OLLI Insider

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Spring is approaching. Remember to shift to Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 13.



Registration for Spring II begins on March 7 and classes begin on March 21. There will be 10 – six-week courses offered. At long last, there appears to be light at the end of the Covid tunnel as OLLI is presenting three In-Person classes in Spring II.

Seven courses are through Zoom on topics that include religion, opera, museums, language and aging, Civil War, stories from Judea, Sicily, and TV Variety Shows. Three courses are In-Person courses and are listed below.

- There are more Gods in this world than the Big Three. Come explore the polytheism universe at CMATO on Tuesday mornings in William Garlington's course **Tour of Gods**
- The US Supreme Court is in the news these days. To learn more about how the Supreme Court interprets the Constitution, come to SCIART on Thursday mornings for Carolyn Dorrance's course Supreme Court Interpretations of the US Constitution
- We perceive the world around us through our multitude of senses. Come hear Jerry Clifford take
 us on a journey through our senses in a Hy-Flex course on Friday mornings at the CSUCI
 Library and on Zoom –Sensing Our World It's All About Our Senses

The Spring II Course Catalog is available at Course Catalog Spring II 2022

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Meet OLLI's Unofficial Tour Director – Laura Hagel



Do you want to know about love and lovemaking in ancient Rome or Greece? Just ask Laura Hagel, our intrepid OLLI instructor since 2010. It was all academic research until she joined her mother on a whirlwind tour of Italy many years ago. Laura said the museums in Rome were fabulous -- but Pompeii was amazing, where the art of lovemaking was prominent, especially in the Roman baths. Her education was no longer just academic!

Asked why the Romans were so forthright about lovemaking, Laura said that the emperor enjoyed that style of art, so the nobility and aristocracy wanted to emulate him, showing their status and wealth.

Laura is California educated, starting at CSU San Bernardino (because they had a dorm), then Moorpark College, and finally UC Santa Barbara, where she received a Master's in the History of Art and Architecture. When she returned to Moorpark College, this time as an instructor, she knew the classroom well, and said "returning to my classroom was surreal".

A dozen OLLI students got to know Laura well on the OLLI 2020 trip to Egypt. "The first day at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo was ecstatic. The sheer scale of the collection was unbelievable." At the ancient burial ground at Saqqara, they walked into pyramids and through tombs like Indiana Jones. At the grand pyramids of Giza, Laura's ride on her biting camel with a mind of his own, became exciting as he started off with her hanging on. For Laura, the private boat trip down the Nile was a highlight of the trip -- scenic and peaceful – with stops at the Temple of Horus at Edfu, the Temple of Philae on an island in the Nile, and the Temple of Abu Simbel on Lake Nasser.

Laura hopes to join her many OLLI friends on another OLLI tour someday soon. If you want to hear Laura expound on the ancient Greeks and Romans sooner, she will present "Sicily at the Crossroads of Civilization" on Thursday afternoons in Spring II starting March 24. See you there.

Recent OLLI Events

Leonis Adobe Tour – January 22

Eleanor Schrader conducted a fascinating tour at the Leonis Adobe on January 22. The tour was followed by great lunch at the Sagebrush Cantina. There was a modest attendance that allowed everyone to sit together and get to know each other over lunch.



Getty Villa Tour – January 12



OLLI's Spring I session included a course entitled Tales from Ancient Graves. The instructor of that course, Scott Jones, is also a Docent at the Getty Villa. As a follow-on to his course, Scott guided 33 OLLI students from the class on a tour of items from the Getty Villa that were discussed in class. It was a Thumbs-Up tour on a beautiful January day in Southern California.

Upcoming and Tentative OLLI Events

Ann Lewin and her Events Team are working diligently to provide the OLLI community with exciting excursions in Southern California. Future activities include the following:

- May 11. California Science Center Exhibit and IMAX movie featuring an amazing IMAX virtual tour of the Angkor Wat temple complex in Cambodia
- July 25. Tour of the Academy of Motion Picture Museum in Los Angeles
- May 22. Camarillo Garden Tour of three different gardens.
- Tentative August: Tour of the SoFI Stadium in Inglewood and site of the Rams victory in the 56th Superbowl

Be an OLLI Volunteer or Donor

Without volunteers, you would not have the Leonis Adobe or Getty Villa tours or the courses that are being offered by OLLI during its Spring II Session. Activities such as these are arranged by Teams of volunteers under the OLLI Advisory Committee. OLLI needs your help to fill the team positions that are vacant.

For more information or to become a team member just contact Michael Trainor by email at OLLI@csuci.edu. If you are unable to be a team member, you can also volunteer for whatever amount of time you are willing to donate.

If volunteering is not your thing, please consider making a cash donation to OLLI. It is as simple as clicking the following link. <u>Donate to OLLI</u>