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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UC Santa Cruz

General Meeting, Sun., Jan. 20th, 10 a.m. Stevenson College Event Center, UCSC

Speaker: Charles Hedrick, UCSC Professor of History Topic: Ancient Greece and Contemporary China

UC Professor Charles W. Hedrick, Jr. is a noted historian whose research interests include ancient history and world history, nationalism and scholarship, and the history of the document. He has an undergraduate degree from Pitzer College, a graduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and has studied at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. Before arriving at UCSC in 1990, Dr. Hedrick taught for 5 years at the State University of New York, Buffalo. His recent publications include:

- "Ancient History and Western Civilization," in <u>Occasional Papers of the American Philological Association's Committee on Ancient History</u>, forthcoming.
- "Religion and Society in Classical Greece," in D. Ogden, ed., Black-

well's Companion to Greek Religion, Blackwell, forthcoming.

- "Mother has Moved in With Us: The Conclusion of a Letter From Roman Egypt," in <u>P. Yale Aest.</u>, forthcoming
- "Couples in a Column and a New Basilikos Grammateus," in <u>P. Yale</u> Aest., forthcoming
- "Receipts for Payment of the Desert Tax," in <u>P. Yale Aest.</u>, forthcoming
- "The Ethics of World History,"

 <u>Journal of World History</u> 16 (2005),
 33-49
- "The American Ephebe: the Ephebic Oath, U.S. Education and Nationalism," Classical World 97 (2004), 384–407

Winter Classes

Please use the coupon on pages 6 to sign up for classes. Class information is also available on our website at http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/classes. Filling out and mailing a coupon with your donation is your enrollment. You will not be contacted for verification.

We suggest that you donate \$20/person for each class. Because the lecturers are not compensated (except for the pleasure of having truly interested and interesting students), and the classroom rental and other expenses are paid

from our Osher endowment earnings, your contributions are used 100% for scholarships for re-entry and transfer students. We do not deny access because of hardship, but we do hope you will contribute something.

Opera Talk — Miriam Ellis

This class is scheduled in coordination with the Metropolitan Opera Live in HD Series at the Santa Cruz Cinema 9 and other theatres. On the Wednesday preceding the

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For more information about Interest Groups, please consult our website.

New Interest Groups

Read It Again, Sam. Imagine you're in Florence for the first time and see Botticelli's Venus Rising From the Sea in the Uffizi Gallery. You are bowled over by the other-worldly power of this painting. Do you go back to see it again the next day, and the day after that if you can? Of course you do. You want to revisit a masterpiece like this as often as you can.

Great literature deserves the same attention. Reading a great book once is like going on a first date. You have an impression. You think you know if you like it or not. But reading the book a second time takes you to the heart of the text. You appreciate the subtleties of the language, the nuances of the character portraits, the intelligence of the design.

Read It Again, Sam meets monthly and reads great books twice. We value depth, not speed. We choose our titles by consensus and share facilitation. Once the group is formed, we'll find a meeting place in mid county and set a regular day and time to get together. Interested? Please contact Jon Butah, jon@twoseas.com.

Current Affairs, Group II. Meets on the 2nd and 4th Weds. from 12:30 – 2:00 in the Neary Lagoon area (Chestnut and Laurel). We each come with a news story that has captured our attention that week and as we discuss them, we discover the connections. Contact Cecile Andrews at cecile@cecileandrews.com for address and directions.

Film Seminar

The Faris's popular Film Series is offered several times each year. New attendees are given preference. The seminar starting Jan. 15th is full, but there are openings for the planned Feb. seminar. To register, go to http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/Film.

Interest Group with Announcement

Discovering UCSC – Jan 30: Visit the Classical Studies Dept. Details at http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/discoveringUCSC

Discovering UCSC visits a different UCSC department each month, to learn the latest about the dynamic academic activity taking place at this world-class institution. Leader: Sandy Brauner, sanjan@cruzio.com

Interest Groups with Room for More People

Other groups may also have openings. Some groups, such as Adventuring, Art & Architecture, Exploring Santa Cruz, Exploring UCSC, Hiking/ Walking, Lunchtime Dining Out, and Wine Tasting, have unlimited participation although some of their events may be limited and places reserved first-come-first-served. Some of the groups listed below may only have room for one or two new participants, others may have more room. Contact leaders for details.

