

OLLI GAZETTE

June 2009

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute – SF State



“You know well enough what I mean by youth and age;-- something in the soul, which has no more to do with the color of the hair than the vein of gold in a rock has to do with the grass a thousand feet above it.”
~Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

Deadline for the July issue is June 15.
Send your news and notes to
olligazette@gmail.com
Type *July Newsletter* in the subject line!

UNDER THE ROTUNDA

Message from Debra Varner, OLLI Director

As we glide into summer, I know many of you will be heading off exploring the world or visiting friends and relatives around the country. I hope when you return you will be refreshed and infused with new learning and that you will bring those new experiences and perspectives into the ongoing discourse at OLLI. Marjorie Seashore, our Council Chair, has just returned from Tunisia and Sicily. I think Douglas Kenning's *History of Sicily* class held in spring 2008 enticed her to that part of the world. Who knows where our OLLI classes might lead you?

Those of us staying closer to home this summer will find some new courses of interest right here at OLLI. Our topics range from delving into the mysteries of Saudi Arabia to understanding the power of feminine energy in Ancient Greek Drama to Social Policy Controversies that have challenged us. What about trying your hand at poetry, drawing or working on that unfinished memoir or novel? And we'll learn about appreciating different film styles as well as immerse ourselves in the

art and lives of the great Impressionists. Not to mention using all parts of your brain navigating Microsoft WORD and discovering what you need to know to wind your way through this turbulent stock market.

Satisfy your curiosity and sign up for these great summer courses taught by an outstanding faculty. I know you won't be disappointed. Safe journeys, Everyone, wherever life takes you this summer!



A LOOK INSIDE THE KINGDOM

CLASS ADDED TO OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE IS NOT LISTED IN THE CATALOG.

Inside the Kingdom: Saudis, Their History, Ideology and Role in the Muslim World

Instructor: Ismail Agayev

Tuesdays, 10am - 12pm, June 23, 30, July 7

Fee: \$65

Location: DTC

Schedule No. 35619; CE 8871; Section N01

Saudi Arabia, one of the richest countries of the world, continues to play a significant role in the Muslim world and far beyond its borders. Very little is known about the political system that is functioning in the country as well as the ideology its ruling elite actively professes and exports to the countries of the Islamic realm.

In this new course we will discuss the history of Saudis as well as the Kingdom's economy and ideological doctrine. The instructor, who visited Saudi Arabia several times while working as a ranked diplomat in the Middle East, will present and analyze the situation both inside the Kingdom, where all Western political institutions are strictly prohibited and freedoms are abolished, and in the Muslim countries where the Saudis actively, and at times effectively, are claiming their leadership position. We will discuss a possibility of changes in the Saudi society and the political system due to a current worldwide crisis that has had a deep impact on the country's economy and social life.

Ismail Agayev, Ph.D. has written two books on current political and cultural developments in the Middle East and the Caucasus region. A professor of philosophy and history of religion, he worked at major educational institutions throughout the USSR and Russia, chaired the Department of Islamic Philosophy and Culture at the Academy of Science, Baku, Azerbaijan, from 1993 to 1999. In the USA, he taught at multiple special universities' courses throughout California.

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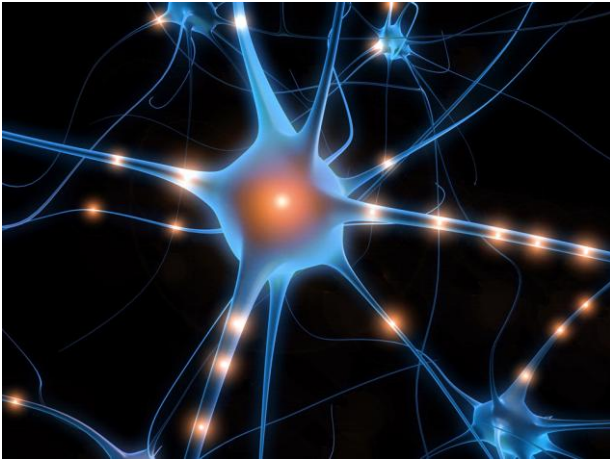
Pathways to Work at 55+ Conference Materials Now Available Online

Since the conference has been postponed to a future date, the presenters wanted to share the resources that were to be given to participants in the workshops. Please go to our Web site <http://www.cel.sfsu.edu/olli/events.cfm> and click on the link **Pathways....** You may also pass these on to others who may find them useful.



