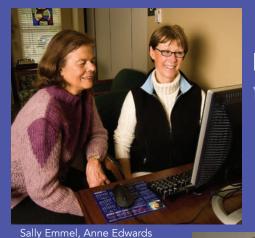
OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT where curious minds gather



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Bob O'Shaughnessy

Because your TV only talks at you, not with you

Because you have gifts of experience to share



Dorothy Turner

Because you would have loved school if there had been no exams

Why do you belong at OSHER?

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT is a membership-led organization that stimulates minds and forges friendships among people 50 and older who live in Greater Rochester.

Our days are filled with classes, discussions, talks, social events, and travel – but never exams. Offerings span a wide range of topics, including the arts, literature, sciences, history, and government.

OSHER. There are a million-and-one reasons why curious minds gather. Discover yours!

Come for the courses. Stay for the people

That's what happens at Osher. People come for the intellectual stimulation and challenge, and discover along the way that there are friendships to be made and experiences to be shared.

We offer 40-50 or more courses each term, from onesession courses for those who like big ideas in small packages to courses that meet weekly over the entire 8 to 10-week session. Courses are suggested and led by members.

Fall Course Listings begin on page 7

Osher members come in all shapes and sizes, and from all walks of life. You don't need to be an RIT alum, or have an MBA or an MD after your name. You don't even have to have prior college experience. You only need to love learning... and to be 50 or older.

Beyond courses: from lectures to expeditions to dances to art exhibitions...

Discover what else is included in your annual Osher membership:

Pfaudler Enrichment Series

This speakers program is held every Thursday at noon, and features Osher members as well as guest lecturers. Bring your lunch! **Schedule:** page 14

Summer Seminars & Intersessions

Discovery/Adventure learning experiences are capped by expeditions to complementary destinations during our Summer Seminars. Intersessions are betweensession expeditions to local museums and cultural attractions.

Social Activities

Picnics, parties, holiday celebrations... there's always something fun happening. **Events and dates: page 5**

(Front Cover Photo: Joyce Barley, Andy Ludwick, Nita Genova)

"Sometimes you meet new people and you just talk on the surface for 10 or 15 minutes and then you don't have anything to talk about anymore. At Osher it seems you always have something to talk about with people, because they have a variety of interests—sports, literature, history. They travel. They're interested in other people..."

Travel, Tours, Field Trips

Member-organized and led, generally within a day's travel time. We've enjoyed Hudson River Valley and Val Kill, and the Toronto Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls. (Additional fees cover actual travel expenses.)

Osher Gallery

Works of art by members are displayed on a rotating basis at The Athenaeum Building. Enjoy – or exhibit your own work.

And then there are the perks of a regular membership...

RIT Student Identification Card. A pass to RIT campus facilities, your ID card entitles you to:

- Student admission rates for campus events.
- Check-out privileges at the RIT Library.
- Student discounts at the Campus Bookstore. Save hundreds on computer hardware and software!
- Access to campus fitness facilities at a reduced rate.
- Good for student discounts around town, too.

RIT Liberal Arts Courses, after your first year

Listen in on about 100 RIT liberal arts courses. Hang out with a younger crowd, and still no exams! Pick up a catalog at our reception desk or download a PDF Course list from our web site at http://osher.rit.edu

Audiology Services

State-of-the-art hearing evaluation and hearing aid service and purchase are available at significant savings through RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID).

Osher Library

Books are contributed and maintained by members; borrow books on an extended-time basis. No late fees!

Visit our web site at http://osher.rit.edu for more detail on our programs, our people, membership, ways to get involved...

LEFT TO RIGHT: Bob O'Shaughnessy, Sheryl de Jonge-Lovenbruck, Marvin Fishman, Linda Lowenstein, Dorothy Turner, Deborah Lazor

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There's a membership level to suit your needs

Read about our membership options on page 16.





REGISTRATION OPENS 9/6 at 10 am

Online Registration Guide

Visit our website at

osher.rit.edu

and click on

Osher Online Registration System
in the right-hand column

STEP 1 (for current members):

If you haven't retrieved your temporary username and password, please click on **FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD?** to retrieve your temporary username and password.

On the **Login Help** page, enter your email address and click on **Submit**. The system will send your temporary username and password via email.

Once you receive your temporary username and password, enter them to the right and click on **Login**.

After logging in, click on **My Account** in the header to display the **My Account** page. Delete your temporary username and enter a new personal username of your choice; click on **Save**.

Click on **Change Password** in the header, and enter a new password of your choice. Click on **Submit**.

You are required to perform Step 1 *only once.* Proceed to Step 2.

You can see the courses you are enrolled in at any time by logging in, clicking on **My Account**, then **Account Registrations**.

STEP 2: Login to register for courses

It is recommended that you select courses for each day from the Osher catalog before registering online.

Enter your personal username and password, and click on **Login.**

Click on the Term drop down box and select Fall.

Click on the **Day drop down box** and select the day, then click on **Search**.

If the course is available, click on **Register** to transfer to the **Select Members** page, then follow the instructions.

