

OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT

where curious minds gather



Winter
Catalog
2010





Because your TV only talks at you,
not with you

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



Mehdi Mohtashemi



Bea Slizewski

Because you have
gifts of experience to share

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 one-session 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.

Winter Course Listings begin on page 6

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:

Pfautler 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 15**

Summer Seminars & Intersessions

Discovery/Adventure learning experiences are capped by expeditions to complementary destinations during our Summer Seminars. Intersessions are between-session 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: Beth Vanfossen, Tim McDonnell, Ed Scutt, Sharon Garelick, Sue Luce, Lewis Neisner, and Tess Padmore)

“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 any more. 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 traveling...”

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 www.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).

Paperback Library

Books contributed and maintained by members; borrow on a no-time-limit basis. No late fees!

Visit our web site at www.Osher.RIT.edu for more detail on our programs, our people, membership, ways to get involved...

Left to Right: Mary Rees, Peter Luce, Herb Levin, Ana Moreno, Joan Phillips, and John Bacon

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There’s a membership level to suit your needs

Read about our membership options on page 16.





Chris Colucci

**Course
Previews**

Try OSHER for FREE

**Wednesday, January 6
2 to 3:30 pm**

An introduction to Osher, what we have planned for Winter 2010, and selected course previews by course leaders. We'll answer your questions, too. **Please reserve your place by calling (585) 292-8989 or emailing us at Reservations.Osher@RIT.edu.**

Here's what's included in this Winter's Course Previews:

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

- ~ *They Saw the Elephant -
Gold Fever and the Making of California*
Debbie Huff

- ~ *Doubt: a History*
Richard Jones

- ~ The Philosophy of Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle
Howard Maslich

- ~ The Political Economy of the 2008 Financial Collapse
Beth Van Fossen

**Anytime, January 11 – 14
9:30 am to 3 pm
January 15, 9:30 am to 1 pm**

It's the first week of classes, and they're all open to you, free of charge and on a space-available basis. Join us for as few or as many as you'd like. If you plan to stay for a full day, we encourage you to bring a brown-bag lunch and socialize with our current members.

See the full class schedule for Open House Week on page 6.

One of our most popular Open House Week activities is our brown-bag lecture:

Pfudler Enrichment Series
Thursday, January 14
Noon to 1 p.m.

"Five in the Afternoon"
Five in the Afternoon poetry group,
all Osher members

Can't make these dates?

Call us to schedule your own Open House Week.

**Open
House
Week**

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OSHER Calendar: 2009 – 2010

Fall 2009

September	Wednesday	16	Course Preview
	Wednesday	16	Course Leaders Brunch
	Thursday	17	OSHER GRAND OPENING
	Monday	21	First Day, Fall Term (5 and 10 Weeks)
	Monday - Friday	21-25	Osher Open House
	Wednesday	30	New Member Orientation
October	Friday	23	Last Day, 1st 5-Week Term
	Monday	26	First Day, 2nd 5-Week Term
November	Monday - Friday	23 - 27	Thanksgiving Break
December	Friday	4	Last Day, Fall Term

December 7 - January 5 — Winter Break

Winter 2010

January	Wednesday	6	Course Preview
	Wednesday	6	Course Leaders Brunch
	Monday	11	First Day, Winter Term (5 and 9 Weeks)
	Monday - Friday	11 - 15	Osher Open House
	Wednesday	27	New Member Orientation
February	Friday	12	Last Day, 5-Week Term
	Monday	15	First Day, 4-Week Term
March	Friday	12	Last Day, Winter Term

March 15 - March 23 — Spring Break

Spring 2010

March	Wednesday	24	Course Preview
	Wednesday	24	Course Leaders Brunch
	Monday	29	First Day, Spring Term (4 and 8 Weeks)
March/April	Monday - Friday	29 - 2	Osher Open House
April	Wednesday	14	New Member Orientation
	Friday	23	Last Day, 1st 4-Week Term
	Monday	26	First Day, 2nd 4-Week Term
May	Friday	7	Annual Meeting
	Friday	21	Last Day, Spring Term
	Friday	TBA	Spring Social Event

Summer 2010

June	Monday	21	First Day, Summer Term
June, July, August	Summer Seminar Series, Travel/Tour and Intersession Activities (Programs and Dates to be announced)		

Fall 2010

September	Monday	20	First Day, Fall Term (5 and 10 Weeks)
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Winter 2010 Course Schedule

