

CONSIDERING FACILITATING?

A CENTRAL WISH LIST OF CLASSES

The OLLI Central Curriculum Committee is now recruiting facilitators for our 2019 spring term (April 1-May 24). If you would like to join our fabulous facilitator ranks but are looking for a class idea, here are some suggested books and topics we would love to have our members explore.

If you see a topic that interests you in a particular area (or if you have your own idea for a class), please contact the Subchair listed below each group for more information. Or, direct your questions to Tom Bieging, OLLI Central Curriculum Chair, at tb@sbbolaw.com.

We also want potential facilitators to know that on our website, under *Facilitator Resources*, there is a list of DVDs that support class development. The tab also has information on making a portfolio page, learning power point, and lots of forms helpful to facilitators.

Thank you so much for considering facilitating at OLLI Central. We want you, we need you, and we would love to showcase your contribution to our classes.

HISTORY

Books

Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power by Jon Meacham

Those Angry Days: Roosevelt, Lindbergh and America's

Fight over World War II by Lynne Olson

Our America: A Hispanic History of the United States

by Felipe Fernandez-Armesto

Her Story: A Timeline of the Women Who Changed America

by Charlotte Waisman and Jill S. Tietjen

Cronkite by Douglas Brinkley

Bolivar: American Liberator by Marie Arana

Empires, Nations and Families: A New History of the North

American West, 1800-1860 by Anne F. Hyde

The Great Upheaval: America and the Birth of the Modern World,

1788-1800 by Jay Winik

Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory by David Blight
The Accidental Empress (historical novel) by Allison Pataki
How the Scots Invented the Modern World: The True Story of How Western Europe's Poorest Nation Created Our World by Arthur Herman
Pax Britannica by James Morris
Hapsburg Empire: A New History by Pieter Judson
Jerusalem: The Biography by Simon Sebag Montefiore
France, Fin de Siecle by Eugene Weber
The World of Yesterday by Stefan Zweig
The March of Folly by Barbara Tuchman
The Moralist: Woodrow Wilson and the World He Made by Patricia O'Toole
Friends Divided: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson by Gordon Woods
The Silk Roads: A New History of the World by Peter Frankopan
Daring to Drive by Manal al Sharif
SPQR by Mary Beard
The Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth and Faith in the New China by Evan Osmos
The Looming Tower by Lawrence Wright
The True Flag: Theodore Roosevelt, Mark Twain and the Fight over American Imperialism by Stephen Kinzer
The Generals: Patton, MacArthur, Marshall and the Winning of World War II by Winston Groom
The General vs. the President: MacArthur and Truman at the Brink of Nuclear War by H. W. Brands

Suggested Topics

The American Revolution, 1750-1783
 Labor movements in America, 1890-1940
 The French Revolution and the Napoleonic Era
 History of Germany and the Third Reich
 Elizabeth I and/or Mary Queen of Scots
 The Great Depression
 The history of Denver

American history by decades

The Korean War

The Gulf War(s)

Spanish history

The history of Canada

Russia under the Tsars

Indian wars in the American West

Post-Stalin Russia

Local government in Colorado

The history of China

The Women's Movement

History Subchair: Nan Morehead nanmore@q.com

ECONOMICS

Books

***Economic Facts and Fallacies* by Thomas Sowell**

***Post-Capitalist Society* by Peter Drucker**

***Economics in One Lesson* by Henry Hazlitt**

***25 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism* by H.J. Chang**

Suggested Topics

***Economics for the Beginner*. The OLLI Library has the latest *Great Courses* DVD series of 36 lectures.**

Economics for the public: econometrics, tax options, government finance and budget. The monetary system and the Federal Reserve, capitalism in America. Helping the poor: what works and what doesn't.

Economics Subchair: Gene Cole, gene_cole@comcast.net

LITERATURE AND WRITING

Suggested Topics

Books about Colorado: *Angle of Repose*, *Centennial*, *Empire of the Summer Sun*, *The Stand*, *The Dog Stars*

John Updike: Short stories, essays, poems

Authors under 40

Asian writers such as Ha Jin

South American writers such as Allende, Borges and Marquez

Scandinavian mysteries

English Romantics

Irish writers such as Edna O'Brien

World War I literature such as *All Quiet on the Western Front*

The Lost Art of Letters: A review of classic letters and class letter compositions to persons living or dead.

Tell Me A Story: The class will read classic examples while studying the elements of exposition, setting, characters, conflict, denouement and climax.

Travel writing.

Literature and Writing Subchairs: Don & Gracie Batt
donbatt@earthlink.net and/or graciebatt@earthlink.net

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Suggested Topics

South America (The Latin World). Classes on individual countries, perhaps including a review of the Latin personality and how it might inform a government.

TED Talks. An eight-week class with one or two TED talks per session. Lots of discussion and very popular!

Japan

China

Trade: History: current conditions and future consequences.

Public Affairs Subchair: Gene Cole, gene_cole@comcast.net

PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION & PSYCHOLOGY

Books

Plato at the Googleplex: Why Philosophy Won't Go Away by Rebecca Goldstein. Philosophy's hidden role in today's debates on religion, morality, politics and science.

Existentialism from Dostoevsky to Sartre, by Walter Kaufmann

The Alchemy of Mind: The Marvel and Mystery of the Brain by Diane Ackerman

Lying: Moral Choices in Public and Private Life by
Sissela Bok

Philosophy, Religion & Psychology Subchair:
Richard Passoth repassoth@gmail.com

SCIENCE, RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY

Books

*Physics of the Future: How Science Will Change Daily Life by
2100* by Michio Kaku

The Story of the Human Body: Evolution, Health & Disease by
Daniel Lieberman

How Everything Works by Louis Bloomfield

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul
Gawande

*The Future of Humanity: Transforming Mars, Interstellar Travel,
Immortality, and Our Destiny Beyond Earth*, by Michio Kaku

Astrophysics for People in a Hurry, by Neil deGrasse Tyson

Suggested Topics

Medicine and Seniors: Lecture or Speaker Series. Topics might include: diabetes, diet and nutrition, rheumatism and arthritis, joints (knee and hip replacements), dementia, mental health (depression, drug addiction, addition), cardiovascular diseases, cancer, changes in the senses (sight, hearing, smell touch), balance, dental health.

Weather: the basics of meteorology

Basics of Astronomy: Our solar system, galaxy and universe. How astronomers know what they know; classification and descriptions of stars, planets and moons; beginnings and endings.

Changes in science and technology over the past 100 years Research by NASA: Space travel, space stations, working in

space, space geology, planets & moons, comets & asteroids

Epigenetics: what it is and how does it affect us?

The biology of mollusks

Dogs: their biology, evolution and behavior

Microbiology: the science of micro-organisms

Forensics: the use of science in detecting and fighting crime

Nobel Prize winners: Their stories and accomplishments

Our oceans: what changes are occurring and what does the future hold?

Science and sports: Changes in clothes, equipment, techniques

Oxford "A Very Short introduction" series of books including: archaeology, the brain, cancer, cryptography, epidemiology, landscapes and geomorphology, and viruses

Science, Research & Technology Subchair:

David Shander alubdub@aol.com

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Suggested Topics

International film classes

Great cities of the world

American regional artists of the 1930s

Artists and art movements

The Irish theater

Instruments of the orchestra with guest musicians

Kirkland Museum of Fine and Decorative Arts tour

The creative art of making glass

International folk music and instruments

Architecture forms and periods

The history and future of television

The art and history of photography

The history of jazz

Famous playwrights

(Acting) Visual & Performing Arts Subchair

Tom Bieging, tb@sbbolaw.com.

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