NOTE: As you register, the system will track the number of courses you've selected during this session.

You will be notified that your selections have been saved.

Click on Complete My Registration.

STEP 3: Completing Registration

Verify your schedule, then click on the **Continue** button at the bottom of this page. You will be transferred to the **Registration Complete** page, where you can print a list of the courses in which you have enrolled.

At this point, the registration process is complete.

IMPORTANT: If your membership expires in the Fall and you are not paying online, make sure to get your payment to the office **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 6** to ensure that you will be able to register.

YOU MUST BE CURRENT WITH YOUR PAYMENT IN ORDER TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES.

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OSHER Calendar: 2011 - 2012

Fall 2011							
September	Wednesday	14	Course Leaders' Meeting				
	Monday	19	First Day, Fall Term (5 and 10 Weeks)				
	Wednesday	28	New Member Orientation				
October	Friday	21	Last Day, 1st 5-Week Term				
	Monday	24	Winter Course Proposal Forms Due				
	Monday	24	First Day, 2nd 5-Week Term				
November	Monday – Friday	21 – 25	Thanksgiving Break				
December	Friday	2	Last Day, Fall Term				
	December 5 - January	6 — Winter Break	(no classes)				
Winter 2012							
January	Wednesday	4	Course Preview				
	Wednesday	4	Course Leaders' Meeting				
	Monday	9	First Day, Winter Term (5 and 9 Weeks)				
	Monday – Friday	9 – 13	Osher Open House				
	Monday	23	Spring Course Proposal Forms Due				
	Wednesday	25	New Member Orientation				
February	Friday	10	Last Day, 5-Week Term				
	Monday	13	First Day, 4-Week Term				
March	Friday	9	Last Day, Winter Term				
	March 12 - March 21 — Spring Break (no classes)						
Spring 2012							
March	Wednesday	21	Course Leaders' Meeting				
	Wednesday	21	Course Preview				
	Monday	26	First Day, Spring Term (4 and 8 Weeks)				
	Monday – Friday	26 – 30	Osher Open House				
April	Wednesday	11	New Member Orientation				
	Friday	20	Last Day, 1st 4-Week Term				
	Monday	23	First Day, 2nd 4-Week Term				
May	Friday	4	Annual Meeting				
	Friday	18	Last Day, Spring Term				
	Monday	28	Fall Course Proposal Forms Due				
		TBA	Spring Social Event				
	May 21 - June 18 — Si	ummer Break (no c	classes)				
Summer 2012							
June	Monday	18	First Day, Summer Term				
June, July, August	uly, August Summer Seminar Series, Travel/Tour and Intersession Activities (Programs and Dates to be announced)						
Fall 2012							
September	Monday	17	First Day, Fall Term (5 and 10 Weeks)				

	9:00 – 10:30 am	10:45 am – 12:15 pm	1.00 - 3.00 pm
	Neurologic Disease in ArtistsF1	The Athenaeum Book ClubF5	1:00 – 3:00 pm Express Yourself in Writing
	Joshua Hollander French for BeginnersF2	This course meets three times: 9/19, 10/17, and 11/14	Pat Edelman Good Golly! It's Bolly! IV
	Roslyn Rubin	Charmaine Babineau & Janice Shapiro	Nita Genova
	Current EventsF3 Con Sullivan	One-Session Courses Various Leaders	The Short Stories of Joyce Carol Oates Lewis Neisner
	Civil Liberties: What and Why F4 Daan Zwick		Becoming Human
	9:00 – 10:30 am	10:45 am – 12:15 pm	1:00 – 2:30 pm
	Ancient History of Mesopotamia: The Cradle of CivilizationF10	Football 101: History, Economics, and Basics of the GameF14	PowerPoint Basics
Marie Levin The New YorkerF11 Steve Levinson & Joan Dupont		Bob Getz	Brian Ives Poetic Visions
		Spanish for Beginners	Gary Lehmann
	Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday F12 Lewis Neisner	Roslyn Rubin Irish History:	The Meditations.
	Manipulation of Digital Images . F13 Ed Salem	1923 to the Present F16 Con Sullivan	Presidential Leadership
	Ed Salem	Flickstory F17 Bob Vukosic	Memoir Writing Techniques Flo Smith
			U.S. Immigration: A History F Phil Weisberg
	9:00 – 10:30 am	10:45 am – 12:15 pm	1:00 – 2:30 pm
	Beginning Italian	Advanced Italian	Irish Literature
	Memoirs	Contemporary Events F29 June Clase	Duke Ellington 1925 – 1945 Peter Luce
	The Civil War through Motion Pictures: Part I	Shakespeare on Love F30 Harvey Granite	Collapse F Jim Roddy & Dick Jones
	Inequality of Wealth	Understanding the Human Brain F31 Alex Marcus	
	9:30 – 11:30 am	12:00 – 1:00 pm	1:30 – 3:30 pm
	Participate in Life F35 Stillman Clark	Pfaudler Enrichment Series	How the Earth Works
•	You Be the Critic		N. Scott Momaday: Father of
	a film discussion group F36 Burt Freedman & Bea Slizewski		Native American Literature F Sheryl de Jonge-Loavenbruck
	How Geology Created		The Cognitive–Behavioral
	the Empire State F37 Tim McDonnell		Theory of Personality F Barry & Susan McVay
	The Children's Book		The Children's Book
	by A.S. Byatt Session IF38 Francia Roe		by A.S. Byatt Session II
			Current Events in Science & Technology
	9:00 – 11:00 am	11:15 am – 12:45 pm	Julian Thomas & John O'Sullivan
	Old Time Radio	German for Beginners	REFERENCE KEY
	Bob Hilliard Buddha and Muhammad F45	11 Aztec Kings	☐ 1st Session, 5 weeks (September 19 – October 2
	Howard Maslich Dark Dreams:	Physics in Everyday Life F49 Avri Michaeli	2nd Session, 5 weeks (October 24 – December 2)
	The Gangster Film in America . F46 Mary Anne Satter	Flannery O'Connor:	Full session, 10 weeks

