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# Stevenson Event Center

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# General Meeting, March 21st, 10 a.m.

Stevenson Event Center, UCSC

#### **Guest Speaker:**

#### Jonathan Fox, Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies

Indigenous Mexican Migrants: Recognizing Ethnic Difference

Mexico is a multi-ethnic society, with the largest indigenous population in the Americas. Over the past three decades, Mexican migration has become increasingly multi-ethnic as well. As part of a growing "migrant civil society," indigenous migrants have formed grassroots organizations and celebrate numerous festivals of their own, reproducing their cultural traditions and community service ethic here in California.

Dr. Fox has written extensively about the crisis in rural Mexico, the migrant exodus to the United States, and the

resultant impacts on both nations. His current research interests focus on political transparency and accountability reforms, immigrant integration, and civic participa-



tion on both sides of the border. Much of his research has been collaborative in nature, with his writings co-authored by Latinos. He serves as an advisor to many non-profits, and he has been honored and rewarded by funding from several large foundations.

# Fiesta Luncheon

Sunday, May 16th, 12:30 - 2:30, Stevenson Event Center

Come to the party! A buffet luncheon with wine and great music will take place after the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please use the coupon to send your reservation to

Inga Hoffman. Don't miss out on some great fun. Questions? Contact Irene Lennox, scotirene@yahoo.com, 457-2690, or Inga Hoffman, ingahoff@cruzio.com, 457-8824.

## Lifelong Learners Fiesta Luncheon Registration

Please use this form to register for our May 16<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at Stevenson.

Name(s)

Phone

**Email** 

Please make check payable to **UC REGENTS** and mail to: Inga Hoffman, 207 Chico Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Cost is \$15 per person.

Total Enclosed: \$

2010 Winter Classes: See pages 2-3

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# Winter Classes

Here are the remaining classes for this season. Please note thatthere is a new class, *Music in the Time of the Enlightenment*, not listed in the last newsletter. See page 3.

#### Buster Keaton, American Visionary Bob Goff

Prof. Goff will conduct four sessions each with one or two films followed by discussion of Keaton's role in silent film comedy and its importance in relation to other developments in the visual arts.

- 1. Two early shorts:
  "Neighbors" (1920) and
  "Cops" (1922). Life in the
  city, chasing and being
  chased
- 2. "Seven Chances" (1925). Love and marriage, misogyny and nature's revenge.
- "Steamboat Bill, Jr." (1928).
   A father and son struggle against a background of social cliché and very bad weather.
- 4. "Sherlock, Jr." (1924) and "Film" (1965, Samuel Beckett, Director, Alan Schneider). Theater, camera, reality. Keaton as an extra.

Robert Goff is an Emeritus Professor at UCSC, where he taught Philosophy for many years. He has written on silent film comedy for the New York Review of Books. In November he gave an illustrated presentation on Buster Keaton and philosophy at the Chicago Humanities Festival. One or two people can register with this form. You must be a UCSC LLL member to attend. To join, use the coupon on page 7. Each course is \$20 per person. There is no couples discount. Enter credit card information or include your check payable to UC Santa Cruz Foundation and mail this form to:

UCSC Lifelong Learners University Relations 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064

Registrant	Course Selection	Amount	
First registrant  Name	Bob Goff: Buster Keaton, American Visionary. If one person registering, who?	\$	
Phone	Michael Warren: Two Shakespeare Plays — Love's Labour's Lost and Othello. If one person registering, who?	\$	
Second registrant, if applicable			
Name	Miriam Ellis: Bel Canto, The Joy of Beautiful Singing. If one person registering, who?	\$	
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The class will meet at the Museum of Art and History, 705 Front St., from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on February 24, March 3, 10, and 17.

