

# OLLI

**Indiana State University**

**FALL  
2025  
PROGRAM  
GUIDE**

**Sept. 1 - Dec. 31**



**CURIOSITY NEVER RETIRES**



**WELCOME**  
to  
**OLLI**  
at  
**INDIANA STATE**  
where  
**CURIOSITY**  
**NEVER**  
**RETIRES**

We are so glad that  
you have chosen to join us!

Our members come  
from many different  
backgrounds with one  
common purpose:  
They want to learn!

No homework.

No tests.

No grades.

Learning for the  
love of learning.

OLLI brings people  
together as they make  
new friends and share  
their love of learning.

A Message from  
OLLI Coordinator Pete Kikta

**WELCOME to**  
**FALL 2025!**



Welcome to OLLI at Indiana State, where  
Curiosity Never Retires!

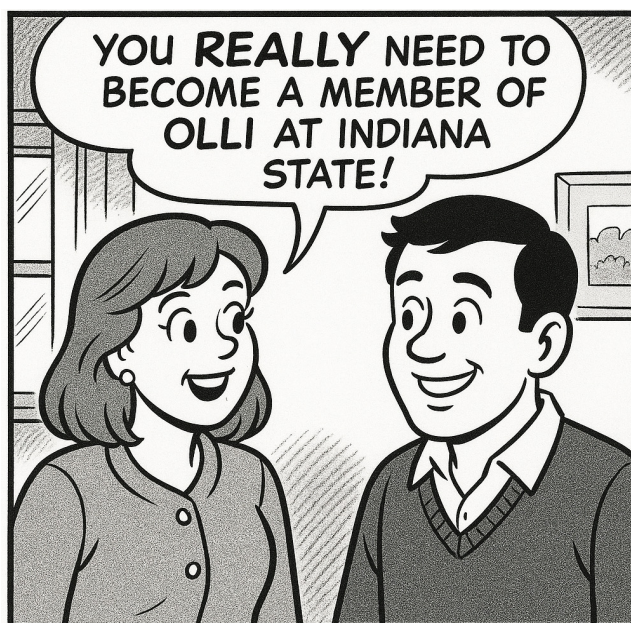
We are excited to present our Fall 2025 Program! With over 60  
courses and events to choose from, we are confident that there is  
something for everyone.

While our programs are designed for people 50 and older, you do  
not have to be 50 to become a member of OLLI at Indiana State.  
Our Annual Membership is only \$25, and that price gives you access  
to over 200 courses, events, and online courses throughout the  
year.

Instructions on how to become a member and sign up for classes  
are included in this program guide.

So join OLLI at Indiana State for an exciting year of learning for  
the sake of learning, and remember **CURIOSITY NEVER RETIRES!**

*Pete...*



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## ABOUT OLLI AT INDIANA STATE

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is a forum for adults of all academic backgrounds to learn about a wide variety of interesting and engaging topics. OLLI at Indiana State is made possible by the substantial support of the Bernard Osher Foundation and Indiana State University. These supporters enable OLLI at Indiana State to offer unique learning opportunities to residents of the Wabash Valley and beyond.

## MEMBER BENEFITS

- Become part of a vibrant community of engaged and engaging members.
- Access dozens of non-credit short courses taught by faculty from ISU, RHIT, and SMWC as well as community experts.
- Access to Osher Online courses.
- Free campus parking!
- Receive advanced mailing of the OLLI at Indiana State Program Guides for all three OLLI terms.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026

**\$25**

# OLLI AT INDIANA STATE

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# WEDNESDAY SERIES



# FREE!

## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

No registration required

## 2:00 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

## CUNNINGHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS AREA

First Floor

### GLOBAL HEALTH CHALLENGES A TIMMY PERSPECTIVE

Timmy Global Health

August 27

Explore the impactful work of Timmy Global Health, founded in 1997 by Dr. Charles "Chuck" Dietzen.

This presentation, led by Dr. Eric Glendening and his students, will illuminate current public health challenges in South America. Discover how Timmy supports care sites in Guatemala, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, and Nigeria, serving over 100,000 patients. Gain insight into global health efforts and the dedication involved. Additionally, browse the Timmy Tienda booth for unique, handmade Ecuadorian souvenirs, including charming llama merchandise and cozy alpaca wool scarves, shawls, and blankets. Support a great cause while learning about vital global initiatives!

### BLENDING SCIENCE & FICTION CLIMATE, SUSTAINABILITY & AG

Dr. Jim Speer

September 3

Dr. Jim Speer, professor of geography and geology at Indiana State and world-renowned dendrochronologist, uses tree rings to study environmental history, including climate shifts, wildfires, and insect outbreaks. In addition to his scientific work, he has written three action-adventure novels—*The Storm*, *The Chase*, and *The Fire*—that weave science with fiction to engage readers on climate change, sustainability, and regenerative agriculture. Join Dr. Speer for a presentation on the latest research in these areas, followed by a book signing and discussion on how fiction can help bridge the gap between science and the public.



## **MEET THE MAESTRO ORCHESTRATING THE FUTURE**

**Dr. Roger Kalia**

**September 10**

Get ready to connect with the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra's new Music Director, Dr. Roger Kalia! In this captivating program, the audience will learn about the journey that shaped Dr. Kalia's musical passion, from his earliest inspirations to his dedicated pursuit of an orchestral career. Dr. Kalia will reveal his bold artistic vision for the THSO and share insightful perspectives on the evolving landscape of orchestras across the USA.

Dr. Kalia will also provide an exclusive preview of the THSO's opening concert, "Tabla & Titan." This is a can't-miss opportunity for music lovers of all types!

## **FUTURE-READY SCHOOLS A VISION FOR VIGO COUNTY EDUCATION**

**Dr. Christopher Himsel**

**September 17**

Dr. Christopher Himsel, Superintendent of the Vigo County School Corporation, presents the district's newly approved building plan. This session outlines the vision behind "Future-Ready" schools, focusing on facility improvements, staffing efficiency, and expanded learning opportunities. Developed with input from Gibraltar Design, community forums, and employee feedback, the plan will realign the Vigo schools. Dr. Himsel discusses the process behind the plan's creation, guiding priorities, and next steps in implementation as the VCSC prepares its facilities for the next generation of learners.

## **MEDICARE CLARITY NAVIGATING YOUR OPTIONS**

**Jesse Bullock**

**September 24**

Navigating Medicare becomes more clear with the return of Jesse Bullock from MedMutual Protect. Following a popular June presentation, this session offers crucial insights before the November Medicare deadline. Key components like Parts A, B, D, Advantage Plans, and Supplements will be explained. Misconceptions will be clarified, and myths debunked for informed decision-making. Whether enrolling, exploring, or assisting a loved one, participants will understand costs, benefits, enrollment, and choosing the right plan.

## **MEET ME IN TERREDISE! TERRE HAUTE AS A TOURISM LOCATION**

**Dr. Karen Dyer**

**October 1**

Terre Haute, affectionately known as "Terredise," has become one of Indiana's most compelling tourism destinations, and Dr. Karen Dyer, Executive Director of the TH Convention and Visitors Bureau, explores the key factors driving Vigo County's rise in the state's tourism rankings. Topics include the region's thriving events scene, standout attractions, the economic impact of tourism spending, and the area's innovative development projects and strategic tax structure. Terre Haute's unique blend of community vision and hospitality is shaping its future as an Indiana tourism destination.

## **CRYPTOCURRENCY ILLUMINATED A GUIDE TO THE DIGITAL FRONTIER**

**Dr. Cory Campbell**

**October 8**

To the average person, cryptocurrency is often shrouded in mystery. Join ISU Professor Cory Campbell as he demystifies this complex world. This session will explore the foundational concept of blockchain and its relationship to non-fungible tokens (NFTs) and cryptocurrency. Discover what gives Bitcoin its "superpowers," how crypto is traded, and the role of stablecoins. Professor Campbell will also shed light on the recent GENIUS Act and its implications for the digital asset landscape. Gain a clearer understanding of this evolving financial frontier.

