



OLLI Insider

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With summer just around the corner, we are excited to announce our Summer Taste schedule! OLLI's Summer session provides you with a "Taste" of our exciting and enriching lifelong learning opportunities, with 25 different one-time, two-hour classes to explore! If you prefer to stick with 6-week courses, we've got you covered with 3 Osher Online course offerings in addition to our in-house Taste classes! Whether you're a longtime member or you've been curious about getting started with OLLI, Summer Taste is a great time to get involved.

The catalog for the Taste program is available on our [CSUCI OLLI](#) website. [Registration](#) for Summer Taste begins on Tuesday, May 27th and the session runs from Monday, June 9th to Thursday, July 17th. This summer, we are offering 25 OLLI at CSUCI Summer Taste classes in addition to 3 Osher Online 6-week courses. Check out the Summer Taste calendar on the next page and view the full class descriptions in our catalog!



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**Summer Taste
2025**

Registration Opens:
May 27th

Session Dates:
June 9th - July 17th



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A photograph showing a group of people hiking on a dirt trail. In the foreground, a person wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a dark jacket is seen from behind. Other hikers are visible further up the trail, which is surrounded by dry vegetation and a steep, rocky hillside under a clear blue sky.

OLLI at CSUCI Summer Taste Calendar Overview

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	June 9th	June 10th	June 11th	June 12th
10am-12pm	Generative AI in Everyday Life (Yoo) CSUCI & Zoom	Our Federal Lands and Their Future (Galipeau) SCIART & Zoom		Nuclear Fusion Energy (Feister) CSUCI & Zoom
1-3pm	Inequality in America: A review of Thomas Piketty's Capital in the 21 st Century (Teasdale) CSUCI & Zoom		Exploring India's Rich Culture and Heritage (Parmar) Zoom	The Pygmy Mammoths of California's Channel Islands (Morris) CSUCI & Zoom
	June 16th	June 17th	June 18th	June 19th
10am-12pm		Is A.I. the End of Creativity in the Arts? (Maasdam) SCIART & Zoom	The Extraordinary Lives and Achievements of Russian Emigres (Pereltsvaig) CSUCI & Zoom	No class
1-3pm	Musical Playgrounds: Architectural Instrument Building (Newman-Lessler) COLV & Zoom			
	June 23rd	June 24th	June 25th	June 26th
10am-12pm	Hinduism: Past and Present (Herman) Zoom		The 60th Anniversary of the SCOPE Project and the Selma March (Kaufer) SCIART & Zoom	Nepal: Society and Culture (Garlington) SCIART & Zoom
1-3pm		Nebular Theory and Exoplanets (French) COLV & Zoom		
	June 30th	July 1st	July 2nd	July 3rd
10am-12pm		Photographing Ecuador and the Amazon Rainforest (Jones) SCIART & Zoom	Fate of Today's International System (Gooch) SCIART & Zoom	No class
1-3pm	Restoring Public Trust in Healthcare (Goldberg) COLV & Zoom			
	July 7th	July 8th	July 9th	July 10th
10am-12pm	A Morning in the Ceramics Studio (McGrath) CSUCI In-person Only	Willa Cather and the American Story (Cipkowski) Zoom	Gustave Caillebotte: Paris and his World (Zoraster) Zoom	Puttin' on the Style: Britain's Skiffle Craze (1956-1958) (Ginell) SCIART & Zoom
1-3pm	Scenic Drives in America's National Parks (Davis) CSUCI & Zoom			
	July 14th	July 15th	July 16th	July 17th
10am-12pm	An Introduction to the History of Ireland (Meyer) Zoom			The Rise of the American Supercity (Boorstin) Zoom
1-3pm		Marketing That Matters: Real-World Campaigns for a Cause (Norris) COLV & Zoom	How the Quantum Leap of 20th Century Science Changed Everything (Olevin) Zoom	

Calendar Overview



	Time	Location	Title	Weeks	Class #	Start Date
Mon	8-9:30am	Zoom	The Rehnquist Court, 1986-2005: The Move Toward Small Federal Government	6	0001	7/14
Tues	4-5:30pm	Zoom	History of Beer (Instructor: Brown)	6	0002	7/8
Wed	8-9:30am	Zoom	Enjoying the Past and Present New York City: A History of Recreation in the Big Apple (Instructor: Kocurek)	6	0003	7/9

Meet Lou Patalano

Lou is an exceptional volunteer at OLLI at CSUCI, whose dedication and enthusiasm have made a significant impact on the curriculum of OLLI sessions.