Amateur Chamber Musicians — The group maintains a directory of amateur chamber musicians in the Santa Cruz area who wish to be listed so that individuals can arrange rehearsals with other instrumentalists. Instrument, contact information, and self rating are entered on "information sheets" and then published. Information is not made public beyond the group. Contact Merilyn Neher, 600-8576, mneher3@gmail.com

Baroque Festival — Meets near the concert venue at 6:30 p.m. for a preconcert talk. The 2013 season concerts are at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 9, Feb. 23, Mar. 16, April 13, May 11. See the SCBF website for program information. Members are responsible for obtaining their own concert tickets. Leader: David H. Copp, 708-2206, dhcopp@yahoo.com

Bridge Group — Beginning Jan. 7, 2013, the group will meet at the Live Oak Senior Center, 1777 Capitola Rd, each Monday, 1-4 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 per person (facility fee) and \$1.00 for the winner's jackpot. Details at http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/Bridge. Leader: Mary Male, mmale@baymoon.com, 427-2749

Concept Exchange Society — Meets monthly (2nd Sun., 10:30 a.m.) to share world views. Leader: Marvin Chester, marvin@chesters.org, 713-5432; Judy Brock, jch.brock@sbcglobal.net, 426-2372

Creative Writing — Meets weekly (Friday from 10 to noon) throughout the year to share members' writings. Our members' writing topics range

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from poetry, memoirs, autobiography, short stories, to a science fiction novel. Each member reads a $2\frac{1}{2}$ page piece which can be part of a larger opus. The other members offer suggestions. We have enjoyed our meetings and we hope to share our fun with new members. Leader: Elaine Heyman, elaineheyman@comcast.net, 423-0513

The **Dining Out** Group meets each month at a selected restaurant to enjoy good food and the opportunity to socialize with fellow OLLI members. A notice advising members of the upcoming event is sent via email to those who have signed up to participate. Interested diners RSVP to the hostess in charge for the evening selected. We go to area restaurants, meeting at 6:30 p.m., and order from the menu, with each individual responsible for bringing cash to pay their bill. We dine out on one consecutive Tuesday and Wednesday each month during the OLLI calendar year, excluding December. Cathy Pickerrell is the hostess for Tuesday evenings and Myra Mahoney is the Wednesday evening hostess.

Contact cathypickerrell@yahoo.com or myramahoney1419@comcast.net if you plan to participate in Dining Out Group events.

Doubles Tennis — Intermediate (3.0-3.5 level of play) doubles tennis, meets weekly, Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m., at UCSC tennis courts on Natural Bridges Dr., for a friendly,

spirited warmup and match of 1½ to 2 hours. Leaders: Mary Male male@baymoon.com, and David Brick, dbrick@cruzio.com, 427-2749

English in Action — Members meet one-on-one as mutually arranged with UCSC-referred foreign students or spouses to help them with conversational English. OLLI members meet monthly (first Tuesday, at 1 p.m.) to share ideas for meeting with students. Leader: Karin Grobe, 427-0984, kgrobe@wormdoctor.org

Financial Education and Discussion — Meets the 2nd Monday, 10 a.m., at Caffe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar St., Santa Cruz, to discuss pros and cons of spe-

Cruz, to discuss pros and cons of specific financial strategies, options, investments, risk management & financial & protection products. Open to any member who would like to present to the group, but leader is prepared to present on the specified topics. Leader: Steve Edmonds, 338-3106, steve@2rs.com

French for French Speakers — Everyone will be involved and only French will be used. Meets: first Thursday each month 10:30 to noon at 220 Calcita Dr., Santa Cruz. Richard Zakarian, 713-5798, richard.zakarian.88@csun.edu

Great Mysteries of Life — Discussion and analysis of recent and classic works in philosophy, religion, and science focused on the great mysteries of life and the universe. Examples of these deep kinds of questions include: Why does the universe exist? Are there proofs for the existence of God? What is the underlying structure of reality? How should we understand

concepts like consciousness, infinity, time, free will, etc.? We will read books with accessible expositions of these topics, usually at the rate of about 60 pages or so per month. We will typically meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. Steve Strasnick, 429-5201, steve strasnick@comcast.net

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

Horticulture – Meets weekly, (Thur., 9:30 to noon) rain or shine in the hothouse at Cabrillo College to work on plantings under the direction of the staff of the Cabrillo College Horticulture Dept. You do not need to attend every week. Leader: Pat McVeigh, 566-4553, pmcveigh@baymoon.com



