

Spring 2008

Fridays: March 7 - May 2

Providing mature adults with opportunities to engage in intellectual development, cultural stimulation and social interaction.



(OLLI) at the University of Connecticut
Waterbury, CT



Welcome

to the University of Connecticut's Waterbury Campus!



The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is making its mark on the Waterbury community and in the State. OLLI was recognized in 2007 for its Excellence in Outreach and Public Engagement by the Office of the Provost. We have a proud sixty-year history in the Waterbury region and an equally promising future at our state-of-the-art downtown campus. OLLI members enrich our campus community and strengthen our connection to the region. We hope you can join our successful OLLI Program or take full advantage of the variety of courses, events, and activities where you will meet old friends and make new ones. The OLLI staff, volunteers, and University personnel are here to assist you if you have any questions or specific needs. Have a great OLLI Year!

William J. Pizzuto, Ph. D.

Director

UConn Waterbury Campus



University of Connecticut

Welcome to the second year of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Connecticut. OLLI has grown from a concept to a reality in less than one year; the Institute has grown to over three hundred members from over thirty eight (38) cities and towns in the Greater Waterbury region. In this spring 2008 program brochure you will also see that we have nearly tripled our course offering, from the spring 2007 session and you will notice

- OLLI now offers over thirty courses in ten curriculum areas.
- OLLI now has Annual Membership. This was always the plan, and now we are ready! Memberships will be for a full year. If you join now, your membership will extend through the end of 2008.
- OLLI is expanding our partnership with The Palace Theater by offering our first course in that remarkable and stunning venue! This is also our first non-Friday course.
- OLLI is opening our 2008 OLLI year with a presentation by Jonathan Kellogg, Executive Editor of the Republican-American Newspaper.
- We are adding to the list of "OLLI Headliners" with an exciting presentation by Fran Brill, the first female puppeteer hired by Muppets creator Jim Henson. Seats for this event are going to fill fast – so be sure to pre-register!
- We have new course time slots to accommodate our growth and success. Please note the new time slots.

The world of lifelong learning is like no other learning environment you have likely ever experienced--it's a place where you can come and be yourself, and engage in learning for the sake of personal enrichment and joy! I, along with the OLLI staff, the OLLI Leadership Council, our Standing Committee members and OLLI volunteers, invite you to partake fully in the OLLI offerings this year. Come join the fun and engage in the richness of human experience and knowledge right here in your own region of Connecticut. And please remember to encourage your friends to join!

Have an amazing year of new learning and connections with others!

Sincerely,

Brian G. Chapman, Ed.D.
Director of OLLI



UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT WATERBURY



“I have had such a wonderful experience learning again. I am 72 years old and I don’t get too many opportunities for learning.”

Mission Statement

OLLI at UConn is a member-driven community-based, program offering non-credit learning experiences (courses, lectures, and special events) for mature adults who want to engage socially and intellectually with their peers as teachers and learners. Situated on an intimate, state-of-the-art university campus with traditional-age students and research faculty, OLLI also provides a fertile ground for an intergenerational interaction and exchange of ideas. The urban campus reaches out to a diverse region which provides opportunities for partnership with other cultural, educational, and arts organizations.

Annual Membership and Benefits

NEW!! Announcing Annual Membership! Members asked for it, and now we have it! Join OLLI now for all of 2008! You will receive member benefits throughout the year and can register for courses the same way you have on a semester-by-semester basis! Join today and get your OLLI Card!

Annual OLLI Membership is \$60 – Membership benefits include

- Participation in OLLI Café Activities –“A place to lunch and learn.” Members are encouraged to bring a “brown bag”lunch. Coffee and fruit will be provided.
- Opportunity to register for OLLI courses in spring and fall, 2008 (\$25 each course)
- UConn Waterbury free Friday parking pass
- OLLI discount book card for UConn Co-op bookstore
- Entrance to Special OLLI Events
- Discounts for Non-Osher Events
- OLLI membership card

Learning Activities

The OLLI Program currently includes short-term, non-credit courses, OLLI Café (lunch & learn) activities, and special events. Courses generally meet at the Waterbury campus once a week on Fridays.

Most programs and classes are scheduled during daytime hours. See course descriptions for specific times. Please note the newly added class times.

“Brown Bag” OLLI Café presentations are held from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM in the multipurpose room.

To join and register for Spring classes, please fill out the enclosed membership form and return by February 22, 2008.

ARTS

***SPECIAL OFFSITE COURSE ***

Looking Back – Moving Forward: The Palace Theater History

4 Sessions – Thursdays from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
March 6, March 13, March 27 and April 3
At the Palace Theater (across the street from the UConn campus)

Built in 1920, the Palace Theater is known for its rich culture and architectural design. In what is described as a Renaissance Revival style, the Palace Theater features an eclectic mix of Greek, Roman, Arabic and Federal Motifs. Originally a movie/vaudeville house, the Palace changed with the times over its seventy years of operation and unfortunately went dark for eighteen years. After a significant financial investment by the State of Connecticut, the Palace underwent a major renovation, restoration and expansion. Positioning itself as Greater Waterbury's Center of the Performing Arts, this exquisite complex showcases a performance schedule that includes Broadway shows, comedy acts, celebrity concerts, family entertainment and so much more! This course will cover the Palace Theater history 1922-1987, architecture of the building, the restoration process and who we are today.

Louis Belloisy was a teenager when he started at the Palace Theater as an usher and worked his way up to doorman, candy vender,

and then projectionist. He worked at the Palace for six years and then joined the Air Force to pursue a career in aviation. Certified by the Federal Aviation Administration to fly and teach in numerous aircrafts, including single and multi-engine seaplanes, helicopters and multi-engine jets. He is currently a house photographer and historian for the Palace Theater and a projectionist for a multi-plex theater in Torrington.

Art Therapy – Creative Self-Exploration

4 Sessions – Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
Room # 203

For those who want to explore their creativity, this course will define art therapy and how and where it is used in our community. Members will learn about art therapy as they learn about themselves. Each class will cover an art therapy approach by experiencing it hands on.

Margaret McGovern, ATR.BC, LCP, is a board certified art therapist. She is a graduate of Albertus Magnus College, receiving an MA in art therapy. She served four years on the board of the Connecticut Art Therapy Association as Secretary. Margaret currently has a private practice in Hamden, is a therapist at The Village in Hartford, CT and previously worked at Bridgeport Hospital Psychiatric Unit.



