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Fall 2024

SNEAK PREVIEW

Join us for a enlightened Fall at Osher! With 130+ courses* ranging from science and economics to health and the

American History

- Alexander Majors, 70 Years on the Frontier** *Michael Collier*
- American Women and World War II** *Elizabeth Fones-Wolf*
- Battle of Hampton Roads** *Michael Collier*
- Battle of Williamsburg** *Paul Severance*
- The Civil War Infantry Soldier – North and South** *Robert Jaffee*
- The Depression: From Little Orphan Annie to Scarlett O'Hara** *Marilyn Younger*
- Development of the Far West** *Marilyn Younger*
- Documenting the Revolution** *Holly Mayer*
- From Colony to Commonwealth: Examining the Primary Sources** *Mark Howell*
- Green Revolutions: Rachel Carson's America** *Patricia Ryther*
- Historians Talk About History** *Karen McPherson, Holly Mayer*
- The Jazz Age: From Bernice Bobs Her Hair to The Great Gatsby** *Marilyn Younger*
- Logistical Support of American Expeditionary Forces in WWI** *Joseph Johnson*
- Old Roads of Williamsburg** *Rich Watkins*
- Noteworthy & Notorious: Pre-Restoration Williamsburg** *Will Molineux*
- Steps to a Cultural Revolution: The Roaring '20s** *Bill Fetsko*
- TechnoTapestry: A Boomer's Journey Through Technology & Culture** *Scott Langhorst*
- Turbulent Times & Powerful Voices: FDR & Lindbergh** *Sandy Menaquale*
- Virginia's Road to Revolution: A 5-Part "Conventional" History – Ep. 1: A Call for a Congress** *Mark Howell*

American Wisdom Tradition

- City of God: A Philosophical Tour of Colonial Williamsburg's Gardens** *Michael Lorence*
- The Idea of a University: A Philosophical Tour of W&M's Old Campus** *Michael Lorence*
- In Search of an Autumn Wisdom** *Michael Lorence*
- A Woodland Walk to America's Beginnings** *Michael Lorence*
- Revisiting the Revival: A Philosophical**

- Walk Through Merchants' Square** *Michael Lorence*
- An Innermost Way of Seeing** *Diana Lorence*

Art, Music & Film

- 1939: One of Hollywood's Greatest Years** *Dan Sherman*
- Art & Architecture in Shakespeare's London** *Paula Henderson*
- Film Noir: Down the Same Dark Alley!** *Thomas Thompson*
- John, Paul, George & Ludwig (The Beatles, Gershwin & Beethoven)** *Paul Boren*
- Joy of Photography** *Michael Richardson*
- Muscarella Mashups: Four Cultures Move Toward Modernism** *Lisa Smith, Marlene Cummins, Patricia Rublein*
- Paris – The Golden Years** *Thomas Thompson*
- The Piano is Grand** *Carol Huber*
- The Renaissance Garden** *Paula Henderson*
- Sinfonicron Light Opera's Upcoming Production** *Ken Krantz*
- Watch a Working Rehearsal: Opera in Williamsburg's Lucia di Lammermoor** *Naama Zahavi-Ely*
- The World of Oriental Rugs** *Frank Shaia*

Finance & Economics

- Behavioral Finance, Wall Street & You** *Keith Reagan*
- Lifetime Income Strategies** *James Bales, Jacob Bales*
- Modern Wealth Management** *Sean Allburn*
- Retirement Investing and Constructing a Portfolio** *Graham Spiers*
- Taxes in Retirement & Social Security** *Jacob Bales*
- Today's Economic Trends** *Dan Gaske*

Government & Law

- Congress, the Constitution & You** *Art Grant*
- After the Gavel Falls: Striving to Fulfill the Ends of Justice** *Thomas Shubert*
- Citizen Watchdogs: Following Virginia's General Assembly, Keeping Government Accountable** *Megan Rhyne*
- Critical Thinking for Good U.S. Citizenship** *Michael Collier*

- The Electoral College: Past, Present & Future** *Michael Kerley*
- Our American Government: How We Got Here** *Rebecca Staton-Reinstein*
- To Be a Virginian...** *Karen McPherson*
- Thucydides in America** *Don Matthewson*

