Registration opens 12/5
Classes begin 1/8/18

Please note that we continually update the catalog on our website if any schedule or other changes are necessary. If you save/download the catalog PDF to your computer for later use, you may not be viewing the most up-to-date version.
Membership

There’s a part of us – no matter our age – that begs to learn, to grow, to change. It’s time to give that part of you a little more attention.

Which membership suits your needs?
We have varying levels of membership to fit your individual circumstances. You can begin your membership at the start of any of our terms.

Full Membership
A full membership entitles you to all of the exciting benefits described to the right. The annual fee is $320.

Trial Membership
Available to first-time members only, a trial membership offers another way to try Osher. Enjoy the privileges of full membership for one term, excluding the RIT Student ID card and audiology services. The fee is $160. You may convert your trial membership into a full membership by paying the additional balance at the end of your trial term, thereby adding the next three terms.

Supporting Membership
A supporting membership entitles you to all social and intersession events, the Pfaudler Lecture Series, the Summer Seminar program, and Arts & Lectures events. You may invite one guest to these activities. The annual fee is $155. [Note: This membership excludes courses.]

Additionally, partial scholarships are made possible by the Bernard Osher Foundation. Contact the program administrator for details.

Arts & Lectures Series
Enjoy high-quality entertainment two to three times a year – free of charge.

Gallery
Works of art by members are displayed on a rotating basis in our facility.

Intersession Trips
Intersessions are short, between-term trips to interesting local attractions.

Pfaudler Lecture Series (Thursdays at 12:15)
Enjoy lunch then listen to a thought-provoking lecture by a guest speaker from our community. See page 3 for more information.

SIGs (Special Interest Groups)
Osher members with a shared interest in a specific area of knowledge, learning, or technology gather at least monthly. All members are encouraged to join an existing SIG, or to initiate the formation of a new SIG. See page 18 for more information.

Social Activities
Enjoy socializing with fellow members in a relaxed atmosphere participating in such events as an antiques roadshow, holiday celebrations, wine tasting, and our annual picnic.

Summer Seminars
Four adventurous, educational day trips are preceded by corresponding lectures during the summer. See page 3 for more information.

RIT Benefits
- Student ID- A pass to RIT campus facilities, your ID card entitles you to: student admission rates and discounts, borrowing privileges at the RIT library, and access to campus fitness facilities at a reduced rate.
- Audiology Services- State-of-the-art hearing evaluation and hearing aid service and purchase are available through RIT’s National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID).
- Take Courses on Campus- Members can sit in on RIT College of Liberal Arts courses. The level of participation is up to you. Offerings include anthropology, fine arts, foreign languages, history, literature, philosophy, psychology, women & gender studies, and writing.

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For details, check out our calendar: www.osher.rit.edu/calendar

Osher’s 2018-19 academic year:

Winter (January 8 – March 16)
Spring (April 2 – June 11)
Summer (July 9 – August 31)
Fall (September 17 – November 30)

Each term is ten weeks long (except Summer, which is eight). There are multi-week breaks between each term.

Questions? Reach us at (585) 292-8989 or osher.info@rit.edu.
Please Support the Future of Osher!

It’s very apparent how much our members value the opportunity to learn and form friendships that enrich their lives. We are doing our best to keep annual dues increases to a minimum, but we must always close the funding gap. If you can make a charitable gift, remember that as a not-for-profit organization, your donation is tax deductible (membership dues are not tax deductible).

Osher at RIT is entirely member-run and member-focused, and our continuing success is dependent upon the voluntary financial support of our membership. We invite you to contribute today. Gifts can be made online at www.osher.rit.edu/giving or by check (payable to Osher at RIT) and dropped in the Osher lockbox located on the lobby wall.