	9:30 – 11:00 am	11:15 am – 12:45 pm	1:30 – 3:30 pm
Monday	FDR: His Presidency and His Legacy W1 Kathy Krebs The Evolution of God W2 Ellen Kremer Taxes and Tax Policy W3 Phil Weisberg	The Athenaeum Book Club . W4 <i>Two Sessions Only</i> Georgia DeGregorio/Lois Tucker Rashi's Daughters, Book III. . W5 Ruth Lebowitz Memoirs W6 Carol Samuel Memoir Writing Techniques. W7 <i>7 Sessions Only</i> Flo Smith Current Events W8 Cornelius Sullivan	Express Yourself in Writing W9 Pat Edelman Medical School in Two Hours Per Week . . . W10 Josh Hollander/Edward Lebowitz Alex Marcus/Victor Poleshuck Cosmology W11 Avri Michaeli
	World War I: What You Didn't Know W12 Jim Martin Doing REAL Geography in the 21st Century W13 Timothy McDonnell Becoming Human W14 Kate Zava	Samuel 1 and 2: Explore Some More W15 Kelly Beller U.S. Foreign Policy: 1900 - Present W16 Robert Getz Doubt - A History W17 Richard Jones	All Rochester Reads W18 Carole Haas Poetic Visions W19 Gary Lehmann The American Health Care System W20 Lewis Neisner Woodstock W21 Gary Proud
	Irish Literature W22 Jack Callaghan Beginning Italian W23 Gloria Cialone Mysteries of Ancient Egypt W24 Marie Levin The Political Economy of the 2008 Financial Collapse . . . W25 Beth Vanfossen	Advanced Italian W26 Gloria Cialone Contemporary Events W27 June Clase The Agony of King Lear . . . W28 Harvey Granite Understanding the Human Brain W29 Alex Marcus	One-Session Courses Various Leaders
Tuesday	Participate in Life W30 Stillman Clark The "New" New Yorker . . . W31 Doug Fisk/Kathy Hayes Joan's Cinema Class W32 Burt Freedman/Bea Slizewski Possession by A.S. Byatt . . W33 Session I Francia Roe	Pfaudler Enrichment Series	Rediscover The Beatles W34 Ed Eaton The Best of Cinema in the 20th Century W35 Herb Levin Possession by A.S. Byatt . . . W36 Session II Francia Roe
	Classic Motor Cars: 1929 - 1941 W37 Dick Knoblock The Power to Write W38 Sheryl de Jonge-Loavenbruck The Philosophy of Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle . . . W39 Howard Maslich	The Principles of Chaos . . . W40 Bill Faul They Saw the Elephant: Gold Fever W41 Debbie and Jim Huff The Philosophy of Nietzsche and Sartre W42 Howard Maslich	REFERENCE KEY <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Session, 5 weeks (January 11 - February 12) <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Session, 4 weeks (February 15 - March 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Full session, 9 weeks (January 11 - March 12)

Monday classes 2010

Winter 2010 Course Schedule

FDR: His Presidency and His Legacy W1

We will explore the presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Emphasis will be placed on his response to the Great Depression, World War II, and the personal and family side of his life. We will also look at his legacy, both positive and negative. (Textbook: *None required but class members are welcome to read any FDR biography.*) *Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture*

A retired school counselor, **Kathy Krebs** continues her exploration of the Roosevelt Era. She never taught American history in her career so she feels utterly compelled to do it now!

Monday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

Peer Group Seminar: *The Evolution of God* . . W2

This book discusses the evolving concept of God or gods from ancient times to the present, drawing from archaeology, theology, history, and evolutionary psychology. Seminar members will be expected to lead part of one class summarizing a chapter of this provocative book. The first three chapters will be discussed in the first class. (Textbook: *The Evolution of God* by Robert Wright. From \$13.00 on Amazon.com) *Reading, Peer Group Seminar*

Ellen Kremer is a retired social worker/psychotherapist. She finds questions like "how did we get here?" and "what does it all mean?" endlessly fascinating.

Monday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

Taxes and Tax Policy W3

We will talk about all taxes and compare U.S. taxes with those of other industrialized countries. From payroll and excise taxes to income and sales taxes to tariffs, tolls, value-added taxes, corporate taxes, and capital gains, all will be in play. We'll also discuss tax-policy authors like David Cay Johnson and Neil Boortz. *Discussion/Seminar, Lecture*

Phil Weisberg is a volunteer tax preparer with the CASH program and a Certified Financial Planner.

Monday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

Athenaeum Book Club W4

Our class is a MONTHLY book club that continues to meet through all three terms. It is based on the Great Books Shared Inquiry method. Books selected by class members are: January 18: *Wise Blood* by Flannery O'Connor and March 8: *A Single Pebble* by John Hersey. (Text: Books as noted above) *Reading*

Georgia DeGregorio, though a business major in college, has always sought out opportunities to explore new ideas from great books.

Lois Tucker is a retired counselor, former teacher, community volunteer, and always an avid reader.

