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Osher’s 2019-20 academic year:

Winter (January 13 – March 20)

Spring (April 13 – June 22)

Summer (July 6 – August 19)

Fall (September 14 – December 11)

There are multi-week breaks between each term.

Membership Benefits

Unlimited Courses
Courses form the core of our program. Our 50+ course offerings per term are presented in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere where there are no tests or other “measurement” criteria. We encourage interaction and discussion in every class.

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

Social Events
Enjoy socializing with fellow members in a relaxed atmosphere at events such as a river-boat cruise and our annual picnic.

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

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 20 for more information.

Arts & Lectures Series
This enrichment series, made possible by our endowment from The Bernard Osher Foundation, brings us entertaining artists and expert speakers at no additional charge to members.

Summer Seminars
Four adventurous, educational day trips are preceded by corresponding lectures during the summer. Program information is mailed to members in the Spring.

On-Campus Benefits

• Student ID:
A pass to RIT campus facilities, your ID card entitles you to: student admission rates and discounts (wherever they are offered worldwide), borrowing privileges at the RIT library, access to campus fitness facilities at a reduced rate, and a free Henrietta BJ’s Wholesale Club membership.

• 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.

• 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).

Membership Benefits

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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 on the facing page. **The annual fee is $325.**

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 $165.** 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 $160. Note: This membership excludes courses.**

Associate Membership (Penfield)
See page 19 for details.

Scholarships
Partial scholarships are made possible by The Bernard Osher Foundation. Contact the program administrator for details.

**Pfaudler Lecture Series**
**Thursdays 12:15 – 1:30 pm**
Attendance at these lectures is on a first-come, first-served basis. You do not need to preregister.

- **January 16**: Fusion: The Plentiful and Clean Energy Source for Our Future?
  Presented by Robert McCrory, former director, UR Laboratory for Laser Energetics Fusion

- **January 23**: What the Trump Administration and Congress Do Vs. What They Say
  Presented by David Cay Johnston, investigative reporter and winner of a Pulitzer Prize, IRE Medal, and George Polk Award

- **January 30**: TBD

- **February 6**: Experiential Industrial Design Brings Sophisticated “Fetch” (i.e.: Cool) to Rochester Dining
  Presented by Chuck Cerankosky, industrial design engineer (RIT BFA), owner of Good Luck (Esquire magazine’s The 18 Best Bars in America, 2016) and Radio Social, and founder of “Rochester Cocktail Revival Week”

- **February 13**: Local News: Where It’s Been and Where It’s Heading
  Presented by Michael Kilian, executive editor, Democrat & Chronicle

- **February 20**: The Women of RIT’s School of Film and Animation: Short Film Screenings and Discussion with Student Filmmakers
  Presented by Mari Jaye Blanchard, assistant professor, RIT College of Art and Design, accompanied by RIT film students

- **February 27**: Safety Tips for Using the Internet: Protecting Yourself on Your Mobile Phone or Computer
  Presented by Mark Ballister, chief information security officer, UR and former CISO, Paychex

- **March 5**: Low Vision: From the Causes, Medical Conditions, and Warning Signs to the Technology that Assists People in Overcoming Everyday Challenges
  Presented by Dr. Allison M. Ford, optometrist and low vision specialist, Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI)

- **March 12**: The Frederick Douglass Project and Restorative Justice
  Presented by Olivia Kim, sculptor and RIT adjunct professor

- **March 19**: Rochester as an Innovation Hub
  Presented by James H. Watters, senior vice president of administration and CFO, RIT (who, incidentally, oversaw construction of our current Osher building)
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. [Note: The sample screens shown on this page are what you would see if working on a desktop or laptop computer. The screens on a phone or tablet will look different.]

[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 and fill them in. Then 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 <your name> in the “View Courses for” box.

[5] On the left side of the screen under the “SEARCH OPTIONS” heading, click on the “Select Term” drop-down menu and select “2020-01 (Winter)”. Then click the “Search” button.

[6] Scroll through the list of courses being offered. Click on the “Register” box/button (it turns orange) below the class you want to take. To get to the next page of offerings, click the 2, 3, etc. found at the bottom of the page you’re on.

[7] Follow the prompts to either continue selecting courses or to complete your registration checkout. [Note: You will have 30 minutes to choose all of your courses.] Once you have selected all the courses you want, click the “Checkout” button.