## **BEHIND THE LENS TOURING WITH LUKE COMBS**

**Tyler Hutcheson**

**October 15**

Join Tyler Hutcheson, video director for country music superstar Luke Combs, for an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the music industry. A Brazil, Indiana native and ISU alumnus, Tyler rose from Northview High School to become a two-time CMA Video Director of the Year recipient. He'll share his remarkable journey to working with one of country music's biggest acts, offering insights into his creative work and the realities of global touring at iconic venues. This program provides a unique glimpse into the dynamic world of major musical productions and life on the road.

## **A PATH TO HEALTHIER LIVING UNDERSTANDING BARIATRICS**

Dr. Yaniv Cozacov

October 22

Join Dr. Yaniv Cozacov, Chief of Surgery at Horizon Health and Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery at the IU School of Medicine, for an illuminating session on bariatrics. Discover what bariatric surgery entails, explore various procedure types, and learn how these interventions can significantly improve health and activity levels as people age. Dr. Cozacov, a highly experienced surgeon trained at top US hospitals and a clinical research fellow under renowned bariatric pioneer Dr. Raul Rosenthal, will provide valuable insights into options for a healthier, more active life!

## **HAUTEANS IN THE WORLD SERIES 3-FINGER BROWN TO TOMMY JOHN**

Mark Bennett

October 29

Mark Bennett of the *Tribune-Star* presents a captivating look at local baseball history. A columnist and sports reporter since the Larry Bird era, Bennett delves into the careers of Terre Haute's own World Series participants. The presentation highlights Mordecai Brown, a two-time World Series champion with the Cubs who later operated a Terre Haute gas station, Hall-of-Famer Max Carey, a star of the 1925 Pirates, and Art Nehf, a Hautean who pitched in five World Series. The talk concludes with Tommy John's three World Series appearances with the Dodgers and Yankees.

## **FROM CLASSROOM TO BOARDROOM YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS IN VIGO CTY.**

Terri Bennett

November 5

Teri Bennett, facilitator of the Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) program in Vigo County, shares how CEO prepares the next generation of business leaders. The session explores the origins of the CEO program, its implementation in the local community, and the real-world experiences provided to high school students. Bennett will highlight the program's lasting impact, the entrepreneurial mindset it fosters, and describe opportunities to contribute to CEO's mission of empowering young people through business education.

## **JULIE HENRICKS A LIFE IN LOCAL MEDIA**

Julie Henricks

November 12

From radio to TV, meteorologist to host, Julie Henricks has become a trusted voice in Terre Haute broadcasting. In this engaging and heartfelt presentation, Julie walks through the ups and downs of her career, sharing pivotal moments, career-defining choices, and the unexpected challenges that kept her off the air. Discover how health scares and the support of local viewers shaped her perspective and reinforced her decision to stay rooted in her hometown. Julie's inspiring story provides insight into the evolving landscape of local media and the lasting impact of community connections.

## **CARING FOR YOUR FEET DIABETIC & COMMON FOOT CONDITIONS**

Dr. Anna Ballard

November 19

Keeping feet healthy is crucial for an active life! This OLLI session offers essential knowledge for older adults. Learn about vital diabetic foot care and common issues like bunions, corns, calluses, and fungal infections. The session will cover early warning signs, preventative measures, and when to consult a professional. Dr. Ballard, a podiatric surgeon with over 20 years of medical experience, including 15 in podiatry and specializing in diabetic foot care, will lead this informative session. Join OLLI & Horizon Health to ensure healthy, comfortable, and strong feet!



# OLLI FITNESS

## WATER AEROBICS

Mondays & Wednesdays  
10:00 to 11:00

Session 1: September 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29  
Session 2: October 1, 6, 8, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29  
Session 3: Nov. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19 Dec. 1, 3

ISU Student Recreation Center  
601 N. 6th St., Terre Haute

\$50 per session    Limit 22

Water Aerobics is a moderate to intense aerobic exercise class in the water. The class offers all the tremendous benefits of a cardio workout with some muscle conditioning and strengthening without the impact on the joints associated with traditional land aerobics. Water Aerobics is a flexible class which allows the student to work at their own pace. All exercise is done in shallow water, so no swimming is required. Participants must wear swimsuits. Participants will have use of a locker in the Student Recreation Center, but each participant will need to bring their own lock.

## FUNCTIONAL STRENGTH

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
10:00 to 11:00

Session 1: September 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30  
Session 2: October 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28  
Session 3: Oct. 30 Nov. 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20 Dec. 2

ISU Student Recreation Center  
601 N. 6th St., Terre Haute

\$50 per session    Limit 22

Age is not a barrier to having fun and getting a great workout. OLLI Functional Strength is designed to optimize daily life by rebuilding muscle mass, increasing cardio, and improving balance. Designed for all fitness levels, this class includes a variety of exercise formats and equipment that challenge the entire body. This class is guided by an instructor but allows the individual participant to work at their own pace and intensity through the given exercise. Participants will gain strength in this fun-filled fitness class. Remember to bring water!

# OLLI COURSES

## African American Profiles in Courage *with Terry Clark*

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16  
1:00 to 2:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Events Area/028  
Cost: \$20    Limit: 45

Taught by ISU History Professor Dr. Terry Clark, this three-session course explores powerful stories of courage within African American history. Session one highlights Ruby Bridges, the young girl who bravely integrated a New Orleans elementary school during the civil rights era. Session two focuses on the 6888th Central Postal Battalion—African American women soldiers who cleared a massive mail backlog for WWII troops overseas. The final session examines how James Brown's concert in Boston helped prevent unrest following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Each session offers a compelling look at resilience, service, and leadership in pivotal moments.

## **Shadows of Fear Part II Conspiracy Theories in American History**

*with Dr. Dan Clark*

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, 25  
1:00 to 2:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Room 028  
Cost: \$25    Limit: 45

Dive into the dark undercurrents of American history in this four-session course exploring conspiracy theories and their societal impact. The course begins with the Anti-Masonic hysteria of the 1830s, a political movement fueled by fear and secrecy, and then examines the Second Red Scare and McCarthyism, a two-part exploration of Cold War paranoia and political repression. The course concludes with a look at modern conspiracy theories, from 9/11 to the unsettling rise of grand conspiracies over the past 40 years. Dr. Clark unpacks how these narratives take root, why they persist, and how they shape contemporary culture and politics.

## **The Secret to a Perfect Lawn Purdue Extension's DIY Guide**

*with Tabatha "Tabby" Flinn*

Tuesday/Thursday, September 9, 11, 16, 18  
3:00 to 4:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Room 028  
Cost: \$25    Limit: 45

For anyone who wants a greener, healthier lawn, join Tabby Flinn from Purdue Extension as she presents "DIY Lawn Care." Transform a lawn into the envy of the neighborhood with this two-week program designed for homeowners and renters alike. Session topics include the Basics of Taking Care of Lawns, Lawn Pests and Problems, Weed Identification and Management, Seeding Establishment, and Lawn Renovation. Whether new or experienced, understanding the basics of turf management will help create a lawn that others will view with envy!

## **The History of Rock & Roll III The 80s & 90s**

*with Dr. Kurt Fowler*

Mondays, September 8, 15, 22, 29  
3:00 to 4:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Room 028  
Cost: \$25    Limit: 45

Explore the evolution of American popular music from the 1980s to the early 2000s in this continuation of ISU Professor of Music Dr. Kurt Fowler's engaging course. Beginning with the rise of MTV and moving through the diverse musical styles of the '90s and early 2000s, the course examines how human experiences are reflected in the music of the time. Discussions will cover basic musical terminology, standard forms, and stylistic elements that define major trends, as well as the cultural impact of prominent artists and songs. Discover the connections between music and society during this transformative era.

