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SUMMER 2020 COURSE CATALOG

## Spring and Summer Virtual Classes

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### Week of May 18-22



#### Book Club: “Jane Eyre”

by Charlotte Bronte

“Jane Eyre” follows a timeless heroine’s quest to find her place. Orphaned as a child, Jane Eyre suffers cruelty and abuse at the hands of her aunt and cousins. Banished to the Lowood school, she forges a path for herself and thrives—despite loneliness, poverty, and hunger. When the opportunity for work as a governess sends her to Thornfield Hall, she meets its owner, Edward Rochester, the man who will forever alter the course of her young life. At home for the first time, she begins to fall deeply, irrevocably in love with Mr. Rochester, nurtured by his near-spiritual adoration. But the manor is rife with mysteries, and one, bound to the attic of Thornfield, will threaten Jane’s hard-won happiness in ways she had never imagined.

**Facilitator:** 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.

**Date:** May 20

**Day/Time:** Wednesday, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Zoom meeting details will be emailed to registered participants.

#### The Supremes: 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, its influential and interesting justices over the years, and a review of the cases before the Court during its current term.

**Instructor:** 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:** May 21

**Day/Time:** Thursday, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Zoom meeting details will be emailed to registered participants.



## Week of May 25-29

### Devotional

**Instructor:** Ross Chandler is Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church Marble Falls

**Dates:** TBD

**Day/Time:** TBD

**Fee:** FREE

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### Virtual Happy Hour

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**Host:** Terri Navrkal is an OLLI board member with OLLI at TTU, Lubbock

**Dates:** May 28

**Day/Time:** Thursday, 5-6:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Zoom meeting details will be emailed to registered participants.



## Week of June 1-5

### 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 other such speeches. The course will provide a brief overview of his writing, his life, his times, his exotic adventures and his lasting impact.

**Instructor:** 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:** June 4

**Day/Time:** Thursday, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

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## Week of June 8-12

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

This class takes advantage of the CLIO awards (the “Academy Awards of TV Advertising”) from 1944 to 1994. Dr. Tharp will provide 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. Then we will watch some classic commercials from the 1940s to the 1980s. Do you remember Timex watches’ spokesperson John Cameron Swayze? How about the sound of Maxwell House coffee percolating? Or the classic VW ads of the 1970s? These ads reveal the pop culture of our times. 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.

**Instructor:** Dr. Marye Tharp was a professor of marketing and advertising at the University of Texas at Austin and UTSA.

**Date:** June 10

**Day/Time:** Wednesday, 2-4:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Zoom meeting details will be emailed to registered participants.



### Finding Your Resilience

**Instructor:** Carmen Stein, assistant professor, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

**Date:** June 10

**Day/Time:** Wednesday, 5-7 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Zoom meeting details will be emailed to registered participants.

### Book Club: “The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society”

by Mary Ann Shaffer

A remarkable tale of the island of Guernsey during the German Occupation, and of a society as extraordinary as its name. Written with warmth and humor as a series of letters, this novel is a celebration of the written word in all its guises and of finding connection in the most surprising ways.

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**Date:** June 11

**Day/Time:** Thursday, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Zoom meeting details will be emailed to registered participants.



## Week of June 15-19

### Popular Music of the 1970s

Has there ever been a more diverse pop music decade than the 1970s? Hard rock, soft rock, country rock, arena rock, new wave, soul, southern and funk all took center stage during that decade. Oh, and let's not forget disco! Hustle to join Larry Hess for a musical trip through the 1970s.

**Instructor:** Larry Hess, M.M., is a retired Lubbock ISD educator and an OLLI member. He is a professional musician, having retired after 30 years as a percussionist with the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra.

**Date:** June 17

**Day/Time:** Wednesday, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Zoom meeting details will be emailed to registered participants.



### Embracing Optimism

**Instructor:** Carmen Stein, assistant professor mental health counseling at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

**Date:** June 17

**Day/Time:** Wednesday, 5-7 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Zoom meeting details will be emailed to registered participants.



## Week of June 22-26

### Self-Care and Wellness Strategies

**Instructor:** Logan Winkelman, program director/assistant professor, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

**Date:** June 24

**Day/Time:** Wednesday, 5-7 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

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**Host:** Susan Robinson is an OLLI board member with OLLI at TTU, Abilene.

**Dates:** June 25

**Day/Time:** Thursday, 5-6:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Zoom meeting details will be emailed to registered participants.

## Week of July 6-10

### Trump's America: William McGuffey and His Eclectic Reader

Award-winning writer and historian, Fred A. Bailey devoted his forty-year career to the exploration of the origins of American cultural values and welcomes participants in an examination of the historical roots of Donald Trump's America. This class takes participants through the mind-set of working-class Americans and the intellectual foundations which influenced their thought-development to the ideologies heard through current critics of President Trump. This series of one-hour lectures is a great addition to our election-year activities!

**Instructor:** Fred A. Bailey is a retired professor of history.

**Date:** July 8

**Day/Time:** Wednesday, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

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### Contentment

Join First United Methodist Church of Tahoka pastor and OLLI member, Billy Everett, as he shares his message titled "Contentment" and, specifically, how important finding our own contentment is to our peace of mind, our relationships, and even our overall health. We will use the example of Paul in his letter to the Philippians where he stated that he had, "learned to be content in all circumstances", and for Paul, those circumstances included being imprisoned and bound in chains. Paul learned how to be content in every situation and so can we!

**Facilitator:** Billy Everett is the pastor of the Tahoka United Methodist Church and has been an OLLI member for four years.

**Date:** July 9

**Day/Time:** Thursday, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Zoom meeting details will be emailed to registered participants.

## Week of July 13-17

### Trump's America: The Great Traveling Chautauqua

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**Instructor:** Fred A. Bailey is a retired professor of history.

**Date:** July 15

**Day/Time:** Wednesday, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Zoom meeting details will be emailed to registered participants.



### Fighting Isolation

**Instructor:** Dave Schroeder, Director, Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program. Assistant Professor at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

**Date:** July 16

**Day/Time:** Thursday, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

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## Week of July 20-24

### Observations about Higher Education in the Future

Higher education has been a hot topic for the last couple of years; specifically, issues which include the rising cost of tuition and new terminologies such as MOOCs, LMSs, online and adaptive learning, competency-based education, prior learning assessments and credentialing just to name a few. With the shift to remote delivery in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, online education is also a hot topic. Advances in technology, the concept of what is a faculty member's role, and meeting the workforce demands are changing the expectations within higher education. This session will discuss the concepts that will likely have significant impacts on higher education in the future. .

**Instructor:** Melanie Hart, Ph.D., holds the title of vice provost for Texas Tech University eLearning & Academic Partnerships. Her responsibilities include the oversight of the nine regional teaching sites and the Center at Junction, online program compliance and quality, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), continuing education, academic agreements, and TTU K-12.

**Date:** July 22

**Day/Time:** Wednesday, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

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### Trump's America: Symbol of an Age

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**Instructor:** Fred A. Bailey is a retired professor of history.

**Date:** July 22

**Day/Time:** Wednesday, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

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## Week of July 27-31

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**Date:** July 30

**Day/Time:** Thursday, 5-6:30 p.m.

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Zoom meeting details will be emailed to registered participants.

## Week of August 10-14

### Book Club: "Where the Crawdads Sing"

by Delia Owens

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So, in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life--until the unthinkable happens.

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**Date:** August 13

**Day/Time:** Thursday, 2-3:30 p.m.

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