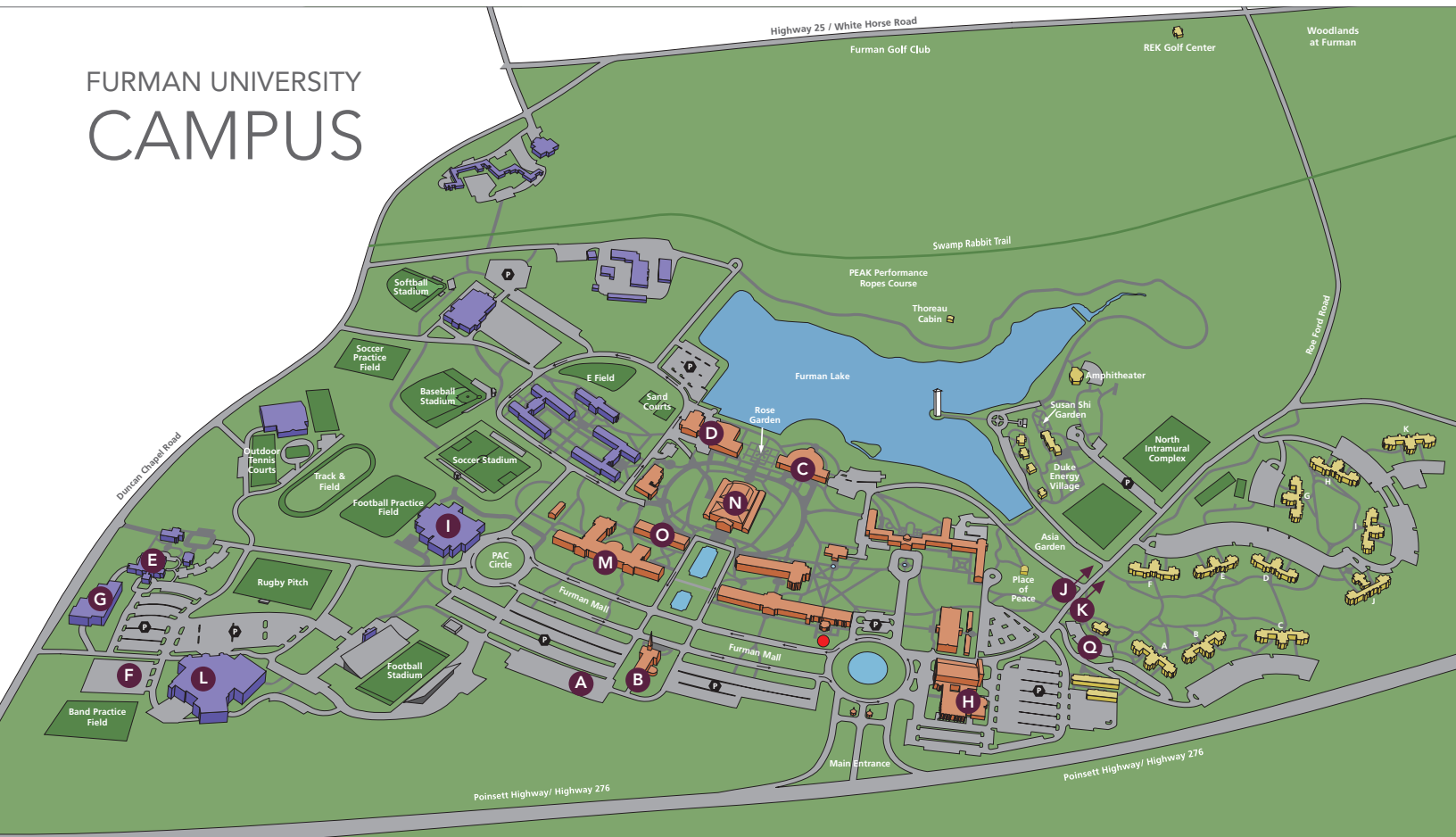


## Current Annual Membership Benefits

- OLLI members receive weekly OLLI Notes and the quarterly newsletter, OLLILife, which keep you updated on OLLI, Furman, and Greenville-area events.
- Members receive early notice of course brochure postings.
- Members may register for free Friday Bonus Events.
- Members have access to the OLLI's Marvin Book Nook in Manly Lobby.
- Members are invited to participate in OLLI Social Events, Read and Explore with OLLI, and other special offerings.
- Members receive discounts for events on campus, and at the Furman Golf Course with your OLLI nametag.
- Members have access to the Furman library.
- Members enjoy discount pricing for the Straight Talk lecture series.



## FURMAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS



### Legend

- A. Chapel Parking Lot
- B. Daniel Chapel
- C. Daniel Dining Hall
- D. Trone Student Center
- E. Younts Conference Center

- F. Parking Lot for hiking groups (HPL)
- G. Herring Center for Continuing Education
- H. Daniel Music Building
- I. Physical Activities Center (PAC)

- J. Road to North Village, J Building & Tennis Courts
- K. Road to The Woodlands
- L. Timmons Arena
- M. Townes Center/ Rinker Hall/Plyler Hall

- N. Duke Library
- O. Riley Hall
- P. Parking
- Q. Police Department (Estridge Commons)

*Please note that classroom assignments are subject to change. Participants will be notified of change via email or phone call.*

### Directions to Herring Center

Traveling north on Poinsett Hwy toward Furman University, you come to a stoplight with a Publix on your left. Take the next exit, which has a Timmons Arena & Paladin Stadium sign, to the RIGHT. TURN LEFT off exit onto Old Buncombe Rd. (follow signs to

Timmons Arena and Paladin Stadium). TURN RIGHT at traffic light onto Duncan Chapel Road. Travel approximately ¾ mile. TURN RIGHT into first Furman University gate. The Herring Center will be the first building on the left.