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OLLI at UNLV Member Spotlight

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Student, Instructor, Committee Chair, Steering Council Member (since 2019)



As a retired nurse with a Ph.D. in physiology and more than 40 years of teaching experience, I had a lot of plans when I retired in 2018. I wanted to travel, learn to play the trombone, make jewelry, and do some volunteer work. My first year went well, and I made some progress in all of these areas. But then my trombone teacher passed away, I had all the jewelry that I could possibly use, and the volunteering opportunities were a big disappointment.

Fortunately, around that time, I started attending OLLI. I found the crowd there to be very interesting, with many of them well-educated and having experienced interesting lives. The teachers willingly shared their knowledge and experience, so I decided to get more involved and started teaching classes in physiology, with a focus on diseases and the body's response to aging. I have always enjoyed teaching physiology because the human body is so well designed. More recently, I updated my knowledge about genetics and taught a course entitled "Understanding Genetics".






Over time, I got more involved with OLLI. I joined a committee and soon became chair of the Member Experience committee. The goal of this committee is to provide opportunities to better meet our members' needs. We have developed a number of activities to welcome new members to OLLI and are now working to find ways to engage our online members in activities that they can join from home.

I have found my experiences with OLLI to be very rewarding. I have made new friends and have continued learning. I welcome you all to OLLI and hope that you will enjoy and benefit from the OLLI experience as much as I have.

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Cover Feature: Susan Merritt, Active OLLI Member and Popular OLLI Instructor Since 2017



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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. This past fall, 273 members supported OLLI through donations that will help fund classroom technology upgrades, 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

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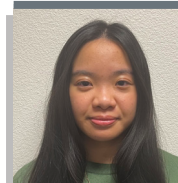
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BE OUR GUEST

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 Spring for OLLI at UNLV Classes!

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 spring 2026 membership fee is \$115. Parking remains 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.

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.

STEP 6: ATTEND OLLI AT UNLV CLASSES

Enjoy the experience of Lifelong Learning as you attend your 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 Monday, February 2, 2026.

SPRING 2026 CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Jan. 1, 2026		New Year's Day, OLLI Offices Closed
Jan. 13, 2026	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Spring 2026 In-Person Open House
Jan. 15, 2026	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Spring 2026 Virtual Open House (via Zoom)
Jan. 19, 2026		Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, OLLI Offices Closed
Feb. 2, 2026		First Day of Spring 2026 Semester
Feb. 10, 2026	3–4 p.m.	Curriculum Rally
Feb. 13, 2026	1–3 p.m.	Potential Instructors Meeting (via Zoom)
Feb. 16, 2026		President's Day, OLLI Offices Closed
March 16–22, 2026		Spring Break, No OLLI Classes and OLLI Offices Open
April 17, 2026		Last Day of Spring 2026 Semester
May 25, 2026		Memorial Day, OLLI Offices Closed
May 26, 2026		First Day of Summer 2026 Semester

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 Spring and Summer membership, available now until July 1, 2026	\$155
OLLI at UNLV Spring membership, available now until March 23, 2026	\$115
OLLI at UNLV Summer membership, available March 23 – July 1, 2026	\$49

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.

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.

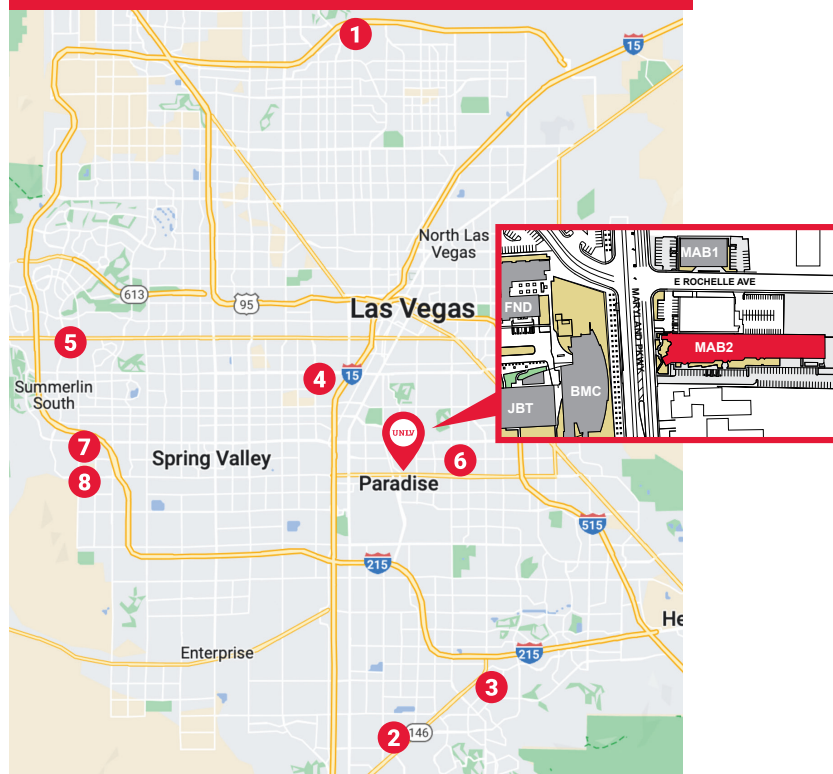
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OLLI Campus Locations

OLLI AT UNLV MAIN LOCATION

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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.

Spring 2026 Satellite Locations

- 1 Aliante Library**
2400 Deer Springs Way
North Las Vegas, NV 89084
- 2 Cactus Valley Retirement Resort**
11088 Amigo St.
Henderson, NV 89052
- 3 Carnegie Heights at Henderson**
525 Carnegie St.
Henderson, NV 89052
- 4 Las Vegas Meadows**
2900 S. Valley View Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89102
- 5 Las Ventanas at Summerlin**
10401 W. Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89135
- 6 Paradise Recreation Center**
4775 S. McLeod
Las Vegas, NV 89121
- 7 Red Rock Pointe Retirement Community**
4445 S. Grand Canyon Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89147
- 8 Revel Vegas**
4940 S. Conquistador St.
Las Vegas, NV 89148

Class Descriptions

ART APPRECIATION

Famous Art Thefts

This class will highlight the exploration of famous art thefts around the world, the challenges involved in recovering stolen artworks, the vulnerabilities that museums face, and the cultural significance of these masterpieces that are lost and then found. Each theft is fascinating in its own way.

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

Monday	9–11 a.m.
In-Person Satellite	Carnegie Heights at Henderson
Monday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
Hybrid	UNLV MAB2 & Zoom



“OLLI is a river flowing with knowledge, opportunities, challenges, and new friendships to enhance retirement in the lives of every single OLLI member!”

— **Johnny Law**, Member Since 2014

ART & MUSIC EXPRESSION

Art of Having Fun: Workshop & Soft Pastels

This dual-focus class offers workshop time for the OLLI Art Community to work on personal projects. It also provides a fun introduction for those NEW to Soft Pastels, covering foundational techniques, materials, and tools. You will receive specific projects and handouts to experience this free-flowing art form.

Teri Malburg has been an OLLI member since 2019. The first class she took was American Sign Language, and the first class she presented was “Why this Psalm?”. Teri is passionate about sharing art with other members and enjoys organizing exhibits to showcase the OLLI art community. Teri welcomes anyone to her workshop-style classes.

Monday	12:45–2:15 p.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 art pieces for UNLV MAB2 and also do some personal, fulfilling projects as well. 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. Johnny’s career spans the gaming industry and real estate along with owning several businesses. Johnny is actively involved in volunteering with many prominent organizations in Las Vegas.

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.

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

Cézanne's Apples: Exercises in Drawing & Composition

Explore the revolutionary techniques of Paul Cézanne, focusing on his groundbreaking approach to form, perspective, and color in still life. We will discuss his life and artistic influence, then get hands-on by drawing apples ourselves, and allowing our work to be inspired by his master techniques.

