Prince of OLLI: An Intellectual Buffet

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSU Channel Islands brings courses to Ventura County on Wednesdays in Ventura from 1-3pm and in Thousand Oaks on Saturday from 10-12pm. Mini-courses provide superior intellectual enrichment in a variety of topics. The enrollment fee is $15.00 per single lecture, or $80.00 for the entire Ventura series and $70 for the entire Thousand Oaks series if paid in advance. Participants may enroll with a credit card by calling (805) 437-2748 Mon-Fri, 8am – 5pm before the classes they wish to attend, or by mailing the attached form with a check (no cash please) at least one week before the first class to be attended.

What is a Rainbow?  David Lynch
What is a rainbow?  How many are there?  Why is the sky blue?  Why is the setting sun red and flattened?  What is a mirage?  Why are there rays or spokes coming from the setting sun?  What is the green flash?  Can it be photographed?  Why does the moon look so big on the horizon?  Why do stars twinkle?  What is an aurora borealis?  Is it really darkest before dawn?  What is the ring around the sun?  Why can water appear so many different colors?  These and dozens of other questions about naturally occurring optical effects are explained along with tips on how to see and photograph them.

Ventura Adult Continuing Education (VACE) Wednesday, November 5 – 1:00-3:00pm

What is it About Seville?  Steve Kohn
Six of the greatest operas, with some of the most familiar music in the repertory use Seville as their setting. Interestingly, none of them are written in Spanish. We will briefly survey each of these masterpieces, in anticipation of the course given during the winter session where we will explore them in detail.

CSU Channel Islands Thousand Oaks Campus Saturday, November 8 – 10-12pm
Ventura Adult Continuing Education (VACE) Wednesday, November 12 – 1:00-3:00pm

Capital and the 21st Century:  Michael Teasdale
Thomas Piketty’s book “Capital and the 21st Century” is a transformational work for economics, debunking many myths economists have held for 50 years. Called the “least read best seller,” my goal is to acquaint all with Piketty’s key concepts about growing wealth and income inequality, its impact on today’s society, and how they affect the quality of our lives and our democracy.

Ventura Adult Continuing Education (VACE) Wednesday, November 19 – 1:00-3:00pm
CSU Channel Islands Thousand Oaks Campus Saturday, November 22 - 10:00 – 12:00pm

Fooled by Form: Aspects of Buddhist Psychology:  Bill Garlington
This lecture will focus on aspects of Buddhist psychology ranging from the doctrine of no-self (anatta) to the process of reincarnation. It will not only shed light on the causes of human suffering (a sense of inner lack and misconceptions about the nature of reality) but also examine Buddhist claims of how by “waking up” both individuals and societies can reduce much of that suffering.

Ventura Adult Continuing Education (VACE) Wednesday, December 3 – 1:00-3:00pm
CSU Channel Islands Thousand Oaks Campus Saturday, December 6 - 10:00 – 12:00pm
Once Upon a Time: How Fables and Fairy Tales Enrich Our Lives:  Kathleen Booth
We explore how these stories have been loved, reviled, retold and retooled for centuries around the world and how we’ve used these universal themes as moral lessons, bedtime stories, movies, plays, songs, political cartoons, psychological studies, communication shorthand and internet headlines. So wake up Sleeping Beauty! It’s time to take a new look at the Emperor’s New Clothes before Chicken Little warns us that the sky is falling!

Ventura Adult Continuing Education (VACE) Wednesday, December 10 – 1:00-3:00pm
CSU Channel Islands Thousand Oaks Campus Saturday, December 13 - 10:00 – 12:00pm

Country Music: The First Fifty Years (1920’s-1970’s): Cary Ginell
From the backwoods to the big cities, from the Appalachians to the Pacific, country music grew from the indigenous folk music of America to become America’s music. In today’s cosmopolitan world, it’s hard to tell where country music’s roots came from, but in this lively, fast-moving course, you will learn about all the highways and byways that made country king, including side trips into early string band music, cowboys-both authentic and Hollywood, the pulsating sounds of western swing and rockabilly, and the inroads made in Nashville and in Hollywood after World War II.

Ventura Adult Continuing Education (VACE) Wednesday, December 17 – 1:00-3:00pm
CSU Channel Islands Thousand Oaks Campus Saturday, December 20 - 10:00 – 12:00pm

Ventura Adult Continuing Education (VACE)
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Ventura, CA

CSU Channel Islands, Thousand Oaks Campus
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Enrollment Form

Participants may enroll in as many classes as they wish, including the entire series. Space is limited, so advance registration is strongly encouraged. To enroll, complete the form below and mail with a check to OLLI, CSU Channel Islands, One University Drive, Camarillo CA 93012, or call 805-437-2748 to enroll by phone. Please check the lecture sessions in which you are enrolling. The fee is $15 per lecture, or $80 for the entire Ventura series and $70 for the entire Thousand Oaks series.

_____ Entire Ventura Series ($80.00)

_____ 11/5 What is a Rainbow? - 4257

_____ 11/12 What is it About Seville? - 4259

_____ 11/19 Capital and the 21st Century - 4260

_____ 12/3 Fooled by Form: Aspects of Buddhist Psychology - 4262

_____ 12/10 Once Upon a Time: How Fables and Fairy Tales Enrich Our Lives - 4264

_____ 12/17 Country Music: The First Fifty Years (1920’s-1970’s) - 4266

_____ Entire Thousand Oaks Series ($70.00)

_____ 11/8 What is it About Seville? - 4258

_____ 11/22 Capital and the 21st Century - 4261

_____ 12/6 Fooled by Form: Aspects of Buddhist Psychology - 4263

_____ 12/13 Once Upon a Time: How Fables and Fairy Tales Enrich Our Lives - 4265

_____ 12/20 Country Music: The First Fifty Years (1920’s-1970’s) - 4267

_____ I am new to OLLI at CSU Channel Islands  _____ I am a returning OLLI member

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