



OLLI UCSC Newsletter

June 26, 2020

OLLI is here for you,
at least in cyberspace!

The Current Crisis and World Affairs

Prof Emerita Ronnie Gruhn

Half-hour podcasts at your disposal

Expert! Free! Convenient! Biweekly updates!

The Latest One

<https://youtu.be/i9ftUHxHrUY>

All commentaries a click away any time:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ronnie+gruhn

Contact Dr Gruhn with questions or topics: ronnie@ucsc.edu

A Survey of Ecology

Prof Emeritus Jim Estes

Course via Zoom

One Tuesday to go: June 30; 11:00 to 12:45

You can still register! Email bbowman@ucsc.edu

Ecology studies species distribution and abundance.

Lectures are embellished extensively with storytelling.

The first three lectures are available online:

Lecture 1 <https://youtu.be/WmMkhLXshes>

Lecture 2 <https://youtu.be/tdKojQ1mqs4>

Lecture 3 <https://youtu.be/gZZst4rYuVM>

Gazillions of Interest Groups

18 groups meeting via Zoom... so far!

Ring or email group leaders to enquire further.

The President's Message

Being Happy- It's the Little Things

The smell of coffee brewing in the morning
Crawling into bed with freshly cleaned sheets
A phone call with a dear friend
That first, perfect bite of pasta
Hearing the birds sing
Seeing a newly bloomed flower

Open your eyes and witness all of the things that you have around you; be grateful and thankful. You just have to see them and have the right vision and mindset. Appreciating what you do have will make everything in your life seem that much bigger.

People often say that when you first wake up in the morning say five things to yourself that you are grateful for. By doing this, it will make all of the bad things, obstacles, or difficulties in your life not seem as bad.

Looking at the greatness in your life, no matter how small can truly make you feel more upbeat, fulfilled, and happy.

I wish that for all of you as we continue to shelter in place. Stay the course, stay well, and stay happy!

Bonita

A Poem from One of the Colleges 9/10 Students

The First Book

by Rita Dove

"Open it.
Go ahead, it won't bite.
Well ... maybe a little.
More a nip, like. A tingle.
It's pleasurable, really.
You see, it keeps on opening.
You may fall in.
Sure, it's hard to get started;
remember learning to use
knife and fork? Dig in:
You'll never reach bottom.
It's not like it's the end of the world-
just the world as you think
you know it."

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Announcement of a New Course

Apologia Pro Vita Sua ("A Defense of His Life")

by John Henry Newman



John Henry Newman (1801 - 1890) is generally regarded along with John Stuart Mill, Thomas Carlyle, Matthew Arnold, and John Ruskin, as one of the five great Victorian sages.

In 1832, Newman was a professor of philosophy at Oriel College, Oxford, and a clergyman in the Church of England, when the Reform Bill demolished the primacy of that Church. Through a series of writings, Newman and his colleagues attempted to reassert its ascendancy. Their efforts became known as The Oxford Movement and upset the status quo of Victorian culture. In the many struggles and arguments that ensued, Newman became drawn to Catholicism and in 1845, converted.

Newman wrote this magnificent memoir at white heat in 1864 in response to a vitriolic attack on him as a chronic liar by Charles Kingsley, popular novelist and chaplain to Queen Victoria. *Apologia Pro Vita Sua* recounts the story of an anguished soul in search of truth.

The eminent critic Lionel Trilling, author of *The Liberal Imagination*, believed that Newman was the greatest prose stylist in the history of the English language.

This course—conducted not as lectures but as seminars—will consist of six classes around two hours each on July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, and 20 at 10am on Zoom

It is necessary to read the Penguin Classics edition (edited by Ian Ker) as it includes essential annotations. Available on Amazon.

Reading for the First Class--in this order: Appendices A and B: pages 357 – 410; Preface: 3 - 17

This class will be taught by Professor Bill Park, a true Renaissance Man, who has taught fascinating movie and literature classes for OLLI. He is the editor of *Newman on the Bible*, Scepter Press, second printing 2019.

To enroll in this class, please e-mail Lois (LoWidom@yahoo.com) soon, and you will receive a Zoom invitation before the class starts.