Salley Sawyer visited the Aix-en-Provence in 2025 to see the Paul Cezanne exhibit. She has taught classes in bookmaking, baker's dough sculpting and basket weaving. Salley earned her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia and has made paper at the Moulin de la Rouzique in France.

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



Classical Music: History Overview through Top Works

Gain insights into classical music using Great Courses and carefully selected works. We will review why some composers withstand the test of time, relating classical works to other genres where appropriate. Discussion and class participation are encouraged to explore music's impact on culture.

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

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

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 studied 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. She retired from teaching at the Clark County School District in 2016.

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

Color Me: Art Workshop & Basic Colored Pencils

Enjoy workshop time for personal OLLI art projects, plus dedicated classroom time for those new to Color Pencils. We cover the basics, including paper, choosing between wax/oil pencils, techniques, and tools. You'll receive specific projects and resources to practice this versatile art form.

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In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Continuing Watercolor

This class is designed to challenge experienced painters. Each week, you will study and interpret a specific subject or choose to branch out on your own creative path. The primary goal is enjoyment; please note that no beginning techniques will be taught.

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

Drawing With Your Brain's Right Side

Learn to see the world as an artist using the concepts from Betty Edwards' book, "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain". Through specific exercises, you'll "trick" your analytical brain by focusing on unfamiliar tasks, observing actual shapes and spaces to overcome old habits and unlock your artistic potential.

Richard "Dick" Hoyt retired from UNLV in 2010 and in 2014 he became an OLLI student. Having an appreciation of art, Dick started a daily drawing project in 2015. The result is several completed drawing books and over 3,400 individual pen and ink doodles, sketches and drawings. The daily project continues...

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

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 at-home daily practice.

Matthew Nishimoto spent 20 years as a renowned public school guitar-educator. He holds a B.A. in Music, with emphasis on classical guitar, and a graduate degree in Education. His guitar programs received recognition from the Guitar Foundation of America and multiple Grammy Foundation nominations. His program ensembles achieved a perfect track record of "Superior" ratings.

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.

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

Jazz Appreciation & More

Build knowledge and appreciation of one of America's greatest art forms. The topic will be approached as a journey through music with guest speakers from our local music community sharing their own musical journeys. This class will explore jazz through documentaries, discussions and live performance.

Sonia Feldberg is a published writer with B.A.s in Communication and Film Studies and an M.A. in Cultural Communications. Her father was a concert violinist and her mother an opera singer. Having lived in Las Vegas for nearly 50 years, she has witnessed the evolution of the music industry here. She cherishes memories of dancing and teaching with tap legends Maceo Anderson and Prince Spencer of the "Step Brothers" and choreographed routines to many songs of the "American Songbook".

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

The Art of Drawing for Beginners

Dive into the basics of drawing, starting with foundational elements like lines and shapes. Explore everything about circles, learn perspective and master various techniques to create stunning masterpieces. As you unleash your creativity, you will find it enriching and enhancing your life in unexpected and rewarding ways.

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

Ukulele Workshop

This workshop is for students with prior ukulele experience (Beginners class or private instruction) who want to practice songs and study new techniques. Students are encouraged to suggest material as we focus on skills and musicality. Please bring your own instrument and stand.

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 began playing the ukulele at age nine, returned to it in 2010. She is retired from the Department of Defense and is now an organizer for both the Ukulele Club of Las Vegas and the Ninth Isle Ukulele Club."

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

"OLLI allows me to explore international and national cultures, literature, music, current affairs, art, and more. All this, while exchanging ideas with individuals from diverse backgrounds, enables me to broaden my horizons."

— Carmen Turner, Member Since 2018

FILM, THEATRE & MEDIA

Celebrating Musical Theatre

Dive into the world of Broadway with an in-depth exploration of iconic productions and the creative teams behind them. Stay updated on current Broadway and Las Vegas theatre trends while gaining fresh perspectives suitable for all experience levels.

Bruce Ewing from Suffern, New York, 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. He also performed in Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular at the Venetian. Bruce recently retired as the music director of Community Lutheran Church of Las Vegas.

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

"OLLI means the world to me. It means learning something new every session and making new friends."

— Audra Brewer, Member Since 2014

Great Novels & Screenplays, You Never Knew Adapted for Film

Explore the relatively rare artistic accomplishments of film adaptations that truly do justice to—or even expand upon—their original source material. We will seek out films, often overlooked, that are as thought-provoking and engaging as the great novels on which they are based.

Neal Graham has 30 years experience as a principal in a Manhattan real estate company, and four years in adult education in West Virginia and Vermont. He returned to teaching and has been with OLLI at UNLV for 10 years, finding OLLI students more engaged than younger college students. His historical fiction novel, "The Chief of Pubs", about South Africa in the mid 90's is publishing in spring 2026.

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

The Business of Hollywood

Have you always wondered how things really work in Hollywood? Why are there so many 'producers'? Who is responsible for what? Why are some films made and others rejected? What is a best boy grip and what do they do? From the story idea to a movie released around the world, this class will discuss what happens behind the scenes, roles of studios the people who work there, crew member responsibilities, the greenlighting process, and everything once the cameras roll. We'll also talk about the future of movies, streaming, marketing and current topics like safety and diversity. Andi worked in movies for over 20 years, and loves talking about the process and she will throw in funny anecdotes with some of your favorite actors and filmmakers!

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. She also spent time at Walt Disney Pictures in production roles and has worked on numerous films like the Twilight Series, Red, Pirates of the Caribbean 2 and 3, Philadelphia and Scent of a Woman.

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

The Comedic Genius of Mr. Melvin James Brooks Kaminsky

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!

Fred Amodeo is a retired educator with 35 years of experience in special education and physical education. Originally from Brooklyn New York and Suffolk County, he has been teaching at OLLI for three years. Fred enjoys engaging class conversations and laughter, making his classes lively and enjoyable.

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

The Genius That is Norman Lear

Delve into the life and career of television legend Norman Lear. We will explore his beginnings in the business and dissect the material and social issues addressed in his groundbreaking shows. Join us to laugh, learn, and share in the genius of his work.

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The Golden Girls: Thank You For Being a Friend

This class will examine how “The Golden Girls” handled issues of aging, gender, and sexuality with humor and depth, depicting older women as vibrant, independent and sexually active which challenges the societal norms. The show was progressive and socially conscious and leaves a legacy in comedy and popular culture. The show’s enduring appeal lies in its relatable themes, strong ensemble cast and its ability to blend comedy with meaningful social commentary. Let’s analyze the show’s impact together!

Jane Addis is a quirky eclectic learner who loves reading and diving deep into the rabbit holes of knowledge. She is passionate about sharing her discoveries and brings an engaging perspective to every learning experience.

Taylor Johnson revels in the joy of storytelling and connecting with everyone’s creative inner spark. He encourages others to find their own voice and loves to experiment, laugh, and build confidence in unique and creative ways.”

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

The Heist Film

Explore the captivating genre of the heist film, from its film noir roots to later iterations. We’ll analyze the central elements—hold-ups, double-crosses, and twists of fate—that make us root for the bad guys as they attempt “the one big score.”

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	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2



“OLLI not only meets my needs, but has the most interesting audience members with meaningful questions for speakers and insights for the current subject matter. Love these classes.”

— Suzy Stern, Member Since 2010

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 writings before and after the series, discussing his genius for using science fiction to tackle social commentary.

Dan Mysliborski is a retired professional of 15 years and has been an OLLI member since 2012. He is a vintage television enthusiast, particularly a fan of the *Twilight Zone*, and has been an OLLI instructor since 2017.

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

Theatre From Across the Pond

Enjoy the experience of a night out at the West End by viewing excellent, well-recorded productions from the National Theatre in London. This course explores a range of styles, from comedy to drama to musicals. Each week, we will engage in lively discussion about the performances—what we loved, what we didn't, and why.

Ellen Royer has a Ph.D. in Theatre and taught college classes for 10 years. She has been an OLLI instructor for four years, and she loves engaging with the students and discussing theatre!

