

OLLI at WVU

COURSE CATALOG

Spring 2026

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Registration Opens March 16

Classes Begin April 1



West Virginia University



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WVUMedicine.org/Geriatrics

WELCOME TO SPRING 2026 AT THE OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT WVU



Spring at OLLI always feels like a season made just for us—a time of renewal, curiosity, and the welcome return of energy after a long winter.

As the days stretch a little longer and color returns to our hills, I'm reminded of how learning itself is a kind of springtime: a chance to refresh our minds, explore new ideas, and rediscover joy in the world around us.

This catalog reflects that spirit. Our instructors and group leaders

have cultivated a rich variety of courses, events, and opportunities designed to spark interest, inspire conversation, and nourish community. And keep an eye out—there are a few additional spring offerings still in the works, including a potential field trip and a special event that we hope to announce soon. Whether you're returning to a favorite subject or trying something entirely new, I hope you'll find offerings that brighten your days ahead.

Spring also marks the final term of the OLLI membership year. It's a natural moment to reflect on all we've shared—classes taken, friendships formed, and experiences that remind us how meaningful lifelong learning can be. Thank you for being part of this community and for bringing your curiosity, humor, and wisdom to every session. Your engagement is what keeps OLLI vibrant.

As we look toward the close of this membership year and the promise of the next, I invite you to savor this season of growth and possibility. Let's enjoy learning together as we step into spring.

A handwritten signature of Jascenna Haislet.

Jascenna Haislet
Director, OLLI at WVU



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LIFELONG LEARNING, LASTING FRIENDSHIPS.

OLLI at WVU

Looking for a vibrant, welcoming community of adults 50 and older? At the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at WVU, you'll **DISCOVER** new knowledge, **CONNECT** with new friends, and **THRIVE** through lifelong learning inside and outside the classroom.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Free and discounted events
- Travel opportunities
- Shared interest groups
- "Ask a Geek" tech help
- A voice in OLLI governance
- Lifelong learning and community

NEED HELP WITH COSTS?

Applications for financial assistance are confidential and easy to complete – ask at the OLLI office or visit olliatwvu.org/get-involved/scholarships.

For details about membership and term costs, payment options, how to join, and registering for classes, see Program Information, Policies, and Assistance, pages 27-28.

STANDARD MEMBERSHIP

- Annual fee: \$30
- Per-term enrollment fee: \$40*

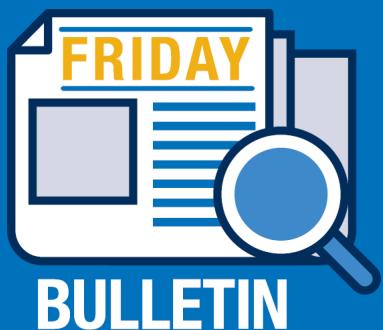
*Pay the term fee only when you register for classes.

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MORGANTOWN SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Spring registration opens March 16. Classes begin April 1.

CLASS/INSTRUCTOR	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
MONDAYS			
T'ai Chi in 30 - Intermediate (Pollard)	Apr 6 - May 18	10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	OTHER
The New Yorker Discussion Group (Attfield, Attfield)	Apr 6 - May 18	10:00 a.m. - Noon	A and Z
T'ai Chi in 30 - Introduction (Pollard)	Apr 6 - May 18	10:40 - 11:10 a.m.	OTHER
Story Songs, Fun Songs (with Ads) (Johnson)	Apr 13	10:00 a.m. - Noon	B and Z
Story Songs, Fun Songs...Sci-Fi and More (Johnson)	May 4	10:00 a.m. - Noon	B and Z
Yarn Arts	Apr 6 - Jun 29	12:45 - 2:30 p.m.	A
Judaism and Islam (Hamble)	Apr 6 - May 11	12:45 - 2:30 p.m.	B and Z
Mon River Band (Schlobohm)	Apr 6 - May 18	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	A
MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS			
Geology of Our National Parks (Smosna)	Apr 6 - 29	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	B
MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS/THURSDAYS			
Afternoon Walking Group	Apr 6 - Jun 29	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	OTHER
TUESDAYS			
Campus Club Morning Book Discussion (Ostrow)	Apr 21 & May 19	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	A and Z
Semi-Trucks: Driver Lifestyle, Truck History, and Safety (Colvin)	Apr 7 & 14	10:00 a.m. - Noon	B and Z
Shakespeare Folios at WVU (Philips)	Apr 7	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	OTHER
Quantum Leaps for Future Tech: The 2025 Nobel in Physics (Reddy)	Apr 14	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
Yoga for Enjoyment and Health (Hnizdo)	Apr 21 - Jun 9	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	OTHER
Titanic: Stories, Memorabilia, Books, and Lifeboat 6 (Krupica)	Apr 21 - 28	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	B
Founding Mothers of the American Revolution (Hutchins)	Apr 28 - May 12	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Z
Digital Decluttering (Klishis)	Jun 2	10:00 a.m. - Noon	B and Z
Famous Film Comedy Duos (Elkins)	Apr 7 - 28	12:45 - 2:15 p.m.	B and Z
Exploring Genealogy and Your Family Tree (Tack)	Apr 7 & 14	12:45 - 2:30 p.m.	A
Personal and Family History Writing Projects...(Sielen)	Apr 21 - May 5	12:45 - 2:30 p.m.	A
Are These Troubled Times Unprecedented? (Ball)	May 5 & 12	12:45 - 2:45 p.m.	B
Rethinking and Building Hope (Muse)	May 19	12:45 - 2:30 p.m.	B
Harnessing Science for a Water Secure Future (Mitra)	May 26	12:45 - 2:15 p.m.	Z
The History of Polio in America (Kirby)	Jun 2 & 9	12:45 - 2:15 p.m.	B and Z
Brick Lab	Apr 21, May 19, Jun 16	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	A/B
Horse Handling 101 (Smith)	Apr 7	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	OTHER
Campus Club Evening Book Discussion (Attfield)	Apr 14, May 12, Jun 9	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Z

Spring Osher Online class schedule available at
olliatwvu.org/get-involved/catalogs

**REGISTER TODAY!**

See full class descriptions on pages 10-20 before registering. For the most up-to-date information on class schedules and space availability, visit our registration portal at wvusph-oli.augusoft.net.

CLASS/INSTRUCTOR	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
TUESDAY/THURSDAY			
Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Basic Trusts (Oliver)	May 26 & 28	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	B and Z
WEDNESDAYS			
Benefactor or Bully? The U.S. Looks South... (Hammersmith, Siekmeier)	Apr 1 - 15	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	B and Z
How Should Great Operas Conclude? (Nelson)	Apr 8	10:00 a.m. - Noon	A
Newcomb's Wildflower Guide (Fowler)	Apr 22 & 29	10:00 a.m. - Noon	B and Z
Technology Security:...Somebody's Watching Me (Klishis)	May 6	10:00 a.m. - Noon	B and Z
America the Beautiful: West of the Mississippi River (Schafer)	May 13	10:00 a.m. - Noon	B and Z
Nature in Action: Using the GLOBE Program (Adaktylou)	May 20 - Jun 17	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Z
Rangolee Art from India (Bapat)	May 20	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
The 1961 Freedom Rides (Rentch)	May 27 - Jun 10	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	B and Z
Material Matters (Harris)	Apr 22	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	OTHER
A Late Lunch (Cale)	Apr 15, May 20, Jun 17	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.	OTHER
Whistles and a Bit More (Strakusek)	Apr 8 - May 27	12:45 - 2:15 p.m.	A
Returning to One's Roots in Egypt (Berrebi)	Apr 15	12:45 - 2:45 p.m.	B
Integrated Circuit Design Using a Semiconductor (Noll)	May 13	12:45 - 2:15 p.m.	B and Z
Advanced Tin Whistle II (Strakusek)	Apr 8 - May 27	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	A
Wednesday Speaker Series	Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3	2:30 - 3:45 p.m.	Z
Spring Trivia (Klishis, Hyde)	Apr 22	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Z
THURSDAYS			
Walking Outdoors with Campus Club (Covey)	Apr 9 - Jun 25	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	OTHER
Wales: History, Geography, Language, Art, and Customs (Attfield)	Apr 9	10:00 a.m. - Noon	B and Z
Plastics: History, Importance, and Safety (Colvin)	Apr 16	10:00 a.m. - Noon	B and Z
Technology, Industry, and the American Revolution (Venable)	Apr 30 - May 21	10:00 a.m. - Noon	B and Z
Story Songs, Fun Songs...USA250/WV162 Special (Johnson)	Jun 4	10:00 a.m. - Noon	B and Z
Campus Club: Let's Do Lunch! (Rauch)	Apr 9, May 14, Jun 11	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	OTHER
Board Games Club (Madison)	Apr 2 - Jun 25	12:45 - 2:30 p.m.	A
Handcrafts: Simple Jewelry Making...(Elkins)	Apr 23	12:45 - 2:45 p.m.	A
Handcrafts: Repurposing Cardboard Boxes (Elkins)	May 28	12:45 - 2:45 p.m.	A
Handcrafts: Make Soap Balls From Scraps (Elkins)	Jun 25	12:45 - 2:45 p.m.	A
Medication Safety Made Easy (McBurney)	Apr 23	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	B and Z
Drinks & Dinner (Haislet)	Apr 9 & May 14	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	OTHER