Monday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
2 Sessions: January 18, March 8

Rashi's Daughters, Book III: Rachel W5

We will review the life and times of Rabbi Solomon ben Isaac (1040 - 1105) and his daughters, Yocheved, Miriam and Rachel, (focusing on Rachel) using Maggie Anton's newest novel and last of the trilogy: *Rashi's Daughters, Book III: Rachel*. This is a continuation of the Winter 2007 course. (Textbook: *Rashi's Daughters, Book III: Rachel*, by Maggie Anton, \$10.20 at Amazon.com, \$15 at Borders) *Discussion/Seminar, Reading*

Ruth Lebowitz, a former executive secretary, is a mother of six, grandmother of 21, an avid reader and a lover of history.

Monday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

Memoirs W6

Will the winter holidays stimulate story sharing as you gather with family and friends? Consider preserving those tales or others for generations to read. Class participants are encouraged to write memoirs to be read in class. All are welcome. *Writing, Reading*

Carol Samuel, a "mostly retired" obstetrical nurse, is enthusiastic about encouraging people to record their memoirs.

Monday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

Memoir Writing Techniques W7

We will review techniques discussed in the fall term for memoir writing that starts with a "hook" and creates visual scenes and suspense. Emphasis will be on in-class practice and sharing of writing and "sticking points," with gentle critiquing to help move your story along. **Class Limit 15.** *Writing, Workshop*

Flo Smith learned the value of personal stories while working for 15 years in the Strong Museum Education Department and aspires to write memoirs that her family wants to save.

Monday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
7 Sessions: Jan. 11, 25, Feb, 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1

Current Events W8

This series of discussions is intended to allow all a chance to air their opinions about any of the multitude of events shaping today's world. **Class Limit 30.** *Discussion/Seminar, Reading*

Con Sullivan has long had an interest in global events and enjoys starting a lively discussion.

Monday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

Express Yourself in Writing W9

Use your imagination to write short stories on subjects or ideas suggested by the course leader. Enjoy the opportunity to write the 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. *Writing*

Pat Edelman has always been an avid reader and writer who 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: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

Medical School in Two Hours per Week W10

This is a survey course of the human body. This term will include medical imaging, the laboratory, the gastrointestinal system, male and female reproductive systems, pregnancy, and the muscular system. Although this is a continuation of the fall course, all are welcome. (Textbook: *The Human Body in Health and Disease*, by Thibodeau and Patton, Fifth Edition, \$50 at barnesandnoble.com or the RIT bookstore, will carry the student through all continuing terms.) *Audio/Visual, Guest Speakers, Lecture*

Four retired physicians, **Josh Hollander, Ed Lebowitz, Alex Marcus, and Victor Poleshuck**, will lead the course with the assistance of guest lecturers.

Monday: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

Cosmology: The History and Nature of the Universe W11

This course will continue to present the evolution and composition of our universe. It will cover material from the birth of galaxies and stars to the present in "intuitive forms," illustrations, and computer simulations using DVD lectures. *Audio/Visual, Discussion/Seminar, Lecture*

Avri Michaeli has been interested in science since childhood. Advancements and discoveries in cosmology over the last 20 years have heightened his interest in this field, which he continues to study.

Monday: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

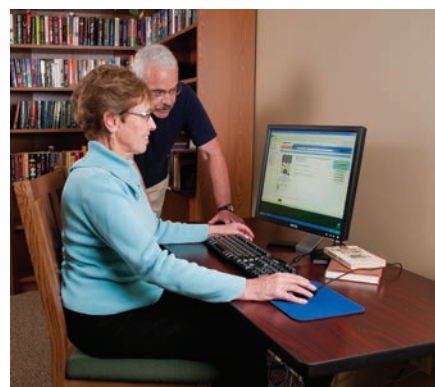
Tuesday 2010
classes
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World War I: What You Didn't Know W12

This course will explore the events of the latter part of the 19th century that bred animosities among various countries on the Eastern and Southern fronts (including Russia, Italy, and the Ottoman Empire) that led to the war. *Discussion/Seminar, Lecture*

Jim Martin has always been interested in history and majored in Latin American studies while at college, but he does not limit himself!

Tuesday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
5 Sessions: January 12 - February 9



Jeanne Sandholzer and Peter Luce

Doing REAL Geography in the 21st Century . W13

“Spatial thinking skills” allow us to compare different places or the same place at different time periods. We will use a variety of resources, including many kinds of maps, to discuss important issues of the day from a geographer’s perspective. Mapping with GIS software will be demonstrated and participants will be given a chance to try it out.

Discussion/Seminar, Lecture, Workshop

Tim McDonnell has been an Osher member since 2004 and has led many different types of courses. He is the co-coordinator of the New York Geographic Alliance at MCC, where he teaches geography.

Tuesday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 12 - March 9

Becoming Human W14

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. **Class Limit 40.** *Lecture, Audio/Visual, Discussion/Seminar, Guest Speakers*

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.

