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Member Since 2007



Attending OLLI since 2007 has truly been a lifesaver, helping me slow the progression of my dementia while bringing an immense amount of wellness and structure to my daily life. My journey here began after a 27-year career as an Air Force C4ISR officer – specializing in everything from artificial intelligence and satellites to cloud computing – and a brief stint with the Department of Homeland Security.

During a cross-country family trip in 2005, in my final month of active duty, a sudden call from Walter Reed sent me detouring to the nearest military hospital, which turned into an emergency medical evacuation for specialized treatment. I eventually retired at Nellis Air Force Base as a 100 percent disabled, housebound veteran managing a complex combination of health issues.

But I refuse to let that define me. Although doctors initially diagnosed me with dementia, intensive cognitive therapy and my continued engagement at OLLI led the Department of Veterans Affairs to reclassify my condition as mild cognitive impairment. Today, my medical teams at the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, UCLA, and Nellis Air Force Base all agree that living independently and attending OLLI, rather than entering memory care, is the best medicine for my brain.

I treat OLLI as a vital part of my daily health routine. Learning from subject matter experts has given me the perfect toolkit to enhance my “Pristine Inner Experience.” By weaving practices such as iRest Yoga Nidra, dialectical behavior therapy, and System 2 thinking into my daily life, I am actively keeping my mind sharp and my healthcare costs down. Much like volunteering or discovering a new hobby, being part of this community keeps me stimulated, engaged, and thriving.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

-  **Location**
UNLV Maryland Administrative Building 2 (MAB2)
4350 S. Maryland Pkwy. Las Vegas, NV 89119
-  **Office Hours**
8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday–Friday; Closed University Holidays
-  **Phone**
702-895-3394
-  **Email**
OLLIatUNLV@unlv.edu
-  **Web**
unlv.today/olli

Cover Feature: Linda Edgeworth, Dedicated OLLI Member and Beloved Co-Facilitator of Soapbox, One of OLLI's Most Popular Classes



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OLLI at UNLV is Made Possible by The Bernard Osher Foundation

The Bernard Osher Foundation is a philanthropic organization that supports higher education and the arts. The foundation supports a national network of 124 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes (OLLI) for retired and semi-retired adults within colleges and universities.

This network of institutes brings the joy of learning and personal fulfillment to its members. UNLV's lifelong learning program joined the Osher network in 2006 and has continued to grow under the foundation's guidance. OLLI at UNLV thanks the Bernard Osher Foundation for its continued support, including more than \$2 million in endowment funding.

ABOUT OLLI AT UNLV

SENIOR DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



There has never been a better time to be part of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (OLLI at UNLV). This year, our peer instructors will offer more than 250 classes in our state-of-the-art classroom building, at satellite locations throughout the Las Vegas valley, and virtually on Zoom.

More than 200 OLLI members will volunteer by teaching classes, serving on committees, making coffee, assisting in the office, tracking attendance, calling potential members and donors, serving as classroom aides, and more. Even more members will support OLLI through donations that will help fund program and technology needs, scholarships for members in need, and other program enhancements.

We invite you to take advantage of your student status at a growing university by attending lectures, athletic events, music and theater performances, and visiting our nationally recognized research library. We look forward to seeing you this semester and helping you get the most out of your membership.

Dr. Robert Levrant

Senior Director of Community Education & Enrichment

THE REST OF THE OLLI ADMIN TEAM



Beth Davis

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BE OUR GUEST

Interested in learning more about OLLI at UNLV?
Attend one session of two different classes of your choice
to experience the program firsthand.

Choose a class that interests you and call our office at
702-895-3394, email OLLIatUNLV@unlv.edu, or visit the
Customer Service Information Desk to learn how you can
be a guest in our in-person or virtual classes.

REFER A FRIEND

Already a member? Refer a friend to OLLI at UNLV and
share your love of learning. For every registered new member
you refer, you will receive a \$25 membership fee credit for the
following term (up to 3 referral credits per term).

Help spread the word and start earning your referral
credits today.

JOIN US THIS FALL FOR OLLI AT UNLV CLASSES!

FALL 2026 CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Aug. 25, 2026	Fall 2026 In-Person Open House
Aug. 27, 2026	Fall 2026 Virtual Open House
Sept. 4, 2026	OLLI Connect: Urban Tree Walk
Sept. 7, 2026	Labor Day, OLLI Offices Closed
Sept. 8, 2026	First Day of Fall 2026 Semester
Sept. 11, 2026	OLLI Connect: Urban Bird Walk
Sept. 18, 2026	OLLI Connect: Foundation Legacy Event
Sept. 25, 2026	BHAY: Balance, Memory & Movement
Oct. 3, 2026	OLLI attends UNLV vs. Cal Football Game
Oct. 23, 2026	OLLI Connect: UNLV Art Walk
Oct. 30, 2026	Nevada Day, OLLI Offices Closed
Nov. 11, 2026	Veterans Day, OLLI Offices Closed
Nov. 14, 2026	Last Day of Fall 2026 Semester
Nov. 26, 2026	Thanksgiving Day, OLLI Offices Closed
Nov. 27, 2026	Family Day, OLLI Offices Closed
Dec. 11, 2026	BHAY: The Joy of Having a Pet



STEP 1 Join or Renew Your Membership

Join or renew your OLLI at UNLV membership at unlv.today/olli-register.

Membership Fee and Parking

The annual membership fee is \$235, or \$115 for a Fall 2026 membership. Parking is included with your membership, but you must select a permit type.

Parking permits must be picked up at the *Customer Service Information Desk* at MAB2.

Please note that cash payments cannot be accepted.

STEP 2 Choose Your Classes

Select your classes at unlv.today/olli-register.

You can also add classes by calling **702-895-3394**, visiting the *Customer Service Information Desk* at MAB2, or emailing OLLIatUNLV@unlv.edu.

To drop a class, you must either call **702-895-3394** or email OLLIatUNLV@unlv.edu.

OLLI Bonus classes appear at the bottom of the list. Any additional fees can be paid at checkout.

Prefer to Register by Phone or In Person?

Call **702-895-3394** or visit the *Customer Service Information Desk* at MAB2.

STEP 3 Sign the Membership Waiver and Code of Conduct

Sign the OLLI Membership Waiver and Code of Conduct. You must complete this step before proceeding to checkout.

STEP 4 Proceed to Checkout

Click "Proceed to Checkout" to review your order. Do not click "Cancel and Log Off" or your selections will be erased.

STEP 5 Submit Your Payment

On the checkout page, click "Payment Service" to open the payment portal and enter your credit card information. Select "Continue" at the bottom of the page to submit your payment.

If you have already paid your membership fee, no additional payment will be requested.

If you selected any OLLI Bonus classes with fees, you can pay those fees now.

STEP 6 Attend OLLI at UNLV Classes

Class confirmation emails are sent immediately after you submit your class selections. Please keep this confirmation for your records. It includes your full class list and the Zoom links for any virtual classes you select.

Both in-person and online classes begin Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

BE AN OLLI VOLUNTEER

Make a Difference in Our Learning Community

Volunteers help make OLLI a welcoming, engaging place to learn and connect. Whether you enjoy helping in classrooms, supporting events, greeting members, or sharing your skills, there's a place for you here. By sharing their time and talents, volunteers help strengthen Lifelong Learning's programs, goals, and community.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Instructor

Share your knowledge by teaching or leading a discussion. A class proposal requires only your contact information, class title, short instructor bio, brief description, and preferred days and times. There are no formal requirements, just enthusiasm and a passion for lifelong learning.

Next Opportunity to Teach: Spring 2027

Class Aides

Class aides play an important role in supporting instructors and helping classes run smoothly. Responsibilities may include basic tech support, monitoring attendance, distributing materials, passing microphones, and assisting during unexpected situations. Class aides help create a welcoming, well-supported learning experience for all OLLI members.

Other Ways to Volunteer

- Classroom Support
- Events & Hospitality
- Fundraising Assistance
- LLL Ambassadors
- Member Welcome Team
- Office & Administrative Support
- OLLI Ambassadors
- Satellite Support
- Tech Assistance

Join our volunteer community!

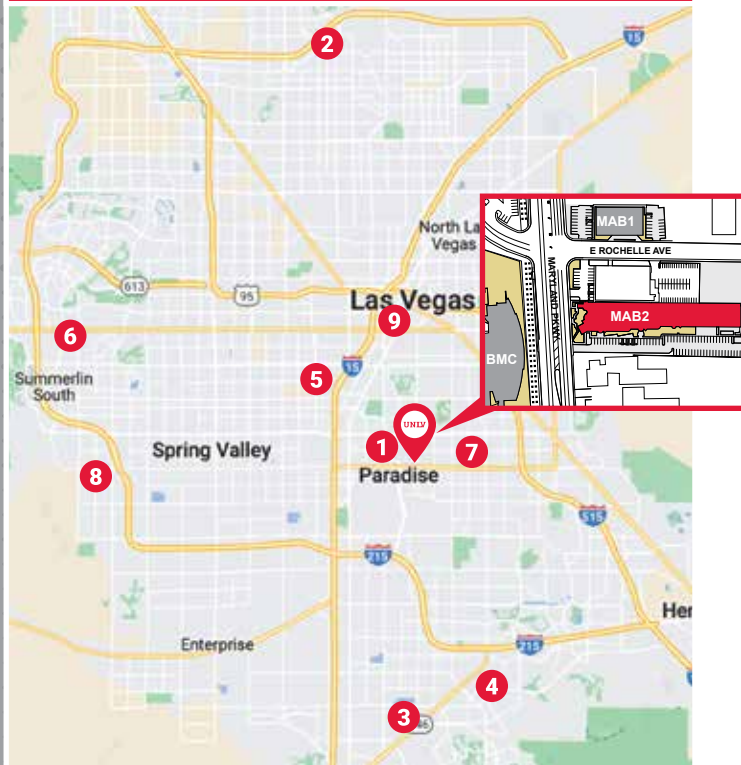
Email OLLlatUNLV@unlv.edu or call 702-895-3394.

