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OVERVIEW

Welcome to UT OLLI Online!

A day of programming may consist up to four (4) webinars per day during the following timeslots:

- 1) 9:30AM - 10:40AM
- 2) 11:10AM - 12:20PM
- 3) 1:00PM - 2:10PM
- 4) 2:40PM - 3:50PM

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Winter 2021 Seminars

MONDAYS (begins Jan. 25th)

9:30AM – 10:40AM

American Medical Care - Crisis of Cost and Access

CE21001Z

This course will discuss the high cost of care and the high rate of un-insured in the United States and especially Texas. It will explore how we got to this crisis, what other advanced economies are doing, and why every country is facing the same problem of runaway costs.



Dr. Bruce Malone was installed as the Texas Medical Association's 146th president during the TexMed 2011 in Houston on May 13. A board-certified orthopedic surgeon with Austin Bone & Joint Clinic, Dr. Malone previously served on the TMA Board of Trustees for nine years, including two years as chair.

11:10AM – 12:20PM

Your Brain: A Personal Tour

CE21001E

A FUN, but fact-filled, seminar on the latest research into the fundamental principles of "how your brain works." Cutting edge examples will be given on:

- Brain operations that can restore function to a violinist with a tremor
- Simple ways to delay and even prevent cognitive decline
- How to better understand psychosis
- How to understand what changes in your brain when you learn something
- How the most unique "human" part of your brain has a lot to do with eating bananas



Steve Saltwick is a past chair of NOVA who has presented his seminar YOUR BRAIN – A PERSONAL TOUR to NOVA, SAGE, FORUM, and QUEST. He has published research work in SCIENCE as part of the PhD program in bio-psychology at UT Austin.

1:00PM – 2:10PM

From the Barn to Our Bedrooms: Companion Animals in American Life

CE21001Y

An exploration of the human-animal bond, how best to care for and live with our pets, public animal welfare policy and its implications for human and animal health are some of the topic covered in this interactive and informative seminar.



Ms. Carla Penny began her career as a psychotherapist and clinical director in mental health treatment settings. Soon, she began working with organizations to create healthier environments and direct resources more effectively. She has worked with governments and private businesses across the U.S. and Asia.

2:40PM – 3:50PM

Spacecraft and Society

CE20006M

Space historian Dr. Roger Launius will explore a variety of NASA milestones. Weekly topics include:

- Origins of the Space Age
- Sputnik and the Establishment of NASA
- Reaching for the Moon
- Orbital Pioneering with the Space Shuttle and Space Station
- Learning about the Cosmos
- Back the Moon and on to Mars



Dr. Roger D. Launius is an historian and author, and former chief historian of NASA. He retired in 2016 as Associate Director for Collections and Curatorial Affairs for the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. Launius has written many books on space flight.

Winter 2021 Seminars

TUESDAYS

No scheduled, reoccurring seminar throughout Tuesdays this session. Please see the Lecture listing, [pages 7-18](#).

WEDNESDAYS

9:30AM – 10:40AM

Economic Issues in the News Explained

CE21005A

This seminar will provide an explanation of several of the current national and global economic issues being discussed in the news and political debates. Topics discussed will include trade deficits and surpluses, tariffs, monetary and fiscal policy, and currency values.



Dr. Stephen Benold was a family physician for 27 years and was the medical director of the Williamson County EMS. He is now a certified financial planner doing mostly retirement planning and investment.

11:10AM – 12:20PM

African History and Cultures

CE21005D

This course is an introduction to the political and cultural lifeworlds of modern Africa. We will traverse African history and cultures by engaging various aspects of the continent's popular culture and political life. Participants are expected to gain broad perspectives on a complex continent.



Abimbola A. Adelokun is an assistant professor in the Department of African/African Diaspora Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. She studies modern African culture through the disciplinary lenses of performance, gender, religion, Africana, and Yoruba studies.

1:00PM – 2:10PM

No scheduled, reoccurring seminar.

Please see the Lecture listing for a different presentation each Wednesday at 1:00PM.

2:40PM – 3:50PM

Exploring Historic San Antonio

CE21005F

Texas history author Myra McIlvain will take us on a historic tour of San Antonio beginning in 1718 with the first mission, Indians, Battle of the Alamo up to current times.

Seminar will cover the Spanish Missions, Fort Sam Houston, the Battle of the Alamo, the Witte & McNay Museums, the Governor's Palace, the Menger Hotel, the Japanese Tea Garden, the River Walk and Hemisfair.



