



OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

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Welcome!

If you look at the top of the page, you'll notice we have a new name and logo. It's our way of announcing some great news—Bradley University Continuing Education has been selected by a national organization, the Bernard Osher Foundation, to receive a \$100,000 grant to support and expand our programming!

The grant funds will primarily be used for additional staffing to plan and deliver new programs. We will:

- now offer Study Groups (see page 9 for the details of Fall Study Groups).
- expand Learning Trips to evening and weekend travel, with a focus on more active venues.
- develop a Retirement Weekend for those who want to plan for this important time in life.
- work more closely with Bradley University students to expand intergenerational programs.
- have a new name: the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Bradley University.

You can read more about the Bernard Osher Foundation, and our grant, on page 14. In the meantime, get ready for yet another stimulating, and educational session.

Your curriculum committee, under the leadership of Peggy Cornelius and Gil Nolde has amassed another great lineup of classes. The most challenging and difficult task is to choose only four from the 47 classes offered!

Be sure to review the many Learning Trips, both local Commerce Unseen trips and the longer regional trips. If you haven't made one of these excursions, be sure to consider them. People who have been on these trips rate them as outstanding, so don't miss out.

A big thanks to all who commented on their evaluation forms about the congestion in the Ballroom at break time. As a result, we created a second break area in the Alumni Dining Room on the main floor. This was in addition to the Ballroom on the second floor, resulting in excellent results. Did you notice during the spring classes that breaks went more smoothly? Thanks for that suggestion!

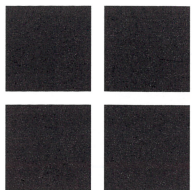
To eliminate any parking problems and to make your experience even more pleasant, we will continue to utilize the Westminster Presbyterian Church lot on Moss Avenue and the lot at Shea Stadium (formerly Meinen Field) on Nebraska. Shuttle service will be provided to the front door of the Michel Student Center and throughout the day. We hope you like this innovative way to guarantee you a parking space AND get you to the front door of the Student Center!

Enjoy the fall classes. It's the beginning of a new era for our organization!

Jim Hooker, President
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bradley University

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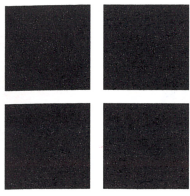
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Event	Date	Time	Location
FALL 2008			
Fall Kick-Off Luncheon	Wednesday, September 10, 2008	12:00 PM	Ballrooms A, B, and C
Fall 2008 OLLI Classes	Wed., Sept 24, Oct 1, 8 and 15, 2008		Michel Student Center
Fall OLLI Computer Classes	Fri., Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10 and 17, 2008		Cullom-Davis Library
Fall Wrap Up Meeting/Mailing Party	Tuesday, October 21, 2008	9:00 AM	Executive Suite
Spring Curriculum Meeting	Wednesday, October 29, 2008	9:00 AM	Executive Suite
Spring Curriculum Meeting	Wednesday, November 5, 2008	9:00 AM	Executive Suite
Spring Curriculum Meeting	Wednesday, November 12, 2008	9:00 AM	Executive Suite
WINTERIM 2009			
Winterim Kick Off Lunch	Tuesday, January 13, 2009	11:45 AM	Ballrooms B and C
Winterim 2009 OLLI Classes	Tuesday - Friday, January 13-16, 2009		Michel Student Center
Winterim Wrap Up/Mailing Party	Wednesday, January 21, 2009	9:00 AM	Executive Suite
SPRING 2009			
Spring Kick Off Luncheon	Wed., March 18, 2009	12:00 PM	Ballrooms A, B, and C
Spring 2009 OLLI Classes	Wed., Apr 1, 8, 15, and 29, 2009		Michel Student Center
Spring OLLI Computer Classes	Fri., March 27 & Apr. 3, 17, & 24, 2009		Cullom-Davis Library
Spring Wrap Up Meeting	Wednesday, May 6, 2009	9:00 AM	Executive Suite
Fall Curriculum Meeting	Wednesday, May 13, 2009	9:00 AM	Executive Suite
Fall Curriculum Meeting	Wednesday, May 20, 2009	9:00 AM	Executive Suite
Fall Curriculum Meeting	Wednesday, May 27, 2009	9:00 AM	Executive Suite
Fall Mailing Party	Wednesday, July 22, 2009	9:00 AM	Executive Suite
FALL 2009			
Fall Kick Off Luncheon	Wednesday, September 9, 2009	12:00 PM	Ballrooms A, B, and C
Fall 2009 OLLI Classes	Wed., Sept 16, 30 and Oct 7, 14, 2009		Michel Student Center
Fall OLLI Computer Classes	Fri., Sept 25 and Oct 2, 9, 16, 2009		To Be Announced



CLASSES: **WEDNESDAYS**, SEPTEMBER 24, OCTOBER 1, 8 & 15, 2008

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COFFEE 8:30 - BALLROOM B



8:00-8:30

1. Tai Chi for Health

Dave Grebner will provide a brief introduction to the health aspects of Tai Chi and teach the basic forms and movements of this ancient body-mind discipline. The class will be held in Westminster Parish House Fellowship Hall. (RI/RC)



8:30 - 10:00

2. Current Issues in BioScience

This class will build on current topics that appear in the public press including issues such as genetic engineering, stem cell research, toxicology, and other possible topics. Our leaders from Bradley will be Robert Bolla, Associate Provost for Research, and Anika Bissahoyo, Director of Sponsored Program Services. Prior to class, please read "Cobra Event" by Richard Preston (cost is approximately \$7.99). (R&NI/NC)



3. Hopewell Mound Builders: Life in Illinois 2,000 Years Ago

Michael Wiant, Dickson Mounds Museum Director, will provide an in depth look at the Havana-Hopewell mound builders' culture, which is found in Illinois and elsewhere circa 2000 years ago. (RI/NC)



4. Humanity in the Midst of War

Most victims of war wear neither a uniform nor carry a gun. They are civilians, including women, children, and the elderly. International Humanitarian Law and the Geneva Conventions exist to protect them during times of armed conflict, as well as wounded and sick combatants and prisoners of war. Join instructor Harley Jones, Director of Emergency Services for the Red Cross and adjunct ICC history instructor, as she discusses the history and development of humanitarian practices during armed conflict. (NI/NC)