OLLI CAMPUS LOCATIONS

OLLI at UNLV Main Location

UNLV Maryland Administrative Building 2 (MAB2)
4350 S. Maryland Pkwy.
Las Vegas, NV 89119

*Located at S. Maryland Pkwy. & E. Rochelle Ave.,
across from the UNLV Foundation Building.*



Satellite Locations

OLLI at UNLV partners with several wonderful satellite locations across the Las Vegas valley, offering members convenient options for attending classes close to home. Consider taking one (or more!) of the interesting classes offered at these partner sites.

Fall 2026 Satellite Locations

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| <p>1 UNLV Student Recreation and Wellness Center (SRWC)
4505 S. Maryland Pkwy.
Las Vegas, NV 89119</p> <p>2 Aliante Library
2400 Deer Springs Way
North Las Vegas, NV 89084</p> <p>3 Cactus Valley Retirement Resort
11088 Amigo St.
Henderson, NV 89052</p> <p>4 Carnegie Heights at Henderson
525 Carnegie St.
Henderson, NV 89052</p> | <p>5 Las Vegas Meadows
2900 S. Valley View Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89102</p> <p>6 Las Ventanas at Summerlin
10401 W. Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89135</p> <p>7 Paradise Recreation Center
4775 S. McLeod
Las Vegas, NV 89121</p> <p>8 Revel Las Vegas
4940 S. Conquistador St.
Las Vegas, NV 89148</p> <p>9 THIRD Street
814 S. 3rd. St.
Las Vegas, NV 89101</p> |
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CLASS LISTING BY SUBJECT

Classes are offered in person at the Maryland Parkway campus (MAB2), at satellite locations across the Las Vegas valley, and virtually via Zoom. Members have access to unlimited classes, both online and in person, for one membership fee. Please note that space may be limited based on classroom capacity and other factors.

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CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

View full course details and
select your classes!

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CREATIVE ARTS & ART APPRECIATION

Author Techniques

This class is designed to guide you through the writing process, helping you understand what to include and what to cut. You will learn how to organize your material, choose the correct point of view, vividly show your story and create compelling characters. The class also covers crafting engaging opening hooks, self-editing techniques and building a writer's platform. Bring your laptop and any work to get started on your writing journey!

Jo Wilkins is Chief Executive Officer and Acquisition Editor at Mystic Publishers Inc. She runs Ink and Quill Publishers for general genres, NewLink Publishing for sci-fi and fantasy and Vision Novels for authors who want to self-publish without vanity press.

Tuesday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

C.A.M.P. O

C.A.M.P. O is a workshop-style art class. Bring your ideas, supplies, and passion! We are looking to complete some meaningful and fulfilling projects. Come join in and get your creative juices flowing.

Johnny Law has taught beginner artists at OLLI for over a decade. He is a 50-year Las Vegas resident and a Penn State graduate from Pittsburgh.

Friday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

C'mon, Let's Diamond Paint & Enjoy the Sparkle

Join this highly relaxing and social class to enjoy the addictive craft of diamond painting. Enjoy great music and gain knowledge, tips, and inspiration from fellow students while creating your own sparkly masterpieces.

Rita Ballejos retired from the Army after 23 years of service. She worked as a master cook in various hotels and casinos and has a strong passion for arts and crafts.

Teri Malburg has been an OLLI member since 2019. Teri is passionate about sharing art with other members and enjoys organizing exhibits to showcase the OLLI art community and welcomes anyone to her Workshop style classes.

Wednesday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Collage & Visual Storytelling

Explore collage as a powerful medium for visual storytelling, using layers of images, mixed media, and found objects. This class will focus on the elements of art and principles of design to create engaging projects in collage, montage, and assemblage.

Sharon Harmon holds a B.S. in Art Design from North Carolina A&T and has studies at the Art Institute of Chicago, the University of Pittsburgh and UNLV. She worked as a flight attendant with United Airlines for 24 years and taught in Pittsburgh, Chicago and at UNLV.

Thursday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Color Me: Workshop & Dotting

This semester, we will be learning the art of dotting, working with acrylic paint, specific tools and cardstock. This is also a workshop for the entire OLLI art community to work on their own projects.

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Monday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2



Continuing Watercolor

This class will challenge experienced painters as we work to hone our skills and stretch our limits. Each week, there will be a still life or photo for participants to study and interpret. Use it as inspiration or branch out on your own. The primary goal will be to enjoy ourselves! Please note that we will not cover beginner techniques. Please sign up for the introductory class for those techniques.

Jean Beard is an experienced trainer and an amateur watercolorist who only began painting after retirement. She has taken workshops with prominent artists and emphasizes the joy and fun of creating art.

Friday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Creative Writing

Join this creative writing support group to develop personal narratives, poems, and fictional short stories. Receive positive and constructive feedback in a supportive environment designed to encourage and inspire writers at all levels.

Diane Benelli, a 12th-generation Manhattan native, is a published author in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record. She has edited numerous theological publications and also the United Nations Disarmament Yearbook.

Mary Ellen Taylor, originally from Fredonia, NY, has been a Nevada resident for 64 years. A Bishop Gorman graduate, she holds a BA and MS in elementary education from UNLV.

Monday	2–4 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	Aliante Library

Crochet & Knit

This is a hands-on workshop designed to improve skills by completing projects. Knowledge of how to crochet single, half-double, double, and triple crochet stitches or knit garter, purl, stockinette, and cable stitches is required. You will need two light-colored skeins of yarn to practice, as well as a three-ring binder or folder. Patterns will be provided.

Lynne Boone has been teaching crochet classes at OLLI at UNLV since 2013. She is also the moderator of the OLLI at UNLV book club since November 2012.

Monday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Virtual	Zoom



Drawing for Everyone: Improving Your Art Skills

This is a Basic Drawing Class for ALL LEVELS! We will do 2-3 drawings in class with instructions and guidance and learn about various techniques to enhance each piece. Great for beginners to LEARN and great for advanced Artists to share their knowledge. But FUN is guaranteed for all! Info and a supply list will be talked about in the first class.

Johnny Law has taught beginner artists at OLLI for over a decade. He is a 50-year Las Vegas resident and a Penn State graduate from Pittsburgh.

Friday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Fun With Art: Workshop & Micron & You

This semester, we will use Micron pens to gain a better understanding of ink and how it can be useful in our everyday art. Each week, there will be a project to create and make your own from an original print.

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Monday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Great Art Forgeries

We will explore major forgeries in art history. Each week will feature a new case to examine, including the forger, victim, investigation, and fallout. We will look at the main question: Why does authenticity matter?

Fran Smith holds a BA in Political Science and an MA in International Relations. While not a professional in art history, Fran has taught numerous art history classes at OLLI.

Monday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
Hybrid	UNLV MAB2 & Zoom

Monday	9–11 a.m.
In-Person Satellite	Carnegie Heights at Henderson

Guitar Group

This course is for experienced guitarists who can read notation or basic charts and want to extend their knowledge. In a group rehearsal format, we will perform pieces as a whole or in small chamber groups, exploring literature from Bach to blues. The focus is student-led, with the expectation of daily at-home practice.

Matthew Nishimoto spent 20 years as a renowned public school guitar-educator. He holds a BA in Music, with emphasis on classical guitar, and a graduate degree in Education.

Thursday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

History of Classical Music: The Top Composers of Orchestral Music

This course will feature one lecture from The Great Courses per class session about 20th-century composers and their major works. We will discuss composers' histories, influences, and interesting facts about their lives and music. We will also develop an appreciation for the transition from the Romantic era of classical music into the modern classical music world and discuss composers of the modern era compared with those of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Ken Benson holds an MBA from UC Irvine and a BA in American Studies from Whitman College. He has taught high school history and civics and is also a classical music enthusiast.

Friday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Hybrid	UNLV MAB2 & Zoom

Ink Sketching & Watercolor

This class will focus on sketching with ink and then adding watercolor. Each week, you will explore a different artist's line work and apply the artist's techniques to create your own watercolor sketch series. A bit of prior experience with ink sketching and basic watercolor techniques is expected.

Richard "Dick" Hoyt retired from UNLV in 2010, and in 2014, he became an OLLI student. With a deep appreciation of art, he began a daily drawing project. By 2015, this resulted in several completed drawing books and over 4,000 pen-and-ink doodles, sketches, and drawings.

Thursday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2



Introduction to Watercolor

If you are new to the medium, this is the perfect place to start! Learn basic artistic principles, get a feel for supplies, and master essential techniques. You need only a few supplies, water, and a willingness to try new things, as we will paint every week for fun.

Jean Beard is an experienced trainer and an amateur watercolorist who only began painting after retirement. She has taken workshops with prominent artists and emphasizes the joy and fun of creating art.

Friday	9 – 10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Short Story Writing

In this short story class, the focus will be on developing strong, memorable characters and learning techniques for building tension and resolving conflicts. There will be guidance on bringing stories to a satisfying conclusion. The class is ideal for both beginning writers and those looking to refine their craft. The aim is to develop ideas and bring them to life.

Jo Wilkins is Chief Executive Officer and Acquisition Editor at Mystic Publishers Inc. She runs Ink and Quill Publishers for general genres, NewLink Publishing for sci-fi and fantasy and Vision Novels for authors who want to self-publish without vanity press.

Tuesday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2





Poetry for Everyone

The class will focus on crafting simple yet powerful messages using poetic tools drawn from everyday life. Writing and performing are crucial, as they form the heart of the class, and active participation is essential. This is for everyone, and all will be able to unlock the tools needed to perform at an open mic or other readings.

Andrew Hall is a UNLV graduate and former adjunct professor in the UNLV English Departments and CCSD. He has two masters in creative writing.

Harry Fagel is a celebrated poet with three collections of poetry published by Zeitgeist Press including "Bellowing at the Volcano," "Street Talk," and "Undercover". His poetry reflects the raw and unfiltered reality of street life, resonating with authenticity and depth.