## **Exploring Faulkner As I Lay Dying**

*with Dr. Caroline Carvill*

Wednesdays, September 10, 17  
3:30 to 5:00

ISU Career Center Room 106  
Cost: \$15    Limit: 16

Join Rose-Hulman's Dr. Caroline Carvill for a deep dive into the complex, compelling world of William Faulkner through one of his most inventive and influential novels, *As I Lay Dying*. This Southern Gothic masterpiece tells the story of the Bundren family's journey to bury their matriarch, Addie, as narrated by 15 distinct first-person voices. Through shifting perspectives, Faulkner explores themes of grief, family, identity, and the struggle to communicate. This course examines the novel's innovative narrative structure, rich symbolism, and enduring cultural relevance. Whether new to Faulkner or revisiting a classic, this discussion promises insight and discovery.



**Cutting the Cable**  
**The Ins & Outs of Streaming TV**  
*with Drs. Bruce & Connie McLaren*

Fridays, September 12, 19  
1:00 to 2:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Room 028  
Cost: \$15    Limit: 45

Tired of skyrocketing cable bills? Retired ISU professors Bruce and Connie McLaren present practical, budget-friendly alternatives to traditional cable TV and landline phone service. Explore how streaming platforms and devices like Roku can provide access to favorite shows and movies at a lower cost. A Roku streaming stick will be demonstrated live, with step-by-step guidance on home installation. The session also includes an overview of internet-based telephone options, such as the Ooma interface, for reducing phone bills. Learn how to take advantage of smart technology to transform home entertainment and communication systems.

**Andy Warhol Unwrapped**  
**A Pop Art Journey**  
*with Dr. William Ganis*

Tuesdays, September 23, 30  
1:00 to 2:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Room 028  
Cost: \$15    Limit: 45

Join ISU Professor of Art, Dr. William Ganis, as he demystifies Andy Warhol, whose art-making continues to influence contemporary art. Many are still confounded by Warhol's iconic images of consumer products, car crashes, and celebrities. These visually rich classes will introduce this giant of 20th-century art, examining his diverse roles across four decades: commercial illustrator, pop artist, conceptual filmmaker, queer idol, society portraitist, and Christian iconographer. The course will also feature a viewing of actual Warhol works from the ISU Permanent Art Collection. Dr. Ganis, author of *Andy Warhol's Serial Photography*, brings unique insights from his time at the Andy Warhol Foundation.

**Artificial Intelligence Made Easy**  
**Practical AI for Daily Use**  
*with OLLI Staff*

Mondays, September 22, 29  
1:00 to 2:15

Cunningham Memorial Library Room 028  
Cost: \$15    Limit: 45

Discover the practical wonders of Artificial Intelligence in daily life with OLLI at Indiana State. There is no need to be intimidated by AI. This two-session course demystifies its uses, empowering participants with confidence. Session one navigates common text-related AI applications and the art of effective prompting, transforming how information is accessed and created. Session two unlocks creative potential, demonstrating how to generate captivating visual images from simple descriptions. Explore how AI can enhance communication, spark creativity, and simplify everyday tasks. Embrace the future of technology in an accessible and positive learning environment tailored for curious minds.

**Beyond the Upside Down**  
**The Real 80s Behind *Stranger Things***  
*with Dr. Linda Maule*

Fridays, September 26 October 3, 10  
1:00 to 2:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Room 028  
Cost: \$20    Limit: 45

Dive into the cultural and political landscape of 1980s America through the lens of *Stranger Things*. This three-session course with Dr. Linda Maule explores how the hit series nostalgically evokes the era while glossing over key social tensions. Examine Reagan-era conservatism, the rise of the Moral Majority, and the impact of anti-miscegenation laws, reproductive control, and homophobia on small-town America. Discover how these forces shaped the decade and how they are subtly woven—or overlooked—in the show's depiction of life in bible-belt America. Uncover the deeper context behind the supernatural thrills and '80s nostalgia.

## **Exploring Rare Books**

### **A Hands-On Journey**

*with Dr. Steve Stofferahn & Dennis Vetrovec*

Thursday/Tuesday, October 2, 7, 9, 14  
1:00 to 2:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Cordell Room

Cost: \$25    Limit: 14

Explore the fascinating world of rare books with Mr. Dennis Vetrovec (ISU Special Collections) and Dr. Steven Stofferahn (ISU Department of History). This program offers a unique opportunity to engage directly with historical codices with attendees adopting a specific codex—individually or in pairs—to research its history through guided questions and access to research tools. Participants are encouraged to bring in their own rare books for the class to consider from the perspective of the professional book collector and archivist. This intimate setting ensures personalized attention and a deep dive into the subject matter. Discover the hidden stories and historical significance of these ancient texts!

## **Introduction to Photo Editing**

### **Adobe Photoshop**

*with Dr. Bruce McLaren*

Thursdays, October 16, 23, 30 November 6  
1:00 to 2:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Room 028

Cost: \$25    Limit: 10

Most photos can be improved with simple edits—cropping, adjusting exposure, removing unwanted objects, or combining images. This four-session hybrid course led by retired ISU professor Dr. Bruce McLaren introduces Photoshop Elements, an affordable photo editing program under \$100. The first session meets in person; the remaining three are held via Zoom and are best viewed on a computer for screen clarity. Participants are welcome to submit photos for in-class editing demonstrations. No equipment or software is required to attend. Q&A opportunities and optional homework are available for those actively using Photoshop or Photoshop Elements.

## **Tales from the Street**

### **The Challenges of Modern Policing**

*with Dr. Christian Gallagher*

Mondays, October 20, 27 November 3, 10  
3:00 to 4:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Room 028

Cost: \$25    Limit: 45

Join Dr. Christian Gallagher, a retired Terre Haute Police Officer and current Associate Professor of Criminology at Indiana State University, for a compelling look into modern policing. Dr. Gallagher will delve into critical issues such as excessive force, PTSD, negligent retention, and the complexities of community partnerships. He'll also address the "militarization" of today's officers, sharing personal "war stories" and analyzing critical incidents that garnered major media attention. If time allows, a retired local homicide detective will join the class to discuss true crime.

## **Mind the Gap**

### **Bridging Generational Divides**

*with Dr. Megan Elliott*

Tuesdays, October 28 November 4  
1:00 to 2:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Room 028

Cost: \$15    Limit: 45

Join Dr. Megan Elliott from Rose-Hulman for an insightful program on understanding generations. Her first talk will define overarching generational behaviors and values, debunking common stereotypes, with a special focus on the newest generation: Gen Alpha. An optional refresher will be available for returning attendees. The second talk will delve deeper into why different generations struggle, highlighting key areas of difference. Dr. Elliott will then discuss practical strategies to bridge these gaps, fostering greater understanding and collaboration through an exploration of the "why" behind generational variations.

**The History of Science  
Debates, Breakthroughs & Beyond**  
*with Katie Miller & Aaron Warner*

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17  
1:00 to 2:30

Gibson Allen Memorial Planetarium  
3737 S. 7th Street, Terre Haute  
Cost: \$20    Limit: 30

Join Katie Miller and Aaron Warner from the Vigo County School Corporation on an enlightening journey through the history of science. From the foundational ideas of ancient philosophers to groundbreaking modern advancements, explore how scientific thought has evolved. Discover the interconnectedness of different branches of science and the pivotal developments that shaped their growth. This program delves into the future of scientific exploration, emphasizing the critical importance of scientific literacy and the societal challenges posed by a distrust in the scientific community.

