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UT OLLI SAGE

Spring 2023 Catalog

Mondays & Thursdays
March 27 – May 04, 2023

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Online Registration Begins:
SCHOLARS: Monday, March 20, 2023
SAGE: Monday, March 20, 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.

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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| <u>SAGE</u> | DISCOVER | NOVA | <u>ON-LINE</u> | 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 Mondays with UT OLLI SAGE

| | Seminar Option 1 | Seminar Option 2 |
|-------------------|---|--|
| 9:30AM – 10:40M | <u>Great Decisions</u> | <u>Bad Girls</u> |
| 11:00AM – 12:10PM | <u>The Literature of the American Renaissance</u> | <u>Genes - How They Were Discovered and What They Do</u> |
| 1:00PM – 2:10PM | <u>The Brain: How it Works and Why it Makes You, "You" and Me, "Me"</u> | <u>The History of Political Polarization: How Did We Get Here?</u> |
| 2:30PM – 3:40PM | <u>SAGE Speaker Series</u> | |

**UT OLLI is conducted in Central Time*

UT OLLI SAGE Spring 2023 — In-Person Seminars - Mondays

09:30 AM - 10:40 AM

Great Decisions

Discussion of six foreign policy association topics over six weeks.



Directors

John AufderHeide - Speaker at all Events

Retired radiologist. B.A. in zoology from U. of Missouri, Columbia and M.D. from Washington University, St. Louis. Practiced for 30 years in Fox River Valley, WI.



John C Henderson - Speaker at all Events

John C. Henderson is a Professor Emeritus of Information Systems at Boston University's Questrom School of Management. While at BU, he was the Richard C. Shipley, Jr. Professor of Management, Chair of Information Systems Dept. and Director of the BU Institute for Global Work. PhD from UT, Austin.

Event(s)

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| 03/27/2023 | Political Groups and Energy Geopolitics |
| 04/03/2023 | Climate Migration |
| 04/10/2023 | China and the U.S. |
| 04/17/2023 | Politics in Latin America |
| 04/24/2023 | Economic Warfare |
| 05/01/2023 | Iran at a Crossroads |

9:30 AM - 10:40 AM

Bad Girls

In this seminar we will dig deep into the lives of some of history's most complex and controversial women.

Director



Martha Wofford - Speaker at all Events

Dr. Wofford is a retired audiologist who has worked extensively in the Texas medical profession. She is a former UT OLLI Member and has presented several different seminars to all of the UT OLLI programs

Event(s)

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| 03/27/2023 | Bad Girls: Janis Joplin |
| 04/03/2023 | Bad Girls: Mae West |
| 04/10/2023 | Bad Girls: Sally Ride |
| 04/17/2023 | Bad Girls: Belle Starr |
| 04/24/2023 | Bad Girls: Eva Peron |
| 05/01/2023 | Bad Girls: Shirley MacLaine |

11:00 AM - 12:10 PM

The Literature of the American Renaissance

This seminar will feature a series of encounters with passages and poems from the classic period known as the American Renaissance.

Director



Martin Kevorkian - Speaker at all Events

Martin Kevorkian is the chair of the English Department of The University of Texas at Austin, and author of *Writing Beyond Prophecy: Emerson, Hawthorne, and Melville After the American Renaissance*.

Event(s)

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| 03/27/2023 | The Literature of the American Renaissance: Emerson |
| 04/03/2023 | The Literature of the American Renaissance: Emerson, Douglass, and Fuller |
| 04/10/2023 | The Literature of the American Renaissance: Hawthorne, <i>The Scarlet Letter</i> |
| 04/17/2023 | The Literature of the American Renaissance: Melville, <i>Moby Dick</i> |
| 04/24/2023 | The Literature of the American Renaissance: Harriet Beecher Stowe, <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> |
| 05/01/2023 | The Literature of the American Renaissance: Emerson, Dickinson, and Whitman |

11:00 AM - 12:10 PM

Genes - How They Were Discovered and What They Do

This seminar will focus on the history of genes, what genes do, how they do it, and the stories of the geneticists and biochemists who made the major breakthroughs.

Director



William H Sofer - Speaker at all Events

Bill Sofer had a 38 year long academic research and teaching career in the field of molecular genetics, first at Johns Hopkins and then at Rutgers. He is currently retired.

Event(s)

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| 03/27/2023 | Genes - Gregor Mendel - How a priest became the father of genetics. |
| 04/03/2023 | Genes - Oswald Avery - A microbiologist discovers that genes are made of DNA. |
| 04/10/2023 | Genes - Watson and Crick - DNA structure: How two amateurs beat the A team. |
| 04/17/2023 | Genes - Marshall Nirenberg - The genetic code. |
| 04/24/2023 | Genes - Jacob and Monod - How Genes are Controlled - The French Connection |
| 05/01/2023 | Genes - Summing up |

1:00 PM - 02:15 PM

The Brain: How it Works and Why it Makes You, "You" and Me, "Me"

This seminar considers the brain and some of the miraculous and surprising ways in which it functions.

Director



George D. Pollak

Professor of Neuroscience with research interests in how the auditory system processes species-specific communication signals and the cues that enable association with its location in space.

Event(s)

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| 03/27/2023 | Neurons: How They Generate, Transmit Signals, and Communicate with Other Neurons | George D. Pollak |
| 04/03/2023 | The Brain: The Decision to Act and the Structure of Memory | Steve Saltwick |
| 04/10/2023 | The Major Structures in the Brain | George D. Pollak |
| 04/17/2023 | The Brain: Neural Prosthesis, How Scientists Can "Read the Brains" of Quadriplegics | George D. Pollak |
| 04/24/2023 | The Brain: Remarkable Stroke Syndromes | George D. Pollak |
| 05/01/2023 | The Brain: Mirror Neurons | George D. Pollak |

01:00 PM - 02:15 PM

The History of Political Polarization: How Did We Get Here?

This seminar traces the development of increased polarization of the U.S. political environment from the 1960 election to the present day.

Director



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)

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| 03/27/2023 | Political Polarization: The Political Environment of the 1960 Election |
| 04/03/2023 | Political Polarization: The Political Environment of the 70's and the 1980's |
| 04/10/2023 | Political Polarization: The Political Environment of the Late 1980's and the 1990's |
| 04/17/2023 | Political Polarization: The Political Environment of the George W. Bush Presidency |
| 04/24/2023 | Political Polarization: The Political Polarization of the Barack Obama Era |
| 05/01/2023 | Political Polarization: The Trump and Biden Eras; The 2016 and 2020 Elections |

02:30 PM - 03:40 PM

SAGE Speakers Series

Speaker Series presents six noteworthy speakers addressing their areas of expertise on timely and important topics.

Director



Margaret DuMont

Margaret DuMont is a graduate of the University of Texas (BA and M.Ed.) a former rehabilitation counselor and teacher, and a current English and writing tutor.

Event(s)

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| 03/27/2023 | Keeping Austin Wild: The Work and Challenges Facing Austin Wildlife Rescue | Mariya Prytula |
| 04/03/2023 | Exploring the Universe Through the Lens of the James Webb Telescope | G. Fritz Benedict |
| 04/10/2023 | Marvels of Spring Bird Migration | Nicole Netherton |
| 04/17/2023 | Cold War Radio: How the U.S. Waged War Through Broadcasting | Mark Pomar |
| 04/24/2023 | Hill Country Conservancy- Violet Crown Trail | George Cofer |
| 05/01/2023 | TOUR BRISCOE CENTER | Ashley Carr |

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)

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| 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)

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| 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)

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| 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)

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| 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.