9:00 - 10:00

5. Alternative Energy

It has never been more important that we develop new and clean energy to power the world. This class will explore the current state of four different alternative energy developments with presentations from four experts each representing their field of expertise: Solar Energy, Yahya Safdari, Bradley University, Professor of Engineering, Emeritus; Geothermal Energy, Mark Cordes, Professional Engineer, apaceDesign (formerly of Sun Systems, Inc); Wind Energy, Bill Whitlock, Director of Development, Horizon Wind Energy; and Ethanol, Jim Redding, VP External Relations, Aventine Renewable Energy Inc. (NI/NC)

6. ArtsPartners of Central Illinois

Founded in 1999, ArtsPartners of Central Illinois, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization designed to strengthen the economic viability of Central Illinois arts. ArtsPartners realizes its mission by developing and implementing community-wide arts marketing activities; by facilitating collaborations among the arts organizations; by creating and nurturing partnerships with the business community, the media, local agencies, and educational institutions; and by offering professional development seminars to representatives from the arts community. Suzette Boulais, Executive Director of ArtsPartners, and representatives from the following agencies will be presenting; Central Illinois Jazz Society, Fine Arts Society, Mitch Williams Magic, Peoria Camera Club, Peoria Civic Center, Peoria Symphony Orchestra, and the Wheels O' Time Museum. (NI/NC)



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7. Beginning Digital Cameras – and More

Jeff Jaramillo of Peoria Camera Shop will lead this class focusing on basic information about digital cameras. He will talk about creating a good picture, moving slides to your computer, and getting started in Adobe Photoshop Elements. (NI/RC)

8. “Dandelion Wine”

For 12-year-old Douglas Spaulding, the summer of 1928 was when he first discovered he was “alive.” Ray Bradbury’s semi-autobiographical recollection of growing up in Waukegan, Illinois, is magical and moving. Join Ann Sargent, ICC English instructor, for a discussion of character, theme, and your own memories of summertime and growing up. Please read the book prior to the start of class (cost is approximately \$7.99). (RI/NC)

9. Forty-two Causes of the Great Depression

What happened, why, and how did it change our world? Kevin O’Brien and Pat Webber, members of the Bradley Economics Department, will seek answers to these questions. (RI/NC)

10. Lincoln’s Visits to Peoria, Illinois

Join Randall Saxon, co-pastor of United Presbyterian Church, to learn more about Lincoln’s nearly two-dozen visits to our fair city. (RI/NC)

11. Secrets Revealed in the Jewelry Industry

Kevin Smith, diamond expert and registered jeweler, and Nate Wright, AGS certified gemologist appraiser, both from Bremer Jewelry, will update you on the jewelry industry including updated treatments, new technologies, and new products. Please note we will visit Bremer Jewelry on our Commerce Unseen trip on October 20. This class will be held in Bradley’s Cullom-Davis library and is limited to 20. (RI/NC) (RI/NC)

12. Wealth and Life Planning in Retirement

This series will illustrate areas of financial planning that revolve around wealth, retirement, and life planning. Topics include: Planning Strategies and Retirement Income; Building a Retirement Roadmap; Beneficiary Planning; and Document Retention. Instructors are H.L. “Chappie” Chapman, H.L. “Trip” Chapman, and Carter Chapman of the Chapman Investment Group of Wachovia Securities. (NI/NC)

BREAK 10:00 - BALLROOM B



10:30 - 11:30

13. Autonomous Driving: Myth or Reality?

Sam Kherat will provide an overview of mobile robotics with applications to advanced control, sensing technologies, and other necessary components of autonomous machines operating in variable and hostile environments. Many of these automated work machines are used in mining, agriculture, forestry, construction, cargo handling, and in undersea, air, and space environments. Special emphasis will be given to autonomous desert racing with the DARPA Grand Challenge traveling 132 miles of desert trails, mountains, and wide-open flats. The key technologies depicted in this class are high-resolution topography, global positioning systems, lidar, radar, and vision. This class will be held in Bradley’s Cullom-Davis library and is limited to 45. (RI/NC)

14. Central Illinois Transportation

This class will include representatives from the various forms of transportation available in Central Illinois. Steve Jaeger will provide an overview of freight transportation logistics; Gary Loss will address commodities, conditions of structures, and challenges facing the Corps of Engineers; Eric Therkildsen will present context-sensitive solutions and how the process is applied to major highway projects; Ken Spirito will provide an update on the happenings at the Greater Peoria Regional Airport and Mount Hawley Airport. (RI/RC)

15. Current Events in Chemistry

Review current events in science and technology, with an emphasis on chemistry, and learn how these events impact society. Our instructor will be Max Taylor, Bradley Chemistry Professor. (RI/NC)

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16. Food Facts and “Figures:”

You Are What You Eat

Learn how weight management, caloric need, Body Mass Index, and exercise influence physical ability. We will discuss sources of good fats (fish, oils, nuts) and bad fats (saturated and trans fats), and grams of fat in everyday foods, including restaurant foods. Vitamins and minerals essential to body chemistry and immunity will be related to the aging process. Understand how to read and interpret Nutrition Fact labels to plan menus. Learn that “you are what you eat” with Julie Kotewa, RN MSN. (NI/NC)

17. Gardening

Join David Robson and Martha Smith, Horticulture Educators, University of Illinois Extension, as they present topics including: spring flowering bulbs A-Z, miniature landscapes (dollhouse landscapes, fairy gardens), fall tree care, and starting seeds indoors for the garden. (RI/NC)

18. Giuseppe Verdi, His Life and Work in Four Acts

Explore the life and works of the Great Italian opera composer, see and hear excerpts from many of his operas, and learn about the major events of his long and exciting life. Our instructor will be Stan Ransom, guest lecturer for Opera Illinois and the Illinois Education Association. (RI/NC)