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

"My retired life is structured with my OLLI involvement. The most fun that I'm having here is signing up for courses about topics that I am so interested in or that I had known nothing about and learning so much, as well as making friends with so many wonderful people."

— Jennifer Neeman, Member Since 2011

HISTORY, PEOPLE & CULTURE

After the Crash: Life in the Thirties

After the 1929 stock market crash, the U.S. plunged into the Great Depression, with widespread bank failures and skyrocketing unemployment. The nation experienced a mix of hardship and cultural evolution. We will dive into the era's fashion, trends, songs, fads and inventions. We will also explore major events like the Lindbergh kidnapping, New Deal initiatives, Dust Bowl's devastation and the rise of Hollywood's Golden Age. We will take a fascinating journey through a complex decade!

Susan Merritt earned degrees in computer science and math from Cornell and UC San Diego. She spent her career as a data scientist assisting biotech companies in managing laboratory data. Since 2017, she has indulged her passion for creating and teaching a variety of classes at OLLI. Her interests include making mosaics, amateur astronomy, and traveling to remote locations around the world.

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

Tuesday	9–10:30 a.m.
Virtual	Zoom

Agenda 2063: Part 2

This class continues to explore the aspects and elements of the African Declaration known as Agenda 2063, a blueprint for the continent's development that began in 1963 with the Organization of African Unity. The class will cover the successes, ongoing challenges and new threats that have emerged and plans that have been affected by unforeseen elements not present in 1963. The class will use information from national and international media coverage, identify key political and social figures who support or oppose Agenda 2063 and examine how the initiative is reshaping Africa's standing on the international stage.

Jim Cathey holds a B.A. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley and a Graduate Certificate in Teaching of English as a Foreign Language from San Diego State. He is an experienced Instructor of English as a Foreign Language and English as a Second Language. Jim worked with the International Consortium of Education and Affairs in Bonn, Germany, and is an IAPC International Agent Trained Counselor and Higher Education Academic Trained Counselor. Additionally, he is a member of the African Diaspora Development Institute, California Chapter.

Tuesday	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 B.A. in Political Science and an M.A. 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

American Civil War 1863-1865

Focusing on the period from 1863-1865, this class provides a comprehensive look at the Eastern and Western theater events year by year. The class delves into political, economic and legal aspects that influenced the conflict. It explores the reasons behind key battles and outcomes. The course offers insights into significant figures and personalities of the Civil War, painting a rich, multifaceted picture of this pivotal period in American history.

Wayne Rohrbaugh, born and raised in Hanover, PA, just thirteen miles from the Gettysburg battlefield, is an American Civil War history enthusiast. With over 900 publications read and tours of numerous battle sites alongside professional guides, Wayne has acquired vast knowledge to share. He was also a professional instructor at McDonald's for seventeen years.

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

Black Dahlia Unsolved

Take a chilling journey into post-war Los Angeles by examining the infamous 1947 murder of Elizabeth Short (the Black Dahlia). We will thoroughly review the original police evidence and victim background, then critically dissect various theories and suspects—from drifters to influential figures—to understand why this captivating case remains unsolved.

Sarah Nishimoto holds an M.B.A. and B.S. in Education. She helps entrepreneurs with business plans and assists executive job seekers with effective resume writing. In her spare time, she researches historical Los Angeles cold cases, like the Black Dahlia, and loves discussing theories with fellow enthusiasts.

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

Fabulous '50s

This class delves into the dynamic post-World War II era, focusing on U.S. and Russia relations and the tensions of the Cold War, including McCarthyism and the Red Scare. It will cover the Korean Conflict and President Truman's policies, as well as the exciting beginnings of the Space Race. Additionally, we will explore the vibrant culture, music and sports that defined the 1950s.

Mel Lazarus holds a B.A. from Boston University and a J.D. 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

Leonardo da Vinci, Renaissance Man

When you think of a Renaissance man, Leonardo da Vinci immediately comes to mind. He was a painter, sculptor, scientist, inventor and engineer. He also dabbled in producing pageants, music and was an accomplished athlete, excelling in horsemanship and fencing. Known for his quick wit, this class will explore the many facets that make Leonardo da Vinci one of history's most fascinating individuals.

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. Currently he is teaching a class on Leonardo da Vinci, inspired by the memorable experience of viewing "The Last Supper" in Milan.

Wednesday	2:30–4:15 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	Revel Vegas

Nevada History: A Story of Civic Engagement

Explore Nevada history through a lens of civic engagement across time. This course focuses on current Nevada government, helping students understand the structure of elected offices and how citizens have participated in shaping the state.

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.

Tuesday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
Virtual	Zoom

Noell's Random History Class

Join us for a fun and basic look into obscure history, including discussions on past disasters. This informal class invites lively discussion and shared learning as we explore random facts and forgotten events.

Noell Everhart is a passionate history enthusiast and musical theatre lover who also loves to travel extensively. An interesting side note, Noell lived in a funeral home, adding a unique dimension to adventures and experiences.

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

Our Nation State by State

This course explores the history and unique character of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Utah. We'll examine the decades-long delay in statehood for the southwestern territories, the role of gold and silver, and the prescient 1869 warning from John Wesley Powell regarding the critical issue of water scarcity and management.

Muree Reafs has taught at OLLI for over 12 years, has traveled extensively, and enjoys researching countries and states. Reafs served in the Peace Corps where she taught auxiliary nurses in Honduras, and has taught at George Mason University.

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

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

The 30 Most Vital Musical Artists in the 1970s: The Well & Lesser Known

Explore the thirty foundational artists who made their mark between 1970 and 1979. The class reviews their influential works, explores unique elements that defined their sounds, and highlights why they are considered essential to the era. We will also take a closer look at notable acts that, while overlooked, still contributed significantly to the musical landscape of the decade.

Paul Michael is a retired hematologist-oncologist, having spent the last seven years in retirement. Paul is a proud 40 years resident of Las Vegas and has been an OLLI instructor for several semesters. He is a lifelong music enthusiast and you will see his passion for this art shine through.

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

The Physical History of Israel

Explore the rich history of the Jewish people, starting with their origins and introduction to the land of Israel. This course covers the eras of Kings and Judges, the establishment of the First Temple and Davidic Empire, and culminates with the period of the Second Temple and destruction of Israel.

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

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

Your Ticket to the Circus

The history of the American circus is deeply intertwined with the history of America. As settlers moved west, circuses traveled from all corners, bringing exotic animals, daring aerialists and skilled equestrians. From the earliest acrobats to modern circ shows, the circus has captivated audiences for thousands of years. We hope to entertain and enlighten you about the enduring life and joy of the circus and share about the daily battles of living, working and raising a family on the road.

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.

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

“OLLI has provided me with an opportunity to make new friends. The classes have presented an opportunity to continue and expand my education. Lifelong learning helps me stay young and engaged.”

— Ivan Lambert, Member Since 2018

LANGUAGES, LITERATURE & STORYTELLING

Astounding Animals & Their Folklore

Explore the fascinating world of animal folklore, where tales are passed down through generations, traditionally by word of mouth. We will delve into how genuine animal characteristics form the foundation of these stories and how storytellers project human qualities onto animals. We will learn about animal behavior and the corresponding folklore that brings these creatures to life.

Robert Gibbons served in the Army Medical Corps for 26 years, specializing in clinical teaching, epidemiology and vaccine research. He worked in Thailand for nine years and gained extensive experience across many Asian countries. 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. He has taught a wide range of topics for OLLI over nine semesters.

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

Author Techniques

This class is designed to guide you through the writing process, helping you understand what to include and what to cut out. 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. Jo is co-author of the Tyranny sci-fi series and also a murder mystery. She has published over 20 anthologies and essays and has been featured on KNPR, "Making NV Home". Jo previously taught beginning and intermediate writing for the City of Henderson and now brings 2 classes and a writing SIG to OLLI.

