



25

YEARS OF SERVICE  
TO ADULT LEARNERS AGES 50+

1987 ————— 2012

*Learning  
in Retirement*

*Osher Lifelong  
Learning Institute*

*at the University of Michigan*



*There's  
something for YOU  
inside!*

## OUR HERITAGE

**V**olunteers at the University of Michigan Geriatrics Center's Turner Clinic established the **Learning in Retirement** program in 1987 for people aged 50+ who share a love for learning. This program enhanced understanding of the world's historic, cultural and social aspects. Over 20 years, membership grew to over 600 people.

The successes of the Learning in Retirement program gained recognition from the Bernard Osher Foundation in the form of substantial grants to enhance and expand programming. In March of 2007 — in recognition and appreciation of Osher Foundation contributions — the Learning in Retirement Board of Directors changed the organization name to the **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Michigan** and hosted a celebratory program. We remain an integral part of the U-M Geriatrics Center.

These programs have continued their expansion. Staffing has been increased; communications, and on-line catalog and registration have been upgraded. Last year, the OLLI Board of Directors initiated an annual fundraising program at the urging of the Osher Foundation; the **Fund for Sustainability** is intended to assure continuation of excellent programming during hard economic times, while avoiding major increases in members' fees. The Board also is making more support available to people needing help with program fees. Recent membership numbers have exceeded 1,200. That expansion is largely due to quality programming that results from our unique, ongoing reliance on volunteer efforts.

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*"I think, therefore I am,"*

proclaimed philosopher René Descartes, while thinking about being. We have to wonder, given more time, if he also might have concluded,

*"I learn, whereby I live,"*

for there is great joy and fulfillment in learning in retirement. The retiree can select the topics of pursuits, need not participate in stultifying tests, drills, or grading, and can — with companionable colleagues — be challenged by current thought.

When we complete this academic year of 2011-2012, Learning in Retirement/Osher Lifelong Learning Institute will conclude 25 years of service to learners aged 50+ in the Washtenaw County area. We are pleased to have enabled so many people to enhance their lives. We are proud of our ongoing affiliation with the University of Michigan Geriatrics Center.

From simple but elegant conceptions 25 years ago in the minds of social workers and volunteers in the Geriatrics Center has grown this year's programming:

SIX LECTURE SERIES IN TWO FORMATS  
MINI-COURSES AND STUDY GROUPS  
INFORMAL LEARNING AT FRIENDLY GATHERINGS

On the following pages we show a little of our history and an outline of what we offer you in the coming year.

However, we like to think our story has no ending.



*In early years, the Geriatric Center's Turner Geriatrics Clinic was housed in the Kellogg Eye Center building, and Learning in Retirement lectures were in the Kellogg Auditorium. Ever-growing lecture attendance has forced several changes in venue.*

### Early days at Learning in Retirement



*Social worker Elizabeth Dexter (standing) participated in LIR activities from its earliest days.*



*Social worker Ruth Campbell is credited as a prime mover in the establishment of Learning in Retirement.*

*One early LIR planning session was conducted at the University of Michigan Alumni Association's Camp Michigania.*



# Distinguished Lecture Series



The 2011-2012 Distinguished Lecture series consists of ten lectures, most held at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays September 13 through May 8.

The speakers are well-informed experts from town and gown.

Each lecture is just the beginning; a stimulating question-and-answer period follows most sessions, and frequently there is an opportunity to join the speaker at luncheon.

Members receive a flyer about this series; the series cost is \$45.



September 13, 2011

### Meet Arie Lipsky

Conductor and Music Director  
of the Ann Arbor Symphony

October 11, 2011

### Michigan's Fiscal Mess: How We Got Here and Where We Can Go Now

Charles Ballard, Michigan State University Faculty in Economics



November 8, 2011

### Detroit: First City of the Old Northwest

Joel Stone, Curator, Detroit Historical Society

December 6, 2011 (first Tuesday)

### The U.S. Supreme Court: What Attracts Attention of the Media

Edward H. Cooper, Cooley Professor of Law, University of Michigan

December 13, 2011 (second Tuesday)

### The U.S., China and a Changing Global Economy: What Does the Future Hold?

Linda Y.C. Lim, Professor of Strategy, Ross School of Business, U-M



January 10, 2012

“Monuments of Its Own  
Magnificence’:  
The Poetry of Aging”

John Whittier-Ferguson, Associate  
Professor, U-M English Department



February 15, 2012 (third Wednesday)

Michigan Athletics – in the  
21st Century: What Is the Future  
of the Student Athlete?