Myra Hargrave McIlvain is a teller of Texas tales. Whether she is sharing the stories in her books, her lectures, or her blog, she aims to make the Texas story alive. She has free-lanced as a writer of Texas historical markers, written articles for newspapers all over the country and for magazines such as Texas Highways. She has had ten books published—all Texas stories. Her most recent historical fiction is WATERS PLANTATION a sequel to THE DOCTOR'S WIFE and STEIN HOUSE.

Winter 2021 Seminars

THURSDAYS

9:30AM – 10:40AM

No scheduled, reoccurring seminars.

Please see the Lecture listing for different presentations each Thursday morning at 9:30AM.

11:10PM – 12:20PM

Vikings: Raiders, Traders, Settlers

CE21006B

The Viking age spanned 300 years and swept across Europe. Raiding gave way to more profitable colonies and a trading network extending from Baghdad to North America.

This seminar will explore:

- Viking Neighborhood, customs, and culture.
- Viking Ships – Engine for expanding horizons and possibilities.
- Raiding – Robbery, plunder, extortion . . . it always works.
- Trading – To Russia (and Kiev, Baghdad, Constantinople) with love.
- Exploring & Settling – Go west young man and woman.
- Rest of the Story – Medieval seafaring and modern legacy.



Mr. Todd Clayton was in the US Navy as an officer qualified in nuclear powered submarines. He has an MBA from the Harvard Business School and a BS Industrial Engineering from Northwestern University. He has 30 years of executive marketing experience in the high-tech industry in computers and communications.

1:00PM – 2:10PM

U.S. - China Relations, v.2021: Current Challenges and Future Prospects

CE21006B

The U.S. - China relationship has seen some dramatic changes during the past presidential term. What are the current challenges and the short and long-term prospects going forward?



David J. Firestein is the inaugural President & CEO of the George H. W. Bush Foundation for U.S.-China Relations, & a former diplomat, think tank executive & UT professor and the author of 3 books and over 100 articles on China.

2:40PM – 3:50PM

Smartphone Photography

CE21006C

Get great shots using your smartphone and learn how to edit them on that phone or a desktop computer. We will explore resources and strategies for sharing and keeping them safe. Both seasoned & beginning photographers will learn useful tips & information using the supercomputer in your pocket.



From his decades long experience in technology and the Arts, **Mr. Jim Kerkhoff** has created an entertaining and interesting journey through smartphone photography. He brings extensive experience in Information Technology, Higher Education, television broadcast and sound recording. For the last four years, he has presented a series of seminars on information technology at OLLI here at UT.

FRIDAYS

<p>9:30AM – 10:40AM</p> <p>What Is Buddhism? The Philosophy, History, and Practices of Buddhism CE21009A</p> <p>Buddhism, which goes way back in Eastern history, has become a popular practice in the Western world. It can be viewed as a religion, a philosophical study, a psychological approach to life, or simply as a fascinating insight into finding one's own path in life. Our two presenters, Dr. Melinda Rothouse and Dr. David Zuniga, have practiced Buddhism for many years and are familiar with the history, philosophy, and various practices of Buddhism and have both done many teachings on the topic.</p>	 <p>Dr. Melinda Rothouse is a professional creativity, leadership, and mindfulness coach, consultant, educator, and facilitator, and also a musician and photographer. She is the author of <i>A Mindful Approach to Team Creativity and Collaboration</i>. She holds a B.A. in biopsychology, Master's degree in religious studies.</p>  <p>Rev. Dr. David Zuniga is a licensed psychologist in private practice in Austin. Previously, he was a faculty member at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. He is the founder of the Metta Zen Center in Austin, Texas, and has published widely and spoken internationally at leading academic conferences on wellness and healthcare.</p>
<p>11:10AM – 12:20PM</p> <p>Historical, Cultural, Social, and Environmental Influences on Architecture CE20012B</p> <p>This seminar will explore a range of architectural styles by seven other acclaimed Austin architects. They will tell how they were influenced within the context of periods of history, culture, art, or environment. Also, how they envision architecture within their varying and individual styles.</p>	 <p>Multiple Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week 1: Larry Speck • Week 2: Heather York & Michelle Rossomando • Week 3: Daniel Woodroffe • Week 4: Tara Dudley • Week 5: Fred Worley • Week 6: Juan Miro
<p>1:00PM – 2:10PM</p> <p>No scheduled, reoccurring seminar.</p> <p>Please see the Lecture listing for a different presentation each Wednesday at 1:00PM.</p>	
<p>2:40PM – 3:50PM</p> <p>Pirates, Patriots, and Privateers CE21004D</p> <p>Ever since man ventured forth in ships to discover new sources of wealth and commerce, there have also been pirates and privateers to ambush those ships and plunder cargo and crew. Patriots emerged to combat them and to rid the seas of the scourge of piracy.</p>	 <p>Todd Clayton was in the US Navy as an officer qualified in nuclear powered submarines. He has an MBA from the Harvard Business School and a BS Industrial Engineering from Northwestern University. He has 30 years of executive marketing experience in the high-tech industry in computers and communications.</p>