IMPORTANT: You must be current with your payment in order to register for courses. If your membership expires before the Winter 2020 Term begins, and you are not paying online, make sure to get your payment to the office before Tuesday, December 17 to ensure that you will be able to register.
Course Registration Directions (cont’d)

[8] This page shows all of your selected courses. Read the “Terms of Use” and click the box to accept the terms.

You must click the “Continue” button in order for your registration to be complete.

[9] And the final page (Your registration/purchase is complete) shows the list of Successful Items (your courses).

You will get an email confirming your schedule (including waitlisted courses if applicable). [Note: You can log in to your account and see a list of your courses at any time by clicking the “gear” icon at the top of the Registration webpage. At the top of the My Account page, you will see Personal Information. Then scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the “My Courses” tab (between the Emergency Info tab and the Memberships tab.)]

If you have any questions, please call (585-292-8989) or email osher.info@rit.edu

Calendar of Events

All of these events and more are on our online calendar at rit.edu/gcr/osher/event-calendar

Winter 2020

December 14 through January 12: Winter break (no classes)

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Winter 2020 Course Schedule

America’s War for the Greater Middle East ......................... W1M
[NEW COURSE] The United States invaded Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003, but our military involvement in this region began with the Declaration of Independence. This course retraces the entire history of our entanglement in the Greater Middle East with primary emphasis on American misadventures in this region since the end of WWII.  
Course Website: thoughtlab.photography  
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Richard Mallory has led 18 previous Osher courses on music, history, and technology.

Mondays: 9:30 – 11:00 am  
TEN Weeks: January 13 – March 16

Current Events ............................. W2M
[NEW CONTENT] This course is intended to allow the members an opportunity to be informed on the ever changing scene in many aspects of their world. Discussion

Con Sullivan has been facilitating this course for several years. He also led a course on Irish history.

Mondays: 9:30 – 11:00 am  
TEN Weeks: January 13 – March 16

Nutrition Through the “Ages”: A Historical Survey with Emphasis on Geriatrics .......... W3M
[NEW COURSE] We will begin with the process of human metabolism and digestive physiology, then a discussion of basic endocrinology to understand the mechanisms by which new theories and therapeutic approaches are developed to manage metabolic disorders. Building on this foundation, we will discuss the factors contributing to the obesity epidemic with which developed and developing countries are struggling. Audio/Visual, Lecture

Jean Eliason has a degree in nutrition and has taught several courses since joining Osher in 2010. Paul Rapoza is a family physician with an interest in preventive medicine and health practices who joined Osher in 2015.

Mondays: 9:30 – 11:00 am  
FIVE Weeks: February 17 – March 16

The Land of Fire and Ice ................. W4aM
[NEW CLASS] Active geologic processes and the geographic isolation of Iceland have strongly influenced the culture and history of its people. Active volcanoes, geysers, hot springs, massive glaciers, and a fierce weather system have created stunning, stark vistas. This course will cover the unique geology and beauty of this country and the fascinating history and culture of the Icelandic people. Audio/Visual

A retired geologist, Jane Eggleston loves travel, photography, and learning. She co-leads a multi-year course on evolution, and she has led three other classes.

Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
ONE Session: January 13

Left-Handedness.......................... W4bM
[NEW CLASS] Why are people left-handed? Are left-handers different in other ways? Does nature vs. nurture play a role? We will discuss the folklore and history of left-handedness, the most recent DNA and brain-scan findings, famous left-handers, and daily life as a left-handed person. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Jim Scott is educated as an astrodynamist and had a long career in engineering and project management. Since joining Osher he is developing eclectic interests and is, of course, left-handed.

Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
ONE Session: January 20

1917-18: Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines – America’s First Female Service Members... W4cM
[NEW CLASS] World War I was the first conflict in which women were officially accepted as part of the US military. We will examine how this came about and study the nature of the service performed by these volunteers. Audio/Visual, Lecture

Gary Mitchell is a lifelong student of military history. Over the last 10 years he has been researching the military history of America’s female service members.

Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
ONE Session: February 3
Roosters are Red and Butterflies are Mean ..........................

W4eM

[NEW CLASS] What are the secrets of good storytelling? What are the tale-telling answers you want to know but are afraid to ask? We’ll come together to frame the craft of telling tales. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Bob Vukosic is a world traveler who enjoys sharing his experiences and knowledge of the places that he has visited.

Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
ONE Session: February 10

Meet the Vikings ............................. W4dM

[NEW CLASS] This travelogue of a June 2019 trip to Sweden includes visits to Bronze Age and Iron Age Viking sites as well as a tour of Stockholm’s prominent tourist attractions such as the Nobel and ABBA Museums. Also included are a look at Uppsala University, Sweden’s green practices, Midsummer celebration, and Swedish life and customs. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

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Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
ONE Session: February 10

The Articles of Confederation ............... W4fM

[NEW CLASS] We study, swear by, and recite the Declaration of Independence and US Constitution but fail to realize the significance of the Articles of Confederation. This class will address the Articles’ relationship to the constitutions of the newly formed states, their structure and contents, strengths and weaknesses, and their influences on the era. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Jim Scott is educated as an astrodynamist and had a long career in engineering and project management. Since joining Osher he has developed a deeper interest in American history.

Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
ONE Session: February 24

Humor in Science, Technology, and Mathematics ............... W4gM

[NEW CONTENT] This class will cover assorted cartoons, videos, and jokes related to the sciences, technology, and mathematics. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Course Website: jt-mj.net/oshercourses/humor2020

Julian Thomas has worked in mathematics, computer programming, and system engineering design and architecture for his entire career.

Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
ONE Session: March 2

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Mary Jones is a lifelong bookworm with special interests in literary fiction and narrative non-fiction. Suzanne Meagher is a retired educator who enjoys literature, writing, gardening, and all things Irish.

Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
ONE Session: February 17

The Athenaeum Book Club .......................... W5M

[NEW CONTENT] This group of dedicated readers discusses one fiction and one non-fiction work each term. On January 27 we’ll review The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish, and on March 9 we’ll discuss The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World (conversations between the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu). New members always welcome!


Carol Samuel is an enthusiastic veteran Memoirs class leader. A retired obstetrical nurse, she believes there is much convincing evidence today for the value of writing memoirs.

Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
TWO Weeks: January 27 & March 9

Memoirs ............................. W6M

Rochester’s wintry months may be the perfect time to begin or continue a rewarding adventure of writing your life story, a unique gift for yourself, your family, and friends. Participants in this non-critical class find inspiration from others, write, and share their stories each week. Veteran writers welcome newcomers. Reading, Writing

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Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
TEN Weeks: January 13 – March 16

The Rationalists: Spinoza .......................... W7M

[NEW COURSE, MULTI-PART SERIES] In this five-week continuation of the Fall 2019 Rationalists course, we will focus on Benedict Spinoza and his work The Ethics. As a Monist, he denied Dualism, insisting that there is only one substance, God or Nature, each of which has two modes, physical and mental. Required Text: The Rationalists by Rene Descartes, Benedict de Spinoza, and Gottfried Wilhelm Vo Leibniz, ISBN 9780385095402. Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Moshe Cahill is a philosopher who has led courses on philosophy at Osher including Bertrand Russell, Existentialism, Metaphysics of Space and Time, Philosophy of History, and the Philosophy of Religion.

Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
FIVE Weeks: January 13 – February 10
Darkness and Light: The Films of the Coen Brothers, Part 2 ...... W8M

[NEW COURSE] We will watch and discuss the later films of the Coen brothers, including The Man Who Wasn’t There, No Country for Old Men, A Serious Man, Inside Llewyn Davis, and The Ballad of Buster Scruggs. Attendance in Fall 2019’s part one of this course is not a prerequisite.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Mary Ann Satter has loved film since 1961 when she first saw I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang and realized that movies can change the world.

Mondays: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
TEN Weeks: January 13 – March 16

Express Yourself in Writing ................. W9M

Use your imagination to write short stories each week on a suggested topic. Read your story in class and listen to short critiques by your classmates. This is an excellent way to improve your writing skills as well as to enjoy the work of other writers.

Discussion, Reading, Writing

A lifelong reader and writer, Pat Edelman enjoys encouraging others to write and to share their stories.

Mondays: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
TEN Weeks: January 13 – March 16

Off the Beaten Path in Vermont ...............W10M

[NEW CONTENT] The geology of Vermont requires using many seasonal-use-only roads to travel from east to west. Last summer the course leader traveled on quite a few of these and other dirt roads. She looks forward to sharing her adventures and some Vermont history as well as DVDs illustrating Vermont’s beauty. Special VT foods will be sampled.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Kathy Hayes was born and grew up in Vermont and has led many courses on the history, geology, people, food, and beauty of this mountainous state.