Painting in Pastels

4 Sessions – Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
Room # 213

Explore your artistic talents and abilities in this hands-on course. Learn drawing, composition, and values by setting up a still life and going through each step in shape, shading and shadow in color to render a three dimensional painting working in pastels. Members can bring home a finished painting at the end of four weeks!

Carmela (Mally) DeSomma has taught art and painted professionally for over 25 years. She has worked with many renowned artists and has taken art courses at Paier College of Art and Quinnipiac Collges. Her works have won numerous awards in juried art shows and national art competitions. She has created artwork for catalog companies, and has designed holiday cards for businesses and individuals. She holds portrait, landscapes and life classes and has been teaching pastels and acrylics at Artsplace in Cheshire, CT for over 12 years. Her artwork appears in Fine Line Art Gallery in Woodbury, CT, the PS Gallery in Litchfield, CT, and Foxglove Gallery in Madison, CT.

Visiting Great European Museums

4 Sessions – Fridays from 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM
April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
Room # 203

For those who won't make it to Europe this summer – or even more for those who will – introductory tours of great museums in three European capitals of art: the Vatican Museum and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Louvre in Paris and the Prado in Madrid. Members will see original photographs of the highlights of the collections, both world famous masterpieces and lesser-known treasures, as well as the history of the buildings and the stories of the popes, kings and citizens who developed their collections.

Dr. Virginia L. Bush attended Wellesley College, received her PhD. from Columbia University and is a Fellow of the American Academy in Rome. She has taught in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. She has authored articles on Italian Renaissance art history and modern art, and has worked in art galleries and art administration. Her travels throughout the U.S. and Europe have resulted in a collection of nearly 30,000 art images. She has also been a presenter in the OLLI program.

Dance for the Love of It!

8 Sessions – Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
Room # 102

This movement course will take a look at the positive effects dance has on our well being: mind, body and soul and the health benefits derived from social dancing. It will cover how dance impacts our culture and social environment, the different styles of dance over the decades – from the 1920s to the 1980s – along with studying the artists who made these social dances popular, such as Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly. Learn the different steps from the Roaring 20s, Swing, and Big Band era!

Donna Bonasera is the founder and Artistic Director of CT Dance Theatre, Inc. and has been training dancers for over 30 years. She is one of few Americans to receive a diploma while studying in Russia, and was also awarded a scholarship to study at the American Dance Machine. Many of her students have gone on to dance professionally. She currently serves as the state director for National Dance Week and has been nationally recognized for her choreography.Computers

COMPUTERS

Demystifying Personal Computers – Basic Introduction to Computers

8 Sessions – Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
Room # 224

Whether you don't know how to turn the computer on, bought your first computer or have little experience...this class is perfect for you. It will introduce you to the "mouse" and how it works, the keyboard, the difference between hardware and software, floppy disk is and how to use them, and introduce the Internet. The course is hands-on learning. Come make a new friend and have fun – meet the mouse and its companion, the personal computer!

Leon LeClerc has an A.S. in Business, a B.S. in Business Administration with minors in Psychology and Law and is a PC Consultant, having been involved with all phases of computers for over 45 years. Returning as an OLLI presenter, Leon also teaches for the Connecticut Community College System, the City of Waterbury Education Department and private corporations and colleges.

The Basics of Microsoft Office Word and Excel

8 Sessions – Fridays from 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM
March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
Room #224

Microsoft Word – learn the fundamental techniques of Word in this hands-on class. Learn how to create, edit, format, print, save, and retrieve documents. Microsoft Excel – a dynamic spreadsheet package designed to allow users to combine number crunching and outstanding results. Learn how to create, format and print spreadsheets; entering and using formulas and functions.

Leon LeClerc also teaches **Demystifying Personal Computers – Basic Introduction to Computers.**

CULTURE AND LANGUAGE

Conversational Italian I for Travel

8 Sessions – Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
Room # 207

Going to Italy? Want to feel more comfortable understanding the Italian language, mind and lifestyle of the people? In addition to helping members understand the language and grammar, this introductory course of conversational Italian will focus on the non-verbal (Italian) communicator, cultural differences, expectations, and Italian customs and traditions to help the traveler avoid cultural blunders.

Connie Tripodi has a B.A. in Natural Sciences from CCSU and an MBA with double specializations in Healthcare and Global Management. She was a Medical Technologist at St. Mary's Hospital and has been the

administrator of a surgical practice for the past 18 years. Connie also has a gemology degree from the Gemological Institute of America and designs jewelry inspired by the ancient civilizations and has conducted lectures on the topic. A returning OLLI presenter, Connie speaks fluent Spanish, Italian and several dialects of Southern Italy. Her annual travels to Italy focus on the culture and archaeological research.

Let's Learn Spanish: Adelante!

8 Sessions – Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
Room # 323

Introduction to Spanish language and culture through lively conversation, a splash of grammar and adventures into the intriguing cultures of the Spanish speaking world. A perfect class for those who want to refresh their classroom Spanish and for anyone who needs Spanish for travel, work or fun. Enjoy learning the beautiful Spanish language.

Judy Kollias has a BA, MA and Sixth Year in Spanish. She has taught Spanish language, literature and culture at Cheshire High School and Quinnipiac University and has traveled extensively in the Spanish speaking world. Judy is a docent at the Mattatuck Museum, is an English language conversation tutor with Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury and is President of the Board of Directors of Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury.

Conversational Italian II for Travel

8 Sessions – Fridays from 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM
March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
Room # 207

Going to Italy? Want to feel more comfortable understanding the Italian language, mind and lifestyle of the people? In addition to helping members understand the language and grammar, this continuing introductory course of conversational Italian will focus on the non-verbal Italian communicator, cultural differences, expectations and Italian customs and traditions to help the traveler avoid cultural blunders.

Connie Tripodi also teaches **Conversational Italian I for Travel.**

Some courses have required and/or recommended reading. The UConn Co-op bookstore welcomes OLLI members and carries a supply of most required or recommended books. OLLI members are also entitled to join the Co-op OLLI Book Club to save money on their book purchases.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Fundamentals of Chinese Medicine

8 Sessions – Fridays from 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
 Room # 327

This course will be an introduction to the fundamental principles that form the foundation for Traditional Chinese Medicine, which can be used to complement our current medical system of healthcare. These principles based on a “way of life” that emphasizes the need for harmony, also encourage the individuals to actively participate in maintenance of their mental and physical well being. The course will also explore the application of these principles as a means of assisting us in understanding ourselves, other people and the world in which we live.

