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THE OUTLOOK

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SPOTLIGHT

Register now online, by phone, or by mail for the Fall term! See page 3 of the catalog - middle column - for details.

Beginning September 6, members may enroll in as many additional classes as they wish, or they can take advantage of the walk-in policy if there is space available. Weekly KIT e-mails will list the classes with space available.



For those who wish to view more complete class descriptions, 1) go to <https://ce.uci.edu/olli> 2) open the Fall Course/Event tab, 3) scroll to the title/number of the class that interests you, e.g. 101 - Joy of Opera, and 4) click on the title to see more details and information than in the print catalog.



THE BOARD'S CORNER

Welcome to a new season of OLLI@UCI! As a recent member of OLLI, I have been very impressed with both the caliber and commitment of the volunteers who comprise the Board and all of the various committees which are the life-blood of our organization. I encourage any of you who might be interested in volunteering for the many opportunities we have available to contact Leah Jordan, Director of Volunteer Development (jordanLR@cox.net) to hear more about our many ways you can contribute and help strengthen our organization.

As your incoming President, I was recently given the opportunity to attend the bi-annual conference of the Osher Foundation which was both fun and illuminating. With more than 100 OLLIs represented, you can imagine that many new and different ideas were presented. I believe some of these ideas could greatly benefit our own OLLI@UCI program. I will write more about this in upcoming newsletters.

I trust you are having a great summer and are looking forward to the fall semester when we have planned some truly outstanding courses.

I plan to attend as many meetings and class sessions as possible during the next year. If you see someone walking around with a dazed expression on his face, that is probably me. Please introduce yourself, and I will do the same.

Kindest Regards,

Robert Smith
(New) President, OLLI at UCI

Minutes

The Minutes of the June 28, 2017 Board of Directors' meeting, to be approved at the August 30 meeting, are posted by the Conference Room at the Irvine Station and on the OLLI at UCI blog. In addition, minutes from the April Board Meeting as well as the report from May's Long Range Planning Meeting are also posted by the June minutes. Minutes from May 2017's Annual Meeting will be approved at the Annual Meeting in 2018 and can be found in the notebook in the Conference Room.

Donors

The donors list through June 9, 2017 is posted on the OLLI bulletin board at the entrance of the Irvine Station-Onken classroom and on our blog. Click [here](#) to go to the blog and then click on *Thank you for giving*. Thanks to all who participate in helping OLLI at UCI retain the ability to offer the programs we enjoy.

In Memoriam

Sally Schwartz (1925-2017) One of OLLI at UCI's four founders, Sally Schwartz, set in motion in 1997 what would become our current organization of more than 700 members. We will always be deeply grateful to her and her compatriots for their foresight in establishing this organization. She is survived by her three children and eight grandchildren.

OLLI INFO



UCI DRAMA NEWS: LOOKING FOR DIRECTOR'S VOICE and PLAYS? THEY HAVEN'T GONE AWAY!

The details on the upcoming UCI Drama season were not ready in time to get into the catalog, but complete information will be forthcoming soon, by e-mail and on the OLLI website. You will have plenty of time to register. In the meantime, mark your calendars with these dates. Thank you for your patience!

Sunday, November 12 in The Irvine Barclay Theatre

CHESS; Robin Buck, Director; Gary Busby, Music Director

This iconic 80s musical develops the ancient game of chess into a metaphor for political and romantic intrigue. The loutish American Grandmaster, the earnest Russian Champion, the Hungarian-American Chess second, and the discarded wife all vie for attention and dominance. Think Trump-Putin and their minions in a

'reality TV-style' concert setting.

Sunday, December 3 in Humanities Hall Little Theatre

INTIMATE APPAREL; Jane Page, Director

Esther Mills, a skilled African-American seamstress in 1905 NYC, dreams of saving enough money to open her own beauty parlor. Romance beckons in the form of George Armstrong, a stranger who writes to her from his work on the Panama Canal; after George arrives in New York City, and after they are married, Esther discovers that she is not the only one who misrepresented herself during their correspondence courtship.

I still need facilitators for *Chess* on Sunday November 12. Please contact me if you can help me out on this date.

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Look for piano concerts from music students from UCI and Cal State Fullerton in our classroom this Fall!

We are delighted to announce that our Yamaha baby grand piano will be used for mini-concerts open to our members this Fall. Look for details as the semester progresses.



If you have ideas for more uses for our piano, e-mail Meredith Cheston at meredith359@gmail.com.

Also, the classroom will not be busy in August, but the office is open from 9 AM to 2 PM, if any members volunteer to practice on it.

IMPORTANT FACILITATOR INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Announcing Facilitator *Refresher* Training for all those interested in learning/remembering how to use all the OLLI equipment. There have been improvements to our equipment that you should know about.

You only need to pick **one** time. It won't take long to take you through the process. If you are interested, please let me know which date and time you would like to attend so I will have the correct number of handouts.

Thank you.

Linda Saperstein

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Sept. 7 at 9:30 AM

Sept. 7 at 1:00 PM

Sept. 11 at 9:30 AM

Note: All facilitator assignments are posted on the A&H, STEM, SS, and SE bulletin boards as well as in the online class description under each course. This can be found when you click on the tab for Fall enrollment at ce.uci.edu/olli.



TRIPPING WITH OLLI

We have a Vienna and Christmas Markets cruise coming in December from the 3rd through the 11th. The highlights of the trip include: a six Night Danube River Cruise on the Silver II, big name

cities and towns - Vienna, Frankfurt, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, and more. In addition, there are Christmas Markets in Frankfurt, Rothenburg, Nuremberg and Regensburg.

