

Osher's 2019-20 academic year:

Winter (January 13 – March 20)

(April 13 – June 22)

SUMMER (July 6 – August 19)

(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.



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).

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Membership	Fee	Unlimited Courses	Lecture Series	SIGs Trips	Arts & Lectures	Summer Seminar	Student ID Card	Classes	Audiology Services
Full (full year)	\$325								
Trial (one term)	\$165								
Supporting (full year)	\$160								
Associate Penfield only (one term)	\$40								

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.

Fusion: The Plentiful and Clean Energy Source for Our Future?

Presented by Robert McCrory, former director, UR Laboratory for Laser Energetics Fusion

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

Source and Sink of Atmospheric Greenhouse Gasses

Presented by John D. Kessler, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Oceanography, UR Earth & Environmental Sciences Department

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"

Local News: Where It's Been and Where It's Heading

Presented by Michael Kilian, executive editor, Democrat & Chronicle

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

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

Low Vision: From the Causes, Medical Conditions, and Warning Signs to the Technology that Assists People in Overcoming Everyday Challenges

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)

The Frederick Douglass Project and Restorative Justice

Presented by Olivia Kim, sculptor and RIT adjunct professor

March 198 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)

REGISTRATION OPENS TUESDAY, 12/17 at 10 am

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.

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[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.



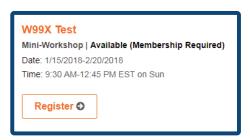
[4] Wait for the system to log you in. Once you're logged in, you will see <your name> in the "View Courses for" box.

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.

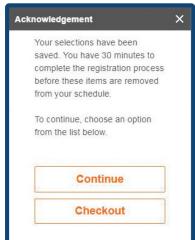
[5] On the left side of the screen under the "SEARCH OPTIONS" heading, click on the "Select Term" drop-downmenu and select "2020-01 (Winter)". Then click the "Search" button.



[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.



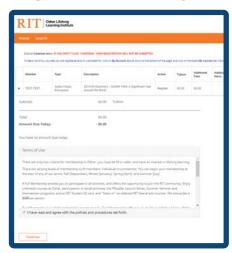
[7] Follow the prompts to either continue selecting courses or to complete your registration checkout. [Note: You will have 30 minutes to choose all of your courses.] Once you have selected all the courses you want, click the "Checkout" button.



Course Registration Directions (cont'd)

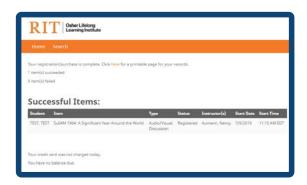
[8] This page shows all of your selected courses. Read the "Terms of Use" and click the box to accept the terms.

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



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

[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.)]

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 Jan

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

December	13	Friday	Last Day, Fall Term
	16	Monday	Winter Course Preview 10 am
	17	Tuesday	Winter Term Registration Begins 10 am
	24 at 2 pm – 1/1	Tuesday-Wednesday	Osher/RIT Closed in Observance of Winter Holidays
January	8	Wednesday	New Member Orientation & Brunch 10:30 am
			Course Leaders' Meeting & Brunch 10:30 am
	13	Monday	First Day, Winter Term
	27	Monday	Spring Course Proposals Due
March	20	Friday	Last Day, Winter Term
	26	Thursday	Spring Course Preview 10 am
	31	Tuesday	Spring Term Registration Begins 10 am
April	13	Monday	First Day, Spring Term

March 21 – April 12: Spring break (no classes)

Winter 2020 Course Schedule

	9:30 – 11:00 am	11:15 am – 12:45 pm	1:30 – 3:00 or 3:30 pm
	America's War for the Greater Middle East	[One-Session Classes]	Darkness and Light: The Films of the Coen Brothers, Part 2 W8M
Monday	Richard Mallory (1/13 – 3/16) Current Events	The Athenaeum Book Club	Mary Ann Satter (1/13 – 3/16) Express Yourself in Writing

	9:30 – 11:00 am	11:15 am – 12:45 pm	1:30 – 3:00 pm
Tuesday	The Solar System as We Know It Today	Potholes in the American Road W16T Bob Virkler (1/14 – 3/17) The Story of the World in 100 Species W17T Stan Ertel (1/14 – 2/11) The Early History of New York State W18T Tom Lathrop (2/18 – 3/17) The Obamas: Leadership in a Divided America W19T Alan Shank (2/18 – 3/17)	Jazz Perspectives

	9:30 – 11:00 am	11:15 am – 12:45 pm	1:30 – 3:00 pm
Wednesday	From Vladimir Lenin to Vladimir Putin: Russia from 1917 to the Present (Section 1)	Breaking the "Glass Ceiling": Women Cabinet Members from FDR to Trump, Part 2	Discussing The New Yorker Magazine

	9:30 – 11:30 am	12:15 – 1:30 pm	1:45 – 3:15 or 3:45 pm
Thursday	The Restored Apu Trilogy: Directed by Satyajit Ray (Section 1) W34Th Nita Genova (1/16 – 3/19) Mozart: His Life and His Music W35Th Victor Poleshuck (1/16 – 3/19) You Be the Critic: A Film Discussion Group W36Th Bea Slizewski (1/16 – 3/19)	Pfaudler Lecture Series	Flickstory: Inspirational Sports Stories

	9:30 – 11:00 am		9:30 – 11:00 am	11:15 am – 1:15 pm
Friday	Hitler's Circle Of EvilW41F Bob Hilliard (1/17 – 3/20)	Friday in Penfield	From Vladimir Lenin to Vladimir Putin: Russia from 1917 to the Present (Section 2)	The Restored Apu Trilogy: Directed by Satyajit Ray (Section 2)

Monday Winter 2020 Course Schedule

[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

[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

11:15 am — 12:45 pm One-Session Classes

You can register for one-session classes both online and by using your catalog registration form.

