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The University of Texas at Austin



# **UT OLLI FORUM**

## **Fall 2022 Catalog**

Thursdays & Fridays  
October 6, 2022 – November 11, 2022

The University of Texas at Austin  
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute  
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Online Registration Begins:  
**SCHOLARS:** Mon. Sept. 19, 2022  
**FORUM:** Thu. Sept. 22, 2022

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## OVERVIEW

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### Welcome to UT OLLI!

On-campus curriculum will be provided by 4 different programs on their respective day throughout the week.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SAGE	DISCOVER	NOVA	ON-LINE	FORUM

In addition to on-campus exclusive seminars and lectures for each program, this 2022-2023 program year also introduces a Thursday online class for each program. It can be attended by UT OLLI members remotely online. Links to online classes will be emailed to members each week and will be available on the website.

## UT OLLI FORUM Fall 2022-23 — In-Person Seminars — Fridays

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**09:30 AM - 10:40 AM**

### **Songs, Dance & Comedy of Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers**

This seminar will feature the amazing Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in their singing, dancing and comedic performances. Learn why the greatest songwriters found it a treat to write for Fred & Ginger. Lectures will include film clips and class discussion.

#### **Director(s)**



**Jerry D. Conn** - *Speaker at all Events*

Jerry Conn has combined journalism (reviewing the performing arts), public relations, and teaching at the college level. He now specializes in the classic pop music of the 20s-50s in classes and musical cabaret shows.

#### *Event(s)*

<b>10/07/2022</b>	<b>Early Careers and Forming the Partnership with "Flying Down to Rio."</b>
<b>10/14/2022</b>	<b>Gay Divorcee: The Romantic &amp; Sensuous dance style and the romantic Chase-about.</b>
<b>10/21/2022</b>	<b>The Nothing to Chance Work Habit and Comedic fun of "Roberta" &amp; and romantic adagio</b>
<b>10/28/2022</b>	<b>"Top Hat" and the partnership with Irving Berlin: duet sing and dancing</b>
<b>11/04/2022</b>	<b>"Swing Time" and Ballad singing with Jerome Kern</b>
<b>11/11/2022</b>	<b>Later Films—"Shall We Dance"(on Roller-skates), "Carefree" and the slow motion kiss</b>

**09:30 AM - 10:40 AM**

**(Concurrent 9:30AM CT seminar TBD.)**

**11:00 AM - 12:10 PM**

## **The Making of the U.S. Constitution**

The contentious history of the creation of the U.S. Constitution at the 1787 Convention, including key shaping ideas, and “heated” debates over elected representation, slavery, state v. national power, legislative v. Presidential power. Also, the battle to win approval and adoption of Bill of Rights

### **Director(s)**



**Richard Fonte** - *Speaker at all Events*

Dr. 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.

### *Event(s)*

<b>10/07/2022</b>	<b>The American Political Experiences influencing the 1787 Delegates</b>
<b>10/14/2022</b>	<b>The European historical roots and philosophical sources of the U.S. Constitution</b>
<b>10/21/2022</b>	<b>The struggle to Call a Convention and the Development of the Virginia Plan</b>
<b>10/28/2022</b>	<b>The Debate over Elected Representation and Legislative control of the Executive</b>
<b>11/04/2022</b>	<b>Why Presidential Electors, why Judicial Review &amp; Influence of Slavery &amp; Economics</b>
<b>11/11/2022</b>	<b>The U.S. Constitution Ratification Debate and the creation of a Bill of Rights</b>

**11:00 AM - 12:10 PM**

## **Islamic Art and Architecture**

This course is an interdisciplinary overview of the rich variety of artistic, architectural, literary, and musical expressions found in Islamic global culture, a journey through history examining customs, museum art collections, and monuments juxtaposed with modern expressions of these genres.

### **Director(s)**



**Dilara Hafiz** - *Speaker at all Events*

Dilara Hafiz is a published author, educator, and presenter. She has a BA in Economics from Johns Hopkins University & an MSc in International Relations/Politics of the World Economy from the London School of Economics.