Lunchtime Dining Out — We enjoy good food and good company by sampling interesting restaurants in the Santa Cruz area. We meet usually on the first Friday of the month at 12.30 p.m. Irene Lennox, scotirene@yahoo.com

New Yorker Poetry — We read aloud and discuss poems from the *New Yorker*. Suggestions welcome. Meets on the 4th Friday of the month, 10 to (Continued on page 4)

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11:30 a.m., in the De Anza community center, 2395 Delaware Ave. Leaders: Pegatha Hughes, hpegatha@ earthlink.net, 600-7925; Sherry Eisendorf, sherrye139@gmail.com

Reading Walden — meets on the first and third Wednesdays at 12:30–2:00 in the Neary Lagoon area (Chestnut and Laurel) close to down town. We read Walden aloud and discuss, as we go, what Thoreau is telling us about the "good life." Contact Cecile Andrews cecile@cecileandrews.com for address and directions.

Science I — Meet monthly (3rd Monday, 1 p.m.) in Scotts Valley. For those with science background. Presentations, book reviews, & discussions. Recently we've discussed low energy nuclear reactions, formerly known as cold fusion. Our next meeting is on January 21st. The subject has yet to be determined but might be in the area of psychology. If you wish to attend, contact Bob Wrathall. Leader: Bob Wrathall, wrathall@sbcglobal.net

Science II — At each sessione we listen to and discuss one or two video lectures from the Teaching Company. Topics vary according to members' interests. The current set is on human evolution. Meets monthly (first Mon. afternoon).Leaders: Kathy Brooks, kathyzbrooks@sbcglobal.net, 684-2929, Bob Lewis, bob.l.lewis@gmail.com

Science Fiction — Adventures in the Multiverse. Discussion of bestselling speculative science fiction novels with strong philosophical and/or scientific

themes. We will be starting a new book in January, and will typically be reading one book per month, with book choices rotating among the different members. Meets the 4th Thursday afternoon in Santa Cruz. Leader: Steve Strasnick, 429-5201, steve strasnick@comcast.net

Volunteers in Action — Meets on-call to be of service to fellow Osher Institute members, the UCSC campus, and other worthy organizations. Leader: Bill Patterson, wilderwill@comcast.net, 479-3729

What If — A discussion group focused on the paths that were or could have been taken so we may better understand the paths ahead of us.

A decent body of writing exists on alternative histories and what effect different outcomes might have had on the future. The group meets on the first Friday of the month from 10 to noon on the east side of Santa Cruz. See *ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/what-if* for more. Leaders: Phillip and Helen Lynch, what_if_ig@yahoo.com, 426-1837

The Other Interest Groups

Some groups listed below have unlimited participation although some of their events may be limited and places reserved first-come-first-served. Others are fully subscribed. However, in limited groups, openings occur, so contact group leader if you're interested. Contact leader before attending if you've not attended before and are not on the group's email distribution list.

Adventuring — Organizes "adventurous" outings — sometimes local, sometimes in SF Bay or Monterey Bay locations. Leader: Craig Miller, craigsem@cruzio.com, 426-0835.

Art & Architecture — Visits places of architectural and/or artistic interest all over the Bay Area. Leader: Lois Widom, lowidom@yahoo.com, 423-0184

Canada, eh? Learn more about our neighbour to the north and explore issues of Canadian-American relations. The sessions will offer ample opportunities for discussion that is both thought-provoking and fun. Details on web. Held in the living room at the Women's Center, Jan.16th & 23rd, Feb. 13th & 27th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Leaders: Robert M. Stamp stamp@ucalgary.ca, Robert Franson, rfranson@cruzio.com.

