

# Osher Online

in collaboration with Northwestern University  
School of Professional Studies



## Winter 2024 Session

January 9-March 30

Osher Online offerings, in collaboration with Northwestern University School of Professional Studies, is an exclusive offer with OLLI at Yavapai College and 15 other OLLIs across the country. Enrollment is limited to current OLLI members, and requires **additional fees** even for Deluxe and Unlimited Members.

**Note:** Most classes are an extra \$60 fee, and limited to 12 enrollments from OLLI at Yavapai College. Several are discussion based, a \$90 fee, and limited to 5 enrollments from OLLI at YC.

These classes will have participants from across the country. Since Arizona does not participate in **daylight savings**, classes meeting after March 10, OLLI at YC participants will need to adjust their calendars an hour earlier for the meetings times.

The enrollment cut off date is **December 18**.

Member orientation will be on:

- **January 4 at 12 pm, or**
- **January 8 at 10am, or**
- **February 13 at 12pm (for late start classes)**

Zoom links, and handouts, are all accessed through a website provided by Osher Online, with a unique user name and password for each Member. You will receive an email with information on orientation, the website and your credentials (username/password).

# RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Join Lauren Andersen for an examination of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Lauren will discuss the many contributions Justice Ginsburg made to the legal landscape, from her work as an advocate for gender equality, her role as the co-founder of the ACLU's Women's Rights Project, and her opinions on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. Her early influences will also be discussed. Clips from the documentary RBG will be shared and discussed - you may have seen the film, but this talk will cover much more!



## YOUR INSTRUCTOR: LAUREN ANDERSEN, JD



Lauren Andersen is the director of the Utah Judicial Institute. For two and a half years, Lauren practiced appellate law in the state of California and presented arguments to the California Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. During this time, Lauren closely studied the Roberts Court. She has lectured about the Supreme Court and the death penalty. Her opinions were quoted by The New York Times as well as the ABA Journal. She was previously the director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Utah for four years.

**THURSDAYS, JANUARY 11TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 15TH**

**9AM-10:30AM ARIZONA**

- Live Lecture 1, Thursday, January 11
- Live Lecture 2, Thursday, January 18
- Live Lecture 3, Thursday, January 25
- Live Lecture 4, Thursday, February 01
- Live Lecture 5, Thursday, February 08
- Live Lecture 6, Thursday, February 15

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### NATIVE GROUND: INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES AND COLONIZATION BEFORE 1900

"Native Ground" will introduce students to the depth of Native American history in what is now the United States, as well as its diversity. From this foundation, the course will move to consider the implications of the invasion from Europe, the founding of European colonies, and the eventual (not inevitable) establishment of the United States and its expansion across Native North America. The course will emphasize the resilience of Indigenous communities in the face of relentless colonial pressure. Along the way, students can expect to learn about several related topics, including the historiography of Native America and the image of the "Indian" in the American mind.



#### YOUR INSTRUCTOR: MATT JENNINGS, PHD



Matt Jennings joined the Macon State College (now Middle Georgia State University) faculty in 2007, after receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. His research interests include Native American history, early American history, and the history of violence. He is currently studying the relationship between Native American peoples and the mounds at Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park, and the intertwined history of tourism and archaeology at the site, as well as homeland-oriented displays in tribal museums in Oklahoma. Matt has also studied Thomas Paine's interactions with Native Americans and the roots of John Brown's ideas about violence. His current research includes work with the Acme Brewing Historical Society in Georgia and a study of the Ocmulgee River region during the War of 1812, as well as side trips into pop culture history. He has presented numerous papers, and published several books, including *New Worlds of Violence*, *The Flower Hunter and the People*, and *Ocmulgee National Monument: A Concise History with Field Notes*.

#### MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 19TH THROUGH MARCH 25TH 3PM-4:30PM ARIZONA

- Live Lecture 1, Monday, February 19
- Live Lecture 2, Monday, February 26
- Live Lecture 3, Monday, March 04
- Live Lecture 4, Monday, March 11\*
- Live Lecture 5, Monday, March 18\*
- Live Lecture 6, Monday, March 25\*

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### DREAM JOBS: MY CAREER IN SPORTS

Sports are a multi-faceted industry and while many jobs such as radio broadcasters and journalists have been around for decades, there are also emerging opportunities today as data scientists, social media coordinators, and strength and conditioning coaches. This course will showcase positions new and old by bringing in speakers from baseball, football, basketball, hockey, and golf to offer students a court-side seat to what it's like to work in sports.