To keep the momentum for this Holiday Season trip rolling, Premiere World Discoveries has extended the Booking Discount deadline to September 3rd and is offering a suite cabin special savings of \$250 per person, based from \$2995 with airfare always included!

Informational meeting for more trips on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 1:30 PM.

***Also, Special Events meeting for all with ideas for Spring 2018 on Wednesday, August 2 at 1:30 in the Conference Room.**

For information, contact Leslie Barnebey at dr.barnebey@att.net or call 818-261-3010

OLLI EXTRAS

Movie Talk

Put down your popcorn and invite anyone who may be interested. The next meeting is Saturday, **September 16 at 10 AM**, at the Irvine Station. No reservation required. Contact: Jessie Tromberg at jzt1@cox.net.



Spanish Conversation Is Back Home!

Spanish Club will meet on **Friday mornings from 10:00 AM to Noon** at the Irvine Station conference room. New members are always welcome. For information, contact Sue Mendizza at mendizza@cox.net.

Shakespeare Reading Group

Reading and discussing *Othello*, with help and guidance from UCI's Shakespeare Center. First meeting is **October 19th at 1 PM** in the Conference Room. If interested in joining, please contact Meredith Cheston at meredith359@gmail.com.

Mah Jongg

Mah Jongg drop-in every **Tuesday from 1:00 - 4:00 PM** at the Irvine Rancho Senior Center, 3 Ethel Coplan Way, Irvine. Parking is often a problem after 1 PM, so you may have to park on the street. For information contact Flo Zysman at flozysman@icloud.com.

Travel Talk.

Have stories and photos from a recent trip? Share them with OLLI members on a Saturday. For more information, contact Lonnie Horn at mail4lonnie@aol.com or Jessie Tromberg at jzt1@cox.net.

OLLI's Gastronomer's Group

Delicious food experiences planned and executed by members. Want to join? Let us know! Contact Toni Dwyer at radatoni@cox.net.



INQUIRING MINDS

Critical Eye: Movie Reviews



Dunkirk

A recent AARP poll reveals that 30% of "cinema visitors" are 50+ in age. Is it significant? Yes, I think so - it can make or break box-office receipts. Will it affect *Dunkirk's* trajectory to the Academy

Awards - well, it will give it a push.

Christopher Nolan's 70 mm original film about the extraordinary heroism of ordinary British civilians as they rescued soldiers stranded at Dunkirk is impressive. Does it live up to its hype? Not quite. Should you see it? By all means. Most millennials will not turn out in droves, in spite of the war scenes. There is no blood on-screen and curiously, all the young soldiers featured look alike. Make of that what you will. At least you are familiar with Dunkirk.

The Big Sick

Don't be put off by the pointedly charmless and explicitly hip title. The film does not play that way. It does function as a pretty good manual for understanding our millennial population and their current culture.

Kumail Nanjani, writer/comedian, stars in this with Zoe Kazan, Holly Hunter and Ray Romano. The story is based on Pakistani-born Nanjani's real life experiences as a stand-up comic in the time he met his American-born, now wife. Ray Romano is an especially strong pleasurable presence on-screen.

Based on true events and the cast is well chosen, likable and believable. See it, you might enjoy it.

Jessie Tromberg, jzt1@cox.net

How To Understand August 21's Eclipse Before You Look Up !

STEM Chair Marc Nussbaum's book, *Total Solar Eclipse 2017: Your Guide to the Next U.S. Eclipse*, includes everything you need to fully understand the science and to plan a successful viewing. This is the first U.S. coast-to-coast total solar eclipse in 99 years, placing totality within an overnight drive of 320 million Americans.

For those who missed Marc's classes on the eclipse, his book explains that on August 21, 2017, observers within the narrow shadow of totality - about 60 miles wide - have the opportunity to see the Sun's magnificent corona reaching out into space.

Here in Southern California, we will see a partial solar eclipse - about 60%, still an awe-inspiring experience. This promises to be the most viewed and photographed eclipse in human history.

Total Solar Eclipse 2017 is available from www.audiblerush.com for more information and can take you right to Amazon. [Click here.](#)

OLLI Outlook welcomes member reviews--film, book, theater, exhibits--and will publish when space permits. See contact information for submission directions.

Library News



Be sure to look for interesting, new additions to our library collection when classes start in September. I am sure you will be pleased to find many intriguing titles.

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UCI CAMPUS EVENTS



UCI TODAY

Click [here](#) to view current information on events and activities at any of the UCI schools. On opening this site, you will find events for the current date, but just scroll down below the calendar on the right to a box where you can choose to see events for the month or by category.

OLLI VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED DURING THESE SUMMER MONTHS!

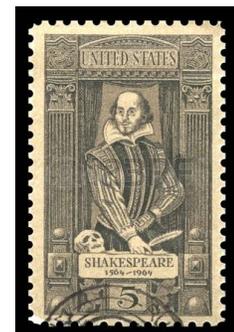
Research does not stop in the summer months and a two-hour study in UCI's Department of Psychology and Social Behavior still needs senior volunteers who will receive \$40 compensation.

If interested, please e-mail emotion@uci.edu or call 949-824-3991 to leave your phone number. This study will be conducted at UCI's main campus. For more information, look on the Social Science bulletin board.

COME ENJOY SHAKESPEARE UNDER THE STARS THIS SUMMER 2017 AT UCI'S NEW SWAN THEATER

The Tempest, Directed by Eli Simon and *The Taming of the Shrew*, Directed by Beth Lopes.

In addition, there is a Free Seminar Series...short informative talks by Scholars and Artists at 7:00 PM prior to selected performances.



Please go to

<http://newswanshakespeare.com/>

for full information on dates & times of the Performances and the Seminar Series.

Illuminations Series

Click [here](#) for more information about UCI's Illuminations Series.

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