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Joanne Ihrig, PhD, becomes OLLI-on-Campus Site Manager



I am delighted to introduce you to Joanne Ihrig, the new Site Manager for OLLI-on-Campus. In this position, Joanne will utilize her extensive insight of and contacts at the University of Denver, its alumni, and the OLLI at DU organization to expand and grow the OLLI-on-Campus site and its offerings to the Denver community.

Joanne grew up in the DU community as the daughter of a University of Denver Professor. Later and following in her dad's footsteps, she became the Director of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Program at DU. Most recently, Joanne has enjoyed her own lifelong learning as a member of the OLLI at DU West site. This unique blending of academic perspectives, the needs of lifelong learners, and her own engaging energy made Joanne a perfect selection for this position.

In addition, Joanne's background knows few limits as she is very involved in international projects with Teachers Across Borders and the Partnership for Change. This involvement has lead her to work in Cambodia, Ecuador, and most recently teaching English as a second language in Myanmar for the past three summers.

Joanne lives in Genesee with her husband, Fritz, and one cat.

A Glimpse at OLLI



Recently I have received several questions related to the processes and timelines we follow at OLLI. I would like to share some of the workings of your staff and the wonderful volunteers of OLLI at DU who create the curriculum and learning environments we now enjoy. As this is the first 'Glimpse', I am including some overall information.

Overall:

- Olli at DU provides lifelong learning for over 2,800 unique individuals. Some of us take classes each term and some only one term. The 2,800 number only counts each of us once during an OLLI year.
- An OLLI year is structured with three eight-week terms – Fall, Winter and Spring – as well as many other offerings such as the International Symposium and the Summer Seminars.
- The curriculum for each term is organized by the Site Curriculum Committees with the Site Manager(s) significantly involved.
- More than one hundred fifty classes (150) have been offered each term during the past year and we expect this number to continue to grow.
- The majority of our classes are offered and 'facilitated' by volunteers. These individuals are critical to our continued success and growth.

Our Calendar for Creating a Curriculum:

- Each term a unique curriculum is created from the efforts of our Curriculum Committees.
- Creating a course may begin with a member coming forth and offering to Facilitate a course or it may begin with a member of the Curriculum Committee noticing an engaged member in class and starting a discussion on them becoming a Facilitator. The timelines for either of these processes can be months to years.
- A calendar is developed for each OLLI year with the dates each term will begin. From those dates, we work backwards to the dates that All Sites will post the catalog online, have them printed and available to members, and have classes loaded into the online system.

A Glimpse at OLLI-Continued

- An example of the time line for Fall, 2018 is (working backwards from the date the term begins):
 - Term begins - September 17, 2018;
 - Confirmation Emails distributed to Members – September 4, 2018;
 - Registration First Draw – August 17, 2018;
 - Catalogs printed and posted on Website and online registration system loaded – August 6, 2018;
 - Catalog of classes completed and to the printer no later than July 15, 2018;
 - Courses identified (with catalog description, bios, day of week and time of day to be gathered and confirmed) no later than June 1, 2018
 - Curriculum Sub-Committee Chairpersons and their committees identifying potential classes/facilitators can begin as early as a year ahead or as late as May 31, 2018.
 - Thus, the classes to be offered beginning September 17th are identified approximately three or more months before the term begins.

If you are considering Facilitating a course this coming Fall term (or any term), please contact the Site Manger if you do not already know the appropriate member of the site's Curriculum Committee.



I hope this first glimpse into a segment of the operations of OLLI at DU has provided you with a bit of insight into this portion of the process.

Future newsletters may contain additional glimpses into OLLI at DU, depending upon the questions I receive or discussion I become engaged in. The more we each and all understand about this amazing organization, the better we can honor those who create our classes and enjoy our own lifelong learning experience.



Upcoming Events

Become a Participant in a Research Study

OLLI at DU is teaming with the Knoebel Institute for Healthy Aging and one of their research students so those OLLI members who are interested may take part in a 'healthy brain' research study. The study will be held over the summer months. Explanatory materials will be provided mid-April. In addition, the research student and one of the OLLI staff will be at each site over a lunch hour to answer any questions.

WorldView Mexico

The first of the WorldView Mexico trips to the **Yucatan** are leaving later this month; the second trip to the Guadalajara area of Mexico in June is nearly full; and the third trip which will focus on the Art and History of Mexico City will be introduced at each site during a noontime presentation at each site the week of April 23rd. Please watch for the flyer noting the day and time for your Site.

OLLI at DU

Summer Seminars

OLLI at DU will offer a total of six (6) summer seminars during the summer of 2018. The seminar speakers and topics are being determined at this time, the brochure will be developed in the coming weeks, and the information will be provided by mid-May at the latest. This year the Summer Seminars will begin Tuesday, June 26th with a favorite, Buie Sewell presenting on that date. The topics include: Cryptocurrency, China, and Stones, Bones and DNA.

Do you want to know about events at the University of Denver?

Every so often I become aware of events at the University of Denver that may be of interest and open to OLLI members. In an attempt to be conscious of the number of emails we are sending, I would like to build an email listing of those individuals who might be interested in the occasional event at the University. *To that end, you will be receiving an email asking you if you would like to opt in to this select email group.* All you will have to do is click on the link and fill in a couple of pieces of information. This "Register for University Events" email will be coming out mid-March.

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