Health & Wellness

- Be Your Own Healthcare Advocate** *Jim McDonald*
- Brain-Related Changes as We Age** *Patricia Gaudio*
- A Conversation About Life's Journey** *Francis Bado*
- Engaging in Life's Situations: Moving from woe to WOW! – Pt 1&2** *Francis Bado*
- Fitness Walking – Beginner & Advanced** *Ray Funkhouser*
- Functional Exercises to Improve Fitness, Balance & Agility** *Karen Thomas*
- Hands-on CPR/AED Training** *Teresa Belback, Ciera Fenske, City of Williamsburg Fire Department*
- Listen So Others Will Talk** *David Hopkinson*
- Preventing Dementia** *Patricia Quinlisk*
- Managing Emotions** *Fred Gatty*
- Medicare 2025 Enrollment: What You Need to Know** *Daphne Bernstein*
- Practice the Pause: Reimagining Spirituality** *Larry Durrett*
- We've Got to Move It** *Jim McDonald*
- Yoga & Meditation** *Indira Ghosh*
- Your Subconscious Mind** *Athena Staik*
- Zumba Gold** *Bess Williams*

Languages

- French Conversation Table** *Kathleen Hickey*
- German Conversation Table** *Judith Taddeo*
- Spanish Conversation Table** *Ruth Fraser*
- Intermediate Spanish** *Chris Scheiderer*

Literature & Writing

- Book Lovers Discussion Group** *Barbara Reynolds, Abra Smith*
- Come to the Well: Spiritual Journaling** *Wendy LeBolt*
- Conflict/Compassion: Short Stories of Alice Munro** *Laura McShane*

humanities, you'll expand your horizons – and connections – as a member of our community of lifelong learners ages 50+.

Cormac McCarthy: A Literary Philosophy of Human Nature *Lawrence Perlow*

Make Your Own Zines! *Jennie Davy, Camille Andrews*

Old Town Mysteries: The Making of a Mystery Series *John Wasowicz*

True Stories, Well Told *Glory Aiken*

Writing for the Fun of It *Frank Milligan*

Media & Current Affairs

1964: The High Tide of American Consensus and the 60-Year Great Divergence *Donald Matthewson*

Explaining the 2024 Presidential Elections *Robert Spitzer*

Liar, Liar, Internet's on Fire: Fake News in 2024 *Candice Benjes-Small*

Pundits, Politics, Polls! Pt 2 *Doug Stowell*

Religion & Philosophy

Ancient Philosophy of Stoicism – A Way of Thinking & Living Today *Ingo Keilitz*

Between the Testaments *Ray Morgan*

Human Rights & Happiness *Bill Rhodes*

The Resurrection of Jesus: A Historical Challenge *Jack Dalby*

Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)

The Art and Science of Cooking *Kelly Shaw, Whitney Mathews*

Basics & Beyond: iPhone/iPad: *Rick Chase*

Energy Transition 2024 *M. Robin Church*

Electric Vehicles: Myths & Realities *Mark Huff*

The Environmental Future of the Virginia Peninsula *Jim Griffin*

Exploration of the Moon and Mars with the Webb Telescope *Joel Levine*

Mastering Your Apple Watch *Rick Chase*

Out of Africa: Where Did the Homo Sapiens Go? *Kirk Lovenbury*

Overview of Astronomy *Brad Perry, Carmen Fragapane*

Understanding Climate Change and Its Relationship to Energy Use *Renee Purdy*

Special Interests

The Adirondack Park *Peter Henderson*

Afterlife and Survival – A Scientific Perspective *John Streiff*

Basic Wine Appreciation *Phil & Lynn Pryor*

Beginner's Guide to Fall Bulbs *Tony Orband, Patsy Wells*

Bridge Declarer Play: Principles & Techniques *Michael Jenks*

Crafting with Cricut – Beginner & Intermediate Levels *Rita Lysher*

The D-I-Y Landscaper – Autumn Pruning *Tony Orband, Patsy Wells, Daniel Brooks, Carol Weakley*

Essence of Japanese Cuisine: Healthful Eating, Artful Presentation *Tomoko Kato*

Introduction to Basket Weaving *Anna-Marie Cox*

The Mysterious Death of Dorothy Kilgallen *Frank Wood*

Osher Wants YOU: Be an Instructor for Osher at W&M *Veteran Osher Instructors*

Project Management for Residential Construction *Joe Cross*

A Service Dog is More Than A Vest™ *Leslie & John Neely*

UFOs/UAPs: Are We Alone? *John Hickok*

Was It Just Lace & Chintz to Them? *Carolyn Cerini, Ruurdje Laarhoven*

William & Mary Old Campus Tours *Marjorie Biddle, Martha DeBord; Cyndy & Jon Huddleston; MK & Bill Sizemore*

