



# FALL 2020 COURSE CATALOG

ONLINE INTERACTIVE CLASSES FOR LIFELONG LEARNERS

## LETTER FROM THE VICE PROVOST

Dear current and prospective OLLI members,

What a year 2020 has been! In January, I never expected we would be in the situation that we find ourselves. In March, we made the decision to cancel the rest of the classes due to the concern with COVID-19. We were following the guidance of the university with the intent of starting again in the fall.

As President Schovanec expressed in the Texas Tech University Commitment, "...our top priority is the health, safety, and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff." There have been numerous meetings since March to make sure we can open as safely as possible. As a small part of the much larger team, I feel that we are trying to hit a moving target. One thing that has not changed is Texas Tech's commitment to our OLLI community.

During the summer, we tried something new for OLLI – online classes. We were pleased with the involvement by our members and even our largest summer class – Popular Music of the 1970s allowed for interaction and was just as informative and enjoyable as it would have been in the classroom. Typically, we want to have face-to-face classes in large part due to the social aspect of them. However, I noticed in the class I attended this summer, there was quite a bit of interaction – maybe not the same, but there was something.

Given the current situation, we are planning virtual classes for our fall semester. Obviously, this is not ideal, but we feel it is the safest option for this fall. As soon as it is safe to do so, we are committed to returning to face-to-face offerings. Until then, please enjoy the wonderful virtual classes we have scheduled for the fall semester.

Stay safe and healthy!



Sincerely,

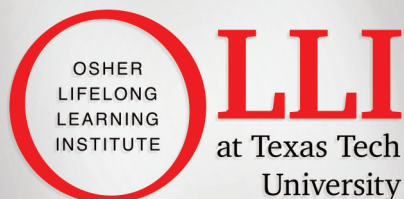
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## Orientation for New and Prospective OLLI Members

In this informal session, participants will learn about OLLI at TTU programs, activities and meet board members and staff online. The class will examine a wide variety of course topics, committees and volunteer opportunities. This class is open to current members as well as prospective members who are interested in learning more about what OLLI at TTU has to offer.

This class is led by OLLI at TTU Director Shelby Crews along with other OLLI board members and staff.

**Date:** Wednesday, August 19

**Time:** 2-3:30 p.m. or 5:30-7 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

**Sign Up Now:** [2-3:30 p.m.](#) or [5:30-7 p.m.](#)

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## Zoom Training for Members

These trainings will be an opportunity for all OLLI members to learn the ins and outs of using the online platform, Zoom, to participate in OLLI virtual classes. Members will learn how to log in to classes, use their computer audio and camera, as well as what to do if they run into any technical problems.

These training sessions will be led by OLLI at TTU staff and volunteers.

**Dates:** August 24, 26 & September 1

**Times:** 9-10 a.m., 2-3 p.m. or 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

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**August 24:** [9 a.m.](#) / [2 p.m.](#) / [5:30 p.m.](#)

**August 26:** [9 a.m.](#) / [2 p.m.](#) / [5:30 p.m.](#)

**September 1:** [9 a.m.](#) / [2 p.m.](#) / [5:30 p.m.](#)

## Arts and Culture

### Crafting Fiction From History



Join OLLI favorite, Andy Wilkinson, as he shares his methods and insights for writing. He will discuss how he crafted an album of poetry, a song and a stage play on Charles Goodnight, as well as a brand-new work of historical fiction.

Andy Wilkinson, artist in residence at the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University; teaches songwriting in the School of Music, and creative process in the Honors College.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 2

**Time:** 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$10

**Sign Up Now**

## History

### The Desolate Line: Abilene Area Forts and 19th Century Texas Frontier

To bring some level of peace to West Texas, the federal government established several frontier military installations. This course will examine the role each of these installations played in Federal Indian policy on the Texas frontier, while offering participants a glimpse into the often desolate, isolated lives of those who occupied these forts.

John Caraway is a graduate of Hardin Simmons University and Texas Tech University. He is the department head for the Government and History Department at Cisco College.

**Dates:** September 8, 22 & 29

**Time:** 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$10/session

**Sign Up Now:** [9/8](#), [9/22](#), & [9/29](#)



## Science and Technology

### Science by the Glass

Join the TTU Climate Center to hear from one of our researchers about how their studies relate to climate change. Our speakers typically cover a range of interesting topics – from gardening to flat earth conspiracy theories – at a level that is appropriate for anyone with a general interest in these topics. Each class is followed by a live Q&A and the recordings are posted on the TTU Climate Center's YouTube channel, so they can be shared and viewed afterward.