19. History of Black Gospel Music in America

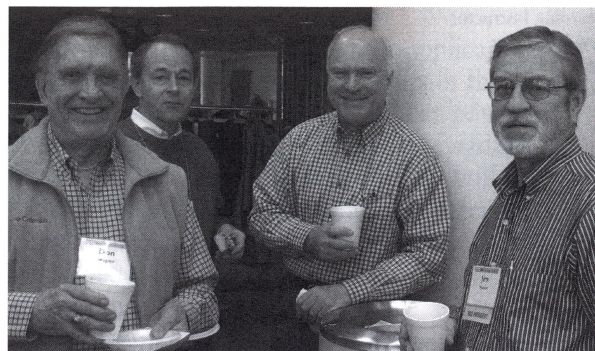
Black gospel music is more popular today than ever. Examine the roots and development of this powerful, inspiring, and influential music with Frances Duren, Inspirational Choir Director at Zion Baptist Church. (RI/RC)

20. Let’s Go Adventuring

James Wilhelm, host of WTVP’s “Illinois Adventure,” will review and reveal some of the secrets of television production, and highlight some of the major points of interest throughout the state, as well as some of the lesser known spots, as seen on the Illinois Adventure programs over the past 17 years. (NI/NC)

21. A Look at Medical Missions

Join John Taraska, pathologist with ten medical mission trips in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Brazil, and Panama, for an interesting look at his medical mission experiences in Haiti, Honduras, China, and Russia. He will discuss their medical facilities, treatments, medicines, and the economic conditions of each country. (NI/NC)



22. Navigating Today’s Stormy Markets

Worried about your Nest Egg? Wondering what you should be doing with the market fluctuations we have been experiencing over the last several years? Not able to understand what (and why?) your advisor is doing (or not doing) with your hard-earned retirement money? Come and join us as we help you set yourself on a path to understanding why your money is where it is, why it was put there, and minding the store. Our instructor will be Carl Williams, president of Williams Investment Network. (RI/NC)

23. Preserving Your Family Treasures

Charles Frey, Special Collection Librarian, and Ana Lyra, Paper Preservationist, will discuss and demonstrate how to preserve paper-based family keepsakes including diaries, letters, certificates, Bibles, and photographs. Chuck will also cover safe scrapbooking techniques. This class will be held in Bradley’s Cullom-Davis library and is limited to 15. (RI/RC)

24. Reconstruction – the Second Civil War

The period in U.S. History from 1865 to 1877 has been labeled reconstruction. Some feel this was the darkest of times, some feel reconstruction was part of major changes in American society. Join Bernie Drake, Past President of the Peoria Historical Society and local Civil War historian, and learn about the events of reconstruction and its effects on the people of the South. (RI/RC)

25. Writing the Stories of Your Life

Writing the story of your life may sound like a daunting task, but it doesn’t have to be. Join us in this informal and encouraging class as we explore getting organized and getting started. You’ll never regret that you took this class. Our instructor will be Carla Rich Montez. This class will be held in Bradley’s Cullom-Davis library and is limited to 20. (RI/RC)

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LUNCH 11:30 - 12:30

Visit the Bradley Café, Student Center Cafeteria, bring a lunch from home, or join our lunch buffet in the Student Center Ballroom. (The buffet is \$29 for all four Wednesdays.)

Buffet Lunches

Sept. 24	Build Your Own Chef Salad
October 1	BBQ Beef and Chicken
October 8	Taco Salad Bar
October 15	Beef Stroganoff

All meals include soup, drink, and dessert.

12:30

26. American Poetry

Discuss the poetry of Edwin Arlington Robinson, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Marianne Moore, and Robert Frost with Jim Sullivan, English Professor at Illinois Central College. (RI/NC)

27. Avoiding the Grammar “Gotchas” – A Guide to Better Communication

If you think you could use a little refresher course on those long-forgotten grammar rules, you will want to join Bradley’s Sue Manley, Continuing Education Program Director and part-time English faculty member, for some engaging discussions about grammar. Topics will include proper word usage (i.e. word choices, irregular verbs) and other faux pas that make you – or others – cringe. You may not be joining the grammar police, but you’ll have a great time discussing how to avoid common errors. This class will be held in Bradley’s Cullom-Davis library and is limited to 20. (RI/NC)

28. Genetics for Idiots and Intellectuals

John DePinto, Bradley Biology Professor Emeritus, will examine genetic principles based on studies by the monk, Gregor Mendel. These principles will help with the understanding of many human genetic diseases such as cystic fibrosis, sickle cell anemia, hemophilia, boy in the bubble syndrome, and many others. Both idiots as well as intellectuals will have a greater appreciation of genetics by the end of this course. (RI/RC)

29. Getting to Know the PSO!

Four of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra (PSO) section leaders will help you understand their instruments’ roles in the orchestra, as well as their own personal career and musical activities outside

the PSO. You can also expect to hear a few musical selections from the section leaders: Marcia Henry Liebenow, Blake Duncan, Peggy Bonner, and Kyle Dzapó. (NI/NC)

30. Mental Health Treatment Then and Now

Join Frank Hubbell, OLLI member and retired mental health professional, as we trace the history of treatment programs for the mentally ill. Develop a better understanding of the disease, and stigma, of mental illness while learning about the incredible treatment advances in this important field. Frank will be joined by these mental health experts: Dan Shinn and Bill Turner, Zeller Zone Center; Katie Jones, Mental Health Association; Keith Stone, National Alliance on Mental Illness; and Don Wells, consumer. (RI/NC)

31. Puts and Calls for Fun and Gains

An assortment of creative opportunities awaits market participants who are willing to expand their horizons. Although many of these devices seem to be the venue for speculators, ordinary investors, traders, and every day stockholders can find beneficial uses for puts, calls, and other such derivatives. The necessary ingredient is knowledge. The objective of this course is to acquaint participants with the tools and opportunities for using put and call contracts. The instructor will be Arlyn Rubash, Bradley Professor of Finance and Quantitative Methods. Class is limited to 15. (NI/NC)