Thursday	9–10:30 a.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 any and 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 B.A. and MS in elementary education from UNLV. Mary Ellen is a retired Las Vegas middle school language arts teacher who has also written and edited for Teacher Created Materials in Huntington Beach, California.

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

Creative Writing Projects

In this class, we will read poems and other creative writing projects and explore, discuss, and analyze the lines to find the meaning and themes in each piece.

Angela Brown is a spoken word poet with an honorary degree in creative writing. She has authored a spoken word poetry book and has published various poems online.

Monday	9–10:30 a.m.
Virtual	Zoom

For Laughing Out Loud

Explore the best of comedy from the last 100 years to the present! We'll watch clips, discuss what makes comedy work (or fail), and share our favorite OLLI-friendly jokes. Come ready to laugh!

Andrew Hall is a middle aged redhead, with a dry sense of humor. He realizes he is no Sonny or Cher, but does think he is funny in his own unique way and will share this with his class.

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

Short Story Writing

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

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In-Person	UNLV MAB2

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— Stephanie Van Bogart, Member Since 2012

Victorian Literature & Culture (1837-1901)

Explore the literature and culture of the British Victorian Period—a time of dizzying social change, strong faith in progress, and persistent ancient problems. This survey covers all major genres—poetry, fiction, non-fiction prose, and drama—featuring works by acclaimed authors like Tennyson, the Brownings, Oscar Wilde, and Charles Darwin.

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. Additionally Al had edited works on the Frankfurt School and the American New Critics.

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



MIND, BODY & WELLNESS

Aging Well: The 6 Pillars of Health & Longevity

Learn how to increase your chance of living healthy and living long. This course focuses on the 70% of longevity determined by lifestyle, presenting original, research-based material on the Six Pillars of Health. Class participation is encouraged in a comfortable, relaxed setting.

Richard Berman has instructed over 150 university courses and more than 20 OLLI courses. Prior to moving to Nevada, he served as CEO of a community mental health center with over 100 employees, 2000 clients annually and a \$12 million budget. He and his wife also served as foster parents for 37 infants in Clark County and he has a passion for lifelong learning.

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

Bingocize® Universal Wellness: Bingo+Exercise!

Bingocize® is a unique program that blends gentle fall prevention exercises, health education and the classic game of Bingo. The class will keep students moving, laughing and learning while fostering connections with others. The program follows a Universal Wellness curriculum, covering five key areas: physical, mental, social, nutrition and hygiene. The sessions are planned for an hour and a half, but we may end a little early.

Kayla Ransom is a dedicated team member of the Healthy Aging Initiative at the University of Nevada, Reno Extension, Clark County office. She has been trained to teach the "Bingocize" program for nearly four years.

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

Cooking for Bone Health

Discover how delicious, everyday meals can help strengthen your bones. Learn to prepare dishes from whole, unprocessed foods rich in essential nutrients, along with cooking techniques that boost nutrient absorption. Participants observe, taste, and receive recipes and a guide to top bone-building foods.

Anita Morgan is a self-taught home chef with a lifelong passion for healthy and flavorful eating. She is the creator of the Bone Health Kitchen newsletter and blog, where she shares practical recipes and nutrition tips for maintaining strong bones.

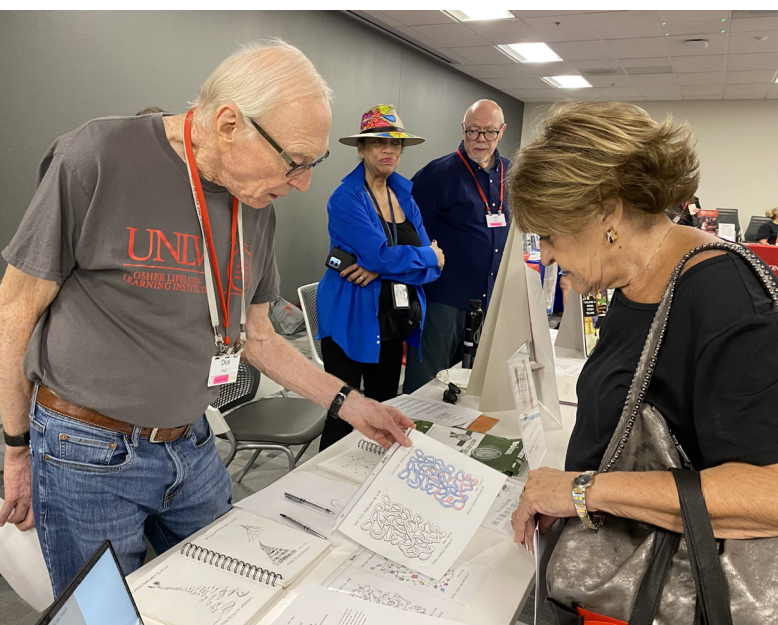
Tuesday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Cooking Matters Class

Cooking Matters focuses on practical skills and knowledge for healthy, budget-friendly cooking. Essential topics like kitchen safety, the importance of incorporating fruits and vegetables into meals, how to create healthy and tasty snacks and the importance of reading labels and informed shopping lists. Strategies for stretching food budgets so students can cook nutritious meals without breaking the bank.

Victoria Gardner is a Community-Based instructor with the University of Nevada, Reno Extension. She brings engaging “Cooking Matters” classes to help participants learn how to eat better and make healthier food choices.

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



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 latest research and gain practical tips for making healthier choices. Topics will range from brain and gut health to reducing aging effects and maintaining mobility.

Bob Lathrop is a dedicated volunteer instructor at OLLI. He most recently taught a class on Healthy Longevity. Bob 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.

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. Nancy looks forward to sharing old and new forms of healing and bringing in speakers to help you on your journey to health and wellness.

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

Healthy Gourmet Meals in 30 Minutes or Less

In this class you will explore two to three new recipes each week. Each class will engage your senses through tasting, smelling and observing the preparation process. You will learn about a variety of cooking methods and discover different ingredients, all aimed at creating fresh healthy meals you can easily prepare at home.

Ken Moser is a James Beard Award-winning Chef and a Certified Master Chef with over 55 years of culinary experience. He has taught with OLLI for five semesters and has a deep passion for cooking.

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

“OLLI is a place where you learn with your peers. Some days you take a class; other days, depending on your schedule, you can volunteer. There is so much you can do at OLLI.”

— Morris Dubin, Member Since 2017

How to Better Manage My Diabetes

Effectively managing diabetes involves a combination of consistent monitoring, using the right tools such as glucose meters and apps, and embracing healthy eating habits. Regular physical activity also plays a crucial role in maintaining stable blood sugar levels. We will examine how this all comes together to better manage diabetes.

Wednesday	1:45–3:30 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	Red Rock Pointe Retirement Community
Tuesday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Virtual	Zoom

Living a Fuller Life with Chronic Pain

Strategies and mindset shifts to help enhance quality of life despite chronic pain will be provided. Understanding how mental and emotional well-being impacts physical pain and vice versa. Exploration of various techniques like mindfulness, relaxation exercises, physical therapy and alternative therapies come into play. Learn how nutrition and physical activity can help reduce pain and improve overall well-being. The class will also touch upon collaborating with healthcare providers to create a comprehensive pain management plan.

Monday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2
Thursday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Virtual	Zoom

Living a Healthier Life with Chronic Conditions

Managing chronic conditions effectively involves a multifaceted approach. Key tools include stress management techniques and fostering better communication with healthcare providers to ensure you have the support you need. Healthy eating and fun physical activities will be explored. Working closely with healthcare professionals and adopting a balanced, proactive approach can significantly enhance quality of life.

Wednesday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2
Monday	1–3 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	Las Vegas Meadows

Richard Davis is a certified Master Trainer with the Self Management Resource Center and Community Health Worker with the Nevada Certification Board and serves as a Health Educator at Dignity Health. With over a decade of experience, he specializes in senior living and is dedicated to improving community health and well being.