These classes will be presented by the Texas Tech University Climate Center.

**Dates:** September 8, October 13,  
November 10 & December 8

**Time:** 5-6 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

**SignUp Now:** [9/8](#), [10/13](#), [11/10](#) & [12/8](#)



## History

### Fifty Years of the Best TV Advertising: 1944 to 1994

This class takes its cue from 50 years of CLIO awards. This course provides background on the authors of modern advertising strategies and how they have changed the focus over the years from the products being sold to consumers and their lifestyles. We will watch some classic commercials from the 1940s to the 1980s; including Timex watches' spokesperson John Cameron Swayze, Maxwell House coffee, and the classic VW ads of the 1970s. After a break for discussion, the second reel includes the famous '80s ads for Macintosh computers, Budweiser beer (you remember, the one with the frogs), and other memorable commercials.

Marye Tharp, Ph.D., was a professor of marketing and advertising at the University of Texas at Austin and UTSA.

**Date:** Wednesday, Sept 9

**Time:** 2-4:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$10

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## History

### The American Civil War Era, Part II

This six-lecture series will explore the opening phase of the American Civil War, at a time when the reality of raising two armies and engaging in political maneuvers at home and abroad framed the destinies of the United States of America and the Confederate States of America. It will conclude with the military campaigns of the spring of 1862, which announced to the partisans of the Union and the Confederacy alike that the conflict would involve trauma far greater than initially anticipated.

Fred A. Bailey, Ph. D., is a retired university history professor with 40 years' experience. He is the author of two books and 80 professional articles and has received recognition and awards for his scholarly endeavors.

**Date:** September 10, 15, 24, October 8, 15, & 22

**Time:** 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fees:** \$50 for [all sessions](#) or \$10 per session

**Sign Up Now:** [9/10](#), [9/15](#), [9/24](#), [10/8](#), [10/15](#) & [10/22](#)

## Current Topics

### Emerging Technologies

Over the last few decades, new technologies have introduced the world to social media, driverless cars, 3D printing of artificial organs and food, artificial intelligence, robots, stem cells and the list goes on and on. What are these? How are they related? While some of these easily improve our lives, they also are the subject of much controversy. Join us as we discuss how ever-changing technologies affect us and the world in which we live.

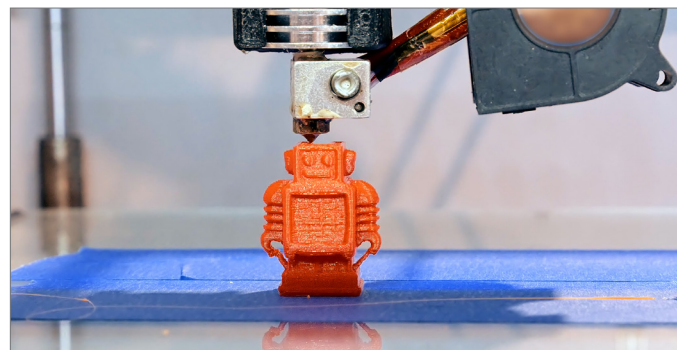
Phil Youngblood founded and headed a university degree program in computer information systems and cyber security for 17 years. Before retiring from full-time teaching, he completed a career in the U.S. Navy and conducted biochemical research at the University of Hawaii and NASA.

**Date:** Monday, September 14

**Time:** 2-3:30pm

**Fee:** \$10

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## Health and Wellness

### Specialty of Pain Medicine

Pain is a complex experience and unique to each individual. Our instructor specializes in pain medicine diagnoses. Being comprehensive and educating patients on a wide variety of medical conditions affecting the nervous and musculoskeletal systems, he treats patients experiencing problems with acute and chronic pain by creating a multidisciplinary approach in treatment plans to restore function and decrease pain.

In this class, Dr. Damien Sacky will cover the importance of the study of pain, the prevention of pain; as well as, the evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation of people enduring issues related to pain. Sacky is board-certified and holds memberships in the Texas Pain Society and the American Academy of Pain Medicine.

**Date: Wednesday, September 16**

**Time: 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Current Topics

### Viva the Difference: Understanding Generational Differences

The Greatest Generation, Boomers, Gen X, Millennials, Gen Y and Gen Z are terms heard daily. Do these terms describe important differences in the age groups or are they stereotypes? Understanding generational differences is the first step to working together in harmony and could be a determining factor in the success of an organization. Along with suggestions for how to work with each generation, this class will describe how generational differences arise and provide key descriptions of the core characteristics of each group.