Winter 2021 Lectures: Week 1 (January 12th – 15th)

Tuesday, January 12, 2021	
<p>9:30AM – 10:40AM</p> <p>Chorus Austin - The City's Choir since 1965</p> <p>With video choral examples, Mr. Heller will share Chorus Austin's history, from its origin as the Austin Civic Choir to its award-winning concerts and events to its creativity and flexibility during the pandemic.</p>	 <p>Described as exciting, dynamic and charismatic, Ryan Heller leads the award-winning Chorus Austin as Conductor and Artistic Director, having joined Austin's vibrant classical music scene in 2009.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Coordinator: Connie Hritz</p>
<p>11:10AM – 12:20PM</p> <p>Soft Electronic and Microfluidic Systems for the Skin</p> <p>This talk describes wireless, battery-free electronic 'tattoos' for continuous monitoring of vital signs, with uses in neonatal and pediatric intensive care; and microfluidic platforms for capture and biomarker analysis of microliter volumes of sweat, with applications in sports and fitness.</p>	 <p>Professor John Rogers is the Louis Simpson and Kimberly Querrey Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Biomedical Engineering and Medicine at Northwestern University, where he is also Director of the recently endowed Querrey Simpson Institute for Bioelectronics.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Coordinator: Ronald Panton</p>
<p>1:00PM – 2:10PM</p> <p>Understanding the results of the November 2020 election</p> <p>Texas Tribune's Evan Smith reflects upon the November 2020 election.</p>	 <p>Evan Smith is CEO of the Texas Tribune, a nonpartisan digital news organization. Previously, he was with Texas Monthly. On PBS, he hosts "Overheard with Evan Smith".</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Coordinator: Nancy Neavel</p>
<p>2:40PM – 3:50PM</p> <p>The World that Food Made</p> <p>Everything we understand today about the food system originated in the 15th century. By looking at those origins, and 21st century ways of re-imagining them, it becomes easier to see how changing how we eat can change the world.</p>	 <p>Dr. Raj Patel, Research Professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, is an award-winning writer, activist, film director, and academic.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Coordinator: Elisabeth Moreno</p>
Wednesday, January 13, 2021	
<p>1:00PM – 2:10PM</p> <p>Secrets of Barton Creek</p> <p>Journeying along the creek from downtown Austin to its little-known source in a cow pasture, Ed Crowell and Alberto Martinez tell the stories of historic and current residents whose reverence for the creek contributed to its salvation. Today, the westward sprawl of development along Barton Creek and its tributaries raises new environmental challenges.</p>	 <p>Ed Crowell is an award-winning journalist and freelance writer. During his tenure at the Austin-American Statesmen, he served as city editor, state editor, and features editor.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Coordinator: Anita Knight</p>

Thursday, January 14, 2021

9:30AM – 10:40AM

The Romanovs and Rasputin

In the years leading to the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, the Russian Empire was plagued by social unrest, terrorism, military defeat, financial, and spiritual crises, and political instability. What role did the last tsar, Nicholas II, his wife Alexandra, and their close associate Grigory Rasputin?



Dr. Marina Alexandrova's areas of expertise include: History of Political and Cultural Dissent in Russia, Russian Revolutionary Movements, Russian Modernism and Avant-Garde, Pedagogy and Instructional Technology, and Russian Food History

Coordinator: Susan Holland

Friday, January 15, 2021

1:00PM – 2:10PM

Beyond Reopening Schools: How Education Can Emerge Stronger Than Before COVID-19

Education in the U.S. and around the world needs an update. For the first time in history, almost all the world's schools closed their doors to young people due to the COVID-19 pandemic. How can we use this moment to leapfrog education forward?



