

**BRADLEY** UNIVERSITY

## **OLLI Online MARCH 2021**



**OLLI Online Registration is OPEN | SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS** 

### WHAT IS OLLI ONLINE?

OLLI is an acronym for The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bradley University, an organization of more than 1,200 members who are at least 50 years old and who want to stay vital and active as they reach and enjoy retirement. One of the best ways to do that is to keep learning, and OLLI offers many options to do so.

OLLI Online provides many virtual learning experiences delivered via Zoom, a free and easy to use video conferencing software. Meeting "live" via Zoom allows learning to continue from the comfort and safety of our own homes until we can meet in person again. Please review our current program options so you can pick what best fits your learning preferences and interests:

- Introduction to Zoom sessions help our members learn how to use the software on their computers, tablets, or smart phones. Led by a volunteer OLLI instructor and offered free of charge to all, our goal is to help you feel comfortable with the technology so you'll enjoy your experience with OLLI Online.
- OLLI Online Classes are lecture-based courses during which the instructor delivers the learning material with the opportunity for participants to ask questions either during or after the presentation. OLLI Online classes are offered monthly on Wednesdays; they meet for approximately one hour each at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.
- OLLI Online Study Groups are participation-based; the facilitator delivers core learning material, but all participants learn by sharing. OLLI Online Study Groups usually have an expectation of reading, watching a video, or other independent study outside of each session. Each group starts at various times throughout each month, and usually meet for 1.5 hours to 2 hours for four to six weeks. Seats are usually limited to 15 to 25 participants so that everyone has an opportunity to actively participate.

- OLLI Online Learning Trips includes "Travel" Beyond Peoria which is an opportunity to travel virtually via Zoom to visit museums, attractions and speakers around the world. Support Local is our program with area restaurants and businesses which include a curbside pickup, followed by a conversation or chance to go behind-the-scenes with the owner/chef the next day.
- OLLI Online Originals are exclusive talks with local leaders and businesses from the community and beyond. These one-hour sessions are a great way to keep informed about specific topics, governmental updates, or business organizations.
- OLLI Online Free and Social Events are free social events hosted by an OLLI volunteer several times a month. Each happy hour or book chat has a theme, but it's not necessary to share just pop in and enjoy!

### **REGISTER TODAY**

OLLI Online is open for registration now – visit our website to sign up for our March programs: **Bradley.edu/olli** 

Once you've registered we'll send you a confirmation email and direct links to each program prior to its start date.

Please note OLLI has a quarterly membership fee that is only due once every three months. For 2021 the OLLI quarterly membership fees are to be paid once in each of the following quarters: 1) Jan/Feb/ Mar, 2) Apr/May/June, 3) July/Aug/Sept, 4) Oct/Nov/Dec.

If we notice you have paid the fee more than once during the quarter, we will issue a refund at the end of quarter.

If you need assistance, please email staff at olli@bradley.edu or call (309) 677-3900. We'll be happy to assist you.

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OLLI Online will feature new programs each month. Registrations will be accepted for most of our programs up to 24 hours before the start time. We'll produce an online brochure each month. You can find the brochure on our website, Bradley.edu/olli, and we'll also include links in our twice-weekly email newsletter.

### A LETTER FROM OLLIVICE PRESIDENT

Dear OLLI Members,

As I participated in OLLI programs this past week, I reflected on how much OLLI means to me. What did I do this week with OLLI you may ask?

I attended a study group on racism titled "Enough is Enough." OLLI members have been requesting that we explore racism to gain understanding of this issue. Participants agree it has been an eye-opening experience.

I attended two classes: one on the state of city of Peoria and one on the uncommon story of common materials. What a unique opportunity to learn about the inner workings of the city and its finances and then switch topics to learn more about common materials.

I hosted a happy hour where members shared stories about how they met their significant other. Every happy hour has a different theme and our members always share a few laughs over our favorite beverages. Happy hours are held every other Tuesday from 4:00-5:00. Check out OLLI's March brochure and the weekly newsletter for details. Future themes include car stories, your top 3 wishes, and to prepare for April Fool's Day we'll share our best practical jokes.

