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Tuesdays & Thursdays
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SCHOLARS: Monday, March 20, 2023
DISCOVER: Tuesday, March 21, 2023

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OVERVIEW

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 on-line class from each program. *Don't forget to check out the [Spring 2023 Diversity Lectures](#) bookending the session as well!* Online content can be attended by all UT OLLI members remotely. Links to online classes will be emailed to members each week and will be available on the website.

In-Person on Tuesdays with UT OLLI DISCOVER

	Option 1	Option 2
10:00AM – 11:15AM	A Study in Tyranny - The Rise of Adolph Hitler from 1919-1934	Lecture Series #1
11:30AM – 12:45PM	Live from New York, It's (Almost) Fifty Years of Saturday Night Live!	Lecture Series #2
1:45PM – 3:00PM	A Journey Through Time: Finding and Writing Your Family History	How Far Can You See: Telescopes Past, Present, and Future

*UT OLLI is conducted in Central Time

UT OLLI DISCOVER Spring 2023 — In-Person Seminars - Tuesdays

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

A Study in Tyranny - The Rise of Adolph Hitler from 1919-1934

This Seminar will focus on the conditions in post war Germany which contributed to the failure of the Weimar Republic and the Rise of Hitler and his Nazi Party. Why the German People abandoned Democracy and turned to Hitler as their leader will be the main focus of this seminar.

Director



Darman received his B.A. at the University of Massachusetts in History and Political Science and his M.A. in History at Indiana University. He later completed a 6th year degree at the University of Connecticut in Educational Administration.

Harold Darman
Speaker at all Events

Event(s)

03/28/2023	World War I
04/04/2023	Post War Germany 1918-1923
04/11/2023	Hitler and the Nazi Party: The Rise of Fascism and the Fascist Philosophy
04/18/2023	The Great Depression and Hitler Appointed Chancellor
04/25/2023	The Century: Evil Rising
05/02/2023	The Nazification of All German Life and Institutions

11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

Live from New York, It's (Almost) Fifty Years of Saturday Night Live!

Saturday Night Live has been the highlight of weekend late night broadcasting for almost 50 years, with eras of great humor. We will chart the evolution of SNL from the 1975 debut to current days with behind the scenes info. NOTE: late night content is more explicit than prime time.

Director



Rose Ann Roth retired from IBM in 2004 and was a charter member of UT Forum. She's served as Forum Seminar Comm. and past chair of the Executive Comm. She has taught for all OLLI groups. She is a new member of SAGE.

Rose Ann Roth
Speaker at all Events

Event(s)

03/28/2023	The Golden Era: Lorne Michaels (75-80), Jean Doumanian (80-81), Dick Ebersol (81-85)
04/04/2023	SNL: Lorne Returns to Save the Day with Ups & Downs (1985-2005)
04/11/2023	Rolling Along with Lorne Michaels - Seasons 2005 to Present
04/18/2023	SNL: Writers, Controversies, Politics, Weekend Update
04/25/2023	SNL: Digital Shorts, Musicians, Tragedies and Successes, Hosts
05/02/2023	SNL: 2015 40th Anniversary Party/Show and the Holiday Shows

01:45 PM - 03:00 PM

A Journey Through Time: Finding and Writing Your Family History

Bring your laptop or tablet to this interactive workshop that will be a nuts-and-bolts version of the popular PBS show Finding Your Roots. Scott will introduce you to online resources that can help you find your family history, then assist during work sessions as you apply what you learn.

Director



Scott Ritchie

Speaker at all Events

After 38 years as an educator in elementary schools and universities, Scott Ritchie "retired" to pursue his interest in genealogy.

Event(s)

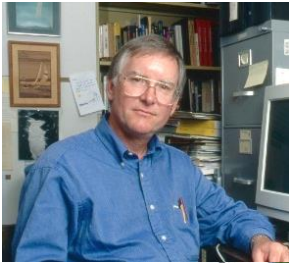
03/28/2023	Week 1: Getting Started & Vital Records
04/04/2023	Week 2: U.S. Census Records
04/11/2023	Week 3: Using Ancestry.com & FamilySearch.com
04/18/2023	Week 4: Historic Newspapers & Publications
04/25/2023	Week 5: Archival Collections & Guided Research
05/02/2023	Week 6: Putting It All Together

01:45 PM - 03:00 PM

How Far Can You See: Telescopes Past, Present, and Future

Spend six weeks learning how far we have come in exploring the universe. See what a “game changer” the James Webb Telescope already is. Plus, get a peek at what is next.