Jan

uary 11: Who Killed Charlie: a Mock Trial  
Presented by Honorable William Taylor, member of the Judicial 7th District Monroe Supreme Court, and adjunct criminal justice professor at Roberts Wesleyan College

January 18: Willow Domestic Violence  
(formerly Alternatives for Battered Women)  
Presented by a representative from Willow Center

January 25: While We Still Can: Historic US Route 20 Tour  
Presented by Canandaigua residents Rob and Carole Lillis

February 1: Food Insecurity and Food Access: Foodlink’s Work in Central and Western NY  
Presented by Laura Sugarwala, director of nutrition and food safety for Foodlink

February 8: LGBTQ: An Interactive Panel Presentation  
Presented by the LGBTQ Academy of Rochester Gay Alliance

February 15: The Nightmare Scenario of War with North Korea  
Presented by Robert Gerace, RIT adjunct professor of counter terrorism

February 22: A Vermont Yankee in the Court of King Fahd  
Presented by Dr. Allyn May, retired professor of surgery, URMC

March 1: No One Left Behind: Rescuing Iraqi Interpreters Working for the US Military  
Presented by Ellen Smith, Rochester, NY Chapter Head of No One Left Behind

March 8: R-Facts: Keeping People in Treatment and Out of Prison  
Presented by City Court Judge Jack Elliott

March 15: NY State 380 Million Years BCE  
Presented by Dan Krisher, former head of geology and paleontology department at Ward’s Natural Science
Directions for Online Course Registration

The directions on this page will help you to register successfully. Online registration is your best bet for getting into the courses you want. Handing in a paper registration form early does not get you registered any earlier. All paper registrations are processed, in random order, by staff beginning at 10 am on registration day.

[1] Begin by visiting our website at osher.rit.edu and click on REGISTER in the top right of the page.

[2] On this page, click on the left-most box:

[3] On this page, locate the “Username” and “Password” fields in the upper-right corner of the window. In these fields, enter your username and password and click the Login button. If you don’t know your username and password, click on the “Forgot Password” link and follow the instructions; alternatively, you can call the office for assistance.

[4] Wait for the system to log you in. Once you’re logged in, you will see that the “Username” and “Password” fields have been replaced with “Hello, <your name>”.

[5] On the left side of the screen under the “SEARCH OPTIONS” heading click on the “Select Term” drop-down menu and select “2018-01 (Winter)” (the only available choice). Scroll down, and click the “Search” button.

[6] Scroll through the list, and click on the page numbers (if necessary) to navigate to the course you’re interested in. Click “Register” below the class you want to take.

[7] On the next page that appears, tick the box next to your name under the “Select Members” heading, then click the orange “Register” button below.

[7a] If you want to select more courses, click “Search for more courses” then repeat steps 5-7. (Note: repeat these three steps for each course you want.) Otherwise, click “Checkout”.

[8] When you are done selecting all of the courses you want, at the top of the “Search” page, click on the image of the shopping cart.

[9] At the bottom of the next page that appears, tick the “I have read and agree...” box if it is present. Click the orange Continue button.

[10] The top of the next page that appears should say, “Your registration/purchase is complete” and show the list of “Successful Items” (your courses). The image of the shopping cart that previously appeared next to your name at the top of the page should be gone at this point.

You will get an email confirming your schedule (including waitlisted courses if applicable). You can log in to your account and see a list of your courses at any time by clicking the My Account link at the top of the page, then scrolling to the bottom of the next page, and clicking on the “My Courses” tab (between the Emergency Info tab and the Memberships tab).

IMPORTANT: You must be current with your payment in order to register for courses. If your membership expires before the Winter 2018 Term begins, and you are not paying online, make sure to get your payment to the office before TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 to ensure that you will be able to register.
### Winter 2018

**November 18 through January 7: Winter break (no classes)**

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### New Member Orientation & Brunch

All new members: please join us for an orientation and Q&A session followed by a brunch on

**Wednesday, January 3**

10:30 am – Noon

Learn more about your membership benefits and meet fellow Osherites!
## Winter 2018 Course Schedule

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<td>Pfaunder Lecture Series&lt;br&gt;Flickstory . . . W37Th&lt;br&gt;Bob Vukosic, et al&lt;br&gt;Sherlock Holmes:&lt;br&gt;The Early Movies . . . W38Th&lt;br&gt;Lewis Neisner</td>
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20th Century Composers......................... W1M
[NEW COURSE] We will study the composers and the music from the Post-Romantic to the Modern period by sampling music, engaging in discussions, and hearing performances/demonstrations. Supporting information will be offered/reviewed to keep you learning! Optional Text: The Enjoyment of Music by Joseph Machlis – any edition
Course Website: www.almathias.com Enrollment Limit: 42.
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture
Al Mathias has led courses in music history at Osher for three years and has been teaching and performing music for almost 50 years.