Tuesday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Tell Your Story

Each of us carries a lifetime of stories—moments that have shaped who we are, what we value, and how we see the world. In this class, you'll be guided through thoughtful prompts and questions designed to help you uncover and share those meaningful experiences. Step by step, you'll craft a personal memoir or journal that weaves together your memories, reflections, and treasured artifacts. The result is a rich, tangible heirloom—something deeply personal that can be preserved and passed down, offering future generations a glimpse into your life, your voice, and your legacy.

Mary Mann is a fun-loving, sneaker-wearing grandma with a genuine passion for connecting with people and celebrating their stories. With a professional background in both education and marketing, she brings a unique blend of empathy, creativity, and communication skills to everything she does.

Tori Kolinski received her formal wine education through the International Sommelier Guild. However, she has gained a more informal wine education during extensive travel to many of the world's greatest wine regions and learning directly from Viticulturists and Vintners.

Friday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

The Doo-Wop Era: Focus on Female Groups

Major female groups of the doo-wop era will be identified. Entertaining videos of female doo-wop groups will be featured. We will also touch on one-hit wonders. We will look at the legacy of these female groups, and regional sounds will be examined.

Richard Berman has instructed over 150 University courses, and over 24 OLLI classes. He has served on numerous mental health boards and was president of both the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Centers and POCA (Psychiatric Outpatient Centers of the Americas).

Thursday	1–3 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	Carnegie Heights at Henderson

Ukulele Workshop

This workshop for experienced ukulele players will regularly introduce new music. We will play and sing as a whole group and as soloists, duets, trios, and other small groups. Students are encouraged to suggest songs to learn. Each student is expected to own and bring a copy of "The Ultimate Ukulele Fakebook" (ISBN: 9781495070402). Additionally, students must provide their own ukulele, tuner, and tabletop music stand. Students are expected to have completed the OLLI at UNLV Ukulele for Beginners class or to have received equivalent private instruction and developed familiarity with their instrument.

Niels Clyde crafted his first ukulele from a cigar box and has been an OLLI member since 2011. He began teaching ukulele in 2013 and he also plays guitar and is currently learning piano.

Judy Nelson is a retired DoD civilian and USAF veteran, worked at Nellis AFB for 20 years as a library technician, aircraft maintenance database manager, and computer systems administrator. Judy taught herself ukulele at age 9 from a book, then guitar at age 12, also from books.

Wednesday	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	Las Vegas Meadows

Writing The Life

In "Writing the Life," we will explore creative nonfiction through poetry, storytelling, and personal reflection. This is a low-pressure class: Participate as much or as little as you like. We will engage with video clips, share our own work, and focus on having fun while we craft and uncover our own stories.

Andrew Hall is a UNLV graduate and former adjunct professor in the UNLV English Departments and CCSD. He has two masters in creative writing.

Wednesday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2





CURRENT EVENTS & SOCIETY

Gray Matters: Critical Thinking – Part 1

This class in learning and applying critical thinking skills has been divided into two parts, with one offered in the fall and the other in the spring. Each half will be concerned with different issues and will emphasize different aspects of our lives. Part I concentrates on current events, including truth, lying, and memory. Can we trust eyewitnesses? We will explore the psychology of advertising; strange creatures and ghosts; how culture influences perception; sleep, evolution, faith healers, UFOs; and psychics. We are constantly asked to decide what to believe and what to discard. These days, it can be difficult to know what is true. Scientific evidence is the best source for answers.

Gail Knapp has been a member of OLLI and taught every term since 2011. She retired after a 40-year teaching career in psychology at a community college in Flint, Michigan. At OLLI, she teaches classes in psychology, English and critical thinking.

Wednesday	1–2:30 p.m.
Virtual	Zoom

Nevada Beyond the Neon: Clark County

The class will cover points of interest in Clark County. PowerPoint presentations, historical videos and speakers will be used. Hands-on artifacts, items and informational handouts will be provided when applicable. There will also be optional field trips to county museums and parks.

Chris Salinas is a 45-year Las Vegas resident, originally from Ohio. She worked at the Nevada Test Site and CCSD and attended UNLV and CSN and was an active volunteer for Scouts, CCD, Red Cross, USO and the LV Natural History Museum.

Friday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Professor's Choice

Explore a variety of subjects driven by the passion of quirky, expert UNLV faculty and administrators. Professors share useful information on topics they love, while the class provides the questions, guaranteeing a fun and engaging session every week.

Beth Davis has a love of sports and grew up around the gym, as her dad was a high school basketball coach in Ohio. Both of Beth's parents were educators and although Beth has a dual degree BA from Kent State, she always found herself in training and education.

Friday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Public Affairs Roundtable

Engage in dynamic dialogue on contemporary public issues in America and Nevada. The class fosters discussion and sharing of individual perspectives, starting with informational videos to prompt in-depth discussion and commentary.

Bob Fishman has over 50 years of experience across government, private sector and non profits. He held key roles such as Managing Director of Honolulu, the first CEO of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Chief of Staff to the Governor and General Manager of Aloha Stadium.

Fong Chan is a retired lawyer from New York with a law degree from St. John's University. He spent most of his career in state and city government, serving as counsel to the NYS Assembly committee, counsel to the committee chair and as legislative director for the NYC Comptroller.

Tuesday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Soapbox

Engage with guest speakers—including government, business, and academic leaders—for insights on headlines and issues relevant to Nevadans. Topics span political, socioeconomic and environmental affairs. The series also features "That's YOUR Opinion" panel discussions, encouraging vibrant, open conversation.

Linda Edgeworth had a 32 year career in election law and administration. She led international observation missions and provided technical assistance and system analysis. One of her most challenging roles was rebuilding voter polls and overseeing elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina following the Dayton Peace Accords.

Sondra Cosgrove is a History Professor at CSN and a nonpartisan public civics educator. She has been a Nevada resident for 40 years and serves as a City of Las Vegas Historical Preservation Commissioner.

Monday	9–10:30 a.m.
Hybrid	UNLV MAB2 & Zoom



The Octopus Murders, The Panama Papers & the Jeffrey Epstein Files

The course will examine “The Octopus Murders,” which tells the story of Danny Casolaro, who died while attempting to uncover what he believed to be a hidden network involving high-ranking intelligence officials, the CIA, a surveillance network and corruption in the banking industry. It will also examine the 2016 leak of 11.5 million documents known as the Panama Papers. The documents, leaked from the law firm Mossack Fonseca, revealed the inner workings of offshore finance and told the story of how the superrich hide their wealth. The course will also explore the ongoing release of 3 million Jeffrey Epstein files by the Justice Department, which connect “The Octopus Murders” and the Panama Papers and expose how the superrich are involved with government secrets, pedophilia and corruption at the highest levels of world governments. How are these topics related?

Mark Marcario is an avid JFK researcher and attends conspiracy seminars. Mark is a long time OLLI instructor and alternative history expert.

Thursday	9–10:30 a.m.	Virtual	Zoom
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FINANCE, LEGACY & LIFE PLANNING

Bitcoin Basics: From Skeptic to Stacker

Let’s cut through the noise and understand what bitcoin is, how it works and why it matters to you in today’s financial landscape. Explore bitcoin’s history, the economics of sound money and why “digital gold” is no accident. Learn to safely buy, store and protect bitcoin with demos and tools. You will engage with the global bitcoin community through real apps, games and Lightning payments. Learn to use bitcoin with confidence.

Dr. Stacey Boyle holds a PhD in Applied Behavioral Studies from Oklahoma State University. She has 25+ years of workforce development, human capital analytics, and organizational learning leadership.

Emery Redenius is a United States Army veteran who deployed to Iraq in 2005. He holds a degree in Accounting from South Dakota State University and a degree in Automotive Technology from Southeast Technical Institute. He brings a grounded, practical perspective to financial education rooted in real-world experience and a belief in monetary sovereignty.

Wednesday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Map Your Way Through Medicare

Get free, unbiased information through the Medicare Assistance Program (MAP). This course aims to educate, empower and assist beneficiaries by providing vital information on Medicare coverage, avoiding fraud, errors and abuse, and navigating available cost-saving programs.

Maria Reid is semi-retired from Human Resources, a MAP Level 3 Counselor and Outreach Coordinator specializing in Medicare enrollment and appeals.

Christy Corzine is a retired casino supervisor, a former substitute teacher, and a MAP Level 2 Counselor. She has a passion for helping people.

Monday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Productive & Purposeful Financial Planning Between Generations

I have seen firsthand how uncomfortable and performative people can be when it comes to money and transferring wealth. I believe in healthy communication between parents and their children when it comes to financial planning for the future ahead. Through the right strategy, guidance and script, parents and their children can be ready to have an incredibly productive conversation about their money and how to best serve their family. This includes estate planning, asset protection, division of assets to heirs, wealth activation and wealth protection after inheritance. You have worked hard for your money, and it is important to make sure it will last for as many generations as possible. Let’s learn together how to make that happen.

Connor Whelan is a Financial Advisor in Henderson, Nevada and a graduate of UNLV’s School of Public Policy and Leadership. I have taught 8th grade history, worked at a boutique wealth management firm, and now help people plan for and navigate retirement successfully.

Wednesday	9–10:30 a.m.
Hybrid	UNLV MAB2 & Zoom

Your Next Chapter Made Simple: Downsizing, Moving & Smart Housing Choices

Moving as a senior can involve downsizing and decluttering. This class will look at housing and financing options and aging in place. Find out how to tackle this topic.

Alison Rachiell is a UNLV Alum and a Senior Move Manager. She has a BS in Elementary Education and has been a Continuing Education instructor.

Monday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

A Journey Through Our Food System

This class is a series of hands-on workshops based on a clinical analysis of how our food system does and does not work. Topics include our food's journey, nutrition, waste-reduction strategies, public policy, at-home food processing, hydration and more. Participate in center activities and discussions, with snacks provided. Engage with our food system at the local, state, federal and global levels.