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MORGANTOWN SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

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CLASS/INSTRUCTOR	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
FRIDAYS			
Take a Hike (Klishis)	May 15	9:00 a.m. - Noon	OTHER
Steady Mind, Calm Life: Practical Tools for Stress...(Kornbrath)	Apr 17	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	B
The Great Lakes: Lore and Legends (Venable)	Apr 24 & May 1	10:00 a.m. - Noon	B
Objects in the Mirror: Lessons from Our Shared History (Stewart)	May 29	10:00 a.m. - Noon	B
Film Forum: Humphrey Bogart (Held)	Apr 10 - May 15	12:45 - 3:30 p.m.	B
Spring Wildflower Walk (Fowler)	Apr 10	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	OTHER
SATURDAYS			
Strong for Life: Strength Training...(Martinelli)	Apr 11 - May 30	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	OTHER
Intermediate T'ai Chi (Pollard)	Apr 4 - Jun 27	10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	OTHER
Intro to T'ai Chi (Pollard)	Apr 4 - Jun 27	11:00 - 11:50 a.m.	OTHER
SUNDAYS			
OLLI Virtual Happy Hour	Apr 5 - Jun 28	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Z

A = Classroom A B = Classroom B CL = Computer Lab Z = Zoom



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ASK A GEEK!

Got a tech question? We're here to help.

Our resident tech expert, Michelle Klishis, is ready to assist – especially with Android phones, Windows PCs, Microsoft Office, and digital privacy and security.

To get help, just email your question to olli@hsc.wvu.edu with "Geek Question" in the subject line.

Give us a few days, and Michelle will get back to you with an answer.

Thanks, Michelle, for keeping us connected and confident!

KANAWHA VALLEY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Spring registration opens March 16. Classes begin April 1.

CLASS/INSTRUCTOR	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
MONDAYS			
The New Yorker Discussion Group (Attfield, Attfield)	Apr 6 - May 18	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
Story Songs, Fun Songs (with Ads) (Johnson)	Apr 13	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
Story Songs, Fun Songs...Sci-Fi and More (Johnson)	May 4	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
Judiasm and Islam (Hample)	Apr 6 - May 11	12:45 - 2:30 p.m.	Z
TUESDAYS			
Campus Club Morning Book Discussion (Ostrow)	Apr 21 & May 19	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Z
Semi-Trucks: Driver Lifestyle, Truck History, and Safety (Colvin)	Apr 7 & 14	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
Quantum Leaps for Future Tech: The 2025 Nobel in Physics (Reddy)	Apr 14	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
Founding Mothers of the American Revolution (Hutchins)	Apr 28 - May 12	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Z
Digital Decluttering (Klishis)	Jun 2	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
Famous Film Comedy Duos (Elkins)	Apr 7 - 28	12:45 - 2:15 p.m.	Z
Harnessing Science for a Water Secure Future (Mitra)	May 26	12:45 - 2:15 p.m.	Z
The History of Polio in America (Kirby)	Jun 2 & 9	12:45 - 2:15 p.m.	Z
Campus Club Evening Book Discussion (Attfield)	Apr 14, May 12, Jun 9	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Z
TUESDAY/THURSDAY			
Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Basic Trusts (Oliver)	May 26 & 28	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Z
WEDNESDAYS			
Benefactor or Bully? The U.S. Looks South... (Hammersmith, Siekmeier)	Apr 1 - 15	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Z
Newcomb's Wildflower Guide (Fowler)	Apr 22 & 29	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
Technology Security:...Somebody's Watching Me (Klishis)	May 6	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
America the Beautiful: West of the Mississippi River (Schafer)	May 13	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
Nature in Action: Using the GLOBE Program (Adaktylou)	May 20 - Jun 17	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
Rangolee Art from India (Bapat)	May 20	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
The 1961 Freedom Rides (Rentch)	May 27 - Jun 10	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Z
Integrated Circuit Design Using a Semiconductor (Noll)	May 13	12:45 - 2:15 p.m.	Z
Wednesday Speaker Series	Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3	2:30 - 3:45 p.m.	Z
Spring Trivia (Klishis, Hyde)	Apr 22	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Z
THURSDAYS			
Wales: History, Geography, Language, Art, and Customs (Attfield)	Apr 9	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
Plastics: History, Importance, and Safety (Colvin)	Apr 16	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
Medication Safety Made Easy (McBurney)	Apr 23	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	ES
Technology, Industry, and the American Revolution (Venable)	Apr 30 - May 21	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
Story Songs, Fun Songs...USA250/WV162 Special (Johnson)	Jun 4	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Z
Medication Safety Made Easy (McBurney)	Apr 16	1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Z
Geological Marvels in the U.S. and Beyond (Holsclaw)	May 14	1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	ES
SUNDAYS			
OLLI Virtual Happy Hour	Apr 5 - Jun 28	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Z

ES = Edgewood Summit Retirement Community Z = Zoom

SHARED INTEREST GROUPS

Shared Interest Groups offer OLLI members the opportunity to share a common interest in a social setting. Most meet year-round, so register just once per year unless otherwise noted.

Visit olliatwvu.org/current-members/interest-groups for descriptions and sign-up info.

Payment of term fee is not required.

AFTERNOON WALKING GROUP

L2

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

July 2025 – June 2026

Time TBA

Various rail trails (Morgantown)

BRICK LAB

3rd Tuesday of the month

July 2025 – June 2026

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Morgantown A

VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

Every Sunday

July 2025 – June 2026

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom

CAMPUS CLUB MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

3rd Tuesday of the month

September 2025 – June 2026

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Morgantown A and Zoom

CAMPUS CLUB EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

2nd Tuesday of the month

September 2025 – June 2026

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Zoom

CAMPUS CLUB: LET'S DO LUNCH!

2nd Thursday of the month

January 2026 - June 2026

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Various locations (Morgantown)

Maximum enrollment: 20

A LATE LUNCH

3rd Wednesday of the month

July 2025 – June 2026

1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Various locations (Morgantown)

Maximum enrollment: 15

DRINKS AND DINNER

2nd Thursday of the month

August 2025 – May 2026

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Various locations (Morgantown)

Maximum enrollment: 25

THE MON RIVER BAND

Every Monday

July 2025 – June 2026

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Morgantown A

CAMPUS CLUB WALKING OUTDOORS

L2

Every Thursday

July 2025 – June 2026

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Various rail trails (Morgantown)

YARN ARTS

Every Monday

July 2025 – June 2026

12:45 – 2:30 p.m.

Morgantown A

BOARD GAMES CLUB

Every Thursday

September 2025 - June 2026

12:45 - 2:30 p.m.

Morgantown A

MEMBER EVENTS

Member events are open to all current OLLI members!

Payment of term fee is not required.

T'AI CHI IN 30

Cecil Pollard

Mondays, April 6 - May 18

Intermediate: 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Introduction: 10:40 - 11:10 a.m.

Morgantown Dance Studio and Zoom

Ease into your week with this gentle, 30-minute t'ai chi session designed to awaken the body and calm the mind. Perfect for beginners or those looking for a short, focused practice, these classes emphasize slow, flowing movements to promote balance, flexibility, and relaxation.

SPRING TRIVIA

Michelle Klishis, Michael Hyde*

Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Zoom

Join us for laughter, silliness, and the most trivial of trivialities: Spring Trivia!



RE-THINKING AND BUILDING HOPE

Yira Muse

Tuesday, May 19, 12:45 - 2:30 p.m.

Morgantown B

ENCORE

Hope is not a wish. It is measurable, teachable, and learnable! More importantly, Hope acts as a protective factor against stress, anxiety, depression, burnout, and even suicide. It is the #1 indicator of well-being, while Hopelessness is the single strongest predictor of suicidal ideation and suicide. Hope is an action-oriented skill that is backed by over 30 years of scientific research and we're still discovering new ways that Hope improves not just our personal well-being, but that of our organizations and communities. In this course, you'll learn the real (measurable) ways Hope can benefit multiple life outcomes, as well as how to build and maintain Hope for yourself and others.

TAKE A HIKE! YOU DECIDE THE TRAIL

Michelle Klishis, Michael Hyde*

Friday, May 15, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Coopers Rock State Forest

L3

Take a hike with Michelle and Michael at Coopers Rock State Forest. As a group, participants will choose how strenuous or easy they want the hike to be. Check your email for details on how we'll decide. If it's raining heavily on the scheduled day, the hike will be postponed one week.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Spring 2026

April - June

**SPRING REGISTRATION
OPENS MARCH 16**

Classes start April 1

HOW TO REGISTER

- Online at wvusph-olli.augusoft.net/
- By phone at (304) 293-1793
- By mail, using the enclosed registration form. Make checks payable to the WVU Foundation.

Advance registration is required for class attendance.



**REGISTER ONLINE
TODAY!**

Our online registration portal contains the most up-to-date course information and is searchable by topic, instructor, and more. Courses fill up quickly, so this online portal is your best source of information! Registration remains open throughout the term for most classes and events.

ACTIVITY LEVEL KEY

For field trips, exercise classes, and outdoor adventures. Guidance only. Conditions may change.