Dr. Rebecca Winthrop is a senior fellow and co-director of the Center for Universal Education at the Brookings Institution. Dr. Winthrop's research works to promote quality and relevant education globally, including exploring how education innovations can leapfrog progress.

Coordinator: Donald Ugent

Winter 2021 Lectures: Week 2 (January 19th - 22nd)

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

9:30AM – 10:40AM

How to improve your photos with any camera - lessons from a seasoned pro

Making great photos is not about having the latest & greatest camera. It about making the most of the camera you have. Whether you have a cell phone or a sophisticated digital camera, you can improve your photographs dramatically in a few simple steps & retrieve them easily for use in years to come.



Mr. Brian Loflin is a highly respected photographer, author, teacher & consultant. His career spans more than 5 decades in advertising, aviation & bio-medical photography. A biologist with a background in marketing communications & publishing, he has a passion for passing his knowledge & vision to others.

Coordinator: Harvey Wohlwend

11:10AM – 12:20PM

The Meaning and Promise of "Stay in School"

Our nation's challenge to ensure students stay in school regardless of race, gender, or economic background has been amplified by the pandemic. Learn how communities can help students facing many barriers to stay in school.



Suki Steinhauser is the CEO of Communities in Schools and oversees the Central Texas office which provides student support, coordinated community resources, and volunteer services in 96 high-needs public schools in seven school districts. She has served on the boards of many nonprofits in Austin.

Coordinator: Judi Nudelman

1:00PM – 2:10PM

Past, present, and future climate change impacts on Texas water

Texans need to start preparing for a future that his hotter, drier and "fraught with more water extremes," according to researchers at UT. They say these droughts could be unlike anything Texas has seen in the last 1,000 years.



Dr. Jay Banner is the F. M. Bullard Professor of Geological Sciences, and Director of the Environmental Science Institute at UT.

Coordinator: Steve Fogel

2:40PM – 3:50PM

A History of Pandemics and Comparison to Covid-19

A history of pandemics from the 2nd century to the present with an emphasis on the major explanatory theories. Overview of 21st century pandemics, all of which have been RNA viruses. Implications of world population growth for future pandemics.



Dr. Ross Hemphill MD is an Internal Medicine Specialist in Austin, TX and has over 45 years of experience in the medical field. He graduated from University of Texas Southwestern Medical School medical school in 1975. He is affiliated with St. David's North Austin Medical Center.

Coordinator: Elisabeth Moreno

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

1:00PM – 2:10PM

A Brief History of Black Austin

During this lecture, Harrison Eppright will touch on the contributions that Black Austinites have made and continue to make in all facets and professions in the ongoing history and continual Founding of Austin.



Mr. Harrison Eppright is a professional tour guide in Austin, Texas. He has been providing high quality sightseeing tours for over 16 years and has won the ACVB Employee of the year in 2008. He says: "I am a lifelong learner and there are so many more stories to be uncovered and documented."

Coordinator: Arthuree Lewis Quander

Thursday, January 21, 2021

9:30AM – 10:40AM

The COVID Brain: A Conversation About How COVID May Impact Our Brain Health

As we continue to unravel the mystery of how COVID-19 affects our body, many questions remain about the effects of the coronavirus on our brain.



Dr. Ester Melamed is a physician scientist & assistant professor in the Department of Neurology at Dell Medical School. Clinically, she specializes in care of adults with autoimmune conditions of the nervous system. Her lab studies immune system & gut microbiome interactions in neuro-immune conditions.

Coordinator: Joan Lewis

Friday, January 22, 2021

1:00PM – 2:10PM

Increasing Access to Water and Energy

Water and energy poverty and insecurities are critical issues for many countries globally, particularly Sub-Saharan Africa and will be exacerbated by population growth and climate change.



Dr. Bridget Scanlon, leads the Sustainable Water Resources Program, is a Senior Research Scientist, Bureau of Economic Geology.

Coordinator: Suresh Pahwa

Winter 2021 Lectures: Week 3 (January 25th – 29th)

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

9:30AM – 10:40AM

Austin Speech Labs: Challenges as a Nonprofit Organization

Austin Speech Labs (ASL) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that was established in 2008. ASL takes stroke survivors from where they are left off by insurance and helps them rebuild their lives to accomplish their functional and professional goals.



