

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Summer 2016

Course Catalog

For Age 50+ Learners



Always walk through life as if you have something new to learn and you will.

— Vernon Howard

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Course Schedule at a glance

Monday	9:30 – 11:00 am	11:15 am – 12:45 pm
	Current Events Su1M Con Sullivan From Vladimir Lenin to Vladimir Putin: Communist Russia 1917 to the Present Su2M Nancy Aumann ‡ Intermediate Spanish Conversation Su3M Roz Rubin	French Language and Conversation Su4M Roz Rubin The Genetic Code for Beginners Su5M Stan Ertel The New Yorker Magazine Discussion Group Su6M Joan Dupont & Steve Levinson One-Session Classes Various Leaders

first four-week session (7/6 – 8/1)

second four-week session (8/3 – 8/29)

‡ denotes 2-hour course

Wednesday	9:30 – 11:00 am	11:15 am – 12:45 pm	1:30 – 3:30 pm
	Panama: A Country Profile Su7W W. Raymond Duncan Robert Graves: A Writer in the Trenches of WWI Su8W Tom Low	Current Topics in Science & Technology Su9W Julian Thomas, et al Memoirs Su10W Carol Samuel Written in Stone: Discovery and Interpretation of Mesoamerican Monuments Su11W Jim Nofziger	‡ Poetic Visions Su12W Gary Lehmann ‡ Understanding the Human Brain Su13W Alex Marcus

Monday

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Please note: There are no classes on Independence Day (Monday, 7/4)

Current Events Su1M

[NEW CONTENT] This course is intended to encourage others to express their opinions on the issues of the day and to expose participants to the ideas of others. *Discussion*

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

Monday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
 Eight Sessions: July 11 – August 29

From Vladimir Lenin to Vladimir Putin: Communist Russia 1917 to the Present . . . Su2M

[NEW CONTENT] This updated course, originally offered in Fall 2014, presents the history of communist Russia from the 1917 Bolshevik revolution to the present day. Identifying major events and personalities, the class emphasizes Kremlin domestic and foreign policies and assesses current international relations. *Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture*

Retired from teaching, **Nancy Aumann** is a modern European historian who has taught several courses at Osher. She is fascinated by the events and personalities of the 20th century and the enduring impact on the modern world.

Monday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
 Eight Sessions: July 11 – August 29

Intermediate Spanish Conversation Su3M

[NEW CONTENT] Taught in an interactive manner, participants will practice and continue their discussions and written work on many topics of interest. Previous knowledge of Spanish is required.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading, Writing

Roz Rubin, a lifelong Spanish *aficionada*, loves to work, learn, and share with other *aficionados*.

Monday: 9:30 – 11:30 am
 Eight Sessions: July 11 – August 29

One-Session Classes

11:15 – 12:45

One-session class sign-up sheets are found under the info screen in the lounge. You do NOT register for these classes online.

July 11: The History of Toilet Paper
 by Deb Barsel

July 18: The Ottoman Phoenix
 by Elise de Papp

July 25: Battle of Leyte Gulf
 by Dick Scott

August 1: A Question of Empire: The Philippine War of 1898 by Debbie Huff

August 8: The Holy Land: The Palestinian / Israeli Conflict by Mike O'Neal

August 15: The Yukon Is NOT Alaska
 by Dick Scott

August 22: Assad, Putin, and Obama: The Evolving Situation in Syria by Nancy Aumann

August 29: The Sistine Ceiling: A History
 by Nancy McAfee

French Language and ConversationSu4M

[NEW CONTENT] Practice and continue learning French in a variety of situations and conversational settings.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading, Writing

Roz Rubin, a lifelong francophone, enjoys teaching and sharing the beautiful French language.

Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Eight Sessions: July 11 – August 29

The Genetic Code for BeginnersSu5M

[NEW COURSE] Using the minimum number of scientific terms, this course will describe the basic concepts of how the code determines the characteristics of each living organism.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Stan Ertel is a retired science teacher who enjoys sharing knowledge.

Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Four Sessions: July 11 – August 1

The New Yorker Magazine Discussion GroupSu6M

[NEW CONTENT] Current events, literature, film, humor, short stories, poems, interesting people, and of course cartoons....

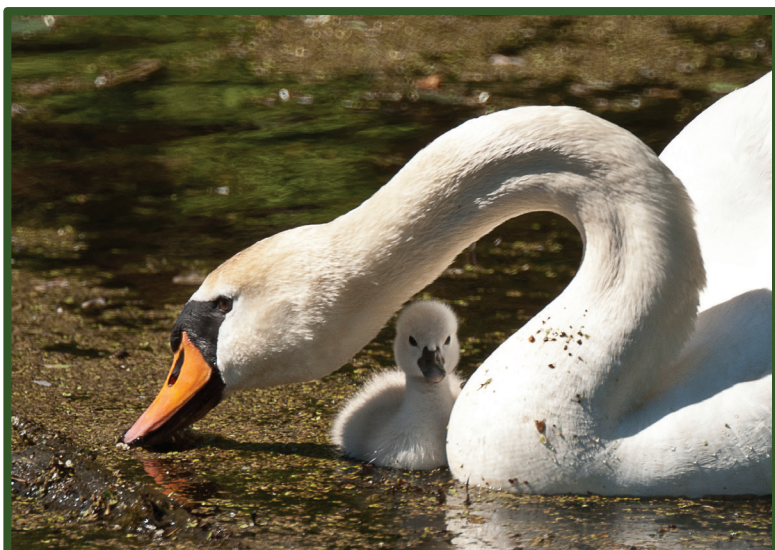
The New Yorker magazine provides a wonderful selection of articles for our weekly discussions. Participants read only as much of each issue as they wish ahead of time. The first session will review the 7/4/16 issue.

Materials: Subscription to *The New Yorker*, either paper or electronic version. Discussion, Reading

Joan Dupont enjoys the additional perspectives that *The New Yorker* brings.

Steve Levinson focuses his time being a partner in a photography gallery and doing board volunteer work.

Monday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Eight Sessions: July 11 – August 29



Wednesday

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Panama in Its Latin American SettingSu7W

[NEW COURSE] In four meetings we will examine Panama and its canal in the context of Latin America's physical, political, social, and economic settings. We will begin with an overview of Latin America, move on to Panama, and end with a look at Cuba and Mexico. Discussion

Raymond Duncan is distinguished teaching professor emeritus, department of political science & international studies; SUNY Brockport. He has a broad background in international travel, academic publications, and writing action-adventure novels.

Wednesday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Four Sessions: July 6 – July 27

Robert Graves: A Writer in the Trenches of WWISu8W

[NEW COURSE] This summer marks the centenary of the horrific battle of the Somme. Graves was in the trenches, and wrote about it in his *Goodbye to All That*. We will read and discuss this work, his life, and the battle itself.

Text: *Goodbye to All That* by Robert Graves, ISBN 0385093306 Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Tom Low has led courses on Churchill, Orwell, and the Spanish Civil War, and on a large number of political and ethical philosophers.

Wednesday: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Seven Sessions: July 13 – August 24

Current Topics in Science & Technology. . . Su9W

[NEW CONTENT] This course will focus on events and trends in science and technology. Links to selected articles will be provided by email. Class members are encouraged to suggest topics for discussion. **Note:** RIT computer and library accounts (available only to full members) are strongly recommended; however, the course leaders encourage trial members to register for this course. Audio/Visual, Discussion

Julian Thomas has spent his life working with computers.

Jean Eliason has a degree in nutrition.

Eric Hauptman is a retired engineer/technologist.

Jim Roddy is a semi-retired engineer.

Wednesday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Eight Sessions: July 6 – August 24

Please see the back cover for more Wednesday courses.