32. The Role of Railroads in Today’s Transportation System in America and Peoria in Particular

This course will deal exclusively with the role of railroads in America today and how they impact Peoria in particular, both passenger and freight. The class will examine their pertinent history, the significance of each, and their potential for the future in relation to need, congestion, efficiency, security, and rising fuel costs. Are they necessary today? The instructor will be Bliss Phillips, OLLI member, AMTRAK rider, and lifelong rail fan. (RI/NC)

33. Second Life 101

Barbara Galik, Executive Director of Cullom-Davis Library, will provide a basic introduction to Second Life, a 3-D multi-user virtual environment. This class will be held in Bradley’s Cullom-Davis library and is limited to 15. (RI/NC)

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34. Strategies, Actions, and Attitudes for Sustaining Happiness as We Age

Every stage of life has its challenges. As we age, we experience many losses. Norma Rossi, vice president of marketing at Easter Seals, will identify and share strategies, actions, and attitudes for sustaining our ability for joy and happiness. A suggested reading for this class is "The How of Happiness" by Sonja Lyubomirsky (cost is approximately \$20). (NI/NC)

35. Understanding the Striking Success in Peoria's Smaller Surrounding Communities

Meet four city administrators who describe their communities' growth successes: Washington's story by Jon Oliphant, Planning and Economic Development Director; Peoria Heights's story by Tom Horstmann, City administrator; West Peoria's story by John Carlson, City Administrator; East Peoria's story by Ty Livingston, Planning and Community Development Director. (NI/NC)

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36. Bold New Gardens

Join Bob Streitmatter, manager at Luthy Botanical Garden, for a look at fresh new garden design and innovative landscape architecture. We'll examine new concepts, plants with promise, ideas, and inspirations. (RI/NC)

37. How are We to Understand Chinese Religion?

Dan Getz, Bradley Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, will examine how religion is understood in China. While briefly introducing the traditions of Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism, the class will consider some underlying themes that pervade Chinese religious life. (RI/NC)

38. Look What I Did

You won't want to miss these interesting, informative, and emotional stories by our presenters: Sue VanWassenhove, poetry, the Everglades, and quilting; Tim Pletkovich and his student-written book "Civil War Fathers;" Geza Wagner, who escaped from Hungary and found his life in Peoria; and Bernie and Barb Drake, who visited the Pearl Harbor Memorial on December 7, and found it so moving they asked to share it with us. (NI/NC)

39. Nuclear Energy Generation

For the first time in 25 years, new applications for construction of nuclear power plants in the U.S. have been submitted. Clearly, nuclear power is undergoing a renaissance. Join John Engdahl, Bradley Professor of Engineering, who will discuss the complex mix of economic, environmental, and geopolitical issues now confronting U.S. energy policy. (RI/RC)

40. Poof! Beginning Magic

Enjoy acquiring basic magical skills while learning magical history and ethics. Magic, as entertainment for others or just your own enjoyment, is a way to stay in contact with your joyful side. No prior magical experience is required. Our instructor will be Char Gott, magic performer in the local area since 1964. (RI/RC)

41. Spanish Just for Fun

Experience the joy of learning a little Spanish through storytelling. In this session you will engage in the language through listening and reading easy Spanish vocabulary in the context of stories. Brush up on the Spanish you learned in high school, or learn as a beginner. Most of all, have fun with Spanish. Our instructor will be Dottie Strickler, OLLI member and retired Spanish teacher. This class will be held in Bradley's Cullom-Davis library and is limited to 20. (RI/RC)

42. Words and Music by Berlin, Kern, and Porter

Dick Hinds, OLLI member, will review the lives and music of three of our favorite giants of American musical theater: Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, and Cole Porter. (RI/RC)

43. Zoo 101

Discover the zoo as you've never seen it before! Learn how exhibits are designed, what enrichment is, the tricks behind the training of a 600 pound sea lion, and so much more. Jill Roderick and Julie Brunton will also discuss the past, present, and future of the Peoria Zoo. (NI/NC)



COMPUTER CLASSES (INCLUDED WITH OLLI FEE)
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44. Facebook, Google, YouTube, and Webkinz?

Jon C. Neidy will guide the exploration of four websites that tweens and teens are using today. Facebook, which is described as “a social utility that connects you with the people around you;” Google, which is described as “a tool for finding resources on the World Wide Web;” YouTube, which is described as the “world's most popular online video community, allowing millions of people to discover, watch and share originally-created videos;” and Webkinz, which is described as “the exciting online experience where your plush pet comes to life.” These are the websites where our children and grandchildren are spending their time. Let's find out what they are doing there. (RI/NC)

10:00 – 11:45

45. Using a Computer to Manage Your Investments

This new computer-based class will demonstrate several ways to track and manage your investment performance (stocks, bonds, etc). Free websites such as Yahoo Financial, Morningstar, etc, will be used. Participants will be shown the importance of portfolio management and how this can yield improved investment gains. All students will develop their own basic written investment strategy. It is important that all students have a good prior understanding of computer usage, spreadsheet analysis, and Microsoft Excel. Our instructor will be Don Wagner who will be assisted by Jim Hooker, OLLI members. (NI/NC)

1:00 – 2:45

46. Intro to Buying on eBay

This class will introduce the eBay auction process. We will concentrate on registration, searching, bidding, and payment methods. Bidding methodology will be presented to assist the buyer in making intelligent purchases. PayPal will be explained as a facility for safe payment means for buyers. eBay seller 'feedback' will be addressed to know whether or not to bid on items for a given seller. Instructors are Randal and Rebecca Braun, OLLI members and Peoria Area SeniorNet Volunteer Instructors/Coaches. **Participants should be new to eBay and comfortable using the mouse and keyboard, searching on the Internet, and making purchases on the Internet with a credit card.** (RI/RC)

3:00 – 4:45

47. Intro to Selling on eBay

This class will introduce methodologies for successful selling on eBay and will include the opportunity for the student(s) to actually put an item up for sale. We will explain how to follow your auction and how to respond to potential buyers' questions through eBay messaging. PayPal pros and cons will be discussed. Buy-It-Now, Re-listing, and Second Chance offers will be explained. Feedback and printing of Prepaid Postage Mailing Labels for USPS and UPS will be addressed. Instructors are Randal and Rebecca Braun, OLLI members and Peoria Area SeniorNet Volunteer Instructors/Coaches. **Participants must have previous eBay/buying experience and a current eBay account.** (RI/RC)

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PRESENTER:

Joanne K. Glasser, Esq.
President, Bradley University

MENU

Baby Spinach with Raspberry Vinaigrette
Tandoori Chicken Breast
Basmati Rice
Green Beans
Pumpkin Surprise

If you would like to attend, please check “Will Attend the Kick-Off Luncheon” on your registration form.
Please register by September 3, 2008.