Current Affairs Discussion — Meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday for an in-depth, respectful conversation about hot issues of concern. Leader: Mark Gordon, mgordon@cruzio.com, 458-2208

Digital Photography — Meets monthly on the 4th Monday for critiques, photo shoots, and field trips. Leader: Cindy Margolin, crmargol@gotsky.com, 688-8129

Evening Book Discussion — Meets monthly (first Wednesday, 7:00) to discuss fiction and non-fiction selected by members. Leader: Dusty Miller, 426-0835, hndmiller@hotmail.com

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Exploring Santa Cruz - Meets monthly (3rd Fri., 10 to noon) for a walk around town or country led by a couple of forever-curious amateurs. Leaders: Lesley Franz, lesfranz@ aol.com, 425-4685, and Pam Burnham. in2nature@ aol.com, 428-2796



French Peer Practice — at Advancedbeginner level. Group is full, but please email or call if interested. See website Leader: L'ea Lieux, llieux@gmail.com, 425-4741

Folk Songs — Meets first and third Monday at 1 p.m. for group sing. Leader: Matt Miller, alimat@comcast.net, 661-0398

Great Books Discussion I — Meets monthly (first Thurs., 1:15) to discuss the classics. Leader: Faye Alexander, 476-8575, qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net

Great Books Discussion II — Meets monthly on the first Wednesday from 11:30 to 1:30 in Soquel to discuss the classics. Leader: Susan Gorsky, 688-5371, sgorsky@sbcglobal.net

Great Decisions Series — Great Decisions is America's largest discussion

program on world affairs. Published annually, the Great Decisions briefing book highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans today. Provided is a DVD, background information, current data, and policy options for each issue. See also http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/decisions and www.fpa.org.

The group will meet weekly for nine weeks beginning Mon., March 4th, Leader: Margy Cottle, margy304@ yahoo.com, 475-4446, 345-7144

Memoir Writing — The group, which will meet on Jan. 10, is now full. To be added to a waiting list, contact Joyce Burt, sandplay@ix.netcom.com, 831-464-3470

Newcomers Group — The group is not currently meeting. Lyn Dremalas, 600-8354, lyndrem@comcast.net

New Yorker Groups. Somewhat varied in format, they all discuss readings from the *New Yorker*.

New Yorker Poetry. See page 3.

Santa Cruz I Group — Leader: Virginia Law, veelaw2@pacbell.net, 425-5453

Santa Cruz II Group — Leader: Helen Jones, helenjones815@gmail.com, 420-1220

Aptos Group — Leader: Joan Rose, ramblingroses@yahoo.com, 477-0360

Capitola Group — Leader: Faye Alexander, qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net, 476-8575

Philosophy Discussion — Meets monthly (2nd Tuesday, 4 p.m.). Leader: Paul Seever, 440-9018, pseever@prodigy.net

Play Reading Group — Meets on first Monday, 1:30 to 4:30, to read plays selected by the members. Leader: Shirley Forsyth, shirlclu@gmail.com, 477-1796

Reading Circle — Meets monthly (3rd Monday, 1:30) to discuss a mixture of modern fiction and non-fiction selected by the members. Leader: Irene Lennox, scotirene@yahoo.com, 457-2690

Social Science Discussion — Meets monthly (3rd Tuesday, 2 to 4 p.m.) at the Dominican Oaks meeting room in Santa Cruz. Specific topics to be chosen by the group from member recommendations. Leader: Jan Jaffe, janjaffe@charter.net, 684-0470

Wine Tasting — Supports local vintners by visiting, tasting, and picnicking at their beautiful wineries. Meets monthly (usually first Thurs.or Fri.). Leaders: Brooke Ewoldsen, 475-6188; Marilyn Wingfield, marilynlwingfield@gmail.com; Lew Feinman, lewfeinman@sbcglobal.net



Winter Classes

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Saturday screening, Miriam Ellis will lead a lecture-discussion, along with appropriate videos, about the opera. Miriam's classes for OLLI have always been interesting, lively, and very informative. She has been teaching classes in French, opera, theater, and literature for over thirty years. She has been honored by the French government. She is the founder and guiding light of the very successful International Playhouse.

The class will meet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Museum of Art and History on Front St. This class has been meeting since fall and continues as follows:

January 2: Les Troyens January 16: Maria Stuarda February 13: Rigoletto March 13: Francesca da Rimini April 24: Giulio Cesare

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The Chinese Novel: The Dream of the Red Chamber, or The Story of the Stone, by Cao Xueqin (1724?-1764)

Dale Johnson, Professor of Chinese at Oberlin College and UCSC, now emeritus, who gave us an engrossing class on early Chinese poetry last year, has kindly offered to teach a class on an important Chinese novel.