L1 Participants should be able to traverse flat surfaces at a leisurely pace. Activities may include some steps, boarding a bus, and standing for short periods of time. Accessible accommodations may be available on request.

L2 Participants should be able to traverse uneven surfaces that are not always paved. Activities may include walking steps and small inclines, boarding a bus, standing for longer periods of time, and engaging in light exercise. Accessible accommodations may be available on request.

L3 Participants should be in good physical health, able to do all the above, and able to participate in medium-endurance exercise and adventure.

THE ARTS & ARTS HISTORY

ADVANCED TIN WHISTLE

Ingrid Strakusek

**Wednesdays, April 8 - May 27, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Morgantown A**

Expand your skills with the tin whistle in this intermediate course designed for those who have completed the beginner level or have basic experience with the instrument. We will work on rhythm, using half-fingering, and ways to increase the tempo. Participants will enhance their finger placement, breath control, and learn how to add personal flair to their playing. Whether you're aiming to improve for personal enjoyment or performance, this class will help you take your tin whistle playing to the next level. We will be using the D whistle.

* Member of the OLLI Honor Roll. Has taught ≥ 10 courses and ≥ 60 class hours.

FAMOUS FILM COMEDY DUOS

Andrea Elkins

Tuesdays, April 7 – 28, 12:45 - 2:15 p.m.

Morgantown B and Zoom

From slapstick to sharp wit, classic comedy has often been at its best in pairs. This course explores some of the most beloved comedic duos in film history, including Abbott and Costello, Blondie and Dagwood, Burns and Allen, Laurel and Hardy, and Martin and Lewis.

FILM FORUM: HUMPHREY BOGART

*Jim Held**

Fridays, April 10 – May 15, 12:45 - 3:30 p.m.

Morgantown B

Humphrey Bogart is one of the greatest of all Hollywood icons. With a range from film noir to adventure to comedy, he entertained us with his gruff, macho but heart-of-gold portrayals. We'll watch in chronological order: *The Maltese Falcon* ('41), *All Through the Night* ('42), *Casablanca* ('43), *Key Largo* ('48), *The African Queen* ('51) and *The Caine Mutiny Court Martial* ('54). We'll watch the films on our big screen, then have lively discussions about each film. Plan to watch "Bacall on Bogart" on YouTube before the first class.

HANDCRAFTS: SIMPLE JEWELRY MAKING AND REPAIR

Kathi Elkins

ENCORE

Thursday, April 23, 12:45 - 2:45 p.m.

Morgantown A

Materials fee: \$4 at the door

Using a variety of beads, we can make memory wire bracelets, elastic bracelets, necklaces, and French hook earrings, or complete easy repairs on your own jewelry. The hardest part is choosing from the thousands of beads the instructor will bring. Tools will be available to use during class. Beginners welcome!

HANDCRAFTS: REPURPOSING CARDBOARD BOXES

Kathi Elkins

Thursday, May 28, 12:45 - 2:45 p.m.

Morgantown A

Materials fee: \$3 at the door

In the spirit of Reduce-Reuse-Recycle, we can transform that sturdy cardboard box for other uses around the house and office. Covering it with fabric, wallpaper, contact paper, duct tape, or paint will turn it into a work of art. We'll also discuss other techniques for reusing cardboard boxes---kids' and pets' play boxes?

HANDCRAFTS: MAKE SOAP BALLS FROM SCRAPS

Kathi Elkins

Thursday, June 25, 12:45 - 2:45 p.m.

Morgantown A

What do you do with that last bit of soap, or those hotel soaps you bring home? We'll cover a variety of techniques so we can continue to use bar soap (more Earth-friendly than plastic-dispensed handsoap), but turn those scraps into soap balls that you're proud to have in your soap dish or give as a gift. No fee for this class, but bring rubber/latex gloves and any soap scraps for processing.

HOW SHOULD GREAT OPERAS CONCLUDE?

*Byron Nelson**

Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Morgantown A

Even the greatest operas in the standard repertory occasionally run into difficulty at their conclusions. Some of the most popular operas have trouble bringing great libretti and superb music into satisfactory resolution as the curtain is ready to come down. This class will study three kinds of opera-ending problems: exuberant conclusions; ambiguous and confusing endings; and one disastrously muddled finale. Operas to be discussed include *The Magic Flute*, *Fidelio*, *Don Carlos*, *Lohengrin*, *Porgy and Bess*, and *Turandot*.

MATERIAL MATTERS

Heather Harris

Wednesday, April 22, 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

WVU Art Museum

Maximum Enrollment: 20

Join OLLI for a guided tour of the WVU Art Museum's spring exhibits, including *Material Matters*. This exhibit centers on the premise of the shared heritage of Africa and the African-diaspora; purpose and message come first. Those aims guide the choice of materials selected for their physical traits and for what they signal in a community. From these choices, form follows. Whether woven, welded, stitched, carved, painted, or printed, matter becomes a language for survival, memory, devotion, protest, and repair.

RANGOLI ART FROM INDIA

Madhuri Bapat

Wednesday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Zoom

This presentation explores the history, myths, and cultural traditions behind rangoli, a vibrant form of Indian folk art. Participants will compare rangoli designs from different regions of India and examine how this art form relates to sand art traditions in Africa, Tibet, the Middle East, and Europe, considering the practitioners, materials, and stories behind each practice. The session will feature an abundance of colorful images and photographs to bring these artistic traditions to life.

SHAKESPEARE FOLIOS AT WVU

Rigby Philips

Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Wise Library Rare Books Collection

West Virginia University Library Archives is a world leader when it comes to primary, authentic Shakespeare documents, specifically the First Folio of Shakespeare's plays published in 1623. Students will have a rare opportunity to see the First Folio displayed at WVU as well as learn what a folio is, how it was compiled and published and how WVU acquired this book.

STORY SONGS, FUN SONGS (WITH ADS)

*Ed Johnson**

Monday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Morgantown B and Zoom

More musical memories as we look back at some of the popular and/or important songs from the 1940s to more recent hits.

STORY SONGS, FUN SONGS (WITH ADS) SCI-FI AND MORE

*Ed Johnson**

Monday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Morgantown B and Zoom

Calling all sci-fi superfans, music lovers, and anyone who secretly hums theme songs in the grocery store! In this special "May the Fourth Be With You" and "Revenge of the Sixth" edition of our Story & Fun Songs series, we'll dive light-speeder-first into music from your favorite sci-fi movies and TV shows—from iconic themes everyone recognizes to the wonderfully weird deep-cut gems only true fans brag about knowing.

STORY SONGS, FUN SONGS (WITH ADS) USA250/WV163 SPECIAL

*Ed Johnson**

Thursday, June 4, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Morgantown B and Zoom

Birthdays for both the United States on July 4 (250 years - the "Semi-Quincentennial") and West Virginia on June 20 (162 years) will be celebrated in this class with song.

WHISTLES AND A BIT MORE

Ingrid Strakusek

Wednesdays, April 8 – May 27, 12:45 - 2:15 p.m.

Morgantown A

Are you interested in playing music with others and for others? Join *Whistles and a Bit More*, a group of regular folks who get together to play music that enriches our lives! If you can play an instrument in the key of 'D', no matter the skill level, then this group is for you! *Whistles and a Bit More* currently consists of tin whistles, dulcimers, guitar and rhythm players, and we play all sorts of music in the key of 'D', from Irish and Appalachian folk tunes to Rock 'n' Roll. Join us!

FINANCIAL LITERACY & RETIREMENT PLANNING

WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY, AND BASIC TRUSTS

Dan Oliver

ENCORE

Tuesday and Thursday, May 26 and 28,
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Morgantown B and Zoom

In planning for a possible death or incapacity, we will review the considerations in getting one's affairs in order. What instruments are available and how do they work? What happens if there are no executed instruments?

HEALTH & WELLNESS

THE HISTORY OF POLIO IN AMERICA

Beverly Kirby

Tuesdays, June 2 and 9, 12:45 - 2:15 p.m.
Classroom B and Zoom

Beginning with an overview of the pathophysiology of the once dreaded disease, this course will discuss the history of polio in the U.S. It will review the epidemics that occurred with a focus on those in America and will emphasize the development, approval and impact of the polio vaccine.

MEDICATION SAFETY MADE EASY

Carissa McBurney

ENCORE

Thursday, April 16, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Edgewood Summit, Charleston

Thursday, April 23, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Morgantown B and Zoom

This session offers practical, easy-to-follow tips to help manage your medications. We will discuss the West Virginia Poison Center, how to take medicine safely and how to avoid mix-ups. We want to help you stay safe and in control of your medications.

STEADY MIND, CALM LIFE: PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR STRESS, WORRY, AND ANXIETY

Barb Kornbrath

Friday, April 17, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Morgantown B

Feeling anxious or overwhelmed? Your mind may be on autopilot. In this course, you'll meet your inner "Saboteurs," practice two in-the-moment tools, and explore Positive Intelligence® techniques to build new neural pathways for lasting change. Walk away with clarity, calm, and practical strategies to strengthen wellness because anxiety isn't a life sentence; it's a signal for growth. Participants also receive a hand-painted mantra card to support home practice.