**The History of Economic Thought  
A Journey Through Economic Ideas**  
*with Dr. Kevin Christ*

Tuesday/Thursday, November 11, 13, 18, 20  
1:00 to 2:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Room 028  
Cost: \$25    Limit: 30

This discussion-based course traces the evolution of economic ideas through a chronological exploration of key figures and movements. Beginning with Adam Smith and the Classical Economists, the course examines major developments, including the scientific and ideological shifts of the late 19th century, the transformative influence of Keynes, and the revival of classically liberal ideas known as a “neoliberal revival”. No prior background in economics is necessary as this course is designed for those interested in the foundations of modern economics. While emphasizing intellectual history and critical discussion, participants will gain understanding of the economic challenges facing the United States today.

**Merry Mitochondria!  
Comfort & Joy for the Holiday Season**  
*with Carrie Lutz*

Mondays, December 1, 8  
1:00 to 2:30

ISU Career Center Room 106  
Cost: \$15    Limit: 40

Join Carrie Lutz, ISU Career Services Executive Director & NBHW certified coach, for this two-session course which offers practical and empowering strategies for embracing bodily “wholeness” during the holiday season. Participants will explore how to fuel their bodies for sustained energy, support cellular health through mindful nourishment, and maintain a sense of joy. Through engaging discussions and hands-on activities, the sessions highlight the interconnectedness of movement, intentional food choices, and meaningful human connection. By the end of the workshop, each attendee will create a personalized wellness roadmap designed to foster greater comfort, joy, and resilience throughout the holidays and beyond.

**OLLiwood Holiday Film Festival  
Classic Holiday Magic on the Big Screen**  
*with Pete Kikta*

Wednesday/Friday, December 3, 5, 10, 12  
2:00 to 4:00

ISU Dreiser Theater  
Cost: \$25    Limit: 100

Celebrate the season with the first annual OLLiwood Holiday Film Festival, featuring a heartwarming lineup of beloved holiday classics. Enjoy timeless favorites like *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Home Alone*, and *Miracle on 34th Street*, along with special screenings of cherished short films such as *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Each screening will include a brief introduction highlighting the cultural and historical significance of the film, followed by an optional discussion. Holiday-themed snacks will be provided, and a DVD copy of each feature will be given to one lucky member each week. Lights, camera, action—OLLiwood awaits!



## **The Aging Brain Part II** **New Discoveries in Cognitive Health**

*with Dr. Ted Maldonado*

Tuesday/Thursday, December 9, 11  
10:00 to 11:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Room 028  
Cost: \$15    Limit: 45

Understanding of brain changes in advanced age has expanded significantly. While aging is often associated with declines, emerging research shows the brain remains remarkably adaptable. Join ISU Professor of Psychology, Dr. Ted Maldonado, as he explores recent advancements in brain aging science, including his current work on non-invasive brain stimulation techniques like transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS). The discussion broadens to include evidence-based strategies for maintaining cognitive health across the lifespan. These encompass brain stimulation and lifestyle factors such as physical activity, sleep, and nutrition, all critical for supporting brain resilience and function with age.



# OLLI EVENTS

## **Easy As Pie** **Making Pie from Scratch**

*with Gabby & Wyatt Sons*

Tuesday, September 2  
10:00 to 11:30

ISU Health & Human Services Building Food Lab B-29  
Cost: \$40    Limit: 12    RSVP: August 26

Join Gabby & Wyatt Sons from Sons' Spice Company for a hands-on pie-making experience! In this class, students create their very own pie from scratch and learn the secrets to create the perfect dough. The class also covers cooking a delicious custom filling, choosing from fruity or sweet options. Participants will master the art of layering a beautiful lattice top, then bake their personalized pie. These pies will be bursting with the flavors of fall, so get ready to impress friends and family with a homemade dessert, hand-crafted from start to finish!

## Come From Away

Wednesday, September 3

Load Bus at 6:45 a.m.  
Southside Parking Lot of Haute City Center  
Park Across from Ollie's

Cost: \$165    Limit: 10    RSVP: August 25

Experience the acclaimed musical *Come From Away* at Derby Dinner Theater! This remarkable production, based on actual events following 9/11, depicts a small Canadian town welcoming 7,000 stranded travelers. As cultures converge and initial anxieties subside, trust blossoms, music fills the air, and lasting friendships are formed between locals and "come from aways." Hailed as "A hit and a masterpiece!" by the *Herald Sun*, its unique narrative truly resonates. The experience includes round-trip deluxe motor coach transportation from Vincennes, Sullivan, or Terre Haute, a Derby Dinner meal, and the captivating performance. Reservations must be made by August 25.

## Ouabache Land Conservancy Wabash Valley Nature Preserves

with Denise Sobieski

Thursday, September 4  
3:00 to 4:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Room 028  
Cost: FREE to OLLI Members    Limit: 45

Join Denise Marie Sobieski from the Ouabache Land Conservancy (OLC) Board of Directors for a visual and informative celebration of the OLC. The OLC is a land trust serving a six-county region in west-central Indiana which has preserved over 1,000 acres of natural beauty, offering public access to hiking, birding, and other silent sports. This free session will feature a slideshow of OLC's breathtaking properties and highlight upcoming events, including the September 14 fundraiser, *Music on the Prairie*, at Atherton Island Prairie, featuring Brent McPike, Solly Burton, and Betsy Baer. Learn how to support conservation efforts and become part of a growing movement to protect local landscapes.

## Exploring Concert Repertoire Tabla & Titan

with Dr. Samantha Johnson-Helms & Friends

Friday, September 5  
1:00 to 2:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Room 028  
Cost: FREE to OLLI Members    Limit: 45

Join THSO Executive Director and Principal Clarinetist, Dr. Samantha Johnson-Helms, and friends, as they preview the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra's season-opening concert, *Tabla & Titan*. The program features Indian tabla virtuoso Sandeep Das performing a captivating concerto, followed by the powerful *Symphony No. 1 "Titan"* by Mahler. This concert blends Indian classical rhythms with Western symphonic grandeur, creating a dynamic and enriching musical experience. The event also includes a special commission from Composer-in-Residence Dan Powers and the introduction of the THSO's new Music Director, Roger Kalia. Celebrate the fusion of cultures and sounds in this exceptional start to the 2025-2026 season.

## Tabla & Titan Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, September 13  
7:30 p.m.

ISU Tilson Auditorium  
200 N. 7th St., Terre Haute  
Cost: \$38    Limit: 10

Celebrate the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra's landmark 100th season and the debut of Music Director Roger Kalia with a spectacular concert that bridges cultures and traditions. Experience the electrifying artistry of tabla master Sandeep Das in a captivating concerto that weaves Indian classical rhythms into the Western symphonic landscape. The evening continues with the sweeping grandeur of Mahler's *Symphony No. 1 "Titan,"* a powerful exploration of nature and triumph. Adding to the excitement is a special commission from Composer-in-Residence Dan Powers, making this performance a vibrant blend of old and new, East and West.

**C. Willi Myles**  
**ISU Performing Arts Series**

Monday, September 15  
7:30 p.m.

ISU Tilson Auditorium  
200 N. 7th St., Terre Haute  
Cost: \$17    Limit: 12

Prepare for an evening of laughter with C. Willi Myles, the comedian known for his relatable humor and captivating storytelling. Drawing from his experiences growing up with nine sisters and one brother in Alabama and adjusting to life in Minnesota, Myles delivers hilarious, non-offensive stories that find humor in life's everyday challenges. A veteran performer with appearances at the Apollo Theater and on national television, Myles has opened for top musical and comedy acts, entertained audiences on cruise ships and in casinos, and earned a reputation as "America's Everyday Comedian." Don't miss this evening of side-splitting comedy.

