











OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

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WHO IS OLL!?

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is an organization at Bradley University whose members share a common goal: to remain vital and active in their late career and post-career lives. Consisting of over 850 individuals from age 50 to 98, OLLI members come from all backgrounds and educational levels. Together they enjoy participating in a diverse collection of programs including non-credit classes, educational travel, study groups, and special events.

These programs, offered throughout the year, originate in committees of OLLI volunteers who solicit ideas from the membership. This grassroots approach ensures that OLLI programs represent a wide array of topics and member interests.

Leading most OLLI programs are volunteers who are invited, by the membership, to teach a class or facilitate a study group. These presenters come from the community, the University, and from within the OLLI membership. OLLI members also teach Classes, facilitate Study Groups, and serve as guides on Learning Trips.

Bradley University Continuing Education sponsors the OLLI program. Staff provide leadership and program oversight and facilitate the use of University resources.

Lifelong learning programs at Bradley began in 1994 with the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR). In 2008, the Bernard Osher Foundation awarded Bradley a grant that established the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute - OLLI at Bradley University.

A subsequent gift from the Foundation endowed OLLI thus ensuring its long term viability while recognizing it as a program of national distinction. OLLI at Bradley University is an affiliate of the Elderhostel Institute Network and The Bernard Osher Foundation.

Visit our website: www.bradley.edu/continue/olli

WE ARE OLL!

OLLI volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization. We celebrate our success due to their efforts. Thank you!

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SAVE THE DATE

Hidden Treasures of the Maritimes, Nova Scotia May 24 - June 2, 2012

The Titanic is well known to all as the catastrophe that claimed 1,517 lives. In the 100th anniversary year of the disaster, we'll travel to Halifax, the resting place for the Titanic's unclaimed victims and remember those souls with a tour given by a passionate author of several books on the sinking. This will be just one of the treasures uncovered on Hidden Treasures of the Maritimes, a 10 day tour that explores Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. We'll visit Grand Pre National Park, interact with a local family and see how they produce organic maple syrup, learn about the lobster industry and enjoy a traditional lobster dinner, climb aboard a local fisherman's boat for a cruise of the bay, see the famed Hopewell Rocks, and explore Nova Scotia's famous Lighthouse Route.

The tour fee, which has not yet been determined, will include airfare, transfers, ground transportation, admission to all sites, lodging, and most meals.

If you're interested in receiving information about this trip, please check the line on the registration page, or contact Emily Skocaj at eskocaj@bradley.edu, 309.677.3900.

On the cover, clockwise: Cindy Nadenbush, Bill Herbst, Phyllis Baylor, and Ralph Timm



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Witty American novelist and editor Peter De Vries once quipped, "I was thinking that we all learn by experience, but some of us have to go to summer school."

Unlike Mr. De Vries and his friends, we OLLI members can enjoy a "summer school" of fun-packed Learning Trips and mind-expanding Study Groups because it's what we WANT to do. This is OLLI's third year to offer a Summer program, thanks to our generous OLLI grant, the Continuing Education staff's sound guidance, our tireless volunteer Chairpersons and Executive Committee, and the enthusiastic support of our almost-900 OLLI members.

You have seen our Study Group and Learning Trip Committee members actively promoting Learning Trips and Study Groups at Kick-off Luncheons and during breaks at OLLI classes. They have conducted face-to-face interviews with members to elicit your opinions and ideas.

Here are the results: Numerous local trips- a visit to Peoria Zoo for an "animal attraction" event, the Peoria Police Department and Emergency Services Center, the new Hy-Vee grocery store with all sorts of hidden surprises, Springdale Cemetery for a photography experience led by our Past-President Ray Keithley, and Parsons Company in Roanoke, to name a few. There are a number of regional trips including the Shakespeare Festival, Route 66 Raceway, Canoeing on the Sangamon River, Brewing and Bocce Ball in St. Louis, and more! Check out the Special Events, too, including a summer picnic at Wildlife Prairie Park.

If you want to learn about a topic in a more depth in a discussion-based environment with a small group of like-minded participants, pick a Study Group or two. Try one about a topic you want to know more about: (1) *The Forgotten 500* (the previously untold story of 500 American airmen who risked their lives to rescue American pilots who were shot down over Yugoslavia as they were bombing Italy during World War II. (2) The Girls of Summer (it will be a lively discussion about a time in sports history when women played the national pastime – you need not be a baseball fan to enjoy this study group.) (3) Jane Austen (reading *Sense and Sensibility* and *Pride and Prejudice* and discussing the social milieu and conventions depicted in the novels.) (4) Nonverbal Communication (becoming more aware of our own signals and those of others) (5) To learn about the dynamics of facilitating a group discussion, join Jon Neidy's Facilitator Training Study Group.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this year. I am following in the footsteps of outstanding predecessors, and I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from them.

