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General Meeting, Sunday, November 20, 2016, 10 a.m. Colleges Nine and Ten Multipurpose Room, UCSC

Speaker: Prof. Michael Orbach

The Cultural Context of International Response to Climate Change

Mike Orbach is Professor Emeritus of Marine Affairs and Policy in the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University.



He has worked as Social Anthropologist and Social Science Advisor with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Associate Director of the Center for Coastal Marine Studies at the University of California at Santa Cruz; and Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at East Carolina University. He joined the Duke Marine Laboratory in 1993, and was Director of the Marine Laboratory from

1998 to 2006 and Director of the Coastal Environmental Management Program from 1993 to 2014.

Mike has performed research and has been involved in coastal and marine policy on all coasts of the U.S. and in Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, Southeast Asia, Europe, Alaska and the Pacific, and has published widely on social science and policy in coastal and marine environments. He was a formal advisor to both the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and the Pew Ocean Commission, has served on the Ocean Studies Board — and is a National Associate — of the National Research Council, and has held numerous other appointments to Boards and Commissions both public and private.

Source: <http://centerforoceansolutions.org/team/mike-orbach>

Improve Your Interactions with OLLI

OLLI is a volunteer-run organization. Because of the volume of paper registration forms that some members still use, our processes can be slowed and errors more likely made in entering handwritten member data into the computer. You can help us speed up our processes and get more accurate results, and possibly even enable us to give more in student scholarships, if you get an OLLI account with a password and use your online account to renew, register for courses, or update your contact information.

If you don't have an OLLI password and account, please go to our home page and

use the link there to establish them. If you do, you can likewise use the link on our home page to log into your OLLI account and transact business.

We've recently updated the process of using our website for transactions, and members report success in establishing accounts and, thereafter, logging in.

Give it a try and see how simple it is. No more filling out a form, writing a check, mailing an envelope—just a few clicks and you can sign up for courses or renew your membership!

Chancellor's Holiday Party: Save the Date

For several years now OLLI members have enjoyed the Chancellor's Friends' Holiday Party. This year it will be held on Thursday, December 15, starting at 4 p.m., again at Porter Dining Hall. This is the

same venue as our September general meeting. Your editor goes every year, and it's fun! Invitations will be mailed to our members.

Interest Group News

For more information about interest groups, please consult our website, <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/interest-groups>. On that webpage, you can use the blue links in the table to find out more about a group or to contact a group leader. If you want to discuss participation in an interest group, please contact the leader of the group.

Membership renewals and new memberships include interest-group participation; members may participate in any number of interest groups that have room. Many groups have unlimited participation, although some events may be limited. There is no longer a separate donation asked for interest-group participation.

One of the missions of OLLI at UCSC is to raise scholarship money for transfer and re-entry students, including military veterans. Our interest group leaders and course teachers are in part motivated by the scholarships made possible by their volunteer work. Our Osher Foundation grant can be used for OLLI expenses but cannot be used for student scholarships. Only your donations can be used for scholarships.

We ask group leaders with fully subscribed groups to keep a waiting list of members who wish to join. We encourage members to form new Interest groups. Group leaders are free to structure and schedule their group as they and the participants wish. Group leaders will often be willing to help a member who wants to start a similar group. Also, please feel free to ask

questions or express your interests to our interest-group coordinator, Peter Nurkse, 831-429-8493, nurkse@gmail.com.

New Interest Group

Dickens Reading Group

This new group is dedicated to reading the works of Charles Dickens in serial installments, as his original readers did, meeting twice a month, and reading original installments each time. The group will be supplemented by a bibliography of films, TV shows, and readings about each work. The reading each June would be the selection of the annual Dickens Universe conference at UCSC.

Groups with Room for More Participants

Creative Writing

Speaking of the Creative Writing group, a member said that "It is such a precious experience; the gatherings always produce fascinating vignettes of members' lives and interests. It is a wonderful way to engage your muse and share weekly writing."

Memoirs, science fiction, travel logs, poetry, and short stories are only some of the writings shared and critiqued. Tea, companionship, and laughter are enjoyed while stories are refined.

The group has produced three publications, and some members have published their work. If you aspire to be a published writer, this could be a good way to go.

