

# OLLI Insider

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**FALL II 2023**

Registration Opens October 9th

Session Dates:  
October 23rd - December 8th

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A group of approximately 20 OLLI members posing for a group photo on a gravel path. In the background, there is a green hillside with a waterfall and a cloudy sky.

### Introductory remarks by OLLI Director, Daniel Banyai

As we wrap up our Fall I session, we reflect on our successful start of the Fall sessions due to excellent courses and events. We are looking forward to our Fall II session with some great new and continuing faculty on multiple subjects. Our membership continues to grow due to our OLLI members sharing about our program. We encourage you to share our catalog with your friends and family to have them connected to our excellent community and our great courses.

## Fall II Session

Is everyone ready for an exciting Fall II session? We have a great lineup of ten stimulating courses and instructors. The registration for the session begins on October 9<sup>th</sup>, with classes starting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The entire Fall II course catalog is available on our [website](#). Here are a few teasers and the calendar overview:

	Time	Location	Title	Weeks	Class #
<b>Mon</b>	10 AM to 12 PM	Zoom	How America Became Great - And Can Be Great Again (Instructor: Michael Baker)	6	1001
	1 PM to 3 PM	COLV/Zoom & In-Person	Transnationalism, Path to Peace (Instructor: Carolyn Dorrance)	6	1002
<b>Tues</b>	10 AM to 12 PM	SCIART/Zoom & In-Person	How Ancient DNA Answers Modern Questions (Instructor: Amy Denton)	6	1003
	1 PM to 3 PM	Zoom	Energy Security, National Security & Global Uncertainty (Instructor: Beth Hill Skinner)	6	1004
<b>Wed</b>	10 AM to 12 PM	CSUCI/Zoom & In-Person	Influential Women Artists Throughout History (Instructor: Eleanor Schrader)	6	1005
	1 PM to 3 PM	CSUCI/Zoom & In-Person	Four Lives and a Revolution (Instructor: Herb Gooch)	6	1006
<b>Thurs</b>	10 AM to 12 PM	SCIART/Zoom & In-Person	Empathy: Is it Good or Bad? (Instructor: Janice Daurio)	6	1007
	1 PM to 3 PM	Zoom	"From Russia With Love": Experiencing Russia Through Film (Instructor: Asya Pereltsvaig)	6	1008
<b>Fri</b>	10 AM to 12 PM	Zoom	German Colossus: The Second Reich, 1870-1914 (Instructor: Jared Day)	6	1009
	1 PM to 3 PM	Zoom	The Science and Magic of the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse (Instructor: Shelley Bonus)	6	1010

- Dr. Michael Baker will examine the elements that made America great, why we are now struggling, and will provide a possible roadmap for America's resurgence.
- CSUCI's Dr. Amy Denton will show how DNA techniques are providing new answers to ancient questions about evolution through the discipline of paleogenomics.
- Beth Hill Skinner will look at the impact hydrocarbon reserves, production, and refining are having on national security and global uncertainty.

- Dr. Asya Pereltsvaig will explore the universal theme of love and relationships in the Soviet Union and post-Soviet Russia.
- Shelly Bonus will explore the science and magic of one of nature's grandest spectacles -- solar eclipses, including the upcoming 2024 Solar Eclipse.

Some classes are in-person, and all are on Zoom and recorded in case you miss one.

## Meet Bev Taylor

Remember the adage “If you want something done right, ask a busy person.”? That is especially true for OLLI student Bev Taylor. Go to the Camarillo Ranch House, she was a docent. Go to the Pleasant Valley Historical Society, Bev is there. Go to the Don & Doña induction, Bev is serving cake. Thankfully, Bev also has time for the OLLI Membership Team, and recently greeted potential OLLI students with Donna Swift at the Camarillo “50 Plus Expo”.



Bev was born and raised in San Diego, but some of her most memorable experiences occurred as this 17-year-old Junior joined her church group on a bus trip from LA to Miami and then on to Albert Schweitzer hospital in Porta Prince, Haiti. She remembers hearing the gunfire at night. With an interest in anatomy, she cared for the sick and had some gruesome tasks with babies.

As a single mother of two young boys, Bev learned to be resourceful with jobs from translating foreign documents at USC to running a check-cashing company in Santa Barbara. Everywhere, she took the initiative, knocked on doors, and made ends meet. She ultimately became the VP for Programs and Teaching at the Arthritis Foundation & the American Diabetes Association.

After raising two boys, Bev married a retired Navy pilot in 2008 and their honeymoon was a Smithsonian private tour around the world in a charter jet for 55 “friends”. Ask her about the myriad of stories from Jordon, India, Morocco, Bhutan, and Malawi. Joe died of throat cancer in 2019, leaving her to make a new world for herself again. Today she is active along with several other OLLI friends at the Camarillo Methodist Church, because they were so welcoming. We sure are lucky to have Bev as an OLLI volunteer.

## Be an Ambassador to Upcoming Fall II session – It’s Fun! It’s Easy!

We need 10 ambassadors for the Fall II session. As an ambassador, you will welcome your fellow OLLI students in person or on Zoom and get to know them better. The OLLI staff will let you know if there are any announcements. You will ask if there are any questions and introduce the instructor. That’s it for being an ambassador! Please contact [OLLI@csuci.edu](mailto:OLLI@csuci.edu) to join the fun.

## Upcoming Events

### Trips Nethercutt Museum and Camarillo Desalter



The OLLI Events Team has planned two more local trips this Fall. The first trip will be by bus to Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar on Thursday, October 19, 2023. This two-hour tour of the museum including vintage automobiles, musical instruments and clocks will be followed by a scrumptious lunch (on your own) at Porto's Bakery in Northridge.



The second self-driving trip will be to the Camarillo Desalter facility on October 10, 2023. This event is currently sold out.

### Trips to Arabian Kingdoms and Baltic Countries:

Ann Lewin, OLLI Events Team chair, has planned a trip to three Arabian Kingdoms -- Qatar, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Oman in February 2024. In preparation for this trip, Dr. Bill Garlington will present a two-hour session on these three Arabian kingdoms in January 2024. More information on this



presentation, which is open to all OLLI students, will be forthcoming as the date gets closer. Ann has also planned a trip to the Baltic, which includes Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia in July 2024. For More information, please contact Ann at [alewin@webtv.net](mailto:alewin@webtv.net) .