Terry Waldren, Ph.D., is the owner of The Waldren Group consulting firm, whose clients include: Texas Tech University, TTUHSC, City of Lubbock and United Supermarkets.

**Date: Thursday, September 17**

**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## History

### Road to Epidauros: Frazer and Pausanias

Instructor Christopher Witmore will take participants on a journey with James George Frazer to the ancient sanctuary of Epidauros in 1890 and 1895. Frazer is the author of *The Golden Bough* and a fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge; he is largely regarded as an armchair anthropologist. Through Frazer's lens on Pausanias, this class will attempt to understand how the ancient traveler, religious pilgrim, antiquarian and literary stylist influenced Frazer through an exploration of Epidauros.

Christopher Witmore is an author and professor of archaeology and classics at Texas Tech University.

**Date: Thursday, September 17**

**Time: 5:30-7p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Arts and Culture

### The World's Best Archive of Nature Writers

This class will provide an overview of the unique Sowell Family Collection. Created through the generous support of former TTU Regent James Sowell, this collection contains the personal papers of some of the country's most prominent writers on the natural world. Writing with a profound respect for the grandeur and fierceness of the land, these writers are deeply engaged with questions of land use and the nature of community, the conjunction of scientific and spiritual values, and the fragility of wilderness. We'll examine some of the gems in this national treasure and you'll learn how to access them for your own interest and research.

Bryan Giemza, Ph.D., J.D., is an associate professor of Humanities and Literature in the Honors College.

**Date: Monday, September 21**

**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Current Topics

### International Trade and Agreements: Alternatives to War

Although most economists have long agreed that trade increases economic prosperity, after WWII it became an essential instrument of those who tried to craft a new world order and prevent widespread military conflicts. In this session, we will review the costs and benefits of trade and discuss some of the more important trade agreements for the U.S. and in the world. Included will be an overview of the costs and benefits to our national economy, an understanding of some of the disagreements concerning trade, and a better idea of how trade affects daily life.

Linda Gerber is the director of McCombs Center for Global Business, and senior lecturer with the Department of Marketing, McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin.

**Date: Wednesday, September 23**

**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Current Topics

### Recording Your Legacy

Do you have an interest in documenting your life stories? Class participants will learn that life stories can be: a single narrative, a series of short stories, or a documented question and answer involving the storyteller with their children, grandchildren or friends. Discover how you can document your own personal history in writing, video or audio.

Tom Nichols is an award-winning author. He is also a retired police chief, having served in Tucson, Arizona and Lubbock, Texas.

**Date: Thursday, September 24**

**Time: 5:30-7p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Current Topics

### Introduction to Justice Courts

Going to court for any reason can be a nerve-racking experience; especially so, when someone is unfamiliar with the proceedings. In this presentation, you will learn the process from beginning to end when a civil case is filed in Justice of the Peace Courts. Also discussed will be what occurs when a person is required to appear for a Class C citation.

Hon. Bebe Rocha is currently serving a second term as the Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1 in Llano County. She has a B.A. in Criminal Justice, has served as a Child Protective Services caseworker, a juvenile probation officer, and many other criminal civil experience positions during her 25-year career.

**Date: Thursday, September 24**

**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## OLLI Book Club

### “Their Eyes Were Watching God”

by Zora Neale Hurston

One of the most important and enduring books of the twentieth century, “Their Eyes Were Watching God” brings to life a Southern love story with the wit and pathos found only in the writing of Zora Neale Hurston. Out of print for almost 30 years – due largely to initial audiences’ rejection of its strong black female protagonist, Hurston’s classic has, since its 1978 reissue, become perhaps the most widely read and highly acclaimed novel in the canon of African-American literature.

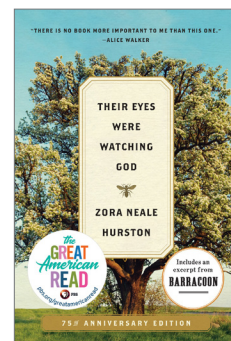
Shelby Crews is the director of OLLI at Texas Tech University. She has been an avid reader since childhood and is especially looking forward to discussing these books as a part of “The Great American Read.”