STRONG FOR LIFE: STRENGTH TRAINING FOR FUNCTION AND LONGEVITY

David Martinelli

Saturdays, April 11 – May 30, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
WVU Recreation Center

This course will introduce participants to safe, effective strength training using Campus Recreation Center equipment. Participants will learn proper technique, machine setup, resistance selection, and basic program design in a supportive environment. The course focuses on improving strength, balance, and everyday function while prioritizing safety and confidence. Sessions progress gradually and include warm-ups, flexibility, and recovery guidance. By the end, participants will feel comfortable training independently in the facility. *Participants should wear comfortable work-out clothing that allows free movement and athletic shoes with good support and closed toes.*

YOGA FOR ENJOYMENT AND HEALTH

Eva Hnizdo*

Tuesdays, April 21 – June 9, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Morgantown Dance Studio

The class will be focused on developing skills that participants can use in their daily life to maintain their well-being. Coordination between breath and body movements such as balancing, stretching, strengthening, and deep breathing will be used to create the sense of well-being. We will be using chairs to support and enhance the body movements. *Materials needed: yoga mat, blocks, and strap.*

HISTORY

BENEFACITOR OR BULLY? THE U.S. LOOKS SOUTH, HISTORICALLY

Jack Hammersmith*, James Siekmeier

Wednesdays, April 1 - 15, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Morgantown B and Zoom

From at least the Monroe Doctrine in 1823 (not known by that name for another thirty years), the U.S. has viewed Latin American countries as under its special guidance and protection. This has led in many directions: from companies seeking economic dominance to Washington's justifying armed intervention and regime change. Only gradually, under FDR and his successors, did the U.S. seek to reverse much of this assertive behavior, a generally cooperative posture now being challenged by the second Trump presidency. This two-week course will emphasize the historic roots of the U.S.-Latin American relationship and how it relates to contemporary issues so dramatically and controversially highlighted by the current administration in early 2026.

EXPLORING GENEALOGY AND YOUR FAMILY TREE

Frankie Tack

Tuesdays, April 7 and 14, 12:45 - 2:30 p.m.
Morgantown A

Discover your family's story in this engaging two-session class on genealogy and building your family tree. Session one introduces the basics of getting started, including selecting a platform, tree settings, entry norms, and research goals. Session two explores essential resources—from family to local archives to platform hints and online databases—plus practical tips for effective searching and avoiding common pitfalls. Session two also includes time for you to start or work on your family tree and receive real-time support as you go. Whether you're a beginner or looking to sharpen your skills, this course offers the tools and guidance to start your genealogy journey with confidence!

FOUNDING MOTHERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

*Russ Hutchins**

Tuesdays, April 28 – May 12, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Zoom

We examine the famous and not-so-famous women who helped create this country from the American Revolution to the Constitutional period following the war. We will look at the First Ladies, as well as the wives of the founders, who helped shape this country. Join us for a fascinating trip into American History.

THE 1961 FREEDOM RIDES

*James Renth**

Wednesdays, May 27 – June 10, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Morgantown B and Zoom

In May 1961, the Congress of Racial Equality set out on a 13-person, 12-day "freedom ride" from Washington to New Orleans to test Supreme Court decisions outlawing segregation in public transportation. This Ride was met with terrible violence in Anniston, Birmingham, and Montgomery, forcing CORE to abandon the Ride. Undaunted, Nashville students led by Diana Nash and John Lewis recruited replacement Riders and continued to Jackson, where they again faced arrest and imprisonment. By August, over 60 separate Rides brought over 450 Riders to Jackson and other jails. This is an expanded version of a 2022 OLLI session.

WALES: A CULTURAL TAPESTRY OF PEOPLE, PLACES, AND STORIES

Michael Attfield

Thursday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Morgantown B and Zoom

This course offers an engaging exploration of Wales, delving into its rich history, diverse geography, vibrant language, and unique cultural traditions, beginning with the Neolithic era and continuing through to the present day. Participants will gain insight into the historical events that shaped the nation. The course highlights Wales's stunning landscapes, iconic castles, and distinctive architecture through vivid imagery. Attendees will also be introduced to the Welsh language, with opportunities to practice speaking basic phrases. Welsh arts and music will be broadly covered, featuring notable writers, artists, and composers.

Finally, the class will touch on folklife and customs, providing a well-rounded understanding of the country's cultural heritage.

OTHER INTERESTS

PERSONAL AND FAMILY HISTORY WRITING PROJECTS: AN OVERVIEW

Rae Jean Sielen*

Tuesdays, April 21 – May 5,
12:45 - 2:30 p.m., Morgantown A

ENCORE

Take steps to make your dream a reality. You CAN finish your book! Topics will include strategies for organizing material and considerations as you compile, write, and produce your work (e.g., sources, voice, truth, project scope, layout, software, photos, printing). Participants will be able to begin identifying approaches for their own goals, materials, audience, and budget. Examples of completed projects will be shared, with the instructor highlighting key decisions made by the books' authors. Topics related to commercial publishing ventures such as how to sell manuscripts, find agents, and negotiate contracts will not be covered. This is an introductory overview class, not a writing class.

PLASTICS: HISTORY, IMPORTANCE, AND SAFETY

Kenton Colvin*

Thursday, April 16, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Morgantown B and Zoom

Where did plastics come from? Learn how plastics were developed and how they are made. We will discuss how plastics have shaped our lives and all the various uses of plastics. Learn about the serious problems to the environment and animal life that plastics cause. Other safety issues and the proper disposal of plastic material will also be discussed.

SEMI-TRUCKS: DRIVER LIFESTYLE, TRUCK HISTORY, SAFETY

Kenton Colvin*

ENCORE

Tuesdays, April 7 and 14, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Morgantown B and Zoom

Have you ever wondered about the life of a tractor trailer (semi-truck) driver? Truck driving is not a job but a lifestyle. Out on the road, the truck is their workplace and home. How safe are semi-trucks on the road? Truck drivers are crucial to the American

INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT



FRANKIE TACK: EDUCATOR, COUNSELOR, MAKER

Frankie Tack is a retired WVU associate professor emeritus of Mental Health & Addiction Studies in the College of Applied Human Sciences. She received a BS in Industrial Engineering from NC State University and an MS in Counseling from Western Carolina University. Frankie initially worked in textiles and public utilities before changing careers and completing a graduate degree in counseling. After that pivot, she worked in clinical settings providing addiction treatment before entering academia full-time. Her focus areas in addictions have been women, tobacco use disorder, and stigma reduction.

As lifelong learners, Frankie and her wife, Deana, immediately joined OLLI when they retired last summer. So far, Frankie has participated in the board games group, a chess course, the Frances Perkins reenactment, and courses on Russian history, Socrates and Plato, and AlphaZero AI, with T'ai Chi teed up.

Frankie has several hobbies, including genealogy (with over 15,000 ancestors currently in her family tree), collecting baseball cards and antique hammers, and her own form of art, currently focused on old clocks parts and discarded computer components. With their old South Park home (b. 1910), home projects are also a big focus. Old movies (noir!), chess, and reading are also regular pastimes. And Frankie and Deana love to travel, having most recently traveled to Maine and Rome, with New Orleans and the Grand Canyon planned soon.

economy and supply chain. Learn about their lives, dangers, safety, skills, and the effects on their families. Learn how trailers are designed and drivers are trained to haul a variety of different types of commodities (example – food products versus oil).

TITANIC: STORIES, MEMORABILIA, BOOKS, AND LIFEBOAT 6

Thomas Krupica

Tuesdays, April 21 and 28, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Morgantown B

This course will focus on the story of the “unsinkable” ship. The author will lecture, use visual displays, and include a question and answer period. He will tell stories of his experiences with a survivor, gatherings at Titanic conventions, explanations of his memorabilia, and the writing of his book: *Titanic Lifeboat #6: Was It Deception or Regulations?* In the discussion, he will introduce various occupants of this lifeboat and their connection to Titanic, lifeboat 6, and West Virginia. Throughout the discussion other notable people in the Titanic drama will be introduced.

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

JUDAISM AND ISLAM

*Rabbi Joseph Hample**

Mondays, April 6 – May 11, 12:45 - 2:30 p.m.
Morgantown B and Zoom

From the headlines you might think they're opposites, but Judaism and Islam have much in common. Both are religions of books and laws, unlike Christianity, a religion of God incarnate. Judaism and Islam have similar dietary laws; both practice circumcision. In premodern times, Jews often lived comfortably in Muslim countries. We will explore the two faiths' parallels and divergences, and opportunities for reconciliation.

SCIENCE & NATURE

GEOLOGIC MARVELS IN THE U.S. AND BEYOND

*Steven Holsclaw**

Thursday, May 14, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Edgewood Summit, Charleston

The Earth's surface is naturally sculpted by the forces of rain, flowing water, freezing-thawing cycles and moving glacial ice sheets. Additional players are structural forces, plate tectonics (subsurface

collision of continental plates), and volcanic activity. These forces work in their own ways to wear down, build up, and modify the surface over time spans from recent-to-millions of years. This presentation takes the student on a geologic journey with breathtaking and spectacular photos of tall mountains, volcanoes, geothermal activity, amazing landscapes, waterfalls, eroded rock shapes, giant balanced rocks perched on pedestals, subterranean formations and more.