Mondays: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
TEN Weeks: January 13 – March 16

Tolstoy’s War and Peace: Part 2 of 3 ...... W11M

[MULTI-PART SERIES] Enjoy, at a reasonable pace, Tolstoy’s epic of West vs. East plus great, complex character relationships. This session, we’ll do the second 1/3 of the novel (400 pp.) and the second 1/3 of the 1966 Soviet film (subtitled). This part is primarily great love stories, plus the beginning of the War of 1812.


Course Website: sites.google.com/view/tolstoyswarandpeaceosher

Enrollment Limit: 25. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Reading

Donna Richardson is professor emerita from St. Mary’s College of Maryland, where she taught literature for 33 years. Her many interests include Tolstoy, Shakespeare, and poetry.

Mondays: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
TEN Weeks: January 13 – March 16

Marvin Fishman and Bob Vukosic
The Solar System as We Know It Today... W12T
[NEW COURSE] The Solar System is our little corner of the Universe, consisting of the sun, planets, moons, and many small objects. During the Space Age astronomers have discovered many amazing features of the Solar System which will be discussed in this course. We will also look at some extra-solar systems centered on other stars.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture
Timothy McDonnell has led courses at Osher since 2005 including history, geography, geology, math, and photography. He is an adjunct associate professor at MCC and coordinator of the NY Geographic Alliance.

Tuesdays: 9:30 – 11:00 am
TEN Weeks: January 14 – March 17

Soldiers, Citizens, and Poets: Scenes from the American Civil War by Its Chroniclers... W13T
[NEW CONTENT] From 1861 to 1865, two vast armies waged desperate combat on American soil, a war historian Shelby Foote called, “the crossroads of our being.” This course will meet at the crossroads of political ideology, military history, literature, oratory, journalism, and poetry. We will humbly peruse the words of Lincoln and Walt Whitman, Seward and Dickinson, Bierce and Benet, and others.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading
Bill McLane retired after a career as a journalist, Marine Corps officer, college instructor, and educational psychologist.

Tuesdays: 9:30 – 11:00 am
TEN Weeks: January 14 – March 17

The Science of Reading: Insights from Cognitive Science... W15T
[NEW COURSE] This course provides an accessible introduction to: (1) how reading is shaped by spoken language and the visual system; (2) how children learn to read; (3) dyslexia; and (4) how brain damage can affect reading. Lectures will draw upon scientific research on reading using behavioral measures (e.g., monitoring eye movements), computational models (e.g., neural network models), and neuroimaging studies. Optional Text: Language at the Speed of Sight: How We Read, Why So Many Can’t, and What Can Be Done About It by Mark Seidenberg

Audio/Visual, Lecture, Reading

[NEW COURSE LEADER] Michael K. Tanenhaus is a professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences at the University of Rochester. An expert on speech and language comprehension, he received the 2018 Rumelhart Prize in Cognitive Science.

Tuesdays: 9:30 – 11:00 am
FIVE Weeks: February 18 – March 17

Digital Speech Recognition ... W14T
[NEW COURSE] “Hey, Siri” is a familiar iPhone call to action. Siri offers a remarkable ability to recognize human speech. Using occasional high school mathematics, we address most elements of speech recognition including speech waves, frequency analysis, neural networks, and briefly, recurrent neural networks. Many computer demonstrations (Matlab, Audacity, Python) are included. Lecture

Course Website: sites.google.com/site/computerspeech2020

Ed Salem has been an Osher member for almost 20 years. He enjoys leading Osher courses in mathematics, computers, and science/technology. He is retired from the RIT College of Engineering.

Tuesdays: 9:30 – 11:00 am
FIVE Weeks: January 14 – February 11

Potholes in the American Road... W16T
This course will look at 10 troubled times in American history when the resilience of our institutions was tested. We will begin with the treason of Aaron Burr, travel the bumpy road through Indian removal, congressional brawls, impeachment, assassinations, natural disaster, injustice, and illness, and end with the ranting of Father Coughlin.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture
Bob Virkler enjoys telling the stories of our history in order to illuminate the present.

Tuesdays: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
TEN Weeks: January 14 – March 17
The Story of the World in 100 Species…….W17T
[NEW COURSE] In this course, based on the book of the same name, author Christopher Lloyd arbitrarily chooses five criteria (evolutionary impact, impact on human history, environmental impact, longevity, and global reach) to assess the impact of each species. We’ll discuss as many species as time permits starting with his top-rated organism.