I enjoyed a wonderful charcuterie board from "It Plates in Peoria" which is part of OLLI's Support Local businesses program. The following day I attended a Zoom session with the small business owner that started It Plates.

I attended a lively planning session with the OLLI Study Group Committee where many creative ideas were discussed for future study groups.

Every time I join an OLLI Zoom session I am filled with gratitude. I feel fortunate to have met so many of you. Our members are wicked smart, diverse in their interests, well-traveled, and eager to learn every day; but to top it all off they are FUN!

The COVID vaccine is promising and gives us hope of returning to OLLI as we knew it. We all miss the in- person aspect of our OLLI programs. Don't worry it will be back before we know it. But until then I encourage you to keep Zooming. If you haven't tried Zoom, we are still teaching classes on how to use it and even offer one on one training.

Hope to see you on Zoom!

Regards,

Diane Rock Diane Rock

OLLI Vice President

OLLI subscribes to an environment of thoughtful discussion and mutual respect; we strive to have constructive exchange of ideas and commitment to civility.





Barb Emanuel, Laura Nelson, and Julie Watson have fun posing at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Museum in Hyde Park, New York during an OLLI trip a few years back.

### ONLINE CLASSES

You can sign up for one, two, three, or all four OLLI Online Classes. Each class is one hour and will meet the first four Wednesdays of the month.

#### I. Innovation:

## Greater Peoria's Past, Present and Future 9:00 a.m.

Peoria has long been the seat of American ingenuity. From distilling to earth moving, the area has made numerous contributions to the American economy and has been the birthplace of great companies. But innovation is not just our past -- it is alive and well right now and is the linchpin of our future. Learn about how innovation is taking shape in our region, meet some of the people behind the scenes who are working hard with startups and entrepreneurs, and learn how you can help shape the future.

\$20 – Class instructor is Chris Setti, CEO of the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council, a public-private partnership that works to drive positive economic outcomes in a five-county region including Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Mason and Logan counties.

#### OR

## 2. We the People... Articles of the Constitution in Today's World 9:00 a.m.

Beginning with the iconic phrase, "We the People," the U.S. Constitution includes the core components of how the framers wanted the government to run the country. Join us as we discover how experts agree and disagree about its meaning. We'll consider the defects in the Articles of Confederation and the efforts of the constitutional drafters to create a stronger national government answering to the people of the nation, not the states. We will review

the debates in the constitutional convention, in the state legislatures, and in the public at large. This class will also take a look at the educational backgrounds of some of the principals among the drafters and see how their groundings in ancient Greece and Rome, and in the Scottish Enlightenment, shaped our government. And, because it is topical, we will consider constitutional issues in the pending (as this is written) impeachment proceedings. We will not be reviewing whether there should be an impeachment, but only the constitutionality of the proceeding. Maybe the Anti-Federalists had some valid points.

\$20 – Class instructor is Art Inman, retired attorney at law and frequent OLLI instructor.

### 3. Will Your Legacy Last? 11:00 a.m.

Passing down values, leaving an inheritance to your children, funding grandkids college, charitable contributions and keeping "Uncle Sam" from being an unintended heir; Let's face it, there is a lot that goes into preserving a legacy. We will dive into the options and traps within each of these areas to empower you to take control of your legacy and tailor a solution that matches your vision.

\$20 – Class instructor is Eric Scovill, Financial Planner and Wealth Manager.

#### OR

## 4. Literary Lions 11:00 a.m.

## Wednesday, March 3 – Mary Shelley & 200 Years of Frankenworld

200 years ago Mary Shelley wrote Frankenstein; or The Modern Prometheus—the "big bang" from which Frankenworld was created. We will explore Frankenworld, from Shelley's novel to Frankenweenie and beyond, and discuss why her 200-year-old narrative is still remarkably relevant today. The class instructor is Colleen Karn, Assistant Professor of English and Humanities at Methodist College.

#### Wednesday, March 10 – Ann Patchett

Ann Patchett has written nonfiction, memoir and award-winning novels. We'll explore how she feels authors just write one story over and over in different forms and what her one story is, the response to her memoir about her friendship with Lucy Grealy, and how being a bookstore owner impacts her writing life. The class instructor is Alissa Williams, Director of the Morton Public Library District.