classes

Fall 2011 Course Schedule

Neurologic Disease in Artists F1

The artist is broadly defined and includes graphic, musical, and writing. Many have neurologic diseases which may affect their creativity. Half of each class will deal with the artist's productivity and half about the disease. An attempt will be made to cover varying diseases and artistic endeavors. A variety of Osher and outside speakers will participate.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Joshua Hollander, a professor emeritus of neurology at the University of Rochester, was chief of neurology at Rochester General Hospital.

Monday: 9:00 - 10:30 am

September 19 – November 28 10 Sessions:

This course is an introduction to the basic elements of the language including listening, speaking, reading, and writing with an integration of culture. We will use audio and visual materials. Everyone is encouraged to speak and participate in an interactive class format. "Soyez les bienvenus!" (Text: Paroles, 3rd edition by Magnan, Berg, and Ozzello. Prices range from \$4-\$50.) Class limit 20 Reading, Workshop, Writing

Roslyn Rubin is a 46-year foreign language teacher who loves languages and has taught grade six through advanced level college courses. Please come and share her love and enthusiasm for the French language and enjoy learning its rich diversity and culture.

Monday: 9:00 - 10:30 am

September 19 – November 28 10 Sessions:

This is a member-led discussion group in which the ideas of all members on crucial world-changing issues are solicited. The issues are suggested by the class members and then discussed. Discussion, Reading

Con Sullivan is interested in current events and attitudes on a wide scale. He is rarely disappointed at the attitudes expressed by the members or by some of the proposed solutions.

9:00 - 10:30 am Monday:

10 Sessions: September 19 – November 28

This course is a presentation and discussion of what our civil liberties are, what they mean to us, and why they are important to us and our country.

Discussion, Lecture

Daan Zwick is a card-carrying lifetime member of the ACLU, a former board member of NYCLU, and a 24year volunteer in the local Genesee Valley chapter of the NYCLU.

Monday: 9:00 - 10:30 am

10 Sessions: September 19 – November 28

This course meets monthly through all three Osher terms and follows the Great Books Discussion format. Course members will nominate and select the six books for the entire year at the first meeting on Monday, September 19. The nominator of each book co-leads when that title is discussed.

Discussion, Peer Group Seminar, Reading

Formerly a junior Great Books leader, Charmaine Babineau relishes fiction, narrative non-fiction, and classic literature. Janice Shapiro, an ardent reader, has led Osher peer group seminars on Darwin and Einstein.

Monday: 10:45 am - 12:15 pm 3 Sessions: 9/19, 10/17, and 11/14

Use your imagination to write short stories on subjects suggested by the course leader, and enjoy the opportunity to write stories you have mentally composed over the years. To assist in improving your skills, a gentle and positive critique of your writing will be included in the class. Outside writing is expected. Discussion, Writing

Pat Edelman is an avid reader and writer, and enjoys encouraging others to write. Her work as a librarian has given her an appreciation of books and of the talent required to write them.

Monday: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

10 Sessions: September 19 – November 28

We will be watching and discussing different genres and eras of Bollywood movies subtitled in English. Known for their length and colorful song-and-dance numbers, movies are chosen for such distinctions as "classic," Oscar-nominated, groundbreaking, or as part of a prominent actor's career development. Oh, yes - and just for entertainment! This course will cover movies not shown in previous courses. Audio/Visual, Discussion

Nita Genova became interested in Bollywood movies four years ago and found them endlessly fascinating. To supplement her enjoyment of the movies, Nita has done extensive reading on the Bollywood industry.

Monday: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

10 Sessions: September 19 – November 28

The Short Stories of Joyce Carol Oates F8

This course will study the short stories of Joyce Carol Oates. She has written some of the most enduring fiction of our time including over 50 novels and 20 collections of short stories. She is the recipient of the National Book Award and the PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in Short Fiction. Many of her stories are set in Western NY State. Students will be expected to read about two stories a week in preparation for the classes. (Text: Joyce Carol Oates, High and Lonesome, New and Selected Short Stories, 1966-2006. Available for around \$15.)

Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Lewis Neisner is a retired college marketing professor. He has previously led Osher courses on the stories of Sherlock Holmes and on jazz and popular music.

Monday: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

10 Sessions: September 19 – November 28

We'll trace the lineage of man from Ardipithecus ramidus to Homo sapiens. Evolutionary biology, changes in the brain, and Darwin's theory will be discussed. The similarities between us and other primates will be discussed as well. Present and past thinking will be explored.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

With a degree in cultural studies, **Kate Zava** has worked in education, owned two bookstores, and was a supervisor for a security firm at Rochester International Airport. She has had a lifelong interest in anthropology.

Monday: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

10 Sessions: September 19 – November 28

Tuesday 2011

Fall 2011 Course Schedule

It was in the river valleys of the Euphrates and Tigris, known as the Fertile Crescent, that the first cities and empires of the Middle East developed. The ancient land of Mesopotamia, present-day Iraq and the empires of Iran, Syria and Turkey will be the focus of this course, from the Neolithic Period (9000 B.C.) to the defeat of the Persian Empire by Alexander the Great in 331 B.C. Mesopotamia is the birthplace of many "firsts" including writing, the wheel, and the rule of law. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Marie Levin had a 30-year career in marketing management and was a vice president and chief operating officer for major clinical laboratories. She is an avid history buff.

Tuesday: 9:00 – 10:30 am

10 Sessions: September 20 – November 29

The New Yorker Discussion Group F11

In this course we will discuss the weekly *New Yorker Magazine*. These discussions will center on articles selected by the class members. Each member will read as much of the magazine as they wish ahead of time and come prepared with their thoughts and recommendations for which articles they wish to discuss. The first session will review the September 12, 2011 issue; magazine subscriptions come in mail up to one week late and this gives you time to read the issue. (Text: subscription to *New Yorker*, either the paper or electronic version.) **Class limit 16** *Discussion, Reading*

Joan Dupont is a lifelong reader of the *New Yorker* and enjoys hearing others' perspectives on the magazine's content. **Steve Levinson** focuses his time on consulting with not-for-profits, being a partner in a photographic gallery, and board volunteer work.

Tuesday: 9:00 – 10:30 am

10 Sessions: September 20 – November 29

Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday: Two Great Ladies of American Songs..... F12

This course will examine the lives, times, and music of Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday, two great ladies of American song. We will study their histories, listen to their songs on CDs and records, and watch some of their performances on DVD and YouTube. Emphasis will be placed on songs that both women recorded. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Lewis Neisner is a retired college professor. He has previously led Osher courses on jazz, lyricists of the American Songbook, and the Broadway musicals of Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Tuesday: 9:00 – 10:30 am

10 Sessions: September 20 – November 29

Manipulation of Digital Pictures F13

Digital pictures are simply collections of numbers in a computer: change the numbers and you change the picture. Our primary focus will be to investigate how engineers cleverly manipulate the numbers to obtain a "preferred" image. Although our primary focus will be on understanding the underlying logic of manipulation, many of these processes will be illustrated using Matlab, Photoshop Elements, and Picasa.

(Text: PowerPoint slide handouts, recommend download of Picasa (free))

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Ed Salem is professor emeritus of engineering at RIT where he taught electrical engineering and conducted research in computer processing of both images and audio signals.

Tuesday: 9:00 – 10:30 am

10 Sessions: September 20 – November 29

Football 101:

History, Economics, and Basics of the Game . F14

This course will cover the history of college and professional football, the economics of the sport, and tensions between academics and football. Part of each class will be "chalk talk" teaching the basic terminology and strategy. Game films will be used. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Bob "Boomer" Getz, retired professor of political science, was an assistant football coach at the College at Brockport, 1983 – 1989, and a lifelong fan of America's game.

Tuesday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm

10 Sessions: September 20 – November 29

This course is an introduction to the basic elements of the language including listening, speaking, reading, and writing, with an integration of culture. We will use audio and visual materials. Everyone is encouraged to speak and participate in an interactive class format. Bienvenidos a todos! (Text: *Dicho y Hecho*, by Potowski, Sobral, Dawson, hardcover, 8TH EDITION. 8TH EDITION *Activities Manual*, available from Amazon \$4-\$50.) Class limit 20

Reading, Workshop, Writing

Roslyn Rubin is a 46-year foreign language teacher who loves languages and has taught grade six through advanced level college courses. Please come and share her love and enthusiasm for the Spanish language and enjoy learning its rich diversity and culture.

Tuesday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm

10 Sessions: September 20 – November 29

The course will follow the course of Irish history from after the Irish Civil War, the days of the Free State, and the transition to the Republic. It will also consider the growth of the Irish economy from farming to the "Celtic Tiger."

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Con Sullivan has been interested in Irish history for many years. He has traveled to Ireland several times and has read extensively on the topic.