Optional Text: The Story of the World in 100 Species by Christopher Lloyd, ISBN 9781408876381

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Stan Ertel is a retired biology teacher who enjoys learning with his peers. He also enjoys biking, baking bread, woodworking, and reading.

Tuesdays: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
FIVE Weeks: January 14 – February 11

The Early History of New York State…….W18T
This course covers the history of New York State from about 1765 to 1860. Topics of particular interest include New York in the Revolution and the War of 1812, white settlement in central and western New York, the Erie Canal, the burned-over district, and the growth of immigration.

Audio/Visual, Lecture

Tom Lathrop is a retired software engineer who has had a lifelong interest in history and genealogy. He has led several history courses at Osher.

Tuesdays: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
FIVE Weeks: February 18 – March 17

The Obamas:
Leadership in a Divided America………….W19T
[NEW COURSE] As the first African-American President, Barack Obama faced many challenges, opportunities, and determined opposition. Michelle Obama set high standards and goals as First Lady. How effective was their leadership at a time of intensified national division and partisanship?

Optional Texts: Obama: The Call of History (expanded and updated text edition) by Peter Baker and Becoming by Michelle Obama.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Alan Shank has offered a variety of courses on presidents and US foreign policy. He is also a regular participant in the Flickstory film course.

Tuesdays: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
FIVE Weeks: February 18 – March 17

Jazz Perspectives………………………….W20T
[NEW COURSE] Each week we’ll look at jazz from a unique set of eyes: the origins of ethnic jazz, jazz and dancing, musicians who changed with the times, life in “the engine room,” and jazz and technology. Osher jazz musicians will be sitting in to demonstrate and help you get that swing!

Enrollment Limit: 35. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Al Mathias has been immersed in jazz performance, technology, and pedagogy since the ’60s and become well-versed in guitar, piano, vibes, bass, drums, mandolin, and violin.

Tuesdays: 1:30 – 3:00 pm
TEN Weeks: January 14 – March 17

Poetic Visions ……………………………….W21T
This course is again being offered in the tradition begun by former member Gary Lehmann. Each week a member will sign up to lead a class and introduce the poet of the week. Members are also invited to present either an original poem or one from their favorite poet. Anyone interested in reading/writing poetry is welcome. Discussion, Peer Group, Writing

Jane Gotowka has been a member of the Poetic Visions class for several years and looks forward to hearing the poetry of the class members.

Tuesdays: 1:30 – 3:00 pm
TEN Weeks: January 14 – March 17
Reading/Viewing Shakespeare’s
A Midsummer Night’s Dream...............W22T

Donna Richardson is professor emerita of St. Mary’s College of Maryland where she taught for 33 years. Her many interests include Tolstoy, Shakespeare, and poetry.

Tuesdays: 1:30 – 3:00 pm
TEN Weeks: January 14 – March 17

The Origin and Evolution of Life on Earth: Part 3 .................W23T
[NEW CONTENT, MULTI-PART SERIES] This is part three of six of a course that started in Winter 2019 and will cover the geologic periods of the Cambrian, Ordovician, and Silurian from 541 to 419 million years ago. For each of the periods, we will discuss plate movements, atmosphere, oceans, and climate together with life forms in the oceans, on land, and in the air. Course Website: sites.google.com/view/oshershop2

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Jane Eggleston worked as a geologist for 43 years, 28 with the USGS. Dick Jones has a science background and an interest in evolution. They have both led numerous Osher courses.

Tuesdays: 1:30 – 3:00 pm
FIVE Weeks: January 14 – February 11

The King’s War: A Loyalist’s View of the American Revolution...............W24T
[NEW COURSE] The King’s War tells the compelling story of the American Revolution with special emphasis on the savage war in the South. The story includes the plight of slaves promised freedom, the fate of Indians aligned with the British in both North and South, and, finally, the account of 80,000 Loyalists being forced into exile in 1783.

Audio/Visual, Lecture

With family roots tracing back to the American Revolution, Debbie Huff was fascinated to dig into this often overlooked part of our history to tell “the rest of the story.”

Tuesdays: 1:30 – 3:00 pm
FIVE Weeks: February 18 – March 17

Walter Sargent
From Vladimir Lenin to Vladimir Putin: Russia from 1917 to the Present (Section 1)… W25W

NEW COURSE] The 1917 Bolshevik Revolution ended three centuries of Romanov rule and began a new era in Russian history. Emerging as a “super power” in the 20th century, the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991. Now, Vladimir Putin is trying to “make Russia great again!”