### Wednesday, March 17 – Ursula K. Le Guin

Ursula K. Le Guin was an influential, award-winning, American author of novels, children's books, and short stories, mainly in the genres of fantasy and science fiction. Unlike many other works in those genres where technological advantages and skills on the battlefield won that day, for Le Guin, the resolution of planetary conflict was on a more intimate, personal level. Themes of morality and taking responsibility for one's actions ran through her many written works. The class instructor is Jeff Brooks, Director of the Pekin Public Library

### Wednesday, March 24 – James Baldwin

James Arthur Baldwin was an American novelist, playwright, essayist, poet, and activist. His life was one of poverty and self-survival, and many of his works reflect his experiences, observations, and beliefs. This session will highlight his life and some of his works. The class instructor is Jennifer Bass, a retired teacher, a past OLLI president, and a frequent OLLI class and study group instructor. \$20 – Class instructors are Colleen Karn, Assistant Professor of English and Humanities at Methodist College; Alissa Williams, Director of the Morton Public Library District; Jeff Brooks, Director of the Pekin Public Library; and Jennifer Bass, past OLLI president, and frequent OLLI class and study group instructor.

## 5. Russia, Ukraine, Putin, and more 1:00 p.m.

Join Dr. Roach, Bradley University Emeritus History professor to explore the geographical and cultural features that shaped Ukraine and Russia, from Kyivan Rus' to Muscovite Russia to Imperial Russia. He will examine the historical narrative from the Russian Revolutions of 1917 to the rise of Vladimir Putin in 2000. During the final sessions the focus will be upon Putin's strategic objectives, and his record of expansionism in Ukraine and beyond. \$20 – Class instructor is Dr. Elmo E. Roach Emeritus History Professor, Bradley University, Director of International Programs Office, 1990-2005. Foreign Member, Russian Academy of Natural Sciences Moscow, Section on Geopolitics, 1994.

#### OR



John Amdall points out the good, the bad, and the ugly as he discusses tree pruning during a past OLLI class on campus.

## 6. COVID-19's Unique Place in History: Its Transformation of Vaccines and Medical Education 1:00 p.m.

Human beings have benefited from vaccines for more than two centuries but until the COVID pandemic a vaccine never squelched a pandemic. What better time to learn the vaccine story than now as the COVID-19 vaccine does just that? Join three Peoria infectious disease specialists, who will explore the history of vaccines and immunization, discuss issues that have dominated vaccine development such as research funding, manufacturing complexity, safety concerns and public fear of immunization, with a focus on the COVID-19 vaccine and its unique characteristics. Equally momentous is the pandemic's impact on training of doctors. In the final session, two University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria deans will discuss how disruption caused by the pandemic has transformed medical education now and for the foreseeable future \$20 - Class instructors are Dr. David Slagle, Board Certified Infectious Disease Specialist who has practiced in Peoria for more than 25 years, Dr. Barry Gray, Board Certified in Pediatric Infectious Disease, practiced in Peoria for many years, retired one year ago, Dr. Richard McDonnell, Board Certified in Infectious Disease; practiced in Peoria for 20 years, retired, Dr. Francis McBee Orzulak; Dean for Graduate Medical Education; Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Pediatric, and Dr. Jessica Hanks, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs: Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics; Bradley University alum.

## 7. Mind, Message, and Music 3:00 p.m.

Join Maestro George Stelluto of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra to discover how the likes of Richard Strauss, Dmitri Shostakovich, George Gershwin, and others both shaped and were shaped by the world around them. The music and messages released through this art form directly impact listeners in powerful ways—culture and music flow together. Each innovative session includes videos designed by Maestro Stelluto himself, followed by an interactive discussion.

\$20 – Class instructor is Maestro George Stelluto, Music Director of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra, Associate Conductor of the Ravinia Festival, and frequent guest conductor.

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## 8. Look What I Did – Beyond Peoria 3:00 p.m.