Tuesday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 12 - March 9

Samuel 1 and 2: Explore Some More W15

In a seminar format, with slow, close reading of Scripture and excursions to related topics, we’ll challenge the texts and compare translations and commentary. All opinions are appreciated in a safe and sharing environment. (Textbook: Any copy of the *Books of Samuel*). **Class Limit 20.** *Discussion/Seminar*

Kelly Beller is a bibliophile, singer, dancer, poet, and communitarian.

Tuesday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 12 - March 9

U.S. Foreign Policy: 1900-Present W16

We will trace our foreign policy, its successes and failures, and the underlying theories/assumptions that our decisions have been based upon. The Varsity “O” will be awarded to those who ask questions and participate in discussions.

(Text: A book list will be included in the syllabus.)

Discussion, Lecture



Bea Slizewski and John Holder

Bob Getz, a Professor Emeritus of Political Science at The College at Brockport, is a specialist in American politics. He is a veteran course leader.

Tuesday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 12 - March 9

Peer Group Seminar: Doubt – A History . . . W17

We will read and discuss Jennifer Hecht’s book, *Doubt – A History*, a study of religious doubt from the beginning of recorded history to the present. It covers religion or spirituality in all forms, including Greek and Roman gods, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, and the response of philosophers to these religions. (Text: *Doubt – A History* by Jennifer Michael Hecht, available from Amazon.com for \$11.55)

Discussion/Seminar, Reading

Dick Jones, interested in philosophy and religion for many years, has taken numerous Teaching Company courses on both subjects. He hopes all will gain knowledge from reading and by sharing insights.

Tuesday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 12 - March 9

All Rochester Reads W18

Each year Writers & Books selects a book to be read and discussed throughout the Rochester community. This year’s selection is *Bel Canto*, a fascinating tale by Ann Patchett. The story evolves from a hostage-taking at a party into something quite different and unexpected. (Text: *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett)

Discussion/Seminar, Reading

Carol Haas loves to read and discuss literature.

Tuesday: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
4 Sessions: February 16 - March 9

Poetic Visions W19

Using a seminar format, we will explore aspects of famous poems and share poems we have written and enjoyed. Come prepared to have some fun with poetry.
Class Limit 18. *Lecture, Discussion, Writing*

Twice nominated for the Pushcart Prize, **Gary Lehmann's** essays, poetry and short stories are widely published. They include *The Span I Will Cross* and *Public Lives and Private Secrets*.

Tuesday: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 12 - March 9

The American Health Care System: Past, Present, and Future W20

This course will present a brief history of the American health care system. Then we will study and analyze the current system and the debate on it in Congress and the country. The course will conclude with a look at what the future of the American health care system might look like. (Textbook: *The Healing of America*, T. R. Reid, Amazon \$15)
Audio/Visual, Discussion/Seminar, Lecture, Reading

Lewis Neisner is a retired college marketing professor. He became interested in U.S. health care policy during the Clinton years. He took several graduate level courses on the subject at the University of Maryland.

Tuesday: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 12 - March 9

Woodstock W21

To paraphrase Edward R. Murrow's TV program: "You will be there!" The 1970 Academy Award-winning documentary will be shown and personal observations and experiences about the concert and the 1960s in general will be shared. Emphasis will be placed on questions and discussion of the legendary status of that event's three days of peace and music.
Audio/Visual, Discussion

Gary Proud has served in various elected and appointed positions over his 47-year career in public service. A 1967 graduate of RIT and an avid history buff, he enjoys music and has traveled extensively.

Tuesday: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
5 Sessions: January 12 - February 9



Bill Faul and Beth Vanfossen

Wednesday classes **2010**
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Irish Literature W22

The class will read aloud and discuss Irish literature, prose, and poetry. We will also use an occasional video reflective of Irish literature and culture. Discussion material will be provided in advance of each class. Caprice and levity are welcome if not outright encouraged. *Reading, Writing*

Jack Callaghan desires to continue the efforts of former facilitators of Irish literature at The Athenaeum/Osher.

Wednesday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
5 Sessions: January 13 - February 10

Beginning Italian W23

This is an introduction to the Italian language, introducing basic grammar rules, easy reading, composition of sentences, discussion, grammar games, and crossword puzzles. *Discussion, Reading, Writing*

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

Wednesday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 13 - March 10

Mysteries of Ancient Egypt W24

The River Nile gave birth to one of history's great civilizations. Through the centuries, the ancient Egyptians created and constructed some of the most glorious monuments in the world. This course will explore the temples of Luxor and Karnak, cross the Nile to the Land of the Dead and enter the tombs where kings and queens were buried. *Audio/Visual, Lecture*

Marie Levin had a 30-year career in clinical laboratory medicine and marketing management, and was vice president and COO for a major clinical laboratory. Marie is an avid history buff.