"This bud of love, by summer's ripening breath, May prove a beauteous flower when next we meet" ... at OLLI. (William Shakespeare "tweeked" by Carolyn Shepherd).

Carolyn Shepherd, OLLI President cjs.BU OLLI@yahoo.com

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Believing that the world is a classroom, OLLI members travel to learn. OLLI Learning Trips provide tour guides, docents, and local experts who share informative behind-the-scenes insights – many of which are not available to the public.

- All Learning Trip times in this brochure are approximate and subject to change. Please refer to your confirmation handout (mailed upon registration) for specific departure, tour, and arrival times.
- Many of our Learning Trips require walking and standing in various terrains and environments. To ensure your safety and to respect our hosts' regulations, it is required that everyone wear closed-toed shoes.
- Each Learning Trip and Special Event includes an activity level symbol. Before you register, make sure the activity level matches your abilities. This will ensure an enjoyable trip for you and those who travel with you.
- Enter/exit vehicle with minimal assistance, climb some stairs, stand for up to an hour, and walk a few blocks indoors or out.
- Level I, plus: climb some flights of stairs and walk on uneven surfaces.
- Levels I & II, plus: healthy, mobile, and able to participate in 3-5 hours of daily physical activity.
- Levels I III, plus: able to participate in hours of daily moderate activity.

LOCAL TRIPS

Get to know your community on these half-day excursions to local sites. The price includes meal, van transportation, entrance fees, and tour guides.

Peoria Police Department Thursday, June 9, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

On this trip, we'll visit the Peoria Police Department and view holding cells, line up rooms, interview rooms, the evidence room, and a museum that highlights equipment, photographs, and evidence collected over the last 80 years. Our tour will also include the adjacent Emergency Communications Center, where we'll observe and learn how the trained staff handles emergency calls. \$22 – includes lunch, tour, and van transportation

Springdale Photography Experience Market Wednesday, June 15, 7:30 – 11:00 a.m. AND Wednesday, June 22, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Frequent OLLI instructors Ray Keithley and Barb Hoffman will lead our latest photography adventure, this time at historic Springdale Cemetery. On June 15, we'll meet for breakfast and a presentation about how to best capture the grand architecture and sculptures in the summer sun, then we'll head to the cemetery to take photos. The next week, we'll meet to exchange photos for display at OLLI's Fall 2011 class gathering.

\$25 – includes 6/15 breakfast, presentations, van transportation, and 6/22 refreshments, and supplies

Weaver's Angus Farms Tuesday, June 21, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Our tour will be your last opportunity to see the Weaver private museum collection of vintage stage coaches and carriages (which date back to the 1700s and were used in Olympic competitions). In addition, our host, Peoria Councilman Chuck Weaver, will educate us on the Weaver Polo Program. After our tour, we'll dine at WeaverRidge. \$22 – includes lunch, tour, and van transportation

Hy-Vee

Wednesday, July 27, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Get a closer look at Peoria's newest supermarket as we tour Hy-Vee in Sheridan Village. Hy-Vee's dietician will conduct the tour and explain how the store focuses on healthy lifestyles by rating the nutritional value of the groceries it sells, preparing fresh food on site, and selling natural and organic products in its health market. \$22 – includes lunch, tour, and van transportation

Animal Attraction at Peoria Zoo Wednesday, August 3, 12:00 – 3:30 p.m.

This unique tour will focus on the animal courtship rituals of the inhabitants at the Peoria Zoo. Jill Roderick, frequent OLLI instructor and director of education at the zoo, will begin the day with a classroom presentation about how the animals choose their mates. We will then visit the animal enclosures and see first-hand how the couples interact in the environment.

\$25 – includes lunch, tour, and van transportation

Parsons Company Thursday, August 25, 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Parsons, which specializes in metal fabrication, precision machining, welding, assembly, and painting, has been a supplier to Fortune 100 manufacturers since 1971. In 2004, the plant was destroyed by an F4 tornado, but all 150 employees survived, as they were protected by specially designed tornado shelters. This tour will highlight the company's story of determination in recovering from the tornado's destruction.

\$22 – includes lunch, tour, and van transportation

REGIONAL TRIPS

Spend time with OLLI enjoying travel throughout Illinois and nearby states. The price of each trip includes meal, charter coach transportation (unless otherwise indicated), entrance fees, tips, snacks, and tour guides.

Wednesday, June 1, 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Our day in St. Louis will focus on Italian culture and brewing. We'll experience a guided tour of The Hill and enjoy a homemade ravioli making; demonstration, a bocce ball lesson, a concert at St. Ambrose Church, and of course, plentiful pasta and gelato at Mama Campisi's. Later, we'll head to Anheuser-Busch Brewery for a tour, private beer class, and tasting.