### YOUR INSTRUCTOR: KATIE KRALL, MBA



Katie Krall spent 2022 as a Development Coach with the Boston Red Sox where she oversaw pitch design, advance scouting and integrating data into player plans. This was her first season in uniform and coaching 1st base wearing #43. She previously was part of the Global Strategy team at Google focusing on Google Workspace after two seasons at the Cincinnati Reds as a Baseball Operations Analyst, a position that combined the worlds of roster construction, analytics, and scouting. After graduating from Northwestern University, Krall worked for a year and a half at Major League Baseball in the Commissioner's Office in New York City as a League Economics & Operations Coordinator. At MLB, Krall advised Clubs on 40-man roster management, MLB rules and compliance, major league administration, and salary arbitration. In 2016, Krall planned the World Series Trophy Tour for the Chicago Cubs. The previous summer, she was an Assistant General Manager in the Cape Cod Baseball League. She received her MBA from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business.

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## **FAKE NEWS: KEYS TO ETHICAL AND IMPACTFUL JOURNALISM**

While the polarization of politics in recent years has put fuel on the “fake news” fire, the concept of conflicting truths is not new. Dating back to the Renaissance and philosopher Francis Bacon understanding the psychological phenomenon later to be coined as “confirmation bias” our consumption of news continues to evolve. Therefore, so must our lens of reporting transparency. Step into the world of a broadcast journalist to understand what it takes to convey facts and spot shortcomings on TV. Understand first-hand the joys and challenges of standing and reporting in front of major sporting events like an NFL playoff game or MLB spring training to capture the scene for viewers.



### **YOUR INSTRUCTOR: ANNIE KRALL**



Annie Krall is an adjunct faculty member at Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications. She is also a former radio news anchor for WLS-Radio (890AM) in Chicago. Additionally, Annie has taken her storytelling abilities on-air as a TV news and sports reporter to NBC in St. Louis, MO (KSDK-TV) and ABC in Green Bay, WI (WBAY-TV).

After earning her bachelor and master's degrees from Northwestern, Annie covered breaking news in Green Bay, the Ryder Cup international golf tournament, as well as the Green Bay Packers. Host of her own weekly medical investigative series “Your Health Matters” Annie was accepted to medical school before pursuing journalism. Prior to WBAY-TV, Annie wrote and produced for ABC NEWS in New York City on the medical and business units for shows like Good Morning America, World News Tonight with David Muir, and 20/20.

**SATURDAYS, FEBRUARY 24TH THROUGH MARCH 30TH**  
**7AM-8:30AM ARIZONA**

- Live Lecture 1, Saturday, February 24
- Live Lecture 2, Saturday, March 2
- Live Lecture 3, Saturday, March 9
- Live Lecture 4, Saturday, March 16\*
- Live Lecture 5, Saturday, March 23\*
- Live Lecture 6, Saturday, March 30\*

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## **MADE IN AMERICA: THE HISTORY, MISSION, AND VISION OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

This course will explore the history of the modern public library from the early nineteenth century through the present. Students will gain an enhanced appreciation for the role of the public library in a democratic society, as well as the ways in which the public library is a uniquely American invention.



### **YOUR INSTRUCTOR: CAROLINE NAPPO, PHD**



Dr. Caroline Nappo is an independent scholar with interests in the history of libraries and information institutions, information as a public good, and the political economy of information. She has her M.S. and Ph.D. in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois.

**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 10TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 14TH**  
**5PM-6:30PM ARIZONA**

- Live Lecture 1, Wednesday, January 10
- Live Lecture 2, Wednesday, January 17
- Live Lecture 3, Wednesday, January 24
- Live Lecture 4, Wednesday, January 31
- Live Lecture 5, Wednesday, February 7
- Live Lecture 6, Wednesday, February 14

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## THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS: A PRIMER

Explore the yearly cycle of Jewish holidays. Unlock the mysteries of the Jewish calendar, learning about major and minor holidays, historical practices, and modern observances. Whether you have grown up with these holidays, or are learning for the first time, enrich your understanding of and connection to these sacred moments in time.



### YOUR INSTRUCTOR: RABBI ALEXIS PINSKY



Rabbi Alexis Pinsky was ordained from the New York campus of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. She is a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis - the rabbinic organization for the Reform Movement.