Directors



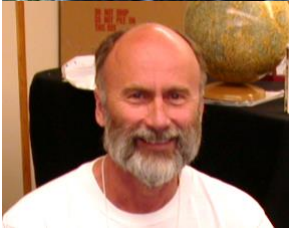
G. Fritz Benedict

G. Fritz Benedict, Senior Research Scientist at the McDonald Observatory, has been on the Hubble Telescope team in a variety of roles, publishing over 40 papers detailing his results.



Karl Gebhardt

Dr. Karl Gebhardt is the Herman and Joan Suit Professor in Astrophysics, Department of Astronomy, College of Natural Sciences at UT Austin.



Ken VanLew

Ken VanLew, the Armchair Astronomer, is a recently retired astronomy and physics teacher. His 34 years of teaching included inner city LA, 20 years in Germany with Dept. of Defense Schools, and 8 years of college in Germany, CO, and CA. He has been a cruise ship astronomy lecturer on many voyages.

Event(s)

03/28/2023	Historic Telescopes: Lippershey, Galileo, and Newton
04/04/2023	Hubble Space Telescope: 31 Years and Still Working
04/11/2023	McDonald Observatory: A Personal History
04/18/2023	UT Astronomy Department - Dark Energy: What is It
04/25/2023	James Webb: Bigger Eye on the Infrared Sky
05/02/2023	Future Telescopes: Bigger, Better, and Different

10:00 AM - 11:15 PM Lecture Series #1

03/28/2023

Seat of Empire: The Embattled Birth of Austin, Texas

The founding of Austin sparked one of the republic's first great political battles pitting Mirabeau B. Lamar against another Texas titan, Sam Houston. Jeffrey Stuart Kerr, author of "Seat of Empire" will present the fascinating history of how Austin became the Texas Capital.



Jeffrey Kerr has written three books about Texas history, including *Seat of Empire: The Embattled Birth of Austin, Texas*, which was recognized by the Sons of the Republic of Texas as one of the best works of literature about the Republic of Texas.

04/04/2023

Affordable Housing: Yes, in My Backyard

Affordable housing has become a top issue in the Austin region. Despite the challenges, one nonprofit, Foundation Communities, has developed communities that are beautiful and successful for over 7,000 residents and growing. What would it take to really address homelessness and housing in Austin?



With Austin Communities Foundation for over 20 years, **Walter Moreau** has developed affordable housing and a transformative onsite model with education, health and financial services. He is a UT Alum with a master's in public affairs from the LBJ School.

(10:00 AM - 11:15 PM Lecture Series #1 cont.)

04/11/2023

Chasing a Dream... A Tap Dance Odyssey

Hear George Bohn, world class tap dance artist and educator, trace his journey from a farm in California to the Big Apple and the company of Duke Ellington. Bring your dancing shoes and get ready to feel the rhythm!



Starting in California, Mr. **George Bohn** has enjoyed a 50-year career as a dancer, choreographer and educator. He has worked extensively with DancEllington a concert tap company founded by Gregory and Maurice Hines, has toured internationally and founded the Austin Rhythm Incubator.

04/18/2023

Brain Computer Interface

Dr. José del R. Millán will discuss his use of electroencephalogram signals in design of brain-controlled robots; translation to help people who live with motor and cognitive disabilities; and BMI technology to offer new interaction modalities for augmenting abilities of able-bodied people.



José del R. Millán, Ph.D., is a professor in the Department of Neurology at Dell Medical School and is a professor and holds the Carol Cockrell Curran Chair in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at UT Austin.

(10:00 AM - 11:15 PM Lecture Series #1 cont.)

04/25/2023

Mary Sears and the Race to Solve the Ocean in World War II

Based on her recently published book, "Lethal Tides: Mary Sears and the Marine Scientists Who Helped Win World War II," Dr. Musemeche will discuss Oceanographer Mary Sears' activities in detail. Her presentation will include vivid photos from World War II, maps, and photos of the marine scientists.



Catherine Musemeche is the author most recently of *Lethal Tides: Mary Sears and the Marine Scientists Who Helped Win World War II*, which has been called "Hidden Figures meets *The Imitation Game*."

05/02/2023

Galaxy Evolution: Current Insights and Perspectives from James Webb Space Telescope

"I will discuss how galaxies -- the fundamental building blocks of the Universe -- form and grow their constituent stars, black holes, and dark matter across cosmic time and environment. The JWST has provided exciting new insights."



Dr. **Shardha Jogee** is a Professor in the Astronomy Department and the holder of the Rex G. Baker, Jr. and McDonald Centennial Professorship at the University of Texas (UT) at Austin. She served as the Department Chair from 2015 to 2019.