CJ Kelley is a Food Systems Educator. She holds an M.S. in Environmental Policy and is an M.A.T.S.E. candidate. CJ is a Las Vegas native and a Systems Thinker.

Helenna Katzhyan is a Food Systems Educator and holds a BS in Public Health. She is set to complete her Masters of Public Health 12/2027.

Monday	10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	Cactus Valley Retirement Resort

Aging Mastery: A Fun & Interactive Series for Aging Well

The Aging Mastery Program (AMP) is an engaging series developed by the National Council on Aging and presented by the University of Nevada, Reno Extension. The 10 weekly topics are navigating longer lives, exercise and you, sleep, healthy eating and hydration, financial fitness, advance planning, healthy relationships, medication management, community engagement and fall prevention. The AMP series includes all weekly educational materials and more than 20 program-related items at no additional cost. Classes are interactive and offer many activities and resources to help participants design and master the art of aging well.

Ellen Grossman is Program Manager for the University of Nevada, Reno Extension's Healthy Aging Initiative. She is a Certified Leader for the NCOA Aging Mastery Program, Stanford University's Chronic Disease and Diabetes Self-Management Programs, AARP's Disrupt Aging, Bounce Back/Resiliency and Laughter Yoga.

Wednesday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

AquaFit

Join us at the shallow end of our pool for a low-impact, full-body workout that will improve your muscle tone and boost cardiovascular health. You must bring your own swimwear.

\$30 additional fee.

SRWC Instructor

Friday	1:30–2:30 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	UNLV SRWC

B is for Brain

Our brain controls every one of our actions, thoughts, memories and emotions. It is essentially who we are. But people didn't always think of the brain in that way. For instance, the ancient Egyptians thought the brain played an insignificant role and that the heart did what we now know the brain does. This class is about the brain. We'll cover how our understanding of the brain evolved. We'll examine the structure and function of the brain. We'll cover some brain diseases and how they've been treated over time. We'll examine how drugs impact the brain and how music affects it. We'll also explore the relationship between the brain and the mind. We'll even look at some whimsical and funny stories and videos about the brain. At the end of the class, you may not be a "brainiac," but you'll likely be smarter about the brain than when you started.

Ed Ort began his career as a physicist, contributing to a Mariner mission to Mars. He later transitioned to computer software, working as a software developer, web content developer and writer. He has diverse interests that include medicine, sports and history.

Wednesday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Hybrid	UNLV MAB2 & Zoom

The Art of Egyptian-Style Belly Dance for Senior Women: It's Never Too Late to Move, Learn, Laugh, & Live with Joy

Egyptian-style belly dance is a low impact to moderate beautiful art form that nurtures the mind, body, and spirit. This senior-friendly course introduces women to the traditions of Egyptian-style belly dance through a relaxed, supportive learning environment. Students will learn to interpret Middle Eastern music through movement while improving flexibility, balance, coordination, core strength, and stamina.

Mercedes Foster, 80 years young, retired Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and a native of Brooklyn, NY will teach you the beautiful art of Egyptian belly dance. Mercedes has been belly dancing for 36 years and believes in the connection between mind, body and spirit.

Day, Time, and Location TBD



Empower Your Health

Empower Your Health is part of the Campus and Community Speaker Series. Experts from various fields share their knowledge, insights and personal experiences. Discover updates on the latest research and gain practical tips for making healthier choices. Topics will range from brain and gut health to reducing the effects of aging and maintaining mobility.

Nancy Faye is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, trained in multiple treatments for anxiety, depression and trauma. She has an interest in all forms of health and healing.

Bob Lathrop has had wonderful experiences attending OLLI and is deeply involved in the community. He actively participates in local groups like the food pantry, a homeless transition nonprofit, Political Discussion Groups, and Faith-Based Social Service Support.

Thursday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Healthy Coaches for Hypertension Control

Take charge of your hypertension and find the support you need to live your healthiest life. This workshop teaches you effective tools to manage hypertension through healthy eating, physical activity, stress relief and blood pressure monitoring.

Each participant will receive a blood pressure monitor and workbook.

Richard Davis, along with being a certified senior health self-management trainer and a certified community health care worker, is an experienced OLLI instructor. Richard is a health educator with Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican Hospitals, a member of CommonSpirit.

Tuesday	1–2:30 p.m.
In-Person	Revel Las Vegas

Thursday	1–2:30 p.m.
Virtual	Zoom

Listening & Mindfulness Support Group

This supportive and collaborative group class is designed to help you learn how to make mindfulness-based living a regular part of your self-care routine. “I” statements will aid in deep, uninterrupted listening and speaking about experiences in a safe space. Each student may share as much or as little as they wish and receive support. Participants will connect with each other and themselves to promote self-healing.

Michael Davitt, a retired LCSW, had a 40-year career focused on school children of all ages, their families and military personnel overseas and in the US. He retired 5 years ago and transformed his clinical skill-set and spiritual intuition into leading mindfulness support groups.

Thursday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2



The Joy of Contra

Contra is an American folk dance form, sometimes described as “social dancing for people who love to walk.” No partner or prior dance experience is required; everything is taught in a supportive, low-impact environment. Sessions are participatory, focusing on patterns, gentle movement and cognitive engagement. Expect a comfortable pace that prioritizes clarity and mutual support over speed, so you can feel confident and successful.

Bob Hofkin, a radio personality, software guru, and professor also plays the Ukulele and mahjong. He participates in and leads Contra dancing, bakes bread, cooks, and reads.

Monday	1–2:30 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	Cactus Valley Retirement Resort

What Does a Cancer Diagnosis Mean in 2026?

Learn about progress in understanding and treating cancer. What are some new diagnostic tools and treatments? What are their side effects, and how effective are the therapies? What should you be asking and doing if you or a family member receives a cancer diagnosis?

Paul Michael is a retired Oncologist, having spent 36 years living in Clark County, Las Vegas. He participated in numerous clinical trials during his career and for the past four years, he has been an instructor with OLLI, sharing his expertise and experience.

Wednesday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Yin Yoga

This class begins with a combination of dynamic movements focused on toning all major muscle groups. We then ease into a more relaxed practice in the second portion of the class to help you improve flexibility while soothing your mind and body.

\$30 additional fee.

SRWC Instructor

Saturday	10–11 a.m.
In-Person Satellite	UNLV SRWC



HISTORY & HUMANITIES

America's Founding Fathers, Part 2

This is Part 2 of "America's Founding Fathers" from The Great Courses. It will feature content from 18 lectures by professor Allen C. Guelzo. We will dive deep into the lives and political contributions of the American founding fathers and examine how they shaped the nation's core documents and ideals.

Ron Wallace moved to Las Vegas in 1991 and retired from the Air Force in 1999 after 33 years of service. He then worked at the Nevada Test Site and Nellis Air Force Base on DOE and DOD contracts for 14 years.

Monday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

America's Treasures

In this team-taught class, each instructor will choose a unique topic that highlights a person, place, or institution deemed an American treasure. You will explore a rich tapestry of American history and culture. This class will offer a comprehensive and immersive journey through the treasures of America.

Fran Smith holds a BA in Political Science and an MA in International Relations. While not a professional in art history, Fran has taught numerous art history classes at OLLI.

Thursday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Gandhian Studies 2: India, South Africa & Nonviolence

This second class on Gandhian studies is about the transformative journey in India and South Africa, exploring the pivotal events that shaped Gandhi's life and commitment to nonviolence. Time will be spent on the moment at Pietermaritzburg that transformed him. Documentary footage and dialogue featuring Ahimsa Gandhi will help bring the story to life, along with reflections on time spent in both nations.

Lynnea Bylund is the founder of the Ahimsa Peace Institute and a key leader of the Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute. For years she has collaborated with Arun Gandhi, Mahatma Gandhi's grandson, helping carry forward the living legacy of Gandhian nonviolence.

Tuesday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Exploring Wonders of the World

Join a team of instructors for a fascinating exploration of 20 diverse topics spanning places, ideas, people and breakthroughs. This fun course is designed to expand your world with useful information, shared passions and weekly email updates. Class participation is highly encouraged.

Vicky Birkland was born and raised in Washington State and loves sharing curiosity, places and ideas across time and the world. She has lived and taught in various locations and enjoys collaboration and sharing interests among OLLI members.

Born and raised in Seattle, **John Birkland** holds a B.A. in humanities from Washington State University, the real Cougars. He spent 40 years in the transportation business, the last 20 years employed by Department of Energy (DOE) contractors, shipping hazardous and radioactive materials at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington state and then at the Nevada Test Site.

Monday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Hybrid	UNLV MAB2 & Zoom

How Government Works

Explore the intricate relationships among the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government. Through presentations, case studies and guest speakers, you will analyze leadership factors impacting government activities and delve into how decision-making and policy are influenced.

Bob Fishman has over 50 years of experience across government, private sector and non profits. He held key roles such as Managing Director of Honolulu, the first CEO of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Chief of Staff to the Governor and General Manager of Aloha Stadium.

Fong Chan is a retired lawyer from New York with a law degree from St. John's University. He spent most of his career in state and city government, serving as counsel to the NYS Assembly committee, counsel to the committee chair and as legislative director for the NYC Comptroller.

Wednesday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2



Jewish American Experience

The Jewish American Experience is an examination of Jewish American history, culture and identity. Beginning with the arrival in America of the first Jewish settlers from Recife, you will explore the contributions that Jewish Americans have made in fields ranging from comedy to physics to civil rights. You will also examine the darker side of the American experience, including antisemitism and the rise of Jewish gangsters. Each presentation is thoroughly documented, and supplementary materials will be made available.

Larry Kuperman has been teaching about Jewish history and culture for over 20 years. He has taught for both the JCS and JCC of Ann Arbor, and at Congregation Ner Tamid and Temple Sinai here in Las Vegas.

Tuesday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2



London: A Look Through the Ages, Part 1

This class will start as far back as possible and will be detailed without being boring. Learn some new things about the city and areas beyond as we look at the people flowing in and out of London.