Shilpa Shamapant is the co-founder and president at Austin Speech Labs and is an adjunct faculty in the Department of Neurology at the Dell Medical School. Shilpa is a Speech-Language-Pathologist and is licensed by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Coordinator: Kapil Jain

11:10AM – 12:20PM

Afro-Mexican Influence in early Mexico and Texas

This presentation traces the role of slavery in the Spanish world, the development of the Afro-Mexican population, and the importance of the Afro-descent in the development of colonial Texas.



Dr. J. F. De La Teja is Regents and University Distinguished Professor of History at Texas State University-San Marcos. He earned the Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin for doctoral work in Latin American history in 1988 and between 1985 and 1991 worked in the Archives and Records Division of the Texas General Land Office.

Coordinator: Bob Perkins & Susan Holland

2:40PM – 3:50PM

Bullseye Packing & Valuable Tips for Future Travel

The Bullseye Packing Workshop is loaded with tools and tips for expert packing, top travel products, and secrets to carry-on only packing. Participants will also gain new knowledge in a variety of other travel areas with guaranteed benefit, measured by dollars and time, for 2021 travel and beyond!



Carrie Conner's business TravelToolsTips.com provides 60-minute Strategy Workshops for the Expert Traveler. Workshops are geared for travelers at every age and stage, who value smarter better travel, and who book travel independently or through a travel professional.

Coordinator: Ed Kurtzer

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

1:00PM – 2:10PM

How Austin Became a Technopolis

In this lecture, Meg Wilson will explain the forces that drove change, the role of key players, the relationship among key players, the actions and policy changes that emerged, all of which begin to explain Austin as a city moving to Austin as Technopolis.



Meg Wilson has participated extensively in key organizations during the 1971-1996 timeframe that facilitated Austin become a technology-based economy.

Coordinator: Dennis Alexander

Thursday, January 28, 2021

9:30AM – 10:40AM

Innovation in the Courts During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The pandemic has brought significant challenges to the Texas courts regarding access. This session will describe how the Texas courts have innovated to ensure that access can continue while maintaining the health and safety of court participants.



David Slayton is the Administrative Director of the Texas Office of Court Administration and chairs a national committee on technology in the courts.

Coordinator: Randy Chapman

Friday, January 29, 2020

1:00PM – 2:10PM

Space Exploration: Public, Public-Private, and Plural-Competition

The Space Race is over. The International Space Station cooperative and research are near the end. Public-Private human exploration may be next; but private commercialization is expanding. Other countries are competing for space riches and rewards as well.



David Heath is a retired NASA engineer. His projects were Mission Planning and Analyses for Gemini, Apollo, Shuttle, and early International Space Station. He is a SAGE member and has conducted Great Decisions Foreign Policy discussions at UT SAGE, QUEST and hosted NASA seminars and lectures for UT OLLI.

Coordinator: Marilyn Heath

Winter 2021 Lectures: Week 4 (February 2nd - 5th)

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

9:30AM – 10:40AM

The 1889 Johnstown Flood: The Shocking Story of an Unnatural Disaster

Richard Burkert, long-time director of the Johnstown Area Heritage association, will present an illustrated lecture on the 1889 Johnstown Flood, a legendary disaster that resulted in the news story of the era, a record outpouring of charity and a scandal that shocked the nation.



Richard Burkert has a Masters degree in History from Columbia University. He has served as President & CEO of the Johnstown Area Heritage Association since 1979. He developed and manages three museum facilities (Johnstown Flood Museum, Heritage Discovery Center and Wagner-Ritter House & Garden.)

Coordinator: Connie Hritz

11:10AM – 12:20PM

Holes in Our Heads: Indicators of Bipedalism in Early Fossil Humans

The evolution of bipedal walking & running is a characteristic of humans that sets us apart from our closest living primate relatives - apes. Dr. Kirk will discuss his research on effects of bipedalism on the base of the skull, & its implications for understanding the origins of bipedalism.



Dr. Chris Kirk is a biological anthropologist studying primate adaptations & Research Associate of Jackson School Museum of Earth History, Member of Center for Perceptual Systems, & a Distinguished Teacher.

Coordinator: Joan Lewis

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

1:00PM – 2:10PM

Is Artificial Intelligence Our Final Invention?

This multidisciplinary field is working to reverse engineer the brain and simulate its processes on a computer. Recent progress across diverse professions illustrates the disruptive potential of this technology. The question is: Will humans be better off because of AI, or will it make us irrelevant?