Rabbi Pinsky is grateful to serve the greater New York Jewish community. She has held Associate Rabbinic positions at Temple Israel of the City of New York and B'ShERT (Beth Shalom v'Emeth Reform Temple) in Brooklyn, NY and has served/taught in numerous NYC congregations and institutions.

Rabbi Pinsky is passionate about connecting others to the richness and beauty of the Jewish tradition, cultivating sacred ritual moments, music, Jewish education, both formal and informal, and working toward a more just world.

**TUESDAYS, JANUARY 9TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 20TH**  
**9AM-10:30AM ARIZONA**

- Live Lecture 1, Tuesday, January 09
- Live Lecture 2, Tuesday, January 16
- Live Lecture 3, Tuesday, January 23
- Live Lecture 4, Tuesday, January 30
- Live Lecture 5, Tuesday, February 06
- Live Lecture 6, Tuesday, February 20

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## **GOLDEN MYSTERIES: AN EXPLORATION OF MYSTERY NOVELS FROM THE 1920'S & 1940'S**

Perhaps you like to relax by curling up with a cup of tea and reading a story about crime. Why exactly is murder and mayhem so popular and even relaxing to read about?

The mystery genre is one of the most popular genres today, but it is relatively new. The first modern detective novels were published by Edgar Allan Poe in the nineteenth century, which ushered in a boom of mystery novels in America and the UK in subsequent years. In this class, we'll study mystery novels of the 1920s through 1940s—including books by Arthur Conan Doyle and Agatha Christie; hardboiled crime novels; and Nancy Drew—and we'll learn what made them so popular. The mystery genre is uniquely positioned to reflect and address fears of the populace, so studying these novels gives us unique insight into what people cared about most when they were published. We will also examine why it's so fun to read about horrible crimes and try to understand what we get out of it.



### **YOUR INSTRUCTOR: BRITTNEY RAKOWSKI, PHD**



Dr. Brittney Rakowski is a Lecturer in the University College at the University of Oklahoma. Her research and teaching interests include twentieth-century American literature and film, gender studies, and rhetoric.

**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 10TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 14TH**  
**1PM-2:30PM ARIZONA**

- Live Discussion 1, Wednesday, January 10
- Live Discussion 2, Wednesday, January 17
- Live Discussion 3, Wednesday, January 24
- Live Discussion 4, Wednesday, January 31
- Live Discussion 5, Wednesday, February 7
- Live Discussion 6, Wednesday, February 14

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## THEMES IN PHILOSOPHY, PART 2

Explanation and discussion of more fascinating themes in philosophy—another philosophy buffet! Topics include philosophical types of religion, religion and politics in America, aesthetics, philosophy of language, philosophy of culture, and philosophy of happiness. What are the differences between conservative, liberal, and fundamentalist forms of religion? What is the relationship between religion and politics in the United States? What is art, and what is good art? Why is language so fascinating? What is culture, and do people in our culture invoke it responsibly? Finally, what is happiness and how can we experience it? David will address these questions and more and will include discussion in each session. Join us! Themes in Philosophy 1 is not a prerequisite.



[For course overview video, click here.](#)

### YOUR INSTRUCTOR: DAVID E. SMITH, PHD



Dr. David E. Smith grew up in the world of fundamentalist religion. As an adult he gradually moved away from that worldview and became a religious progressive/skeptic. After earning an M.A. in philosophy of religion, he received a second M.A. and a Ph.D. in religious studies from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. Formerly a full-time philosophy and religious studies faculty member at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA, he now teaches for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Washington and offers independent seminars and personal consultations in comparative religion and philosophy. He has published widely in these areas, as well. His mission is to empower people to think well for themselves about things that matter.

**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 10TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 14TH**

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## COMING TO TERMS WITH THE HOLOCAUST

This series of illustrated lectures probed the deep roots, proximate causes, methods, personalities, and principal events which created The Holocaust.

As the most extensively documented genocide in history – and the most intensively investigated, interrogated, and debated – The Holocaust in Europe 1933-1945 has much to teach us about hatred, demagoguery, impersonal violence, state-sponsored murder on an industrial scale, and ourselves. This seminar will address many complex and charged questions.

The objectives of this course are both academic and cathartic: to enable participants of any nationality, faith, or persuasion to come to terms with The Holocaust through information, analysis, public discourse, and private reflection.