**Date: Monday, September 28**

**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: FREE**

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## History

### The Travels of Rudyard Kipling

An Englishman born in India, Rudyard Kipling traveled widely, and as a young man, became a rich and famous author. His prose, poetry, short stories and drinking ditties – such as: “The Jungle Books”, “Just So Stories” for kids, “Kim” and “From Sea to Sea” – are some of the most beloved in English literature. His poem, “If,” is among the most-quoted today in valedictories and speeches. The course will provide a brief overview of his writing, his life, his times, his exotic adventures and his lasting impact.

Ross Bigelow, Ph.D., recently visited Kipling’s home in England and came away with an abiding love of this gifted writer, his wide-ranging travels, his diverse interests and perspectives and the lasting impact he has made.

**Date: Tuesday, September 29**

**Time: 4-6 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Hobbies and Activities

### Digital Photography – The Basics in Four Parts

This course is for the beginner photographer. Learn the basics of digital photography and how changes to exposure, aperture and shutter speed can improve picture-taking. No expensive cameras or lenses are needed, just equipment which allows one to choose image capture settings. DSLR and mirrorless cameras with interchangeable lenses are ideal. Smartphones and small point & shoot cameras aren’t covered in this course. This is a four-session course with photo assignments after sessions 1-3.

Rodger Fisher teaches digital photography in the Frisco Lakes Lifelong Learning program located in Frisco, Texas. He taught digital photography at Collin College after his retirement and is a certified photographer from the New York Institute of Photography.

**Dates: September 30, October 7, 14, & 21**

**Time: 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Fee: \$40**

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## History

### All About Taste

There was nothing in the early summer of 1969 to predict that a roadside market might grow into one of the leading specialty food companies in America. Mark Wieser had a dream of growing peaches and marketing them. He selected an 1870 log house to create a unique roadside stand. Today Fisher & Weiser ranks among the top two such specialty companies in the U.S. and enjoys a reputation for creating flavor profiles like no other.

Mark B. Wieser has taught in public school, served as a county judge and currently spends time writing. He has published the biography of his father, who was instrumental in growing peaches in Gillespie County.

**Date: Monday, October 5**

**Time: 2-4 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Current Topics

### Devotional: Christianity in Crisis

Do we have a theology for crisis and loss that is beyond cliché? God has given us special and powerful tools to survive this broken world, but these tools require discipline and work because they are not shortcuts. Together, we can experience the secret of being content during the COVID-19 pandemic and the current unrest of our nation.

Ross Chandler is senior pastor at First Baptist Church in Marble Falls.

**Date: Monday, October 26**

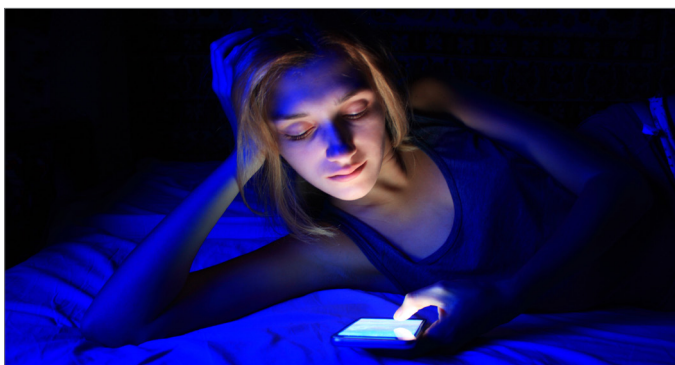
**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Science and Technology

### Our Vanishing Night: How Light Pollution Impacts Our Health

The natural cycles of day and night are ruled by the sun, moon and stars. All living creatures rely upon these rhythmic cycles to regulate sleep patterns, guide migration and breeding patterns, provide feeding cues and offer healthy natural processes necessary to maintain optimum health. Discover how the growing use of artificial light is overpowering natural darkness, disrupting these patterns to shift the balance of our environment and what these changes bring to life on earth.

Kristin Rodgers obtained her Master's degree in Sustainable Natural Resource Management. She is a Dark Skies Delegate and travels across Texas teaching ways to reverse the damaging effects of light pollution on our health and the health of our environment.

**Date: Tuesday, October 6**

**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Current Topics

### Pros and Cons of the Trump Fiscal Policy

The session will address the positive and negative aspects of the Trump Administration's fiscal policy and the implications for both the short and long run. The macroeconomic positions of both the Democratic and Republican parties will be explained and there will be a question and answer session.

Bob Driver has spent many years working and teaching in the field of finance. During retirement, he continues to teach as an adjunct professor and serve on the boards for various non-profit companies.