**The Colonial on Park**  
**Inside A Timeless Indiana Home**  
*with Kevin Boling & Kemp Harper*

Friday, September 19  
10:00 to 12:00

The Maurer House  
6 E. Park St., Brazil  
Cost: \$10    Limit: 14

Join Wabash Valley natives Kevin Boling and Kemp Harper for an exclusive tour of their historic Colonial Revival home and gardens in Brazil, Indiana. Featured by the Magnolia Network, Architectural Digest, and more, the Maurer House showcases timeless design, urban homesteading, and a deep appreciation for heritage. Learn about the home's storied past as part of Brazil's brick-making heyday, and see how the couple blends vintage charm with sustainable living. Discover restored interiors, curated antiques, and lush gardens—complete with chickens, bees, and heirloom flowers. Light refreshments are provided as part of this celebration of design, history, and the beauty of a life well-rooted.

**Fast Track to History**  
**A Day at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway**

Tuesday, September 16

Load Bus at 8:30 a.m.  
ISU Lot D at 9th St. & Eagle St.

Cost: \$89    Min: 28    Max: 50    RSVP: September 1

Experience the thrill of motorsports history with a behind-the-scenes tour of the iconic Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, named one of the Three Best Sports Attractions in the country by *USA Today*. Climb aboard a deluxe motorcoach for a comfortable ride to the Racing Capital of the World and explore 80,000 square feet of vintage race cars, trophies, fine art, and more. Take the famous "Kiss the Bricks" tour, a 30-minute narrated bus ride that includes a lap around the legendary 2.5-mile oval and a photo op at the historic yard of bricks. Enjoy lunch and shopping on your own along the Historic Main Street in Speedway before heading back. Don't miss this unforgettable day of racing heritage and Indiana pride!

**Cleared for Takeoff!**  
**Inside the ISU Flight Academy**  
*with Flight Academy Instructors*

Monday, October 6  
1:00 to 3:00

Terre Haute Regional Airport  
581 S. Airport St., Terre Haute  
Cost: \$10    Limit: 45

Take off on an insider's tour of Indiana State University's Flight Academy at Terre Haute Regional Airport. Led by a certified instructor, this interactive visit highlights ISU's modern classrooms, free simulator lab, and fleet of advanced training aircraft equipped with industry-relevant technology. Learn how ISU's FAA Part 141 program compares to Part 61 schools, and explore the observation deck overlooking a dynamic airfield. The experience concludes with a detailed overview of cadet pathways, departmental resources, and financial planning. Enjoy an ideal introduction to one of the Midwest's premier collegiate aviation training environments.



## **A Bowl Full of Fun Soup Making 101**

*with Gabby & Wyatt Sons*

Monday, October 20  
1:00 to 2:30

ISU Health & Human Services Building Food Lab B-29  
Cost: \$40    Limit: 12    RSVP: October 6

Celebrate soup season with Gabby and Wyatt Sons from Sons' Spice Company! This class focuses on crafting delicious, flavorful soups from scratch. Participants learn techniques for developing rich flavors at every stage of the soup-making process, from selecting aromatics to caramelizing ingredients. Each student builds a custom pot of soup to enjoy during class and take home. Soup options include Roasted Butternut Squash, Loaded Potato, and Cozy Autumn Wild Rice. This hands-on experience promises a hearty, homemade meal, perfect for the autumn chill.

## **Swope Art Tour Wichita & Kansas City**

October 21-24  
Load Bus at 6:30 a.m.  
ISU Lot D at 9th St. & Eagle St.

\$888 (2/rm), \$820 (3/rm), \$786 (4/rm), \$1091 (1/rm)  
Limit: 55    RSVP: September 10

Join OLLI & the Swope for an art-inspired journey to Wichita and Kansas City. The tour begins in St. Joseph, MO, with visits to the Walter Cronkite Museum and the Pony Express Museum. In Wichita, the tour includes the Wichita Art Museum, the Botanical Gardens, and dinner and local art at the Monarch Restaurant. Kansas City offers visits to the Hallmark Visitors Center, the Nelson Atkins Museum with its outdoor sculpture trail, and shopping at Country Club Plaza. The trip concludes with the Arabia Steamboat Museum, displaying artifacts from an 1856 steamboat recovery. This trip includes deluxe motor coach transportation, lodging, meals, and admissions.

## **Spirit of Scotland ISU Performing Arts Series**

Tuesday, October 21  
7:30 p.m.

ISU Tilson Auditorium  
200 N. 7th St., Terre Haute  
Cost: \$24    Limit: 12

Experience the heart and soul of Scotland through a captivating blend of music, song, and dance in the Spirit of Scotland Show. Direct from Edinburgh's historic Old Town, this first-class production transports audiences to the Scottish highlands, islands, and iconic cities through performances by world-class musicians, singers, and champion Scottish dancers. Traditional dances like the Highland Fling and Sword Dance are reimaged alongside modern choreography, creating a dynamic celebration of Scotland's cultural heritage. Enjoy beloved Scottish songs such as "Auld Lang Syne," "Loch Lomond," and "Skye Boat Song," alongside contemporary classics and original compositions.

## **Exploring Concert Repertoire Rach's Third**

*with Dr. Samantha Johnson-Helms & Friends*

Friday, October 24  
1:00 to 2:30

Cunningham Memorial Library Room 028  
Cost: FREE to OLLI Members    Limit: 45

Experience a captivating preview of the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra's November 1, 2025 concert, *Rach's Third*. World-class pianist Fei-Fei brings Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 3* to life with unmatched technical brilliance and emotional depth. The Shostakovich *Symphony No. 9* showcases the virtuosity of THSO musicians in a witty, satirical work that was condemned by Soviet critics after its debut. The program opens with Valerie Coleman's *Seven O'Clock Shout*, a stirring tribute to frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. This compelling concert blends passion, humor, and heartfelt recognition of resilience and artistry.

## **Harvest Nights at Newfields**

Wednesday, October 29

Load Bus at 3:00 p.m.  
Southside Parking Lot of Haute City Center  
Park Across from Ollie's

Cost: \$138    Limit: 10    RSVP: October 1

Get ready for an evening of fall magic as Harvest Nights returns to The Garden at Newfields for its sixth season! Wander through Mischief Manor and meet the friendly spirits, The Three Graces. Follow the Pumpkin Path of Peril through fog-filled forests, feel the rumble of the Ghost Train, and marvel at tens of thousands of glowing pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns lighting the way. Mischief Manor will be open for exploration, offering surprises around every corner. Round-trip motor coach transportation from Vincennes, Sullivan, and Terre Haute is included, along with dinner (TBD) and admission to this dazzling autumn event.

## **The Big Chill Winterizing Your Landscape**

*with Fred Sanders*

Friday, October 31  
10:00 to 11:30

The Apple House  
2611 Harding Ave., Terre Haute  
Cost: \$10    Limit: 20

Join Fred Sanders from the Apple House for a timely and informative class on winterizing the home landscape. This session covers essential techniques to prepare trees, shrubs, flower beds, and lawns for the challenges of winter. Topics include proper pruning, mulching, pest prevention, and protecting delicate plants from frost damage. Participants will also learn how to evaluate soil health and manage seasonal transitions to promote long-term plant vitality. With decades of horticultural experience, Fred brings practical advice and expert insight to this hands-on program, ideal for gardeners and homeowners looking to preserve a healthy, thriving landscape year-round.

## **Rach's Third Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra**

Saturday, November 1  
7:30 p.m.