Noell Everhart loves musicals, especially the Phantom of the Opera, but many favorites. Noell grew up in a funeral home and headstone company and has also traveled extensively. A total Anglophile, Noell loves all things “English”.

Friday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
Hybrid	UNLV MAB2 & Zoom

Manifest Destiny & the Continued Expansion of the United States

After the U.S. expanded from coast to coast in North America, what came next? Following continental expansion, the nation embarked on overseas imperialism. Why and how did this happen? Was it a divine mission of the U.S. or a perversion of the doctrine of Manifest Destiny? What territories were acquired? What were the territories like, and who were the people? What are our relationships with these territories today? What should they be? We will try to answer all of these questions in this class.

Muree Reafs brings you the next expansion of the United States, she will do this through uniquely designed PowerPoint presentations, bringing out interesting points in our history. Muree Reafs has taught at OLLI for over 12 years, has traveled extensively, and enjoys researching countries and states.

Friday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Thursday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Virtual	Zoom



The Cold War: 1945-1991

The Cold War centered on an ideological conflict between U.S. capitalism and Soviet-led communism. Learn about the rise of these two superpowers, their clashes and global influence. Learn about their economic, military and cultural perspectives. Cold War legacies still shape geopolitics today, from military alliances to global tensions and economic systems. Let's pull it all together.

Lance Lewis is a retired university administrator and instructor with a PhD in Higher Education from Michigan State University and holds 2 master's degrees in history. He is an active Rotarian and community volunteer in Henderson. Lance is widowed, with three adult children and one grandchild.

Wednesday	9–10:30 a.m.
Virtual	Zoom

The Non-Biblical History of Israel

Legitimate information will be stressed, with 75% coming from sources other than the Bible and 25% being biblically based. Any information deemed illegitimate or below established standards will be highlighted by the instructor. Discussions will be held to provide explanations and answer all questions. Everyone's opinion counts.

Morris Dubin minored in History and continued to take classes in World History. He remains actively involved in Judaic Religious Studies through college level Semichas Chaver Program.

Tuesday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Virtual	Zoom

The White House

You will venture beyond the public image of the White House, uncovering its hidden history and secrets. You will learn how the site was chosen, explore its original construction and renovations, and get an insider's view of key rooms in both the main residence and the West Wing. You will also discover White House traditions, learn about some of the people who keep it running, and gain a deeper appreciation for the history and mystery behind America's most iconic home.

Terry Ross earned her B.S. in Business Administration from Northwestern University and her J.D. from DePaul. She began as an auditor with a Big Eight accounting firm and later was an attorney for one of Chicago's top law firms, representing major lenders in high-profile leveraged buyouts.

Thursday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Uncovering Your Past: Practical Genealogy to Discover Your Family Story

Unlock the secrets of your ancestry. Learn how to find and use the wealth of online resources available to build your family history. You'll develop research skills, learn to interpret historical documents, and explore today's leading genealogical websites, many of which are free and accessible from home. You'll be introduced to updated tools and resources, along with clear, step-by-step ways to apply them to your own family history. Whether you are just getting started or returning to refine your skills, you'll find practical guidance, updated approaches, and opportunities to deepen your research with greater confidence.

Ben Kempner began his genealogical journey 11 years ago with a course at OLLI and has since expanded his family tree from 10 individuals to over 2000. Ben now serves as President of a local genealogical society and regularly lectures for groups and organizations.

Thursday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Vietnam 1945-1967

This class will follow a timeline of the Vietnam era, beginning with French control from about 1945 to 1954. The Geneva Accords of 1954 marked the division of Vietnam. We will examine the gradual arrival of U.S. advisers from 1955 to 1963 and look at the Gulf of Tonkin incident in 1964 as a turning point. U.S. advisers shifted into full combat roles, escalating tensions through the late 1960s.

Mel Lazarus holds a BA from Boston University and a JD. from Suffolk University Law School. A retired educator, he taught law at the high school level and government at the college level.

Monday	11 a.m.–1 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	Aliante Library





LITERATURE, LANGUAGE & MEDIA

1939: Hollywood's Greatest Year

We will explore the diverse films of 1939 through the lens of their socioeconomic backdrop, the justice system and antitrust laws, shaped by the power players of the era. We'll also look at films like "Dark Victory," "Stagecoach" and "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," as time allows. Let's trace the lasting influence of 1939 on today's cinema.

Andi Isaacs joined the UNLV Film Department in 2022, focusing on producing and production classes. Prior to this, Isaacs served as Executive Vice President and Head of Physical Production at Summit Entertainment (now Lionsgate), contributing to the success of numerous independent films.

Wednesday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

20th Century Jewish American Comedians & Italian American Singers

This class celebrates Jewish American comedians alongside the vibrant artistry of Italian American singers. Brief biographies will be featured, offering a sampling of their comedic or musical talents. Rich discussion and critique will help us examine their cultural impact, comedic timing and vocal artistry. Join us to see how these performers shaped and continue to shape American culture.

Frederick Amodeo is a retired educator from Long Island, NY. He has 20 years of Special Education and 15 years of Physical Education experience and holds a Bachelors degree and 4 Masters.

Tuesday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Celebrating Musical Theatre: "If There Was a Formula for Musicals, What Would It Be?"

It's all in the title for this one! What is the "formula" for excellent Broadway musicals? Let's look at some of the best and compare. Each class session, we will look at what is currently happening on Broadway and in the Las Vegas theater scene. Come along for the fun! No prerequisites! All new material!

Bruce Ewing from Suffern, NY, graduated from the Hyatt School of Music. He co-created and toured with the Phat Pack, which won Best of Vegas for all-around performers.

Tuesday	9–10:30 a.m.
Hybrid	UNLV MAB2 & Zoom

Dorothy Dandridge: Fame, Film & the Fight for Recognition

Discover Dorothy Dandridge's groundbreaking rise to Hollywood stardom and follow her journey from humble beginnings to the silver screen. Explore the barriers she broke as a trailblazing Black actress and revisit the landmark films that defined her remarkable career.

Vernice S. Jackson holds a B.A. in Communications and a M.S. in Organizational Development and Analysis. She retired after a long career as a Training & Development Professional and Career Consultant in multiple industries.

Tuesday	1–3 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	Aliante Library



Intro to Playwriting & Screenwriting

What is a screenplay? What is a stage play? Learn about screenplay formatting used for writing a screenplay and stage formatting used for writing a stage play. We will also work on script analysis.

Floyd Stephen Alexander has been a career actor in numerous productions. He is a noted playwright with produced play catalog.

Monday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	THIRD Street

OLLI Hosts the Nevada Conservatory Theatre

This two-part course spotlights the 2026-27 season of UNLV's Nevada Conservatory Theatre. Explore these engaging productions from the perspectives of acting, directing and technical theater. Guest speakers will offer expertise on what goes into creating compelling live theater. Participate in lively discussions about each performance. Come and be a part of the inner circle.

Kirsten Brandt is the Executive Director of the Nevada Conservatory Theatre (NCT). An award-winning theatrical director, playwright, and producer with over 20 years of experience, her passion lies in igniting the imagination of audiences through visceral storytelling and visual poetry to encourage dialogue and ethical engagement.

Bruce Ewing from Suffern, NY, graduated from the Hyatt School of Music. He co-created and toured with the Phat Pack, which won Best of Vegas for all-around performers.

Thursday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
Hybrid	UNLV MAB2 & Zoom

Poisons From the Ancient to Today: From Agatha Christie to Sherlock Holmes

Poisons have had a significant role in history and literature. Poisons and their mechanisms of action are diverse. Poisons, carefully measured, are important medications. Let's take a look at the Victorian era, the golden age of poisons.

Robert Gibbons served in the Army Medical Corps for 26 years, specializing in clinical teaching, epidemiology and vaccine research. Robert coordinated with major organizations such as the World Health Organization, the Department of State, CDC, NIH, as well as various non-governmental organizations, foreign ministries of health and academic institutions.

Wednesday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Reel Trailblazers: Women in Early Film History

We will learn about the groundbreaking women who shaped early cinema, both behind and in front of the camera. We'll study pioneering female directors, writers, editors and producers who shattered barriers in a male-dominated world. By examining silent-film stars and creative pioneers, we will see how their contributions laid the foundation for film both as an art and an industry. Ultimately, we will gain a deeper appreciation for their legacy, challenges and lasting influence.

Vernice S. Jackson holds a B.A. in Communications and a M.S. in Organizational Development and Analysis. She retired after a long career as a Training & Development Professional and Career Consultant in multiple industries.

Friday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Shakespeare's Sonnets & Plays

We will examine Shakespeare's sonnets and plays that tend toward the experimental and exploratory. Selected sonnets will introduce us to Shakespeare's rhetorical and linguistic excellence. We will study "Henry VI, Part 3," the third historical play in Shakespeare's minor tetralogy. Then we will move on to the witty and feisty midcareer comedy "Much Ado About Nothing" and end with the late tragedy "Coriolanus" and the romance "Cymbeline."

Al Drake is a native of Orange County, California, and he earned his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in English at UC Irvine. Al has taught British, American, classical and world literature at UC Irvine, Chapman University, and CSU Fullerton.

Tuesday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2





The Birth of Television Comedy

Learn how early comics transitioned from radio and vaudeville. Hear about “Mr. Television,” Milton Berle, and the variety shows of the day. The writers’ room will be covered, and legacies will be discussed in this fun and interactive class.

Jan Biggerstaff is a retired circus performer and past president of the Circus Fans Association. Jan also managed and raised a family while touring with the circus.

Beverly Abderrahman was born into the circus business and raised her family while working in the circus. She has retired and is very active in the CFA, Circus Fans Association.

Thursday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

The Classic Films of John Williams

John Williams is widely considered the most honored film composer in history. We will view his films, discuss highlights of his work on each one and gain an overview of his iconic career.