**Date: Wednesday, October 7**

**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## History

### The Search for Robert Addison Gillespie

Finding Gillespie is the story about Robert Addison Gillespie, the first Texas Ranger for whom a Texas county was named. There is so much more to the man than the facts that he came to Texas, opened a mercantile store in La Grange, became a Texas Ranger and was killed at the Battle of Monterey during the War with Mexico. This presentation will offer more than 20 years of research and will trace Gillespie's early years before ending on a mount in the city of Monterey, Mexico.

Mark B. Wieser has taught in public school, served as a county judge and currently spends time writing.

**Date: Monday, October 12**

**Time: 2-4 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## History

### The 1835 Battle for San Antonio During the Texas Revolution

The Texan capture of San Antonio in 1835 is the least remembered battle of the Texas Revolution; yet, it was one of the two major Texan victories in the war for independence. This presentation will discuss both the Mexican and Texan armies. It will explore the crises the Texans had to overcome to win the battle and discuss the impact of the battle on events that followed; including, the battle for the Alamo and the Texas Declaration of Independence.

Alwyn Barr, Ph.D., is professor emeritus of history at Texas Tech University and former chair of the history department. One of his five authored books is "Texans in Revolt: The Battle for San Antonio, 1835". He is a former president of the Texas State Historical Association.

**Date: Tuesday, October 13**

**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Current Topics

### Criminal Justice/Mental Health Law Reforms – Reframing Policy

Often, persons with mental illness who have committed nonviolent offenses have been caught up in the criminal justice system, rather than receiving appropriate mental health services that can help avoid criminality. Texas has undertaken significant efforts in the last several years to address and respond to these issues. This class will focus on those reforms, as well as likely future legislative initiatives.

Brian Shannon is a Paul W. Horn Professor at Texas Tech University School of Law, where he has been on the faculty since 1988. He earned his J.D. from the University of Texas, graduating first in his class, and his Bachelor of Science from Angelo State.

**Date:** Tuesday, October 13

**Time:** 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$10

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## Current Topics

### Wildfire Risk Reduction: How to Make Homes and Community Safer

Texas is a wildfire environment in which the landscape has changed over time due to fires caused by nature. Wildfires are now primarily caused by humans and pose a threat to homes and infrastructure. This threat increases as people move into wildland-urban interface areas. Relatively simple mitigation practices can reduce the risk of wildfires to homes, allowing the surrounding area to become a healthier, more fire-resilient ecosystem.

Kari Hines has a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from Northern Arizona University and has worked for the Texas A&M Forest Service since 2012.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 14

**Time:** 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$10

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## Current Topics

### Interesting Developments in Criminal Law, an Annual Review

Every odd-numbered year the Texas Legislative branch of government meets and passes new laws. It is the job of the executive branch to enforce these laws, and the judicial branch to interpret and ensure that such laws comply with the Constitution and are enforced fairly. This enlightening and humorous presentation explains developments in the law and how they are working out in practice. We look at specific cases and track them through the court system.

Hon. Mark Hocker, J.D., is a lawyer and currently Judge of Lubbock County Court at Law Number 1.

**Date:** Thursday, October 15

**Time:** 5:30-7 p.m.

**Fee:** \$10

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## OLLI Book Club

### “Ready Player One”

by Ernest Cline

In the year 2045, reality is an ugly place. The only time teenager Wade Watts really feels alive is when he’s jacked into the virtual utopia known as the OASIS. Wade’s devoted his life to studying the puzzles hidden within this world’s digital confines—puzzles that are based on their creator’s obsession with the pop culture of decades past and that promise massive power and fortune to whoever can unlock them. But when Wade stumbles upon the first clue, he finds himself beset by players willing to kill to take this ultimate prize.

Shelby Crews is the director of OLLI at Texas Tech University. She has been an avid reader since childhood and is especially looking forward to discussing these books as a part of “The Great American Read.”

**Date:** Monday, October 19

**Time:** 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

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## Current Topics

### You and 911

Television dramas are very entertaining, but what happens in an actual emergency? Bobbie Sellers will share some real 911 calls and break down all the different aspects of emergency response systems; including Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), Text-to-911, Kari's Law and Silver Alerts. Learn the importance of emergency services staying up to date with the ever-changing technology, as well as what information is relevant when the call is made at home or while traveling.

Bobbie Sellers has over 25 years of experience as a 911 telecommunicator. Bobbie continues to teach telecommunicators as a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement instructor through the West Central Texas Council of Governments in Abilene.