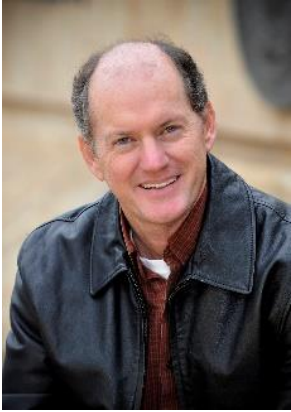

### *Event(s)*



<b>10/07/2022</b>	<b>What is Islamic Art? AKA “Why Don’t Muslims Like Cartoons”</b>
<b>10/14/2022</b>	<b>Calligraphy: From Manuscripts to Mosques to...Light Sabers?</b>
<b>10/21/2022</b>	<b>Contemporary Islamic Art: Yes, It Really Does Exist</b>
<b>10/28/2022</b>	<b>Architecture: Mosques, Mosaics, &amp; Mashrabiyyas</b>
<b>11/04/2022</b>	<b>Landscape Architecture: The Paradise Gardens of the Moors &amp; the Mughals</b>
<b>11/11/2022</b>	<b>Literature &amp; Music: Religious, Secular, &amp; Everything in Between</b>

## UT OLLI FORUM Fall 2022-23 — In-Person Lectures — Fridays



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### 01:00 PM - 02:10 PM Lectures

<p>10/07/2022</p>	<p><b>100 Years of Texas Parks and Wildlife</b> This lecture will cover the background on how the State Parks started, how they are preserved, and a look at some of the most popular parks, especially the ones near Austin.</p> <p>---</p> <p>Russell Roe is editor in chief of Texas Parks &amp; Wildlife magazine, where he has worked for 12 years.</p>	 <p><b>Russell Roe</b></p>
<p>10/14/2022</p>	<p><b>Storytelling Liars</b> Folks have been stretching the truth just for the fun of it for a long time, especially in Texas. Tall tales and tall talk are a significant part of Texas folklore and have given rise to contests to determine the best liars.</p> <p>---</p> <p>Named Best Liar in Texas four times, Donna Ingham has claimed victories in other liars' contests in Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Denton, and Boerne. She is also active in the Texas Folklore Society, currently serving as vice president.</p>	 <p><b>Donna Ingham</b></p>

<p><b>10/21/2022</b></p>	<p><b>New Perspectives on How Our Minds Work</b></p> <p>Recent research shows that much of what we thought we knew about how our minds work is mistaken. Rather than rising from our essential natures, our emotional and social realities are mainly invented by each of us. Modern and ancient perspectives allow us to have some insight into what we have made.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p> <p>Deric Bownds lives in Austin TX and is an emeritus professor of The University of Wisconsin–Madison, where his lab discovered how our eyes change light into nerve signals. He authored the book “Biology of Mind,” and in retirement lectures and continues to describe new advances in “Deric’s MindBlog.”</p>	 <p><b>Deric Bownds</b></p>
<p><b>10/28/2022</b></p>	<p><b>Texas Men and Women Who Have Dropped Out of the History Books</b></p> <p>We know the icons – Austin, Houston, Travis, Bowie – but the lives of lesser-known Texans deserve attention, as well. Minority Texans, women, regional figures, even scoundrels, lived fascinating lives and our awareness of them helps us better understand ourselves and the state we call home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p> <p>Mr. Holley is an editorial writer and "Native Texan" columnist for the Houston Chronicle. A native Texan himself, he received degrees from Abilene Christian University, the University of Texas at Austin and Columbia University and is a former editorial page editor in San Diego.</p>	 <p><b>Joe Holley</b></p>

