



OLLI Insider

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Hello everyone! We hope you are enjoying the Summer Taste program. It is almost time for the Fall I session registration. The catalog for the Fall I session is available on our [CSUCI OLLI](#) website. [Registration](#) for the Fall I session begins on August 5th at 8:30 am and the session runs from August 19th – September 27th. The Fall I session features eleven classes taught by some of your favorite instructors, as well as several new ones. Additionally, we are introducing a selection of three-week courses in addition to six-week courses. We are

also piloting a new class location at Goebel Adult Community Center in Thousand Oaks! Check out the Fall I calendar on the next page and view the full class descriptions in our catalog!

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An OLLI Member wearing a 360-degree viewing headset in the Summer Taste experiential class, Immersive Virtual Reality to Understand Aging.

Fall I Calendar

Calendar Overview

	Time	Location	Title	Weeks	Class #
Mon	10am-12pm	CSUCI/Zoom & In-Person	The Human Epoch: Neandertals, The Earliest Homo sapiens, and Their Cousins in the Pleistocene (Instructor: Curtis)	6	1001
	1-3pm	Zoom	Art Movements from the Roaring 20s to the Swinging 60s (Instructor: Schrader)	6	1002
Tues	10am-12pm	SCIART/Zoom & In-Person	The Fall of the Roman Republic: Ancient Insights Into Modern Politics (Instructor: Jones)	6	1003
	1-3pm	Zoom	Our (Inter)National Pastime - Baseball from its Inception to the Modern Era (Instructor: Krall)	6	1004
Wed	10am-12pm	Zoom	Film and Society: Award-Winning Biopics (Instructor: Epps)	3	1005
	1-3pm	COLV/Zoom & In-Person	Helping Us Stay in Our Homes with Intelligent Systems (Instructor: Rieger)	6	1006
Thurs	10am-12pm	Zoom	All About the Orchestra (Instructor: Bailey)	6	1007
	1-3pm	Zoom	Asian Phoenix: The Stories of Modern North and South Korea (Instructor: Day)	6	1008
Fri	10am-12pm	Zoom	The American Revolution and the British Empire (Instructor: Bell)	6	1009
	1-3pm	GACC (In-Person Only)	Hollywood Blacklist - Collateral Damage (Instructor: Weisman)	6	1010
	1-3pm	Zoom	What Makes the Grand Canyon "Grand"? (Instructor: Slahor)	3	1011

CSUCI - California State University Channel Islands

COLV - The Colleges of Law, Ventura

SCIART - Studio Channel Islands Art Center

GACC - Goebel Adult Community Center

*Location addresses can be found on page 10.

Please see course descriptions for specific course dates.

View the course descriptions in the [Fall I catalog!](#)

Meet Bonnie and Ron Counseller

Bonnie and Ron, longtime members of OLLI, have recently been seen taking classes at Studio Channel Islands Art Center. They have been part of OLLI for over fifteen years. Ron, originally from Topeka, Kansas, moved to Arvada, Colorado for high school, and graduated with a BA in Psychology from the University of Colorado in 1966. Bonnie, born in Greeley, Colorado, grew up in North Syracuse, NY, and completed her nursing degree at the University of Colorado in 1966. They met during their sophomore year and married soon after.



After graduating, they joined the Peace Corps and trained in Chicago for three months before their two-year assignment in Latur, Maharashtra, India. There, they educated villagers on health care and family planning despite challenges such as no electricity, minimal knowledge of Marathi, and delayed communication with the U.S. via letters and occasional BBC or Voice of America broadcasts.

Returning to the U.S. was a cultural shock due to the abundance of resources. They moved to Pittsburgh, where Ron earned a Master's in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh in 1970. Ron then worked in California's state hospital system under Governor Reagan's reform plan, staying in the Camarillo hospital system until 1979, and then working with the Tri-County Regional Center until his retirement in 1997.

Bonnie, upon their return from India, worked as a visiting nurse in Pittsburgh until the birth of their son in 1970. After moving to Camarillo, they adopted a daughter in 1972 and she stayed home for four years taking care of both children. She later worked with children with learning disabilities and became a school nurse for Ventura Unified School District in 1980, retiring in 2000. While working, she earned an MS in Education Administration from CSU Northridge in 1983, balancing her studies with her job and family.

In retirement, Bonnie and Ron indulged their love for the outdoors, hiking, and travel, frequently visiting Europe and developing countries. Bonnie, rekindling her teenage passion for art, took art classes at Ventura College for ten years, while Ron enjoys gardening and computer games. He also took drawing classes and continues to pursue this hobby.

Bonnie and Ron appreciate the variety of OLLI classes. Their first OLLI experience was a class on India by Bill Garlington over fifteen years ago. They enjoy OLLI because it offers "continued learning without the stress of homework and tests!"

Upcoming Events

Dodgers Baseball Game

On September 22nd, OLLI members will have the opportunity to attend a Dodgers baseball game as a part of a CSUCI Alumni event, hosted by President Richard Yao. In preparation for this game, OLLI is offering a lecture course titled, “Our (Inter)National Pastime – Baseball from its Inception to the Modern Era,” taught by Katherine (Katie) Krall. The course will cover baseball coaching and roster construction in a modern front office, salary arbitration, modern stats, as well as a look at critical historical moments such as the Negro Leagues and Cuban baseball under Fidel Castro.



Katie Krall is a former Senior Product Manager of Global Baseball Strategy at Hawk-Eye Innovations, a division of Sony Sports Business. She spearheaded development of new products that leveraged biomechanics, player tracking, bat, and ball flight data. Krall spent 2022 as a Development Coach with the Boston Red Sox where she oversaw pitch design, advance scouting and integrating data into player plans. After graduating from Northwestern University, Krall worked at Major League Baseball in the Commissioner’s Office in New York City as a League Economics & Operations Coordinator. She received her MBA from the University of Chicago’s Booth School of Business in June 2022. Since fall 2023 she has been Adjunct Faculty in Northwestern’s Master’s of Sports Administration Program.

The course is scheduled for Tuesday afternoons in Fall I from 1-3 pm on Zoom. Registration for the Dodgers Baseball game opens August 1st.

Frederick Weisman Art Foundation and House



On August 15th, OLLI members will have an opportunity to visit Frederick Weisman Art Foundation and the estate House in Los Angeles. The Foundation was



established in a Mediterranean style home in Los Angeles, in 1983 by Weisman to preserve, collect and make publicly accessible his vast art collection. The collection includes modern and contemporary art by European modern artists Cezanne, Picasso and Kandinsky, Surrealists Ernst, Miro, and Magritte as well as post war artists Giacometti, Noguchi, Calder, Rauschenberg, and Johns. The Foundation is currently managed under the supervision of Weisman’s wife Billie Weisman. The tour will be followed by lunch at

the Farmer's Market. Registration for the tour will open on July 10th. There is a limit of 20 participants for this tour.

Haas Automation Inc., Oxnard



The OLLI Events Team has arranged a tour of Haas Automation, Inc on October 8th. The facility is located at 2800 Sturgis Road in Oxnard. Haas Automation started building an automated machine tool in 1980 and now has become the largest manufacturer of automated machines for machine tooling in the United States. Registration opens September 11th.

Be a Fall I Session Ambassador – It's Fun! It's Easy!

We need eleven ambassadors for the Fall I session. As an ambassador, you will have the opportunity to welcome your fellow OLLI students in person or on Zoom and get to know them better. You will also introduce the instructor at the beginning of class. OLLI staff will let you know if there are any announcements. That's it for being an ambassador! Please contact OLLI@csuci.edu to join the fun!