Angel Garcia Saavedra is a Community Health Worker and Health Programs Manager at Dignity Health. He holds an MHA from UNLV and is bilingual in Spanish and English, bringing a wealth of experience and dedication to community health.

So You Think You Can Dance Like an Egyptian?

Develop a positive self-image while learning the different origins and history of belly dance. Explore various dance styles and gain an appreciation for Arab culture. This course is designed to be a fun way to learn and maintain a lifetime activity!

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.

Monday	12:45–2:30 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2



PERSONAL FINANCE & PLANNING

It's Never Too Late to Begin Again

Based on the book by Julia Cameron, this course is designed for retirees and others facing major life changes. Explore Cameron's powerful tools to help you rediscover creativity and meaning, providing guidance and inspiration for navigating this new and exciting personal terrain.

June Cravenn retired after 35 years in commercial real estate and finance, working as a broker across California, Texas, Georgia, Florida and Nevada. She has been a national speaker on real estate and finance. Beyond that, June has been a licensed Religious Science practitioner and prayer counselor for over 25 years. She has studied various wellness and healing modalities, including Donna Eden Energy Medicine, Reiki, Silva Mind Control, Taoist Mudras (Jiu-Jitsu), EFT, Creative Energy Wizardry, Theta Healing and the Emotion Code and Body Code.

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

"Think & Grow Rich"

"Think and Grow Rich" by Napoleon Hill is a bestselling guide on achieving wealth and success, popularizing the idea of positive thinking and the base for this class. The book suggests that thoughts shape our reality and emphasizes the importance of desire, definiteness of purpose, persistence and the power of the mastermind group. It also highlights the importance of self-belief and taking decisive action towards one's goals. Students will also develop an Individualized Goal Plan (IGP) to tailor their personal journey to success.

Vince Farese is a UNLV alumnus with 18 years of experience providing instruction to K-12 and adult students as a Nevada licensed educator. He has worked as an assistant coach for basketball and golf. In addition to his teaching career, Vince held senior marketing management positions in the corporate sector and owned a business for 20 years.

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

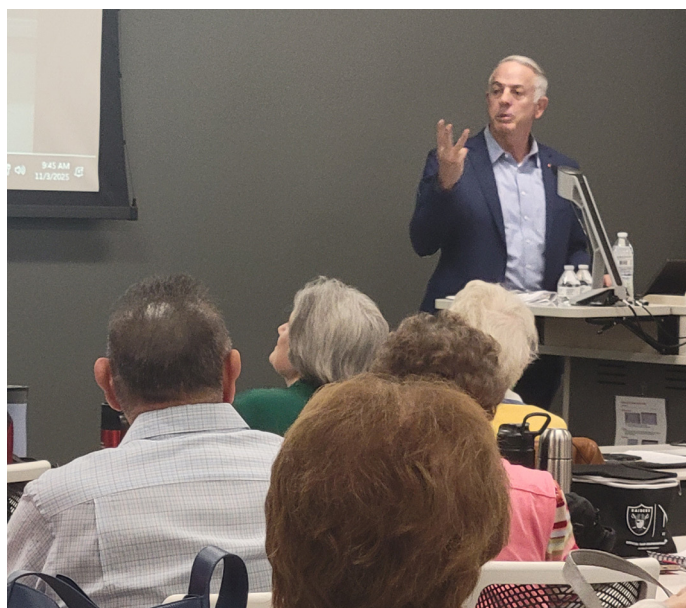
Map Your Way Through Medicare

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-savings 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.

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



"Fortunately, my wife and I discovered OLLI. The course "It's Never Too Late to Begin Again" helped me better understand why I was feeling down, and, more importantly, what to do about it. Other courses have helped me socialize and keep my brain active."

— George Byrns, Member Since 2018

PHILOSOPHY, FAITH & MEANING

Colorful Profiles: Short Stories of Extraordinary & Unexpected Characters From Jewish History

Join this journey to encounter twelve stories of Jewish history's most fascinating men and women. Discover the incredible Jewish lives of converts, captives, royal advisors, philosophers, philanthropists, and more. You'll be fascinated by their sacrifices, adventures, and achievements and get a vivid look at our people's rich heritage and history.

Rabbi Bronchtain was a young student attended a Talmudic seminary and later traveled to FSU. He 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	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Gray Matters 2: Critical Thinking for Seniors

Sharpen your critical thinking skills to protect your mind and finances. This course explores how and why we are persuaded to believe false information, particularly related to scams and voting. We will also examine the newest scientific research on memory, dementia, and other medical issues, teaching you to discern what is true.

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. She now teaches only virtually. Gail emphasizes class interaction and activities, including a new monthly quiz quest for fun, enjoyment and increased learning.

Monday	2:30–4:15 p.m.
Virtual	Zoom

Creative Visualization for Health

Unlock your mind's power to restore or maintain your health through easy-to-do exercises. Join us for beginner's 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 a healthier being.

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. Frank also has a keen interest in dreams and the supernatural. He now brings his passions to life in both his OLLI classes.

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

How Jesus Became God

Explore the historical and theological process by which Jesus of Nazareth, a Jewish apocalyptic preacher, came to be viewed as a divine being—a member of the Trinity—four centuries later. The course examines how the belief in his Resurrection led disciples to elevate him to a divine position and marks the beginning of this transformation.

Neal Graham has 30 years experience as a principal in a Manhattan real estate company, and four years in adult education in West Virginia and Vermont. He returned to teaching and has been with OLLI at UNLV for 10 years, finding OLLI students more engaged than younger college students. His historical fiction novel, "The Chief of Pubs", about South Africa in the mid 90's is publishing in Spring 2026.

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

"Taking a course via OLLI UNLV was a pleasure! The instructor, Gail Knepp, was great. There was not a dull moment, and the combination of discussion, instruction, and visuals kept things moving along well. It reinvigorated my former interest in studying new topics regularly."

— Karen Araujo, Member Since 2023

Leading with Love in Life & Work

Learn to build compassionate relationships starting with yourself. Guided by a psychologist's book and wisdom, the class offers insights and practices on self-acceptance, setting healthy boundaries, and embracing imperfection. Gain powerful tools through discussion and reflection to lead with greater authenticity and love in every area of your life.

Dana Gionta, Ph.D. is a psychologist, coach, speaker and author of the book "52 Weeks to Self Love: A Year-Long Journey of Inspirational and Empowering Reflections for Women". She is founder and CEO of Dana Gionta, LLC since 2006, providing executive coaching to high-achieving women and consulting with family business owners to improve communication, set boundaries, resolve conflicts and engage in successful planning. Dana also works with individuals on relationship dynamics, career challenges, well-being stress, anxiety and midlife transitions.

Friday	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.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. For over 40 years, Bob has incorporated movies into teaching Christian values.

Tuesday	9–10:30 a.m.
Virtual	Zoom

"This year has been my most wonderful experience in learning the courses I've taken. I'm happy that I have met new people and taking the part to be active."

— Gertrude Hara-Williams, Member Since 2023

The Truth About Happiness

Let's learn the truth about happiness as we explore themes of happiness, spirituality and inner peace. Happiness is both a practice and a skill. This class will guide you towards greater contentment and fulfillment.

Rebecca L Norrington is a happiness specialist and inner peace practitioner, as well as an accomplished author and speaker.

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

You Gotta Have Faith

Join us to explore a diverse range of spiritual traditions and practices, while engaging in thoughtful discussions about the evolving role of religion in contemporary society. Delve into influential and revelatory texts, and examine how current cultural issues intersect with spirituality and religion today.

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



RECREATION & TRAVEL

American Mahjong 101: Crack, Bam, Dot!

Discover the joy of Mahjong. This course offers instruction in both the widely popular American (NMJL) and traditional Asian versions of the game. You'll learn the essential rules, strategies, scoring, and etiquette for both styles. Participants will engage in hands-on play, enjoying a fun and engaging environment to master this rewarding game.