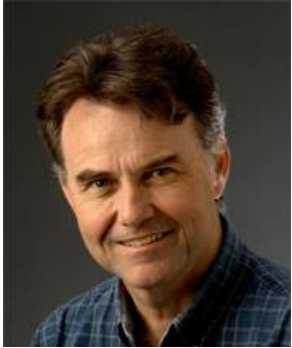






<p><b>11/04/2022</b></p>	<p><b>Spaceflight in Texas</b></p> <p>This talk will explore the roots of the new space industries in Texas. There will be behind-the-scenes photos from the speaker's time spent at these places while covering SpaceX launches for National Geographic and Jeff Bezos' launch into suborbital space for Popular Mechanic.</p> <p>---</p> <p>Joe Pappalardo is an award-winning journalist and author. His work appeared in Popular Mechanics, Smithsonian Air &amp; Space, National Geographic, Texas Monthly, Esquire.com, Autoblog, and Time. He is the author of four non-fiction books, Sunflowers, Spaceport Earth, Inferno, and Red Sky Morning.</p>	 <p><b>Joe Pappalardo</b></p>
<p><b>11/11/2022</b></p>	<p><b>Food Stigma and Bias, Making Choices Biased in Science</b></p> <p>Meals from fast-food restaurants are an integral part of US diets. Current levels and trends in consumption, healthfulness, and related sociodemographic disparities will be discussed.</p> <p>---</p> <p>Drew Hayes is an Asst. Professor of Instruction in the Dept. of Nutritional Sciences, a Registered Dietician, and a Le Cordon Bleu trained chef.</p>	 <p><b>Drew Hayes</b></p>





## UT OLLI-WIDE Fall 2022 — Online Classes Thursdays

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### 09:30 AM - 10:40 AM Lecture Series

<p>10/06/2022</p>	<p><b>One Political Cartoonist’s Sketchy Perspective</b></p> <p>Are you “drawn” to political editorial cartoons? Dave Fitzsimmons lecture at UT OLLI, on October 6th, is one cartoonist’s “sketchy” perspective you don’t want to miss.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p> <p>David Fitzsimmons is a cartoonist, humor columnist and blogger for the Arizona Daily Star. Fitz is syndicated to more than 700 news publications. A Pulitzer finalist in 1988, his award-winning cartoons have drawn both fire and praise.</p>	 <p><b>David Fitzsimmons</b></p>
<p>10/13/2022</p>	<p><b>Preserving the Night Sky</b></p> <p>Entire generations are growing up unable to appreciate the wonder of a dark, starry sky. Light pollution is more than just an eyesore; it has serious consequences for our health, safety, environment, and scientific research.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p> <p>Stephen Hummel is the Dark Skies Initiative Coordinator for UT Austin's McDonald Observatory. Stephen's educational background is in international relations and astronomy.</p>	 <p><b>Stephen Hummel</b></p>

<p><b>10/20/2022</b></p>	<p><b>Ukraine: how did we get here and where are we going?</b></p> <p>This presentation will offer a short history of Ukraine, focusing on key moments and junctures. It will also explain the historical relationship of Ukraine to Russia and venture to predict, depending on circumstances, where this crisis is headed.</p> <p>---</p> <p>Simanovskyy is a native Ukrainian, studying for a master's degree in Global Policy Studies at the LBJ School; Master of Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (CREES); graduate research assistant/Global (Dis)Information Lab.</p>	 <p><b>Mykhaylo Simanovskyy</b></p>
<p><b>10/27/2022</b></p>	<p><b>COUSINS: A Black Woman and a White Woman Connected Through Slavery</b></p> <p>What happens when a White woman, Phoebe, contacts a Black woman, Betty, saying she suspects they are connected through slavery? A surprise. Betty responds, "Hello cousin." They share their difficult exploration of the truth and search for reconciliation.</p> <p>---</p> <p>Phoebe Kilby grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, where she lived with her physician father, mother, and sister. Phoebe had a long career as an urban and environmental planner, working on contracts with local, state, and federal governments.</p> <p>Dr. Betty Kilby Fisher Baldwin grew up in rural Culpeper and Warren counties, VA, one of five children. Thanks to her father's determination, she entered and graduated from Warren County High School after suing the school board, based on the landmark Supreme Court Brown vs. Board of Education 1954.</p>	 <p><b>Phoebe Kilby</b></p>  <p><b>Betty Kilby Baldwin</b></p>