Tuesday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm

10 Sessions: September 20 – November 29

"Flickstory" is derived from the idea of learning through the movies. The five films that we will screen this term will gives us the opportunity to explore a variety of topics including but not limited to autism, biomimicry, WWII strategy, nuclear power safety and security, the US Supreme Court, right to counsel in criminal cases, and genetic engineering.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

In presenting "Flickstory," **Bob Vukosic** is carrying on the tradition established by Anne and Bob Allen to make learning fun through the use of films to introduce and discuss issues that affect our past, present, and future.

Tuesday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm

10 Sessions: September 20 – November 29

PowerPoint Basics	Presidential Leadership: Expanding Power, 1828 – 1901			
presentation application. Exercises will be assigned to complete outside of class. Class limit 30 Audio/Visual, Lecture, Other (demonstration)	Alan Shank, professor emeritus of political science at SUNY Geneseo, has led Osher classes in presidential crisis decisions and great decisions in U.S. foreign			
Brian Ives , now retired, has taught computer science at the college level and is a Microsoft Office Certified PowerPoint Professional.	Tuesday: 1:00 – 2:30 pm 10 Sessions: September 20 – November 29			
Tuesday: 1:00 – 2:30 pm 5 Sessions: September 20 – October 18				
Poetic Visions	Memoir Writing Techniques			
Twice nominated for the Pushcart Prize, Gary Lehmann's essays, poetry, and short stories are widely published. They include <i>The Span I Will Cross</i> , <i>Public Lives and Private Secrets</i> , and <i>American Portraits</i> .	Flo Smith learned the value of personal stories while working for 15 years in Strong Museum's Education Department, and aspires to write memoirs that her children will want to save.			
Tuesday: 1:00 – 2:30 pm 10 Sessions: September 20 – November 29	Tuesday: 1:00 – 2:30 pm 10 Sessions: September 20 – November 29			
The Meditations of Marcus Aurelius F20 This course will include the reading and discussion of these personal meditations of an emperor who was also a philosopher. This work can shed light on his life, the history of the Roman Empire, the philosophy of the Stoics, and the broad questions of life and death.	U.S. Immigration: A History and Issues Course			

(Text: any edition of the *Meditations* in which the books

and sections are numbered.)

Discussion, Reading

Tom Low has a lifelong interest in the Stoics, but is without formal training in philosophy.

1:00 - 2:30 pm Tuesday:

October 25 – November 29 5 Sessions:

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(Text: Roger Daniels, Coming to America. Available from Amazon for about \$5.)

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Phil Weisberg was an undergraduate history major and is the grandson of Eastern European immigrants.

1:00 – 2:30 pm Tuesday:

10 Sessions: September 20 – November 29

Wednesday 2011

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Beginning Italian..... F24

This is an introduction to the Italian language, with basic grammar rules, composition of simple sentences, and easy readings. *Discussion, Reading, Writing*

Gloria Cialone graduated from the University of Naples, Italy, and likes to share her knowledge of the Italian language with Osher members.

Wednesday: 9:00 – 10:30 am

10 Sessions: September 21 – November 30

Veteran Memoir class participants realize the importance of recording their life stories. Oral sharing of their writing motivates members to continue weekly, term after term, enjoying the benefits of their efforts, while creating a unique gift for their families. New members welcome. Try it, you might like it. (Optional Text: The Heart and Craft of Lifestory Writing: How to Transform Memories Into Meaningful Stories, by Lippincott, S.M.) Reading, Writing

Carol Samuel is in her ninth year as memoir class leader. A retired obstetrical nurse, she remains enthusiastic about encouraging class participants to write their life stories.

Wednesday: 9:00 – 10:30 am

10 Sessions: September 21 – November 30

The Civil War through Motion Pictures: Part I F26

The American Civil War has been studied in books, articles, and motion pictures. The treatment of this most important time of our history has changed over time, with perhaps the most dramatic change being in films. We will look at this treatment of the Civil War using films such as Gone With the Wind, Glory, Dances With Wolves, The Gangs of New York, Gettysburg, Cold Mountain, and others. All or parts of the movies will be viewed and lecture/discussion will follow. Because of the volume of material this course will be presented in two parts – Fall 2011 and Winter 2012. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Chuck Sparnecht has studied and taught United States history for 36 years with a special interest in the 19th century and especially the period of the Civil War. He loves teaching at Osher because of the people who are in the classes.

Wednesday: 9:00 – 10:30 am

10 Sessions: September 21 – November 30

Inequality of Wealth in America F27

Inequality of wealth and income in the U.S. has dramatically increased. Some say this negatively affects the U.S. economy, infrastructure, the size of the middle class, foreign policy, and the democratic process. We examine the accuracy of these claims, the causes and consequences, and what can/should be done, if anything. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Beth Vanfossen has always been fascinated by human social inequality, and has conducted research and published a book on the topic. Today's changes are unusual, and provide fascinating fodder for our research together on recent developments.

Wednesday: 9:00 – 10:30 am

10 Sessions: September 21 – November 30

This course expects some previous experience with Italian as we concentrate on conversation and the reading of short stories and poems.