Susan Waldman has been an active member of OLLI since 2010. She has contributed significantly, serving on the Educational Programming and Volunteer Committees. Her personal passion is Mahjong; she learned to play both the American and Asian styles in 2008.

Friday	12:45–2:15 p.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, persons, 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.

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

Recreational Card Playing

Join the morning fun to play popular games like Hearts, Spades, 500 Rummy, Pinochle, and more. If you are new to card games, don't worry! You will learn quickly with the help of classmates, the instructor, and online resources.

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. Frank also has a keen interest in dreams and the supernatural. He now brings his passions to life in both his OLLI classes.

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

Intro to Wine

Engaging and informative, this class introduces you to the world of wine. You'll learn what wine actually is, how to taste wine, understand how it's made, how to evaluate wine objectively and subjectively, and discover what makes certain wines stand out from others. From grape varieties and wine regions to stemware and evaluation techniques, you'll explore it all.

Tori Kolinski has been chasing Vitis Vinifera since 1983. She 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. Tori has been a wine educator since 2010 and believes that wine is made in the vineyard. She has extensive knowledge and a passion for wine and enjoys sharing her knowledge with others.

Tuesday	10–11:45 a.m.
In-Person Satellite	Revel Vegas

Mahjong: The New/Old Game Sweeping the Country

Join us for competitive fun adhering to the specific Mahjong "Schube Style" rules. This course is designed for those with a working knowledge of the game, with available books and 2.5 hours of dedicated playing time to master this popular Asian tile game.

Esther Schube holds a B.S. in Education and an M.Ed. in Psychology, as well as postgraduate degrees in Administration. With experience across all levels of education, she has also served as an OLLI instructor for the past four semesters and has been an active OLLI member for twelve years.

Barbara Stratton has been playing Mahjong for over twelve years and relocated to Las Vegas in 2021. She has been an OLLI member for 3 years and has a passion for travel, having visited 54 countries.

Thursday	10:45 a.m.–1 p.m.
In-Person Satellite	Paradise Recreation Center

Digital & AI Photography with Your Smartphone

Open to all skill levels, this course focuses on essential camera techniques and the newest AI tools to enhance your photos. Each week, we will explore different AI-driven technologies and editing systems. Students will share their images for fun, lively reviews and conversation!

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. Alec has worked as a newspaper photographer and editor and been deeply involved in the events and trade show industry for over three decades. Alec also travels extensively, capturing the world's historical, architectural and natural beauty.

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

Environmental Protection Through the Years & Current Environmental Issues

This class explores the evolution of environmental protection, focusing on air, water, wetlands, and environmental cleanup. Participants will learn how environmental laws protect nature from the federal to the local level. We will also delve into current and future environmental challenges, celebrate environmental heroes, and discuss practical actions individuals can take to improve and protect our environment.

Mary Yeargan has both a BS and MS in Geology. She began her career in petroleum exploration before transitioning to environmental protection. She has 30 years of experience working for the State of Florida (FDEP and local government). Her most recent role was Executive Director for Florida DEP Southwest District Office and oversaw eight counties and was responsible for permitting, compliance, enforcement, and public outreach for air, water, waste and wetlands programs.

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

JavaScript Not Your Ordinary Coffee Klatch: An Introduction to Coding

Students will gain a foundational understanding of programming and explore where JavaScript is applied. They will learn to use online tools to write and run JavaScript code, create and manage variables to store data, and write simple functions to organize their code and interact with users. The class will also cover basic decision-making in code, such as if/else statements culminating in a small final project that showcases everything learned.

Paul Addis is a retired engineer with 38 years of experience at the Boeing Company. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M and has a passion for computer programming as a hobby. Paul has been an OLLI member since 2019.

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

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

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.

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. Phones, and the mini computers within, make taking pictures both easier and more challenging and David enjoys discovering how all the features work.

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

"I couldn't be happier going back to college again since it keeps me well-informed and eager to engage in life in general!"

— Marsha L Slater, Member Since 2023

Morse Code: The Art of Telegraphy

The class focuses on mastering both the alphabet and numerals in Morse code, developing fundamental practice and building muscle memory. It emphasizes instant character and word recognition, as well as basic conversational skills and practical application.

Dan Connell is a Senior Principal Electrical Engineer in Design and Development at Aristocrat Gaming in Las Vegas. He holds a diverse range of certifications, amateur radio, and certified radar electronics (IICET). Dan’s academic background spans applied mathematics, electrical and mechanical engineering, computer science, VLSI engineering, and business management. He is passionate about lifelong learning, personal growth, and curiosity.

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

Playing in the AI Sandbox

Dive into the world of artificial intelligence with this engaging class on what is AI and why it matters to you. A variety of free AI resources will be discussed and the amazing possibilities of AI will be showcased. You will learn how to leverage AI without any coding skills and get insights into future trends. This class is perfect for beginners and beyond.

Judd Hodgson is a seasoned engineer with a rich background in both medical and communicational electronics. He has designed and built sophisticated electronic test systems. Judd is adept in multiple computer languages and has programmed software solutions across various platforms. Judd is also a dedicated mentor, having trained and guided junior engineers and non-technical staff. He continuously explores new tech and computer innovations for fun!

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



Rediscovering the Age of Dinosaurs Part 2

Continue your exploration of the Age of Dinosaurs, covering ancient reptiles, mammals, and flora. Learn the scientific procedures used to decode facts from Professor Curry-Rogers. Experience hands-on activities, videos, and a field trip as you delve into actual dig sites and laboratory analysis.

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

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

The Art of Amateur Radio: Technician Class Licensing Course

Learn regulations and procedures, fundamental electronics and radio wave signal basics, radio equipment and antennas, and hands-on operation and safety of Amateur Radio. This class will ready you for the opportunity to sit for the 35 question FCC Amateur Radio Licensing Exam.

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In-Person	UNLV MAB2

“I loved learning, the interactions with the other students, and doing something that gave my life structure. The instructors are amazing, interesting, fun, and very knowledgeable in each subject.”

— Meryl Townes, Member Since 2023

The Heart, Lungs, Brain & Spinal Cord

The anatomy and physiology of the human cardiovascular, respiratory and neurological systems will be covered. We will look at the effects of aging and common diseases that impact these vital systems. Also covered are special senses: vision, hearing, balance, taste and smell.

Carolyn Yucha is a registered nurse (RN) with a Ph.D. in Physiology. She has a deep appreciation for the human body and has been editing the professional journal, *Biological Research for Nursing*, for the past 24 years. Before retiring, Carolyn worked as Dean of the UNLV School of Nursing for 13 years.

Wednesday	9–11 a.m.
In-Person Satellite	Cactus Valley Retirement Resort

Understanding Genetics

Explore the rapid advancements in genetics with an overview of molecular genetics and chromosome structure. The course covers key topics like inheritance, genetic disorders, and genetic testing. Short dance breaks may even be included midway to keep the class energized and moving!

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Thursday	12:45–2:15 p.m.
Virtual	Zoom

“OLLI is a great place to meet new people and make friends. It’s a place to engage your mind and keep your brain from turning to mush. If you are looking for a place to learn, socialize, and enrich your life ... OLLI just might be the ticket!

— Butch Langel, Member Since 2017

SOCIETY, POLICY & COMMUNITY

Famous Athletes & The Law

Each week, the class will highlight a different high-profile athlete involved in legal cases, including O.J. Simpson, Kobe Bryant, Mike Tyson, Tanya Harding and Aaron Hernandez. The sessions will feature both videos and news clips and engage students in discussions that explore gender, race and socioeconomic factors. Additionally, the class will provide insights into the legal proceedings and how these cases unfolded in court.

Bernard Schwartz practiced criminal law for 16 years in Riverside, California and served as a Riverside Superior Court Judge for 22 years. During that time he handled 10 death penalty cases to verdict and was later an adjunct professor at La Sierra College for 8 years teaching criminal evidence.