<p>11/03/2022</p>	<p><b>Covid Brain</b></p> <p>An update from Dell Medical Interdisciplinary team members - neurologist, internist and social worker – on what’s been learned and the mission of their team.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p> <p>Dr. Esther Melamed, MD PhD is a physician scientist in neuroimmunology. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the Neurology Department and Director of Research of the Post-COVID Program at Dell Medical School.</p> <p>W. Michael Brode, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine specialist and the Medical Director of UT Health Austin’s Post-COVID-19 Program.</p> <p>Aaron Braverman, LCSW-S, is a licensed clinical social worker in the post Covid-19 program in the Department of Internal Medicine at Dell Medical School. Braverman provides psychotherapy, case management and assistance with community resources for those who continue to have long-term symptoms of Covid-19.</p>	 <p><b>Esther Melamed</b></p>  <p><b>William Michael Brode</b></p>  <p><b>Aaron Braverman</b></p>
<p>11/10/2022</p>	<p><b>Repression under the Chinese Communist Party</b></p> <p>"We can dig a pit and bury you alive in half an hour and no one on earth would know . . ." Human rights repression in China over the last decade including the crackdown on human rights lawyers and detention of ethnic Uyghurs, touching on the threat this poses beyond China's borders.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p> <p>Rana Siu Inboden is a Visiting Scholar and Adjunct Asst Professor with UT's LBJ School of Public Policy and its Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law. She is working on a PhD at Oxford University.</p>	 <p><b>Rana Siu Inboden</b></p>

## 11:00 AM - 12:10 PM Seminar

### The History of Baseball

This seminar will explore the origins, history, and significance of baseball in American life, focusing on the professional game, although there will be discussion of the amateur sport as well. It will also include topics of race, ethnicity, class and gender in this rich history.

#### *Director(s)*



#### **Roger Launius** - *Speaker at all Events*

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 two books on the history of major league baseball.

#### *Events*

<b>10/06/2022</b>	<b>The History of Baseball- Origins</b>
<b>10/13/2022</b>	<b>The History of Baseball- The Professional Game in the 19th Century</b>
<b>10/20/2022</b>	<b>The History of Baseball-The Creation of the Modern Game</b>
<b>10/27/2022</b>	<b>The History of Baseball-Baseball as a Microcosm of American Society</b>
<b>11/03/2022</b>	<b>The History of Baseball-The Problem of New York MLB Dominance</b>
<b>11/10/2022</b>	<b>The History of Baseball-Baseball in the Twenty-First Century</b>

## 01:00 PM - 02:10 PM Seminar

### Smartphone Photography

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.

#### *Directors(s)*



**James Kerkhoff** - *Speaker at all Events*

From his decades long experience in technology and the Arts, Jim has created an entertaining and interesting journey through the history of today's most innovative discoveries.

#### *Events*

10/06/2022	Digital photography basics and how they apply to smartphones.
10/13/2022	Using your Smartphone's camera app.
10/20/2022	Editing photos on your phone and desktop computer
10/27/2022	Finding photography resources and sharing photos on the Web.
11/03/2022	Storing Images on your computer and on the Web. Keeping your photos safe.
11/10/2022	Applying these skills to shoot, edit and share video.

## 02:40 PM - 03:50 PM Seminar

### The United States and the Vietnam War

This course surveys the history of U.S. involvement in Vietnam, with particular attention to the origins, course, and legacies of the war.

#### *Directors(s)*



**Mark Atwood Lawrence**

UT Austin History Professor Mark Atwood Lawrence is author of two books on Vietnam, most recently, *The Vietnam War: A Concise International History* (2008).

#### *Events*

10/06/2022	Vietnam War: The Vietnamese Context	Mark Atwood Lawrence
10/13/2022	Vietnam War: U.S. Motives for Intervention	Mark Atwood Lawrence
10/20/2022	Vietnam War: The Literature of the War	Brian C McNerney
10/27/2022	Vietnam War: Veterans Panel Roundtable	Mark Atwood Lawrence Greg Snodgrass Chris Mabley John Theiss Kenneth Cauthern Lynne Hudson
11/03/2022	Vietnam War: Ending the War: Why did the United States fail?	Mark Atwood Lawrence
11/10/2022	Vietnam War: Legacies of the War	Mark Atwood Lawrence