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Spring 2025

SNEAK PREVIEW

Curiosity is in full bloom this Spring at Osher

With 125+ courses* ranging from science and economics to health and the humanities, you'll expand your horizons – and connections – as a member of our community of lifelong learners ages 50+

American History

The 20th Century in Editorial Cartoons
Bill Fetsko

America's Greatest World's Fairs – Time Keepers of Progress
James Morford

The Battle of Hampton Roads: USS Monitor vs. CSS Virginia
Michael Collier

Building America: The U.S. in the Federalist Era
Karen McPherson

City of Washington: Origin and History of the Federal City
Christopher Collins

The Civil War Battle of Williamsburg
Paul Severance

The Civil War Battles for Richmond: 7 Pines & 7 Days
Timothy McPherson

Colonial First Ladies: Martha, Abigail and Dolley
Feather Schwartz Foster

The Colonial Parkway: Road to History
Frances Clark

The Depression: From Little Orphan Annie to Scarlett O'Hara
Marilyn Younger

The Eagle's Webbed Feet: A Short History of the U.S. Navy
William Riffer

Gun Law History in America and Virginia
Robert Spitzer

Historians Talk About History
Karen McPherson, Holly Mayer

The Historical Evolution of Modern U.S. Economic Theory
James Belcher

The History of U.S. Border Security and Immigration
Michael Collier

Little Children Working: Rise and Fall of Child Labor in the U.S.
Phil Holleran

Making the U.S. – Franklin, Adams, Madison, Mothers, Washington, Wythe
Rebecca Staton-Reinstein

Making the U.S. – Anti-Federalists & Washington's Warning
R Staton-Reinstein

Menokin: Reimagining A Ruin
Alice French

Old Roads of Williamsburg
Rich Watkins

The Path to Williamsburg's Restoration
Will Molineux

The Safety Net: From Poor Laws to Social Security
Marilyn Younger

The Story of the USS Houston CA-30/ POW Experience
John Schwarz

Support of the U.S. Constitution: 10 William & Mary Votes
Suzanne Munson

Taking Aim: Founding the American Army
Holly Mayer

TechnoTapestry: A Boomer's Journey Through Tech & Culture
Scott Langhorst

Tulip Mania – The Financial Bubbles of 1819, 1929 and 2008
Patrick Jenkins

Virginia's Road to Revolution: A 5-Part "Conventional" History – Episodes 1&2
Mark Howell

The Williamsburg Bray School: The Journey Continues
Maureen Elgersman Lee, Elizabeth Drembus, Tonia Merideth

American Wisdom Tradition

Bassett Woods: A Philosophical Woodland Walk
Michael Lorence

Living the Innermost Life
Diana Lorence

City of God: A Philosophical Garden Tour
Michael Lorence

Idea of a University: A Philosophical Walking Tour of Old Campus
M Lorence

Soul of the Indian: A Philosophical Visit to the Colonial Williamsburg (CW) Indian Encampment
Michael Lorence

Wisdom of Hands: A Philosophical Walk Through CW's Historic Trades
M Lorence

Art, Music & Film

The Accompanists: "One for My Baby" and "One More for the Road"
Paul Boren

The Art & Science of Capturing History Through Photography
John Hudson

Art at the Muscarelle
Barbara Piatt

The British Invasion (1963-72)
Ron Beales

Celebrating Rachmaninoff – The Great Romantic
Dan Sherman

Creative Process Demystified
Lesley Emerson

Film Noir
Thomas Thompson

Hanna-Barbera: From Modern Stone-Age to Meddling Kids
Gregory Ehrbar

Hollywood and World War II
Elizabeth Fones-Wolf

The Joy of Photography
Michael Richardson

Lace in the Time of Queen Victoria
Carolyn Cerini

Landscape as Art
Paula Henderson

Opera in Williamsburg: Watch a Working Rehearsal of Madama Butterfly
Naama Zahavi-Ely