Wednesday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 13 - March 10

Political Economy of the 2008 Financial Collapse W25

We'll make a critical examination of the 2008 financial crisis: the history and causes of events, biographies and actions of dominant players, structure of financial markets, the "culture of Wall Street," possible preventive measures, and theoretical revisionism. Volunteer class members will make 15 - 20 minute presentations based on related reading materials. (Textbook: Contact bethvanfossen@yahoo.com after January 2, 2010.) *Discussion, Audio/Visual, Lecture*

Beth Vanfossen's doctorate was in sociology with an emphasis on social stratification. In her 40 years of university teaching and research, she expanded her interests to other major social institutions as well.

Wednesday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 13 - March 10

Advanced Italian W26

This course expects some previous experience with Italian as we concentrate on conversation and the reading of short stories and poems. (Textbook: *Easy Italian Reader* by Riccarda Saggese, \$11.95 at Borders or Barnes & Noble.)

Discussion, Writing, Reading

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

Wednesday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 13 - March 10

Contemporary Events W27

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: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 13 - March 10

The Agony of King Lear W28

King Lear is considered by many critics to be Shakespeare's greatest play. Its insight into relationships, the meaning of power, and the issues of aging and parenthood are almost beyond expression. This course will use several great recorded performances including one with Paul Scofield that has until now been unavailable in the United States. (Textbook: Any complete edition of *King Lear*, preferably with notes) *Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading*

Harvey Granite has taught Shakespeare at The Athenaeum/Osher since its very beginning, and teaches writing and literature at RIT. He has taught at the U of R and spent 10 summers teaching English in Poland, Slovakia, and Ukraine.

Wednesday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 13 - March 10

Understanding the Human Brain W29

We will continue our effort to understand our brain, mind and consciousness. We will focus on the contributions of prominent scientists and thinkers in this field and some very interesting views on the subject. *Audio/Visual, Lecture*

Alex Marcus is a retired physician who practiced neurology and psychiatry.

Wednesday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 13 - March 10



Carol Haas

Wednesday Afternoon One-Session Courses

One-Session Courses are fast becoming a popular way to spend Wednesday afternoons at Osher. These one-time courses, presented in the Wednesday time period 1:30-3:00, offer a wide variety of subjects. Listed below are the One-Session Courses currently scheduled for the Winter term. Additional courses will be added after this catalog goes to print, so be sure to check the wall in the lounge for the most up-to-date listing of One-Session offerings. For planning purposes we ask that you sign up for these courses on the weekly sign-up sheets located on the table below the One-Session Course listings.

January 13

'Documentary - Hear and Now'

Frances Ratcliffe

January 20

'I Wish I Knew Sudoku'

Bob Vukosic

'The Myth of Icarus in Poetry and Art'

Cass Doyle

January 27

'Traveling, Diving, and Surviving in the Third World'

Frank Michaels

'Nanotechnology in Your Life'

Bob Vukosic

February 3

'Adventures in the Archive: A Whole New Valentown'

Dr. Gary Lehmann

February 10

'Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicles'

Jim Roddy

February 17

'Mortgages and Their Foreclosure - Does the Bank Really Want My House?'

Chad Robinson

'The Internet and Email'

Brian Ives

February 24

'Alaskan Politics: A View from the Sidelines'

Tess Padmore

March 3

'Freeware and Shareware'

Brian Ives

Thursday 2010 classes

Winter 2010 Course Schedule

Participate in Life W30

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. The class is upbeat from the presence of those attending.

Class limit 25. Discussion/Seminar, Reading

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

Thursday: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 14 - March 11

The "New" New Yorker. W31

This course is a continuation of the longstanding winter course based on the weekly *New Yorker* magazine. The organizational structure is that of a peer group seminar. Participants will have the opportunity to review articles on film, politics, globalization, technology, fiction, biographies, etc. (Textbook: A subscription or access to the weekly *New Yorker* magazine)

Class Limit 24. Discussion/Seminar, Reading

Doug Fisk was born curious in Walla Walla, Washington. **Kathy Hayes** has been a teacher in many areas ranging from elementary school math to middle school math/science to various courses at Osher.

Thursday: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 14 - March 11

Joan's Cinema Class W32

Our class has been retitled in memory of Joan Hart. Each week, the class will select one or two current movies which members will then see independently. The following week, members will discuss and rate the selected films. Everyone is encouraged and expected to participate in the discussion **Class limit 30.** Discussion/Seminar

Burt Freedman is a retired pharmacist. His interests include theater, reading and spending time with his grandchildren. **Bea Slizewski** is a public relations professional who retired as vice president of corporate communications from Birds Eye Foods. She is a lifelong fan of movies.

Thursday: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 14 - March 11

Possession by A.S. Byatt. W33

Winner of the 1990 Booker Prize for Fiction, *Possession* is a tour de force – academic novel, mystery, romance, plot within a plot, myth, legend – it has it all! Byatt's masterpiece to date, *Possession* is in the tradition of the great British novel, and analysis and discussion promise rich rewards. (Textbook: *Possession* by A.S. Byatt.) Discussion, Reading

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

Francia Roe has a graduate degree from the University of Rochester and taught Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition and Advanced Placement English Language and Composition for twenty-eight years.