Lou was born in Brooklyn, NY and attended Brooklyn Technical High School, which shapes and nurtures exceptionally talented students with technical aptitude. Here Lou concentrated on Electrical Engineering and subsequently attended the State University of New York at Stony Brook where he graduated with an M.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. After graduation he traveled through Europe via train and had a great social experience meeting people his own age.

Upon returning to the U.S., he continued his love for travel by traveling across the country visiting US National Parks. After arriving in California and enjoying its beauty and weather, he joined Litton Guidance and Control Systems as an engineer and retired from that company as a Program Manager after 42 years of service in 2020. At Litton, he was responsible for commercial as well as military aircraft navigation systems and solved challenges for his customers.



On his initial arrival to California, Lou joined a “20’s and 30’s” hiking group of which he eventually became the President. He helped expand this small group of hikers to over a thousand members. After moving to the Conejo Valley he joined the Conejo Valley Ski and Sports Club where he was President and Vice President of the club for several years. He has led several international trips for the Conejo Valley Ski and Sports Club. Even after retirement, he continues to be an active hiker and enjoys playing pickleball. Lou has traveled to more than fifty countries during his career and post-retirement.

Lou heard of OLLI through a friend in 2020, around the beginning of the era of Zoom classes and immediately became a member and a volunteer. He joined the curriculum committee and has been instrumental in increasing the number of faculty and diversifying the subjects offered in OLLI programs. Lou loves taking classes in history, social sciences, and art, among others. Lou has a daughter, Melanie, and a son, Louis, both of whom are accomplished professionals and live on the east coast. Lou also has two grandchildren. He currently lives in Newbury Park. About his future involvement with OLLI, Lou said, “volunteering is very rewarding, and OLLI gives me an opportunity to make new friends”.

Upcoming Events

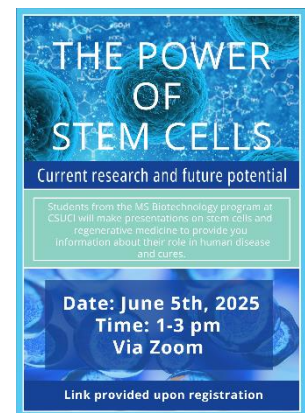
Exploring the World with Geospatial Technologies Lecture at Ventura College



On May 6th, Ventura College Professor and Geoscientist Steve Palladino will teach a 1-hour lecture for OLLI members titled “Exploring the World with Geospatial Technologies.” The lecture will take place in the Applied Science Center Visualization Classroom at Ventura College, a specialty lab! Registration for this event is now closed.

Free Seminar: The Power of Stem Cells

On Thursday, June 5th from 1-3pm, Dr. Nitika Parmar and MS Biotech students will present a free Zoom seminar on the current research and future potential of stem cells. Learn about the role of stem cells and regenerative medicine in human disease and cures. Registration opens May 7th at 8:30am. A Zoom link will be provided upon registration.



Rigoletto at LA Opera



OLLI members will have an opportunity to attend “Rigoletto” at the LA Opera House on June 8, 2025. The cost of the event to the OLLI members will be \$74, which includes a boxed lunch, bus transportation and a ticket to the opera. Registration begins at 8:30 am on April 24th.

Be a Summer Taste Ambassador – It’s Fun! It’s Easy!

We need 25 Ambassadors for Summer Taste. Being an Ambassador is a great opportunity to help foster social connections and a welcoming environment in class by greeting students before class and making program announcements when class begins. OLLI staff will provide you with the weekly announcements by email. Please contact OLLI@csuci.edu to join the fun!