Stanley Kubrick: A Filmmaker's Odyssey
Dan Sherman

Time in a Bottle: Musicals That Capture Moments in History Pt 1&2
Issa Puttre

The Very Model of a Modern Comic Opera: Pirates of Penzance
Ken Krantz

What's New in the Baroque: From Cantatas to Sonatas
Tim Kloth

Women in Art
Caroline Nicholson

World of Oriental Rugs
Frank Shaia

Current Affairs & Media

The Death and Rebirth of Local News
Mark Silverman

History of Radio & TV Broadcasting
John Streiff

How the U.S. Ranks: A Top 10 Review
Doug Stowell

Finance & Economics

Building an Optimal Retirement Portfolio
Graham Spiers

Current Events & Portfolio Management
Keith Reagan

Equilibrium as a Concept in Economics
Lesley Emerson

Lifetime Income Strategies
James Bales

Protecting Your Wealth Using Trusts
John Burton

Senior Living Options When It's Time to Sell Your Home
Dawn Michelle

Taxes in Retirement
Jacob Bales

Understanding Today's Economic Issues
Dan Gaske

Government & Law

After the Gavel Falls: Striving to Fulfill Military Justice *Thomas Shubert*

Conservative Political Philosophy *Donald Matthewson*

Our Curious Constitution *Michael Kerley*

Health & Wellness

Conversations About Life's Journey *Fran Bado*

A Deepening Love Affair With Life – a Movable Feast of Silence, Song, Dance & Poetry *Larry Durrett*

Dementia 101: Raising Awareness, Reducing Risks *George Worthington*

End-of-Life Planning *Cryst'1 Scheer*

Fitness Walking *Ray Funkhouser*

From woe to WOW! Pts 1&2 *Fran Bado*

Holding on, Letting Go *David Hopkinson*

Long-Term Care Options *Liz Sarson*

Navigating Healthcare *Jaime Smiley*

Preventing Dementia *Patricia Quinlisk*

Staying Safe at Home *Jaime Smiley*

Subconscious Mind: Taking the Reins of Your Inner Genie *Athena Staik*

The Joys (and Agonies) of Open Water Swimming *Daniel Shaye*

Tips to Make the Most of Your Short Doctor Appointment *Joyce Cohen*

Stress & Its Effect on Us *Karen Thomas*

Yoga and Meditation *Indira Ghosh*

Yoga and Mindfulness *Lisa Cleckley*

Zumba Gold *Bess Williams*

Languages

French Conversation Table *Kathleen Hickey*

German Conversation Table *Judith Taddeo*

Hebrew Conversation Table *Betty Ronnen*

Italian Conversation Table *Nicola Costa*

Spanish Conversation Table *Ruth Fraser*

Intermediate Spanish *Chris Scheiderer*

Literature & Writing

The American Scholar: Emerson & the Liberal Arts Promise *Christopher Chaves*

Book Lovers Discussion Group *Barbara Reynolds, Abra Smith*

Publishing Options & Pointers *Dawn Brotherton*

True Stories, Well Told *Glory Aiken*

Religion & Philosophy

American Spiritualities *Ed Ingebretsen*

De Senectute (On Old Age) *Bill Rhodes*

The Human Element in Aviation: Lessons in Crisis Management *Bill Rhodes*

St. Paul & the First Christians *Jack Dalby*

Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)

1953 Triple Train Wreck: A Personal & Scientific Account *John Delano*

Dominion Energy's Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project *John Delano*

Enhance Your Online Security: Options for Two-Factor Authentication *Keith Parkansky*