Discussion, Reading, Writing

Gloria Cialone graduated from the University of Naples, Italy, and likes to share her knowledge of the Italian language with Osher members.

Wednesday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm

10 Sessions: September 21 – November 30

If the news of the day interests you, or leaves you with questions or concerns, join with others to explore issues affecting our lives. While the leader will act as facilitator, members will suggest the day's topics and should bring to class supporting information from any form of media. *Discussion*

After **June Clase** dropped out of college, she explored beachcombing before returning to finish college. As a retired college professor, she tries to be an informed citizen.

Wednesday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm

10 Sessions: September 21 – November 30

Shakespeare on Love F30 Continuing our study of romantic love as portrayed in Shakespeare's plays, we will see how Shakespeare uses rich poetry, ribald conspiracies, confused identities, a boy playing a girl playing a boy, and misplaced loves to serve up a grand pastiche of comedy. (Text: a copy of the complete text of Twelfth Night, preferably with extensive notes.) Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Peer Group Seminar, Reading, Workshop, Other (class performances) **Harvey Granite** has been reading plays with other students at the Athenaeum/Osher since its beginnings, as well as other literary subjects at the U of R, RIT, Nazareth College, local prisons, and overseas. Wednesday: 10:45 am - 12:15 pm 10 Sessions: September 21 – November 30 **Understanding the Human Brain**..... F31 This course is about the structure and function of the human brain. In this session we will look at some of the new developments and research in the field of neuroscience and how it may influence our lives. Audio/Visual, Lecture Alex Marcus is a retired physician who practiced neurology and psychiatry. Wednesday: 10:45 am - 12:15 pm 10 Sessions: September 21 – November 30 Levity, musing, crotchet, and pensiveness are welcome if not outright encouraged. Class participation includes

reading and discussion of Irish literature, prose, and poetry. Irish culture video materials will be included in each class. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Reading **Jack Callaghan** enjoys continuing the efforts of former course leaders of Irish literature at the Athenaeum/ Osher. Wednesday: 1:00 – 2:30 pm September 21 – November 30 10 Sessions:

Duke Ellington 1925 - 1945:	
A Musical, Social & Cultural History F	33

Duke Ellington faced significant challenges, a segregated music business and limitations imposed by a Jim Crow America. This course will explore how talent and shrewd marketing resulted in a level of popular and critical recognition that was unprecedented for a black orchestra of that era.

(For more detailed information visit the class website: https://sites.google.com/site/osherjazz/) Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Peter Luce has taught jazz history courses at Osher and Chautauqua. Beyond jazz, his interests include photography, biking, hiking, travel and art.

Wednesday: 1:00 - 2:30 pm

10 Sessions: September 21 – November 30

Collapse..... F34

This is a peer review of the book Collapse, which describes successful and unsuccessful human societies. Several civilizations are reviewed and the factors leading to their success or collapse are analyzed. Course participants are encouraged to volunteer to present a summary of a selected portion of the book. (Text: Collapse by Jared Diamond, ISBN # 978-0-14-303655-5, \$20.)

Discussion, Peer Group Seminar, Reading

Jim Roddy has a background in physics and optics and enjoys examining multi-faceted issues.

Dick Jones has lived and worked in numerous countries and has a passion for geography and history.

Wednesday: 1:00 – 2:30 pm

10 Sessions: September 21 – November 30

Thursday

Fall 2011 Course Schedule

Participate in Life F35

This course is for people who are on their inner journey. There are many facets to participating in life. We will touch on a few through listening, discussion, and reading. Understandings are meant to make rich experiences possible in everyday life. DVDs tapes, excerpts from books, and handouts will be utilized as is appropriate. (Materials: notebook and journal.) Class limit 25 Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Stillman Clark has accrued understandings that deserved to be shared. He delights being with folks that are searching for more fulfillment on their journey.

9:30 - 11:30 am Thursday:

10 Sessions: September 22 – December 1

You Be the Critic... a film discussion group . . F36

Carrying on the tradition of longtime course leader Joan Hart, the class will view and then discuss one or two current movies each week. Members will see the movies independently and personally rate them. Everyone is encouraged to participate and, with a variety of opinions, lively discussion is guaranteed!

Class limit 30 Audio/Visual, Discussion

Burt Freedman is a retired pharmacist. His interests include theater, reading, and spending time with his grandchildren. **Bea Slizewski** is a retired public relations professional with a great love for reading and movies.

Thursday: 9:30 – 11:30 am

10 Sessions: September 22 – December 1

How Geology Created the Empire State F37

New York State has a landscape that is amazingly diverse. This is the result of millions of years of uplift (plate tectonics) and erosion (Ice Age). In this course, we will discuss the powerful forces that created our state and how the landscape has changed over time, from tropical seas to frozen tundra to the beautiful scenery we see today. If there is interest, there will be an optional field trip. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Field Study/Trip, Lecture, Workshop

Tim McDonnell is a part-time geosciences instructor at MCC and the co-coordinator of the New York Geographic Alliance and a member of Osher since 2005. He believes that we cannot deal with problems facing the world today unless we are geo-literate (geologically *and* geographically).