#### Two Shakespeare Plays— Love's Labour's Lost and Othello Michael Warren

This course will be devoted to the study of the two Shakespeare plays of the Shakespeare Santa Cruz 2010 season. Students should bring either copies of the individual plays or a collected works (preferably with numbered lines) to each class. The first class will be devoted to a brief overview of Shakespeare's career, the reading of selected sonnets (to be distributed in advance), and to the first two acts of *Love's Labour's Lost*, which students should have read before the class meets.

Michael is an emeritus professor of literature at UCSC. When he was awarded the Alumni Association's Distinguished Teaching Award he was described as follows:

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"Warren teaches his courses with a sense of humor, a love of his subjects, and a great desire to see his students learn. He strives to make Shakespeare's plays and other literature understandable, exciting, and accessible."

Michael has been a consultant to the Shakespeare Festival for many years.

The class will meet on Thursday mornings, March 4, 11,18, and 25 from 10 to noon in the lounge of the Congregational Church, 900 High St.

#### Bel Canto, The Joy of Beautiful Singing Miriam Ellis

This class will be a short investigation into the art of some of opera's greatest stars. We'll start with Monteverdi in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and work our way up to the 20<sup>th</sup>, studying seminal representative styles of arias, duets, ensembles, and choruses, which reflect the astounding riches of the human voice and the genius of selected composers (e.g., Purcell, Mozart, Verdi, Tchaikovsky, Gounod, Massenet, von Weber, Donizetti, Offenbach, Puccini, Bizet, Massenet, Gershwin, etc.). There will be video and recordings of the artists.

Miriam Ellis' work in teaching French language has been recognized by the French government which awarded her one of it highest academic honors, the *Palmes Academiques*. She combines her lifelong interest in drama and opera with the teaching of French and has staged a number of theatrical and musical productions at UCSC. She has translated French operas for productions here.

Miriam's classes for Lifelong Learners have been lively, interesting, and informative

The class will meet in the Lounge at the Congregational Church, 900 High St. on three Mondays, March 29, April 5 and 12, from 1 to 4 p.m.

#### Music in the Time of the Enlightenment: Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven Bob Kraft

This ten-week course is an exploration of European music in the time of the ascent of reason and science, the decline of the aristocracy, the rise of freemasonry and birth of democratic revolutions, with special emphasis on the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Meets weekly for ten Tuesdays starting March 30, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., on Pine Tree Lane, Aptos.

The course will be mostly guided listening, with some talk. In broad outlines, the content will follow the Stevenson College course Prof. Kraft gave for ten years (1970–1980), called *Beethoven's Music*. This version will include more philosophy and a bit less music. Optional is an 11<sup>th</sup> week, exploring some of the music that followed Beethoven: Schubert, Berlioz, and Rossini.

1. The Enlightenment, freemasonry, the church, political consequences. Musical forms and examples, composers before Haydn and Mozart. Introduction to Haydn (symphony, string quartet, sonata form, oratorios).

- 2. Later Haydn, introduction to the young Mozart (after K.200), invention of piano concerto form, ensemble numbers in opera, Salzburg and religious duties.
- 3. Middle period Mozart: comedy coupled with poignancy.
- 4. Mozart the dramatist.
- 5. Mozart as Freemason: Cantatas, The Magic Flute.
- 6. Early Beethoven (sonatas, quartets, symphonies, concertos).
- 7. Middle Period Beethoven: the transitional works.
- 8. Middle Period Beethoven: the compact and dramatic.
- 9. Fidelio, Beethoven's only opera.
- 10. The late period: Beethoven as theoretician.
- 11. After Beethoven: Schubert, Berlioz, Rossini

This course will contain some operatic material. Prof. Kraft says "I am of course aware that opera is also a form of theatre, and contains elements beyond music. However, these sessions will deal only with music and thus operatic materials will be heard from CDs rather than DVDs."

Sign up by March 15. Enrollment is limited to 15 people. In case of oversubscriptions, lots will be drawn.

Please use the coupon on page 5 to register for this class. Payment must be separate from any other remittance.