## March 3 - From North Carolina - World-Renowned Glass Artist and Community Leader for the Arts

Alex Bernstein grew up in a small town in the mountains of North Carolina. Today, he is a world renowned, award-winning glass artist. He invented a technique so innovative that it is known by his name – Bernstein-ing – by those who know glass art. To give back to the community, he teaches and serves in community organizations, such as the Asheville Art Museum. If you are interested in art, studio glass, entrepreneurship, or arts advocacy, join us!

## March 10 - From Vermont – Creating a Safety Net for Artists: Readiness, Response, Recovery, and Transformation

Most OLLI members know craft artists, those who work in wood, pottery, etc. But artist businesses are risky and one setback away from being out of business. CERF+ – the Artists' Safety Net – was founded as Craft Emergency Relief Fund to provide help to artists when disaster struck. Under the leadership of Cornelia Carey, Executive Director for the past 25 years, CERF+ has evolved and is now the only nonprofit arts organization focused on artists' emergency preparation and recovery.

## March 17 - From Canada – Artistic, Outstanding, Original Furniture Maker

Michael Fortune is a world-renowned master woodworker and furniture innovator. He was the first woodworker to receive the prestigious Prix Bronfman Award, Canada's highest award in the crafts. He has been inducted into the Royal Canadian Academy of the Arts and awarded a Queen's Jubilee medal, and has been featured in nearly every woodworking magazine. His artistic furniture is so remarkable that he has been commissioned to supply one-of-a-kind furniture to Canadian embassies.

### March 24 - From North Carolina – Internationally-Known Collaborative Makers of Art and Community

Kate Vogel and John Littleton are world renowned for their studio glass (glass art made in an artists' studio rather than in a glass factory). In fact, they have reinvented their methods and "signature style" several times since they began collaborating in 1979. Their work is in public and private collections in the U.S., Europe, and Japan. Their influence extends beyond their glass, however, because they give lectures, teach, and serve on community organizations.

\$20 – The speakers for this class are listed above for each week.



Judy Watson of the National Archives gives a presentation on the 19th Amendment.

### ONLINE **ORIGINALS**

## I. Jump into March Madness with Pop-A-Shot Tuesday, March 9, 12:00 p.m.

In January 2020, Pop-A-Shot, which produces the basketball arcade game, moved its global headquarters from Salina, Kansas to downtown Peoria. Founded in 1981, Pop-A-Shot offers a variety of arcade basketball games for home and commercial use, including NCAA-licensed games, from its home in Peoria's Warehouse District. The company's best-selling game is the Home Dual Shot. Join OLLI as Tony Stucker, owner of Pop-A-Shot discusses the status of the business and why he chose the Peoria Warehouse district as the new home of Pop-A-Shot.

\$10 per person

## 2. Infectious Disease and Vaccines with Dr. Doug Kasper Tuesday, March 23, 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Douglas Kasper is Section Chief – Infectious Disease for the University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria and has played a key role in providing clinical care, leadership and expertise to the greater Peoria healthcare community during the COVID-19 pandemic. He will discuss how the pandemic evolved in Peoria and our healthcare system's and community response, as well as the key milestones of testing, treatment and vaccination. You'll hear the latest on the status of vaccines, new developments on the horizon, and the pathway forward through this pandemic. \$10 per person

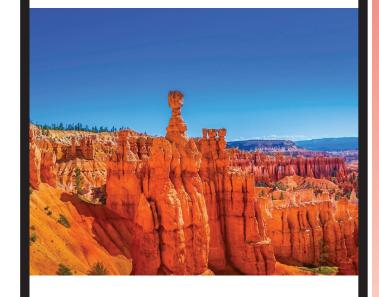
## 3. Heartland Health Services Helping the Community for 30 Years Monday, March 29, 12:00 p.m.

FREE to OLLI members

Heartland Health Services is an example of how a community addresses its share of a nation-wide problem: a growing segment of the population, spanning all ages, lacks access to health care. The working poor, unemployed, and children are among those affected. When faced with a need for care many do without because they have no insurance, little or no money, and are ineligible for government assistance programs. Join OLLI as we learn more about Heartland and the services they provide including local COVID testing/vaccine distribution from Sharon Adams, CEO of Heartland Health Services.