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Nancy Aumann is fascinated about how the past has shaped the present. She has taught numerous Osher courses.

Wednesdays: 9:30 – 11:00 am  
TEN Weeks: January 15 – March 18

Locke’s The Second Treatise of Government …… W26W

NEW COURSE] We will read and discuss Locke’s Second Treatise of Government and a Letter Concerning Toleration in an attempt to answer these questions: Can government be legitimate? Is consent needed for legitimacy? Are there natural rights? When is revolution justifiable? What is the proper role of government in religion?


Discussion, Lecture, Reading

This continues Tom Low’s survey of political philosophy which has also embraced Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, de Tocqueville, Burke, and Berlin.

Wednesdays: 9:30 – 11:00 am  
TEN Weeks: January 15 – March 18

Southern & Central Lowland Maya Arts, Archaeology, and Politics: Part 2………. W27W

NEW COURSE, MULTI-PART SERIES] This course will study the architecture, monuments, stone and stucco carvings, murals, and hieroglyphic texts at Tikal, Seibel, Quirigua, and Copan in the Central and Southern Maya Lowlands. We also will discuss Teotihuacan’s commercial interests and political involvements with these states.


Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Long ago Jim Nofziger rambled through Mexico and made sketches at its archaeological sites. He then created carvings evoking the ancient artisans. He has offered Mesoamerican archaeology courses since 2016.

Wednesdays: 9:30 – 11:00 am  
FIVE Weeks: January 15 – February 12

Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Women Cabinet Members from FDR to Trump, Part 2……………… W28W

NEW COURSE, MULTI-PART SERIES] This course continues the story of women in the US cabinet which began in the Fall 2019 Term. We will feature those in Health, Education, Housing, and more. These cabinet members have diverse backgrounds and great stories which we look forward to sharing.

Audio/Visual, Lecture

Debby Zeman enjoys teaching Osher courses that explore historical eras and unique figures in history.

Wednesdays: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm  
TEN Weeks: January 15 – March 18

Contemporary Events …………………… W29W

This is a discussion class in which the members pick the topics. We strive to be respectful of each person’s opinion.

Discussion

Terri Hurley has been an Osher member since 2010. She enjoys leading the discussions and keeping order with a bit of humor.

Wednesdays: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm  
TEN Weeks: January 15 – March 18

Paul Rapoza and Carol Samuel
Discussing The New Yorker Magazine ….. W31W

[NEW CONTENT] Current events, literature, film, humor, short stories, interesting people, and, of course, cartoons… The New Yorker magazine provides a wonderful selection of articles for discussion. Read only as much of each issue as you want. We strive to discuss most of each week’s magazine. The first session will review the JANUARY 2, 2020 issue.

Required Text: Subscription to The New Yorker magazine, hard copy or e-version. Enrollment Limit: 14.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Both Joan Dupont and Steve Levinson enjoy sharing the additional perspective that The New Yorker brings and having an opportunity to discuss the articles.

Wednesdays: 1:30 – 3:00 pm
TEN Weeks: January 15 – March 18

A Singular Species: The Science of Being Human, Part 2…….. W32W

[NEW COURSE, MULTI-PART SERIES] In this course we will continue our efforts to understand and appreciate the uniqueness of our species. The focus will shift from the past to the present. We will listen to the views of many renowned scientists and thinkers on this subject.

Audio/Visual, Lecture

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

Wednesdays: 1:30 – 3:00 pm
TEN Weeks: January 15 – March 18

Irish Literature: The Irish Identity ………. W33W

[NEW CONTENT] Class participation includes discussion and reading of prose and poetry by authors reflective of Irish culture and tradition. Irish-related DVDs (including Irish Identity) will be viewed.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading

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

Wednesdays: 1:30 – 3:00 pm
FIVE Weeks: January 15 – February 12

Everyday Optics: Understanding How it Permeates Our Lives…………. W30W

[NEW COURSE] Optics underpins our lives from our eyes and associated glasses, to check-out lines at the supermarket, and the blueness of our skies (sometimes even in Rochester!). Designed for non-scientists, this course will tell us how we make, use, and propagate light.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Wolf Seka holds a Ph.D. and has worked in five countries. After 41 years of service, he retired from the Laboratory for Laser Energetics. He was instrumental in building the laser facility and conducting its associated experiments.