**Date: Tuesday, October 20**

**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Finance

### Risk Management and Insurance

This interactive session will broaden participants' understanding of various issues to measure and manage risk in both business and personal environments. Corporate topics include both enterprise and financial risk management while personal topics include mortality (life insurance), longevity (pensions) and health (health insurance). Specific examples of property and casualty insurance will be presented along with underwriting cycles and regulation.

Etti Baronoff has a doctorate in finance and is an associate professor of finance and insurance at Virginia Commonwealth University. She is an internationally recognized expert on enterprise risk management and diversification and specializations of the life and health insurance industries.

**Date: Monday, October 26**

**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Literature

### What's Your Story?

An old saying claims that when an older person dies, it is as if a whole library just burned down. The moral of that adage is the best reminder of the importance of collecting, preserving, and passing on personal and family stories. This program offers suggestions and examples on ways to do just that!

Donna Ingham, Ph.D., is a mostly retired college English professor, turned author and storyteller. She is the recipient of the John Henry Faulk Award from the Tejas Storytelling Association and the ORACLE Storytelling Network. She has the dubious distinction of having been named the Biggest Liar in Texas three times.

**Date: Tuesday, October 27**

**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Current Topics

### Return to Your Childhood, Read to a Child

Research indicates that reading to a child is beneficial in many ways. Reading to a child can help build vocabulary, set them up for future success and teach values and lessons in a kind and gentle way. Learn tips and techniques for reading to a newborn baby, as well as ways to capture the interest of that terrific two-year-old with lots of energy. We will model ways to make reading a positive experience and provide a list of good books. Life-long learning and the joy of reading can begin in the arms and on the lap of a grandparent.

Judy Moore Pullen is a retired regular and special education teacher. She has experience and information to share about the importance of book selection and ways to reach children with special needs.

**Date: Wednesday, October 28**

**Time: 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## County Schools' History

The course will cover a review of the citizens who saved 12 of the 42 county schools in Gillespie County. Explore what steps were taken to save this architectural heritage and how the schools have been adapted for current use.

Dr. James Lindley earned his medical degree from The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He is the current OLLI Fredericksburg advisory board chair and has a passion for learning and teaching about history.

**Date: Wednesday, October 28**

**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Hobbies and Activities

### Steps in Creating a Tribute Video

This course will focus on the steps necessary to design, build and publish a video tribute to someone you know and love, suitable for a meaningful life event such as a birthday, anniversary, retirement or funeral. You will learn how to create storyboards, gather and digitize media, edit video and publish your work. Students will be asked to design and/or build a tribute as part of the course, and student work will be shared with the class during the final session.

Peter Ray retired after a 33-year career as an IT professional. He now owns P&D Studios, serving South Texas and the Hill Country.

**Dates: October 29 & November 3**

**Time: 2-3:30pm**

**Fee: \$10 per session**

**Sign Up Now: [Oct. 29](#) & [Nov. 3](#)**

## Arts and Culture

### Early Music

What did music sound like in the thirteenth century? What instruments did they use, and how did they use their voices? Do we actually know? In this lecture, Angela Mariani, D.M., of the Texas Tech School of Music introduces us to the world of "historical performance," sometimes referred to as "early music," in which musicians explore the repertoires, performance practices, and musical processes of much earlier times.

Angela Mariani, D.M., is professor of musicology and the founder and director of the Texas Tech Collegium Musicum (performing medieval, Renaissance and early Baroque music).

**Date: Monday, November 2**

**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Health and Wellness

### Joint Education 101

Join the discussion on possible reasons for hip and knee pain, how the hip and knee work and pain treatment plans. Dr. Thomas Eastman, an orthopedic surgeon, will discuss his philosophy concerning hip and knee pain in both men and women. He will offer advice on conservative treatments and include a segment on joint education for hip and knee replacement including post-operative rehabilitation.

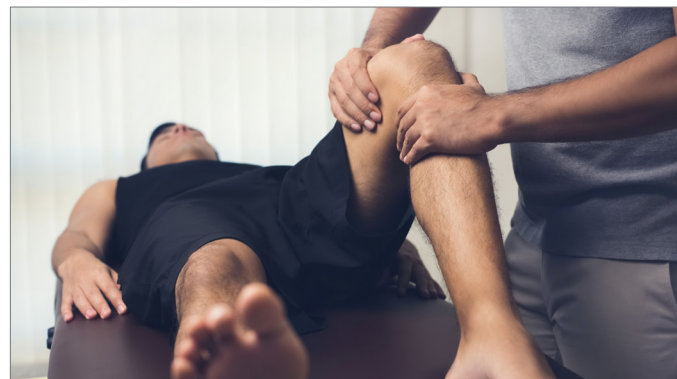
Eastman provides care for orthopedic conditions at Baylor Scott and White. He received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska. He is board certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery and is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery.