\$109 – includes tours, beer class, lunch, gratuities, snacks, and charter coach transportation.

A Day in Manito Manito, Illinois

Thursday, June 16, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Nancy Proehl, retired member of the Continuing Education staff, will be our guide as we spend the day in Manito. Our visit will include tours of the Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery, Dianna's Chocolates, Signature Wood, Old Manito School and Jail, and Corr's Bakery. We'll also dine at Hawk's Grove Family Inn, partake in a wine lesson and tasting at Willett's Winery, and enjoy dessert from the Ironstone Room.

\$69 – includes tours, lunch, gratuities, snacks, and charter coach transportation.

The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged) Illinois Shakespeare Festival, Normal Thursday, June 23, 4:30 – 11:30 p.m.

We have tickets for the opening gala of *The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)*, during which 37 plays are performed in 97 minutes. Susan Hillabold, of Illinois Central College, will accompany our group to enrich our understanding. The evening will include a picnic dinner with wine, private backstage tour, and platinum seats. \$109 – includes tour, dinner, wine, performance, intermission beverage, gratuities, snacks, and charter coach transportation.

Wednesday, June 29, 6:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Scott Hewitt, storyteller and canoeist, will be our guide as we paddle the Sangamon River. He'll provide a lesson in canoeing techniques and lead us on a five-mile stretch of the river while discussing the area's natural history. We are limited to 20 participants for a more personal, experience. \$69 – includes canoe rental, lesson, interpretive service, lunch, gratuities, snacks, and van transportation.

Hornbaker's and Annie Get Your Gun Princeton, Illinois

Wednesday, July 6, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Our visit to Princeton will include a visit to Hornbaker's Gardens and lunch at Hunter's Ridge Golf Course where Dexter Brigham, a BU alum and Executive Director of Festival 56, will discuss the history and future of Illinois' largest summer theatre festival and provide a sneak peak of our matinee performance, *Annie Get Your Gun*. \$79 – includes lunch, performance, intermission beverage, gratuities, snacks, and charter coach transportation.

Route 66 Raceway 15 Islands

Saturday, July 16, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

As a follow-up to the "Drag Racing Mania" Study Group, we will travel to the Route 66 Raceway in Joliet to experience the "Test and Tune" and "Top Sportsman" qualifying races. Charley Lindsey, coordinator of the quarter-mile drag strip, will be our guide as we tour the grounds and watch the races.

\$69 – includes lunch, tour, entry fees, gratuities, snacks, and charter coach transportation.

Pullman State Historic Site Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, August 18, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The day will include a visit to the Pullman State Historic Site where Mike Wagenbach (Bradley '89) will escort us through the surviving portions of an industrial complex developed in the 1880s. We will also visit Hyde Park to learn more about sites of the World's Columbian Exposition and tour the Oriental Institute.

\$109 – includes tours, admission fees, lunch, gratuities, snacks, and charter coach transportation.

SPECIAL EVENTS

OLLI's Special Events are scheduled to accommodate our members' busy lifestyles. There are usually no seating limits to these events, but registration is required.

Summer Picnic & Wildlife Prairie State Park, Edwards Wednesday, June 8, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a buffet on the air conditioned Hespell Deck as Jeff Rosecrans, Executive Director, presents an informative look at the park's past, present, and future. Admission tickets will be provided for those who wish to spend time exploring the park after our picnic. \$25 – includes lunch, presentation, gratuities, and park

admission. No transportation – meet us there!

Into the Storm

Presented by Randy Saxon

Thursday, July 7, Refreshments 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Presentation 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Neumiller Lecture Hall, Bradley Hall

The raging storm of the Civil War was borne of 12 traumas between our nation's birth and the firing on Fort Sumter. Join Randy Saxon, Pastor at United Presbyterian Church and frequent OLLI history instructor, as he leads our march "Into the Storm" to mark the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War and explain some of the claims that the war was inevitable.

FREE –funded by the "Lagniappe" grant from The Bernard Osher Foundation. Parking available in any blue or white lined space on campus.

The Quest for Alpha – Advice for Prudent Investing Presented by Larry Swedroe

Wednesday, August 24, Refreshments 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Presentation 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Neumiller Lecture Hall, Bradley Hall

Larry Swedroe, Principal and Director of Research of BAM Advisor Services, presents research and advice from legendary market gurus to show that it's difficult to outperform the market.

FREE –funded by the "Lagniappe" grant from The Bernard Osher Foundation and co-sponsored by the American Association of Individual Investors. Parking available in any blue or white lined space on campus.

STUDY GROUPS

Study Groups are discussion-based sessions for members who want to explore a topic in depth and who are willing to help do so. In effect, each member is both a participant and a resource – all in the context of a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Study Groups meet on the campus of Bradley University and at several satellite locations throughout the community including Proctor Endowment Home, Lutheran Hillside Village, Riverview Senior Living Community, and the Peoria NEXT Innovation Center.