STUDY GROUPS

With the advent of fall comes a new learning opportunity--Study Groups. Join people of similar interests as we explore a familiar topic in the context of a weekly get-together. Study groups are in-depth learning experiences that encourage interactive participation by members. They are led by facilitators, who establish group expectations and areas of study. As active, involved learners, members will do outside readings and make in-class presentations. Gain a new perspective, contribute to a fun discussion, and join like-minded peers in this new venue for learning and friend-making!

1968: The Year that Changed Everything

Thursdays, September 18 through October 30, 2008
(No class Oct. 2) 8:30 – 10:00 AM

If you are over 50, you remember much of 1968, but that means you can also recite the slogan from the era, "Don't trust anyone over 30." Abandon this slogan and join us to learn why Newsweek called 1968, "The year that changed everything." We will discuss Time Magazine's 1988 position that, "Nineteen sixty-eight was a knife blade that severed past from future, Then from Now; the Then of triumphant postwar American power in the world, the Then of the nation's illusions of innocence and virtues, from the more complicated Now that began when the U.S. saw that it was losing a war it should not have been fighting in the first place, when the huge tribe of the young revolted against the nation's elders and authority, and when the nation finished killing its heroes." Agree or disagree? Let's study the people, places, events, and culture of 1968. (RF/NSG)

Facilitator: Janet Lange, Executive Director of Continuing Education is one of 7 baby boomer siblings and recalls 1968 from the perspective of a 12-year-old, middle class girl from the Midwest. A former history major and high school teacher, Janet observes 2008 through the eyes of her son, who is now the same age as she was in 1968.

Fee: \$60. Class size is limited to 16.

Biofuels: Mission or Wishful Thinking

Tuesdays, October 21 through November 25, 2008
10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Advocacy-group spinmeisters write, tout, hype, and variously publicize a group's position on biofuel. Receiving wide publicity is ethanol from corn or switchgrass, diesel from soybeans, and reprocessed cooking oils. Other biofuels are mentioned, but receive only cursory examination. This seminar-style group will investigate many biofuels, evaluate their underpinning, and clarify if any biofuel can fulfill: a) essential, b) none, or c) some energy needs, and d) uncover any downside. (RF/NSG)

Facilitator: Henry Sinclair is a retired chemist and an OLLI member.

Fee: \$60. Class size is limited to 12.

Another Way to See: Appreciating Photographs

Tuesdays, September 23 through October 28, 2008
7:00 – 9:00 PM

To truly appreciate anything, you have to spend time with it, get to know it, study it, and try to understand it. To most, it is a strange concept that it takes work to appreciate something, but most find, upon reflection, many examples in their own lives where this concept has proved out. In this study group, we'll explore this process with regard to photographs, mostly considering photographs as art, but touching on other areas, as well. We'll study techniques of appreciation and apply them to photographs ranging from those of the masters of the art to those of students and perhaps to those of our own. Student participation is absolutely essential to the success of this effort. Each participant will have a short research project which he or she will present in both written and verbal form to the class. And, once again, we're gonna have fun! (RF/NSG)

Facilitator:: Ray Keithley, OLLI member, has been studying photography for over 50 years, including two years at the Center for Creative Photography at MIT. In addition to practicing his craft, Ray has taught at Fresno City College and at ILR.

Fee: \$60. Class size is limited to 8.

Creation Stories-Origin of the Universe

Thursdays, October 2 through November 6, 2008
7:00 – 9:00 PM

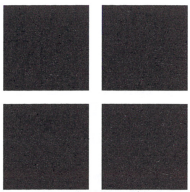
The purpose of this study group is to investigate, but not evaluate, the different creation stories from peoples all over the world. We will not decide which is the true or correct story. We will not try to convince another of our understanding of creation. Our purpose is simply to broaden our knowledge of how people, over the centuries and over the Earth, have tried to answer the question we are still trying to answer. How did it all begin? Or, did it have a beginning? Maybe it just was.

Each week, two of the participants will be the discussion leaders. The group will have been given a key reference and the two discussion leaders are expected to delve more deeply into the subject, present their findings, and lead the discussion. The instructor will facilitate the group and learn along with the members. Come join us! (RF/NSG)

Facilitator: Henry Rakoff is a retired chemistry professor, research chemist, and an OLLI member.

Fee: \$60. Class size is limited to 12.

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LOCAL TRIPS

Our Commerce Unseen trips are designed to take you into unseen and sometimes overlooked businesses within our own community. Most trips cost \$22, which includes the tour, lunch, and van transportation. We typically meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m., tour, and then return at approximately 3:30 p.m. Sue Manley and Wanda Lane will be your escorts. We'll send detailed handouts for each trip with your registration receipt. Please keep the handouts so you can refer to them prior to each outing, and remember to wear comfortable walking shoes for all trips.

New Cuba Junior/Senior High School

Thursday, August 28

Special Time: 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Special Cost: \$25

Completed in 2004, the New Cuba Junior/Senior High School (for Fulton County School District No. 3) was one of the first new constructions in downstate Illinois to take sustainable or "green" design seriously. Under the leadership of School Superintendent Dr. Janice Spears and Mr. Steven McCardle (design architect), this facility incorporated a geothermal heating and cooling system (120 wells drilled to a depth of 200 feet each) and a highly visible photovoltaic system (sized to 60 KW). Because of these and other design elements, the New Cuba Junior/Senior High School received the first "Innovation in Green Construction" award from the State of Illinois Capital Development Board in 2007.