## In Person Travel Planned for Fall



Join OLLI for Painted Canyons of the West Dates of Travel: September 5-13, 2021 Cost: \$4,248 per person (double occupancy)

Information session via Zoom

Date: Friday, March 5 Time: 2:00 p.m.

RSVP: OLLI@bradley.edu for the Zoom link

### ONLINE **STUDY GROUPS**

Study Groups offer an opportunity to investigate a topic in depth. Most study groups typically meet once a week for four to six weeks.

## I. Great Decisions: America's Global Affairs Discussion Program

Mondays, March 8 - April 26, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

America is facing critical issues that bear enormous consequences. Using materials from the Foreign Policy Association, participants will have the opportunity to discuss the following topics:

- · Global supply chains and national security
- Persian Gulf security issues
- Brexit and the European Union
- Struggles over the melting ice
- China's role in Africa
- The Korean Peninsula
- Roles of international organizations in a global pandemic
- The end of globalization?

Before the start of the group, participants must obtain the 2021 Great Decisions Briefing Book (available at fpa.org/greatdecisions) and read the analysis for each topic as the basis for discussion.

\$25 – Facilitated by Don Samford a retired History/ Social Science instructor from Eureka High School and Illinois Central College Psychology adjunct, and Angela Weck, Bradley University affiliate instructor and Global Education Coordinator.

### 2. Blueprint:

## The Evolutionary Origins of a Good Society Mondays, March 1 - 29, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Blueprint makes the wonderful and thoughtful case that, despite what we can see, hear, and feel going on around us now, we, as people, are transcendently and inherently good. Nicholas Christakis (both a physician and sociologist) describes, using a very satisfying synthesis from the disciplines of history, philosophy, anthropology, genetics, sociology, economics, epidemiology, and statistics, how complex societies are possible and durable when we are emotionally invested in one another and help one another. Through the process of natural selection, we are wired to be people not just capable of, but prone to, constructive friendships, cooperation and love (from the book preface). Join this study group for a thoughtprovoking exploration of our necessary connection to others with whom we share our humanity. Participants must acquire the book Blueprint: The Evolutionary Origins of a Good Society by Nicholas Christakis, available at local and online retailers and libraries.

\$25 – Facilitated by Margie Getz, Methodist College professor and frequent OLLI instructor.

## 3. Free Trade Agreements: North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

### & Other Issues Explained

Thursdays, March 11 - April 8, 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Free Trade Agreements have come under much scrutiny in the U.S. recently. In order to get a better understanding of the issues being debated, we will explore the following topics: The case for free trade, what are preferential trading agreements, NAFTA vs the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, the European Union and Brexit, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the World Trade Organization, what's wrong with protection/tariffs, do trade deficits matter? We'll also discuss other issues including currency manipulation and helping the unemployed. The main resource recommended (not required) for this group is International Trade: What Everyone Needs to Know by Anne Krueger. \$25 – Facilitated by Don Samford is a retired History/ Social Science instructor from Eureka High School and Illinois Central College Psychology adjunct.

### 4. Let's Get Jazzed – with Jazz Singers Tuesdays, March 16 - April 6, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Who's your favorite jazz vocalist of yesteryear? Ella? Sinatra? Nat King Cole? Join Mary Jo Papich, president of ARTSpartners of Central Illinois, as you travel through time with jazz vocalists of the past 100 years. Don't miss this exciting study group where we will listen, learn, and discuss some of the best jazz vocalists of today and the last century utilizing the Smithsonian's Jazz Singer collection. This study group will get your toes tappin', fingers snappin'and maybe even get you singing! \$25 – Facilitated by Mary Jo Papich, a former music educator of Peoria Public Schools, founder of the international Jazz Education Network, and recently featured on Peoria Magazine for promoting jazz around the world.



Joy Rennich keeps a close eye on her tomato sauce and her Zoom screen during last month's virtual visit to Italy to cook with Fabrizio and his mama.



OLLI members pose with Mayor Jim Ardis after a tour of the "Best City Hall."

## ONLINE LEARNING TRIPS "TRAVEL" Beyond Peoria

"Travel" Beyond Peoria, part of OLLI's Online Learning Trips, is an opportunity to travel virtually via Zoom to visit museums, attractions and speakers around the world.