Monday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Ten Weeks: January 8 – March 12

Current Events................................. W2M
[NEW CONTENT] This course is intended to allow any and all members to offer some semblance of an explanation for the current state of affairs. Discussion

Con Sullivan has led this as well as other courses at Osher for several years.

Monday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Ten Weeks: January 8 – March 12

Practical Pharmacology...................... W3M
[NEW COURSE] We will explore the conceptual framework within which the consumer can pursue a working knowledge of the benefits and risks associated with pharmacological intervention. To that end we will explore such topics as how drugs act to improve the respective condition and the extent to which drug treatment can lead to side effects.
Enrollment Limit: 30. Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Jeff Purkerson, Ph.D. in pharmacology, has conducted basic research in the fields of immunology and renal physiology for over 30 years.

Monday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Ten Weeks: January 8 – March 12

The Athenaeum Book Club...................... W5M
[NEW CONTENT] We are a dedicated group of readers who have selected a fiction and a non-fiction work this term. On January 8, we will discuss The Little Red Chairs by Edna O’Brien. On February 26, we delve into Dark Money by Jane Mayer. New members are always welcome!
Course Website: www.sites.google.com/site/theathenaeumbookclub
Enrollment Limit: 35. Discussion, Reading

Mary Jones is a lifelong bookworm with a special interest in literary fiction and narrative non-fiction.
Charmaine Babineau is widely read and can usually be found with her nose in a book.

Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
2 Weeks: January 8 & February 26
Memoirs................. W6M
Do you realize how different your life is from that of future generations? Consider leaving a personal legacy of who you are and what you have done in your life for children, grandchildren, and friends. This friendly class will give you structure for writing your memoirs, perhaps a worthwhile project during Rochester’s wintry months. Reading, Writing
Carol Samuel, a retired obstetrical nurse, is an enthusiastic veteran Memoirs class leader. She believes that there is convincing evidence today for the value of writing memoirs.
Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Ten Weeks: January 8 – March 12

Space, Time, and Being...................... W7M
The human concept of Being is profoundly colored by our concept of space and time. In the physics of Newton, space was absolute; Einstein’s theory of relativity dramatically changed this. We will examine how this affected our understanding of the world. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture
Moshe Cahill, a lifelong student of academic philosophy, has taught other courses in philosophy on rationalism, philosophy of time and space, and existentialism.
Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Five Weeks: January 8 – February 5

After Hitchcock: Films Influenced by the Master of Suspense ............... W8M
[NEW COURSE] Through both “direct homage and subtle nods,” other great directors “have Hitchcock’s foolproof formula for creating visually captivating, edge-of-your-seat suspense.” We will examine such films as Robert Siodmak’s The Spiral Staircase (1946); Delmer Daves’ Dark Passage (1947); David Miller’s Brian De Palma’s Obsession (1976); and George Sluizer’s The Vanishing (1988).
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture
Mary Ann Satter has loved film since she saw I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang in 1961 and realized that movies change the world.
Monday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Ten Weeks: January 8 – March 12

Vecinos al Sur de Nuestra Frontera........... W10M
[NEW CONTENT] This is an intermediate-level Spanish conversation course. The class will choose three Latin American countries to discuss in Spanish. Homework will be related to researching various aspects of the chosen countries and reporting back in Spanish. Enrollment Limit: 13.
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Peer Group
This is the fourth winter Susan Thomas and Kathy Lewis have led this class. Who would have thought it would be so much fun to learn about Latin America and Spanish?
Monday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Ten Weeks: January 8 – March 12

The Wisdom of the Native Americans ..... W11M
Discussion, Lecture, Reading
Kathy Hayes has led many Osher classes on the Native Americans and has a great admiration for these people and their wisdom.
Monday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Ten Weeks: January 8 – March 12

Express Yourself in Writing ............. W9M
[NEW CONTENT] Use your imagination to write short stories on a topic suggested by the leader each week. Read your story in class and listen to the short critiques offered by the class members. This is an excellent way to improve your work and enjoy the work of others. Discussion, Writing
A lifelong reader and sometime writer, Pat Edelman enjoys encouraging others to write, listen to, and analyze their works in a relaxed atmosphere.
Monday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Ten Weeks: January 8 – March 12
Contemporary Events .................W12T
[NEW CONTENT] If the news of the day interests you or leaves you with questions or concerns, join with others to explore issues affecting our lives. While the course leader will act as facilitator, members will suggest the day’s topics and should bring to class supporting information from any form of media. Discussion

Terri Hurley enjoys leading the discussions and trying to add a little humor when possible to lighten things up.