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# **Interest Groups**

LLL members who have registered in the interest group program may participate in any open group. Check with the group leader before attending if you have not previously participated. If you've not yet registered for the program, please use the coupon on page 7.

Not all groups listed can accommodate new participants. Some have waiting lists. Others are closed to new members. Closed groups are distinguished with an asterisk (\*).

We encourage interested members to explore establishing new interest groups. Interest groups are run by their leaders.

Adventuring — Organizes "adventurous" outings, sometimes local, sometimes in SF Bay or Monterey Bay locations. Friday March 5 — the Disney Family Museum in the Presidio of San Francisco. Craig Miller, 426-0835, craigsem@cruzio.com



took Coeleen Kiebert's class as well as for the A&A group. Lois Widom, lowidom@yahoo.com, 423-0184

Conversational Books — New. Develops and evaluates a new kind of book, called a conversational

book, for people with Alzheimer's and loved ones to enjoy reading and storytelling.

Alzheimer's experts will explain how dementia affects reading and emotional memories, and group members will try out reading materials with people with dementia/ Alzheimer's and share their experiences as they develop criteria for new books. The group leader's book, *The Kitchen*, will be used as a model.

Whether or not you are interested in attending group meetings, the group is looking for photographers and artists with good drawing skills who can supply visual components for the books. Jean Zlotkin, 623-2631; C: 245-5628; zlotkin@garlic.com

Creative Writing — Meets every Friday at 10 a.m. to share members' writing projects. Welcomes writers of fiction, memoirs, plays, and poetry. Elaine Heyman, 423-0513, elaineheyman@sbcglobal.net

\*Digital Photography — Meets monthly for critiques, photo shoots, and field trips. Leaders: Cindy Margolin, crmargol@gotsky.com, 688-7665, and Jim Kenny, 600-8189, jkenny.santacruz@gmail.com

**Dining Out** — Meets monthly at different restaurants, usually two sitting choices, 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. & Wed., 6:30. Chris Le Maistre. 471-2396, clemaistre@sbcglobal.net

**Discovering UCSC** —Visits a different UCSC department each month, going behind the academic

scenes to discover what makes the department tick. **Mar. 17, Philosophy Dept.** Sandy Brauner, 477-7081, sanjan@cruzio.com

Financial Education — New. Will meet twice monthly to discuss pros and cons of specific strategies, options, investments, financial & protection products. The goal is a frank exchange of views and a shared base of knowledge. Each session open to any member who would like to present to the group, but the leader will be prepared to present on the specified topics (see web page for details). Steve Edmonds, 338-3106, Steve@2rs.com

\*Great Books Discussion — Meets monthly to discuss the classics. Leader: Faye Alexander, 476-8575, qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net

Hiking — Meets weekly (Wed. 9:30) for 1 to 2 hours of brisk walking, mostly in local forests. Alice Tarail, 334-3328, alicet@cruzio.com

Horticulture — Meets every Thursday (9:30 – noon) at the Cabrillo College Horticulture Department to work on plantings. Pat McVeigh, 475-9357, pmcveigh@baymoon.com

Lunching Out — Enjoy good food and good company while sampling the restaurant scene in the Santa Cruz area. Meets irregularly at different restaurants. Sherry Eisendorf, 458-2459, Irene Lennox, 457-2690, scotirene@yahoo.com

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# President's Message

I am pleased to tell you that the University has received the first installment (\$50,000) of the grant that the Bernard Osher Foundation is making for our benefit. Much of this money will be used to maintain existing services that we receive from the University, which were threatened by recent budget cutbacks. But we will also have substantial opportunities to improve some services. For example, we were able to hire UC Media Services to provided audio-visual-services for the last meeting, which resulted in much better sound quality than we have had in the past.

We currently have slightly over 400 dues-paying members, so we are well on

our way to the required membership of 500. If you would like to help with recruitment, or with anything else for that matter, please let us know. We have printed brochures that can be used to let prospective members know about our organization. There will be a supply at the next general meeting. Please pick some up if you can make use of them. And, as always, please feel free to send your suggestions along to me at rfranson@cruzio.com.