Kevin Fahey is a trained architect and has given architecture and film tours for OLLI. He has also taught at OLLI, Rutgers University and has taught several satellite courses for OLLI at UNLV.

Thursday	1:30–3:30 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	Cactus Valley Retirement Resort

The Genius That Is Norman Lear

Explore the genius of Mel Brooks, focusing on his philosophy of “attacking with laughter, not fists.” Delve into the life experiences that inspired his work and his ability to leverage social issues for comedy. Join us to dissect his classic material, learn and, of course, laugh!

Frederick Amodeo is a retired educator from Long Island, NY. He has 20 yrs of Special Education and 15 yrs of Physical Education experience and holds a Bachelors degree and 4 Masters.

Friday	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	Las Ventanas at Summerlin

The Other Kurosawa

Though praised for his samurai films, Japanese director Akira Kurosawa made other films as well. These lesser-known films grapple with corruption, greed and postwar desperation. We will discuss his thematic concerns, visual style and relationship with American censors. Kurosawa is a giant of global cinema. Come explore the “other side” of his work.

Danielle Hartnett holds a degree in film from the USC School of Cinema and is a published film reviewer. She has taught various film history courses at OLLI, covering topics from Italian Neorealism to Cold War cinema, and has a particular interest in the Hollywood Blacklist.

Tuesday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

The Twilight Zone of Rod Serling

Explore the life and work of Rod Serling, focusing on his iconic series, “The Twilight Zone.” We will study episodes relevant to contemporary issues and examine Serling’s prolific writing before and after the series, discussing his genius for using science fiction to tackle social commentary.

Dan Mysliborski has been retired for 15 years and an OLLI member since 2012. Dan is a big fan of vintage television and has been an instructor at OLLI since 2017.

Tuesday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

World Theater Tour

Join us as we travel the globe, exploring distant lands through the lens of each country’s theatrical traditions. From the colorful pageantry of Japan’s kabuki stage to Aztec rituals, dances and music that the Spanish conquistadors turned into Latin American theater to the political plays of contemporary African playwrights, we will expand our vision of theatrical performance and discover why performance is such an essential part of our lives. The class will include short video clips and texts of non-Western performances, PowerPoint presentations on each region’s theatrical traditions and class discussion.

Ellen Royer loves talking about theater to anyone who will listen, and is thrilled to have a captive audience of learners who are interested in the material she presents! Ellen received her doctorate in theater from the University of Oregon in 1988 and has taught at universities in Oregon, Nebraska, New Jersey and Texas.

Monday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
Hybrid	UNLV MAB2 & Zoom





PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

Basics of Eastern Spirituality

This class delves into the mysteries of material life and explores how to find happiness forever. It ponders whether life exists beyond death, the ultimate goal of human existence and what lies beyond birth and death.

Pankaj Patel is a retired overseas physician and taught Pharmacology at PIMA Medical Institute in Las Vegas. A mentor for basic spirituality for over 25 years with an emphasis on Philanthropy beyond material bounds.

Friday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Captivating Cases in Rabbinic Responsa

Listen in on the surprising, practical questions your ancestors asked rabbis throughout Jewish history. Join this six-session course to discover the little-known world of rabbinic responsa, a vast archive of the real-life questions about ethics and practice that Jews asked throughout history—and the scholarly answers rabbis wrote. Algiers is under siege: May I pray in a bathhouse? The Inquisition is watching: How will I celebrate Passover? Seventeen Jews are held hostage in faraway Regensburg after a blood libel: Must I help pay their ransom? See what enables Jewish tradition to offer relevant guidance in a rapidly changing world—and come face-to-face with raw Jewish history.

Rabbi Bronchtain is active in community service and adult education. In 2024, he obtained rabbinical ordination from the Central Rabbinical Seminary in New York and in 2025 he and his wife moved to Las Vegas and he was appointed co-director of the Chabad Jewish Center at UNLV.

Monday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Creative Visualization & Energy Healing

Unlock your mind's power to restore or maintain your health through easy-to-do exercises. Join us for beginner tai chi, energy tapping, self-hypnosis and health affirmations. Learn how belief, faith and a positive state of mind can unleash your inner healing potential for better health.

Frank Davio worked as a truck driver for Rheingold Brewery in Brooklyn and as a ramp agent for Southwest Airlines in Las Vegas. He grew up immersed in social club culture and has enjoyed playing cards recreationally all of his life.

Wednesday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Many Faces of Spirituality

Many Faces of Spirituality is an open and welcoming class that explores the wisdom and practices of diverse faith traditions, Indigenous teachings and humanist perspectives. Together, we will reflect on the values that unite us across differences—compassion, respect, humanity, peace and care for life. Through conversation, reflection and shared stories, participants are invited to deepen their understanding, build connections and discover practices that nurture both personal and community well-being.

Julia Pizzi is a dedicated spiritual director and curator for the Interfaith Contemplative Center, as well as a board member of the Interfaith Council of Southern Nevada. She is committed to fostering spiritual awakening for all.

Sharlyn Menard is a Certified Labyrinth Facilitator, received theology certification, and is a practicing reverend. She uses creativity as a spiritual practice and is a mandala facilitator. Menard is also a hiker, dog lover, and soul pilgrim.

Thursday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Parables of Today: Using Movies to Understand Christianity

This class explores the Christian faith by analyzing clips from popular movies, using modern cinema as contemporary parables. Audience participation is highly encouraged in discussions about the lessons and themes presented on screen.

Bob Blaskey has worked with various churches and schools and written and directed 17 faith-based videos that gained national distribution. A lifelong movie enthusiast, he also made it into the contestant pool for the "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" movie show.

Tuesday	9–10:30 a.m.
Virtual	Zoom

The Truth About Happiness

On a scale of 1 to 10, how important is happiness to you? But what is happiness? According to Rebecca, happiness is a practiced skill—and TTAH shares exactly what to practice. Designed to reduce emotions such as worry, anxiety, stress and anger, the class offers empowering, life-changing content that will enable students to experience more happiness regardless of their circumstances. Topics include the importance of happiness, improving relationships with others and oneself and practicing happiness regardless of what "happens" to you.

Rebecca L. Norrington is a Happiness Specialist, Inner Peace Practitioner, Oracle, and student of the Universe and Its Laws. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and has decades of education and training on topics from Spirituality to Human Behavior.

Wednesday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2



Artemis & Apollo: From One Small Step to the Next Giant Leap

The continuing board games course is being offered three times this semester. Students can sign up for one, two or three classes, whichever fits their schedule. Favorite board games from past semesters and new ones will be available to new or returning students. More than 25 available games include but are not limited to Scrabble, Ticket to Ride, Boggle, Blokus, UPWORDS, Century: Golem Edition, Rummikub, Qwirkle, AZUL, Bananagrams and Carcassonne. Sign up for two courses on Mondays, and you'll have three and a half hours of continuous play. If you see another interesting Monday OLLI course, just sign up for one. And then there's still Tuesday! The winning choices are yours. Come have fun, fun, fun!

Fred Peters spent the majority of his 40-year career with NASA's Johnson Space Center working on its manned spacecraft program. He is an aeronautical engineer with an MBA, and has been a frequent lecturer on the manned space program. He was also a project engineer during the Skylab program and was responsible for planning and scheduling during the Space Shuttle and Space Station programs.

Thursday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Chemistry of Life

The human body works as well as it does because of its chemistry. In a simple, easy-to-understand format for those with no chemistry background, we will cover atoms, molecules, pH, energy and chemical reactions, carbohydrates, proteins, fats, electrolytes, minerals and oxygen. We will discuss the role of each of these in the human body, the chemical aging process and how medications work. You do not need to know anything about chemistry to take this course. The course is sequential, so try to attend each class. Slides will be sent to you after each class.

Dr. Carolyn Yucha is both a nurse and a physiologist. She has taught numerous courses in Nursing Schools in Anatomy, Physiology, and Pathophysiology. Dr. Yucha was Dean of the School of Nursing at UNLV from 2004-2018 and has taught at OLLI for the past 4 years.

Milo Hendricks earned his PhD from the University of Utah as a graduate student with the University of Utah Cosmic Ray Group. He then worked as a scientist in the civilian sector, working for government contractors to the US Departments of Energy and Defense.

Wednesday	6–7:30 p.m.
Virtual	Zoom

*OLLI Bonus Class

Digital & AI Photography with Your Smartphone

This class will be lively and fun, catering to both beginners and intermediate photographers. Start with basic iPhone photography techniques and then explore some hidden, unique features to elevate your photos. Learn how to make your phone more efficient, keep your shots level, discover new video techniques and master editing with the help of fresh apps and tools. By the end of this fun class, your photos will truly stand out.

Alec Sonenthal is a seasoned professional photographer with over 40 years of experience in corporate event and portrait photography. He's also a technology specialist and passionate advocate for smartphone photography and videography.

Thursday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Don't Get Fooled: Modern Scams & How to Outsmart Them

Everyone is vulnerable to scams. We will explore the evolving landscape of scams targeting older adults, with a special focus on how artificial intelligence is changing fraud tactics. Participants will learn how scams work, how to recognize warning signs and how to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Stacey Dubowitch is a healthcare professional with nearly 20 years of experience working with seniors, particularly in dementia care and the therapeutic use of music. A native of Philadelphia, she earned her bachelor's degree from Drexel University and a Master of Science in Health Care Administration from California State University, Long Beach with an emphasis in dementia research.

Alison Rachiehl is a UNLV Alum and a Senior Move Manager. She has a BS in Elementary Education and has been a Continuing Education instructor.

Wednesday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2





Let's Explore Our iPhone Features & Learn How to Take & Enhance Our Photos

Powerful cameras on mobile devices are changing the way we visually document our lives. The cameras and editing technology on our phones allow us to capture and edit high-quality photos that often rival the image quality of traditional digital cameras. The course uses a hands-on approach to teach the art of capturing beautiful images and then editing your photographs to maximize your creative output. Learn essential photography skills such as lighting, depth of field and composition, as well as how to edit your images to achieve creative and exciting results. You will also learn about useful tools such as filters, panorama and portrait modes, as well as how artificial intelligence can help you create visually stunning enhancements to the images and photos you capture. This course is for the iPhone 14 and newer models only; if you own an Android device, please sign up for the corresponding Android course.