Leader: Elaine Heyman, 423-0513, elaineheyman@comcast.net. If you have a problem contacting the leader, send email to Zaslaw@comcast.net

Groups with Events

Newcomers

The Newcomers group meets once a month. Anyone and everyone is invited, whether you are new or not. We will talk about OLLI and its benefits, and if you are new to Santa Cruz, we'll talk about that too!

Fall/Winter Meeting Schedule:

Monday — 11/21 @ 7 p.m.

No December meeting

Monday — 1/16 @ 3 p.m.

Monday — 2/20 @ 7 p.m.

Please email/call Mary Carvalho if you will be attending. marycarvalho@gmail.com, 831-332-2361.

Financial Education

What is your family's written plan for an extended healthcare event?

Join us Wednesday, November 9, for a discussion on this important financial planning topic.

November is Long-term Care Awareness Month. Areas of discussion include:

- Facts, statistics and educational resources

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Interest Groups

For more information, go to our home page and click on “interest groups” in the left column, or go directly to <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/interest-groups>.

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Interest Group News

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- Broaching the subject with family members
- AARP recommendations
- Types and levels of care
- Planning and payment options
- Medicare, Medical and LTC Insurance
- Who do you know and how have they and their families been affected?

Financial Education meets on the second Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Caffe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar St., Santa Cruz. Leader: Steve Edmonds, 338-3106, steve2rr@gmail.com

Exploring Santa Cruz County

Our November walk will take place on Saturday, November 5, at 10:00 a.m. We will tour the Cowell Lime Works Historic District with Frank Perry as our guide. We will meet at the Barn Theater, corner of High Street and Bay Street at the main entrance to UCSC.

We will take a leisurely stroll through the district, looking at the historic buildings and lime kilns. This was once the most important lime producing area in California. We will learn how lime was made, what it was used for, and some of the stories of the people involved. At several of the stops, we will compare historic photos with the same location today.

There will be parking at the Barn Theater. Leader: Sue Myers, suemyers85@gmail.com, 818-6450

Horticulture Interest Group

Wednesday, December 7, 3–6 p.m. Cabrillo College Holiday Poinsettia Sale. Refreshments will be served. Come early for best choices. Leader: Patricia Mc Veigh, pmcveigh@baymoon.com



Visiting Not-for-Profits

We will visit the Regional Water Management Foundation on Thursday, November 3, at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Gabrielle Stocker, gstocker2@ucsc.edu for more information or to reserve a spot.

Art and Architecture

Mary Alice Copp and Coeleen Kiebert have both been members of our group, and we have seen their wonderful work in various settings. Now they have organized a show at the R. Blitzer Gallery, “As we see it: East and West Coast Women Artists.” It will show their work as well as the work of three of their friends from the East Coast. You will be seeing paintings of Iceland and California, assem-

blages and embroidery, pastels of New England, and ceramics and sculpture.

They have invited us to come to the Blitzer Gallery, 2801 Mission St, on Saturday, November 5th, from 2 to 4 to hear each of the artists discuss her work.

The Blitzer Gallery is on your right in the old Wrigley Building. There is parking available. There will be someone at the door to assist those of you who would like to use the elevator.

If you have not been to the gallery and the building before this is a great opportunity to explore them.

The Art & Architecture group leader, Lois Widom, will be unable to attend.

Groups with generally unlimited participation

Get on a mailing list for as many of these groups as you like and pick and choose events you might like to participate in as they arise. Some events have limits to the number who can participate, and for those events the leader will request an RSVP.

- Art & Architecture;
- Baroque Festival;
- Colleges 9 and 10;
- Discovering UCSC;
- Exploring Santa Cruz County;
- Visiting Not For Profits;
- Walking;
- Wine Tasting.

Use the table on the page 3 or go to <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/interest-groups> for more information.

Fall 2016 Courses

Please register as soon as possible for any of the remaining courses this fall if you decide you are interested in attending. The fastest way to register is online.

If you don't have an OLLI password and account (that is, an OLLI *login*) please go to our home page and use the link there to establish a login. If you already have a login, you can likewise use the link on our home page to sign into your OLLI account and then you can transact business. See article on the first page of this newsletter.

There is also a registration form on page 7 of this newsletter, and online.

Our courses vary a great deal in length, but the donation we ask for each course is the same: \$20/course. Because the lecturers are not compensated (except for the pleasure of having truly interested and interesting students), your course fee contributions are mostly used for scholarships for re-entry and transfer students.

You will receive an email from the University acknowledging your acceptance in the course. The University will later send you a letter acknowledging your donation.