David Brandon, Director of  
Intercollegiate Athletics, U-M

March 13, 2012

The Ins and Outs of Insider Trading:  
What It Is, Consequences, and  
Why You Want to Avoid It

Cindy A. Schipani, Waterman Collegiate Professor of  
Business Administration, Chair of Law, History and  
Communication; Professor of Business Law  
at U-M Ross School of Business



April 10, 2012

New Perspectives on History  
and Memory of the Third Reich

Kathleen Canning, Professor of History, Women’s Studies, German, U-M

May 8, 2012

Recent Developments in the Arab World:  
Causes, Consequences and Broader Implications

Mark Tessler, Eldersveld Collegiate Professor of Political Science  
and Vice Provost for International Affairs, U-M

# Themed Thursday Lectures

In 2011-12, we offer five series of presentations in this program, each series having six lectures on a unifying theme. Each series features a variety of speakers who consider specific aspects of the theme.

Learning continues in active question-and-answer sessions.

Most presentations are at 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Clarion Hotel in Ann Arbor. Members receive flyers detailing each series.

Cost for each series of six lectures is \$30.

People who attend many of the Thursday series can purchase a \$125 pass admitting them to all Thursday lectures for the season (a saving of \$25). This pass does not include the ten presentations in the Distinguished Lecture Series (usually on Tuesdays).

**For \$165, people can purchase a pass including all ten lectures in the “Distinguished” series plus all thirty in the “Thursday” series.**

Included in the 2011-12 Thursday series:

September 15 – October 27, 2011

Canada

November 3 – December 15, 2011

Policies, Politics: Issues Which Divide Us

January 5 – February 9, 2012

Humor:–) What’s So Funny?

February 16 – March 29, 2012

Successful Aging: What Can We Learn  
from the Experts

April 5 – May 10, 2012

Music: How I Love Thee; Let Me Count the Ways

# Annual Meeting, Closing Lecture 2011



(Above) Janet Fogler – having just been elected to her second year in office as President of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at U-M – presides over the group's Annual Meeting May 12 in the ballroom of the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center.

(Above, far right) Lisa Barton, OLLI's recently appointed Financial Coordinator, acknowledges the greetings of audience members.

(Right) Vice President Edwin Marcus MD, who also serves as Chair of the OLLI Fundraising Committee, gave a report on fundraising as well as the OLLI annual financial report on behalf of Treasurer John Dorcey.



## Sandro Cinti, MD

spoke on "Biological Threats, Past and Present: Are They Real?" at the May 12 Thursday Morning Themed Lecture following the OLLI Annual Meeting. An associate professor of Internal Medicine at U-M, Dr. Cinti talked about such threats as bioterrorism, SARS, and influenza and discussed the responses of the public health and medical communities.

## Faces in our audience on May 12



## Travel



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute offers several opportunities each year for travel in the Midwest. The Travel Committee already has announced these trips for Fall, 2011:

Signup deadline: September 7  
Travel: Tuesday, September 27

### Grand Rapids Art Prize at Meijer Gardens

Leave 8 a.m., head home 5:30 p.m.  
Cafeteria lunch  
\$73 each, includes driver and escort tips.  
More info: (877) 292-6311 toll free

Signup deadline: October 13  
Travel: Tuesday, November 1

### Detroit's Mexicantown Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Leave 9 a.m., return by 4 p.m.  
Dutch treat lunch  
\$45 each, includes driver and escort tips  
More info: (734) 998-9351



The Travel Committee invites OLLI members to help plan trips like these and to help find opportunities to partner with other senior groups for similar trips.



## After 5:00



**After 5:00** provides for informal learning in a congenial group setting. Interesting local personalities and OLLI colleagues present programs in late afternoons and evenings so employed members can join in. Most events cost \$8 to cover refreshments and other expenses. For 2011-12:

◆Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m., TSRC\* **Staying in Control** – Charles Smith, Manager of Ann Arbor Airport Control Tower, will speak of the rewards and stress of being an air traffic controller.

◆Monday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., TSRC\* **Who Doesn't Love Cake** ... especially one designed for you? Heather Anne Leavitt put her degree to work in the kitchen, and, boy, what she can do with local ingredients and creativity!

◆Tuesday, March 20, 7 p.m., TSRC\* **Murder and Mayhem in a Great Place to Live** – Many people say Ann Arbor is a great place to live. James Mann, historian of Washtenaw County, will explore the darker side, including body snatching by U-M, odd crimes, and mysterious circumstances.

◆Wednesday, April 11, 5:30 p.m. **Tour of the West Side of U-M Stadium** – Have you wanted to see the press boxes at U-M Stadium? You have a chance during a tour by Bill Austin of the Game Operations Office. You can learn stadium history and ask questions.

◆Wednesday, May 2, 7 p.m., TSRC\* **Photo Tour of Turkey** – OLLI affiliates Van Harrison and Bill Roberts will take us on another of their popular visits to a foreign country.