**Date: Wednesday, November 4**

**Time: 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## History

### The American Civil War Era, Part III

The American Civil War (June 1862-autumn 1863) was a critical time in which the fate of both the American Union and the would-be Confederate States of America stood in the balance. We will outline the campaigns across three geographic theaters of the war, the conflict at sea and the efforts of both Lincoln and Davis to find commanders sufficiently talented to lead their armies. Special attention will also be paid to international relations and their impact on the conflict, the efforts of both sides to confront domestic issues and the difficulty of recruiting replacement troops once the enthusiasm for volunteering faltered.

Fred Bailey, Ph. D., is a retired university history professor with 40 years' experience.

**Dates:** November 5, 12, 19, December 3, 8 & 10

**Time:** 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$50 for **all sessions** or \$10 per session

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## OLLI Book Club

### "The Giver"

by Lois Lowry

The Giver, the 1994 Newbery Medal winner, has become one of the most influential novels of our time. The haunting story centers on 12-year-old Jonas, who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community.

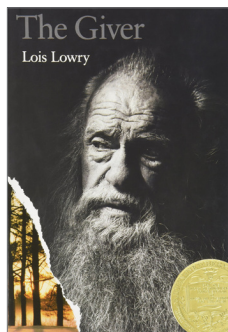
Shelby Crews is the director of OLLI at Texas Tech University. She has been an avid reader since childhood and is especially looking forward to discussing these books as a part of "The Great American Read."

**Date:** Monday, November 9

**Time:** 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

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## Current Topics

### A Magistrate's View of the Courtroom

Join Judge Noaker as he takes us through the multi-faceted duties of the administration of laws. He will discuss the many issues related to advisement, bond setting considerations, terms and conditions of bond, mental health consideration, and indigent defense practices within the court systems. Also addressed will be the intricacies involved in providing and ensuring appropriate representation and case resolution for individuals in the court system.

Hon. Kirk Noaker is a 30-year veteran of law enforcement and criminal defense.

**Date:** Tuesday, November 10

**Time:** 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$10

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## Arts and Culture

### Cultures of Texas: Past, Present & Future

Who are we, Texans? This class presents a demographic and cultural profile of Texans today and tomorrow. It will include descriptions of Texas subcultures: geographic, ethnic, age and social identity. Our instructor will use anthropologists' tools to compare the differing values of these cultural groups, and demographic data to describe the sizes of various Texas populations. Join us as we discuss the dynamics of these interacting forces as they shape the Texas of tomorrow.

Marye Tharp, is a retired associate professor of business/marketing who taught at the University of Texas, Emerson College and Shriner University.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 11

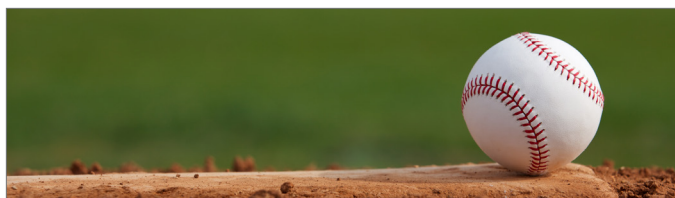
**Time:** 2-3:30pm

**Fee:** \$10

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## History

### Summer of '68: Events That Changed Baseball and America Forever

This is a sequel to the Fall 2018 OLLI course: “1968: Events that Still have Impact Fifty Years Later”. We will revisit some happenings of that historic year (Vietnam, assassinations and political upheaval) but also focus on the epic changes to the games of baseball, football and the Olympics. Our instructor will discuss the Bob Gibson vs. Denny McLain World Series matchup, the start of divisional series, free agency and the rise of Super Bowls to national-holiday equivalency, to name a few!

Ross Bigelow, Ph.D., teaches geography at the Hill Country University Center. He is an OLLI board member and has taught various OLLI courses.