William Courtland LMT is a teacher, lecturer and workshop facilitator who researches Chinese Medical theory and its relationship to mind and body. A returning OLLI presenter, he is currently a faculty member at the CT Center for Massage Therapy, Westport, CT, where he teaches Acupressure and the Theory of Traditional Chinese Medicine. He is a Nationally Certified Licensed Massage Therapist and maintains a private practice for Massage and Acupressure.



Food for Life: Nutrition and Cooking

8 Sessions – Fridays from 1:15 PM – 3:00 PM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
 Room # 102

The class sessions will cover topics such as fueling up on low-fat foods, flavoring fiber, discovering dairy alternatives, replacing meat, planning healthy meals, antioxidants and phytochemicals, immune-boosting foods, and maintaining a healthy weight. Classes will cover information about how certain foods and nutrients work to promote or discourage cancer growth along with demonstrations of simple and healthy recipes. Everyone will benefit in some way, and the delicious food samples are a bonus!

Jane Sirignano returns as an OLLI presenter for a third consecutive session. She has worked with the Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP), an educationally intensive program. Jane has a diploma in nutrition, has managed a natural foods store, has started a food co-op, and has been a cook in a natural foods restaurant.

The Psychology of Ageing in Chinese Medicine

8 Sessions – Fridays from 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
 Room # 327

The ancient Chinese understood the middle and later years of life to be a phase when one is given a unique potential for psychological transformation and growth, which is not present at any previous time of life. Today many of us see those times of life as only being a period that accelerates the degeneration of our body and mind. This course will examine those years from the perspective of Traditional Chinese Medicine whose principles can assist us in understanding what it means to not grow old, but age consciously with health and grace.

William Courtland LMT also teaches **Fundamentals of Chinese Medicine**.

HISTORY

Documenting Venture Smith (C. 1728 – 1805)

4 Sessions – Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4
 Room # 201

This course focuses on the life of Venture Smith. Born in West Africa and originally named Broteer Furro, Venture Smith (renamed by his first owner) died in Haddam Neck, Connecticut in 1805. His Narrative is an extremely rare autobiographical window into one West African’s encounter with the Atlantic Slave Trade and the “middle passage” during the 18th century. It also vividly recounts the extraordinary challenges he overcame to free himself from slavery and to live as an equal American citizen. By the time of his death, Venture had become a highly respected merchant and landowner. A former victim of the African Slave Trade, he transformed himself into a stunning Revolutionary-era example of African-American accomplishment and independence.

Chandler B. Saint, President, Beecher House Center for the Study of Equal Rights, in Torrington, organized and runs the project, *Documenting Venture Smith*, with David Richardson of the University of Hull, UK and diverse faculty of the University of Connecticut. This is the largest and most interdisciplinary project ever to document the life of a survivor of the “middle passage”. He is also the co-author of *Making Freedom: The Extraordinary Life of Venture Smith*, being published in 2008 by Wesleyan University Press.

Harlem Stories: A Journey Through Harlem’s Past

4 Sessions – Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4
 Room # 210

Through a short documentary and discussion, this course will explore three stories from historical Harlem and the impact that Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and modern day pioneers have had on the community. Harlem is best known for the Apollo Theatre and the Cotton Club. Discussion will cover the impact that Harlem has had in America and the entertainment world.

Franchone Bey is a writer, singer, dancer and producer. A native New Yorker, she studied dance, classical piano and violin. While attending the University of Las Vegas,

she produced and hosted a weekly talk show. Since then she has performed in numerous productions, has worked as a newspaper reporter in television news production and entertained on stage for over 30 years. She is currently the artistic director for OBey Theater Group. Franchone holds a Masters degree in Journalism and Media Studies from Quinnipiac University.

Blacks in the Military – An Untold History

4 Sessions – Fridays from 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4
 Room # 210

This course will provide an opportunity to learn about the significant contributions of Blacks in United States Military. The presenter will lead a discussion about the role of African-Americans in the Vietnam War and during other periods of American History. It will focus on the history of military personnel whose stories should be highlighted and honored, as they have positively impacted American History, the lives of their fellow service men and women, and the lives of all Americans.

Samuel K. Beamon, Sr. “Sam” is a Waterbury native and a graduate of Walsh Grammar and Kaynor Tech High Schools. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served 19 months in combat. He flew over 300 missions in Vietnam. Upon return, he joined the Waterbury Police Department. The last 12 years on the force he was the officer in charge of the Juvenile Division. He retired in 1998 at the Rank of Lieutenant. In 2007, he published a book about his military experiences, *Flying Death – The Vietnam Experience*.

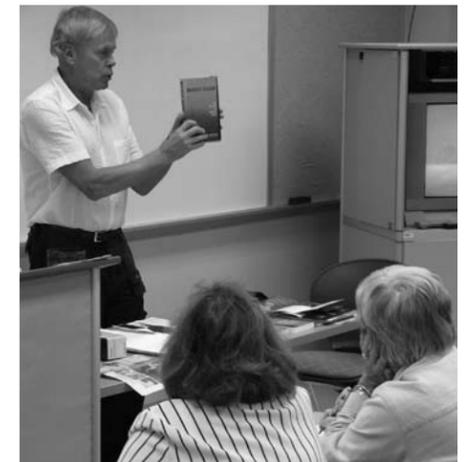
The Origins of Democracy in Connecticut

4 Sessions – Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
 April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
 Room # 210

This course will explore Connecticut’s highly significant role in the introduction of Democracy into Colonial New England. It will cover the development of the first “Constitution,” known as the Fundamental Orders, then move to the highly charged story of the Charter Oak and England’s attempt to “steal” the Charter. Lastly, the course will discuss the State’s leading role in the American Revolution and the CT men, who contributed to the founding of a new nation. The four-week session will include:

1. Thomas Hooker and the founding of CT Colony; 2. The “Charter Oak,” 3. CT men in the Revolution and 4. CT’s Representatives to the Continental Congress.

Dr. Raymond Sullivan is a retired General Surgeon, who practiced in Waterbury for 30 years and is a former OLLI presenter. He holds a B.A. from Brown University and his MD from Georgetown University. He has written on many subjects of historical interest including his book, *Contentment*, a novel of New England’s birth. He is a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society and the Winthrop Society.