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WE'RE ALL INVITED

Exploring the Exploratorium

Thursday, June 18, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Lecturer: Per Peterson, Professor of Nuclear Engineering, UC Berkeley
\$50 for OLLI members only - includes lunch, lecture, entrance to the Exploratorium and more...

OLLI – CSU East Bay has arranged a science day at San Francisco's Exploratorium with U.C. Berkeley's Per Peterson, who will discuss the promise and problems of nuclear fission and fusion sources for our future energy needs. He will also field questions on these vital topics. After the presentation and lunch, participants will have the chance to take staff-guided tours or explore exhibits on their own. Don't miss this stimulating trip to one of the Bay Area's most beautiful science-education sites.

OLLI-SF members please make your check out to **OLLI at CSUEB** and send to Debra Varner/OLLI, 835 Market Street, 6th Fl., San Francisco, CA 94103 OR if you wish to use VISA or MC call Kathleen Bryant at [925-602-6776](tel:925-602-6776).

AARP Driver Safety Program at OLLI



Monday & Tuesday, June 1 & 2
10:00am-2:00pm

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest refresher course geared especially to the needs of drivers aged 50 and above.

You learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, rules of the road, and how to use newer innovations in automobile design such as anti-lock brakes, air bags, and safety belts. New laws will require people 70 and over to take the written and eye tests and have a new picture taken. Also, a driving test could be required, at the discretion of the DMV. For the test phobic, there are no tests to pass this course; for the thrifty, all attendees are eligible for an insurance discount.

OLLI is sponsoring this program as a community service to its members and AARP members. Enrollment is limited to 30 participants.

Please call 415.563.1706 to reserve your space or for additional information.

Course fee: \$12 for AARP members; \$14 for non-members - checks to be made payable to AARP and collected at the first class.
Instructor: P.J. Joseph

Register Now for Summer Session!

June 1 and 2, 10 - 2pm
AARP Driver Safety Program at OLLI, call
415-563-1706 to reserve your space.

June 4, 1pm
A Caring Community Study Group, DTC
(Note: Date Change)

June 10, 12:15pm
Curriculum Committee, DTC
(Note: Date Change)

June 11, 2pm
General Membership Meeting, DTC
Potluck Refreshments (finger foods)
OLLI provides drinks and paper products

June 11, 3pm
Summer Preview, Meet the Faculty, DTC

June 22
Summer Session Begins

June 22, 2pm
Drumming & Healing Circle, DTC

June 23, 12pm
World Affairs Discussion Group, DTC

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### Submissions TO OLLI GAZETTE

The Gazette is by, for and about OLLI members. The editors depend upon your contributions of news about all components and programs of OLLI. Please send your news and comments for the July issue by June 15 to [olligazette@gmail.com](mailto:olligazette@gmail.com).

## Mid-Year Gifts to OLLI

As you think about what OLLI has given you since you have been part of the OLLI community, please take time to remember a mid-year gift to OLLI.

OLLI is a self-sustaining organization within a University setting and relies on registrations, the return on the endowment and gifts from individuals to maintain a quality program with quality faculty at a reasonable cost. We hope you agree that it is a very good investment to ensure that OLLI lasts well into the future. As we go into the summer season, suggest to your friends and family that a great gift to you would be giving to OLLI. Or on other occasions, you may make a gift in honor of or in memory of others.

Please make your check payable to the University Corporation and mail your tax-deductible donations to:  
Debra Varner/OLLI, 835 Market Street, 6th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103.

We sincerely appreciate your contribution and your commitment to OLLI.

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