I expect that the University and the Osher Foundation will be making a formal announcement of the grant in the next few weeks.

Robert Franson

#### Registration for Music in the Time of the Enlightenment

One or two people can register with this form. You must be a UCSC LLL member to attend. Use the coupon on page 7 to join. The charge for this course is \$20 for one person, \$40 for two. **Payment must be separate from any other remittance.** 

Meets weekly **starting March 30** in Aptos. Details on page 3. **Sign up by March 15**. Class size is limited to 15. In case of oversubscription, lots will be drawn. You will be informed after March 15 of your enrollment status. Your card will not be charged or your check will be returned if we are unable to register you.

Enter credit card information or include your check payable to UC Santa Cruz Foundation and mail to: UCSC Lifelong Learners, University Relations, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064

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# Interest Groups, continued, and Short Series

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Meditation — in the Vipassana/Spirit Rock tradition for both experienced and new meditators. Meets weekly on Sat. morning from 9 to 11 a.m. (45 minutes of meditation with instructions, then 30 minutes of discussion), with an optional walk after. Contact Alice Tarail at alicet@cruzio.com or 334-3328 to confirm there is space.

\*New Yorker Discussion — Meets periodically to discuss short stories, articles, and poetry from *The New Yorker* magazine. To ensure good discussions, our groups are limited to eight members plus the leader. There are three sections (all full), but anyone interested in forming a new section, please contact Dusty Miller, 426-0835, hndmiller@hotmail.com.

Opera — Saturday Mornings at the Met on Santana Row. Trips to Santa Clara to watch live Metropolitan Opera broadcasts at the movie theater. Optional lunch at a Santana Row restaurant. March 27, *Hamlet* by Ambroise Thomas. May 1, *Armida* by Gioachino Rossini. Alice Miller, 661-0398, alimat@comcast.net

Philosophy — Meets monthly to study different philosophy topics, using articles and chapters of books as bases for discussions. Discussion leadership will be shared among the group. There is a waiting list for this group. Paul Seever, 440-9018, pseever@prodigy.net

**Play Reading** — Meets monthly (1<sup>st</sup> Mon., 1:30) to read plays selected by the members. March 1: *A View From the Bridge*; April: *Star Spangled Girl*;

May: *The Good Doctor*; Leader: Shirley Forsyth, shirlclu@gmail.com, 477-1796

Reading Circle — Meets monthly (3<sup>rd</sup> Mon, 1:30) to discuss books selected by the members. March 15, *Snow Mountain Passage* by James D Houston. April, *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. May, *Unaccustomed Earth: Stories* by Jhumpa Lahiri. Irene Lennox, 457-2690, scotirene@yahoo.com

\*Science Discussion — Sections meet monthly to study science topics, using articles and chapters of books as bases for discussions. Judy Wollowitz, judyL@ebold.com, Kathy Brooks, Kathyzbrooks@sbcglobal.net

Social Sciences Discussion — Share your interests and knowledge of various fields within social sciences: psychology, economics, sociology, and anthropology. Members to provide information on a particular area and then lead a discussion. Jan Jaffe, 684-0470, janjaffe@charter.net

Symphony Group — New. Join with SC Symphony League for previews & concerts. Meet artists, hear previews Fridays before concerts. Concerts Sat. eve & Sun. matinée: Mar. 27 & 28, May 8 & 9. Noel & Miriam Fishman, nmfish10@gmail.com, 426-3433

Volunteers in Action — An outreach program, an on-call ready response team to assist community members, including other Lifelong Learners, and worthy enterprises. Group has recently served many who suffer mobility loss by modifying their homes. Bill

Patterson, wilderwill@comcast.net, 479-3729

Walking — Explores Santa Cruz Neighborhoods. Meets monthly (3<sup>rd</sup> Fri., 10 – noon). Easy walking and education while exploring local nooks and crannies. Lesley Franz, 425-4685, LesFranz@aol.com, Virginia Law, 425-5453, veelaw2@pacbell.net