Ed Barry, local architect and project assistant for the New Cuba Junior/Senior High School, will lead a tour of this 55,000 square foot facility. Included will be the detailed story of how a disparate variety of interested parties and agencies came together to realize this groundbreaking piece of architecture in a rural Illinois community.

Parsec Enterprises, Inc.

Monday, September 29

You probably don't know that North America's largest independent watch repair facility is located

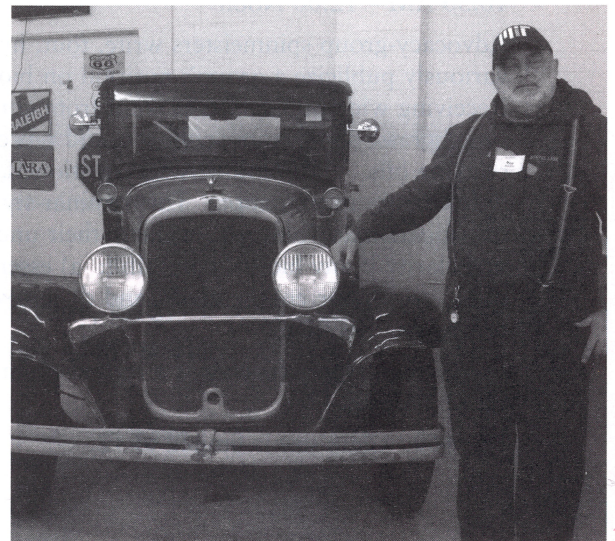
in Peoria, Illinois. On this tour, you'll learn about yet another thriving Peoria business and its use of both technology and skill in keeping watches ticking.

Founded in 1977 by Marc and Diedre Young, Parsec Enterprises, Inc. started virtually at the beginning of the quartz watch revolution. Although the business was established in an 8' X 10' spare room in the Young home, Parsec is now quite well known in the watch industry and handles warranty repairs for numerous watch manufacturers. Since moving to Peoria from Indiana in 1983, Parsec has serviced over 1.4 million watches for many of the nation's largest watch manufacturers and volume retailers including Nike, Movado Group, Zales/Gordons, and Sterling Jewelers.

Bremer Jewelry

Monday, October 20

Our tour of Bremer Jewelry will include the store as well as the complete manufacturing facility located in the lower level. This exploration will include learning about the process of jewelry making from design to completion of a piece. We will also tour the American Gem Society Lab, which is located in the store, and view all of the modern gem and diamond-grading equipment used to complete appraisals and to help customers with buying decisions.



George O. Pasquel Company

Wednesday, October 29

Walk through the newly remodeled 3,000 square foot showroom, warehouse, and the used inventory and equipment building. You will see over 10,000 items, large and small restaurant equipment, smallwares (china, crystal, glassware, silverware), paper goods, and chemicals. This family-owned business has been supplying restaurants, hospitals, nursing homes, and the general public since 1946.

Excel Foundry and Machine

Wednesday, November 5

Special Time: 8:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

We'll visit two facilities in Pekin as we learn more about the manufacturing of rock-crushing equipment. Established in Pekin in 1929, Excel Foundry and Machine originally specialized in making small brass bushings and fittings. During the 1970s, Excel began manufacturing specialized replacement parts for draglines and stripping shovels that were used by mining companies. Today Excel specializes in the manufacture and supply of premium crusher parts and mining equipment parts for cone crushers, hydraulic excavators, electric shovels, mining drills and draglines, and other types of heavy machinery. During our trip, we will also visit a second company, FLSmidth Excel, which makes five sizes of the Raptor High Performance Cone Crusher (a rock crusher) for the mining and aggregate industries.

Caterpillar Robotics/Tech Center

Thursday, November 13

The Technical Center is the site where Caterpillar conducts major product research, and this trip will focus on their virtual reality development, robotics, and related technology. We will learn about the various associated technologies and the potential product applications. If you have heard any of Sam Kherat's ILR presentations, you'll know that he has frequently referred to this area of Caterpillar's research and development efforts.

Dream Center Peoria

Wednesday, November 19

Become familiar with the needs of inner-city families in Peoria and discover how the programs offered through Dream Center Peoria address those needs. After viewing a presentation that highlights Dream Center programs, we will tour this facility located in the heart of downtown Peoria.

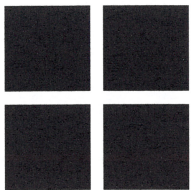
Special Event

Let's Go Greek!

On Tuesday, September 16 at 5:30, join us at the Greek Orthodox Church, 1812 N. Prospect, for an evening highlighting Greek heritage, food, and entertainment. A cash wine bar is available. Transportation is on your own for this event. Please make reservations by Friday, September 5.

Cost: \$20 per person





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Small-Town Gems:

A Day in Downtown Manito Manito, IL

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

Many have enjoyed our series on small-town gems, and this fall, we are offering a day trip to Manito, Illinois. Our day will focus on a variety of locally produced items including pottery, wine, woodworking, and chocolate! Nancy Proehl, who lives in Manito, will share her personal insights as she joins us during our visit.

Our day will begin at Lost Creek Pottery, where we will learn about the art of pottery making from potter and Bradley alum, Larry Kruzan. During lunch at Willet's Winery and Cellar, prepared and served by Liz Marie's Bakery, we will hear about wine making and have the opportunity to taste some locally produced wines. Teresa Sondag, one of the owners of Liz Marie's Bakery, will tell us about their "povitica," a Croatian family bread specialty. The bakery also features delicious pies, cookies, and other homemade breads.

Next we'll visit Signature Wood, where Bob Sondag, local craftsman and woodworker, will show us some of his work and talk about his business.

We'll stroll down the street to visit The Giving Tree, which is owned by Andria Lord and Judy Lacer. Their shop features unique gift items and local art created by Jason Allen.

Before heading home, we'll indulge our cravings for chocolate at Dianna's Chocolates, owned by Sue Woodward, where candy, muffins, and sweets are all handmade.

Cost: \$69 includes charter bus transportation, tours, lunch, wine tasting, and treats. We will depart at 9:00 a.m. from CampusTown and return at approximately 4:00 p.m. Jon Neidy and Wanda Lane will be your escorts. Please register by August 20.