GEOLOGY OF OUR NATIONAL PARKS

*Richard Smosna**

Mondays and Wednesdays,
April 6 – 29, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Morgantown B

ENCORE

Our national parks with their scenic beauty and special cast of characters are the showcase of American landscapes. Mountains, glaciers, volcanoes, hot springs and geysers, deserts and prairies, coastlines and coral reefs, rivers and islands, the national parks display them all. Moreover, the most interesting wildlife make these parks their home, including wolves, bison, alligators, tropical fish, eagles, mountain sheep, and cougars. All our parks share a common denominator—geological processes formed the physical characteristics of each geographical area which, in turn, provide the natural habitats for the animals living there.

HARNESSING SCIENCE FOR A WATER SECURE FUTURE

Sumita Mitra

Tuesday, May 26, 12:45 - 2:15 p.m.
Zoom

Water is the lifeblood of Earth, yet overexploitation, climate change, and mismanagement have intensified water scarcity and polluted rivers and oceans, disrupting fragile ecosystems worldwide. This presentation explores how scientific innovations are being harnessed to secure a sustainable water future providing renewed hope for restoring the damaged ecosystems. Topics include seawater desalination, strategies to reduce pollution in aquatic systems, advanced recycling technologies, bioengineered microbes that break down plastic waste, and innovations in biodegradable plastics. Together, these approaches

demonstrate how science can help safeguard water resources for future generations.

HORSE HANDLING 101

Crystal Smith

ENCORE

Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

JW Ruby Research Farm, Reedsville

Class fee: \$10, payable at the door

Horse Handling 101 will discuss herd dynamics, senses, behavior, and handling horses safely from the ground. Participants will have opportunities to interact with the horses in a hands-on setting. Student members of WVU Collegiate Horsemen's Association will assist to provide a safe, fun learning environment. *Participants should wear closed-toed shoes.*

NATURE IN ACTION: USING THE GLOBE PROGRAM

Nektaria Adaktylou

Wednesdays, May 20 – June 17, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Zoom

GLOBE Program is an international science and education program that provides people of all ages worldwide with the opportunity to participate in data collection and the scientific process and contribute meaningfully to our understanding of the Earth system and global environment. We will talk about all the spheres of the environment, discuss current environmental challenges, and use an app that can be added to your phone that enables you to make observations of your environment. Your measurements will be added to a NASA database contributing to the better understanding of the local environment. You will become certified GLOBE citizen scientists.

NEWCOMB'S WILDFLOWER GUIDE

Zach Fowler*

ENCORE

Wednesday, April 22 and 29,
10:00 a.m. - Noon

Morgantown B and Zoom

Learn how to confidently identify flowering wild plants! *Newcomb's Wildflower Guide* is a popular, easy-to-use book for identifying blooming plants in this area. Participants will learn how to use this book and practice identifying plants that grow in the Morgantown area. Participants should bring a copy of *Newcomb's Wildflower Guide* to class.

QUANTUM LEAPS FOR FUTURE TECH: THE 2025 NOBEL IN PHYSICS

Sumitra Reddy*

Tuesday, April 14, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Zoom

In commemorating the centenary of quantum mechanics, the 2025 Physics Nobel prize celebrated the foundational research that transitioned quantum theory from a fascinating, counterintuitive principle to practical, applicable tools for modern quantum computing and other advanced technologies. The Nobel committee highlighted that the groundbreaking works of the three laureates, John Clarke, Michel H. Devoret, and John M. Martinis, are not merely scientific oddities but are vital foundational elements of modern quantum technology. Their work has transformed mere theories into viable engineering prospects. This session aims to introduce key principles of quantum physics and discuss the practical implications of the research, especially for the next generation of quantum technologies.

SPRING WILDFLOWERS WALK

Zach Fowler*

ENCORE

Friday, April 10, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

WVU Core Arboretum

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Participants will meet at the WVU Core Arboretum where we will observe spring ephemeral wildflowers in their natural setting during our hike. The pace will be slow along the hilly terrain as we will talk about what we're seeing. The WVU Core Arboretum has an unrivaled display of spring ephemeral wildflowers! Join us following the hike for dinner.

SOCIAL SCIENCES & CURRENT EVENTS

ARE THESE TROUBLED TIMES UNPRECEDENTED?

Judy Ball

Tuesdays, May 5 and 12, 12:45 - 2:45 p.m.

Morgantown B

Revisiting history — stories of our past — often can shine new light on our present. Today, it is common to hear how our troubles, divisions, and the actions of elected leaders are unprecedented. But is this true? It is definitely a hypothesis to test. Relying on recent texts from experts in law and American history, this class will take a historical tour, from the

origins of the U.S. Constitution to its remodeling by the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments and their aftermath. From there we can assess anew whether today's American situation is unique or an artifact of how our history has been taught and remembered. Expect time set aside for discussion.

THE NEW YORKER DISCUSSION GROUP

Hilary Attfield, Michael Attfield**

Mondays, April 6 - May 18, 10:00 a.m. – Noon
Morgantown A and Zoom

Join us to discuss a range of topics from recent issues of *The New Yorker* magazine. Members of the group choose articles, fiction, and topics to be discussed each week. All viewpoints welcome! A subscription to *The New Yorker* is strongly recommended.

OBJECTS IN THE MIRROR: LESSONS FROM OUR SHARED HISTORY

Halle Stewart

Friday, May 29, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Morgantown B

This course explores how West Virginia's history of labor organizing, mutual aid, and community-based problem solving can inform contemporary advocacy and community work. Drawing on examples of how people across the state have sustained one another during periods of hardship, it examines how meeting basic needs and advocating for better conditions often go hand-in-hand with cultural practices that nourish community life, including music, art, storytelling, and spending time in nature. Grounded in West Virginia's experience, the course highlights lessons of resilience, community care, and collective creativity that continue to offer guidance for navigating today's challenges.

TECHNOLOGY, INDUSTRY, AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

*Wallace Venable**

Thursdays, April 30 – May 21, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Morgantown B and Zoom

The American Revolution wasn't just 1776 and politics. It was a revolution in American life. It included rapidly expanding production in homes spurred by British taxation, the building of small factories, enthusiastic U.S. patenting of inventions, and the beginnings of "the industrial revolution" in both America and Britain. As purchasers of

household items, women shaped much of the economy. This course will outline major changes in production, transportation, communications, and domestic life during the period between 1760 and 1810. A major focus will be on our VA-PA-MD region.

TECHNOLOGY

DITIGAL DECLUTTERING

*Michelle Klishis**

Tuesday, June 2, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Morgantown B and Zoom

By now, most of us have gigs and gigs of data on our hard drives (be they on our phones, tablets, or computers) and no idea how to deal with all these pictures and songs and videos and files, many of which we'll never look at again. This class will give you some ideas about how to begin the process as well as systems that you can maintain to keep things from getting cluttered again.

INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DESIGN USING A SEMICONDUCTOR FAB

Alan Noll

Wednesday, May 13, 12:45 - 2:15 p.m.
Morgantown B and Zoom

Semiconductor fabrication plants (fabs) are in the news due to major global expansion, intense supplier competition, and massive financial investments. Artificial Intelligence (AI) demands new growth and industry forecasts record fab construction in this decade while geopolitical tensions affect supply chains. This course will present the engineering development flow for a Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuit (MMIC). The development involves a multi-stage process from initial concept to market introduction. The key phases are presented with a strong emphasis on clarity and understanding over technical details.

TECHNOLOGY SECURITY: I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE SOMEBODY'S WATCHING ME

*Michelle Klishis**

Wednesday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Morgantown B and Zoom

Most people think protecting your data means making sure no one can steal their tablet or laptop, but your data is everything you do online that is collected by companies. What these companies can do with the information you knowingly (and unknowingly) share is both astounding and terrifying.

TRAVEL & ADVENTURE

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL: WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Rosana Schafer

Wednesday, May 13, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Morgantown B and Zoom

Through a plethora of photos and stories, travel the Midwest and Western USA. Visit botanical gardens, state capitals, and national parks (Yellowstone, Battle of the Little Bighorn, Lewis and Clark expedition sites). Cross the Mississippi River in Memphis and travel north to the headwaters at Itasca State Park in Minnesota. See the scenic countryside and bustling cities in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota & Minnesota. From Denver make a loop through big sky country in Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Idaho, and Utah, ending in Fort Garland, Colorado. Drive through the Columbia River Gorge and make a special stop at the site of Evel Knievel's jump over the Snake River and his memorial in Butte, Montana.

THE GREAT LAKES: LORE AND LEGENDS

*Norma Venable**

Fridays, April 24 and May 1, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Morgantown B

The Great Lakes, carved by ancient glaciers, offer warm sandy beaches, towering Lake Michigan dunes, iconic lighthouses, and more than 6,000 shipwrecks with legendary ghost ship tales. Bird watchers flock to Point Pelee, while history enthusiasts explore the Museum of the Great Lakes and charming Niagara on the Lake. Join us for a virtual tour through the Lakes' beauty, history, and enduring lore.