[Note: Dates and topics subject to change due to course leader availability.]

[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 astrodynamicist 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

Meet the VikingsW4dM

[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

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

Roosters are Red and Butterflies are MeanW4eM

[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

[NEW COURSE LEADER] Jim Hooper has a background in teaching government human service workers including supervisors and managers.

11:15 am - 12:45 pm Monday:

ONE Session: February 17

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 astrodynamicist 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,

[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.

11:15 am - 12:45 pm Monday:

ONE Session: March 2

[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! Required Texts: The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish, ISBN 1328915786 and The Book of Joy by Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Carlton Abrams, ISBN 9780399185045. Course Website: sites.google.com/theathenaeumbookclub1

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.

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

Enrollment Limit: 35. Discussion, Reading

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

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.

Mondays: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm **TEN** Weeks: January 13 - March 16

INEW 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.

Mondays: 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 3W11M

[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. **Required Text:** War and Peace (Norton Critical edition, Maude translation) by Leo Tolstoy, ISBN 9780393966473. **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.

9:30 - 11:00 am Tuesdays:

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



Jim Owens

Digital Speech RecognitionW14T

[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

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.

9:30 – 11:00 am Tuesdays:

February 18 - March 17 **FIVE** Weeks:

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 Arron 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 Christoper 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**

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

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**

Poetic VisionsW21T

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

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 **February 18 – March 17**





Members on an RIT Campus Tour

Reading/Viewing Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream.....

[NEW COURSE] Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream is a confection about the madness of love and the power of the imagination. Our format will consist of class members reading parts aloud, followed by discussion, and viewing filmed performances.

Required Text: A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare, ISBN 0451519795. **Enrollment Limit:** 25. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Reading

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



[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/osherhol2 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

[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

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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

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Wednesdays: 9:30 - 11:00 am

TEN Weeks: January 15 - March 18

Locke's

The Second Treatise of GovernmentW26W

[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?

Required Text: Second Treatise of Government and a Letter Concerning Toleration by John Locke, ISBN 0486424644 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. Optional Text: Daily Life in Maya Civilization by Robert J. Sharer, ISBN 0313351295 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

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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

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

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**

Discussing The New Yorker MagazineW31W

[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, Reading

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 IdentityW33W

[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



Thursday Winter 2020 Course Schedule

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

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



Steve McAlpin and Reagan, His Service Dog

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

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

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

[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. **Required Text:** *Running with the Pack: Thoughts from the Road on Meaning and Mortality* by Mark Rolands, ISBN 9781605984773. **Enrollment Limit:** 20. *Discussion, Reading*

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



Barbara Riethmeier and Jack Callaghan

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

January 17 - March 20 **TEN** Weeks:



Nancy Loughlin

Friday Winter 2020 Course Schedul

From Vladimir Lenin to Vladimir Putin: Russia from 1917 to the Present (Section 2)......W42P

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11:15 am - 1:15 pm Fridays: TEN Weeks: January 17 - March 20 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 10:30 am – Noon!

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Monday, December 16, 2019 10:00 – 11:30 am

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Penfield Recreation Center - 1985 Baird Rd, Penfield, NY 14526



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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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

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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.



A SIG (Special Interest Group) is an informal community of Osher members who gather in order to pursue and enjoy a shared interest.

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Eastman School of Music Performances	James Nofziger jnofziger@frontiernet.net	We would like to hear from members interested in getting together to attend Eastman School of Music performances.				
Mac Computers (OS X) Tom Lathrop iPhone/iPad (iOS) tlathrop1@hotmail.com		Discussions, problem solving, members helping members, sharing tips and tricks, and demonstrations				
Movies	Sharon Griffiths sqgriffiths@rochester.rr.com	This SIG meets only during the Summer Term.				
Noteworthy	Al Mathias amathias@rochester.rr.com	This group needs people interested in playing music together!				
Photography	Loretta Petralis lorettap@rochester.rr.com	The group focuses on taking pictures and sharing them with other members.				
Purls of Wisdom (knitting & needle craft)	Terri Hurley terrihur@rochester.rr.com	For all experience levels, come learn and share techniques.				
Travel	Jane Eggleston jegg@rochester.rr.com	Share your favorite photos, memories, and experiences of your previous travel adventures.				

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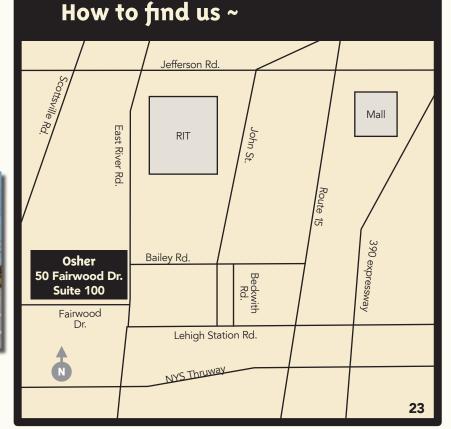
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