Castro’s Cuba

8 Sessions in 4 Weeks – Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM and continued from 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM
PLEASE NOTE: This course meets morning AND afternoon for four Fridays!
 April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
 Room # 201

Communist Cuba has long been a political irritation for the U.S. government. Despite the Treasury Department’s 45-year trade embargo on Cuba, Fidel Castro remains iconic to many Cubans. This course examines those defining events that have shaped U.S. – Cuban relations since the early 1960s, with special emphasis on the Bay of Pigs Invasion, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Collapse of the U.S.S.R., and Cuba today.

Bill Blair is a native of Waterbury and has previously taught “Shakespeare Matters” and “Post WWII Genocides” in the OLLI program. He has a B.S. and an M.S. in English, a B.A. in Anthropology. Bill currently is an adjunct instructor at Naugatuck Valley Community College. In addition to his writing of literary criticism, he is a political freelance journalist who has visited Cuba three times.

“This is one of the best things that has happened for me at this stage of my life – to feel that I can still learn and someone else thinks so too!”



Neighborhood of Memory: Researching the Bygone South End of Waterbury

8 Sessions – Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
 Room # 204

This is a “hands-on” course for members interested in the history of Waterbury. It is recommended that registrants read “*Brass Valley*” on the topic of Waterbury history. Members will receive training in conducting oral history interviews, title searches, newspaper searches, analyzing census data etc. These research skills will then be used to gather and analyze information to help create a portrait of the Waterbury South End neighborhood from early industrialization to the 1970s. Participants will be asked to critique and add to a manuscript in process on the history of Waterbury’s multi-ethnic South End.

Dr. Ruth Glasser received her PhD. from Yale University in American Studies in 1991. A former OLLI presenter, she is also the author of *My Music is My Flag: Puerto Rican Musicians and Their New York Communities, 1917 – 1940*; *Aqui Me Quedo: Puerto Ricans in Connecticut*; as well as a variety of articles, curriculum materials, and other publications. She has spent the last several years doing interviews and research for a book on Waterbury’s South End community.

Henry the Eighth – His Wives and Children

8 Sessions – Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
 Room # 324

This course is a psychological study of Henry VIII, Tudor King of England, his obsession for a male heir, his six wives, children (legitimate and otherwise), his break with the Roman Pope and the establishment of the Protestant religion in England. It will consider the effect of Henry’s marital history on the current members of the British royal family?

Penny O’Connell has a B.A. in Political Science from Skidmore College. She is a retired high school history teacher with a broad view of world history, having taught courses on the Ancient World, European and American history. She has spent years trying to unravel the mysteries of our historical past and is delighted to share her discoveries with those who have inquiring minds. Penny is also a returning OLLI presenter.

Native Americans – From the Beginning to 1763

8 Sessions – Fridays from 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
 Room # 324

Want to know about our Native Americans – where they came from and when? How many were in the Americas before 1492? What were their cultural and religious values? Was Columbus a hero or a villain? Who else explored the Americas? How did Native Americans interact with early British Settlers? Who won the wars between the Native Americans and the white men up to 1763? This eight-week session will answer these questions and more.

Penny O’Connell also teaches **Henry the Eighth – His Wives and Children**.

“The classes I took were enjoyable - they enriched my knowledge and made me a better person.”

LITERATURE AND WRITING

Writing the Novel You’ve Always Dreamed of Writing

8 Sessions – Fridays from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
 Room # 326

Each of us has a novel inside him/her. If yours is itching to get out, this practical writing course will explain how to begin with action that “hooks” your readers, the role of plot, setting, characters, dialogue and point of view, and the essential balance of show vs. tell, and of details vs. the broad stroke. The final class will stress rewriting and working with a professional editor.

Jack Lander is the published author of three nonfiction books, 51 papers, and for the past 12 years has written a magazine column for inventors. A former OLLI presenter, Jack also works full time as a mentor to creative entrepreneurs and inventors, and, at “70 something” has no plans to retire. In his corporate life as a mechanical engineer, he patented 11 inventions, most on laparoscopic surgical instruments. He is presently writing patents on two of his own inventions, and a fourth book on marketing inventions.

MATH AND SCIENCE

It’s Not Their Grandparents’ Calculator!

6 Sessions – Fridays from 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM
 March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
 Room # 218

Texas Instruments’ graphing calculator has changed math education since the 1990’s. Using the power of visualization, this technology has enabled students to “see” mathematics more clearly and to explore the implications of various mathematical concepts. A knowledge of basic arithmetic is the only prerequisite to experience these technological advancements. The course format includes an intergenerational OLLI experience by involving high school students in aspects of this course. Calculators will be provided for use in class.

Rosalie Griffin is a Waterbury native. She received a B.A. in Mathematics from Albertus Magnus College and a M.A.L.S. from Wesleyan University. After teaching mathematics for 35 years at Crosby High School in Waterbury, Rosalie presently serves as an adjunct instructor

at Naugatuck Valley Community College. She has provided professional development for teachers as a consultant for the Connecticut Academy of Education in math and science and is also a former OLLI presenter.

From the Pyramids to Plato to Pine Cones: The Phi-losophy of the Golden Ratio

4 Sessions – Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
 April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
 Room # 318

This course is a mathematical analysis of the “golden ratio,” known as phi, a concept that can be found throughout nature and various aspects of life. It has been part of the world’s culture from ancient Egypt and Greece to modern times. The number of spirals in a pine cone, the spiral growth of mollusks, and Da Vinci’s The Annunciation, all share a relationship to the golden ratio. A basic knowledge of fractions and simple geometric shapes is all that is required.

Rosalie Griffin also teaches “**It’s Not Their Grandparents’ Calculator!**”

MUSIC



The Composer’s World

4 Sessions – Fridays from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4
 Room # 119

Symphonies and other works for orchestra did not end with Brahms. Composers today are writing for the orchestra with the intention of having their works performed as well as to entertain audiences. This course explores the world of composers writing for orchestras and the relationship between the composer, conductor, musicians,

patrons and audiences. Learn how the life of a composer is different today from one in Beethoven’s time, why composers write and how they make a living. Explore some of the great masterpieces of the last century and what works composers are writing today. Participants are invited to attend the March 7th Beethoven *Violin Concerto* and Bartok *Concerto for Orchestra* rehearsal (7:30 – 10:00 PM) and the March 8th concert at Naugatuck Valley Community College Fine Arts Center.