11:30 AM - 12:45 PM Lecture Series #2

03/28/2023

All you ever wanted to know about legal cannabis in Texas

Since 1996 Gene Autry, founder of Sweet Sensi, has grown legal cannabis using a scientific and medicinal approach in his process, avoiding harmful chemicals. He has won competitions with his product, and makes small batch tinctures, topicals, pet products and small batch gourmet candy!



A Texas Hill Country native, **Greg Autry** has been cultivating cannabis since 1996. Greg is currently in control of over 50,000 square feet of cannabis cultivation while running his company Sweet Sensi CBD. He manufactures products and builds brands for hundreds of retailers and farmers across Texas.

04/04/2023

What's Happening Under the Pink Dome: A Legislative Session Update

The saying goes that "No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the Legislature is in session." Kathy Green, Director, State and Federal Strategy, AARP Texas will present an overview of the major issues facing the Texas Legislature during this session.



Kathy Green is the Director, of State and Federal Strategy for AARP, Texas. Prior to moving to AARP, Kathy held similar roles with No Kid Hungry Texas, Central Texas Food Bank, and the Texas Association of School Boards.

(11:30 AM - 12:45 PM Lecture Series #2 cont.)

04/11/2023

Lessons from the Cold War: Developing a Strategy for the 2020's

Focusing on the war in Ukraine and how the successful end of the Cold War can help develop an effective strategy for the 2020's.



Mark Pomar is currently a Clements Center Senior National Security Fellow. From 1982 to 1993, Mark worked as Assistant Director of the Russian Service at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (Munich), and as Director of the USSR Division at the Voice of America.

04/18/2023

Cancer Immunotherapy

Checkpoint blockade immunotherapy has revolutionized the treatment of advanced cancer. It disinhibits patient's endogenous immune effector cells, allowing for long-term immune recognition of cancer with durable responses.



Mike Lattanzi, M.D., is a medical oncologist at Texas Oncology with a special focus on genitourinary malignancies, including bladder cancer, kidney cancer, and prostate cancer.

04/25/2023

The Evolution of Vladimir Putin's Regime

Dr. Pomar will take a forensic approach as he looks closely at the 'evolution' of Putin's regime, the contours of which took shape before he was elected President.



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05/02/2023

The Great Galveston Storm of 1900: Worst Natural Disaster in our History

The hurricane that destroyed Galveston in 1900 caused the greatest natural disaster in our history. Between 6000 and 12,000 people were killed, and the cleanup effort was enormous. The city was rebuilt by constructing a tall sea wall and raising the city level 10 feet.



Dr. **David W. Fowler** taught for 52 years in the Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering. He taught courses in structures, materials and forensic engineering. He won numerous teaching and research awards and is a member of the National Academy of Engineering

UT OLLI WIDE Spring 2023 — Online Classes Thursdays

09:30 AM - 10:40 AM Seminar

Texas Emerging Energy Future

The University of Texas and the Bureau of Economic Geology are leading the way in new energies, critical minerals and carbon sequestration as well as the increasingly urgent management of water in Texas. Talks in this series will address these areas as well as energy economics and natural gas.



Directors

Mark W Shuster - Speaker at all Events

Mark Shuster is Deputy Director of the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas at Austin, overseeing the Bureau's Energy Research Division



Kenneth W. Wisian - Speaker at all Events

Major General USAF (retired), is responsible for coordinating environmental related research in the Bureau of Economic Geology; Environmental Division.

Event(s)

03/30/2023	Hot! Hot! Hot! Energy from the Earth
04/06/2023	Blue (Flame) Is the New Green - Natural GAs in the Energy Economy
04/13/2023	Critical minerals under our feet?
04/20/2023	Dollars for Water: Energy Cost Constraints to Groundwater Recoverability
04/27/2023	Low Carbon Hydrogen at Scale – The new Texas Tea
05/04/2023	Environmental and Consumer Costs of Different Electricity-Generating Options

11:00 AM - 12:10 PM Seminar

10 Great Buildings

By looking at “great” buildings throughout history, we will learn about the principals of architecture and the importance of materials, technology and patronage. Each week we will examine one or two important buildings and the role that innovation plays in any building.

Director



Nancy McAfee - Speaker at all Events

Nancy McAfee is an art historian who spent 18 years at the Cleveland Museum of Art as an educator and community outreach director. She has an AB from Cornell and an MA in art history from Case Western Reserve University. She is active in the Rochester Women’s Giving Circle, the MAG Gallery Council.