Frank Lloyd Wright and Oak Park – An Insider's View

Oak Park, IL

Wednesday, September 3

Join us for an exploration of Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture and historic Oak Park. We will tour by motor coach – and by walking in areas where the busses cannot pass. Our guides will narrate the tour and give us the inside stories of Frank Lloyd Wright's life in Oak Park as we travel past impressive Wright-designed homes. We'll also see the exterior of the home of Wright's lover, Mamah Cheney, as featured in the recently released novel, "Loving Frank."

Enjoy a private guided tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio where Wright lived and worked for 20 years. We'll become more familiar with the Prairie Style of architecture, which Wright and his associates developed, and visit the Unity Temple, one of Wright's masterpieces of art and architecture.

Delight in a complete luncheon on The Avenue at Winberie's Restaurant. Lunch will include Chicken Marsala, potato, dessert, and beverage.

Cost: \$99 includes charter bus transportation, admission to all attractions, two-course lunch, step-on guides, and guided walking tour. We will depart at 6:30 a.m. from CampusTown and return at approximately 7:00 p.m. Jon Neidy and Janet Lange will be your escorts. Please register by August 15.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Hegeler-Carus Mansion, LaSalle Canal Boats
LaSalle, IL
Thursday, September 18**

We've waited several years for the LaSalle Canal Boats to be ready to host our group, so you can look forward to a great and fulfilling day in LaSalle, Illinois.

We'll start our day at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Ottawa to learn about the history of the Illinois River and to visit the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center. Maybe we'll see a boat go through the locks during our time there! An "Illinois Watchable Wildlife" site, it also features a book store and history displays.

After lunch at the Canal Port Bar and Grill, we'll be off to LaSalle to tour the Hegeler-Carus Mansion. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this 57-room Victorian seven-level mansion has 16,000-square-feet and features a mansard roof, dormer windows, molded cornices, decorative brackets, and a tower crowned by a 30-foot cupola. Although faded, the 19th century interior of the mansion is virtually unchanged. Among the highlights is the mansion's two-story gymnasium, which spans the basement and ground levels.

Just a five-minute ride from the mansion, we'll board the new LaSalle Canal Boats for a one-hour ride in the horse-drawn boats. Dressed in period costumes, our guides will delight the group with stories and historic information about the canal.

Cost: \$89 includes charter bus transportation, tours, and lunch. We will depart at 7:00 a.m. from CampusTown and return at approximately 7:00 p.m. Sue Manley and Wanda Lane will be your escorts. Please register by September 3.

**Organs, Art, and Mustard – A Slightly
Different Look at the Quad Cities Area
Levsen Organ Company, Figge Museum,
Boetje's Mustard Factory
Thursday, November 6**

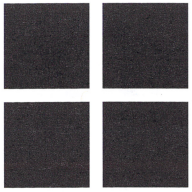
Join us for a wonderful – but different – look at the Quad Cities area. We'll depart from Peoria and head to Buffalo, Iowa, where we will tour the Levsen Organ Factory where they build new pipe organs and preserve, enlarge, and renew present pipe organs. Headquartered in Buffalo, Iowa along the Mississippi River, Levsen currently tunes and services 157 pipe organs in the upper Midwest.

We'll enjoy a soda-fountain lunch at Lagomarcino's in East Davenport...save room for dessert! After lunch we'll drive to the Figge Art Museum for a docent-led tour of the many works of art.

After a bit of art appreciation, we head off to Boetje's Mustard Factory for a tour and some taste-testing. In 1889 Fred Boetje walked from house to house in his own Rock Island neighborhood filling up empty mustard jars for five cents a dip with his own recipe. Today, Boetje's mustard is winning gold medals at worldwide mustard competitions against companies like French's, Kraft, and Grey Poupon. You'll have the opportunity to taste the mustard and to purchase your favorite items at the gift shop.

Cost: \$79 includes charter bus transportation, tours, and lunch. We will depart at 7:30 a.m. from CampusTown and return at approximately 6:30 p.m. Sue Manley and Wanda Lane will be your escorts. Please register by October 6.

**Additional trip pictures are
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ABOUT THE BERNARD OSHER FOUNDATION, LIFELONG LEARNING, AND US

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Your president, executive committee, and Continuing Education staff are pleased to announce that Bradley University has been selected by the Bernard Osher Foundation to receive a substantial grant to support learning for retirees. With this newsletter, we are pleased to report that this grant will be dedicated to the work of the Institute for Learning in Retirement.

The Bernard Osher Foundation, headquartered in San Francisco, was founded in 1977 by Bernard Osher, a patron of education and the arts known as “the quiet philanthropist.” Osher is a respected businessman and community leader whose namesake Foundation seeks to improve the quality of life through support for higher education and the arts.

One of the many programs of the Foundation is the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). OLLI programs are found on the campuses of over 100 universities in the U.S. including two Illinois campuses at Northwestern University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Bradley is the third Illinois campus to be selected for the OLLI distinction.

Each OLLI-supported program provides non-credit educational opportunities for seasoned adults who are aged 50 and older who are interested in learning for the joy of learning—and that’s YOU! Given the diversity of our members and classes, the robust volunteer leadership, and sound organizational structure, the Osher Foundation felt Bradley was an outstanding example of OLLI’s mission.

Building on our 15-year experience with ILR and its 600+ members, we will now embark on a new era in programs for retirees. You can look forward to additional staff support from Continuing Education, new programs like Study Groups and Active Travel, and more opportunities to enhance learning during this period in your life.

And while we will have a new name—the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bradley University (OLLI), and new logo—we remain the same excited group of mature learners. Please join us in welcoming the distinction of being an OLLI designated program. We are among an elite group of lifelong learners!

The proposal submitted to the Osher Foundation was written by the staff of Continuing Education in consultation with the ILR Executive Committee.

Learn more about the Osher Foundation at www.osherfoundation.org



REGISTRATION (PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT)

WHAT I WANT TO DO

Class Membership Fee

- ___ \$85 Class Membership Fee
___ \$29 Buffet lunches
___ **Total (LINE A)**

The class fee includes the complimentary Kick-Off Luncheon, gift, one class in each of the periods listed below, and optional computer classes.