Tuesday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Ten Weeks: January 9 – March 13

Great Events that Changed History ........W13T
[NEW COURSE] This course will explore world history through the study of great events that have shaped it. The chosen events meet these criteria: inherent importance, long-term impact, and modern-day relevance. We will proceed chronologically to September 11, 2001. Discussion, Lecture

After a career in clinical laboratory science, Marie Levin enjoys studying history. She has led courses in the history of Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, Russia, the Middle East, India, and Africa.

Tuesday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Ten Weeks: January 9 – March 13

The Lady Jazz Singers, Vol. 4: Singers Today (Section 1) .................W14T
[NEW CONTENT] After considering the defining characteristics of jazz singing, this course will feature the best of today’s jazz singers as well as some rising stars of the future. Highlighted will be Cecil McLorin Salvant, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Cassandra Wilson, Dianne Reeves, Diana Krall, and Tierney Sutton. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

In addition to jazz history, Peter Luce enjoys art, photography, hiking, and travel.

Tuesday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Five Weeks: January 9 – February 6

The Music of Lester Young .................W15T
[NEW COURSE] Lester Young was one of the great jazz masters. He fundamentally changed the way the saxophone is played, setting the standard for all modern players. We will explore Lester’s music through samplings of his discography from 1936 to 1946 as well as other players he influenced. Audio/Visual, Discussion

Paul Vaillt had a 52-year career in industrial chemistry, including 12 years as a biotechnology consultant. Besides jazz, his interests include fly fishing, travel, and food and wine.

Tuesday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Five Weeks: February 13 – March 13

History of New England in the Colonial Era .....................W16T
The New England region played an important role in the development of American culture. This course will cover the history of this region from the first European voyages of exploration to the events leading up to the American Revolution. This course was previously offered in the Spring 2015 Term. Lecture

Tom Lathrop is a retired software engineer who has taught several history courses at Osher. Some of his ancestors were among the first settlers of New England.

Tuesday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Five Weeks: January 9 – February 6

In the Shadow of the BIG Ice ..................W17T
[NEW COURSE] Winter in Rochester can be a challenge, but it’s nothing compared to 20,000 years ago – the Ice Age. We will discuss the Pleistocene Epoch and its many glacial periods, explore theories about the Ice Age, discuss its impact today, and hypothesize about the probability of a future ice age. Discussion, Lecture

Tim McDonnell, an Osher member since 2005, has led many courses on a variety of topics. He is a former teacher and currently an assistant adjunct professor at MCC. He likes topics related to geography.

Tuesday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Ten Weeks: January 9 – March 13
Presidential Scandals, Corruption, and Failures: Part 2 .................. W19T
[NEW CONTENT] This is a follow up to the Part 1 course offered in Fall 2017. We will examine difficulties five American Presidents from Eisenhower to Bush have had making mistakes, misjudgments, and engaging in unethical/illegal behavior. Did they learn from their errors? We will also have an update on the 2016 election and Trump.

**Discussion, Lecture**

**Alan Shank**, a retired political science professor, has offered previous courses on presidential leadership, Great Decisions, and the 2016 elections.

Tuesday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Five Weeks: February 13 – March 13

The New Yorker Magazine Discussion Group .................. W21T
[NEW CONTENT] Current events, literature, film, humor, short stories, interesting people, etc. and, of course, cartoons…. The New Yorker magazine provides a wonderful selection of articles for discussion. Participants read only as much of each issue as they wish; we discuss most of the magazine. The first session will review the January 1, 2018 issue. **Optional Text:** Subscription to The New Yorker, either hard copy or electronic version. **Enrollment Limit:** 13.

**Discussion, Reading**

**Joan Dupont** enjoys the additional perspectives that The New Yorker brings. **Steve Levinson** is a partner in a photography gallery and does board volunteer work.