Course details follow. Enjoy!

The U.S. Elections: International Dimensions — Ronnie Gruhn, Professor of Politics, Emerita

The last of these three talks will be given on November 15; 10 a.m. to noon; Fellowship Hall of the Peace United Church of Christ, 900

High St. The subject is "Post-election: Now what?"

Please carpool to alleviate parking problems.

The Stalin Phenomenon — Peter Kenez, Professor Emeritus of History

Three Wednesdays, November 30, December 7 & 14; 10 to noon; the Museum of Art and History.

Session 1: What made Stalin possible?

Session 2: What was Stalinism?

Session 3: The aftermath

Peter Kenez is Emeritus Professor of History at UCSC and a founding faculty member of Stevenson College. Peter's research and teaching have focused on Russian and Eastern Eu-

ropean History, Soviet film, and the widely acclaimed interdisciplinary course on the Holocaust taught with Murray Baumgarten. He is the author of nine books including the autobiographical "Varieties of Fear" and most recently "The Coming of the Holocaust: From Antisemitism to Genocide." A native of Hungary, Peter left in 1956 and has returned often to teach and do research.

Modern Molecular Biology: Year 7

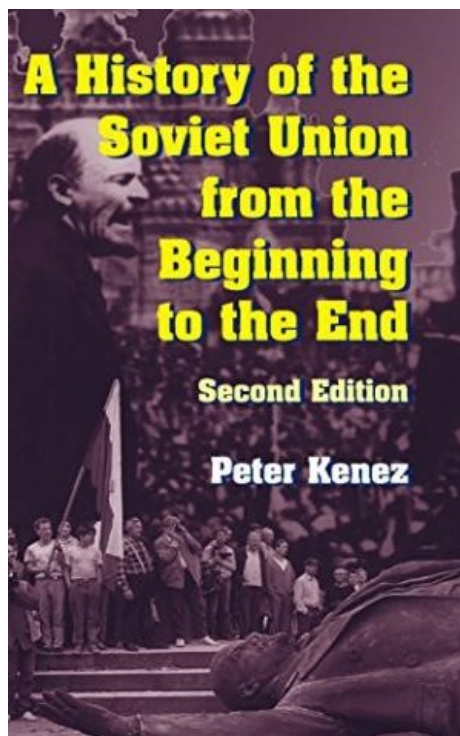
Five consecutive Saturday mornings, October 22 & 29, November 5, 12 & 19; 10 a.m. to noon; Physical Sciences Building, room 240, the same classroom as last year.

Four Professors from UCSC present an overview of current research, addressing fundamental questions about how living creatures grow and reproduce. They will also describe how discoveries in molecular biology are used to develop treatments for human diseases. A background in science is not necessary. Everyone with an interest in biology and medicine is encouraged to attend. Many of us have found the course fascinating as we learned about cutting edge research at UCSC.

29 October—Professor Barry Bowman

Virtually all creatures are solar-powered, using energy from the sun for growth, movement and consciousness. How do plants convert sunlight into a useable, portable form of energy?

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Fall 2016 Courses

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5 November*—**Professor Michael Stone**, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Individual proteins are so tiny that they cannot be observed with the best light microscopes. However in recent years technologies have been developed that allow us to see and study individual proteins. Professor Stone is using this technology to investigate proteins that cap and protect the ends of DNA molecules.

12 November*—**Professor Needhi Bhalla**, Department of Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology

Our chromosomes (genes wrapped in proteins) need to be precisely copied and then split when we form new egg and sperm cells. In humans 30% of miscarriages arise from errors in chromosome sorting. Professor Bhalla has been investigating the mechanisms by which chromosomes are sorted into egg and sperm cells.

19 November*—**Professor Manny Ares**, Department of Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology

Our genes are made of DNA, but when “activated,” the DNA must be copied to make RNA, a closely related molecule, that carries the message sent by the gene. The RNA is then edited so that a single gene can produce different type of messages in different cells. Errors in this editing are responsible for a significant number of human diseases.

*The exact order of these lectures has not yet been determined.

Women in Western Civilization. Renaissance and Reformation — Gail Greenwood

Thursday mornings, October 27, November 3, 10 & 17, 10 a.m. to noon. Museum of Art and History.

This is the third segment of Gail’s interesting and very popular course, “Women in Western Civilization.” However, you will be able to appreciate this course even if you were not able to attend the two earlier courses.