Thursday: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
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Rediscover The Beatles. W34

Just as Elvis did in 1954, The Beatles in 1964 changed the landscape of popular music and cultural attitudes forever. We will explore the background of each member and the band and their music from the American perspective. We will also look at their solo careers. Join me for a "magical mystery tour"! Audio/Visual, Lecture

Ed Eaton is a former auditor. His interest in music began at age seven. Both his parents were music lovers. Being an avid record collector, Ed says The Beatles are a major interest.

Thursday: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
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The Best of Cinema in the 20th Century W35

We'll view and discuss films that inspired us, encouraged us and sent us to the movies, choosing from films selected by the CBS special "100 Years, 100 Cheers," and movies highly rated by the Osher cinema class. A local movie critic and a film curator will also be invited to discuss their film favorites. Audio/Visual, Guest Speaker, Discussion

Herb Levin, with degrees in education and social science, has led many Osher courses, especially on great American musicals of the 20th century.

Thursday: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 14 - March 11

Possession by A.S. Byatt. W36

See W33 for description and course leader information **Note: This class is a repeat of the morning class. Register for either the morning or afternoon class.**

Thursday: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 14 - March 11

Pfaunder Enrichment Series Thursdays 12 – 1 p.m.

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

January 14

Five in the Afternoon

Five in the Afternoon poetry group,
all Osher members

January 21

Nature Discoveries, Inc.

Steven Daniel, naturalist
and teacher at RCSD & MCC

Butterflies and moths of the Rochester area will be discussed, along with their behaviors and host plants, featuring beautiful pictures taken by the presenter.

January 28

Healing in Western and Eastern Medicine

Annemarie Groth-Juncker,
semi-retired physician and Tai-Chi instructor

There exist two very different approaches to healing: technically successful Western medicine, and the ancient healing arts of the East. We will explore their different approaches, and discover how they may complement each other and what roles they can play in keeping and restoring our health.

February 4

The Other Susan B. Anthony: Exemplar of Healthy Aging

Louise Woerner, Chairman
& CEO of Home Care of Rochester, and
Deborah Hughes, Executive Director of the
Susan B. Anthony House

Even in Rochester where Susan B. Anthony is best known, most people don't realize that the majority of her contributions to women and society were made after the age of 65. This session will provide new insights into the life of Miss Anthony, her accomplishments, and how she still stands as a role model today for active, healthy aging.

February 11

Here's To the Ladies

Cindy Miller, jazz musician
and Broadway aficionado

Cindy toasts the fair ladies of Broadway by revisiting some of her favorite characters, from Eliza Doolittle to Fanny Brice, in performances reminiscent of the women who created them.

February 18

The Brain and Heart-Healthy Cooking

Chef Matt Cole, graduate of
Johnson and Wales Culinary Institute

Cooking demonstration with Rivers Run
Executive Chef Matt Cole.

February 25

Tales from the Rare Book Trade

Jeffrey Marks and Jennifer Larson,
rare-book sellers

The speakers will discuss the antiquarian book business, including six-figure deals involving modern first editions, the growing problem of forgeries, and the future of the trade.

March 4

American Lion Andrew Jackson
Alan Shank, Professor Emeritus of
Political Science at SUNY Geneseo and
Osher member

This is a review of the book by Jon Meacham, editor of Newsweek. The focus is on Jackson's presidential leadership.

March 11

My Life's Adventures Before, During, and After WWII

Alexander Wieber, scientist and professor
Born in the USSR, Alexander is both German and Russian. He had a narrow escape from the USSR in 1936, was drafted by the German army in 1944, and fled Berlin in 1945. Later, he worked in a secret U.S. Army intelligence school.

Classic Motor Cars: 1929 - 1941W37

This is a discussion of the classic motor cars of the time period — those exclusive, high-priced (\$5,000-\$40,000) custom-built cars — with plenty of pictures and lecture material. We'll talk about car interiors, colors, and famous owners. Although this is a continuance of the fall class, all are welcome to attend. *Audio/Visual, Lecture*

Dick Knoblock is a retired engineer with a lifelong passion for motor cars. He has an extensive automotive library and has owned or driven a wide variety of vehicles.

Friday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
5 Sessions: January 15 - February 12

The Power to Write.W38

This creative-writing workshop is based on Caroline Joy Adams' *The Power to Write: Seven Keys to Discover Your Writer Within*, and Stephen King's *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*. We write because we want to connect—in a safe and supportive atmosphere that will stimulate everyone present to do their best work. (Textbooks: as noted above, plus a notebook.)