Leif Bjaland is currently the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra (WSO) Music Director and Artistic Director and Conductor of the FL West Coast Symphony and has previously served as Assistant Conductor of the San Francisco Symphony and Resident Conductor of the New World Symphony. Maestro Bjaland received a Masters in Music from the University of Michigan.

Michael Schwerin received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and Music – Trumpet Performance from the University of Minnesota and a Masters in Music from the University of North Texas. He was a participant in the 2006 American Symphony Orchestra League’s *Essentials of Orchestra Management* program and a *Priddy Arts Leadership Fellow* of the North Texas Institute for Educators in the Visual Arts. He currently serves as the Director of Marketing for the WSO.

Fran Goldman is the Executive Director of the WSO and previously held a similar position with the Jackson, TN Symphony. She has performed as a clarinetist with the Richmond, VA Symphony, the US Army Band of New England and Young Audiences of VA. She has taught music in public and private schools and at Hampton University and was the Conductor of the Williamsburg Youth Orchestra. Goldman holds degrees in woodwind performance from Boston University and Norfolk State University and in Secondary Education from Old Dominion University.

Alyce Cagnetta Bertz enjoys being the concertmaster of the WSO. Her role as the lead violinist enables her to have input into the artistic development of the strings in the Symphony. She performs chamber music in addition to her solo concerts throughout the USA and Europe. Alyce also loves teaching young violinists in her geodesic dome in Southbury, CT.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

“Talking Funny”

4 Sessions – Fridays from 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4
 Room # 213

This course is not to be a serious effort in the causes or effects of humor. It will be a proposed exchange between its team leader and its participants in various areas of humor. As part of this interactive course, you will be invited to bring out your humor. It is not a course about the psychology of humor or its beneficial results on the immune system of seniors. Come and have a good laugh. If you don’t, it may be your own fault. There is no required reading, so bring your own jokes and please bring your sense of humor.

Robert Blake has a B.A. from the University of Connecticut, an M.S. from Southern Connecticut State University and is a survivor of 34 years of teaching in the Waterbury school system, 28 years of them at Kennedy High School and is still smiling and laughing all the way!

What Branch Are You From? Researching Your Family Tree.

8 Sessions – Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
 Room # 317

Do you want to know more about your family history but don’t know where to start? Then this is the course for you! It will focus on the fundamentals of genealogy. Members will learn how to organize, use and properly record information on family group sheets and pedigree charts. Research will include the use of vital church census, immigration, court and land records. A variety of sources will be investigated including use of the Internet. A special Saturday trip to the CT State Library’s Department of History and Genealogy will be arranged.

Polly S. Gunther is a self-taught genealogist. She has been researching and unraveling her family’s history for about 5 years. She is a member of the CT Society of Genealogists, CT Professional Genealogists Council, The New England Historic Genealogical Society, Godfrey Memorial Library and The Society of Mayflower Descendants of the State of CT. She is presently serving as the registrar for her chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a recently retired teacher, having taught for 34 years at the elementary level.

Develop, Protect and Market Your Invention or Great Idea

8 Sessions – Fridays from 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
 Room # 323

The difference between the inventor who dreams and the inventor who acts is mainly knowledge. If you're the kind of creative person who has imagined an invention, and some time later seen it on the market, this course is for you. Members will learn the techniques of designing, prototyping, patent searching, patenting your invention yourself or through a professional, marketing through inventor-friendly catalogs and the Internet, and the secrets of how to save thousands of dollars in the whole process.

Jack Lander also teaches **Writing the Novel You've Always Dreamed of Writing.**

Finding the Extraordinary in Your Everyday Life

8 Sessions – Fridays from 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
 Room # 318

Creativity – our true nature! Get in touch with your creativity through a scientific approach of experimentation, observation and roundtable discussion. Basic principles and tools form the content – the principles include becoming more fully functioning, more conscious of yourself and your surroundings, i.e., a more cooperative part of your particular place in this world. It will also put you in touch with your sense of beliefs, identity, power, integrity, abundance, strength, compassion, self-protection and sense of faith.

Trish Plasky is a retired bookkeeper-secretary who currently works as a party decorator and jewelry creator. She creates balloon arches, bouquets, flower centerpieces and wall and floor pieces. Trish has an artistic passion for Angels in the Architecture, Blue Man Group, the fantasy of the Lion King to sensational sunsets and mysterious night skies. She traveled cross country for three years visiting our National Parks. She has been involved with "The Artist's Way" in Litchfield County for 5 years.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Buddhism is Not What You Think!

8 Sessions – Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2
 Room # 218

This course offers a clear, straightforward look at the wisdom and guidance of an enlightened teacher who lived some 2,500 years ago but whose teachings remain as vital and penetrating today as ever. It provides an overview of Buddhism's essentials, free of the fetters and cultural trappings that have accumulated over 25 centuries. Designed for the person with a desire to see deeply into the nature of existence, it is a call to awakening. When the Buddha was asked to sum up his teachings in a single word, he said, "Awareness."

Pierce Reignier participated in behavioral studies and rehabilitative counseling classes. He has been studying and practicing meditation and Tai Chi's mindful movements for over 11 years. He has studied with the Vietnamese Zen master, Thich Nhat Hanh, and has taught at the International Buddhist Retreat Center in New Hartford. He runs Stillwater Meditation Center in Wolcott, CT, which offers Tai Chi, Meditation and Yoga.

Radical Islam in Europe: A Primer

4 Sessions – Fridays from 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4
 Room # 326

This course is co-sponsored with the World Affairs Council – Connecticut. The media are now reporting the growing impact of Islamists in Europe, whether it is terrorists planning to blow things up or activists seeking fundamental changes in European society and culture. This course will seek to trace the development of large, unassimilated Muslim minorities in Europe, and the emergence within them of radical Islamists; examine the ways in which radical Islam affects European politics, society and foreign policy; and what all this means for the United States.

Leslie S. Lebl has an M.A. from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and a B.A. from Swarthmore College. She writes and lectures on foreign policy, including transatlantic relations, and European defense and counter-terrorism policy, and is currently working on a study of Muslim extremism and the

European Union. A former Foreign Service Officer, she was minister-counselor for political affairs at the U.S. mission to the European Union in Brussels and political advisor to commanders of the NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Why is There Something Rather Than Nothing?

4 Sessions – Fridays from 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM
 March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4
 Room # 204

This and other questions will be examined in a course using direct, easy-to-comprehend language, free from jargon and esoteric terms. Have you ever taken a philosophy course that made your eyes glaze over? Have you avoided it because you thought it was boring or irrelevant? This lively course guarantees to energize your mind by making connections among the great western minds, including Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, Darwin and YOU!