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

Great Decisions 2026

This class offers an engaging discussion group centered around the Foreign Policy Association’s Great Decision topics. Students will explore critical global issues facing the U.S. today. Some of the topics for this semester: U.S. and China relations, the impact of the Trump-Era foreign policy, tariffs and the global economy, the risk of nuclear proliferation and the future of European society with the situation in Ukraine. While the briefing book is not required, it is recommended and is available online for \$40.

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. A graduate of the USAF Academy, he holds both a S.S. and an M.A. from Webster University. Ron has been married to his wife Maryellen for 52 years. They have 2 sons and 5 grandchildren.

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

How Government Works

Explore the intricate relationships between 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. Since the 1990's, he has taught public administration, ethics, leadership and homeland security. Bob is also a recipient of the Award for Excellence in Public Administration and has been inducted into the University of Hawaii's Hall of Honor.

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.

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



How Past Supreme Court Decisions Continue to Impact Our Lives

Explore landmark Supreme Court decisions that reflect conflicts in American society, continuing from the fall semester. Using Great Courses lectures by Peter Irons, Ph.D., J.D., the class examines cases from the Warren Court's civil rights era through the late 20th century, focusing on the justices, parties, and the political context of the rulings.

Dorothy Howard was an elementary school teacher in Boston and worked as a social worker in child welfare and mental health in Las Vegas. She has been a member of OLLI since 2009, and an instructor since 2014. With a background in history, she is passionate about exploring the past to shed light on the present. She also enjoys taking art, music and other courses she missed out on while working.

Tony Kouffman holds both a B.A. and M.A. in Political Science and History. He has been an active OLLI member since 2006 and has served several terms on OLLI's Steering Council. Tony has offered classes on elections, social justice and the influence of Jewish culture on American society. He has an extreme knowledge of American History and is skilled at connecting historic events with contemporary policy decisions.

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

Let's Talk Issues Not Politics

This class offers a welcoming space to explore and tackle contemporary challenges we all face. Participants will engage in open and respectful conversations, contribute to selecting the semester's topics, and learn from each other's unique life experiences. Everyone's input and dialogue are encouraged!

Taylor Johnson revels in the joy of storytelling and connecting with everyone's creative inner spark. He encourages others to find their own voice and loves to experiment, laugh, and build confidence in unique and creative ways.

Thursday	10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.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 B.A. from Kent State, she always found herself in training and education. Beth looks for speakers who are a bit quirky and can share unique perspectives.

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.

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"Excellent volunteers teaching the classes. An unbelievable variety of subjects is available to increase your knowledge. The interaction with fellow adult students has been enjoyable and enlightening."

— Arthur Rubin, Member Since 2022

Soapbox

Engage with guest speakers—including government, business, and academic leaders—for insights on headlines and issues relevant to Nevadans. Topics span politics, 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. After serving as Deputy Director of Elections in state services, she became a senior consultant, collaborating with election bodies worldwide. 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. Linda has taught numerous courses for OLLI and served as Secretary of the Steering Council.

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

TED Talks

Come on in and enjoy expert presentations on current topics, followed by engaging, lively discussions. Each week features fresh and thought-provoking themes, and no preparation is required. We will watch all of the videos together in person and then dive into the conversation!

Keith McMillen is a 20-year resident of Las Vegas, retired software engineer with experience in various sectors, Department of Defense, hospitals, HMO's, small businesses and early internet providers. Keith is a lifelong fan of old movies, particularly B movies and Saturday serials. Previous roles include: newspaper reporter, middle school instructor and academic coach for LEGO Robotics competitions.

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In-Person	UNLV MAB2

SPORTS & GAMES

And the Brounce Goes On... (Pickleball)

This course is designed for advanced beginner to intermediate players (no beginning instruction provided this semester). Join us for competitive fun in a safe indoor environment, with an emphasis on increasing your pickleball skill level. Tennis shoes are required.

Esther Schube has a B.S. in Education, an M.Ed in Psychology, and post-graduate studies in Administration. With experience across all levels of education, she has also served as an OLLI instructor for the past four semesters and has been an active OLLI member for twelve years.

Anne Mason is from Richmond, Virginia, and has been actively playing pickleball for the past three years. She has also been an OLLI member for three years. She enjoys traveling the United States and has been to all 50 states.

Thursday	9–10:30 a.m.
In-Person Satellite	Paradise Recreation Center

Don't Be BORED This Spring: Have Fun Playing BOARD Games

Whether you are a first-timer or a returning enrollee, come review classic board games and learn exciting new ones! Possible games include Carcassonne, Wingspan, Azul, and Bananagrams.

Mark Love is a retired elementary school teacher who taught in California and spent six years teaching on U.S. Air Force facilities in Arizona and 28 years in England. Mark has taught for OLLI including Board Games and Scrabble and co-facilitated Soapbox as well. He has a B.A. in Political Science and an M.A. in Education.

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

Let's Play Dice: Numbers, Letters, & Tiles Games

Enjoy the company of fellow OLLI members while playing simple, fun table games. Over eight weeks, we will play popular favorites like Shut the Box, Bananagrams, Boggle, Qwirkle, Farkle, and Rummikub. Come ready to socialize and play!

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In-Person	UNLV MAB2

Racblebs (SCRABBLE) for Fun

Enjoy playing Scrabble with fellow OLLIans! Learn simple techniques to improve your play, including the use of word-checking apps and lists of provided two and three-letter words. This is a purely fun and social way to sharpen your vocabulary and strategy.

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In-Person	UNLV MAB2

"After seeing how many interesting classes were being offered Monday through Friday, I was hooked! I have enjoyed a variety of OLLI offerings, meeting new people, and stimulating my brain."

— Gerry Kulz, Member Since 2018



Speak to the Sport

Go beyond the game with amazing speakers who share the electrifying backstories and personal insights into their work. This class provides energizing information and deep perspectives on the world of sports that anyone can enjoy—you don't have to be a fan!

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The Business of Sports

Explore whether Las Vegas—the new Sports & Entertainment Capital of the World—can sustain its rapid growth of teams and events. Each class examines the inner workings and business operations behind local and national sports, discussing the big stories and the “big players” who run the industry.

Doug Verb has 40 years experience in all facets of the sports industry. He 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.



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

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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)

Returning Summer 2026

A monthly Zoom-based discussion group where members explore a new book together through open conversation and reflection.

OLLI WRITING GROUP

Available Spring 2026

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 to work on during the session.

OLLI AT THE MOVIES (IN-PERSON)

Third Friday of Each Month, 1–3:30 p.m.

Maryland Pkwy. Campus (MAB2), unless otherwise noted

Join fellow members each month for a featured film on OLLI's big screen. After the screening, enjoy a relaxed discussion with fellow members as you share reflections, themes, and perspectives.

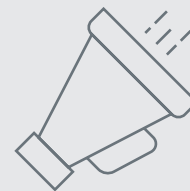
Schedule:

- **Jan. 16:** Dial M for Murder (1954)
- **Feb. 20:** Ticket to Paradise (2022)
- **Mar. 20:** A Night at the Opera (1935)
- **Apr. 17:** Quigley Down Under (1990)
- **May 20:** Robin Hood: Men in Tights (1993)
- **Jun. 19:** The Blues Brothers (1980)
- **Jul. 17:** Superman (1978)
- **Aug. 21:** South Pacific (1958), 12–3:15 p.m.
- **Sep. 18:** City Slickers (1991)
- **Oct. 16:** The Mummy (1999)
- **Nov. 20:** The American President (1995)
- **Dec. 18:** Home Alone (1990)

OLLI HIKING GROUP

Meets as Hikes Are Scheduled

Coordinated by Georgene Zaydell, the Hiking Group brings members together for local outdoor excursions. Georgene works with volunteer hike leaders and shares upcoming dates and details so everyone can join in on the fun.



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.

Spring 2026 Special Events

Virtual Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1-2:30 p.m. | Zoom

Have questions before the spring semester begins? Join us for updates, Q&A, and helpful information during the OLLI at UNLV Town Hall Meeting. The Zoom link will be provided in the **Member Memo**. For more information, call 702-895-3394.