Wine Tasting — Supports local vintners by visiting, tasting, and picnicking at their beautiful wineries. Meets monthly. Brooke Ewoldsen, 475-6188, Marilyn Wingfield, marilynw2@netzero.net

#### **Short Series**

Use the form on page 7 or on the web to register for a short series. Please contact the leader before registering. Series details are on the website. A contribution of \$10 per person to UCSC Lifelong Learners is expected for the Film series.

The Great Decisions, a new series, will hold discussions based on readings in the *Great Decisions Briefing Book*. Ten participants, including series organizers Gwen and Dick Houk, will meet on eight consecutive Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Houk's Capitola residence. No contribution is requested for this series. Begins March 15<sup>th</sup>. Call or email Gwen or Richard Houk to see if there is space. Dgwebers1@aol.com, 831-464-8614.

The **Film Series** offers several series of five films during the year. Meets weekly at the home of Jim & Paula Faris at 7 p.m. on Tuesday for each series. jefaris@cruzio.com, 458-1389.

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# Participate in UCSC Lifelong Learners

Use the form below to join UCSC Lifelong Learners or to renew a yearly membership for the 2009–2010 year. The process is simple. You fill out the form and mail it with your check or

credit card information to the address on the form.

With the same form, you can register for the LLL peer-led interest-group program.

Finally, you can sign up for one of the series listed on the form.

There is a link to this form at http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/forms

#### **UCSC Lifelong Learners (LLL) Registration Form** To (A) join LLL, or to (B) register for the LLL peer-led interest group program, or **UC Santa Cruz Lifelong Learners** to (C, D) register for an LLL Short Series, enter personal information for one University Relations person or two at the same address. Enter credit card information or include your 1156 High Street, check payable to UC Santa Cruz Foundation. Mail this form to: Santa Cruz, CA 95064 **Personal Information** Phone Name Address E-Mail Address Check small box for information you *do not* wish to have listed in the LLL member directory. All names are published. Join LLL for 2009–2010. \$30: Individual; \$50: Couple at same address. You must be a 2009–2010 UCSC Lifelong Learners member to register for activities B, C, or D, below. Register for Peer-Led Interest Group Program: A \$25 donation to the LLL scholarship program grants one individual entry to any number of peer-led interest groups that have available space. If funds are limited, donate what you can. C., D. Register for a Short Series. A contribution of \$10/person/series to Lifelong Learners is expected. There is no couples discount. Three series are currently available. Please read details on the webpages for Film and Great Decisions. **Membership or Activity** Charges Amount enclosed \$30/person, \$50/couple at same address LLL membership \$25/person. If couple and only one \$ **Interest-Group Program** registering, who? Film Series. Please check one of the following boxes: \$10/person. If couple and only one person I have participated in prior Film Series. \$ registering, who? I have not participated in a Film Series before. Great Decisions Series. Limited number of registrants Fee waived. If couple and only one person per series. Call Gwen or Dick Houk, 831-464-8614. registering, who? **Total** Check Visa MasterCard **Expiration Date** Card Number

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#### Welcome New Members

UCSC Lifelong Learners welcomes these new members:

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If you purchased a membership badge but didn't pick it up, please do so at the next general meeting.

## On-Line Reading

Lifelong Learner Joan Rose has been kind enough to create a web page with links to articles and web sites that will be of interest to many of our members. There is a link to the new page on our home page.

#### **Call for Nominations**

Under our bylaws, elections for officers are held at our annual May general meeting. A nominating committee has been appointed consisting of Virginia Law (chair), Jim Faris, Cindy Margolin, and Roger Bach. They will be accepting nominations for the following officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you wish to nominate someone for one of these offices, please submit your nominations to Virginia Law (veelaw2@pacbell.net) by April 2, 2010.