Tom Kmetzo has a B.A. from Fairfield University, an M.A. from the University of Iowa and was a Mellon Fellow in the Visiting Faculty Program at Yale. He lived in Rome for one year and has made eight extended trips since. He has taught college literature, philosophy, art and religion for forty years. He is an avid photographer and collector of interesting things. He currently works at Topsmead State Forest in Litchfield, CT as an educator/guide, is a returning OLLI presenter and the official OLLI photographer!

"The entire OLLI is outstanding: topics and presenters are excellent and the OLLI Café sessions are just as interesting as the classes."

Being a Course Presenter

for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Connecticut, Waterbury Campus

OLLI Courses are generally led by retired, semi-retired and working educators, professionals, entrepreneurs, artists, writers, and others.

- Share your passion on a topic or set of topics
 - Inspire others to learn and explore
 - Engage with peers and community members
 - Lead learners without the administrative burdens of traditional teaching (reading papers/homework, calculating grades, etc.)
 - Develop innovative, interesting, and compelling learning experiences
 - Utilize the campus infrastructure to deliver enriching experiences for older adult learners and yourself—without the pressures of homework or testing
 - Explore topics with other learners and create a "laboratory for new ideas"
 - Join a national movement of adult learners at the first Osher Institute in Connecticut
- Some of the perks . . .
- free Basic OLLI membership
 - reasonable supplies and equipment for course instruction
 - UConn Waterbury Friday parking pass
 - Recognition event
 - Presenter Honoraria



Fall 2008 session – September 19, 2008 – November 9, 2008
 Deadline for proposals – May 23, 2008
 Please contact us if you would like to present a Fall 2008 course!

A venue for the exchange of ideas and experiences focusing on improving the quality of life. The goal of OLLI Café is to have presentations and activities with themes such as Health and Wellness, Arts and Culture, and Current Events.

Bring your lunch and we will provide the coffee and fruit! OLLI Café presentations are open to all OLLI members. **These are not courses. Pre-registration is not required.** The weekly event features a guest speaker followed by a short Q&A session.

Fridays—Room #113 • 11:30 – 12:00 Lunch • 12:00 – 1:00 Speaker Presentation



March 7, 2008 Recent Trends of the Broadway Musical

Have you enjoyed Broadway shows over the years and wondered about what makes it all happen? There are various outside forces that have shaped the musicals produced for Broadway over the last ten to fifteen years; various factors and their significance will be presented. The financial factors, popular trends and audience expectations that have influenced what is being presented on Broadway today will be highlighted. Bring your questions for this lively presentation on an American art form!



Bob Alwine is Associate Producer *Goodspeed Musicals* and holds an MFA in theater management and creative producing from Columbia University. Bob has worked as the Associate Managing Director of The Old Globe in San Diego and the Director of Programming for The Ordway Center for the Performing Arts. He has worked for Alan Wasser Associates in New York on productions of *Phantom of the Opera*, *Miss Saigon*, *Les Miserables* and *Five Guys Named Moe*.

March 14, 2008 Laugh, Breathe, Live – On Purpose!

Do you want more energy? Less stress? Contrary to popular belief, stress does not “just happen” to us. And those who have plenty of energy and a positive outlook are not “just lucky”! Especially as we age, energy levels and stress levels are the result of choices we’re making, often unconsciously. Join the fun and explore the energizing AND stress-reducing benefits of deliberate laughter and breathing. Learn to relax, calm, and energize yourself – simply by choosing to breathe and laugh “on purpose”! These natural abilities can become powerful tools to improve your health and well-being.

Laura Grasso is best known for bringing “Laughter Yoga” to CT and sharing the power and importance of balanced and deliberate breathing. In her private therapeutic practice, she assists clients in correcting unhealthy breathing patterns, and then coaches them to use it as a tool to further support health and happiness. Director of the non-profit

OxyGenesis Institute in Hartford, she is an engaging presenter who has appeared on many radio and TV shows.

March 28, 2008 Death, Dying, Bereavement, and Living Wills

Are you prepared to face the issues of death, dying and bereavement? Do you have a living will? What are the pros and cons of this type of documentation?

Members will hear about the bereavement process, stages of grief, and effect upon the physical body from a long-time, dedicated social worker.

Arlene Pereira, LCSW, BCD, CT has been a social worker for 32 years, the majority of her career focused on Hospice or Bereavement. She is the president of Stand By Me, the bereavement agency she founded 14 years ago. She provides bereavement support to adults in the community.

April 4, 2008 Personal Safety and Awareness – for the Older Generation!

Seniors are sometimes a target – quite possibly an easy target – to public acts of criminal intent. Prevention is the key! Learn to use your instinct, knowledge, common sense and awareness while at home, in the car, shopping or walking in a parking lot so you do not become an easy target and victim of a criminal offense.

Sergeant Daniel Cruz is currently the 2nd shift Supervising Sergeant of the UConn

Waterbury Police Substation. He has over 15 years of law enforcement experience as a police officer and instructor for the Department of Children and Families (DCF); a police sergeant at the UConn Police Department at Storrs; a state certified law enforcement instructor and adjunct instructor for the Police Academy in Meriden, CT. He holds titles in martial arts, is an instructor for the Police Combat Fitness program and is a member of the Waterbury Emergency Response Team (SWAT).

April 11, 2008 Genealogy – The Tree of Life

Dabble into the world of genealogy and learn how you can begin to climb the tree and take the steps to tracing your ancestry. By using libraries, company indexes, books and research services, you can uncover the different branches of your tree. Understand the excitement of discovery, the despair of running into that brick wall, the importance of patience, acceptance, and the determination to find the “lost sheep” of the family – and what it entails.

Dr. Robert L. Rafford received a BA in philosophy from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School and a Doctor of Ministry degree in psychology and clinical studies.

Currently a retired ordained minister, Dr. Rafford began formal training in genealogy in 1975 at UConn, and continued to receive certifications from noted institutions across the U.S. He has taught and lectured on genealogical subjects at universities, museums, libraries, historical societies, senior centers and continuing education programs.

April 18, 2008 Beyond Companionship

Humans and companion animals have a long, shared history. The health and social benefits of pet ownership or simply interacting with a companion animal in a pet therapy session is well documented. Explore the function of animal assisted activities and hear about many of the recent developments in the use of companion animals to improving the quality of life for children and adults.