Class Limit 25. Seminar, Workshop, Reading, Writing

Sheryl deJonge-Loavenbruck, a former adjunct literature professor at SUNY Brockport and former Head of Writing at Northern Teachers College in Groningen, the Netherlands, is now a full-time novelist, poet, and short-story writer.

Friday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 15 - March 12

The Philosophy of Plato, Socrates, and AristotleW39

The general purpose of the course is to explore some of the key ideas and innovations in the philosophies of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. Each class will include a 30-minute video lecture followed by guided discussion. *Audio/Visual, Discussion/Seminar*

Howard Maslich is a former psychology professor. He is currently interested in sharing ideas about philosophy with Osher members.

Friday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 15 - March 12

The Principles of ChaosW40

Sir Isaac Newton left us with an orderly universe ruled by mathematical laws. But is there something disquieting in the idea of a vast universe where everything is predetermined with no room for chance? Enter "Chaos." This is a Teaching Company DVD course with course leader explanations and extensions. *Audio/Visual, Lecture*

Bill Faul trained in chemistry but spent half of his Kodak career in digital imaging. A devoted exerciser, trumpet player, and collector of O-gauge trains, he has led Osher courses from '60s pop to modern physics.

Friday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 15 - March 12

They Saw The Elephant: Gold Fever and the Making of California.W41

The discovery of gold in 1848 made this decade one of the most exciting in our history. Based on first-hand accounts of the men and women who made their way to the gold fields, this class will follow not only their epic search, but its far-reaching implications – from the dispossession of the Far West's native peoples to the coming Civil War. *Audio/Visual, Lecture*

Debbie and Jim Huff took an eight-year road trip exploring the back roads of America and furthering their love of history, which began during their early years in San Francisco. This is their second class on Westward migration.

Friday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 15 - March 12

The Philosophy of Nietzsche and Sartre.W42

We will first study the work of Friedrich Nietzsche and his concepts such as Will to Power and Master/Slave Morality. We'll then study the work of Jean-Paul Sartre and his concepts such as Emotions and Responsibility and Being-For-Others. Guided discussion of the concepts presented will follow 30-minute video lectures from The Teaching Company. *Audio/Visual, Discussion/Seminar*

Howard Maslich is a former psychology professor. He currently owns and runs Specialized Training Services Inc., a training company specializing in the art and science of sales negotiation.

Friday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 15 - March 12



Membership

Because you've already given up hula hoops, bikinis, and trans fats, you shouldn't have to give up everything fun...

There are a million and one reasons why you belong where curious minds gather. Discover your place at OSHER.

"I am living more of life since I joined this place than I ever did before—in every way."

Beth Vanfossen



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Beyond learning... is leading

Courses at OSHER are led by members. Some have extensive experience in the topic they like to lead and others are just curious enough about something that they go out and research it so they can lead a course. Contact us—we'll be happy to tell you more about leading at Osher.

"I love leading courses here. It's like I died and went to heaven. When you're teaching here at Osher, you're teaching people who are really hungry to learn."

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Which membership suits your needs?

We have varying levels of membership to fit members' individual circumstances. You can begin your membership at the start of any of our three terms: Fall (September), Winter (January) and Spring/Summer (April).

Regular Membership

A Regular Membership entitles you to participate in all activities, and offers the opportunity to join the RIT community. Enjoy unlimited courses at Osher, participation in social activities, the Pfaudler Enrichment series, travel and tour programs, Summer Seminar and Intersession programs, and an RIT Student ID card. Beginning in your second year, you are entitled to "listen in" on selected RIT Liberal Arts Courses. A number of partial scholarships are available. Scholarships are made possible through a grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation. Please contact the Program Director for more information.

The annual fee is \$265 per person.

Are you a Snowbird? "Gift" your winter term to a friend.

Supporting Membership

Unable to participate in courses but interested in our other activities? Supporting Membership is for you. Participate in all social events, Pfaudler Enrichment Series, Summer Seminar and Intersession programs and travel and tour programs. You may also invite a guest to one of these activities. **The annual fee is \$130.**

Trial Membership

Available to first-time members only, Trial Membership offers another way to "try out Osher." Enjoy all the privileges of Regular Membership for one term (Fall, Winter, or Spring/Summer) excluding the RIT Student ID card and audiology services. **The fee is \$150 per person.** You may convert your Trial Membership into Regular Membership by paying an additional \$115 at the end of your trial term, thereby adding the subsequent two terms.

Benefits								
Membership	Fee	Unlimited Courses	Pfaudler Series	Social Events	Travel & Tours	Summer Seminar & Intersession	Student ID Card	Audiology Services
Regular (full year)	\$265	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Supporting (full year)	\$130		■	■	■	■		
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. **Questions?** Call us at 585-292-8989 or email us at Registration.Osher@RIT.edu.