Wednesdays: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
FIVE Weeks: January 15 – February 12

Debbie Huff, Mary Barrett, and Will McCoy
The Restored Apu Trilogy: Directed by Satyajit Ray (Section 1) . . . W34Th
[NEW COURSE] From his first film Ray was acknowledged as a masterful filmmaker even though his cast and crew were inexperienced and his film style unconventional. Restored by the Criterion Collection, fall in love with Apu. See the trilogy and be moved by its simplicity, poignancy, and humanity.
Optional Text: My Years with Apu by Satyajit Ray, ISBN 9780571176953 or free PDF download at ebooks-downloads.net/ebook-pdf/my-years-with-apu
Audio/Visual, Discussion

Nita Genova has been leading courses on Indian Cinema since 2011. She is a moving-images docent at the George Eastman Museum for the largest Contemporary Indian Cinema collection in the world.

Thursdays: 9:30 – 11:30 am
TEN Weeks: January 16 – March 19

Mozart: His Life and His Music . . . . W35Th
[NEW COURSE] Who really was Mozart? “An idiot touched by the hand of God” or a mature and extraordinarily gifted musician? Using a series of lectures by Robert Greenberg as core material, we will explore Mozart’s life and sample his remarkable musical output, including symphonies, concertos, chamber music, and operas. This course has been expanded and updated since its last offering four years ago.
Audio/Visual, Lecture

Victor Poleshuck is a retired physician with a lifelong love of classical music.

Thursdays: 9:30 – 11:30 am
TEN Weeks: January 16 – March 19

You Be the Critic: A Film Discussion Group . . . . . W36Th
Class members are expected to see at least one of two movies selected each week, viewing them independently at local theaters. We rate each movie and then share our viewpoints with the group. 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 reading and the movies. She appreciates the lively discussions as each class member shares insights not always obvious to all.

Thursdays: 9:30 – 11:30 am
TEN Weeks: January 16 – March 19

12:15 – 1:30 pm
Pfaudler Lecture Series
presented by guest speakers from our community on a wide range of stimulating topics.

Former member Marjorie (Marge) Pfaudler, RN, MA was the coordinator of our original Thursday noontime “Brown Bag” presentations.

After Marge passed away, the presentation series was renamed after its faithful coordinator hence the name Pfaudler Series.

See page 3 for weekly Pfaudler offerings.
Flickstory: Inspirational Sports Stories……. W37Th
[NEW CONTENT] The presenters will show truly inspirational sports stories for both sports fans and the rest of us. The series includes the following films: Invincible, Seabiscuit, Glory Road, Chariots of Fire, and 42.
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

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

Thursdays: 1:45 – 3:45 pm
TEN Weeks: January 16 – March 19

Vecinos al Sur de Nuestra Frontera…….. W39Th
[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 researching various aspects of the chosen countries. Class time consists of these presentations and discussions thereof.
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Peer Group

This will be the sixth winter Kathy Lewis and Susan Thomas have led this course. Who would have thought it would be so much fun to learn about Latin America in Spanish!

Thursdays: 1:45 – 3:15 pm
TEN Weeks: January 16 – March 19

Sherlock Holmes in the 21st Century …… W38Th
[NEW COURSE] Join us as we explore two of this decade’s most popular adaptations of literature’s most famous detective, Sherlock Holmes, as he and Watson live and solve crime in modern day London and New York. We will read and discuss original stories by Arthur Conan Doyle and then watch and compare Doyle’s original characterizations with those in our 21st-century portrayals. Required Text: Any copy of The Complete Sherlock Holmes (56 short stories, 4 novels).
Course Website: bit.ly/OshSher
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Bill Brown and Jim Jones have presented many courses at Osher on Sherlock Holmes, The Hobbit, and Frank Loesser. They are co-leaders of Rochester Row, a Sherlockian Scion Society in Rochester.

Thursdays: 1:45 – 3:45 pm
TEN Weeks: January 16 – March 19

The Wolf: Part 2……………………………. W40Th
[MULTI-PART SERIES] The book Running with the Pack mixes a witty memoir with morality, midlife, and the meaning of life. In a continuation from last year, we’ll discuss scientific data, predators, prey, spirit brothers, clever fables, penetrating myths, and dining etiquette. So, who’s for dinner? It is not necessary to have attended the first part of this course.

Jim McMonagle has led several courses at Osher and likes to connect one’s apparent values and philosophical thoughts to maligned or misunderstood creatures.