Laurel Rabschutz, Ph.D. is the Assistant Director of the B.G.S. and Non-Degree Program, Center for Continuing Studies at UConn, Storrs. She has been involved with pet therapy with her Newfoundland dogs for over 20 years with a professional educational background in human development. She is involved in numerous canine activities, is a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, and has presented numerous lectures on the effects of Pet Therapy.

April 25, 2008 Estate Planning 101

Attorney Sean D. Murphy will provide a general overview of basic estate planning. Topics will include the Last Will and Testament, Health Care Instructions (known as a Living Will), Appointment of Conservator, and Powers of Attorney. Learn the differences, benefits and functions of these various legal documents and how they interact to protect you and your loved ones.

Attorney Sean D. Murphy is the managing member of The Law Offices of Sean D. Murphy, LLC, located in Cheshire, CT. He has been practicing law for over 9 years, and been managing his firm for over 2 years. The firm is a general practice firm, which handles estate planning; including the drafting of Wills, Health Care Instructions, and Powers of Attorney. Attorney Murphy graduated from the University of New Haven (B.S.), summa cum laude, in 1995, and Western New England College School of Law (J.D.), cum laude, in 1998.

May 2, 2008

There is no OLLI Café today, but check the Special OLLI Events section of the brochure for important details on the OLLI Appreciation Event, May 9, 2008!



Special OLLI Events

Special Events include celebrations, film premiers, author talks, special lectures, and other programs open to OLLI members.

Opening OLLI Social 2008

Friday, March 7, 2008 at 8:45 AM – Multipurpose Room
Light morning refreshments will be served

The Opening Event, which now replaces “OLLI Orientation,” is designed to acquaint members and enjoy morning coffee and light refreshments at the start of a new OLLI year. As OLLI moves into its third session and second full year, current members are encouraged to help acquaint new members with the UConn campus and OLLI programs.

This year the Opening OLLI Social will feature a keynote address by Jonathan Kellogg, Executive Editor, Republican-American newspaper. Come and join the fun! Previous keynote speakers at a similar event have been Carl Rosa of Waterbury Main Street and Frank Tavera, Executive Director of The Palace Theater.

OLLI Appreciation Event

Friday, May 9, 2008 at 1:00 PM – Multipurpose Room
Light refreshments will be served after the event

This event is planned by OLLI Members for OLLI Members. The purpose of this event is to honor OLLI Presenters for their volunteerism, dedication, and creativity. OLLI members also are provided with the opportunity to highlight their new learning and overall experiences in the various courses. Another outcome of this event is a “preview” for potential member-enrollees in the future. Please come and show your appreciation with friends and fellow OLLI members!

“This was one the most important events of the year!”

- A 2007 OLLI Member

OLLI HEADLINER EVENT!

OLLI Headliner Events have been a tradition since the OLLI Kick-off Event in 2006. Former OLLI Headliners have included *The Silver Belles*, stars of the Connecticut Film Premier of *Been Rich All My Life* in 2006 and William J. Mann, author of *KATE: The Woman Who Was Hepburn* in 2007.

Fran Brill – “A Muppeteer’s Life on Sesame Street”

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 1:00 PM – Multipurpose Room
Light refreshments will be served after the event

Fran Brill, who performs Zoe and Prairie Dawn on SESAME STREET and was the first female puppeteer to be hired by Jim Henson, tells the story of how she stumbled onto Broadway and tripped and fell onto “THE STREET.” This adult-focused program will include a discussion by Fran Brill of her career as an actress, a brief history of how SESAME STREET was created in the late 60’s, the story of how she broke into the “boys club,” the anatomy of puppets, a quick lesson in puppetry, how SESAME STREET has progressed from low-tech to high tech, how puppet characters are created and evolve, how the feminist movement impacted her characters and the show, and finally her recollections of working with Jim Henson. This presentation will also include video clips of backstage scenes at SESAME STREET and highlights from the show. After the presentation there will be a Q & A.

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Partnership Events

OLLI members will receive ticket discounts for events sponsored by partnering organizations.

THE PALACE THEATRE

Whatever your musical taste, the Palace Theater’s Spring concert line-up has something for all OLLI members to enjoy. The best part? OLLI members receive a special 10% discount off their tickets to any of the following events! Call the Palace Box Office at 203-755-4700.

k.d. lang: Sunday
March 16 – 7:30pm

Bruce Hornsby & Ricky Skaggs
Thursday, April 10 – 7:30pm

Michael Amante
Tuesday, May 6 – 7:30pm

Natalie Cole
Tuesday, May 13 – 7:30pm

“American Girl” Tea & Show

Bring your favorite little “American Girl” lover and her favorite “American Girl” doll to see Addy: An American Girl Story coming to the Palace Theater on Saturday, March 29! Enjoy a post show tea and photo opportunity too!

Based on the popular American Girl series by Connie Porter and adapted for the stage by Cheryl L. West, this compelling tale of love and courage is the first ever to tour from the acclaimed Seattle Children’s Theatre. Addy’s story follows her devastating separation from her father and brother—who are sold away from their North Carolina plantation during the Civil War—and her daring journey to flee the life of slavery with her mother. Once free, Addy and Momma must bravely adjust to the challenges of being on their own—learning to read, write, and earn money—all the while trying to reunite their beloved family.

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WATERBURY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

OLLI Members will receive a 20% discount. Call the Waterbury Symphony at 203-574-4283.

An Evening with Virtuoso Musicians
Saturday, March 8, 2008, 8:00 PM
Naugatuck Valley Community College Fine Arts Center
Beethoven, Violin Concerto
Featuring Jennifer Frautschi on Violin

This virtuosic concert features two famous geniuses of classical music, Beethoven and Bartok. Beethoven’s Concerto for Violin has become one of the most popular and most recognizable violin concertos, which is performed in this concert by young violinist, Jennifer Frautschi. The Waterbury Symphony Orchestra is featured with Bartok’s Concerto for Orchestra, a stunning piece that showcases the technical command of the WSO Musicians.

Leroy Anderson Centennial Pops Celebration
Saturday, May 10, 2008, 8:15 PM
Palace Theater

The Waterbury Symphony Orchestra hosts the community celebration of the legendary pops composer, Leroy Anderson. Mr. Anderson lived in Woodbury, CT, and was often referred to as ‘a craftsman of genius’ in reference to his legendary pops compositions, including *Sleigh Ride*, *Bugler’s Holiday*, and *Blue Tango*.