BHAY: A Mentally Healthy New Year

Friday, Jan. 30, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | MAB2

OLLI and UNLV Brain Health, in partnership with NAMI of Southern Nevada, invite you to start the year on a positive note with BHAY: A Mentally Healthy New Year. Presenters will discuss mental health in Nevada, risk factors, stigma and how to reduce it, and available community resources.

Details and registration information will be shared soon.

OLLI Visits Mama's Wranglers

Saturday, Jan. 31, 12 p.m.

Firelight Barn Dinner Theater

Kick up your boots and join us at the Firelight Barn for a lively afternoon of mouthwatering BBQ and award-winning entertainment. Mama's Wranglers have performed around the world, and now you can enjoy their high-energy show right here in Henderson. Tickets are \$44 and include lunch, gratuity, and the performance. Tickets are available now through the link provided in the **Member Memo**.

Curriculum Rally

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2:30-3:30 p.m. | MAB2

Have an idea for a class? Join fellow members to brainstorm topics, explore possibilities, and see how ideas become OLLI courses. Whether you're curious about teaching or simply want to share suggestions, this is the place to start.

AARP Tax Aide: How to File Your 2025 Taxes

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2:30-3:30 p.m. | MAB2

Get free guidance on filing your 2025 tax return. Learn where and when you can get tax help from AARP. Bob Fishman will share the resources you need to get your 2025 return filed now.

Potential Instructor Meeting

Friday, Feb. 13, 1-3 p.m. | Zoom

Curious about what it's like to teach at OLLI? Join us online to hear from experienced instructors about the fun and rewarding experience of leading a class. We'll walk you through the steps to becoming an OLLI instructor.

OLLI Experience the Game of Lacrosse with the LV Desert Dogs

Friday, Feb. 13, 6 p.m. | Lee's Family Forum

Enjoy a special UNLV group package for an exciting night with the LV Desert Dogs. Your \$65 ticket includes:

- Parking at Lee's Family Forum in Henderson
- Pregame food and drink tickets for Craggy Range (restaurant on property)
- Midfield seats

The evening will be filled with fast-paced action and entertainment, including "Rock the Box with Mini Kiss." Tickets are available now through the link provided in the **Member Memo**, at the Customer Service Information Desk, or by calling 702-895-3394.

OLL About OLLI

Thursday, Mar. 5, 3-4:30 p.m. | Zoom

Learn how Osher Lifelong Learning began and what it means to be part of the OLLI at UNLV community. This informative session is especially helpful for new members.

BHAY: Know Your Rights as You Age

Friday, Mar. 13, 1-3 p.m. | MAB2

Shauna Brennan, JD, an attorney who focuses on the rights of older adults and people with disabilities, will share important information about your legal rights. Topics include healthcare, housing, public benefits, estate planning, and protection from abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. This session is valuable whether you're seeking information for yourself, someone you care for, or a family member.



Nevada Women's Film Festival

March 19-22 | UNLV Flora Dungan Humanities (FDH)

The 12th annual Nevada Women's Film Festival (NWFFest) returns to UNLV's Department of Film with more than 50 films of all genres from around the world. OLLI members receive half-price passes or may volunteer to attend the full festival for free.

Half-price printed passes (\$25) will be available for pre-sale purchase beginning Feb. 2 at the Customer Service Information Desk at MAB2 and online at [NWFFest.com](https://www.nwffest.com) using the code OLLI26. Individual film blocks start at \$7.50 and are available for purchase online only.



Stay up to date on festival programming through their website, newsletter, and social media. Programming will be announced in late January. Celebrate Women's History Month with OLLI at the NWFFest!

Touro University Capstone: Lifestyle Medicine (6-Week Program)

Spring 2026 Semester | MAB2

Touro Capstone student Chris Chin will lead a six-week program, Lifestyle Medicine: Optimizing Well-Being for Active Older Adults, covering the six pillars of lifestyle medicine: physical activity, nutrition, sleep, social connection, substance avoidance, and stress management. The program includes educational materials, group activities, accountability tools, and guided physical exercises to form healthy habits. Participants will also explore community resources, which will require a RebelCard for access.

Dates and additional information will be shared soon.

Touro University Capstone: Digital Literacy & Occupational Therapy

Spring 2026 Semester | Location TBD

Touro Capstone student Richard Green will lead The Importance of Occupational Therapy in Digital Literacy for Adults and Older Adults, a hands-on program designed to help OLLI members build confidence and independence with everyday technology. Topics include smartphones, tablets, online communication tools, and accessing digital health services. Through guided workshops, hands-on practice sessions, and step-by-step instruction, the program aims to reduce tech frustration, improve digital participation, and enhance overall quality of life.

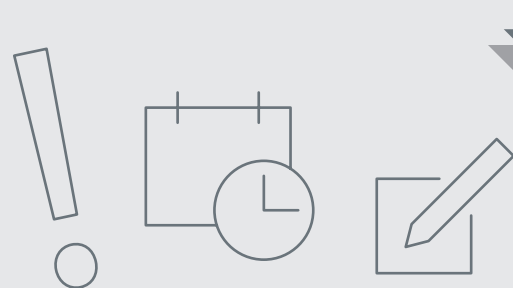
Details and additional information will be shared soon.

BHAY: Spring Las Vegas Review Journal Aging Well

Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

South Point Hotel & Casino

Come out to enjoy performances, meet with community partners, and hear from guest speakers at this annual event. You'll find information on career resources, fitness, financial planning, health and wellness, dating, retirement, and more to help you live life to the fullest.



MORE POP-UP EVENTS COMING SOON!

Watch for additional events throughout the spring. Check the weekly **Member Memo**, our newsletter, or stop by the information wall outside the OLLI Suite for the latest updates.

Become 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. Volunteering is a rewarding way to stay engaged, connect with others, and support lifelong learning.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



**CLASSROOM
SUPPORT**



**EVENTS &
HOSPITALITY**



**MEMBER
WELCOME TEAM**



**TECH
ASSISTANCE**



**OLLI
AMBASSADORS**



**OFFICE & ADMINISTRATIVE
SUPPORT**



**FUNDRAISING
ASSISTANCE**

IMPORTANT DATES

Curriculum Rally

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2:30-3:30 p.m. | MAB2

Potential Instructor Meeting

Friday, Feb. 13, 1-3 p.m. | Zoom

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY!

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





Be an OLLI Volunteer Instructor or Class Aide! Your Knowledge Matters

Are you interested in sharing your skills, life experience, or professional expertise with a community of engaged lifelong learners? OLLI at UNLV welcomes members who want to teach, lead discussions, or support the classroom experience.

TEACH WITH OLLI

Sharing what you know is easier than you might think! A class proposal requires only:

- Name and Contact Information
- Class Title
- Short Instructor Bio
- Brief Class Description
- Three Preferred Days/Times

There are no formal requirements — just enthusiasm to share what you know and a passion for lifelong learning.

Next Opportunity to Teach: Summer 2026

BE A CLASS AIDE

Class aides play one of the most important volunteer roles at OLLI. Instructors rely on you to help keep the class running smoothly by assisting with:

- Basic Tech Support
- Monitoring Attendance
- Making or Distributing Copies
- Passing Microphones
- Assisting During Unexpected or Emergency Situations

Class aides help create a welcoming, well-supported learning experience for all OLLI members.

Interested? We'd love to have you share your knowledge.

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Spring 2026 Open House

Bring a friend and discover what's coming this spring!

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 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, meet instructors, connect 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. 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 handicap plates. Street parking is available along Escondido and E. Rochelle.

INTERESTED IN VIRTUAL OR HYBRID LEARNING?

Virtual Open House

Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Zoom



SPRING 2026 MEMBERSHIP

Join or renew today!

 [UNLV.TODAY/OLLI-SPRING](https://unlv.today/olli-spring)