Best wishes for the best possible holidays!

Like all of you, I’m sure, I’ve been hunkered down – a while ago I thought of the term “cloistered” – far longer than I’d like. I know I’ve appreciated my membership in OLLI more than ever during these times. I’ve participated in great meeting and classes via Zoom. The technology has flowed smoothly under the great leadership of the OLLI crew.

At this holiday season, I’d like to express my thanks, and I’m sure I speak for all OLLI Plus members who have enjoyed interacting with OLLI. So special thanks to Kathy Bruin, Director; Lena Chiu Program Assistant; Sade Odukogbe, Program Assistant; and Nick Nguyen, Program Assistant for their outstanding work.

And a note to all: Be sure to check this newsletter and the weekly OLLI on-line newsletter for future offerings. I’m sure you’ll find them wonderful. If you don’t receive the OLLI weekly newsletter, contact Kathy Bruin at kathybruin@sfsu.edu

Greetings and Happy Holidays!

We are an ad hoc, transitional, steering committee, just trying to keep communications open among OLLI Plus members until we can meet again in person. We meet monthly to brainstorm ways to keep our OLLI Plus fellowship moving forward. We welcome input from all OLLI Plus members and would love to expand our group to include all interested members.

So far, we are:

Mary Clare Bennett          Richard Chackerian  Jeanne Glennon
Karen Grech                 Ray Sarakaidis      George Souter
Richard Soward

We are happy to announce that at this point we have 81 members in OLLI Plus. We would love to hear from all of you about what OLLI Plus can do for you during these difficult days. We will restart our in-person meetings as soon as the University decides that doing so is once again possible.
OLLI Plus Inclusive Design Scholarships

OLLI Plus is a long-established San Francisco State University (SFSU) program for older persons to continue learning and pursue their intellectual curiosity in a university setting. OLLI Plus is announcing scholarship awards for graduate student research on topics relevant to seniors.

Number of Awards: Two awards, each for $1,000

Application Deadline: January 11, 2021

Awarding Department: School of Design (DES) at SFSU, Dr. Richard Gomes, Director

Scholarship Intent: The purpose of the OLLI Plus Inclusive Design Scholarship is to assist, encourage and attract promising SFSU students to the fields of Inclusive Design, Universal Design, Design Across the Lifespan, Aging in Place, and Design for Social Impact.

The OLLI Plus Inclusive Design Scholarship encourages students to demonstrate their commitment and capacity to create empathic, resourceful, and innovative sustainable design solutions with human-centered, inclusive design principles and methods to support information, product, and service design applications in the built environment relative to the home, institutions, workplaces, or recreational settings.

Scholarship Eligibility:

The scholarships are open to School of Design Graduate Program majors with an emphasis/interest in Inclusive Design and Design Across the Lifespan. Students must be enrolled in Academic Year 2020-2021 (Fall and Spring Semesters). Students must demonstrate a commitment to continuing studies and/or engagement in Internship; or volunteer or practical experience in the area of Inclusive Design, Universal Design, Design Across the Lifespan, Aging in Place, Design for Social Impact, or Social Responsibility applications.

Students interested in receiving one of these scholarships will meet qualifications set by DES; provide a statement of financial need as well as use, potential application and significance of the scholarship; and submit written and visual documentation of the design project.

Notices including detailed criteria and qualifications and contact information will be made available to all students.

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Stolen! Art Theft and Western Culture  
Instructor: Maureen O’Brien, Mondays 1/25 - 3/1, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Writing the Travel Memoir: A Celebration of Your Life’s Journey  
Instructor: Diane Frank, Mondays 1/25 - 3/1, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
This is a smaller "specialty" class.

Portrayals of African Americans in Film, 1900-2020  
Instructor: Mary Scott, Mondays 1/25 - 3/1, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Global Feminism  
Instructor: Nour Maxwell, Tuesdays 1/26 - 3/2, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Writing Sudden Fiction  
Instructor: Lyzette Wanzer, Tuesdays 1/26 - 3/2, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
This is a smaller "specialty" class.

Nancy Pelosi: From Stay-at-Home San Francisco Mom to the Most Powerful Woman in American History  
Instructor: Marc Sandalow, Tuesdays 1/26 - 3/2, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Intimate Beethoven: The String Quartets  
Instructor: Alexandra Amati, Wednesdays 1/27 - 3/3, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Future of Museums  
Instructor: Paige Laduzinsky, Wednesdays 1/27 - 3/3, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

The History of Western Sculpture: Living Side by Side with Art  
Instructor: Karen McSorley, Thursdays 1/28 - 3/4, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Travel the World through Textiles  
Instructor: Rose Kelly, Thursdays 1/28 - 3/4, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Black Holes: Space Warps, Time Machines, and the Science that Won the 2020 Nobel Prize  
Instructor: Andrew Fraknoi, Thursdays 1/28 - 2/18, 3 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
4 weeks, open to non-members

History of Italy  
Instructor: Douglas Kenning, Fridays 1/29 - 3/5, 10 a.m. – 12p.m.

Personal Storytelling with a Focus on True Stories Told Live  
Instructor: Julie Soller, Fridays 1/29 - 3/5, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
This is a smaller "specialty" class.
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