David Weinstein has been a Las Vegas resident since 1979 and a professional photographer for over 40 years. Along with teaching at OLLI, David has also been a teacher with the Nevada Camera Club and a co-leader of the Photography Explorer program.

Thursday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Public Health & Why It's Important to You

Public health exists to protect you and your community from disease. Currently, trust in public health is at a low ebb. In some states, vaccination rates are so low that measles is once again a serious problem. In this class, you'll explore why trust in public health has declined and why it still matters. You'll examine how misinformation, poor communication and other factors contribute to the spread of disease. The recent experience with the COVID-19 pandemic provides examples of what not to do. Poor communication from political and public health leaders created confusion and interfered with control efforts. You will learn the steps to evaluate hazards and determine risks, which will better prepare you to protect yourself from harm in the future.

George Byrns is an Emeritus Professor at Illinois State University and had been a member of the faculty since 1999. Before coming to the university, he had a 25-year career working for the Indian Health Service as an Environmental Health Officer.

Tuesday	11 a.m.–1 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	Aliante Library

Tech Help Open Lab

Having trouble with your smartphone, laptop, tablet or any other gadget? Meet one-on-one with a tech expert in our computer lab and leave with a better understanding of the latest technology. Bring your questions and get support.

Friday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Emerging Technologies

The digital landscape is evolving faster than ever, from the smartphones in our pockets to the rise of artificial intelligence. However, technology is best explored together rather than alone. This course is a weekly intergenerational program that explores essential tech topics, including cybersecurity, smartphones, social media, digital photography and artificial intelligence.

Day and Time TBD	
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Everyday Tech

This IT tech class offers hands-on approaches to technologies shaping today's world. Students can explore cloud computing, cybersecurity, Ai and data analytics. You will gain practical knowledge and stay ahead in the digital era.

Friday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

The Current Wars: DC vs. AC

This class will provide a nontechnical look at the history of Edison and Tesla. There will be plenty of discussion about direct current, or DC, versus alternating current, or AC. What's your view?

Shell Reinish grew up in Brooklyn, NY, graduated electrical engineering college, and worked in the electronic industry for forty years on projects as diverse as The Luna Module to electronic music. He has designed and built home theater systems and had his own live call in talk show for 15 years.

Monday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2





TRAVEL, SPORTS & LIFESTYLE

All Aboard: Get Your Ticket(s) for One, Two, or Three Board Games Courses

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Mark Love is a retired elementary school teacher who taught in California and spent six years teaching on U.S. Air Force facilities in Azores and 28 years in England. Mark has taught for OLLI including Board Games and Scrabble and co-facilitated Soapbox as well.

Monday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. 12:45 – 2:15 p.m.
Tuesday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

American Mah Jong: We Are Back Again! Bams, Craks & Dots

Discover the joy of mahjong. This course offers instruction in the widely popular American National Mah Jongg League, or NMJL, version of the game. You'll learn the essential rules, strategies, scoring and etiquette for American mahjong. Participants will engage in hands-on play, enjoying a fun and engaging environment in which to master this rewarding game.

Susan Waldman moved from New York City to Las Vegas in 2006 to be closer to family. She discovered a love for both American and Asian Mahjong over 16 years ago and has met new friends plus enjoys sharing knowledge about the game with others.

Friday	12:45 – 2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Asian Mah Jong Schube Style: Sixth Edition

What started as a SIG is now a class full of vibrant, like minded players. This is for experienced players, however, fundamentals will be taught at OLLI before the semester begins. Please bring \$5 in small coins for scoring. This is a co-ed class.

Esther Schube a BS and a Masters in Education. Esther spent 15 years as a teacher and then a mental health therapist and enjoys teaching anyone to play anything, with the goal of having fun.

Michele Sherer holds a BA from Sarah Lawrence College. Michele was a book designer for Viking Penguin and is also a retired elementary art teacher with over 26 years of experience.

Monday	9 – 10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Pickleball: Yellow Ball, Blue Ball, That Is the Question

The class will be indoors, so weather is no issue. We will have two courts, one for beginners and one for advanced players. Tennis or pickleball shoes are mandatory, with no exceptions, for safety. This is a fun, friendly class; bangers are not welcome! Now expanded to two-hour sessions for more instruction, practice, and fun on the court.

\$30 additional fee

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Robert Myers is a native Southern Californian who relocated to Las Vegas in 2003. He has been CFO of a multinational corporation and serves on the OLLI Fundraising Committee. He is excited to bring the joy of pickleball, alongside his mentor Esther, to anyone willing to try it.

Thursday	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	Paradise Recreation Center

Presenting Inside the Sports Capital of the World

This semester, The Business of Sport and Speak to the Sport are joining forces. Doug Verb will bring his sports wisdom and wit, and Beth Davis will have her fun and quirky speakers. Stay up to date on all things sports and enjoy some great presentations. It's a fun way to spend an afternoon, so join us for a semester of sport! You won't regret it.

Doug Verb is a successful executive for new sports and league startups, including three pro leagues, with expertise in strategic organization, media promotion, event creation and management, mediation, and staff building. Doug served as a consultant to many sports organizations, agencies and venues and was president of Pro Soccer Chicago Sting and spent 10 years as a TV executive and sports writer.

Beth Davis has a love of sports and grew up around the gym, as her dad was a high school basketball coach in Ohio. Both of Beth's parents were educators and although Beth has a dual degree BA from Kent State, she always found herself in training and education.

Wednesday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
Hybrid	UNLV MAB2 & Zoom

Recreational Card Playing

Join the morning fun by playing popular card games such as hearts, spades, 500 rummy, pinochle, casino and brisk. Players must have rudimentary card-playing skills, including bidding, trumping and more.

Frank Davio worked as a truck driver for Rheingold Brewery in Brooklyn and as a ramp agent for Southwest Airlines in Las Vegas. He grew up immersed in social club culture and has enjoyed playing cards recreationally all of his life.

Robert Rogers otherwise known as "Superman Bob" retired after 40 years of being a pipefitter. He likes to entertain, is an accomplished dancer, likes to travel (especially cruises), and playing games.

Wednesday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2



The Sensory Philosophy of Wine

Wine is a multidimensional, culturally embedded experience. Wine is subjective, symbolic and contextual. Wine reframes tasting as attentive, reflective, contextual and conscious. Here, we blend science and meaning to better understand wine.

Tori Kolinski received her formal wine education through the International Sommelier Guild. However, she has gained a more informal wine education during extensive travel to many of the world's greatest wine regions and learning directly from Viticulturists and Vintners.

Friday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
Hybrid	UNLV MAB2 & Zoom

Traveling Europe Off the Beaten Path

Interested in exploring Europe beyond its major cities? This class looks at a selection of European locales off the beaten path, including smaller towns, villages and scenic areas. Some are quite popular, while others are much less frequented by tourists. Through a mix of presentations, videos and discussion, this will be an interactive course in which we'll share tips on the best places to visit. Whether you're planning your first trip to Europe or your 50th, or are just an armchair traveler, you're welcome to join us!

David Lavery has taught several classes, and continues to lead "That's Your Opinion" panel discussions in Soapbox. Dave has had a continuing passion for travel beginning with his first trip abroad 43 years ago. He has been to 60 countries, and likes learning about new places almost as much as seeing them.

Monday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Hybrid	UNLV MAB2 & Zoom

Wine & the Five Senses

Wine engages the five senses to create a full experience. Visual cues set expectations, and smell shapes flavor perception. Taste then confirms or contradicts those expectations. Touch expresses texture, and sound shapes atmosphere. Wine engages all five senses, creating a complete sensory experience.

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Tuesday	10–11:30 a.m.
In-Person Satellite	Revel Las Vegas

OLLI AWARD-WINNING MEMBERS



Danielle Hartnett **2026 Mike Cutler Instructor of the Year**

Danielle Hartnett has been an OLLI at UNLV member since 2018 and is a beloved film instructor. She has taught more than 20 classes, including History of Gangster Film: 1930–1950s and Creepy Films “With Brains.” Danielle holds a degree in film from USC, where she worked with renowned film scholar Drew Casper and several blacklisted filmmakers. During her work-study experience in the film library, she looked for every opportunity to spend time in the Warner Bros. Special Collections, where she lingered over publicity stills of James Cagney and Humphrey Bogart. She worked briefly in Hollywood before pursuing a master’s degree in English literature. She is also a published film reviewer.

Danielle’s classes are well received, well attended, and greatly cherished. She is also an integral part of the Educational Programming Committee, where she welcomes new instructors and helps them acclimate. She participates in Curriculum Rallies, instructor recruitment, and potential instructor meetings.



Anthony “Tony” Kouffman **2026 Distinguished Member of the Year**

Anthony “Tony” Kouffman has been an OLLI member since 2006 and is being recognized for his long-standing commitment to OLLI at UNLV and his many contributions to the program. Tony helped shape OLLI by serving on numerous boards and committees. He is currently Chair of the Member Experience Committee and leads the annual membership survey. He has also taught several classes, from Jewish Impact on U.S. History in 2017 to his current class, How Past Supreme Court Decisions Continue to Impact Our Lives, taught with Dorothy Howard.

Tony has a deep love and knowledge of history, which he generously shares with the OLLI community.



Vicky and John Birkland **2026 The Elena Cieslak & Cliff Reay Service Award**

Vicky and John Birkland are being recognized for their time, service, and dedication to OLLI at UNLV. It is fitting that they are receiving this award together, as they are often side by side — volunteering, instructing, attending classes, and participating in events. Affectionately known by many as “VickyJohn,” they have been active OLLI members since 2012.