RETURNING TO ONE'S ROOTS IN EGYPT

Albert Berrebi

Wednesday, April 15, 12:45 - 2:45 p.m.
Morgantown B

The instructor, an Egyptian-born American scientist, will describe his travels and moving personal experience upon returning to his country of birth. He will provide a brief overview of the political landscape of Egypt in the mid-1900s and the circumstances of his family's expulsion in 1961. Having recently returned for the first time as a tourist in 2023, Berrebi will describe his travels within the country and share his personal journey to trace his family roots in Alexandria.



INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Nektaria Adaktylou has a background in atmospheric physics and remote sensing and in educational research and evaluation. She is an Adjunct Professor at West Virginia University at the Department of Geology & Geography. She has been a member of GLOBE (Global Observations to Benefit the Environment) since 1995. She is a trainer for GLOBE and a GLOBE partner in West Virginia.

Hilary Attfield*, a native of Scotland and retired editor, likes to stay current with world issues and events (and gardening everywhere!). She has degrees from Aberdeen (Scotland), Warwick (England), and WVU.

Mike Attfield* grew up in England, got a degree in statistics, went to work in the epidemiology of coal mining lung diseases in Scotland, came over to the USA in 1977 to work on the same topic at NIOSH. He taught various classes at WVU and elsewhere, including The Netherlands. Although not Welsh, Attfield lived in Wales for three years and got to know the country, people, language, and customs a bit.

Judy Ball holds a BA in political science from WVU and an MPA and PhD in Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. She spent more than 20 years in health services research with U.S. Department of Health & Human Services agencies and has continued in public service post-retirement. She is a lifelong policy nerd and avid fan of history she never learned in a classroom.

Madhuri Bapat holds degrees in physics from Pune University, India, and an M.S. in Plasma Physics from Wright State University. She taught physics for 25 years, math for 7 years, and astronomy for 3 years in Arizona community colleges. She has conducted independent research on rangoli and presented at conferences including NCTM and AAPT.

Al Berrebi was born in Alexandria, Egypt and grew up in Brooklyn, NY. He joined WVU in 1992, and retired as tenured Professor in 2025. Despite having no memories of Egypt, he always longed to return to Alexandria and trace his family roots. He finally realized that goal in 2023. In this presentation he will tell his personal story in the context of Egypt, then and now.

Kenton Colvin* retired from WVU Student Life after 18 years. Previously, he spent 26 years in manufacturing management with six corporations. He has a Masters Degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering and has taught engineering courses for 26 years. He is VP of Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society. He enjoys history and teaching classes at OLLI for over 13 years.

Andrea Elkins is a fan of musical theater, opera, tv, movies, and music.

Kathi Elkins is retired from the WVDHHR/Health Statistics Center as an epidemiologist and years in tobacco prevention. She has recently moved back to the Morgantown area from Charleston. Previously for OLLI, she taught the history of ice (and making ice cream), a series of classes on environmental issues, and share the story of your collection.

Jack Hammersmith* has taught for OLLI since his retirement from the WVU History Department in 2016. A product of smalltown Ohio, he received his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia in U.S. diplomatic history. His teaching for nearly a half century has largely been in the US since 1865 and East Asia (Japan and China), generally the subject areas of his many OLLI classes.

Rabbi Joe Hample* was born in Buffalo, educated at Harvard, and long employed at Wells Fargo Bank in California. Ordained in 2009, he worked as a full-time prison chaplain before coming to Morgantown in 2012. Now the spiritual leader at Tree of Life Congregation on South High Street, Rabbi Joe seeks to make Judaism accessible to everyone.

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Jim Held* taught in WVU's Theater & Dance school for 35 years, retiring in 2015. The study and appreciation of films has been a lifelong interest. He claims to have learned everything at the movies, informing his reel life. At WVU he taught theater design, history and drama and world theater and drama. He designed scenery and/or directed productions almost every year. He has taught more than 100 classes for OLLI.

Eva Hnizdo*, PhD in Epidemiology, has been a Registered Yoga Teacher since 2006 and has taught at NIOSH and Lakeview. She has practiced the Iyengar style of yoga since 1976. This yoga style focuses on correct body alignment and is well suited for senior practitioners.

Steven Holsclaw* is a retired Petroleum Geologist after working 42 years in the oil and gas industry. He has a bachelor's degree in Geology from The Ohio State University. He has pursued a lifelong interest in fossils, minerals and crystals and enjoys sharing that interest with like-minded individuals.

Russ T. Hutchins*, ED.Sp, is currently a professor at Friends University-Topeka, teaching U.S. History, Western Civilization, Economics, Business, Philosophy, and Business Management. He is a former school administrator and teacher with a Specialist Degree in School Administration, a graduate degree in Curriculum/Instruction, and a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education. Hutchins lectures for OLLIs on topics surrounding WWII and the mystery of Amelia Earhart's disappearance, women spies, and women aviators.

Ed Johnson* is a former cast member at Walt Disney World and long time Business professor. He is the creator and curator of MH3WV.org, a West Virginia Studies website for students, educators, and others.

Beverly Kirby is a retired medical laboratory professional and educator. She earned a B.S. in Medical Technology from WVU in 1975 and worked in hospital labs at WVU, UHC, and as laboratory director at Broaddus Hospital. She later earned a master's degree and a doctorate in Higher Education Leadership, taught hematology and pathology, served as Program Director for Medical Laboratory Science, and retired in 2018.

Michelle Klishis*, OLLI's professional technologist, is a jack-of-all-trades and certifiable geek. Her degree in biology and work in a microbiology lab gave her absolutely no preparation for becoming a technology consultant, yet here we are.

Barb Kornbrath is a certified Positive Intelligence™ coach trained in mental fitness for healthier relationships, improved wellness, and anxiety reduction. A longtime coach and former CEO of Barb's Yoga Den, she now leads wellness retreats that help adults strengthen calm, clarity, and connection in daily life.

Thomas P. Krupica is a graduate of Bishop Donahue High School, West Liberty State College, and West Virginia University. He is a retired teacher of 33 years. He is a member of the Titanic International and an author of his own book on Titanic and has a vast memorabilia collection. Krupica has had the honor of meeting, now gone, a Titanic survivor and the discoverer of the Titanic in 1985.



INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

David Martinelli is a former athlete and lifelong fitness enthusiast, specializing in strength training, body composition and lifestyle improvement. He enjoys working with clients as they pursue better health and fitness. He is a professor of engineering which help him understand of body mechanics and energy principles and keep up with the latest fitness research.

Carissa McBurney, MPA, is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the West Virginia Poison Center. She has educated West Virginians about potential poisons, medication safety, and the Poison Center for 15 years. She has a Masters in Public Administration degree with a focus on Health Care from West Virginia University.

Sumita B. Mitra, Ph.D. (U. of Michigan), polymer chemist and innovator with 40+ years' R&D experience at 3M Company and a consulting firm. Currently Professor at University of South Florida. She created many new materials technologies, invented nanocomposites for tooth-colored fillings, and has 100 U.S. patents. Mitra received numerous honors and awards and was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2018.

Byron Nelson* taught English at WVU for forty years. He has taught classes for OLLI on Shakespeare, drama, poetry and Broadway musicals.

Alan Noll is a retired Distinguished Fellow of Technology for a semiconductor company listed on the NY stock exchange. For over four decades he was involved in the design, development, and manufacture of microwave devices and circuits. As well as presenting at engineering conferences in the United States, Europe and Asia, Noll holds six U.S. patents and has authored/co-authored five publications.

Daniel Oliver is a retired lawyer who practiced law in the areas of business transactions and estate planning and taught both Business Law and Sports Law at West Virginia University for more than 30 years.

Rigby Philips is the Rare Book and Print Collection Archivist for the West Virginia and Regional History Center at WVU.

Sumitra Reddy* has been enjoying teaching classes at OLLI since 2011 on various topics including travelogs, ancient trade routes and civilizations, Magic Math and mathematicians, AI topics, and Indo-European language family among others. She retired from WVU's Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering and remains as an Adjunct faculty member.

Jim Renth* taught forestry at WVU for 18 years. He grew up during the early civil rights struggle in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia, and became inspired while visiting historic civil rights sites and museums in Alabama in 2022.

Rosana Schafer, Ph.D., is an Emeritus Associate Professor in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Cell Biology. Rosana taught immunology and her research focused on infectious diseases and sex differences in the immune system. The fringe benefit of research was worldwide travel that Rosana has continued in her retirement.

James Siekmeier teaches US diplomatic history at WVU, specializing in Latin America. Prior to joining the department, he edited volumes of the prestigious Foreign Relations of the United States. His most recent book is Latin American Nationalism: Identity in a Globalizing World, and his current work focuses on drugs and diplomacy in several Latin American countries.

Rae Jean Sielen* has helped individuals, families, organizations, and businesses with a wide variety of publishing projects for over 30 years. She is especially passionate about encouraging others to preserve their personal and family stories.

Crystal Smith is a teaching professor in the Division of Animal and Nutritional Sciences within the Division of Land Grant Engagement. She was raised on a horse farm in central Pennsylvania where she showed horses to multiple national championships as a youth. At WVU, she leads the Equine Studies program, mentors students, and manages the horse unit at the JW Ruby Research Farm.

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Richard Smosna* is an emeritus professor at WVU who has been teaching geology since the Jurassic Period, presenting courses on environmental hazards, history of Earth, dinosaurs, human evolution, national parks, oceanography, and petroleum.