## I.Travel with OLLI to the 9/II Memorial and Museum Friday, March 5, 2:00 p.m.

Join OLLI as we head to New York for a virtual tour of The National September 11 Memorial and Museum, which commemorates the September 11, 2001 attacks. The 9/11 Memorial and Museum Virtual tour is a live tour through the Museum's key spaces and will provide a deeper understanding of 9/11, the lead-up to the attacks, and their continuing global significance. Our docent led tour is interactive and will go through key pieces and spaces throughout the museum.

\$25 per person

## 2. Travel with OLLI to Ireland Friday, March 12, 12:00 p.m.

Get ready for St. Patrick's Day by "travelling" with OLLI to Ireland, where giants carved the coastlines, fairies dwell deep in the forests, and luck flows through every landscape. Ireland is full of great stories and our host, Mark McHaleI will share his favorites, and use 360 HD videos to create a wonderful experience. We'll join Mark on a journey through time to enjoy his insights and stories about the emerald isle.

\$20 per person

## 3. Travel with OLLI to the Rosa Parks Museum Monday, March 15, 12:00 p.m.

Delve into the life and lessons of Rosa Parks, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and the Civil Rights Movement during OLLI's virtual visit to the Rosa Parks Museum in Troy, Alabama. During our docent led tour through the exhibitions and artifacts, we'lll learn more about the people behind the boycott as well as the political and social climates of 1950s Montgomery. Through the exhibits, we'll also catch a glimpse of a time gone by--of a segregated South of the past, and get an up-close view at the important roles that strategy, interracial partnerships, and women played within the movement.

## 4. Travel with OLLI to Joshua Tree National Park Monday, March 22, I 2:00 p.m.

Joshua Tree National Park is a vast protected area in southern California and is characterized by rugged rock formations and stark desert landscapes. Joshua Tree was designated a national monument in 1936 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and accorded national park status in 1994. Join OLLI as we learn more about Joshua Tree National Park, highlighting some plant and animal desert adaptations while showing plants in their natural habitat. \$15 per person

## **5.Travel with OLLI to Chihuly Glass Museum and Garden**

### Wednesday, March 31, 12:00 p.m.

Visually stunning, the Chihuly Garden and Glass Exhibition features eight galleries, the Garden with its beautiful landscaping and monumental sculptures and the centerpiece Glasshouse – a dramatic structure housing the suspended, 100-foot-long Glasshouse Sculpture. Join OLLI for a look at Chihuly's many elements of his work, including Drawings, signature glass series, large architectural installations and his personal collections. \$25 per person

## - SUPPORT LOCAL

Support Local, part of OLLI's Online Learning Trips, is our program to visit and support area businesses.

OLLI will help with all the details. We'll bring the meal, treat, or purchase directly to your car at the designated time. The next day the business/restaurant will host a private virtual presentation, available only to those who have registered for the event. During the presentation, the owner and/or chef, will discuss the meal preparation, how the business is handling our region's reopening rules, and what is has been like during the pandemic.

Your fee includes the meal, gratuities, and online virtual visit. Please check your email for any updated information on menus and pickup times.

### I. 2Chez with Todd Hohulin

Wednesday, March 3: pickup from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 4: virtual presentation at 12:00 p.m. Menu: Pan seared salmon with roasted red pepper beurre blanc, maple butter sweet mashed potato and fresh cut sautéed vegetables, side salad with Parisian dressing, and salted caramel chocolate mousse. \$30 per person

#### 2. Haddad's Restaurant with Gabe Haddad

Wednesday, March 10: pickup from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 11: virtual presentation at 1:30 p.m. \$25 per person

Menu: Three shish-kebabs on a skewer, Lebanese rice, hummus, tabouleh, bread, and baklava.