Thursday: 9:30 – 11:30 am

10 Sessions: September 22 – December 1

The Children's Book by A. S. Byatt F38

An exploration of the complex relationships between parents and children, Byatt's novel spans the time period between 1895 and the end of World War I. The responsibility of writing and the effect on family and friends plays out against the backdrop of world forces in this beautiful and riveting novel. (Text: *The Children's Book* by A.S. Byatt. ISBN 978-0-307-27209-6 Knopf Hardcover 2009.) *Discussion, Reading*

Note: This course will be repeated in the afternoon. Register for either morning or afternoon course.

Francia Roe has a master's degree in English from the University of Rochester and taught Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition and Advanced Placement English Language and Composition for 28 years.

Thursday: 9:30 – 11:30 am

10 Sessions: September 22 – December 1

How the Earth Works

This is the beginning of a three-term course based on the Great Courses topic of the same name from The Teaching Company. It will span the subject of physical geology. Two half-hour DVD lectures per class by Prof. Michael Wysession of Washington University will be supplemented by the course leader. (Optional Text: Transcripts [available at discount through course leader and highly suggested] and Earth: An Introduction to Physical Geology, 9th Ed., by Tarbuck & Lutgens) Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Joe Charles, trained in physics, math, modern optics, and electrical engineering, has had a long interest in geology but only recently started studying it. He has knowledge and enthusiasm based on two years of self-study.

Thursday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm

10 Sessions: September 22 – December 1

N. Scott Momaday: Father of Native American Literature F40

This course will explore Momaday's imaginative blending of words and images in his novels (House Made of Dawn, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1969, and The Way to Rainy Mountain), art, narration, and interviews. Momaday is a powerful spokesman for the future of Native American literature and its place in society. (Text: House Made of Dawn (2010 reprint), Harper Perennial Modern Classics, ISBN 10 0061859974; The Way to Rainy Mountain, University of New Mexico Press Alb. ISBN 1-800-249-7737) Discussion, Lecture, Reading, Workshop

Sheryl de Jonge-Loavenbruck is the former head of Native American studies at Northern Teachers College in Groningen NL and former associate professor of education and English at SUNY Brockport; she specializes in Native American literature and World literature. She hopes to share with you some of her respect and reverence for our Native peoples.

Thursday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm

10 Sessions: September 22 – December 1



This course reviews concepts presented in a previous course but integrates new discoveries in the field of neuroscience. Classical philosophers as well as modern psychologists and neuroscientists have studied how the interplay of cognition and emotion affects human behavior. This course will present the ideas and philosophies of many people whose work impacts how we live today.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Barry and **Susan McVay** served as psychologists and counselors for local school districts for 30 years.

Thursday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm

10 Sessions: September 22 – December 1

The Children's Book by A. S. Byatt F42

See F38 for description and course leader information Note: This course is a repeat of the morning course. Register for either morning or afternoon course.

Thursday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm

10 Sessions: September 22 – December 1

Current Events in Science and Technology . . F43

Similar to the popular Contemporary Events courses, and following a similar format (class discussion of topics suggested by course participants), this course will focus on events and trends in science and technology. It is recommended that participants read at least one publication such as *Scientific American* or the *NY Times Science* section. Links to selected articles will be provided by email. (An RIT library account is strongly recommended. This is free; the procedure is described in the Osher Member Benefits Guide.) *Discussion*

Julian Thomas started working with computers as an undergraduate and hasn't stopped since.

John O'Sullivan is a retired neurologist with an interest in science.

Thursday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm

10 Sessions: September 22 – December 1

Pfaudler Enrichment Series Thursdays 12-1 pm

Bring a brown-bag lunch to this weekly lecture, presented by members or guests, on wide-ranging, stimulating, and intellectual topics.

September 22

The United Way of Greater Rochester, Its Past, Present, and Future Presented by **Peter Caprino**, President of The United Way of Greater Rochester.

September 29

Life Lessons from a Man Who Believed in an Autistic Boy Presented by **Mike Latona**, Co-author of A Coach and a Miracle.

October 6

STEAM COFFIN: Captain Moses Rogers and the Steamship Savannah Break the Barrier Presented by **John L. Busch**, Historian and Author.

October 13

The U.S.' Role in African Trouble Spots
Presented by **Bob Gerace**, former Naval Reserve
Intelligence Officer, Naval Attache to the US Embassy
in Nigeria, and adjunct professor at RIT.

October 20 TBA

October 27

MAGnum Opus: The Centennial of The Memorial Art Gallery Presented by **Betsy Brayer**, author of George Eastman: A Biography

November 3Communities and Health Care:

The Rochester Experiment
Presented by **Sarah F. Liebschutz**, Distinguished
Service Professor Emerita at SUNY Brockport.

November 10

Brain Fitness

Presented by **Dave Farrow**, a *Guinness*Book of World Records record holder for Best Memory

November 17

Selected Memoirs

Presented by Members of the Osher Memoir class.