World History

100 D-Days: The War Against the Rising Sun *Buck Beasom*

After Magna Carta: Paving the Way to a Parliamentary Government *Stuart Butler*

The Holocaust Through the Eyes of a Child *Donald Schilling*

Japan's Surrender August 1945: Unconditional or Conditional? *Alan Stark*

Masters of the Art of War *John Rogers*

No Pasaran! The Spanish Civil War *Bill Riffer*

Only Hope: My Mother and the Holocaust Brought to Light *Irv Lubliner*

The Sinking of the Titanic: What Really Happened and Why *Michael Knapp*

Six Pharaohs of Egypt's 18th Dynasty *John Rogers*

Tet 1968: The Crossover Point *Alan Stark*

Western Vikings: Iceland, Greenland and North America *Martin & Anna-Marie Cox*



Lessons & Luminations — curated conversations about life & leadership with America's nation builders

Of Life, Liberty & Leadership – A Conversation with George Wythe & George Mason *Profound insights and a light repast in the Great Hall and Piazza of William & Mary's iconic Christopher Wren Building*

By Choice or By Chance – The Enduring Leadership of Thomas

Jefferson & Martha Washington *An evening chat about leadership learned, earned, and relevant still – in the historic Apollo Room of Colonial Williamsburg's Raleigh Tavern*

Lunch with Lafayette – Toasting a Triumphant Return *A three-course, prix fixe French luncheon hosted by the*

Marquis de Lafayette in the Rockefeller Room at the Williamsburg Inn

Courage & Countenance – Afternoon Tea with Martha Washington & Jane Vobe *An 18th-century tradition enjoyed in the company of two truly revolutionary women: the first first lady and the King's Arms Tavern proprietress*

Fall 2024 at Osher

June 1-30	Scholarship applications accepted
July 22-29	Catalog published
Aug 5	Early registration opens
Aug 14	Early reg closes at 5 pm
Aug 23	Class schedules emailed
Aug 26	Open enrollment begins (for those who missed early registration or early registrants who want to add courses post-lottery)
Sept 5-6	Parking hang tag pickup (for members who purchased a permit during early registration)
Sept 9	First day of Fall classes
Nov 5	Election Day (no classes except 100 D-Days)
Nov 25-29	Thanksgiving break (University closed; no classes)
Dec 13	Last day of Fall classes

Fees & Registration

Fall membership is \$175; allows enrollment in a **maximum of 16 courses, with no more than 8 courses being multi-session.**

Early registration is Aug. 5-14. Early registrants participate in a lottery for the most popular courses by ranking their choices in order of preference; these members are automatically wait-listed if they did not get a seat in a requested class.

Open enrollment starts Aug. 26. Classes with remaining seats are first-come, first-served. The course load policy (up to 16 total; max of 8 multi-session) still applies.

Registration Help

Aug 2&3	Registration Workshop (via Zoom; requires RSVP; times TBA)
Aug 5&6	Walk-In Help Desk (bring your completed forms and payment; times & locations TBA)

Did You Know?

Osher at W&M launched a new registration platform in January 2024. **If you last enrolled in classes in Fall 2023 or earlier, your previous login credentials are not recognized by the new system.** It's an easy fix: simply [CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT](#) at [learnatosher.wm.edu](#).

COMING THIS FALL

Lessons & Luminations

– curated conversations about life & leadership with America's nation builders –

Step into a deep conversation about the course of a nation at the moment of its inception...with the extraordinary men and women who dreamed, debated, developed, and delivered the grandest experiment in liberty and leadership ever known...by invitation only to historical venues where the story is best shared.

This one-of-a-kind encounter is the essence of *Lessons & Luminations*, an Osher Institute at William & Mary exclusive, premiering in Fall 2024.

Presented by [The Williamsburg Institute](#) in collaboration with [Osher at W&M](#), this premium programming is a benefit of membership for Osher's lifelong learners. Four events are planned for Fall (see prior page). Each event has a fee that is charged in addition to membership. Net proceeds benefit The Williamsburg Institute and the Osher Institute at W&M's Impact Fund.

Seating is limited; reservations are required. Full event descriptions, dates, times, and fees will be announced in the Fall catalog. Join us!



About the Osher Institute at W&M

We are a community of adults — mostly ages 50 and better — seeking knowledge, enrichment, and connection with the larger world through intellectually stimulating and socially engaging educational experiences.

Our program's hallmarks are a quality curriculum, extraordinary instructors, and a vibrant membership. Courses are offered through semester-based membership, with three semesters each year.

A department of William & Mary's School of Education, the program was founded in 1991 as the Christopher Wren Association and designated an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) in 2018. Today, we are one of 125 Osher Institutes located at select universities across the United States.

Visit [LearnAtOsher.wm.edu](#) to view or request a course catalog, register for courses, learn about becoming an instructor, support our mission with a gift, and more.

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