



# OLLI

# BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

## JUNE 2021

# OLLI **IN-PERSON** & ONLINE



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

# WHAT IS OLLI?

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.

Our members enjoy the best of life-after-50 with a diverse collection of year-round programs, including non-credit classes, educational travel, study groups, and special events. Our online options allow members to learn via Zoom, a free and easy-to-use video conferencing program.

Please review this month's program options so you can pick what best fits your learning preferences and interests:

- **Online Originals** are exclusive talks with local leaders and businesses from the community and beyond. These one-hour sessions are a great way to stay informed about local issues, governmental updates, and business updates.
- **Study Groups (In-Person and Online)** offer opportunities to investigate topics in depth, and are your connection to studying what you most enjoy with people who share your enthusiasm. The groups are participation-based; the facilitators deliver core learning material, but all participants learn by sharing. Participants should expect to read, watch a video, or complete other independent study outside of each group session. Groups start at various times throughout the month, and usually meet for 1.5 to 2 hours for 4 - 6 weeks. Seats are often limited to 15 - 25 participants so everyone has an opportunity to actively participate.
- **Learning Trips (In-Person and Online)** enable members to interact with experts who offer behind-the-scenes looks at area businesses, and regional, national, and worldwide attractions. Our online "Travel Beyond" trips lets

members travel virtually via Zoom. Our hybrid "Support Local" includes a curbside meal pickup followed by a Zoom presentation that allows members to go behind the scenes with owners and chefs.

- **Online Social Events** are hosted by OLLI volunteers several times a month. Each free happy hour has a theme, but you don't have to share - just pop in and enjoy!
- **Online Zoom Training** sessions help members learn how to use the software on their computers, tablets, or smartphones. Led by OLLI volunteers and free to all, our goal is to help members feel comfortable with the technology so they can enjoy their OLLI Online experiences.

## REGISTER TODAY

OLLI is open for registration now – visit our website to sign up for our June programs: [Bradley.edu/olli](http://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](mailto:OLLI@bradley.edu) or call (309) 677-3900. We'll be happy to assist you.

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**OLLI will feature new programs each month. Please note: all times listed are approximate and subject to change. 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](http://Bradley.edu/olli), and we'll also include links in our twice-weekly email newsletter.**

## A LETTER FROM BRADLEY'S CONTINUING EDUCATION STAFF

Dear OLLI Members,

As we head into the warmer month of June, the Continuing Education staff is excited to announce that in-person programming is returning! The staff and Executive Committee members have planned a gradual transition process that allows us to schedule opportunities to safely learn together.

This month's brochure includes great learning opportunities:

- On Page 4, we offer two study groups - one in person and one online - that feature some incredible volunteer facilitators.
- We have two in-person learning trips this month (see Page 5). Members can drive and meet us at the locations, or ride in one of our shuttles (limited space available). We're so excited to offer our first road trips in over a year!
- Due to popular demand, we're continuing the "Support Local" program twice this month. Check out this month's restaurants on Page 6, and show your support by signing up.
- This month's "Travel Beyond" programs will take you to some incredible places, from a walking tour of Florence, Italy to the Super Computer Lab in Wyoming. You can read all about these one-of-a-kind experiences on Page 5.
- It's never too late to pick up Zooming! This easy-to-use video conference tool is here to stay, and OLLI volunteers are leading more training programs this month. Check out your training options, as well as the June happy hours, on Page 6.
- Finally, we're hosting an in-person Curriculum Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 2 at Peoria Next. We would love to see you there, but if you'd like to participate virtually, we'll have the option to do so. More information is in the box on this page.

As we return to our "new normal," the entire staff wants to acknowledge just how fortunate we are to have the support of OLLI members. Your dedication, perseverance, and willingness to learn new things has made it possible for our learning community to thrive during the pandemic.

We look forward to seeing you in person soon!

*Michelle, Catherine, Diana, Gwen,  
Bonnie, and Debbie*

### JOIN US FOR THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### Study Group Committee via Zoom:

Tuesday, June 1 • 10:00 a.m.

#### Curriculum Committee Peoria Next/Zoom hybrid meeting:

Wednesday, June 2 • 9:00 a.m.