Membership/Renewal Application & Course Registration

Please fill in the information below and send to OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT, 50 Fairwood Dr. Suite 100, Rochester, NY 14623

Regular Membership (\$265) **Trial Membership** (\$150) **Extended Trial Membership** (\$115) **Supporting Membership** \$130

Name	last	first	middle	phone number	e-mail
street		city		state	zip
In case of an emergency or illness call			name/relationship		phone number
physician				phone number	
I agree to abide by the policies and procedures of the OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT					date
signature:					

Payment for Membership or Renewal

<input type="checkbox"/> Pay by check: Please make check payable to OSHER at RIT	credit number
<input type="checkbox"/> Pay by credit card (in full). <input type="checkbox"/> Pay by credit card in 3 installments (\$90 at the beginning of each term, Regular Membership only.)	
Circle one: MasterCard Visa	name on card
total payment	Signature
	expiration date

We welcome additional tax deductible contributions to the **Operating Budget, Special Projects Fund** or the **Legacy Endowment Fund**. Please include a *seperate check* payable to Osher at RIT, indicating fund designation.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT Refund Policy: The membership fee is generally nonrefundable. The Program Director, in consultation with the Chair of Council, may consider a refund request for individual circumstances. For administrative purposes, a request for refund must be made in writing. A processing fee may be charged.

Course Registration

course #	course title	course #	course title

OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT reserves the right to cancel courses because of low registration, last-minute unavailability of course leaders, or other unavoidable circumstances. Members will be notified immediately of such cancellations so they may select an alternative. Written confirmation will not be sent. You may consider yourself registered in your selected course(s) unless you are notified otherwise. We invite our members to register for as many classes as they wish, but for planning purposes, we ask you to register only for the classes you intend to make a consistent good-faith effort to attend. **Note:** Some courses require the purchase of books or materials. **Registration forms accepted starting December 21, 2009.**

**A number of partial scholarships are available.
Please contact the Program Director for more information.**

We'd like to know more about you! Please complete the Member Profile on the other side.

OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT Member Profile

We ask each member to provide us with information about him- or 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.

Please indicate your life experiences. (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Homemaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Work
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Journalism	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/> Science/Mathematics	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services/Social Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology	

Please indicate course areas that are of interest to you. (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Drama	<input type="checkbox"/> Languages	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing
<input type="checkbox"/> Computers	<input type="checkbox"/> Economics	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Math/Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance	<input type="checkbox"/> Geography	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Speech	
	<input type="checkbox"/> History		<input type="checkbox"/> Sports	

Do you have any ideas for courses you would like to teach or like to see taught? Please describe the course(s) and indicate whether you would like to pursue this with a member of the Course Offerings Committee.

Will you share with us the names of other organizations to which you belong? We make an effort to connect with other organizations that interest our members.

Volunteering at OSHER As a member-oriented organization, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT encourages active participation. Service is strictly voluntary but greatly appreciated. Which activities might be of interest to you? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Course Offerings Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Osher Announcements Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Catalog	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance Registrar	<input type="checkbox"/> Pfaudler Lecture Series	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel/Tour
<input type="checkbox"/> Computers	<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/> Social	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Desk
<input type="checkbox"/> Course Leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Member Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Seminar	(see below)

Do you have computer skills? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Office
<input type="checkbox"/> Website Design/Layout
<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Volunteer at front desk. The Volunteer Coordinator will personally contact you to confirm your assistance. *Please note this will be a commitment for this term only.*

I can volunteer on: I am able to substitute only on:

Monday: <input type="checkbox"/> 9-11 <input type="checkbox"/> 11-1:15 <input type="checkbox"/> 1:15-3:30	Wednesday: <input type="checkbox"/> 9-11 <input type="checkbox"/> 11-1:15 <input type="checkbox"/> 1:15-3:00
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Course Selections—Winter 2010 Worksheet

Start Date	Course #	Course Title	Day	Time
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(Retain this for your records)

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Current Events

Doubt - A History

FDR's Presidency & Legacy

Mysteries of Ancient Egypt

Political Economy of the 2008 Financial Collapse

Taxes and Tax Policy

They Saw The Elephant - Gold Fever

World War I: What You Didn't Know

Language/Literature

Advanced Italian

All Rochester Reads

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The Athenaeum Book Club

Beginning Italian

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King Lear

Memoirs

Memoir Writing Techniques

The "New" *New Yorker*

Participate in Life

Philosophy of Nietzsche and Sartre

Philosophy of Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle

Peer Group Seminar: *Evolution of God*

Poetic Visions

Possession by A.S. Byatt

The Power to Write

Rashi's Daughters: Book III

Samuel 1 and 2

Science/Technology

Becoming Human

Classic Motor Cars

Cosmology

Geography in the 21st Century

Medical School in 2 Hours a Week

The Principles of Chaos

Understanding the Human Brain