OLLI subscribes to an environment of thoughtful discussion and mutual respect which is at the heart of a university-based experience. We value our participants and those who volunteer to share their time, talent, and organizations with us. These ideals enable us to enjoy the constructive exchange of ideas and remain informed and excited as lifelong learners. We embrace these ideals as a commitment to civility and academic freedom.

Study Group Facilitator Training Thursdays, June 2 and 9, 2011 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Michel Student Center Room 3

Have you heard about OLLI Study Groups and are interested in being a facilitator? Then this Study Group is for you. Join Jon C. Neidy for an interactive and engaging exploration of group facilitation and its dynamics. You will learn how to establish a learning community, construct a group plan, and ask well-crafted questions. You will also learn how to involve members in research projects and presentations. While designed for OLLI Study Group facilitators, the content for this Study Group is applicable also to anyone who leads groups (or wants to lead groups).

The cost is FREE! Lunch is on your own each day. Facilitated by Jon C. Neidy, Associate Director, Continuing Education at Bradley University.

Jane Austen

Mondays, June 13 – July 11, 2011 (Skip July 4th) 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Riverview Retirement Community

Join us as we read and discuss two of Jane Austen's six novels in the order of their initial publication: Sense & Sensibility (1811), Pride & Prejudice (1813). We will discuss, in general, the social milieu and conventions depicted in the novels. In particular, we will examine specific scenes during our discussions. Participants should read the novels in advance and be prepared to discuss specific scenes that they found socially intriguing. These scenes could be the conventions for dancing, for introducing oneself to the opposite sex, and the various landscapes depicted. If time permits, we will view snippets from various film versions of these novels. \$44 – facilitated by Susan Hillabold, Illinois Central College professor.

Non-verbal Communication – Everyday Observations Mondays, June 20 – July 25, 2011 (Skip July 4th) 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Bradley University Cullom-Davis Library

The goal of this Study Group is to become more aware of our own non-verbal signals by observing those of others. This Study Group will equip members with basic knowledge of body language and allow them to share their observations weekly with others. From a list of recommended books, participants will borrow or purchase reference materials to use. Participants should also purchase a small notepad or notebook (something they can easily keep with them) for recording what they learn. Participants will share what they have learned and observed. \$44 – facilitated by Sue Manley, Conference Services Director, in Continuing Education at Bradley University.

The Girls of Summer: A Look at Women in Baseball in the 1940's

Thursdays, June 23 - July 14, 2011 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Peoria NEXT Innovation Center

Join in a lively discussion about a time in sports history when women played the national pastime. We'll talk about how and why the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League was formed, the teams that were organized to play in the league (including the Peoria Red Wings), the experiences of the players who participated, and the making of the Penny Marshall/Tom Hanks film A League of Their Own. Participants need not be baseball fans to enjoy this Study Group. Participants will be expected to read handouts about the league and players, watch the film, A League of Their Own, and discuss their reactions to the reading material and film.

\$44 – facilitated by Carol May, Retired ICC Administrator, OLLI volunteer, and Co-Founder of the Peoria Girls Sports League.

The Forgotten 500 - Rescuing American Pilots During World War II

Wednesdays, July 6 – July 27, 2011 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Peoria NEXT Innovations Center

We shall discuss the book, *The Forgotten 500* by Gregory A. Freeman, published by NAL Caliber, 2007. It is the previously untold story of over 500 American airmen who risked their lives to rescue American pilots who were shot down over Yugoslavia as they were bombing Italy during World War II. We will have the opportunity to meet Mr. Bob Wilson, who was one of these men and who is a member of OLLI.

\$44 – facilitated by Dick Sanders, retired Professor Emeritus of European History at Eureka College and past OLLI instructor.

SUMMER 2011 REGISTRATION

(PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT)

Information provided in OLLI programs is for educational and informational purposes ONLY. In no way should it be considered as offering legal, investment, health, or other advice on behalf of Bradley University.

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PARKING

Campus parking is widely available in the summer, and permits are not required. Availability may be limited due to other campus events.

Please contact Wanda at 309.677.2523 if you have parking questions.

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LEARNING TRIP WAIVER

In order to complete trip registration, participants are required to read and sign this assumption of risk, release, and waiver.

My signature confirms that I have read and meet the activity level requirements, agree to abide by the safety guidelines of Bradley University staff and each host organization, and recognize and accept the risks and conditions of the trip.

I acknowledge that my participation involves some personal risk. For each trip, I will wear closed-toed shoes and agree to use any other safety equipment required by the host site.

I will assume the risks and responsibilities regarding my participation and hold Bradley University and its agents harmless.

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Online Registration OPENS Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 10 a.m.

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