Contact [OLLI@bradley.edu](mailto:OLLI@bradley.edu)  
for more information.

*Plans are currently underway to hold classes in person at the  
Michel Student Center at Bradley University on October 6, 13, 20, and 27.  
Online Classes will resume in January 2022.*



Miriam Rosenbohm of Linden Hills Farm welcomes OLLI for a visit to the family dairy farm this June, see page 5 for details.

## ONLINE ORIGINALS

### 1. Antibiotic Resistance with Dr. Brad Andersh Friday, June 11, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Brad Andersh's research involves the development and testing of new antimicrobials (antibiotic and antifungal compounds). Join OLLI as Dr. Andersh, a Bradley University chemist, discusses the fight against the growing threat of antibiotic resistance. He's also one of this year's scientific ambassadors tasked with lobbying federal health officials and Congress for more funding for this research - before the problem becomes a crisis. Learn more about the current research at Bradley University and how we can support the development of antibiotics.  
\$10 per person

## 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.

### 1. American Sickness: How Healthcare became Big Business Fridays, June 11 - July 9, 9:00 - 10:45 a.m. Peoria NEXT, 801 W. Main, Peoria

Join us for this study group as we examine the complex and often frustrating American healthcare system from the perspective of Dr. Elisabeth Rosenthal, a physician and journalist (senior editor of Kaiser Health News). Dr. Rosenthal does us the very large favor of diagnosing and suggesting treatments for what ails medicine in America. This book clearly helps the reader to decode medical doublespeak, avoid the pitfalls of the pharmaceuticals racket, and get better care. As a bonus, Dr. Rosenthal puts on her other hat to take the reader inside the doctor-patient relationship. This study group can help make us all more informed patients and advocates for a better healthcare system for all of us. Internet and email access is required for this group.  
\$45 – facilitated by Marjorie Getz, professor of Arts and Sciences at Methodist College.



### 2. House Calls - More Docs with OLLI Tuesdays, June 8 – July 13, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.



Back again by popular request we plan to watch more fascinating documentaries and discuss issues raised on a wide variety of interesting topics. Join your fellow OLLI enthusiasts as you watch a new documentary (on your own time) each week and then meet via zoom to share thoughts. Most of the films are available for streaming free with your subscription to Netflix and/or Amazon Prime. Others can be accessed for a small fee. Each week we'll send a list of discussion questions to provide food for thought and that will be the basis of our weekly conversations. The documentaries and discussion leaders are as follows:

- June 8 – Deb Clay**  
*Operation Varsity Blues: The College Admissions Scandal*
  - June 15 – Pat Pritchard**  
*Made You Look: A True Story About Fake Art*
  - June 22 – Kathleen Kowal**  
*The Bleeding Edge*
  - June 29 – Gary Nelson**  
*Waiting for Superman*
  - July 6 – Rob Parks**  
*Barbarian Utopia: Encounters on the Appalachian Trail*
  - July 13 – Randy Wilson**  
*The Social Dilemma*
- \$25 – Facilitated by Jane Hense, Rob Parks, Kathleen Kowal, Pat Pritchard, Randy Wilson, and Gary Nelson all frequent OLLI facilitators

# LEARNING TRIPS

## IN-PERSON TRIPS

### 1. Walking Tour of Luthy Botanical Garden Friday, June 18, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Join OLLI as we take you behind the scenes at Luthy Botanical Garden, discuss the history of the facility, and explore the garden. The garden encompasses five acres, including a dozen theme gardens, and a tropical conservatory. Participants will also have an opportunity to learn more about some of the initiatives taken to make the garden greener, through planting design, maintenance practices and water conservation. \$25 per person includes admission fees, guided tour, and discussion.

*There will be a limited number of spaces available on the OLLI shuttle, all other participants will provide their own transportation and meet us at the location. Lunch will not be provided.*

### 2. Linden Hills Farms Friday, June 25, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Linden Hill Farms is a fourth generation working dairy farm in Peoria County. During our visit, owners Fred and Miriam Rosenbohm and others will discuss the procurement of the feed for livestock, explain some of the difficulties facing dairy farmers today, and talk about animal welfare, genetically modified corn, and organic food.

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## “TRAVEL” *Beyond Peoria*

An opportunity to travel virtually via Zoom to visit museums, attractions, and speakers around the world.