◆In early June, date and place TBA We plan a visit with both an art curator and the Director of Development for the U-M Museum of Art to discuss the responsibilities and joy in their collaborative professions.

\*Turner Senior Resource Center  
2401 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor

## About Town



The **About Town with OLLI** program features cultural, dining and entertainment activities during evenings and weekends. It's one way for working people aged 50+ to be introduced to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and any current member can bring a guest.

With payment of a \$15 course fee, a member can participate in any of the About Town classical and jazz concerts, plays and special culinary events with a group of people having similar interests. Some events are free, and others are inexpensive. Members are informed of upcoming events via e-mail.

In the summer of 2011, these activities were among those held:

- **Performance Network** Thursday opening nights
- **Sip and Savor** wine tastings at a local restaurant
- **Ann Arbor Opera Theater** performance of "Carmen"
- **Kerrytown Concert House** and **All That Jazz** events
- **Shakespeare West** outdoor plays at West Park

**An orientation meeting for About Town with OLLI 2011-2012 will be at Turner Senior Resource Center\* Monday, September 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. RSVP to (734) 998-9351 or e-mail <GerMedOll@umich.edu>. For more information, also contact those sites.**

## Study Groups



Annually, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute offers over 100 mini courses, study groups, and special events. Many of these groups entail once-a-week sessions for four to eight weeks. Many topics repeat in successive terms.

OLLI members receive a catalog each term, with information on fees, course content, instructor, and venue. The 2011 Fall catalog is expected to be mailed to OLLI members in mid-July and received by August 1. See page 12 for information on accessing catalog and registration information on-line.

For winter-spring term 2010, groups were available on OLLI's on-line registration site under these classifications: Current Events, Fine Arts, History, Languages, Literature, Music, Performance Arts, Personal Improvement, Philosophy, Religion, Science, Social Sciences, and Writing

In this booklet it is impossible to incorporate information on all courses in this program, but Program Coordinator Ann Tai has noted:

New courses this year will include: • Richard Adelman, "Learning to Love Opera," "Conflicting Contemporary Attitudes About Sexuality"; • Dick Chase, "Science in Everyday Life and the Auto Industry"; • Mort Chethik, "Taking the Mystery Out of Psychotherapy"; • Peggy Clough, "Communicating Effectively"; • Thomas Collier, "Destruction and Reconstruction, 1865-1877"; • Wayne Esch, "Ann Arbor Housing"; • Dale Franz, "Fresh Air in the Forest of the Mind", "A *Pluralistic Universe* by William James", "Write Well"; • Leo Gerulaitis, "The Cathedral"; • Jim Glenn, "Shakespeare's Life, Times and Work"; • Alfred Gourdji, "The Shah of Iran and the Troubled History of U.S.-Iran Relations"; • Murray Gruber, "Road to the White House 2012"; • Joyce Ham, "Revitalizing Personal Spaces"; • Sydney Kaufman, "Chocolate"; • Venkat Lakshminarayan, "Mahatma Gandhi: His Life and Legacy"; • Gerry Lapidus, "Future of American Power", "What Health Insurance Companies Don't Want You to Know"; • William Malm, "Japanese Traditional Theater Arts"; • Frances McSparran, "Beowulf"; • Susan Nenadic, "Around the World in Film"; • Ken Phiifer, "Ethics"; • Marlin Ristenbatt, "The Triumph of an Idea"; • Steve Schewe, "If *An Inconvenient Truth* Is True, What Should We Do Now?"; • John Schwarz, "*The Idea That Is America* by Anne Marie Slaughter"; • Emanuel Tanay, "Psychiatric Reflections on Hate"; • James Young, "Henry Adams on American History."

Some ongoing courses with high enrollments and/or long-term following include: Tom Collier's history classes, Jim Young's political science courses, Barbara Anderson's Monday art sections, Jeanne VanOchten's intermediate Spanish group, Gerry Lapidus's book discussion groups, Phelps and Jean Connell's great decisions and national issues forum, Helen Hills's memoir writing group, Zibby Oneal's writing group, Emanuel Tanay's history and forensic psychiatry courses, Jack and Shirley Sirotkin's film studies, Joy Rome's writing group; film studies, and camera club.

# Online Enrollment



In January 2011, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Michigan began online acceptance of new memberships and membership renewals, browsing of the course catalog, class and lecture registrations, and fee payments by credit card. Still available are traditional enrollments in person or by mail.

Before using the online system, you may wish to read about various activities and their fees in this booklet. See pages 5, 7, 10-11, and 13.

**All people with internet access can (only) view the catalog.**

To enter the system, go to: <[www.olliumich.org/reg](http://www.olliumich.org/reg)>. You will be sent to the welcome page of the registration system. To only view the course catalog, click on the word *CATALOG* directly below the OLLI logo.