ISU Tilson Auditorium  
200 N. 7th St., Terre Haute  
Cost: \$38    Limit: 10

Experience an evening of extraordinary music as the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra presents *Rach's Third*, a concert showcasing compelling works that span eras and emotions. Internationally acclaimed pianist Fei-Fei brings her renowned technical mastery and expressive interpretation to the Sergei Rachmaninoff *Piano Concerto No. 3*, a virtuosic and emotionally charged masterpiece. Shostakovich's *Symphony No. 9*, a witty yet provocative work condemned by Soviet critics in 1945, highlights the impressive skill and versatility of THSO musicians. Opening the program is Valerie Coleman's *Seven O'Clock Shout*, a stirring tribute to frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, celebrating resilience and community.

## **Blazing A Trail The History & Future of the THFD**

*with Captains Nicholas Arnold & Jason Kane*

Friday, November 7  
11:00 to 12:30

Terre Haute Fire Department Station 5  
9th St. & Ohio St.  
Cost: \$10    Limit: 30

Join Terre Haute Fire Department Captains Nick Arnold and Jason Kane for an in-depth look at the past, present, and future of the fire service. Explore the rich history of firefighting and the unique legacy of the Terre Haute Fire Department. Learn about the evolving challenges firefighters face in today's society, from staffing and safety to community engagement. The session also highlights new technologies and the department's future goals as it continues to adapt and serve the public. This informative program offers a behind-the-scenes perspective from two experienced fire service professionals.

### **Tour Gibault** **A Legacy of Healing**

*with Melissa Reed & Keith Madley*

Friday, November 14  
10:00 to 1:00

Gibault  
6401 S. US Hwy.41, Terre Haute  
Cost: \$10      Limit: 30

Explore Gibault, a residential treatment facility founded in 1921 by the Indiana Knights of Columbus, serving at-risk youth aged 6-21. This 360-acre campus tour includes living units, recreational areas, the accredited school, and the memorabilia room. Gibault supports boys and girls with emotional disturbances, behavioral challenges, learning disabilities, and autism spectrum diagnoses. Gibault's intensive, individualized treatment approach is crucial to meet the educational, emotional, spiritual, and social needs of the students. Lunch with the youth provides a direct account of experiences and the vital impact of Gibault's programs.

### ***Les Misérables***

Thursday, November 20

Load Bus at 9:00 a.m.  
Southside Parking Lot of Haute City Center  
Park Across from Ollie's

Cost: \$212      Limit: 10      RSVP: October 15

Calling all Broadway lovers! Experience the powerful story of *Les Misérables* at the stunning Fabulous Fox Theater in St. Louis. This timeless musical, based on Victor Hugo's classic novel, follows Jean Valjean's journey from ex-convict to hero in a moving tale of redemption, justice, and love. Enjoy floor-level orchestra seats (Rows E-L) putting the viewer close to the both the action and the unforgettable songs. The day includes a stop for lunch at the Blue Springs Café and a fast-food break on the way home. Round-trip deluxe motor coach transportation from Vincennes, Sullivan, and Terre Haute is also included.

### **Beef & Boards: *Tootsie***

Wednesday, November 19

Load Bus at 9:30 a.m.  
Southside Parking Lot of Haute City Center  
Park Across from Ollie's

Cost: \$158      Limit: 10      RSVP: November 4

Get ready to laugh out loud at *Tootsie*, the hit musical comedy based on the beloved 1982 film! Follow the hilarious journey of Michael Dorsey, a struggling actor who reinvents himself as the bold and sassy "Dorothy Michaels" to land his dream role. While audiences fall for Dorothy, Michael finds himself falling for the woman of his dreams. This outrageous and heartwarming story takes center stage at Beef & Boards in Indianapolis. The trip includes round-trip motor coach transportation from Vincennes, Sullivan, and Terre Haute, a delicious buffet meal, and reserved seating for the show. Rated R for adult language and themes.

### **Guardians of the Crossroads** **A THPD Tour Experience**

*with Lt. Justin Sears*

Friday, November 21  
10:00 to 11:30

Terre Haute Police Department  
222 S. 7th St., Terre Haute  
Cost: \$10      Limit: 40

Join Lieutenant Justin Sears, Terre Haute Police Department Public Information Officer, for an exclusive tour of the Terre Haute Police Department. Learn how the agency serves the community, beginning with a brief history of the department. The tour provides an overview of the patrol, investigations, and administrative divisions, and a fascinating look into specialized units like K-9 and SWAT. A guided walk-through of the building is included, offering a firsthand glimpse into daily operations. There will be ample time for questions at the end of the program. Discover the dedicated work of the Terre Haute Police Department!



## ***Christmas in the Air*** **ISU Performing Arts Series**

Wednesday, December 3  
7:30 p.m.

ISU Tilson Auditorium  
200 N. 7th St., Terre Haute  
Cost: \$24    Limit: 12

Step into a winter wonderland with *Christmas in the Air*, a dazzling production featuring synchronized Rockette-style dancers, world-class singers, and beloved holiday characters. This variety show blends classic holiday tunes with modern favorites, brought to life through stunning choreography by Ann Cooley, a veteran Radio City Rockette. Created and directed by acclaimed producer Jeb K. Rand, whose credits include *Radio City's Christmas Spectacular*, the production delivers heartwarming storytelling through enchanting music, vibrant costumes, and captivating performances. With joyful audience participation and spectacular staging, *Christmas in the Air* is a must-see holiday experience for the entire family.

## **Celebrate the Holidays** **Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra**

Saturday, December 6  
7:30 p.m.

ISU Tilson Auditorium  
200 N. 7th St., Terre Haute  
Cost: \$35    Limit: 10

Celebrate the warmth and wonder of the holiday season with the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra and acclaimed vocalist Justin John Moniz. This festive concert features a delightful selection of joyful melodies and cherished holiday classics that capture the spirit of the season. The evening also marks the return of David Bowden, the THSO's retired Artistic Director, in his new role as Principal Guest Conductor, bringing his signature warmth and artistry to the podium. Join the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra for an unforgettable evening of music that will lift spirits, evoke fond memories, and inspire holiday cheer for audiences of all ages.

## ***Winter Nights at Newfields***

Tuesday, December 9

Load Bus at 3:00 p.m.  
Southside Parking Lot of Haute City Center  
Park Across from Ollie's

Cost: \$138    Limit: 10    RSVP: November 12

Celebrate the season with a magical evening at the Newfields Art Museum in Indianapolis. The breathtaking *Winterlights* display transforms the grounds into a glowing wonderland, with over a million and a half twinkling lights, dazzling trees, and photo-worthy moments—like a giant illuminated ornament and the enchanting Twinkling Trail. Color Blossoms light the pathways as guests stroll through this unforgettable holiday experience. The evening begins with a delicious meal at The Coachman in Plainfield before heading to Newfields at nightfall. Enjoy hot chocolate, s'mores, and a festive atmosphere sure to spark the holiday spirit. Round-trip motor coach transportation is included.

## **Yuletide Celebration**

Saturday, December 13

Load Bus at 9:00 a.m.  
Southside Parking Lot of Haute City Center  
Park Across from Ollie's

Cost: \$200    Limit: 10    RSVP: November 10

Celebrate the season with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's beloved *Yuletide Celebration*, a cherished holiday tradition. This festive performance features Christmas classics brought to life by the world-class Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, along with guest soloists, dancers, and a choir. Held in the elegant Hilbert Theater, the concert offers an unforgettable experience in a setting known for its exceptional acoustics and beauty. Before the matinee performance, enjoy a delicious family-style meal at the charming Hollyhock Hill Restaurant. Round-trip deluxe motor coach transportation from Vincennes, Sullivan, and Terre Haute is included. Don't miss this joyful way to ring in the holidays!

# Osher Online

\$60    Limit 13    RSVP by September 17

## Welcome to OsherOnline!

Learn from premier instructors with OLLI members from across the nation!