### YOUR INSTRUCTOR: STEVE SOHMER, PHD



Steve Sohmer is a Shakespearean scholar, author of fiction and nonfiction books, television writer and producer, and former network television and motion picture studio executive. Sohmer earned a doctorate from Oxford University specializing in Shakespearean studies. Sohmer's book, *The Way It Was*, was chosen by *The New York Times* as one of the 20 best fiction books of the year. Mr. Sohmer's novels are *Favorite Son* and *Patriots*, and his short fiction has been published in *The Southern Review* and *Modern Occasions*. His screenwriting credits include *Mancuso FBI*, *Twice in a Lifetime*, *Bloodknot*, and Tom Clancy's *Op Center*, among others.

**SATURDAYS, JANUARY 13TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 17TH**  
**11AM-12:30PM ARIZONA**

- Live Lecture 1, Saturday, January 13
- Live Lecture 2, Saturday, January 20
- Live Lecture 3, Saturday, January 27
- Live Lecture 4, Saturday, February 03
- Live Lecture 5, Saturday, February 10
- Live Lecture 6, Saturday, February 17

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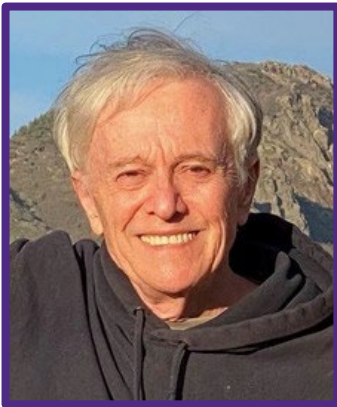


## **NERO WOLFE: THE BEST OF AMERICA'S ARMCHAIR DETECTIVES**

Rex Stout's Nero Wolfe, the orchid-fancying, seventh of a ton gourmand, is America's most famous armchair detective, who solves murders along with his legman Archie Goodwin, certainly the best narrator in American fiction since Huckleberry Finn. The "King of Crimebusters" will investigate and discuss three of Rex Stout's Nero Wolfe novels, one collection of his short stories, and a single story published in American Magazine, all designed to see how one detective can use his genius to identify murderers without leaving the comfort of his home.



### **YOUR INSTRUCTOR: JEFF WALKER, PHD**



Jeffrey Walker, Emeritus Professor of English at Oklahoma State, authored a critical study of the Revolutionary poet and traitor Benjamin Church, edited collections of essays on Fenimore Cooper, co-edited the first scholarly edition of Cooper's 1821 bestseller *The Spy* and the annual journal *Literature in the Early American Republic*, and is completing an edition of Cooper's unpublished letters. A Fulbright lecturer in Norway (1987) and Belgium (1998), he won the Phoenix Award (1998) for outstanding graduate teaching, the A&S Outstanding Professor Award (2013), and the Regents Distinguished Teaching Award (2014). His teaching interests include American literature, Dickens, the history of the book, textual editing, comedy, mystery, and film, and he has taught in Oklahoma State, University of Utah, and Northwestern University Osher programs.

**TUESDAYS, JANUARY 16TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 20TH**  
**11AM-12:30PM ARIZONA**

- Live Discussion 1, Tuesday, January 16
- Live Discussion 2, Tuesday, January 23
- Live Discussion 3, Tuesday, January 30
- Live Discussion 4, Tuesday, February 6
- Live Discussion 5, Tuesday, February 13
- Live Discussion 6, Tuesday, February 20

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## CHEMISTRY IN THE REAL WORLD

Far from being “stuff that happens in a lab” or a science rooted in balancing equations and watching solutions bubble and change color, chemistry happens inside us and all around us all the time: the real world is absolutely filled with chemistry, and it’s relevant and fascinating. In this course, we’ll look at the real world chemistry of pharmaceuticals and poisons (and the fine line that divides them), the science of dietary supplements and how they’re regulated, and how alchemy gave way to modern chemistry, and then the dawn of the nuclear age changed everything.



### YOUR INSTRUCTOR: KJIR HENDRICKSON, PHD



Kjir Hendrickson is a Teaching Professor in the School of Molecular Sciences at Arizona State University; they hold a PhD in chemistry and are the author of the textbook “Chemistry in the World.” Their academic work focuses on science communication, the reciprocal relationship between science and society, and matters of workplace climate and DEIJ in STEM.

**TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 20TH THROUGH MARCH 26TH**

**1PM-2:30PM ARIZONA**

- Live Lecture 1, Tuesday, February 20
- Live Lecture 2, Tuesday, February 27
- Live Lecture 3, Tuesday, March 05
- Live Lecture 4, Tuesday, March 12
- Live Lecture 5, Tuesday, March 19
- Live Lecture 6, Tuesday, March 26

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