This next segment of the examination of women’s lives and powers or lack thereof, will focus on Western Europe during the Renaissance and Reformation. Women who claim equality with men are often asked if women are equal to men, where are your Michelangelos, your monarchs, your Popes and saints. This course will gallop at break neck speed in just four weeks over the face of Europe and begin to answer those questions. What happened to the Goddess when the Protestants sought to reform the Catholic church? Was She burned? Was women’s art solely the creation and nurturance of the human race? Did princesses rule as Queens or just produce Kings? Did women progress or regress at the dawn of the modern era?

Gail Greenwood is a retired community college history teacher. For thirty-four years, she taught survey courses in American History, Western Civilization, and Women in both American and Western Civil-



Atelier Of A Painter. Marie-Denise Villers

zation. In the 1970s she created the first Women in American History courses at American River College. We all found her to be a talented, well-prepared and knowledgeable teacher.



Portrait of a young woman. Sandro Botticelli

Fall 2016 Course Registration Form

To save time and postage: use online registration at <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/classes>.

Select	Course #	Description and Venue. Suggested donation: \$20/course:	Donation
<input type="checkbox"/>	1701	<i>The U.S. Elections: International Dimensions</i> — Ronnie Gruhn, Professor of Politics, Emerita. Three Tuesdays: Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov.15. 10 a.m. to noon.	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	1704	<i>The Stalin Phenomenon</i> — Peter Kenez, Professor Emeritus of History Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & 14; 10 to noon; Museum of Art and History.	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	1706	<i>Modern Molecular Biology, Year 7</i> — Professors from UCSC. Saturdays, Oct. 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12 & 19; 10 a.m. to noon. Physical Sciences Building, room 240.	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	1707	<i>Women in Western Civilization</i> — Gail Greenwood. Four Thursday mornings, October 27, November 3, 10 & 17, 10 a.m. to noon.	\$
Total Enclosed			\$

Personal Information. Please print, or save time and postage: use online registration at <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com>.

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Jim Faris, beloved member, and a 1984 co-founder of Lifelong Learners at UCSC, died at home on October 14.

For many years Jim and Paula led sessions of the Film group in their home. Jim was retired from a career in film editing and enlightened and entertained us with his knowledge of film. The last meeting was held ten days before he died.

You can watch Jim as he addresses members on the 30th anniversary of the organization at the general meeting on September 21, 2014: <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/history>.



Jim and UCSC chancellor George Blumenthal in a 2010 photo by Ed Huton.



Jim and Paula in discussion at a session of the film group.



Long-time lifelong learners Fay Alexander and Jim Faris were honored at the January 2009 meeting by then president Mark Gordon.

Colleges Nine and Ten Alternative Spring Break by Mark Gordon and Mary Carvalho

It's official. Colleges 9 and 10's Alternative Spring Break (ASB) is set for the last week of March, 2017. Again the focus will be on the Watsonville Community.

OLLI's ASB participation is one of the fruits of our partnership with Colleges 9 and 10 that affords us the possibility of a real learning opportunity with wonderful committed undergrads. This year we are working on deepening our connection with the students participating in the ASB.

One idea we have been thinking about is to create an OLLI class that will serve as a week-long symposium for about 10 OLLI members who will meet together to deepen our understanding of the people, cultures

and issues of the Watsonville community. OLLI members who sign up for this class will commit to participating all week. Possibly, there could be discussion times both for OLLI members as a group, and with OLLI members and ASB students to reflect on the experience as it is happening.

If this is something you think you might be interested in, please write or call Mary Carvalho. Her info is in the Board Members listing in this newsletter. We will begin to have OLLI-ASB planning meetings during the winter. We'll need to know who is counting on participating this year.

There will be, in addition, an opportunity for many more OLLI members to attend a panel of

community leaders from Watsonville that will occur on campus a few weeks before the ASB week

Last year's ASB-OLLI clothing drive to support farmworker families was very successful and deeply appreciated. Mary Carvalho had loads and loads of clothing to send on to the ASB. There will be another ASB clothing drive in 2017. We'll let all OLLI members know what the focus of this year's drive will be and when and where to bring items.

This is an exciting opportunity for OLLI members. The staff of Colleges Nine and Ten and the student ASB Leaders have begun the planning. We will share more details as they emerge.

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