



OLLI Insider

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Welcome to Summer! It's time for the Summer Taste program. The catalog for the Taste program is available on our [CSUCI OLLI](#) website. [Registration](#) for Summer Taste begins on May 28th and the session runs from June 10th and July 18th. This summer, we are offering 25 Taste classes taught by several new instructors and many returning favorites. 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
2024**

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Session Dates:
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A group of OLLI members posing in front of a large, abstract sculpture made of reflective, metallic material. The sculpture features intricate, calligraphic patterns. The group consists of men and women of various ages, many wearing white OLLI t-shirts. They are standing on a set of steps in front of the sculpture.

2024 Summer Taste Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	June 10th	June 11th	June 12th	June 13th
10am-12pm		Inspired Retired (Zann) Zoom	The Speeches of Abraham Lincoln (Hensley) SCIART & Zoom	Immersive Virtual Reality to Understand Aging (Nevins & Hannans) CSUCI FIT Studio In-Person Only
1-3pm	Disinformation and Free Speech (Gardina) COLV & Zoom		The Last of the Romanovs: Russia and the Eve of the Revolution (Pereltsvaig) Zoom	Open Your Hearts & Eyes to the Wonders of the Summer Skies (Bonus) Zoom
	June 17th	June 18th	June 19th	June 20th
10am-12pm		The Big Pharma Drugs that Killed (Parmar) Zoom	No class	Primer on Nuclear Perils (Gooch) SCIART & Zoom
1-3pm	They Sailed Beneath the Sea (O'Rourke) COLV & Zoom			
	June 24th	June 25th	June 26th	June 27th
10am-12pm		A Taste of Botswana: Living with Elephants (Denton) SCIART & Zoom	Abacus for Cognitive Fitness (Fan) SCIART & Zoom	
1-3pm	Meet Your Cousins, The Primates: Apes, Monkeys and Lemurs (Boorstin) Zoom		Charlie Parker: Jazz Pioneer (Neff) Zoom	Unveiling the Hidden History: The Matilda Effect and Women in Science (Olevin) Zoom
	July 1st	July 2nd	July 3rd	July 4th
10am-12pm		Nuclear Winter: What's It All About? (Turco) SCIART & Zoom	No class	No class
1-3pm	A Visit to the Musée de l'Orangerie (Zoraster) CSUCI Library & Zoom			
	July 8th	July 9th	July 10th	July 11th
10am-12pm	Beyond Rome: Uncovering Life & Love in Roman Britain (Brown) Zoom	The Art and Architecture of Pompeii (Schrader) Zoom		Navigating Canva: A Beginner's Introduction (Gamez) CSUCI Computer Lab In-Person Only
1-3pm			Frédéric Chopin: Polish Romantic (Bailey) Zoom	The Human Story of California's Channel Islands (Perry) CSUCI Library & Zoom
	July 15th	July 16th	July 17th	July 18th
10am-12pm		The Spanish Civil War (Garlington) SCIART & Zoom		
1-3pm	Recent Decisions of the Supreme Court (Dorrance) COLV & Zoom		Unveiling the Bestiary: Exploring Myth, Morality, and Medieval Imagination (Dines) Zoom	Recreation at Any Age (Rakowski) CSUCI Library & Zoom

Meet John and Kendall Mattina

John and Kendall are familiar faces at OLLI classes in the Broome Library and other locations, a routine disrupted only temporarily by COVID. Their enthusiasm for OLLI stems from its blend of social interaction and learning—a combination they've cherished enough to resume in-person classes post-COVID.



Both hail from military backgrounds. John's journey began in Santa Monica, CA, before he ventured to Washington DC until high school graduation, going to New York and Nebraska for college. Drafted during the Vietnam War, he went to OCS at Ft. Sill OK and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant and served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam for over two years. Opting to stay in the military, he spent 25 years primarily in the U.S. and Germany, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. His second career with Management and Training Corporation spanned 19 years and took him across Nevada, Georgia, and Utah.