Halle Stewart works as the Membership and Advocacy Manager for the National Association of Social Workers, WV Chapter. She earned her BSW, with a minor in American Politics and Policy, and her MSW from WVU. Her work is rooted in a deep commitment to the people of this state and to carrying forward the work of those who came before her, in pursuit of a better West Virginia for those who come after.

Ingrid Strakusek is a retired IT executive who moved to WV five years ago. As a side gig, she taught college-level IT courses for 20 years. She draws on this experience to teach others music. She is from a musical family and has played the flute since the second grade. In 2020 she joined OLLI, learning both the tin whistle and lap dulcimer. She believes learning to play a musical instrument should be fun!

Frankie Tack is a WVU associate professor emeritus in Mental Health & Addiction Studies in CAHS. She received a BS in Industrial Engineering from NC State University and an MS in Counseling from Western Carolina University. Tack has been involved in genealogy since 2012, uncovering many interesting family members and stories in her research, with over 14,000 ancestors currently in her family tree!

Norma Venable* is an author, naturalist, and lifelong Great Lakes enthusiast.

Wallace Venable* taught mechanical engineering at WVU. His interest and research into the interactions between technology and society and the history of technology dates from the 1960s. He frequently teaches OLLI at WVU classes.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community events are free and open to the public. Registration is required.

T'AI CHI CLASSES

Cecil Pollard

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Hosted by OLLI at WVU and The Shack Neighborhood House

Saturdays, July 13 – September 14
The Shack Neighborhood House
537 Blue Horizon Drive, Osage

Register at

bit.ly/3x8lyi8 or with the enclosed form

INTERMEDIATE T'AI CHI

10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

This group provides an opportunity for participants who have moved beyond the beginning level to continue practicing together. Enrollment is by permission of OLLI instructors.

INTRODUCTION TO T'AI CHI AND QIGONG

11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

This course introduces a version of Yang Style T'ai Chi, as modified and taught by Cheng Man-ch'ing. Students will learn the basic principles of T'ai Chi and how to perform the form.

SPEAKER SERIES

Facilitator: Allie Karshenas

1st Wednesday of the month

July 2025 – June 2026

2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Zoom

OLLI co-hosts a monthly presentation with the WVU Committee of Retired Faculty on topics of interest to members and the broader community. Past titles include *Hunger in West Virginia*, *Adventures of a Birder*, *Fueling Innovation*, and *Swimming in the Fabric: Time, Space, Narrative, Memory, and the Gravity of Experience*.

Visit olliatwvu.org for the latest information on speakers, topics, and registration requirements.

OLLI AFTER HOURS

Busy during the weekday? Join us for classes and events evenings and weekends!

MEMBER EVENTS AND SHARED INTEREST GROUPS

See pages 8 and 9 for details

- Spring Trivia
Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m..
- Campus Club Evening Book Discussion
2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- OLLI Virtual Happy Hour
Every Sunday, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Drinks and Dinner
2nd Thursday of the month, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

CLASSES

See page 16 for details.

- Horse Handling 101
Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Spring Wildflower Walk
Friday, April 10, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.



LEARN WITH OLLI MEMBERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY!

Expand your learning with Osher Online – a national program offered through the Osher National Resource Center and Northwestern University.

Osher Online courses are delivered via Zoom, allowing you to connect and learn with OLLI members nationwide – from the comfort of your own home.

Courses are \$50 each and require a current OLLI membership.

Learn more and explore upcoming Spring 2026 offerings at

[olliatwvu.org/get-involved/
osher-online-classes](http://olliatwvu.org/get-involved/osher-online-classes)



Community at Your Fingertips

Stay connected wherever you are! With Nearpeer, you can chat with friends, join groups, share a laugh, ask tech questions, and keep up with the latest OLLI news – all in one safe, easy-to-use social space created just for our members.

It's a fun and secure way to discover, connect, and thrive.

Learn more at
olliatwvu.org/current-members



See the WORLD!

TRAVEL WITH OLLI IN 2026

TREASURES OF EGYPT

October 8 - 20, 2026

HIGHLIGHTS

Grand Egyptian Museum, Pyramids of Giza, Great Sphinx, Nile River Cruise, Luxor, Temple of Karnak, Valley of the Kings, Queen Hatshepsut Temple, Kom Ombo, Philae Temple

RESERVATION DEADLINE

April 1, 2026

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June 10, 2026

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DISCOVER SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

March 11 - 24, 2027

HIGHLIGHTS

Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, Piazza Armerina, Giardini Naxos, Taormina, Strait of Messina, Winery Tour & Tasting, Matera, Sorrento, Positano, Pompeii

RESERVATION DEADLINE

September 2, 2026

FINAL PAYMENT DUE:

December 12, 2026

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your travel:

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For more information, visit
the trip websites, call the
OLLI office at (304) 293-1793,
or email Jascenna Haislet at
jascenna.haislet@hsc.wvu.edu.



LIFE IS BETTER WITH FRIENDS

And so is OLLI! Know a friend, neighbor, or relative who would love OLLI at WVU as much as you? Invite them to join our community!

Clip the panel below,
add a personal note,
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When your friend joins
as a new member, let
us know. You'll both
be entered in our next
drawing for a **FREE**
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Spreading the OLLI joy –
one friend at a time.

Learn more at
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Are you looking for something different to do? Would you like to learn something new?

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Let's take a class together! Visit olliatwvu.org or give me a call – I'd love to tell you more.



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LOVE TO TEACH, HOST, OR HELP OUT? OLLI NEEDS YOU!

At OLLI at WVU, there are lots of ways to get involved beyond the classroom – and we're always looking for enthusiastic members to share their time and talents.

Stop by the office or give us a call.

We'll find just the right place for you.



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PROGRAM INFORMATION, POLICIES, AND ASSISTANCE

ABOUT OLLI AT WVU

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at West Virginia University (OLLI at WVU) is dedicated to enriching the lives of older adults across West Virginia. An affiliate of the WVU School of Public Health, OLLI at WVU is a member-driven organization that fosters connection, curiosity, exploration, discovery, and discussion through learning and social engagement. The program offers non-credit classes, lectures, field trips, and events designed specifically for adults aged 50 and older.

Courses are developed and led by volunteers who are passionate about their subjects, eager to share their knowledge, and committed to lifelong learning. OLLI at WVU celebrates the unique experiences, talents, and wisdom of mature adults, emphasizing peer learning, active participation, and collaborative leadership.

WE VALUE:

- The shared knowledge and talents of our members and volunteers.
- The support of our members for OLLI at WVU.
- A spirit of collaboration and respect among members and with West Virginia University.
- Excellence in all aspects of the life of OLLI at WVU.
- Innovation, creativity, and curiosity to develop and maintain a vibrant, member-driven program.
- Respect for diverse people, ideas, voices, and perspectives, where all members feel valued.

- Working together to positively impact every part of OLLI at WVU.
- Partnering with people in the communities that we serve to support the mission and vision of OLLI at WVU.

WITH GRATITUDE

OLLI at WVU continues to grow thanks to the unwavering commitment and generosity of our patrons and supporters. We acknowledge and thank:

- The Bernard Osher Foundation
- West Virginia University, President's Office
- WVU Foundation
- WVU School of Public Health
- Edgewood Summit Retirement Community
- Collette Travel and Tours
- OLLI board members, committee members, and volunteers
- OLLI \$100K Club and other donors and sponsors
- Distinguished OLLI instructors
- Our members

MEMBERSHIPS AND CLASS TERMS

The OLLI at WVU membership year runs July 1 – June 30 and is divided into four terms: summer, fall, winter, and spring. Membership is open to anyone interested in participating.

We offer two flexible membership options:

- **Standard Annual Membership (\$30):** Includes access to a variety of educational and social

opportunities such as free member-only events, discounts on day trips and overnight travel, participation in shared interest groups, and a voice in OLLI governance. Benefits continue year-round, even when you're not enrolled in classes.

- **Annual Plus Membership (\$175 through August 28, 2025):** Includes all Standard benefits plus unlimited class enrollment for the entire membership year.

Members with a Standard Annual Membership may pay a \$40 term fee for unlimited class registrations in any given term. This pay-as-you-go model provides flexibility to participate in classes based on your interests and schedule. While most class costs are included, some require additional fees noted in the course description.

OLLI at WVU is committed to making lifelong learning accessible. Financial assistance is available to members for whom fees present a barrier. Confidential scholarship applications can be requested from the OLLI office or completed via the online scholarship request form.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS

To register for classes, you must be a current OLLI member and have paid your term fee. Visit wvusph-olli.augusoft.net to purchase your membership, pay fees, and find up-to-date information. You may also call the office or use the enclosed registration form.

Checks are payable to the WVU Foundation. Credit card charges will appear as WVU HSC PUBLIC

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WV. Membership fees are non-refundable. Refunds for classes or events are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Registration opens before each term and remains open throughout, subject to availability. Early registration is encouraged, as some classes fill quickly.

TAKING CLASSES

OLLI classes are open to all current members, regardless of location.

Morgantown members are welcome to attend classes in the Kanawha Valley, and vice versa. Members from other regions may attend in-person classes when visiting. Contact the office to make arrangements.