Thursdays: 1:45 – 3:45 pm
TEN Weeks: January 16 – March 19
Hitler’s Circle of Evil ......................... W41F
[NEW COURSE] This is the story of the rise and fall of the Third Reich told like the drama it really was — through the personal relationships of the movers and shakers of the Nazi Party. This documentary series was produced in Britain and shown on Netflix. Could history repeat itself? This and other questions will be pondered in discussion which is encouraged. Join us at the optional luncheon off campus after each class. Audio/Visual, Discussion

Bob Hilliard is a retired (?) history teacher who has offered previous Osher history courses.

Fridays: 9:30 – 11:00 am
TEN Weeks: January 17 – March 20

The Restored Apu Trilogy: Directed by Satyajit Ray (Section 2) .................. W43P
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TEN Weeks: January 17 – March 20

From Vladimir Lenin to Vladimir Putin: Russia from 1917 to the Present (Section 2) W42P
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Indulge your imagination...
Enrich your life

New Member Orientation & Brunch

All new members: please join us for an orientation and Q&A session followed by a brunch on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 10:30 am – Noon!

Learn more about your membership benefits and meet fellow Osherites!

Join us at our Winter Course Preview/Open House on Monday, December 16, 2019, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Registration opens December 17 at 10 am
Classes start January 13, 2020
Osher Classes at Penfield Rec Center

(Please see page 17 for the descriptions of the courses that are being offered in Penfield.)

If you join Osher through the Penfield Recreation program, you will be an Associate Osher member. You will be able to take Friday courses in Penfield and attend our Thursday Pfaudler Lecture Series at the Henrietta campus. **Associate members are not eligible to register for courses in Henrietta.** Your membership fee will be $40 per term regardless of how many courses you take at the Penfield location.

To register as an Associate member, please use the paper registration form on page 21. 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. **Current Osher members do not need to do anything differently – just register as normal.**

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Do you find lectures and videos difficult to follow?

Are you hard of hearing?

**Give our Assistive Listening System a try!**

We have both headsets and around-the-neck loops (for those of you with hearing aids equipped with T-switches).

Stop by the front desk and ask about how we can help you hear better in your classes.

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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, because we are part of RIT, your donation is tax deductible (membership dues are not tax deductible).

Osher at RIT’s continuing success is dependent upon the voluntary financial support of our membership. We invite you to contribute today. Gifts can be made online at [osher.rit.edu/giving](https://osher.rit.edu/giving) or by check (payable to Osher at RIT) and dropped in the Osher lockbox located on the lobby wall.
Important to Note

Registration Information
All paper registration forms (p. 21) received prior to 10 am on DECEMBER 17 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
In the case of the death or incapacitation of a Full member, a pro rata portion of their annual membership fee is eligible to be refunded. The membership fee is otherwise generally nonrefundable. The Program Administrator, in consultation with the Chair of Council, may consider a refund request for other individual circumstances. For administrative purposes, all refund requests must be made in writing.

Did You Know?
That we have a lending library to which members may donate. And that we have an art gallery which displays members’ works on a rotating basis. Please take advantage of these and enjoy.

Join a SIG!
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. Contact staff for details.

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<td>Photography</td>
<td>Loretta Petralis <a href="mailto:lorettap@rochester.rr.com">lorettap@rochester.rr.com</a></td>
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## Payment for Membership or Renewal

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Would you like to add a donation amount to your total? $  

Thank you for your support!  

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*We’d like to know more about you. Please complete the Member Profile on the other side.*
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
- Computers
- Current Events
- Drama
- Economics
- Finance
- Geography
- History
- Languages
- Literature
- Math/Science
- Music
- Philosophy
- Religion
- Social Sciences
- Sports
- Writing
- Other:

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

- Administration
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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
- Finance
- Fundraising
- Marketing
- Market Research/Survey
- Member Relations
- New Member Recruitment
- Osher Newsletter
- Pfaudler Lecture Series
- Social
- Summer Seminar/Trip Series
- Technology/Computers
- Volunteer Work
- AED/CPR Trained
- Other:

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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Do you have expertise in a subject you are passionate about?

Join the Osher Speakers’ Bureau. All members are welcome to become speakers. As an Osher representative you are offering your subject matter expertise to community organizations which helps increase our visibility.

See our webpage for details:
rit.edu/gcr/osher/programs/osher-speakers-bureau

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