Tuesday: 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Ten Weeks: January 9 – March 13

Poetic Visions .......................................... W22T
[NEW CONTENT] Using a seminar format, we will explore a different poet’s work each week and then share some poems we have written or have selected for the class. Come prepared to have fun with poetry.

**Discussion, Lecture, Reading, Writing, Workshop**

Twice nominated for the Pushcart Prize, **Gary Lehmann**’s poetry has been published in five books and poetry journals worldwide. Book titles include Public Lives and Private Secrets and Snapshots.

Tuesday: 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Ten Weeks: January 9 – March 13

James Fenimore Cooper’s
The Last of the Mohicans ..................... W20T
[NEW COURSE] Despite Mark Twain’s negative essay (which we’ll read), Cooper’s novel is a great adventure classic with a serious, timely message. We’ll explore its roots in Sir Walter Scott and John Milton, and contrast its comment on America’s original sins against other cultures with the Daniel Day-Lewis film. **Required Text:** The Last of the Mohicans, ISBN 9780140390247 **Enrollment Limit:** 20.

**Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading**

**Donna Richardson** is professor emerita at St. Mary’s College of Maryland where she taught literature for 33 years. Her specialties include poetry (especially Romantics), mythology in Greek literature, and Tolstoy.

Tuesday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Ten Weeks: January 9 – March 13

Winston Churchill: His Life, Times, and Legacy .................. W23T
[NEW COURSE] This class presents a study of one of the most influential individuals of the 20th century, Winston Churchill. He was revered as well as reviled and experienced both stunning successes and conspicuous failures. This class explores a complex leader whose impact endures.

**Discussion, Lecture**

**Nancy Aumann** is an historian of modern Europe and has taught several courses at Osher over the years.

Tuesday: 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Ten Weeks: January 9 – March 13
**Biology and Human Behavior: Part 1** ............... W24W

*NEW COURSE* We will explore how our brains regulate our behavior and make us who we are. We will also learn how our brains are regulated which may help us to better understand why we do the things we do. We will use a series of lectures by Robert Sapolsky and his book *Behave* as core materials.  

**Optional Text:** *Behave: The Biology of Humans at Our Best and Worst* by Robert Sapolsky, ISBN 9781594205071  

*Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture*

**Alex Marcus** is a retired physician who practiced neurology and psychiatry. He has been leading a course on the brain at Osher since 2005.

Wednesday: 9:30 – 11:00 am  
Ten Weeks: January 10 – March 14

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**Cole Porter: His Life and Music** ............. W25W

*NEW COURSE* In this course we will study the life and The Great American Songbook music of Cole Porter. He wrote the music and lyrics to such standards as *Anything Goes*, *Easy to Love*, *From This Moment On*, *I Love Paris*, *It's De-Lovely*, *Night and Day*, and countless others.  

*Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture*

Since joining Osher in 2007, **Lewis Neisner** has led over 60 courses on a wide range of subjects, including several on the composers and lyricists of The Great American Songbook.

Wednesday: 9:30 – 11:00 am  
Five Weeks: February 14 – March 14

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**Español Básico: Parte 2** .................. W27W

*NEW COURSE* This is a very basic (but NOT a beginning) Spanish course. The emphasis is on learning-by-doing, so class participation is expected and there will be homework. New attendees with some prior Spanish are welcome. 

**Required Text:** A Spanish-English dictionary, student's choice (can be digital)  

**Enrollment Limit: 14.**  

*Discussion, Reading, Writing, Workshop*

**Susan Thomas** is a student of Spanish who enjoys teaching and learning in a small group of peers.

Wednesday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm  
Ten Weeks: January 10 – March 14

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**The History of Sculpture** ....................... W28W

*NEW COURSE* We will look at the evolution of sculpture from Ancient Greece, Egypt, and Rome through the early Renaissance period in Europe; historical context, cultural importance, materials, and form will be our filters. We will address the place sculpture has in the viewer's life and why it has thrived as an art form since the beginning of time.  

*Audio/Visual, Lecture*

**Nancy McAfee** has an AB from Cornell and an MA in art history from Case Western University. She taught in the galleries and classrooms of The Cleveland Museum of Art for 18 years.