They have volunteered in many areas and served on multiple boards and committees. Vicky worked tirelessly to help launch and strengthen the OLLI Ambassadors program, while John served as Steering Council chair. Together, they continue to seek out opportunities to support OLLI and give back to the community, including through the President’s Holiday Village and UNLV Art Walk.

OLLI LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD

The OLLI Lifetime Membership Award recognizes one or more OLLI members for their long-term commitment and significant contributions to the success of the OLLI program and the enrichment of the OLLI member experience.

Recipients are selected by committee for their contributions in two or more areas, including instruction, volunteer service, outside support, and dedication to expanding the program.

Congratulations to this year’s recipients, who are being recognized for their many contributions to OLLI at UNLV and their willingness to help wherever needed.

2025 Award Recipient



Susan Waldman
Member Since 2012

2026 Award Recipient



Bruce Ewing
Member Since 2016

FALL 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS



Foundation Legacy Event: National Make a Will Month (OLLI Connect)

**Tuesday, Aug. 18 • UNLV MAB2, Room 141
8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.**

Join Eric M. Schimmoeller, FCEP, senior director of gift planning at UNLV, and special guests for valuable information on estate planning, retirement savings, navigating taxes, and charitable giving. Learn how to plan your legacy during National Make a Will Month.

Urban Tree Walk (OLLI Connect)

Fridays, Sept. 4 and 11

**UNLV MAB2 and UNLV Maryland Campus
Meet at MAB2 to begin, 8–9 a.m. walks**

Join Alison Sloat, UNLV College of Sciences professor-in-residence, and arborists-in-training from the Las Vegas Urban Forest Center for a guided one-hour, 1-mile walking tour of the UNLV campus. Participants will explore native and desert-adapted trees, learn how they survive in the Mojave Desert, and discover the role urban forestry plays in creating cooler, healthier, and more resilient communities.

Participants will also have the opportunity to join a relaxing bird-watching walk across campus. Learn how to identify common resident and migratory birds by appearance, behavior, and calls while exploring UNLV's trees, gardens, and green spaces.

No prior knowledge is required. Please wear comfortable walking shoes, bring a reusable water bottle, and be prepared to spend approximately one hour outdoors. Binoculars will be available for the bird-watching walk, or you may bring your own.

BHAY: Balance, Memory & Movement

**Friday, Sept. 25 • UNLV MAB2, Room 141
9 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Join students from Touro University and UNLV for free screenings focused on balance, memory, and hand-grip strength. A special presentation on movement will also be included.

OLLI attends UNLV vs. Cal Football Game

Saturday, Oct. 3 • Allegiant Stadium

Kickoff at 12:30 p.m.; RTC meetup before the game

OLLI will take its traditional RTC game day ride to and from Allegiant Stadium to cheer on the UNLV Rebels as they take on Cal. Kickoff is 12:30 p.m. Come out with us and enjoy the fun! Tickets are \$42 and include RTC transportation to and from the game.

UNLV Art Walk (OLLI Connect)

Friday, Oct. 23 • UNLV Maryland Campus • 5–8 p.m.

OLLI will again take part in this free public event. Bring your friends and enjoy food tastings, chocolates, wine, beer, and artists on display and performing. Come out and support Lifelong Learning.

BHAY: The Joy of Having a Pet (OLLI Connect)

Friday, Dec. 11 • UNLV MAB2 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

UNLV Brain Health and OLLI, along with community partners, will share the benefits of pet ownership and its connection to happiness, fulfillment, and brain health. Our furry and non-furry friends add so much to our lives.

More Pop-Up Events Coming Soon!

Watch for additional events in the weekly **Member Memo**.

SHARED INTEREST GROUPS

In addition to our many classes, OLLI at UNLV offers several Shared Interest Groups (SIGs). SIGs are free for all members and provide additional opportunities to connect, participate, and build community. Members may sign up during class selection, but you are welcome to join at any time throughout the semester.

Book Club (Virtual)

**Meets on the third Monday of each month
12:15–1:15 p.m. • Zoom**

Join us on Zoom to explore a new book together through open conversation and reflection. Lynne Boone will lead the discussions. To learn more about upcoming selections, visit unlv.today/olli-sigs.

Sept. 21 *Dead Speak* by Pandora Pine

Demoted to the cold case squad after shooting a suspect in the line of duty, Detective Ronan O'Mara's first assignment is the case of Michael Frye, a five-year-old boy who has been missing for seven years. With no new leads or witnesses to interview, Ronan has to start from scratch to solve this mystery. When he sees a handsome local psychic on television, he figures he's got nothing to lose in enlisting the man's help.

Oct. 19 *Ask for Andrea* by Noelle W. Ihli

In this psychological thriller, Meghan, Breccia, and Skye have one thing in common: They were murdered by the same man. He hunted them online, masquerading as an eligible bachelor. His charm and a thousand-watt smile hid the fact that his first dates end in shallow graves. The only thing that may keep him from killing again are the women he murdered.

Nov. 16 *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

Agatha Christie's 1939 masterpiece *And Then There Were None* is the world's best-selling mystery novel. It follows ten strangers, each with a dark past, lured to an isolated island off the English coast. They are killed off one by one in ways that mirror a sinister nursery rhyme hung in every room of the mansion.

OLLI at the Movies (In-Person)

**Meets on the third Friday of each month
1–3:30 p.m. • MAB2**

Join fellow members for a featured film on OLLI's big screen. Afterward, enjoy a relaxed discussion and share your reflections, themes, and perspectives.

Schedule:

- **Sep. 18:** *City Slickers* (1991)
- **Oct. 16:** *The Mummy* (1999)
- **Nov. 20:** *The American President* (1995)
- **Dec. 18:** *Home Alone* (1990)
- **Jan. 22:** *Go West* (1940)

OLLI Writing Group (In-Person)

**Meets on Tuesdays during the semester
12:30–1:30 p.m. • MAB2, Room 140**

Join OLLI instructor Jo Wilkins for a fun and interactive writing group. This supportive critique group offers feedback, ideas, and encouragement to help you grow as a writer. Bring an idea or a first draft (and your lunch) to work on during the session.

For more information, email Jo Wilkins at joawilkins@mysticpublishersinc.com.

Event Dates: Sept. 8, 15, 22, and 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, and 27; and Nov. 3 and 10

OLLI Team Quiz Quest (Virtual)

**Meets on the third Tuesday of each month
6:30–8 p.m. • Zoom**

Form a team of up to 5 members or sign up individually. Gail Knapp will lead 3 rounds of fun trivia topics. Teams will meet in breakout rooms to compile their answers before coming back together to discuss them. You'll learn something new and have plenty of fun along the way.

Event Dates: Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15

OLLI Hiking Group

Hopefully returning Fall 2026

Watch for exciting details and upcoming adventures.

Have an Idea for a New SIG?

SIGs are created and led by members who want to share a passion, hobby, or interest with others. From conversational French to finance, Mah Jongg to meditation, Italian to improv, and bridge to bocce ball, SIGs cover a wide range of topics enjoyed by members.

If you have an idea for a new SIG you'd like to lead, email OLLIatUNLV@unlv.edu.

MAXIMIZE YOUR MEMBERSHIP



OLLI at UNLV is a member-driven learning community of more than 1,100 retired and semi-retired adults. Our members continue their lifelong learning by participating in a program rich in content, shared interests, and life experiences.

In addition to our regular classes, OLLI at UNLV offers special events, Shared Interest Groups (SIGs), and other member activities throughout the year. Our community includes individuals from all backgrounds, and there are no education requirements to participate in classes or activities. All you need is an interest in learning and sharing new experiences.

All classes are volunteer-led by OLLI members who bring a lifetime of personal and professional experience to their classrooms. Our volunteer-led classes cover a wide range of topics and are offered at UNLV's MAB2 location, at satellite sites throughout the Las Vegas valley, and virtually on Zoom.

QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

Call 702-895-3394 for information about **OLLI AT UNLV** and how to make the most of your membership.

MEMBER FEES

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	PRICE
OLLI at UNLV Annual membership (Fall 2026, Spring 2027 & Summer 2027), available July 1–October 30, 2026	\$235
OLLI at UNLV Fall membership, available July 1–November 16, 2026	\$115

OLLI at UNLV has a membership fee refund policy.
For more information, please visit olli.unlv.edu/about/faq or call 702-895-3394.

RebelCard

OLLI at UNLV members may sign up for a UNLV RebelCard for a one-time fee of \$25. Use your RebelCard to access the UNLV Lied Library, computer labs, and other campus resources. A RebelCard also provides student rates and early access for UNLV Performing Arts Center productions, athletic events, lecture series, and other campus programs. Many restaurants and businesses near campus may offer student discounts, so it's worth asking.

Learn more at unlv.edu/rebelcard. To obtain a RebelCard, bring your member badge with a current semester sticker or your payment receipt to the RebelCard office located in the Student Union.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

OLLI at UNLV membership fee scholarships are available to new and returning members who face financial hardships. These scholarships offset approximately 75% of the membership fee and are funded by the generous donations of our members.

Please visit unlv.today/olli-scholarship to apply. For more information, call 702-895-3394 or email OLLIatUNLV@unlv.edu.



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FALL 2026 OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

UNLV Maryland Administrative Building 2 (MAB2)
4350 S. Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89119

Learn about upcoming classes, expanded program offerings, and new locations. Meet instructors, make new friends or reconnect with fellow members, get helpful community resources, and learn what OLLI at UNLV committees have planned for the semester.

Join or renew your membership and request your complimentary parking permit on-site. CVS will also offer a vaccine clinic. No registration is required, and the event is open to the public.

Parking

Parking is available in the MAB2 lots. Please park in any designated student spot. Handicap parking requires a valid placard or license plate. Street parking is available along Escondido and E. Rochelle.

INTERESTED IN VIRTUAL OR HYBRID LEARNING?

Virtual Open House

Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. • Zoom

Meeting ID: 980 4294 7503
Passcode: 05371021

**Bring a friend and discover
what's coming this fall!**



FALL 2026 MEMBERSHIP

Join or renew today!

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