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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

For Age 50+ Learners

Registration Opens
Tuesday, June 19, at 10 am

Summer 2018 Courses

Monday Summer 2018 Course Schedule

A Carbon-Based LifeSu1M

[NEW COURSE] Carbon chemistry influences every aspect of our lives. We will explore the forms of elemental carbon (e.g., diamonds, nanotubes) as well as how carbon is combined with hydrogen, oxygen, and nitrogen to support life, and how hydrocarbon combustion as an energy source influences the biogeochemical carbon cycle leading to ocean acidification.

Enrollment Limit: 20. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Jeff Purkerson has a BS in biochemistry, a Ph.D. in pharmacology, and has conducted biomedical research for more than 30 years.

Monday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Four Weeks: August 6 – August 27

Conversational SpanishSu2M

[NEW CONTENT] This course, for intermediate students, focuses on speaking using high-interest topics and a variety of materials. **Required Text:** *Conversemos* by Jarvis and Lebedo, ISBN 9780618220885

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading, Writing

Roz Rubin is an avid speaker and learner of the Spanish language and culture.

Monday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Eight Weeks: July 9 – August 27

Current EventsSu3M

[NEW CONTENT] This course is intended to allow the members to have open and lively discussion and get a clearer idea of various current world events. *Discussion*

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

Monday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Eight Weeks: July 9 – August 27

Conversational FrenchSu4M

[NEW CONTENT] This course is for those with some previous background in French who wish to perfect their language skills and learn more about the rich francophone cultures.

Required Text: *Facon de Parler 2 Coursebook 5th Edition: Intermediate French* by Angela Aires and Dominique Debrey, ISBN 9781444181227

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading, Writing

Roz Rubin is an avid speaker and learner of the French language and cultures.

Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Eight Weeks: July 9 – August 27

MemoirsSu5M

Enjoy the change of pace of summer. Join fellow Osher members as they create a legacy by writing their memoirs. Only you can create such a personal gift to family and friends for generations yet to be born. The cost is time and energy. The reward – priceless! *Reading, Writing*

Carol Samuel began leading the Memoirs course in Spring 2002. A retired obstetrical nurse, she enthusiastically encourages participants to begin or continue writing their life stories.

Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
SIX Weeks: July 23 – August 27

Holmes Alone!Su6M

[NEW COURSE] A look at three Sherlock Holmes Adventures in which Holmes operated alone, without Dr. Watson. The earliest Holmes cases and the meeting of Dr. Watson.

Required Text: A Copy of the *Complete Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, any edition. **Course Website:**

<https://sites.google.com/view/holmesalone/home>
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Bill Brown & Jim Jones are both lifelong Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts. They currently are co-leaders of the local Sherlock Holmes Scion Society, Rochester Row. Both have led groups and presentations on a variety of books and topics.

Monday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Four Weeks: August 6 – August 27

Wednesday

Summer 2018 Course Schedule

One-Session Class: *The Trans-Siberian Railroad from Beijing to Moscow: Observations, Insights, and Surprises* Su7aW

Covering thousands of miles, the Trans-Siberian Railroad from Beijing to Moscow transverses China, Mongolia, Siberia, and European Russia. Distinct cultures emerge, and societal differences are evident. This travelogue involves surprises as well as basic information. *Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture*

Nancy Aumann has presented several courses at Osher, focusing on modern European history and current events.

Wednesday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
One Week: July 11

One-Session Class: *Malta: Tiny Island, Big History* . . . Su7bW

Explore Malta's geographic location in the Mediterranean, its history from the Romans to Hitler and now the European Union, its art from Caravaggio to Turner, and its architecture from Baroque to Renzo Piano. What impact does all of this have on today's Malta?

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Michelle Turner is a retired educator. Her passions are photography, travel, and researching the places she visits. Michelle has given courses and one-session classes and exhibited her photos in the Osher gallery.

Wednesday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
One Week: July 25

Edward Everett's Forgotten Legacy: The "Other" Gettysburg Address Su8W

[NEW CONTENT] President Lincoln's dedicatory speech at Gettysburg took two minutes, consists of 272 words, and is immortal. Orator Edward Everett's featured address took two hours, consists of over 13,000 words, and is largely forgotten. We will retrieve Everett's oration from "the dustbin of history" and see if it deserves a better fate. *Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading*

Retired after a career as a Marine Corps officer, journalist, college teacher, and psychologist, **Bill McLane** hopes to demonstrate why Edward Everett would not have prospered in the Age of Twitter.

Wednesday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Four Weeks: July 11 – August 1

Epistemology Su9W

[NEW COURSE] Everybody knows something, but what exactly is knowledge and how does it relate to belief? We will explore questions such as "What does belief need in order to be regarded as knowledge?" and "What makes a belief reliable?" We will examine puzzles and paradoxes concerning human knowledge.

Required Text: *Epistemology: A Beginner's Guide* by Robert M. Martin, ISBN 9781851687329 *Discussion, Lecture, Reading*

Moshe Cahill has led several courses in philosophy at Osher. He is a philosopher by university training and enjoys leading courses.

Wednesday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Eight Weeks: July 11 – August 29

The New Yorker Magazine Discussion Group Su10W

[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 discussions. We discuss most of the magazine, but read only as much of each issue as you wish. **The first session will review the July 2, 2018 issue. Required:** Subscription to *The New Yorker* magazine (electronic or hard copy) **Enrollment Limit: 24.** *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.

Wednesday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Eight Weeks: July 11 – August 29

The Addictive Brain Su11W

[NEW CONTENT] We will learn about the neurobiology of addiction. Opioids, alcohol, nicotine, and other chemical addictions will be discussed. Behavioral addictions like gambling, junk food, internet, and porn will also be covered. Prevention and management strategies will be included. *Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture*

Alex Marcus is a retired physician who practiced neurology and psychiatry. Since 2005 he has been leading courses at Osher on many topics including one on the brain.

Wednesday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Eight Weeks: July 11 – August 29

Alec Wilder: The Man and His Music Su12W

[NEW COURSE] Rochester native, Alec Wilder, wrote the popular songs, "I'll Be Around" and "While We're Young", but there are many more facets to this man and his work which will be revealed during the course. *Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture*

Gene Clifford is a retired attorney who has had a longtime interest in music—especially jazz—and looks forward to sharing the life and music of Alec Wilder.

Wednesday: 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Four Weeks: July 11 – August 1

Russian Meddling? Su13W

[NEW COURSE] In this class, the villain is Stalin, not Putin. We'll follow Soviet espionage and the Communist Party of the USA through the 1930s and 40s, including the cases of Hiss, Bentley, and the Rosenbergs. While Richard Nixon will make his first appearance, we will stop short at Joe McCarthy. **Optional Text:** *Witness* by Whittaker Chambers, ISBN 9781621572961

Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Tom Low has led courses on 20th century figures such as Robert Graves, George Orwell, and Isaiah Berlin.

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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT Member Profile

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 your life experiences. (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Homemaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Work
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Journalism	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> AED/CPR Trained
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/> Science/Mathematics	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services/Social Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology	

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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Lectures	<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Market Research/Survey	<input type="checkbox"/> Pfaudler Lecture Series
<input type="checkbox"/> Classroom A/V Support (Wizards)	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Member Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Social
<input type="checkbox"/> Course Leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member Recruitment	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Seminar/Trip Series
	<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/> Osher Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology/Computers

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Math/Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences
<input type="checkbox"/> Computers	<input type="checkbox"/> Geography	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Events	<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing
<input type="checkbox"/> Drama	<input type="checkbox"/> Languages	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> Economics	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature		<input type="text"/>

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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