Wednesday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm  
Five Weeks: January 10 – February 7

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**The Lady Jazz Singers, Vol. 4: Singers Today** *(Section 2)* ................. W26W

*NEW CONTENT* After considering the defining characteristics of jazz singing, this course will feature the best of today's jazz singers as well as some rising stars of the future. Highlighted will be Cecil McLorin Salvant, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Cassandra Wilson, Dianne Reeves, Diana Krall, and Tierney Sutton.  

*Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture*

In addition to jazz history, **Peter Luce** enjoys art, photography, hiking, and travel.

Wednesday: 9:30 – 11:00 am  
Five Weeks: January 10 – February 7
### Tuberculosis: The Disease and Its Impact on History (W30W)

**[NEW COURSE]** We will examine the history and nature of tuberculosis as one of the most significant diseases of all time as well as its treatment and present-day status in the world. Along the way we will see how society and individuals have shaped and been impacted by tuberculosis.

**Optional Text:** *Spitting Blood: The History of Tuberculosis* by Helen Bynum, ISBN 9780198727514

**Discussion, Lecture**

**Debby Zeman** has taught courses on significant but not well-known Americans. She considers herself a lifelong learner and enjoys all types of classes she has taken at Osher.

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### Exosemiotics: How to Talk to E.T. (W31W)

**[NEW COURSE]** Some scientists believe improved technology will find intelligent life in our galaxy within 20 years. Should we make contact? How? We’ll see how to construct a message, parse messages already sent, discuss contact controversies and likely alien capabilities, review SETI protocols, and some technical papers (with algebra). See website for further details. **Optional Text:** *E.T. Talk: How Will We Communicate with Intelligent Life on Other Worlds?* by Fernando Ballesteros, ISBN 9781441960887

**Course Website:** [www.sites.google.com/view/osherexosemiotics](http://www.sites.google.com/view/osherexosemiotics)

**Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture**

**Bob Zeman**, physicist, is retired from 39 years at Kodak Research Labs and has taught an Osher class on Life Extension.

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### Montaigne’s Essays (W32W)

**[NEW COURSE]** We will read and discuss selected essays of Michel de Montaigne, a French nobleman of the late Renaissance. He is not a philosopher, but a skeptic and a keen observer of life. As he said, “I do not teach, I tell.”

**Required Text:** *Selected Essays of Montaigne*, edited by William Carew Hazlitt, ISBN 9780486486031

**Course Website:** [https://sites.google.com/a/armstrong-low.com/montaigne-2017/](https://sites.google.com/a/armstrong-low.com/montaigne-2017/)

**Discussion, Lecture, Reading**

A skeptic himself, **Tom Low** has presented classes at Osher on figures as diverse as Thoreau, William James, Marcus Aurelius, Socrates, and Thomas Hobbes.

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### Socket to Me: Keeping the Lights On in the 21st Century: Part 2 (W33W)

**[NEW CONTENT]** We will continue our examination of alternate electric energy sources including solar/thermal, biogas, and tidal power. We will look at the many technical and political challenges that bar the way to their quick acceptance and integration into the GRID. **Course Website:** [www.sites.google.com/view/sockettome/home](http://www.sites.google.com/view/sockettome/home)

**Enrollment Limit:** 45.

**Discussion, Field Study/Trip, Lecture, Reading**

**Tom Jones**, professor emeritus in electrical engineering at the University of Rochester, has taught electrical engineering subjects for over 50 years.

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**Debbie Huff**, having led social history courses at Osher, turns to her own roots seeking to find common threads between today's Scots-Irish and their ancestral roots in the hills of Scotland.

### The Scots from Prehistory to the American Presidency (W29W)

**[NEW COURSE]** We will examine the Scottish nation and its people: their violent history of clan warfare, Renaissance politics, religious conflicts, and intellectual enlightenment. Diaspora spread the Scots and their ideas around the world with a lasting impact on North Ireland and America as the Scots became a new people, the Scots-Irish. **Lecture**

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**Kim Haynes and Valerie Arthurton**
Good Golly! It’s Bolly: Mega Hits! ........ W34Th
[NEW CONTENT] Indian movies have recently reached new heights in world distribution of films and record box-office revenues. We will view three of the top grossers: Aamir Khan’s Dangal, the Telegu megahits Baahubali: The Beginning and Baahubali 2: The Conclusion as well as a smaller film, Hindi Medium, starring Irrfan Khan.
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Nita Genova has been leading courses on Indian cinema for five years. She will be introducing a film at the George Eastman Museum’s Bollywood Collection Film Screening this fall.