Osher Online was created by the Osher National Resource Center (NRC) at Northwestern University to expand member access, increase institute collaboration, share resources, and ensure the legacy of the Osher Institutes. Classes are delivered by the Osher NRC who will provide moderators and technical assistance.

After registering for Osher Online classes, students will receive a welcome email from the Osher NRC that includes an Osher Online username and password as well as a link to the Osher Online Website, through which classes will be accessed. The website holds the class Zoom link, syllabus, discussion board, and Customer Care contact information.

Students will also have access to a pre-class orientation full of helpful information for accessing their classes.

It is recommended that students test their ability to log in prior to the start date of each new class. On class days, students are also encouraged to log on 10-15 minutes before the start time to provide ample opportunity to get tech support and troubleshooting from the NRC if necessary.

### The Life & Times of Nikola Tesla

With **Marc Seifer, PhD**

Mondays, October 6, 13, 20, 27 November 3, 10  
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Explore the extraordinary life and innovations of Nikola Tesla in this engaging course tracing his journey from early education to scientific legend. The class examines Tesla's pioneering work in electricity and wireless technology, including his collaboration—and rivalry—with Thomas Edison, and his partnership with George Westinghouse during the famed "War of the Currents." Learn how Tesla's inventions shaped the modern world, from the lighting of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair to wireless communication. Topics also include his lesser-known projects such as the telautomaton, the Wardenclyffe Tower, World War-era experiments, and the mysterious particle beam weapon he sought to sell during World War II.

**Marc Seifer, PhD** is the author of more than 100 articles and a dozen books, including the acclaimed *Wizard: The Life & Times of Nikola Tesla* and *Tesla: Wizard at War*.

### From Bauhaus to Brutalism

With **Eleanor Schrader**

Mondays, October 6, 13, 20, 27 November 3, 10  
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The post–World War I era saw a dramatic shift away from traditional 19th-century architecture, as designers and thinkers embraced modern aesthetics, new materials, and evolving societal needs. Each architectural movement responded to social and political changes, influencing both residential and commercial structures. This course explores the inspirations and innovations behind major architectural styles, including Bauhaus, International Style, Art Deco, Midcentury Modernism, and Postmodernism. Through these movements, the course examines how architecture has continually adapted to shape and reflect the built environment.

**Eleanor Schrader**, an award-winning educator and author, lectures worldwide on art and architectural history. She is a UCLA Extension distinguished instructor and Professor Emerita at Santa Monica College.

## From Revolution to Civil Rights

With John Langellier

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28 November 4, 11  
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

African Americans have served in every U.S. military conflict, fighting for both their country and their own rights. From Black patriots in the Revolutionary War to the 180,000 African Americans who fought for the Union in the Civil War, their contributions have shaped American history. After the war, Black soldiers gained congressional approval to enlist in the peacetime Army, leading to the formation of the “Buffalo Soldiers.” This course traces their service from the War of 1812 to World War II, highlighting their valor in conflicts abroad and their struggle against segregation and discrimination at home. It is the story of their resilience, sacrifice, and fight for equality in a nation that often failed to recognize their service.

**John Langellier** has spent decades researching African Americans in the US military. His work includes articles and books such as *More Work Than Glory: Buffalo Soldiers in the United States Army* and *Buffalo Soldiers in Arizona*.

## Creative Conservation

With Stephanie Arne

Wednesdays, October 8, 15, 22, 29 November 5, 12  
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

This course is designed to educate, entertain, and empower individuals to become more effective stewards of the natural world. Through real-life conservation stories, drawn from the instructor’s personal experiences and her time as host of *Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom*, Ms. Arne highlights the impact of passionate individuals working together to address complex environmental challenges. The course explores how diverse perspectives and unique skills contribute to conservation efforts, offering participants practical ways to take meaningful action in protecting wildlife and ecosystems.

**Stephanie Arne** is an international wildlife conservationist, expedition guide, and storyteller. She is the former host of *Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom* and has appeared on *Animal Planet*, *The Weather Channel*, *The Harry Connick Jr. Show*, and *The Drew Barrymore Show*.

## Impressionism: Color, Light, Leisure

With Lauren Weingarden, PhD

Thursdays, October 9, 16, 23, 30 November 6, 13  
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Impressionist painters revolutionized art with a new style that emphasized changing atmospheric effects and luminous color harmonies. Their unblended brushstrokes of pure color and simple compositions broke dramatically with traditional pictorial techniques. Rejecting historical, mythological, and religious themes, they instead focused on the rapidly shifting aspects of modern life—capturing scenes from the countryside, the home, and the city. This course examines the work of Monet, Renoir, Degas, Cassatt, and Morisot from the 1860s to the 1910s, exploring their stylistic and technical innovations, personal lives, and the cultural forces shaping their artistry.

**Lauren Weingarden**, Professor Emerita of Art History at Florida State University, researches 19th-century art and literature, particularly Louis Sullivan, Charles Baudelaire, and Edouard Manet.

## Legendary Great Lakes Shipwrecks

With Anna Lardinois

Thursdays, October 9, 16, 23, 30 November 6, 13  
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Beneath the surface of the Great Lakes lie thousands of shipwrecks, each with a story to tell. This course brings these lost vessels back to life through vivid storytelling and historical exploration. The course examines the tragic sinking of the *Lady Elgin*, the haunting legacy of the Eastland, the mystery of the Western Reserve, and the enduring legend of the Edmund Fitzgerald, alongside other unforgettable wrecks that shaped the history of the Great Lakes. More than just maritime history, this course uncovers the human stories behind these disasters, the forces that doomed them, and the myths that linger today.

**Anna Lardinois** is an author, storyteller, and history enthusiast with a passion for uncovering dramatic and often chilling tales from the past. She is the author of *Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes: Tragedies and Legacies from the Inland Seas* (2021) and more than a dozen books on history, folklore, and ghostly legends.

## The Films of Cassavetes & Rowlands

With **Heather Brown, PhD**

Fridays, October 10, 17, 24, 31 November 7, 14  
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This course explores the groundbreaking collaborations between John Cassavetes and Gena Rowlands, two of independent cinema's most influential figures. Cassavetes revolutionized American filmmaking with raw, character-driven storytelling, while Rowlands' deeply expressive performances are among the most mesmerizing in film history. The course examines Cassavetes' unconventional filmmaking methods, such as handheld cinematography, long takes, and spontaneous performances. The course also analyzes Rowlands' emotionally intense acting in landmark roles such as *A Woman Under the Influence* (1974), *Opening Night* (1977), and *Gloria* (1980). And finally, the course explores the collaborative nature of Cassavetes' productions, his rejection of Hollywood conventions, and his lasting impact on contemporary filmmaking.

**Heather Brown** holds a PhD in English with a concentration in rhetoric and composition from the University of Maryland.

## Peeking Inside the Black Box

With **Johnnie Hendrickson, PhD**

Tuesdays, October 14, 21, 28 November 4, 11, 18  
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For anyone who has ever felt like scientists are constantly changing their minds, this course offers a behind-the-scenes look at the scientific process, exploring how modern science developed and what scientists actually do. The course examines what makes research reliable, delving into the strengths and weaknesses of scientific methodology. The course uncovers common pitfalls and identifies red flags for pseudoscience and untrustworthy findings. Rather than relying on blind faith, participants will learn how to evaluate research critically and find trust in the scientific process. This approach provides tools to assess research and guide decisions about health, behavior, and the environment.

**Dr. Johnnie Hendrickson** is a Teaching Professor in the School of Molecular Sciences at Arizona State University. He holds a PhD in chemistry and is the author of the textbook *Chemistry in the World*.

