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President's Message



Around this time of year, when you see all the students scurrying off to catch the bus up to campus, do you start thinking about all the classes that are offered at UCSC and wonder why you're not taking one yourself?

We are all welcome to audit most UCSC classes at no charge. We even may take courses for credit for a small fee through what's called Concurrent Enrollment offered by UCSC Extension.

Despite the fact that the University tries to make the auditing process as easy as possible, many of us still hesitate. While it used to be hard to find courses in the University's printed catalog, now you can search on the University's website for courses offered by a particular department, or taught by a desired instructor, or that meet on particular days.

Auditing requires permission of the instructor, of course. Priority is given to registered UCSC students, but there is usually space in most classes.

Many instructors welcome Lifelong Learners, but you

do have to ask. You can usually do this by email (addresses are listed on the UCSC website), or by phone or mail if you prefer.

Getting to and from your class on campus can be a challenge. The UCSC campus is large and complicated. Parking is limited and rather expensive. The best way to get to most locations on campus is the Metro Bus. The University also provides a free shuttle bus that runs very frequently through the campus. You can catch the shuttle at the main UCSC entrance at Bay and High Streets. There are three shuttle lines through campus that connect easily. One of them will get you very close to just about any building. Maps are available in the printed catalog and on the UCSC website to help guide you to your exact class location.

But Lifelong Learners will also help. We will accompany you to your first class if you are not sure where it is or how to get there. We have a few old hands who have volunteered to be "campus buddies" for auditing LLL members. Just email me with your request. On the other hand, if you would like to help other members by becoming a campus buddy, please let me know. We'd like to add you to our list of volunteers for 2008.

Auditing information, including transit and parking options, links to the course search site, and lots more appear on our LLL website (http://lifelonglearners.wikispaces.com/attending-classes).

The winter quarter begins right after New Year's Day. Now is the time to begin to browse through the course lists and launch your plans to audit a class. If there's any way we can assist you in taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity, please call or write. We'll do our best to help make it easy. However, we stoutly refuse to do any of your class assignments. There are limits...I know you understand....

Mark Gordon

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Winter Gathering

Good news. Chancellor George Blumenthal is again going to host a holiday party for the Friends of UCSC, including LLL members. The festivities, including catered food and drink at the University Center, are scheduled for Sunday, December 16th, from 3 to 5 p.m. Details will follow on our website.

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November 18th Meeting

General Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 18th, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Stevenson College Coffee Shop amid the redwoods.

The agenda will include coffee, cake, and socializing for the first half hour, followed by an LLL business meeting until 11. We will then convene nearby for a talk by Professor Lisa Sloan.

At noon, following the talk, our Art and Architecture interest group will have a special event: Anne Smith Easley will be waiting for us at the nearby Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery; she has very generously offered to talk to us about her beautiful exhibit there and to demonstrate egg painting.

We look forward to seeing you on the 18th.

Prof. Lisa C. Sloan on Global Warming and California's Future Climate

We are fortunate indeed to have Professor Lisa C. Sloan as our speaker this month. She will give us some perspective on the science and history of climate change, including global warming and its local implications.

Lisa C. Sloan's research focuses on the mechanisms responsible for past warm climate states in Earth history and possible future climate scenarios and associated impacts upon human and natural systems. Professor Sloan received a Ph.D. in Geosciences from Pennsylvania State University in 1990. After a two-year postdoctoral position at the University of Michigan, she joined the Institute of Marine Sciences at UC Santa Cruz as a Research Associate. In 1995 she was appointed an Assistant Professor in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences and is currently a Professor in this department and the Director of the Climate Change and Impacts Laboratory.

Over the past several years Professor Sloan has authored over 50 publications and book chapters on topics of future climate change and paleoclimate change, and has given dozens of public lectures on the topic of California's future climate.

She was the recipient of an "Outstanding Young Scientist" Fellowship from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation in 1996, and served as a national officer of the American Geophysical Society for many years. She also has served as editor-in-chief of the international journals *Global and Planetary Change* and *Paleoceanography*.

She sits on key advisory panels at the National Center for Atmospheric Research and the National Science Foundation. In addition to her continuing work on global and regional climate change, Professor Sloan serves as the Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies at UC Santa Cruz.

Interest Group News

Volunteers in Action LLL's New Interest Group

Lifelong Learners' newest interest group is the VIAs, "Volunteers In Action." Our purpose is to be of service, foremost on the UCSC campus, but also for other worthy organizations. We serve on a one time or short term basis. We envision an outreach program, an on-call ready response team, much like a volunteer fire department, available to assist worthy enterprises on short notice.

Group members repainted the Pacific Street mural, covering graffiti and scuff marks and making it glisten again. We also helped Corinne



Painting the Pacific Street Mural

Miller's staff at STARS-UCSC preparing packets for distribution to new students.

We have no scheduled meetings. When we receive a cry for help, we assemble a team and respond.

To be included in future volunteering, simply send an email note to Bill Patterson, VIA coordinator, at wilderwill@comcast.net.



Volunteers in Action taking a photo op

Horticulture

The Horticulture Interest Group, led by their vibrant new leader, Pat McVeigh, opened their fall season by sharing a tour of the Cabrillo Horticulture Center and its amazing gardens. They then worked with Linda Cordy of the Cabrillo staff in repotting plants in preparation for the Winter Sale in early December.

The group will continue to volunteer at the Cabrillo site on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 9:15 to lunch time.