**People with active OLLI memberships can register for courses and lectures and pay for them by credit card.**

At the welcome page, you will be asked if you are a current (academic year 2011-12) member of OLLI. If you answer "no" or "not sure," you will be informed on how to become a current member or you will be told that you are a current member. If you respond "Yes, I am a member," you will be asked to enter your e-mail address. A person's e-mail address serves as the "log-in" name. If this is your first time using the system, you will be given a password. (After you enter the system, you can choose a password you prefer.) *Make note of the password.*

You now can view the catalog and register for any available OLLI activities. When you have finished choosing, you will be switched to a third-party provider to pay by credit card. Complete the various blanks and check boxes. Once payment is complete, note your confirmation and order numbers. A receipt will be sent to your e-mail address.

When you are returned to the registration-confirmation screen, you can click on the "History" link at the top of the page to see all of the activities you have registered for.

When you are ready to end your visit, click on "Log out" to exit.

**For assistance, phone (734) 998-9351 during office hours.**

# Won't You Join Us?



To receive ongoing notices and to participate in activities of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, each member pays an annual membership fee of \$20. Additional fees are required for participation in activities. Detailed information about lectures, study groups, travel, About Town, After 5:00 and other activities will be sent to members by mail and will be on our website: <[www.olliumich.org](http://www.olliumich.org)>. See page 12 to learn about viewing the catalog, securing active membership, and/or registering for classes and/or lectures online. Contact the office by e-mail at <[GerMedOLL@umich.edu](mailto:GerMedOLL@umich.edu)> or by telephone at (734) 998-9351.

**Enclose \$20 for each member for 2011-12 membership fee(s). Total \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Name(s) #1 \_\_\_\_\_  
of  
member(s) #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/state/zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Member #1 e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Member #2 e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

***Each member's e-mail is needed so each can access on-line registration.***

***To receive notices briefly without joining, complete the form above. In the \$ blank, write "temp list." Participation requires payment of annual dues.***

All membership renewal payments are due annually in August. Make checks payable to OLLI at UMich. Mail to: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105-2193.

You may pay by credit card only during on-line transactions.

**New members: Please also complete the form on the back of this page.**

New members: Please complete both sides of this page.

Emergency Contact's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_



New member's sex:  Male  Female

Race (for statistical purposes only; response optional):

African-American  Asian or Pacific Islander  Caucasian  Hispanic

Birth Year 19\_\_\_\_ Retirement:  Full  Partial  Not retired

Educational Background (a degree is not prerequisite for membership):

High school  Baccalaureate  Masters  Doctorate  Professional Cert.

Special Fields of Study (formal training or individual intellectual pursuits):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Life/Career Experiences (e.g., homemaker, businessperson, teacher):  
\_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Michigan? (Check all that apply):

- OLLI mailing such as newsletter, lecture flyer or class catalog
- Turner Senior Resource Center mailing
- Local newspaper ad (such as *Ann Arbor Observer*)
- Friend's recommendation
- Visit to University of Michigan Medical Center
- Visit to Turner Senior Resource Center

Fields of interest (Check all that apply):

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# Welcome!



These cheerful members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Board of Directors — and their colleagues — are pleased to extend a warm welcome to new and renewing members. This photo was taken at the May 12 Annual Meeting and includes incoming, continuing, and outgoing members and affiliates.

Front row: Jon Hartman, Lecture Committee chair and board member; Ann Tai, Program Coordinator; Janet Fogler, President; Sherry Root, board member; Muriel Converse, board member; Eric Warden, Marketing, Publicity, and Newsletter chair and board member.

Row 2: Pauletta McKivens, board member; Edwin Marcus MD, Vice President; Claire Murray, board member; Ron Frisch, board member.

Row 3: Darlene Racz, Geriatric Center Advisor and board member; Virginia Rezmierksi, board member; Al Gourdji, board member; Bob Shaw, board member.

Row 4: Donald C. Smith MD, departing Mini Course and Study Groups chair and board member; Marlin Ristenbatt, incoming Mini Course and Study Groups chair and board member; Esther Rubin, board member; Morgan Edwards, departing Secretary.

2011-12 board affiliates not in photo: John Dorcey, Treasurer; Ruth Dunkle, Social Work Academic Advisor and board member; Dick Miller, board member; Bill Roberts, board member; Fran Weinstein, incoming Secretary.

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## **OLLI FALL KICKOFF**

**Thursday, September 8**

**Thurs**day, Hotel, Ann Arbor

**Information on 2011-12**

**10 a.m., Clarion Hotel, Ann Arbor**

**lectures, mini-courses, activities**

**Kickoff focus: games and gaming**

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