The concert features Simon Tedeschi performing Anderson’s *Piano Concerto*, and other favorites like *Sandpaper Ballet* (with the Woodbury Ballet), *Blue Tango*, and *Buglar’s Holiday*.



Events Open to the Public

Events Open to the Public include celebrations, film premiers, author talks, special lectures, and other programs.

UConn Waterbury Research Lecture Series

Parking in the UConn Parking Garage on days **other than Friday** is limited to degree-seeking students, faculty, and staff. Please use alternative street level or municipal parking. Pre-registration is recommended by calling 203-236-9924.

The Driving Decision: Health, Safety, and the Older Driver -

Laura K. M. Donorfio, Ph.D.

Tuesday, February 5, 2008
1:00 – 1:45 PM
Room #333



Today's older adults and the rapidly aging baby boom generation were formed by the "automobile society" – a society based upon mobility-on-demand to go where you want, when you want. Today's older adults are more likely to have a driver's license and drive more than any previous generation. In the next 20 years, the number of drivers age 70 and over in the United States is expected to triple. Should this give us cause for concern? Yes and No. This presentation will discuss research conducted with the MIT AgeLab surrounding older driver decision-making and behavior in

an effort to produce practical information to assist older drivers, their families and policy makers to keep older Americans on the move and safe. Specific self-regulation behaviors will be discussed, as well as whether self-regulation attitudes and patterns differ by health and gender.

Race, Rape, and Capital Punishment in Connecticut to 1830 -

Lawrence Goodheart, Ph.D.

Wednesday, March 5, 2008
1:00 – 1:45 PM
Room #333

The topic is part of a current book project called, "The Most Solemn Sentence of Death: Capital Punishment in Connecticut, 1636 – 2005." An unofficial, racial protocol governed the death penalty for the capital crime of rape which was on the books until 1830. Of six men hanged for rape, five were African American. All the victims were white women and girls. No one was executed for the rape of African American or Native American females. The talk will examine the cases of those who were executed, and those who were convicted but not hanged. The role of race in early Connecticut history, particularly in terms of crime and punishment, will also be discussed.

Documenting Venture Smith Project - Dorothea V. DiCecco

Tuesday, April 8, 2008
1:00 – 1:45 PM
Room #333

For the past 3 years, the Documenting Venture Smith Project has been verifying events, places and dates referred to in a narrative, dictated in 1798 to a Haddam, CT schoolteacher, by a former slave named Venture Smith. The narrative relates the story of Smith's capture in Africa as a young boy, who survived the Middle Passage, suffered the injustices of slavery during the prime of his life, eventually purchased his and his family's freedom, and finally managed to live out his remaining years as a free man and prosperous CT businessman. This talk will explain the project, its players and supporters; and, through the voice of Venture Smith, will add important details to the story of slavery in early New England.



UConn MBA Program Open Houses in Waterbury

Wednesday, January 9, 2008; Tuesday, February 5, 2008;
Thursday, March 6, 2008; Wednesday, April 2, 2008;
Tuesday, May 6, 2008; Thursday, June 5, 2008;
Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Monthly MBA Program Open Houses will be held for anyone interested in UConn's Part-time, Full-time or Executive MBA programs. Information about admissions, program curriculum and concentrations of electives will be provided. Please call (203) 236-9935 or email glen.richardson@business.uconn.edu if you have any questions or wish to RSVP to an MBA Open House.

Student Government Events

These events are all Sponsored by Student Activities and are all held in the Multipurpose Room.

Singer-songwriter, Nadine Zahr, performs coffeehouse-style

January 29, 2008 12:30-2:00 PM

Parisa Montarazan, from MTV's Real World, speaks on being Muslim in America before and after 9/11

March 18, 2008 12:30-2:00 PM

"One Night," a play about the sensitive issue of acquaintance rape

March 20, 2008 12:30-2:00 PM

American Red Cross Blood Drive

April 1, 2008 10 AM – 4:00 PM

"Ball in the House," a five-man a cappella group from Boston

April 15, 2008 12:30-2:00 PM

Contact Us

For more information call 203-236-9924 or 203-236-9881. Email: osher@uconn.edu or visit our website at www.waterbury.uconn.edu/osher

Directions and Parking



The campus is located at 99 East Main Street in Waterbury, across the street from the Palace Theater. Paid OLLI members will receive a free Friday-only parking pass. Street level or municipal parking must be used for non-Friday events or when campus garage is full. Parking and directions to campus can be obtained from the website, www.waterbury.uconn.edu/osher or by calling 203-236-9924.



World Affairs Council – Connecticut and OLLI

The World Affairs Council is a non-partisan organization which promotes public understanding of global affairs and world issues by sponsoring programs, discussion series and seminars on international politics, business and culture. OLLI members can purchase tickets to World Affairs Council programs and events at World Affairs Council Member prices. To view upcoming programs please go to: www.ctwac.org and to participate in this offer please call the council at 860-416-2844.



The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UConn is guided by the OLLI Leadership Council which is the principal representative body of the OLLI membership. Composed of founding OLLI members, the Council helps foster the growth and sustainability of the Institute. OLLI members serving on standing committees, in conjunction with the OLLI Director and Program Assistant, carry out every aspect of the organization. OLLI is always seeking new members to get involved in curriculum planning, membership, public relations, hospitality, newsletter, and OLLI Café Committees. For a list of current council members and committee information please visit our website or call 203-236-9924.

The lifelong learning initiative began with seed money, market research, and technical support from the Leever and Connecticut Community Foundations. Currently, the Institute is made possible by the generosity and support of the Bernard Osher Foundation and the University of Connecticut.

The University of Connecticut's Waterbury campus serves more than 1,000 students annually. In its sixty years of operation, UConn Waterbury has opened the doors to educational access and excellence to thousands of Connecticut residents, many of whom have distinguished themselves in the fields of community

service, business, education, law and politics. Today, the campus is located in a modern, state-of-the art facility in the heart of downtown Waterbury. Our neighbors are the historic Palace Theater and a new arts magnet middle and high school, making our location a beacon for educational and cultural enlightenment. Students enjoy quality interaction with great professors and participate in research opportunities that enrich the college experience. An extensive range of undergraduate and graduate course offerings and study areas are available. Visit us online: www.waterbury.uconn.edu.

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