December 1

Putting America on the Map: The Tale of the Map That Named America Presented by **Dr. Seymour Schwartz**, Alumni Professor of Surgery at the University of Rochester.

Friday 2011

Fall 2011 Course Schedule

In each class we'll study one genre, listening to two shows and discussing them. We'll also make time for anecdotal accounts from this fabulous era. Hopefully this class will be entertaining and provide an opportunity to revive some wonderful memories. And remember ... The Shadow knows.

Audio/Visual, Discussion

Bob Hilliard is a retired public school teacher/administrator and a lifelong radio fan.

Friday: 9:00 – 11:00 am

10 Sessions: September 23 – December 2

In this course, we examine these two figures in an effort to grasp the essential features of their lives and teachings and to explore the factors that contributed to their greatness. *Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture*

Howard Maslich is a former psychology professor with a lifelong interest in the study of human behavior.

Friday: 9:00 – 11:00 am

10 Sessions: September 23 – December 2

Dark Dreams: The Gangster Film in America . F46

We will explore how the gangster film reflects American culture and values, from its inception in D. W. Griffith's *The Musketeers of Pig Alley* (1912), through its heyday in the 1930s, to *The Godfather* Saga and beyond, via lecture, discussion, and viewing film excerpts. *Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture*

Mary Ann Satter has a master's degree in English from the University of Rochester and is a recently retired English teacher. She has studied and taught film for almost five decades.

Friday: 9:00 – 11:00 am

10 Sessions: September 23 – December 2

This course is for those with very little knowledge of German. You will learn the basics as well as useful expressions and phrases. **Class limit 20**Reading, Workshop, Writing

Gisela Balents is a native of Germany and has taught German and art history courses before at Osher.

Friday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm

10 Sessions: September 23 – December 2

Eleven Aztec Kings: The Empire of the Southern Hummingbird . . F48

Shrouded in myth and legend, the Aztec Empire grew to be the dominant political and cultural force in Mesoamerica during the 14th, 15th, and 16th Centuries AD before falling to Hernan Cortes and his Conquistadores in 1521. This multi-disciplinary course will provide a broad, dispassionate overview of Aztec history, rulers, culture, art, architecture, and archaeology.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Bill McClane retired in 2008 after a career as a journalist, Marine Corps officer, college teacher, educational psychologist, and counselor. He has an avid interest in Mesoamerica and in the past 25 years has participated in archaeological research at several sites, including Teotihuacan, Chichen Itza, and Tulum.

Friday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm

5 Sessions: September 23 – October 21

Physics in Everyday Life..... F49

This course is a study of the physical laws, based on a Teaching Company course. We will examine those laws – without using mathematics – to see how they work for us. It should make us more proficient in understanding the physics at play in our surroundings. This is a continuation of the spring course, but new participants are welcome. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

As an engineer who was in the field for many years, **Avri Michaeli** has the type of background that allows him to present this subject.

Friday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm

10 Sessions: September 23 – December 2

Flannery O'Connor's second novel, the third of her four books of fiction, illustrates why Alan Pryce-Jones of the New York Herald Tribune said, "There is very little contemporary fiction which touches the level of Flannery O'Connor at her best." (Preferred edition: Farrar Straus and Giroux paperback (2007) ISBN-13: 978-0-374-53087-7 ISBN-10: 0-374-53087-4.) Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Ed Scutt has researched and written a monologue spoken by Flannery O'Connor. With this course, he completes his facilitation of courses based on her oeuvre of fiction writing.

Friday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm

10 Sessions: September 23 – December 2



Anne Edwards

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Trial (one term)	\$150							

To apply. There are only two criteria for membership in Osher: you must be 50 or older, and have an interest in lifelong learning. You'll find our membership application and membership profile on the next two pages. Fill them out and return them to us by mail or by fax. For Online Registration, see page 4.

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Note: Some courses require the purchase of books or materials. Paper and Online Registrations PROCESSED starting 9/6/11.

OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT Member Profile

We ask each member to provide us with information about him/herself. This information is kept strictly private and is used to help us meet your membership expectations. By knowing a little about you we are able to choose courses to your liking, fill committees with knowledgeable members, plan social events and form special-interest groups by assisting members who wish to search out others with similar interests. Please take a few minutes to provide us with some information about yourself.

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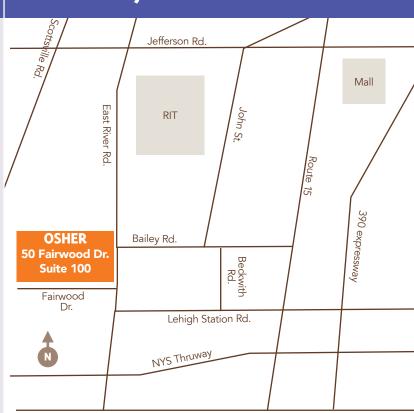
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Current Events

Football 101: History, Economics, and Basics of the Game

Inequality of Wealth in America

Irish History: 1923 to the Present

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Science & Technology

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