Kendall, born in Pensacola, FL, relocated to Orange County, CA, in her third year of elementary school. After earning a degree in Studio Arts and Biology from UC Irvine, her life intertwined with John's during his army tenure. While he navigated military life, Kendall balanced homemaking with professional roles, from Estee Lauder to managing sales across Nevada and California for an electronic payment system company. Her academic journey continued with an MBA from Webster University in Missouri and teaching business administration in Nevada.

Their love story began before John's deployment to Vietnam, culminating in 53 years of marriage, two sons, and four grandchildren. Kendall's prior encounter with a program akin to OLLI in Nevada led them to embrace OLLI at CSUCI upon returning to Southern California. They've relished OLLI's offerings, from bus trips to exploring Arabian Kingdoms, and are eager for more adventures ahead.

Outside OLLI, their engagement extends to the local Rotary Club and Navy League, while John indulges in golf and Kendall enjoys book clubs. Reflecting on their OLLI experience, John and Kendall appreciate the engaging classes and the wealth of knowledge among fellow attendees, accentuating the social aspect that enriches their OLLI journey.

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

We need twenty-five ambassadors for Summer Taste. As an ambassador, you will have the opportunity welcome your fellow OLLI students in person or on Zoom and make program announcements provided by OLLI staff. That's it for being an ambassador! Please contact OLLI@csuci.edu to join the fun!

OLLI Spring Social Event

On Friday, May 3rd, OLLI threw a wonderful end-of-Spring Social at Studio Channel Islands Art Center. Seventy-one people attended, including OLLI students, instructors, and staff. The evening provided an opportunity to connect with other members of the OLLI community, experience the Synesthesia art exhibition on display, and even enjoy artist-led studio tours! We are grateful to our inspiring and ever-curious community of lifelong learners that help make OLLI the thriving program that it is!



Upcoming Events

THE POWER OF STEM CELLS
Current research and future potential

Students from the MS Biotechnology program at CSUCI will make presentations on stem cells and regenerative medicine to provide you information about their role in human disease and cures.

Date: June 6th, 2024
Time: 1-3 pm
Via Zoom

Link provided upon registration

Free Zoom Stem Cell Seminar

Learn about the power of stem cells in a free Zoom seminar on Thursday, June 6th from 1-3pm! MS Biotechnology students will make presentations on stem cells and regenerative medicine to provide you with information about their role in human disease and cures. The Zoom link will be provided upon registration.

[Register today!](#)


Visit to Western Foundation Vertebrate Zoology Museum

OLLI students at CSUCI will get an opportunity to visit the Western Foundation Vertebrate Zoology Museum and Research Center located in Camarillo on Friday, June 21, 2024. There will be two tours, one at 10 am and one at 12 pm, each limited to 20 participants. The Museum houses more than four hundred individual collections, totaling more than a million specimens. The Foundation has been a repository for avian specimen donations from multiple North American museums and private collections since the 1970s. This is a self-driven tour, and the cost of entrance is \$10. The Museum is located at 439 Calle San Pablo in Camarillo. An OLLI notification will be sent out on June 10th.



Santa Rosa Island Day Trip




OLLI is offering a day trip to Santa Rosa Island on July 19th, co-led by Dr. Dan Wakelee and Dr. Jennifer Perry, and in collaboration with CSUCI's Santa Rosa Island Research Station! Dr. Jennifer Perry's Summer Taste class, "The Human Story of California's Channel Islands," is a pre-requisite for this experiential learning opportunity. This is a full day excursion to visit Santa Rosa Island in Channel Islands National Park. The Channel Islands represent a unique ecosystem which is home to more than 150 plant and animal species found nowhere else in the world. Because of the evolutionary changes evident on the Channel Islands, they are often referred to as the Galapagos of North America. Santa Rosa Island is also an ideal place to learn about the human history of the islands that goes back more than 13,000 years. Lunch will be at the research facility on the island operated by CSU Channel Islands. This trip involves several hours of boat travel (and opportunities to observe marine mammals) as well as some walking around the historic ranch on the island. Tickets are \$92 per person and includes boat fare and a tour on the island. Registration opens May 20th.






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