Dave Paynter holds a BS in Chemical Engineering from The University of Louisville, and a MS and PhD In Chemical Engineering from Northwestern University.

Coordinator: Bruce Bogart

Thursday, February 4, 2021

9:30AM – 10:40AM

Forensic Finance

A discussion about how research in finance can expose and uncover nefarious activities in finance.



Dr. John Griffin is the James A. Elkins Centennial Chair in Finance, UT-Austin, McCombs School, with past faculty service at Arizona State, Yale, Hong Kong and Harvard. His research focuses on conflicts of interest and misreporting in the financial crisis, along with forensic finance.

Coordinator: Donald Baldwin

Friday, February 5, 2021

1:00PM – 2:10PM

The Surprising and Unsurprising 2020 Election: The Bigger Picture

This lecture will focus on the results of the 2020 election at the National and State level. We will explore reasons for the results and implications for the future. We will also look ahead to 2022 & 2024.



Dr. Richard Fonte has been a frequent presenter for OLLI concentrating on issues involving American Politics and American History. In his professional career he was Director of the *We The People* program for the National Endowment for the Humanities and served as President of Austin Community College.

Coordinator: Jane Swanson

Winter 2021 Lectures: Week 5 (February 9th - 12th)

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

9:30AM – 10:40AM

The 19th: The Intersection of Gender, Politics, and Policy

Former Texas Tribune Editor-in-Chief Emily Ramshaw is interviewed by LAMP member Marilyn Vinson about her new nonprofit, nonpartisan newsroom, The 19th.



Emily Ramshaw is the co-founder and CEO of The 19th. She was previously editor-in-chief of the Peabody Award-winning Texas Tribune. She is the youngest person ever named to the board of the Pulitzer Prize where she is serving a nine-year term.

Coordinator: Lorraine Broll

11:10AM – 12:20PM

The Promise of Emerging Two-Generation Antipoverty Strategies

Antipoverty strategies began in the 1960s. This presentation describes the emergence, effects & promise of 2-generation strategies with insights from experience in antipoverty programs & provides lessons for designing & implementing 2-generation strategies in today's political & economic environment



Dr. Christopher King is a labor economist, senior researcher, and former director of the UT Ray Marshall Center. He has been researching workforce, education, and social policy. His team designed a strategy for parents of children served by early childhood education programs and is now evaluating the program.

Coordinator: Robert Glover & Harvey Wohlwend

1:00PM – 2:10PM

Art From the Streets: Austin's Homeless Create Art and Embrace Self-Sufficiency

Art From the Streets provides a safe and encouraging environment in which the positive spirit and creativity for those experiencing homelessness are nurtured through their own artistic expression.



Kelley Worden obtained her Bachelor of Fine Arts from East Tennessee State University. Kelley worked for 5 years as a graphic artist post-graduation, and then shifted her focus to volunteer work while raising her children. From 1997 to 2010 she held leadership roles supporting Canyon Creek Elementary School as the PTA Fundraising Coordinator, Fun Run Coordinator, and Green Team leader. She also co-founded a local non-profit organization, Chicktime Austin (now Hope Austin), which works with children in need in the Austin community. In 2010, Kelley began volunteering with AFTS, became a board member in 2013 and in 2016 she was selected to fill the Executive Director position.

Coordinator: Steve Fogel

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

1:00PM – 2:10PM

Witness to Change: My Career in Newspaper Journalism

Newspapers had it all when I became a reporter in 1989: resources, respect, rules and reach (not to mention an enormous audience and advertising base). All of that is different now. What happened? Well, let me tell you a story.



Senior lecturer **Kevin Robbins** joined the UT School of Journalism faculty in 2012 after 22 years in daily newspapers. He teaches courses in sports journalism and feature writing. Robbins graduated from the University of Central Missouri in 1988 with B.S. degrees in journalism and psychology. He graduated from the Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University in 1995 with an M.S. in journalism.

Coordinator: Steve Saltwick

Thursday, February 11, 2021

9:30AM – 10:40AM

Daddy-O's Book of Big-Ass Art - Texas-Size, Cosmic Whimsy

Dr. Jason Mellard discusses Daddy-O's Book of Big-Ass Art, the work of Bob "Daddy-O" Wade, creator of large, whimsical creations like San Antonio's giant cowboy boots and Fort Worth Zoo's 40-foot iguana, with backstories by Dr. Mellard and other noted artists and writers familiar with Wade's work.