Considered China's greatest novel, it is a vast panorama of a great and privileged Chinese family with a principle cast of some thirty main characters and at least four hundred other secondary roles. Presented in a realistic manner, it chronicles the decline of this great family, describing

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Registrant(s) With this coupon, one or two people can register for classes.	Class Selections To register for a class, check box. If two are registering & only one is taking a particular class, please indicate which person.	Donation (\$20 per person per class)
Registrant 1 Name:	Opera Talk. Wed., Jan. 2 & 16, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, April 24, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m If one person, who?	\$
Phone:	The Chinese Novel. Thurs, Jan. 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, ten to noon. If one person, who?	\$
Registrant 2 (if applicable) Name:	Art in Spite of Philosophy Tues., Feb. 26, Mar. 12, 19, & 26, 10 to noon. If one person, who?	\$
Phone:	Two Shakespeare Plays. Thurs, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, ten to noon, If one person, who?	\$
	Total Enclosed:	\$
Make check to the <u>UC Santa Cruz Foundation</u> . Mail to: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UCSC, STARS, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064. You must be a member of Osher LLI at UCSC to register for classes. Contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. You will receive an acknowledgement of your contributions from the University. <i>Thank you!</i>		
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in intimate detail clan solidarity, honor, respect for old age, parental authority, filial obedience, sexual relationships, the position of women, the role of concubines and servants and other domestics. The tale is suspended on the lives and loves of the twelve young girls and Baoyu, a young boy, who is, in fact the human incarnation of a stone in heaven who asked to come down to earth as a mortal to taste the delights and the tragedies of human life. They each live in a magnificent garden called Grand View Gardens, built so that one of the girls who was taken into the Imperial Palace as a concubine could return home to her family for a 24 hours period and be housed in a manner appropriate to her station. During the course of the novel, Baoyu grows up and faces the two most important events in his life: marriage and the Imperial Examinations.

The course will use *The Dream of the Red Chamber*, translated by Isabel and Florence McHugh, published in 1958. The book is available print-on-demand at Bookshop Santa Cruz for \$13.99.

On four Thurs. mornings, January 17, 24, 31, and February 7, from ten to noon at the Museum of Art and History.

Feb. - March 2013

Art in Spite of Philosophy — Robert Goff

During four illustrated sessions, we'll focus on the uneasy relation between art and philosophy in the Western tradition, shown at its beginning in Plato's banishment of poets from his ideal society (Republic, 4th c. B.C.E.), and also to be found between present-day works of art and philosophy. Brief reading selections will be made available to participants in advance of each session. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion.

Robert Goff is retired from UCSC where he taught philosophy for many years. In addition to courses in the standard philosophy curriculum, his seminar offerings included Comic Embodiment; Element, Thing, and Metaphor; Philosophical Autobiography: and Philosophy and the Holocaust.

Tuesdays, February 26, March 12, 19, and 26, from ten to noon at the Museum of Art & History.

Two Shakespeare Plays: Shakespeare Santa Cruz — Michael Warren

This summer, world-renowned Shake-speare Santa Cruz will present several plays, two of them by Shakespeare. We are fortunate to have Prof. Michael Warren, a very knowledgeable and vastly entertaining Shakespeare scholar presenting a four-session course on the plays. His Shakespeare courses for us the previous two years have been enthusiastically praised by our members.

Michael Warren is an emeritus professor of literature at UCSC, and has been a consultant to Shakespeare S.C. for many years. When he was awarded the Alumni Association's Distinguished Teaching Award he was described as follows:

"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."

March 7, 14, 21, & 28, ten to noon at the Museum of Art & History. Plays and any pre-class reading will be announced in the next newsletter and on the web.

Volunteer Opportunities

Court Appointed Special Advocates

(CASA) seeks volunteers to serve as child advocates for children who have been abused or neglected. Training and supervision is provided. Building a friendship with a caring volunteer helps children in foster care heal, regain trust, self-confidence and hope for the future. To learn more about CASA, call Danielle at 761-2956, Ext. 102.

The Homeless Services Center provides both emergency and transitional services to homeless individuals and families. Volunteers are needed to serve meals, facilitate the after-school program, operate the computer lab, and much more. To learn more about volunteer opportunities at the Center, call Taylor Paskal at 458-6020, Ext. 1102

Watsonville Wetlands Watch. Volunteer training begins January 23rd. Learn about the wetlands and environment; work with children; help with the native plant garden; or assist with community events. Make new friends; work four hours/month. www.watsonvillewetlandswatch.org or call Kathy at 831-345-1226.

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