How Computers Work *Peter Henderson*

Identifying Trees in the Winter *Jim Perry*

The Impact of Invasive Plants and Animals in Virginia *Jim Perry*

Intro to ChatGPT & Generative AI *Candice Benjes-Small*

Intro to Self-Driving Cars *Mark Huff*

Mastering iPhone/iPad Camera *Rick Chase*

Math Geeks & Other Nerds *George DeRise*

Microsoft PowerPoint Basics *Rick Chase*

Online Account Security: Are Password Managers a Necessity? *Keith Parkansky*

Overview of Astronomy *Brad Perry, Carmen Fraganane*

Your Digital Life *Peter Henderson*

Special Interests

Backgammon for Beginners *William Pow*

Baseball's Announcers: The Voices of Summer *Paul Boren*

Liston vs. Clay/Ali: "I'm Gonna Upset the World" *Paul Boren*

From Seed to Spectacular: The Joy of Growing Flowers *Tony Orband*

D-I-Y Landscaper: Spring Pruning *Tony Orband*

Top Tropicals for Williamsburg *Tony Orband*

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

Virginia Genealogy Research at the Library of Virginia *Mary Beth Dalton, Karen McPherson*

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

World History

An In-depth Visit to Five English Medieval Cathedrals *Jan Smith*

Grandmother of Europe *Linda Smith*

History & the Diplomat *Michael Butler*

Lessons from Iwo Jima *David Hopkinson*

London History from the No. 8 Bus *Kelly Shaw*

Military Geography *Paul Severance*

Napoleon – The 100 Days, Waterloo and Afterward *John Rogers*

Napoleon's Marshals *John Rogers*

Out of the Dark – Europe from Fall of Rome to the First Millennium *Martin Cox*

Scourge of the Seas: Pirates in History and Today *Michael Knapp*

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

Lessons & Luminations – Curated conversations with America's Nation Builders –

These one-of-a-kind learning experiences – which are also Osher fundraisers – feature Colonial Williamsburg's historical interpreters sharing lessons of history in landmark venues around town & campus. Learn more on the next page.



Wit & Wisdom *The Many Facets of Benjamin Franklin at the Kimball Theatre*

At the Table of History *A Luncheon with George & Martha Washington at the Williamsburg Inn*

Voice of Liberty *An Evening with Patrick Henry at the Kimball Theatre*

Faith, Education & Freedom *A Dialogue Across Boundaries with Rev. Gowan Pamphlet & Ann Wager at the Raleigh Tavern*

Liberty and Equality *Examining Historical Documents with Thomas Jefferson & James Madison in Swem Library's Special Collections Room*

Lessons & Luminations Fundraising Program

– 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 fundraising program. Presented by [The Williamsburg Institute](#) in collaboration with [Osher at W&M](#), this premium programming offers a thought-provoking American history lesson filled with equal measures of 18th century wisdom and wit – and an opportunity to engage with the historical interpreters.

Each event has a fee charged in addition to membership. Net proceeds benefit TWI and the Osher Institute Impact Fund. Seating is limited; registration is required. Descriptions, dates, times and fees will be announced in the Spring catalog. Join us!



Spring 2025 at Osher

- Jan 3 Early registration opens
- Jan 15 Early reg closes at 5 pm
- Jan 20 MLK Day (University closed)
- Jan 24 Class schedules emailed
- Jan 27 Open enrollment begins
- Feb 3 First day of classes
- Feb 7 Charter Day
(no classes; 332nd anniversary of William & Mary’s founding by a formal charter issued by King William III and Queen Mary II)
- Mar 10-14 Spring break (no classes)
- May 16 Last day of classes

Spring Fees & Registration

Spring membership is \$175; allows enrollment in up to 8 multi-session courses and any number of one-time classes to a maximum of 16 courses total.

Early registration is January 3-15. Early registrants participate in a lottery for oversubscribed courses and are automatically placed on a wait list for requested classes that are fully subscribed.

Open enrollment starts January 27, when classes with available seats are available first-come, first-served, observing our maximum course load policy.

To Request a Catalog

For a catalog by U.S. mail, email us by November 29 with your name and mailing address. Or pick up a copy when the office reopens on January 2 (while supplies last).

The full catalog will be posted online in mid-December.

Winter Break

The Osher office is closed December 20-January 1. Happy holidays!

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.

The program was founded in 1991 as the Christopher Wren Association and is self-funded through membership fees, member gifts, fundraising efforts, and a Bernard Osher Foundation endowment. Designated as an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) in 2018, we are one of 125 Osher Institutes located at select universities across the United States.

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