Membership/Renewal & Course Registration Form

Please fill in the information below and send to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT, 50 Fairwood Dr., Suite 100, Rochester, NY 14623

Summer Trial Membership (\$75) **Full Membership (\$315)** **Trial Extension (\$165)** **Supporting Membership (\$150)**

Name: last		first	preferred (nickname)	phone number	e-mail
street		city		state	zip
Your license plate number(s)		In case of an emergency or illness call		name/relationship	
				phone number	
physician				phone number	
I agree to abide by the policies and procedures of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT				date	
signature:					

Payment for Membership or Renewal

Pay by credit card (circle one)



Pay by check: Please make check payable to Osher at RIT

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person's name as printed on credit card	total payment	expiration date	3-digit security code <small>(found on back of card)</small>
signature			

We welcome additional tax deductible contributions to the **Operating Budget, Special Projects Fund** or the **Legacy Endowment Fund**. Please include a *separate check* payable to Osher at RIT, indicating fund designation.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT 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.

All registration forms are processed starting on registration day, JUNE 28, 2016, regardless of when they are submitted.

Course Registration

course #	course title	course #	course title

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 they may select an alternative. Confirmation will be sent by email if processed by staff. We invite our members to register for as many classes as they wish, but for planning purposes, we ask you to register only for the classes you intend to make a consistent good-faith effort to attend.

Note: Some courses require the purchase of books or materials.

We'd like to know more about you! Please complete the Member Profile on the other side.

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. By knowing a little about you, we are able to choose courses to your liking, fill committees with knowledgeable members, plan social events, and form special-interest groups by assisting members who wish to search out others with similar interests. Please take a few minutes to provide us with some information about yourself.

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	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	<input type="text"/>

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

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

Will you share with us the names of other organizations to which you belong?

We make an effort to connect with other organizations that interest our members.

Volunteering at Osher As a member-oriented organization, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT encourages active participation. Service is strictly voluntary but greatly appreciated. Which activities might be of interest to you? (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Lectures	<input type="checkbox"/> Course Leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Member Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Seminar
<input type="checkbox"/> Catalog	<input type="checkbox"/> Course Offerings Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Osher Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Survey Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Classroom A/V Support (Wizards)	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Pfaudler Lecture Series	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology/Computers
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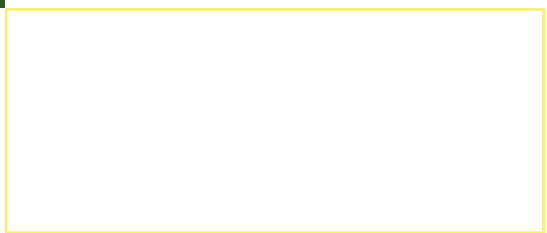


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MemoirsSu10W

Enjoy the change of pace of summer. Join fellow Osher members as they create a legacy 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 is an enthusiastic veteran Memoirs class leader. A retired obstetric nurse, she believes there is much convincing evidence today for the value of writing memoirs.

Wednesday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Six Sessions: July 20 – August 24

Written in Stone: Discovery and Interpretation of Mesoamerican MonumentsSu11W

[NEW COURSE] This course delivers a virtual tour of four archeological sites. It relates some adventures of early archeologists, examines hieroglyphic monuments, and discusses the course leader's sketches and carvings.

Optional Text: *The Art of Mesoamerica* by Mary Ellen Miller, ISBN 9780500203927

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Workshop

Traveling to Tierra del Fuego in 1969, **James Nofziger** sketched Mesoamerican artifacts at Mexico's archeological sites. After learning bas-relief carving in Argentina, he recreated those earlier sketches in wood.

Wednesday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Four Sessions: August 3 – August 24

Poetic VisionsSu12W

[NEW CONTENT] Using a seminar format, we will explore aspects of famous poems and share poems we have written and enjoyed. Come prepared to have some fun with poetry. *Reading, Workshop, Writing*

Twice nominated for the Pushcart Prize, **Gary Lehmann's** poetry has been published all over the world. His five poetry books include *Public Lives and Private Secrets* and his most recent publication *Snapshots* [2012].

Wednesday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Eight Sessions: July 6 – August 24

Understanding the Human BrainSu13W

[NEW CONTENT] Neuroscience lectures on a variety of topics by prominent neuroscientists. The topics will include consciousness, memory, emotions, and technology. This course is part of an ongoing series; prior attendance is not necessary. *Audio/Visual, Lecture*

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

Wednesday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Eight Sessions: July 6 – August 24