Dining Out

The Dining Out group began the year in style making a visit to the



Dining at Chez Le Maistre

home of Pat and Chris Le Maistre. Pat prepared a dinner and laid out a spread fit for royalty. Twenty of our members enjoyed the event.

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Announcements

The following interest group activities have been scheduled at press time. Please consult the calendar or the individual interest group web pages for additional and updated information. See page 6 for the URL.

Many interest group leaders use email to communicate with members. If you do not have email, perhaps a relative, friend, or neighbor would receive it for you.

Please forward changed and new email addresses to Robert Franson, rfranson@cruzio.com.

Art & Architecture

• On Friday, November 9th, we will go to the de Young Museum in San Francisco to see two exhibits: *The Sculpture of Louise Nevelson, Constructing a Legend*, and *Chim: The Photography of David Seymour*.

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Gateway Shopping Center for car pooling.

• On Thursday evening, December 8th, we will experience *Christmas in the Adobes* in Monterey. We

will meet at 4:00 p.m. at the Nob Hill Shopping Center.

More information on these activities is on the Art & Architecture web page and has been sent via email.

Dining Out

Our November dinners will be held on November 27th and 28th, place to be announced. There will be no dinners scheduled for December.

Digital Photography

Our November meeting will be held at the home of Robert Franson on November 30th, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Reading Circle (Book Group)

We had another great meeting on September 17th to discuss Joan Didion's "A Year of Magical Thinking." We will continue to meet as follows:

- Monday October 15th: Ian McEwan's "Atonement" (fiction)
- November 19th: Lisa See's "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" (fiction)

• December 17th: Jeannette Walls "The Glass Castle" (non-fiction)

Creative Writing

The Creative Writing group has been hard at work this summer on a book called "The Sandbox." It contains a selection of their short stories, life experiences, and poetry, and will be published this fall.

How to Join an Interest Group

Membership in LLL interest groups is limited to members of UCSC Lifelong Learners. Members may join as many interest groups as they wish; however, some groups have limited space. Please consult our website for further information.

A contribution of \$7 per person is expected for each interest group that you join. Your contribution is tax deductible and the entire amount goes toward scholarships.

If you wish to join an interest group, please fill out and mail a copy of the interest group registration form, below.

To join a Lifelong Learners interest group, please consult with the group leader and use this form. Please make check payable to UC Santa Cruz Foundation and mail to Robert Franson, 216 National Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. A contribution of \$7.00, used solely for scholarships, is expected for each interest group you join. An interest group registration form is also available at http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/forms Name _______ Phone ______ Email _______ Interest Groups _______

Winter Courses

This winter LLL will again offer a stimulating series of courses, at minimum cost, beginning in January. Our thanks to Doree Steinmann and Lois Widom who have taken the lead in setting them up.

The courses will meet in new locations, with ample parking. Further details will appear in our next newsletter and on the Lifelong Learners' website (see page 6), so stay tuned. In the meantime, here is the course lineup for this winter.

Courses are open to LLL members only, at \$20 per course. After expenses, proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

Big Bands of the 30s and 40s

Doree Steinmann and Shirley Forsyth have put together an exciting four-week course called "Big Bands of the 30s and 40s." They have collected video of such bands as Glenn Miller, Jimmy and Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Harry James, Gene Krupa, Count Basie, Cab Calloway,

Lionel Hampton, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, and many more. They expect a few guest speakers who were members of bands during that era

The course will be held in the Veterans' Hall Auditorium (846 Front Street) for four Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. starting January 8th. Free three-hour parking is available nearby.

Four Philosophers Who Still Matter

The subjects are Socrates, Nietzsche, Benjamin, and Wittgenstein. The discussion will be led by Emeritus Professor of philosophy Robert Goff. Professor Goff's principal interests are philosophy of religion, religious philosophy, philosophy in and as literature and movies, Kierkegaard, and Wittgenstein. The course will be held in February at a time and place to be announced.

American Women Poets of the Twentieth Century

In these sessions, the discussion will be led by John Dizikes, Professor Emeritus of American Studies. It will take place in March at a time and place to be announced.

Romanticism

An extension of last year's excellent course on Romanticism will be offered in April. This year's class will focus on British and Russian Romanticism, including prose, poetry, and music. Miriam Ellis, UCSC Lecturer Emerita in French, will lead. Time and place to be announced.

Note

Only LLL members may attend a course. Others are welcome to join LLL and then register for a course. If a course is not full, an LLL member can be admitted at the door upon payment of \$20. A non-member would have to pay an additional \$30 membership.

Members should register in advance because courses can fill quickly.

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Winter Courses Registration Form

Use this form to register for "Big Bands of the 30s and 40s."
Registration for the other courses will be available starting in January.
One or two people can register with this form.
Please make check payable to UC Santa Cruz Foundation and

mail to: Robert Franson, 216 National Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

This form is also available at http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/classes

Name	Phone	Amount (cost per person is \$20)
1.		\$
2.		\$
Total Enclosed:		\$

Keep up to date with the latest events at http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com

Lifelong Learners Membership Form

Use this form to join Lifelong Learners or renew your membership. Please make check payable to UC Santa Cruz Foundation and mail to UC Santa Cruz Lifelong Learners, University Relations, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064

Enclosed is my membership contribution: \$30 Individual; \$50 Couple at same address.

I want to help LLL provide more book scholarships! I've enclosed an additional contribution of: \$_____.

Thank you!

This form is also available from http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/forms

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