### 3. National Museum of the United States Air Force Wednesday, June 2, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

The National Museum of the United States Air Force (NMUSAF) is the official museum of the United States Air Force located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The NMUSAF is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world, with more than 360 aircraft and missiles on display. Join OLLI as we learn about the Global Reach, Space, Research and Development, and the Presidential Galleries. Our private docent will use videos to show us the exhibit spaces and discuss the highlights of the museum.

\$15 per person

### 4. US National Center for Atmospheric Research and Wyoming Supercomputing Center

Wednesday, June 16, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Join OLLI as we peek behind-the-scenes of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR). At the Mesa Laboratory we'll learn more about the range of research projects they're engaged in, from weather forecasts to climate change to atmospheric chemistry and space weather. Then on to Wyoming, the NCAR Wyoming Supercomputing Center (NWSC) a world-class data center housing "Cheyenne", one of the top 100 fastest supercomputers in the world. We'll learn how Cheyenne is used by atmospheric scientists to study the weather, climate, and analyze the data collected about our planet. \$15 per person

### 5. Space Center Houston

Monday, June 28, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

The Space Center Houston, the visitor center for NASA's Johnson Space Center in Texas, will get OLLI up close to see the "flight proven" SpaceX Falcon 9 booster. The rocket's first stage, still displaying the scorch and soot marks from its two launches, has been elevated off the ground and exhibited horizontally, affording a first-of-its-type view of a commercial spaceflight artifact. During this event we will get a walking tour of the Falcon 9 rocket and learn about Space Center Houston.

\$20 per person

### 6. Stroll Florence, Italy:

#### Birthplace of the Renaissance

Wednesday, June 30, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

The capital city of Tuscany and home of the Renaissance, Florence, located in central Italy, is full of intriguing history, culture, and culinary delights which is a must visit when in Italy. We'll have a local guide as we stroll our way through this stunning city stopping at its iconic landmarks such as the Duomo, the Uffizi Gallery, and of course the Ponte Vecchio. We'll discuss the natural landscape and impressive architecture, hear stories of the noble families, and devour Tuscan culture through the eyes of a native Italian who knows it best.

\$20 per person

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

## - 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 it 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.

### 1. Knuckles Pizza with Mindy Moore Curbside pickup:

Wednesday, June 9, 4:30 - 4:45 p.m. or 5:00 - 5:15 p.m.  
(time slots will be assigned at registration)  
1719 West Woodside Drive, Dunlap

#### Virtual presentation:

Thursday, June 10 at 1:00 p.m.

**Menu:** Your choice of pizza, serves 1-2 each

- a.) The Field: 12" pizza with fresh mushrooms, green peppers, onions, green and black olives, diced tomatoes and mozzarella.
- b.) The Natural: 12" pizza with house-made seasoned crumbled sausage, Knuckles sauce, and mozzarella. The Quad Cities' Best!

**Menu notes:** There are no substitutions or changes to the toppings lists. If you would like a 10" gluten-free or cauliflower crust instead, contact Continuing Education staff at [olli@bradley.edu](mailto:olli@bradley.edu)

**Cost:** \$30 per order - includes 1 pizza and up to 2 participants in virtual presentation

### 2. Bernardi's Restaurant with Stephanie Brott Curbside pickup:

Wednesday, June 23, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
2137 Washington Road, Washington

#### Virtual presentation:

Thursday, June 24 at 10:00 a.m.

**Menu:** Your choice

- a.) Spaghetti with homemade meatballs, side salad, bread and butter
- b.) Chicken bruschetta, side salad, bread and butter

**Cost:** \$35 per person

## 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.

### 1. Look Where I Went

**Tuesday, June 15, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Where is the most beautiful place you have ever visited or lived in? When and why were you there? Join us and bring some pictures to share, or just come to enjoy the scenery provided.

## 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, June 8 | 9:00 a.m.**

### ADVANCED ZOOM TRAINING

**Tuesday, June 22 | 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](mailto:olli@bradley.edu) and we will schedule a personal training session for you.

# OLLI VOLUNTEERS - THEY GET THE JOB DONE!

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

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*The Continuing Education staff looks forward to seeing you online or in person soon!*

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