Thursday: 9:30 – 11:30 am
Ten Weeks: January 11 – March 15

Irish Literature: “The Irish Identity” ....... W35Th
[NEW CONTENT] In this new course format, we will view The Great Courses “The Irish Identity” DVD each class session. Then, using handouts, we will have discussion relative to the content. Music and cultural topics will also be presented.
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Jack (John) L. Callaghan endeavors to continue the advancing of the Irish culture and language at Osher.

Thursday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Ten Weeks: January 11 – March 15

You Be the Critic:
A Film Discussion Group................. W36Th
[NEW COURSE] The class will review and then discuss one or two current movies each week. Members will see the movies independently and personally rate them. Everyone is encouraged to participate, and, with a variety of opinions, lively discussion is guaranteed!
Enrollment Limit: 35. Discussion

Bea Slizewski is a retired public relations executive with a great love for movies and books. She has been involved with the movie group since joining Osher.

Thursday: 9:30 – 11:30 am
Ten Weeks: January 11 – March 15

Flickstory....................................... W37Th
[NEW CONTENT] This course has something for everyone: truth, corruption, and scandal! We will explore these ideas in a series of films that include: Snowden, Concussion, Trumbo, Spotlight, and Erin Brockovich.
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Bob Vukosic, Alan Shank, and Bob Schlosky are experienced course leaders who enjoy researching topics that impact our lives and sharing their findings with other Osher members.

Thursday: 1:45 – 3:45 pm
Ten Weeks: January 11 – March 15

Sherlock Holmes: The Early Movies ...... W38Th
[NEW CONTENT] Starting in 1900 dozens of actors (including Basil Rathbone, Jeremy Brett, and Benedict Cumberbatch) have played the role of Sherlock Holmes in over 200 movies and television shows. In this course we will view some of the early movies and read the stories upon which they were based. Required Text: The Complete Stories of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle – any edition. Course Website: www.sites.google.com/view/rochester-row/home
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Lewis Neisner has led over 25 Sherlock Holmes courses since joining Osher in 2007. He has taught Sherlock courses at the Chautauqua Institution and is the founder of Rochester Row, a local Sherlockian society.

Thursday: 1:45 – 3:45 pm
Five Weeks: February 15 – March 15
Walter Cronkite Remembered .......... W39F
[NEW COURSE] Reporter Walter Cronkite (1916-2009) was called “The most trusted man in America.” His life and accomplishments will be reviewed in the documentary series, Cronkite Remembers as well as episodes of You Are There. With these videos we will revisit critical current moments in our lifetime. Reflection will be encouraged.
Audio/Visual, Discussion

Bob Hilliard, retired educator, has led several courses at Osher. “Through nostalgia we are reminded where we’ve been on our journey through life.”

Friday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Ten Weeks: January 12 – March 16

Winston Churchill: His Life, Times, and Legacy .......... W42P
[NEW COURSE] This class presents a study of one of the most influential individuals of the 20th century, Winston Churchill. He was revered as well as reviled and experienced both stunning successes and conspicuous failures. This class explores a complex leader whose impact continues to endure. Discussion, Lecture

Nancy Aumann is an historian of modern Europe and has taught several courses at Osher over the years.

Friday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Ten Weeks: January 12 – March 16
A New Program Comes to Osher

We are partnering with Penfield Recreation in a pilot program to offer a few classes in Penfield for the Winter and Spring 2018 Terms. **Current Osher members do not need to do anything differently – just register as normal.** Please see page 14 for the descriptions of the courses that are being offered in Penfield. During this pilot program courses will be offered on Fridays at 9:30 and 11:15 am.

New members coming to Osher through the Penfield Recreation program will be known as Associate Osher members. They will be able to take these Friday courses in Penfield and can attend our Thursday Pfaudler lectures at the Henrietta campus. **Associate members are not eligible to register for other courses at the main Henrietta location.** Their membership fee will be $30 per term, regardless of how many courses they take at the Penfield location.