- 8:00 - 8:30
___ 1. Tai Chi for Health
- 8:30 - 10:00
___ 2. Current Issues in BioScience
___ 3. Hopewell Mound Builders
___ 4. Humanity in the Midst of War
- 9:00 - 10:00
___ 5. Alternative Energy
___ 6. ArtsPartners of Central Illinois
___ 7. Beginning Digital Cameras
___ 8. Dandelion Wine
___ 9. Forty-two Causes of the Great Depression
___ 10. Lincoln's Visits to Peoria
___ 11. Secrets Revealed in the Jewelry Industry
___ 12. Wealth and Life Planning in Retirement
- 10:30 - 11:30
___ 13. Autonomous Driving: Myth or Reality
___ 14. Central Illinois Transportation
___ 15. Current Events in Chemistry
___ 16. Food Facts and "Figures"
___ 17. Gardening
___ 18. Giuseppe Verdi
___ 19. History of Black Gospel Music in America
___ 20. Let's Go Adventuring
___ 21. A Look at Medical Missions
___ 22. Navigating Today's Stormy Markets
___ 23. Preserving Your Family Treasures
___ 24. Reconstruction - the Second Civil War
___ 25. Writing the Stories of Your Life
- 12:30 - 1:30
___ 26. American Poetry
___ 27. Avoiding the Grammar "Gothchas"
___ 28. Genetics for Idiots and Intellectuals
___ 29. Getting to Know the PSO
___ 30. Mental Health Treatment Then and Now
___ 31. Puts and Calls for Fun and Games
___ 32. The Role of Railroads in Today's Transportation System
___ 33. Second Life 101
___ 34. Strategies, Actions, and Attitudes for Sustaining Happiness as We Age
___ 35. Understanding the Striking Success in Peoria's Smaller Communities
- 2:00 - 3:00
___ 36. Bold New Gardens
___ 37. How are We to Understand Chinese Religion
___ 38. Look What I Did
___ 39. Nuclear Energy Generation
___ 40. Poof! Beginning Magic
___ 41. Spanish Just for Fun
___ 42. Words and Music by Berlin, Kern, and Porter
___ 43. Zoo 101

Computer Classes, Fridays, Sept. 26 - Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2008

If you choose to take these computer classes, select only one or two.

Register for computer classes only if you can attend all four (4) sessions.

- 8:00-9:45 ___ 44. Facebook, Google, YouTube, and Webkinz
10:00-11:45 ___ 45. Using a Computer to Manage Your Investments
1:00-2:45 ___ 46. Intro to Buying on eBay
3:00-4:45 ___ 47. Intro to Selling on eBay

Please check box if you are attending luncheon

- I will attend the Kick-Off Luncheon on Wednesday, September 10, 2008.

Parking

Please plan to use our shuttle buses which will run between Westminster Church, Shea Stadium, and the Michel Student Center .

Limited handicapped-accessible parking is available by permit on campus. Please contact Wanda at (309) 677-2523 for details.

Study Group Membership Fees

- ___ \$ 60 The Year that Changed Everything, Sept. 18 - Oct. 30
___ \$ 60 Biofuels: Missions or Wishful Thinking, Oct. 21 - Nov. 25
___ \$ 60 Another Way to See, Sept. 23 - Oct 28
___ \$ 60 Creation Stories- Origin of the Universe, Oct. 2- Nov. 6

___ **Total (LINE B)**

Learning Trip Membership Fees

- ___ \$ 25 New Cuba Junior/Senior High School. Aug. 28
___ \$ 22 Parsec Enterprises, Inc., Sept. 29
___ \$ 22 Bremer Jewelrt, Oct. 20
___ \$ 22 George O. Pasquel Co., Oct. 29
___ \$ 22 Excel Foundry and Machine, Nov. 5
___ \$ 22 Caterpillar Robotics/Tech Center, Nov 13
___ \$ 22 Dream Center Peoria, Nov. 19
___ \$ 20 Let's Go Greek!
- ___ \$ 69 Small-Town Gems, Aug. 27
___ \$ 99 Frank Lloyd Wright and Oak Park, Sept. 3
___ \$ 89 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sept. 18
___ \$ 79 Organs, Art, and Mustard, Nov. 6

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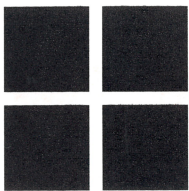
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ABOUT US

What is the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bradley University? For over 14 years, Bradley University has sponsored a program for retirees called the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR). During this period, over 600 mature learners have designed and developed a vibrant organization. This success was recognized in June, 2008, by the Bernard Osher Foundation which awarded Bradley University Continuing Education a grant to further support its educational programs for retirees. This distinction resulted in a new name for the ILR, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bradley University (OLLI). This fall, learning in retirement takes a new name, benefits from expanded support, and will begin to offer even more classes and trips for seasoned learners. We remain an organization of mature learners dedicated to sharing knowledge, skills, time, and friendships with contemporaries.

When are OLLI classes and learning trips offered? OLLI classes occur three times each year: fall, winter, and spring. In the fall and spring the OLLI classes are held on four consecutive Wednesdays. In the winter our classes are held on four consecutive days in January. OLLI learning trips and study groups are held throughout the fall, winter, and spring.

Who attends and supports OLLI ?

Over 600 mature learners from the tri-county area and all walks of life attend OLLI programs each year. OLLI members believe that learning is a never-ending process. They view pre-retirement and retirement as an opportunity to explore new ideas, investigate issues of interest, and form new friendships. Bradley University Continuing Education, in affiliation with the The Bernard Osher Foundation and the Elderhostel Institute Network, sponsor the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bradley University.

Where is OLLI held?

Most classes are held in our conveniently located and attractive Robert H. Michel Student Center on Bradley's campus. Our shuttle will transport you from various locations to the front door of the Student Center where all the facilities are handicapped accessible. Study groups and computer classes are held in classrooms throughout campus. Learning trips are held throughout the region and state. Van or charter bus transportation is provided for all learning trips.