Dr. Jason Mellard is the Director of the Center for Texas Music History at Texas State University in San Marcos; the author of Progressive Country: How the 1970s Transformed the Texan in Popular Culture; & a contributing writer to collections about country music & musicians of the Lone Star State.

Coordinator: Greg Bolton

Friday, February 12, 2021

1:00PM – 2:10PM

Working Across the Political Divide to Hold America Together

Political discussion does not have to be toxic! Learn about the tools, the techniques, the history, and the results of Braver Angels—a nonprofit committed to holding America together. See how common ground and common humanity can be found by people on all sides. Feel better about politics.



Steve Saltwick is a past chair of NOVA who has presented his seminar YOUR BRAIN – A PERSONAL TOUR to NOVA, SAGE, FORUM, and QUEST. He has published research work in SCIENCE as part of the PhD program in bio-psychology at UT Austin.



Michael Seay is founder of Seay and Traphagan a local law firm. He is a co-founder of Better Angels Central Texas and past president of Congregation Beth Israel.

Coordinator: Jane Swanson

Winter 2021 Lectures: Week 6 (February 16th – 19th)

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

9:30AM – 10:40AM

The Kidnapping of Howard Hughes

The eight-year legal saga following Howard Hughes' death in 1976 over determining his domicile and the jurisdiction where his heirs/estate could be resolved.



Rick Harrison has over 50 years of experience in representing clients in complex commercial litigation at trial and on appeal in a broad range of areas, including business litigation, technology, intellectual property, employment and product liability. After returning to Austin in 1973, Rick served in the Texas Attorney General's Office under Attorney General John L. Hill, Jr. from 1/1/1973 until 5/1/1978.

Coordinator: Susan Holland

11:10AM – 12:20PM

Lessons from Marketing of Global Brands - Local Connections of Universal Truths

Insight into Universal Human Truths-What successful stewardship of global brands taught our speaker about discovering what unites us across cultures, and not just the challenges of our differences.



Rob Malcolm has a 45-year career as practitioner, lecturer, and consultant on global marketing and management including stints at Diageo, P&G, BCG, Wharton, and the McCombs School of Business. He has lived in 4 countries and worked on more than 100 brands.

Coordinator: Kapil Jain

1:00PM – 2:10PM

An Innovative Approach to Masterworks by Johann Sebastian Bach and Carl Orff

An innovative approach to discovering J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 and Carl Orff's choral/orchestral masterpiece "Carmina Burana."



Debbie Tannert is a retired music educator with 29 years of experience as an Austin ISD teacher and Music Memory Program instructor. She has written for national textbook publications and is also a National Board-Certified Teacher.

Coordinator: Elisabeth Moreno

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

1:00PM – 2:10PM

Hospitals' Role in the Opioid Crisis

This lecture will provide insight into the important role of hospitals addressing the opioid epidemic. The Covid-19 and opioid epidemics are converging.



Richard Bottner is the Director of the Support Hospital Opioid Use Treatment (SHOUT) Texas program at Dell Medical School where he researches best practices for hospital response to the opioid epidemic.

Coordinator: Susan Moore

Thursday, February 18, 2021

9:30AM – 10:40AM

Attitudes on Aging in Central Texas

Rob Faubion, Marketing & Communications Director for AGE of Central Texas, will share research data on how the Central Texas community perceives aging and caregiving, along with information on the programs and resources available through AGE of Central Texas.



Rob Faubion assisted CTX non-profit organizations for over 30 yrs helping shape strategic plans, marketing & outreach, client services & media relations. He is on the Board for LifePark Center Taylor, serves on the Aging Advisory Council of the Capital Area Council of Governments & the Buda Senior Task Force.

Coordinator: Harvey Wohlwend & Susan Tedter

Friday, February 19, 2021

1:00PM – 2:10PM

The Wild World of Energy

The energy world is volatile, made evermore wild, and partisan, with COVID-19. We will take a non-partisan romp through many questions frequently debated with great passion, if not always great knowledge.



Dr. Scott W. Tinker is Director of Bureau of Economic Geology, Acting Associate Dean for Research, and Professor Edwin Allday Endowed Chair in Subsurface Geology, Jackson School of Geosciences, UT-Austin.

Coordinator: Don Cooper