## American History in Six Songs

With **Matt Jennings, PhD**

Tuesdays, October 14, 21, 28 November 4, 11, 18  
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Music matters everywhere, and America's varied musical heritage offers a profound way to understand crucial moments in its history. This course explores Indigenous expressions, the impact of colonial invasion, the profound influence of forced African migration, and the significant cultural shifts of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. Through the interplay of diverse musical genres and traditions, the course examines how music effectively captures the evolving American experience.

**Matt Jennings, PhD** is Professor of History at Middle Georgia State University. He has authored several books on Native American and local history, including *New Worlds of Violence*, *The Flower Hunter and the People*, and *Ocmulgee National Monument: A Brief History with Field Notes*. While he specializes in Native American history, he teaches in a variety of fields, including the history of music in America.

## The Telephone 150 Years Later

With **Bernard Carlson**

Wednesdays, October 15, 22, 29 November 5, 12, 19  
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

More than any other invention of the past 150 years, the telephone transformed how we communicate and conduct business. This course explores Alexander Graham Bell's groundbreaking 1875 concept for transmitting sound over an electric wire. It delves into his struggles to commercialize the telephone with his father-in-law, Gardiner Hubbard, and his rivalry with inventors Elisha Gray and Thomas Edison. The course also examines the rise and fall of AT&T as a corporate giant and the evolution from wired networks to today's cellular and smartphone technologies, highlighting the profound impact of this invention.

**Bernard (Bernie) Carlson** is Vaughan Professor Emeritus of Humanities at the University of Virginia and an expert on invention, entrepreneurship, and the role of technology in society. Now based in Ireland, he directs the MS program in AgInnovation at the University of Galway.



## In Darwin's Footsteps

With Eric Simon, PhD

Thursdays, October 16, 23, 30 November 6, 13, 20  
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

From 1831-1836, Charles Darwin circumnavigated the globe aboard the HMS Beagle. In the Galapagos Islands and elsewhere, Darwin collected data that, after decades of study and reflection, formed part of the basis for his publication *On the Origin of Species*. The ideas presented in that volume remain the foundation of all modern biological thought. Drawing upon original source materials and the instructor's photos, this course presents the historical and cultural context of Darwin's era, follows the five-year journey, discusses how Darwin came to his ideas, and explains his theories in detail.

**Dr. Eric Simon**, professor of Biology at New England College, received his PhD in biochemistry from Harvard University. Dr. Simon is the author of a widely used series of college biology textbooks that help teach biology to students in over 40 countries.

## Graceful Exits

With Aleen Bayard, PhD

Mondays, October 20, 27 November 3, 10, 17, 24  
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

This course explores the complex issue of Death with Dignity, also known as assisted suicide, through its historical development, ethical debates, legal frameworks, and cultural perspectives. The movement gained national attention through the advocacy of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, sparking widespread discussion on end-of-life choices. Participants will critically examine evolving policies on physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia while engaging in thoughtful discussions on this sensitive and often controversial topic. Designed to educate and foster awareness, this course provides a comprehensive look at the ethical and legal dimensions of end-of-life decision-making.

**Aleen Bayard, PhD** is an adjunct faculty member at Northwestern University, teaching leadership and change management. Bayard holds degrees from Stanford, Columbia, and Northwestern; she earned her doctorate from Benedictine University.

## The Power of One in Spielberg Films

With Bernard Epps

Mondays, October 20, 27 November 3, 10, 17, 24  
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

In Steven Spielberg's Academy Award-winning *Schindler's List* (1993), a character quotes from scripture: "He who saves a life saves the world entire." Through scene-by-scene analysis, this course explores variations on this theme across a selection of Spielberg films. With a focus on dialogue and action that reveal characters' inner beliefs and moral choices, this course examines how the world is saved—or not. The class analyzes the following films: *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *Lincoln*, *Bridge of Spies*, *Saving Private Ryan*, *Munich*, and of course, *Schindler's List*.

**Bernard (Butch) Epps** earned his undergraduate degree from Loyola Marymount University, graduating cum laude as an award-winning film production major. He received his MFA from the UCLA School of Film and Television's graduate Producers Program, where he specialized in story development and working with screenwriters.

## The Magic of Motown

With Mike Agron

Tuesdays, October 28 November 4, 11, 18, 25 December 2  
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Stop in the name of Love! This course explores Motown's golden era from the late 1950s to the 1970s, a period marked by groundbreaking songwriting, iconic artists, and profound social influence. The course will focus on how Motown's innovative production methods shaped its timeless sound, broke racial barriers, and adapted to shifting cultural landscapes to achieve worldwide acclaim. Featuring legendary artists and curated tracks and videos, this course concludes with a celebration of Motown's transformative first 25 years. Experience the enduring magic of Motown and its lasting impact on music and culture!

**Mike Agron** grew up in LA, the heart of the recording and entertainment industry. He loved music so much he wanted to become a recording engineer. Fate had different plans, and he ended up with a successful career in hi-tech, including founding a webinar marketing agency. He has fulfilled his musical and entertainment passions by offering his popular seminars to learners across the country.

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Registrations can be taken online, through the mail, or over the phone, though online registration is the most efficient and preferred method of registration. Registrations are non-transferable; no day-of or walk-in registrations accepted. Those who present themselves at a course or event without registration will not be permitted to attend.

## Program Cancellation/Refund

In the event a program is canceled due to weather or other circumstances beyond the Institute's control, members will be notified by email and/or phone of the cancellation. If Indiana State University is closed or cancelled for any reason, OLLI at ISU programs will also be cancelled. Check local television and radio stations for notices of university closure. Cancelled programs may be rescheduled, and if so, those members enrolled in those programs may choose to either attend on the rescheduled date or receive a full refund. If the program is not rescheduled, members will receive a full refund. Members who cancel a program registration will only receive a full refund if the following criteria are met: cancellation is received in the OLLI office 15 business days prior to the first meeting of any Course or Osher Online Course, cancellation is received in the OLLI office 30 business days prior to the event for a Special Event and/or 30 business days prior to the departure date for all day trips and overnight trips.

## Program Accessibility

OLLI at ISU tries to accommodate persons with disabilities; however, several programs are off the Indiana State University campus and are out of the control of OLLI or ISU. Please call the OLLI office at (812) 237-2336 to discuss your needs.

# How To Register Online

## New Members

### Step One: Find OLLI Online

Type [indianastate.edu/olli](http://indianastate.edu/olli) into your browser search bar.

### Step Two: Register

Click on the blue bar that says **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**.

### Step Three: Create Membership Account

You must set up a membership account in order to register. It's easy. Click through the following sequence.

- **SIGN UP** (complete the online registration page)
- **ADD ACCOUNT** (takes you to the MY ACCOUNT page)
- Go to **COURSES** followed by
- **Osher Lifelong Learning** followed by
- **OLLI 2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP** followed by
- **ENROLL YOURSELF** or **SOMEONE ELSE** followed by
- **SAVE TO CART**

This sets up your membership and allows you to ADD MORE COURSES by returning to the Course Schedule by Program/Osher Lifelong Learning again.

### Step Four: Checkout

After making your selections, **PROCEED TO CHECKOUT**

### Step Five: Payment

Have your credit or debit card ready to submit your payment information which completes your registration. You will receive a receipt from the software system.

## Returning Members

- Follow Step #1 and Step #2, then click **LOG ON** located on the top blue ribbon bar.
- Log on by entering the **EMAIL ADDRESS** you used when you signed up for OLLI at Indiana State, then enter your **PASSWORD**. This would be the password you created the first time you logged onto the OLLI registration system.
- If you have never registered online or if you have forgotten your password, you still have an account under your email address; click on **FORGOT/DON'T KNOW?** to reset your password.
- **Suggestion #1:** Use the Program Guide and Registration Form to plan ahead.
- **Suggestion #2:** Have your credit card ready because the payment portion of the registration software is time sensitive.

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