Event(s)

03/30/2023	10 Great Buildings: Architectural principals and what makes a building great
04/06/2023	Romans and Greeks as Engineers: Parthenon, Trajan’s Column, and the Coliseum
04/13/2023	Places of Worship: Angkor Wat, Chartres Cathedral, and Hagia Sophia
04/20/2023	Renaissance Eloquence: St. Peter’s Cathedral, Palladio’s Villa Rotunda
04/27/2023	20th Century Technology: Eiffel Tower, Chicago Skyscrapers, Brooklyn Bridge
05/04/2023	(To Be Announced)

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01:00 PM - 02:10 PM Seminar

Women in Neuroscience: Discovery Through Opportunity

Diversity is important in neuroscience and neurology. Barriers can be overcome with Women in Neuroscience (WiN) opportunities. Leaders, faculty and students share perspective and progress WiN has made to build a diverse community of women that can become leaders in these fields.

Director



Emily M. Pickens - Speaker at all Events

Emily has been WiN's inaugural Executive Director since Dec 2020. Previously she was a neurological music therapist and operations manager for Austin's Center of Music Therapy. She has expanded WiN's programs and helped WiN grow from 8 interns in 2019 to 18 in 2022.

Event(s)

03/30/2023	Importance of Diversity	Emily M Pickens, David Paydarfar Richard Tapia, Michela (Micky) Marinelli, Eric Heineman, Amanda Masino
04/06/2023	Intro to the Damaged Brain	Michael (Mike) Mauk
04/13/2023	Epilepsy	Emily M Pickens, MacKenzie Howard, Martha Trevino, Dave Clarke, Teresa Ontiveros, Nerisha Pillay
04/20/2023	Neuroimmune Disease	Emily M Pickens, Esther Melamed, Zora Cook, Ethan Meltzer, Sabeen Toranian
04/27/2023	Movement Disorders	Emily M Pickens, Elizabeth Peckham, Joshua Chang, Anjana Ganesh
05/04/2023	Overcoming Barriers	Bella Thomas, Audrey C Brumback, Laura Colgin, Marissa Marquez, Kaelin Rubenzer, Melanie Trejo Salazar, Emily M Pickens

02:40 PM - 03:50 PM Seminar

Educating the Eye (I): Dante's Divine Comedy and Our Journey to Wholeness

Even though it was written in the 1300s, Dante's Divine Comedy remains genuinely alive and well as a potent story, one helping us live even more authentically "examined lives" within an attitude of what poet and Dante translator John Ciardi calls "serious joy."

Director



Daniel (Dan) Christian - Speaker at all Events

Daniel Christian has taught Dante for nearly forty years and has published a number of essays in scholarly journals.

Event(s)

03/30/2023	Educating the Eye (I): A Grief Observed by C.S. Lewis
04/06/2023	Educating the Eye (I): Dante's Divine Comedy and Our Journey to Wholeness
04/13/2023	Educating the Eye (I): More Key Scenes from Inferno
04/20/2023	Educating the Eye (I): Moving Situations from "Purgatorio"
04/27/2023	Educating the Eye (I): More Dramatic Scenes from "Purgatorio."
05/04/2023	Educating the Eye (I): A Few "Oh, My Goodness" Heavenly Encounters from "Paradiso"

Spring 2023 Diversity Lectures

Thursday, March 23rd, 2023 – 9:30 AM-10:45 AM

Diversity Book Discussion: Predict and Surveil

In *Predict and Surveil*, Sarah Brayne offers an unprecedented, inside look at how police use big data and new surveillance technologies, leveraging on-the-ground fieldwork with one of the most technologically advanced law enforcement agencies in the world--the Los Angeles Police Department.



Dr. Sarah Brayne is an Associate Professor of Sociology at The University of Texas at Austin. She received her PhD in Sociology and Social Policy Princeton University and completed a postdoc at Microsoft Research New England. She has been a volunteer teaching college classes in classes in prisons since 2012.

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 – 9:30 AM-10:45 AM

Race, Inequality, and the U.S. Overdose Crisis

Popular stories about the U.S. overdose crisis frame it as a problem largely faced by white communities. This talk challenges these stories by revealing how today's crisis is the latest iteration of a process by which criminalizing drugs has served as a vehicle to criminalize communities of color.



Dr. Liz Chiarello received her Ph.D. in sociology from UC, Irvine and completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Princeton. Her research examines how efforts to curb the drug overdose crisis have blurred boundaries between healthcare and law enforcement and what this means for patient care.