Zoom links for online classes are emailed by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the event. Please check your inbox (including spam/junk folders) at least 30 minutes prior. If you do not receive the link, call the OLLI office – we're happy to resend it.

NEED HELP WITH ZOOM?

Interested in taking a class but unsure how to use Zoom? OLLI's professional technologist, Michelle Klishis, can guide you through everything from installing the app to joining a virtual class and using features like chat. Don't have a computer? Learn how to join by phone. Contact the OLLI office to schedule a session.

REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE MATTER

We understand plans change. Still, we ask that you register only for classes you are confident you can attend. Instructors are volunteers, and your participation helps demonstrate the value of our program to funders and policymakers. Some classes fill quickly and maintain waitlists.

If you must cancel, please notify the OLLI office so we can inform the instructor and offer your spot to someone else.

CLASS AND EVENT UPDATES

Because our catalog goes to print before all details are finalized, changes and additions happen frequently. Classes may reach capacity, be added mid-term, or shift due to instructor availability.

Stay up to date via:

- Our weekly Friday bulletin (email)
- Email notifications for class or event-specific updates
- The OLLI Class and Event Updates page: olliatwvu.wpcustomstaging.com
- Facebook and Instagram

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call or email the office.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

Please help foster a respectful, inclusive learning environment by:

- Staying on topic during discussions
- Attending only classes and events for which you are registered
- Registering only for events you are likely to attend

OLLI encourages exposure to diverse ideas. Please be considerate of others' perspectives at all times.

WEATHER CLOSURES

OLLI does not hold in-person classes in Monongalia or Kanawha County when public schools are closed or operating remotely due to weather. Announcements will be posted on olliatwvu.org.

Zoom classes may still be held. For updates, visit the Class and Event Updates page, call, or email us.

CLASS DISCLAIMER

OLLI at WVU presents programs of interest for general guidance only. We do not render legal, medical, financial, or other professional advice or services. Information presented in an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at WVU (OLLI) program is not a substitute for professional consultation. Before making any decision or taking any action based on material covered in an OLLI class or event, consult a legal, medical, financial, or other relevant professional.

All information is provided "as is," with no guarantee of completeness, accuracy, timelines, or results obtained from the use of the information, and without warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, including, but not limited to, warranties of performance, merchantability, and fitness for a particular purpose. Neither the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at WVU nor its information providers will be responsible to any program participant or anyone else for any decision made or action taken stemming from reliance on the information presented by OLLI or for any consequential, special, or similar damages, even if advised of the possibility of such damages.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

Individuals acknowledge and assume any and all risk associated with participation in Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at WVU (OLLI) activities. OLLI makes no representation regarding the appropriateness of any activity for an individual. OLLI at WVU disclaims any and all liability for each individual's participation in any activities. If a course involves physical activity, participants are responsible for wearing proper attire and using proper equipment. It is highly recommended participants consult a physician before participating in physical activity.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR DONORS LIST?

At OLLI at WVU, we see the impact of your generosity every day. Many of the opportunities we offer would not be possible without donor support.

By making a gift today, you promote the future of OLLI – and help shape your legacy as a champion of lifelong learning.

CHOOSE THE WAY YOU GIVE

Whether you'd like to make a one-time donation or establish a lasting legacy, you can direct your gift to the area that matters most to you.

- **OLLI'S AREA OF GREATEST NEED**
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- **OLLI PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
- **THE OLLI ENDOWMENT**

You can also support OLLI through a **LEGACY GIFT**, **TRIBUTE GIFT**, or an **IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER**.

EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

To learn more or donate, visit olliatwvu.org/make-a-gift, contact the WVU Foundation, or include your tax-deductible donation with your registration form. Make checks payable to the WVU Foundation.

SUPPORT OLLI EVERY TIME YOU SHOP AT KROGER

Did you know you can help fund OLLI at WVU – at no extra cost to you?

Just link your **Kroger Plus Shopper's Card** to the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**, and Kroger will donate a portion of every eligible purchase to OLLI.

It's easy to sign up!

Visit krogercommunityrewards.com and select Osher Lifelong Learning Institute/WVU Found (FG916).

Already a supporter?
Thank you!

Need help?
Stop by the OLLI office – we'll be glad to walk you through it.



DIRECTIONS

to our Morgantown office and classrooms

From either I-68 East or West, take Exit 1 and turn left at the stoplight.

Travel approximately 2 miles.

Turn right at the next stoplight onto Green Bag Road.

Turn right at the next stoplight to enter the Mountaineer Mall property.

Follow the road to the mall area and enter the first parking lot.

Use the entrance next to Anybody Gym (marked with an X on the map below) to enter the mall.

Inside, turn right at the first corridor crossway.

OUR OFFICE

The OLLI at WVU office is halfway down the main mall corridor, on the left side, with a large West Virginia University logo above the door.

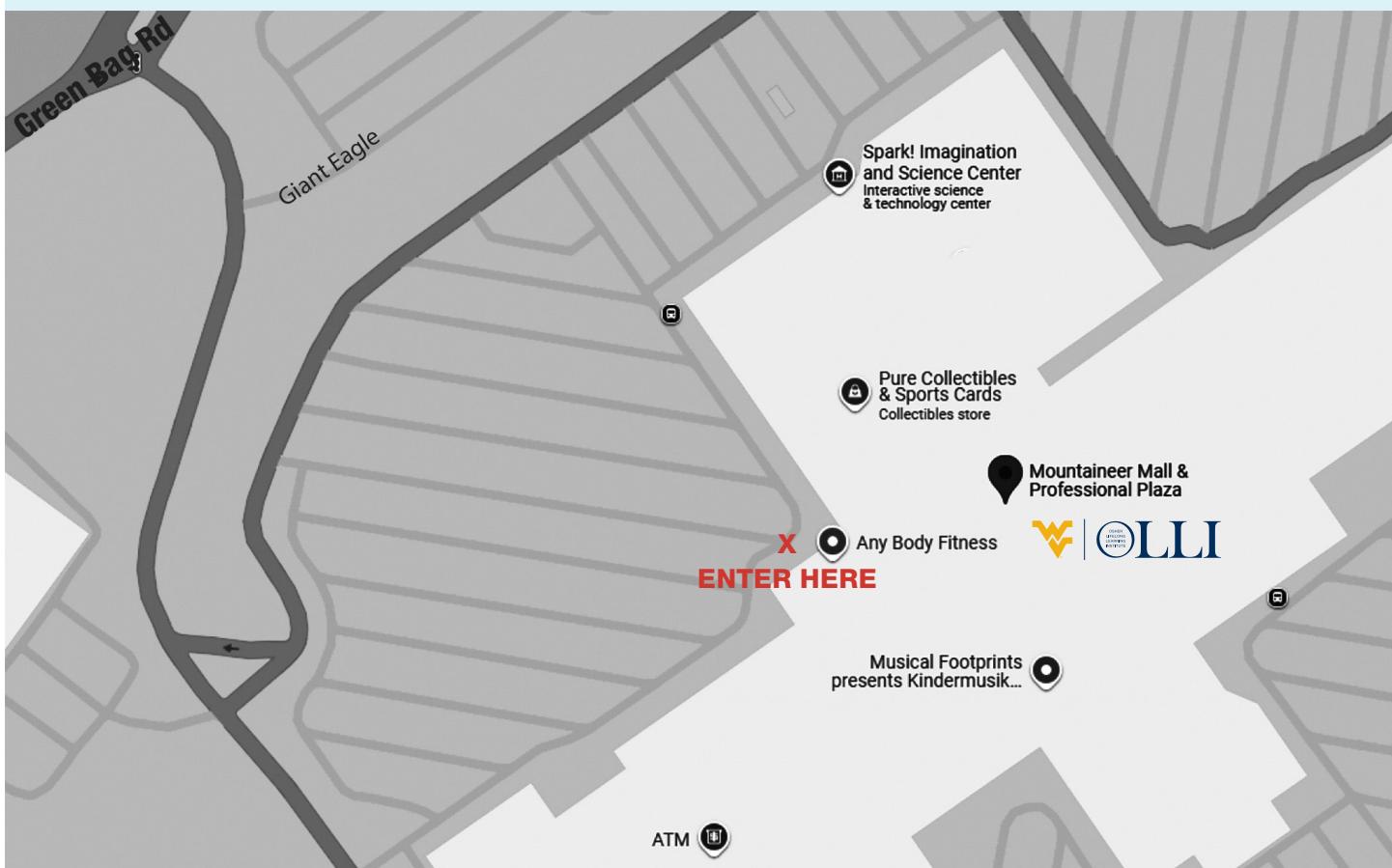
OUR CLASSROOMS

OLLI classrooms A and B are located to the left of our office.

The computer lab is located at the back of classroom B.

OUR MEMBER LOUNGE

The OLLI lounge offers members the opportunity to relax and socialize. Coffee, tea, and water are available, as well as access to a microwave. Donations help keep this service available and free.



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Reconnect with friends, meet instructors,
learn what's new at OLLI – and enjoy a snack on us!

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Tuesday, March 17 • 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Mountaineer Mall, Center Court,
5000 Green Bag Road

CHARLESTON

Thursday, March 19 • 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Edgewood Summit

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WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!