**Date: Monday, November 16**

**Time: 2-3:30pm**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Science and Technology

### Geodes: Treasures of Nature

What are geodes? How and when were they formed? Geodes (agates) tell a remarkable story of the earth as they are found throughout the world. They can be gifts from ancient volcanoes as well as from prehistoric seas. Join us as we explore the many different types and stunning features of geodes!

Walter Scarborough has studied, cut, and polished geodes for over 45 years. He is a member of the Central Texas Gem and Mineral Society and has attended several International Agate Expo conferences in Europe as well as in the U.S.

**Date: Tuesday, November 17**

**Time: 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Current Topics

### A Short History and Discussion About the U.S. Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court is the nation's highest court and considers cases that affect all citizens. From the liberties enshrined in the Bill of Rights, to national policy matters – both civil and criminal – the court has grappled with issues of the day since 1789. This class will include key history and anecdotes involving the court and its influential and interesting justices over the years before the court during its current term.

Hon. Frank Reilly has 30 years of legal experience and has appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court. He teaches law-related political science courses for Texas Tech University, is a municipal judge and is a partner of the Potts & Reilly, LLP law firm.

**Date: Wednesday, November 18**

**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Arts and Culture

### A Mature Person's Guide to the Opera: Mozart

This class will explore the world of Mozart's operas, focusing primarily on his last. The Magic Flute premiered shortly before his death in 1791. We will explore operatic conventions of the time and the ways Mozart refined and expanded these. After reviewing the plot and musical numbers of the opera, we will explore how Mozart's work influenced later generations of composers. The opera is slated to be performed and recorded by the Metropolitan Opera of New York City in its digital movie series in January 2021.

James Klein, Ph.D., is a retired music professor and professional conductor who has over 40 years' experience in orchestra and opera performances.

**Date: Monday, November 30**

**Time: 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

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## Current Topics

### The Human Trafficking Paradox

This ostensibly veiled subject is offered to engage and challenge participants to become mindful of human trafficking in all its insidious incarnations. This course includes research gathered by Charles Crews for his two doctorates from Texas Tech University; and narratives from law enforcement, professional counselors, traffickers and victims. Come learn from behind the scenes about why human trafficking is such an elusive concern.

Charles Crews, Ph.D., is a professor in counselor education and supervision at Texas Tech University.

**Date:** Tuesday, December 1

**Time:** 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$10

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### Intoxication in Today's West Texas

It is impossible to turn on the nightly news or read a newspaper without seeing stories about traffic fatalities and the consequences of intoxicated driving. Many people have strong feelings about these stories, but what really happens after the news has moved on? How does the legal system handle these issues? What is fact and what is entertainment fiction? What does the law say about intoxicated driving and traffic fatalities? Do we really have a problem? These topics and more will be explored. More than a legal lecture, this presentation will give ample opportunity for Q&A to help address issues most important to participants.

Tom Brummett has been an assistant district attorney with the Lubbock County DA's office for 17 years, and has developed a specialty in handling DUI cases. He teaches on related legal issues all across Texas. He received his BA in public relations from Texas Tech, and his JD from Indiana University.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 2

**Time:** 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$10

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## OLLI Book Club

### "One Hundred Years of Solitude"

by Gabriel García Márquez

"One Hundred Years of Solitude" tells the story of the rise and fall, birth and death of the mythical town of Macondo through the history of the Buendia family. Inventive, amusing, magnetic, sad and alive with unforgettable men and women—brimming with truth, compassion and a lyrical magic that strikes the soul—this novel is a masterpiece in the art of fiction.

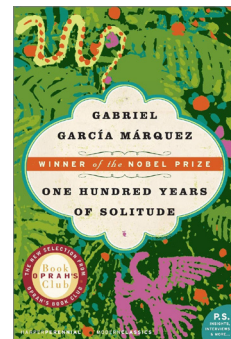
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**Date:** Monday, December 7

**Time:** 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

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## Science and Technology

### Tornado Damage and Sheltering

The Wind Science and Engineering Research Center at TTU has pursued damage investigation and design for sheltering against tornadoes. Since 1970, the research group has investigated close to 100 tornado damages in many states. The lessons learned from these investigations have revealed how the tornadoes cause damage to buildings and where the best places are to take shelter. Additionally, the experiences have led to the development of design criteria for tornado shelters in homes and schools. This class will include illustrations with photographs from the center's extensive research.

Kishor C. Mehta, Ph.D., is a distinguished member of ASCE, a SEI Fellow, a member of the National Academy of Engineering, and a P. W. Horn professor of civil, environmental and construction engineering at TTU.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 9

**Time:** 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$10

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