To register as an Associate member, please use the paper registration form on page 17. Either mail your completed form with payment to:

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute  
50 Fairwood Drive, Suite 100  
Rochester, NY 14623

or drop it off in person at our Henrietta location. Associate members **cannot** register online. The courses in this pilot program are not open to the general Penfield Recreation population, only to Full and Associate Osher members.

We look forward to welcoming new members from the Penfield area.

Join us for some exciting courses!

Penfield Recreation Center  
1985 Baird Rd, Penfield, NY 14526
A SIG (Special Interest Group) is an informal community of Osher members who gather in order to pursue and enjoy a shared interest. Don’t see what you want? You can start a new SIG. We are in need of a SIG coordinator. Please consider helping out.

**Join a SIG!**

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<td>Chess Club</td>
<td>Frances Rapport <a href="mailto:franrapport@gmail.com">franrapport@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Eastman School of Music Performances SIG</td>
<td>James Nofziger <a href="mailto:jnofziger@frontiernet.net">jnofziger@frontiernet.net</a></td>
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<td>Frameworks for Life</td>
<td>Dale McAdam <a href="mailto:dale.mcadam@gmail.com">dale.mcadam@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Jazz Improvisation</td>
<td>Al Mathias <a href="mailto:amathias@rochester.rr.com">amathias@rochester.rr.com</a></td>
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<td>Mac Computers (OS X) iPhone/iPad (iOS)</td>
<td>Tom Lathrop <a href="mailto:tlathrop1@hotmail.com">tlathrop1@hotmail.com</a></td>
<td>Discussions, problem solving, members helping members, sharing tips and tricks, and demonstrations</td>
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<td>Photography</td>
<td>Loretta Petralis <a href="mailto:lorettap@rochester.rr.com">lorettap@rochester.rr.com</a></td>
<td>The group focuses on taking pictures and sharing them with other members.</td>
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<td>Purls of Wisdom (knitting &amp; needle craft)</td>
<td>Terri Hurley <a href="mailto:terrihur@rochester.rr.com">terrihur@rochester.rr.com</a></td>
<td>For all experience levels, come learn and share techniques.</td>
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<td>Writers’ Critique</td>
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<td>This newly formed group is for writers who wish to have written work critiqued; members will bring writing to which the coordinator and group members will react.</td>
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**Important to Note**

**Registration Information**

All paper registration forms (p. 17) received prior to 10 am on **DECEMBER 5** will be processed starting at 10 am. Any forms received after 10 am will be processed in the order in which they were received **AFTER** all on-time registration forms are processed. You will then receive an email registration confirmation.

Please do not register for two courses that are offered at the same time.

Some courses require the purchase of books or materials.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT reserves the right to cancel courses because of low registration, last-minute unavailability of course leaders, or other unavoidable circumstances. Members will be notified immediately of such cancellations so that they may select alternative course(s).

**Refund Policy**

The membership fee is generally nonrefundable. The Osher Treasurer, in consultation with the Chair of Council, may consider a refund request for individual circumstances. For administrative purposes, a request for refund must be made in writing. A processing fee of $25 will be charged.
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We ask each member to provide us with information about him/herself. This information is kept strictly private and is used to help us meet your membership expectations (social events, special-interest groups, and committees). Please take a few minutes to provide us with this information.

Please indicate course areas that are of interest to you. (Check all that apply)

- Art
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- Geography
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- Math/Science
- Music
- Philosophy
- Religion
- Social Sciences
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- Other:

Please indicate your life experiences. (Check all that apply)

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- Homemaking
- Journalism
- Law
- Marketing
- Medicine
- Military
- Ministry
- Self-Employed
- Science/Mathematics
- Technology
- Volunteer Work
- AED/CPR Trained
- Other:

Helping out at Osher Because we are member-led, we rely on active participation to run the organization. Service is greatly needed. Please check all areas in which you would consider volunteering.

- Arts & Lectures
- Classroom A/V Support (Wizards)
- Course Leader
- Curriculum Planning
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- Market Research/Survey
- Member Relations
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Do you have any ideas for courses you would like to lead or like to see led? Please describe the course(s) and indicate whether you would like to pursue this with a member of the Course Offerings Committee.

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