### 3. The Cookery with Amanda Pyle

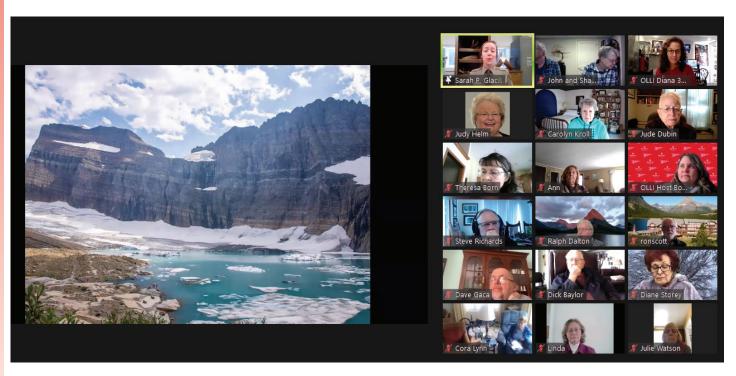
Wednesday, March 17: pickup from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 18: virtual presentation at 11:00 a.m. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage with potatoes, soda bread and mint chocolate chip cookie. \$30 per person

### 4. Exhibit A Gallery with Barb Milaccio

Wednesday, March 24: pickup from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 25: virtual presentation at 10:00 a.m. Menu: Four handmade cards by local artists. \$25 per person

### 5. Hearth with Hugh Higgins

Wednesday, March 31: pickup from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 1: virtual presentation at 3:30 p.m. Menu: Triple meatloaf (combination of ground beef, ground lamb, and bacon) with garlic mash potatoes and a winter vegetable medley. \$30 per person



OLLI members enjoy the beautiful views during a virtual trip to Glacier National Park.

### FREE ONLINE SOCIAL EVENTS

We all know it's incredibly important to stay connected, but we can't interact in person as much anymore. Thanks to technology, however, we can still hang out and "see" each other. Each OLLI Social Event has a themed discussion, it's a great way to meet and connect with others in a relaxed setting. Even if you prefer not to share on a particular topic, it's a good way to socialize and practice your Zoom skills.

### I. Cars, Cars, Cars Tuesday, March 2, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

What's your favorite car you have owned? Do you have a dream mobile? What do you remember most about your first car? Do you have a favorite road trip story? We'll be talking about cars, so join us to share memories and stories of your favorite (or not so favorite) automobiles.

## 2. If You Had Three Wishes What Would They Be? Tuesday, March 16, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

If a genie could grant you three wishes what would yours be? Why would you choose them? Would you wish for good health, or financial well-being, or would you further your social, emotional, or spiritual needs? Would you blow through your wishes right away, or would you hold a few in reserve? It might be hard, deciding on those three most important things – join us for a lively discussion.

### FREE ZOOM TRAINING

OLLI Online uses Zoom, a popular video conferencing software, because it's so easy to use and allow individuals to meet "face-to-face" when meeting in person isn't possible.

You may access Zoom on a PC, Mac, tablet, or smart phone. OLLI has had great success in assisting our members get used to this new way to meet. Please register for one of our four free upcoming training sessions:

INTRO TO ZOOM
Tuesday, March 9 | 9:00 a.m.

ADVANCED ZOOM TRAINING Tuesday, March 23 | 9:00 a.m.

If you would like Zoom training, but can't find a time that works let us know. Contact olli@bradley.edu and we will schedule a personal training session for you.

## 3. Books and Coffee Chat Friday, March 26, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Join us for this fun, informal books and coffee chat. Jane Hense, past OLLI president and frequent OLLI instructor, will lead a group discussion on *The Yellow House*, by Sarah Broom. This brilliant, haunting and unforgettable memoir is about the inexorable pull of home and family, set in a shotgun house in New Orleans, one of America's most mythologized cities. Broom tells the story of a mother's struggle against a house's entropy, and that of a prodigal daughter who left home only to reckon with the pull that home exerts, even after the Yellow House was wiped off the map after Hurricane Katrina. Even if you don't have time to read the story, join us for conversation and camaraderie

### 4. Practical Joker Tuesday, March 30, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

What is the best practical joke you ever played on someone and/or someone played on you? How did you pull it off? We want to hear about your crazy adventures and/or misadventures as the case may be.



The docent gets into the act with a stovepipe hat during a past OLLI visit to the Metamora Courthouse State Historic Site.

### **OLLI VOLUNTEERS** - THEY GET THE IOB DONE!

OLLI volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization – thank you all very much!

#### Officers 2020 - 2021

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