Please note that Professor Park plans this class as a seminar with full participation by the students. Be sure to obtain the book and do the reading before the class.

Although we are not charging for our classes at this time, feel free to make a donation to OLLI to support our student scholarships.

Zoom Course

A Survey of Ecology

Jim Estes

via Zoom



Originally scheduled for last month, we are fortunate that Jim has agreed to teach this important class.

Four Tuesdays: June 9, 16, 23, 30 11:00 to 12:45

To participate in this class, **please email Barry Bowman** at bbowman@ucsc.edu of your interest. In turn, you will receive an invitation before each Zoom class.

The OLLI Board has decided no fees will be charged for our classes this summer. If you have already paid for this class, you will be credited for a future class.

Scope of the class: The broad goal of ecology is to describe and understand the distribution and abundance of species. In this course we will explore the history and substance of ecology as a scientific discipline. Lectures will build on concepts, embellished extensively with storytelling.

Jim received a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1967 and a doctorate from the University of Arizona in 1974. He worked as a research scientist for the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the US Geological Survey. After retiring from federal service in 2007, Jim joined the UCSC faculty in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, from where he retired in 2018.

Jim is an internationally known expert on species interactions, especially those involving predators. He has published more than 200 scientific articles and several books and monographs, including a co-edited volume with John Terborgh (*Trophic Cascades: Predators, Prey and the Changing Dynamics of Nature*, Island Press) and his memoir (*Serendipity: An Ecologist's Quest to Understand Nature*). He has served on editorial boards of various scientific journals. Jim is a Pew Fellow in marine conservation, a Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences, and a member of the National Academy of Sciences. He received the Western Society of Naturalists' Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011 and the American Society of Mammalogists' C. Hart Merriam Award for excellence in research in 2012.

You can still sign up for this class.

Just email

bbowman@ucsc.edu

Responses From Our Members To Keep Us Connected

Inga Hoffman

1925 - 2020



Inga Elisabeth Hoffman died peacefully on June 9, 2020.

Born February 25, 1925, to Peter & Erikke Nielsen, Inga grew up in the Boston area. She attended nursing school at Simmons University in Boston, and became a nurse during World War II. In 1951, she moved to southern California to marry George Hoffman. They had two sons, Paul and Tony, whom they raised in Pacific Palisades. During this time, Inga pursued further education, obtaining a master's in public health at UCLA, and had a lengthy career as a public health educator for the County of Los Angeles.

In retirement, she and George moved to Santa Cruz to be near their children, and ultimately their grandchildren, Alexis and Margot.

In Santa Cruz, Inga became involved with the League of Women Voters, the Museum of Art & History, and **Lifelong Learners**. She was a docent at Año Nuevo for many years. She could also be found in her later years walking on West Cliff, at Toadal Fitness, or home reading the New York Times and the New Yorker.

She leaves behind her husband George, sons Tony and Paul, granddaughters Alexis and Margot (*who is one of OLLI's instructors*), and daughters-in-law Dina and Judy.

We will all miss her sense of social justice, her strong character and love.

Inga's family would like to thank the excellent caregivers at Aegis of Aptos, where Inga spent her final few years.

Help Us Stay Connected

Send us your thoughts and ideas for inclusion in future biweekly newsletters. We are interested in the well-being of our members and what everyone is doing to cope with the rules created to help us weather the pandemic. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this effort.

Please send your input to: olliucsc@gmail.com with "Newsletter" in the subject line.

A note from Dr. Ronnie Gruhn:

"I would welcome feedback and questions folks would like me to address they can email me at ronnie@ucsc.edu "



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From our Promotion Partner, Espressoivo

June 7, 2020

Friends,

With all the excellent classical music posted online since concerts have been prohibited, our only rationale for adding to it is your possible personal interest.

I am grateful if that is a mark of loyalty, and gratified if it reflects your enjoyment of our playing.

Here are links to our most recent—seems so long ago!—concert this past January. It will be a pleasant memory to some of you and,

I hope, a pleasant discovery to others.

Beethoven Octet, Op. 103

<https://youtu.be/nuQLS8ZHEbY>

Bohuslav Martinu, Nonet

<https://youtu.be/VKi0xt4yZkc>

Judith Weir, “Airs from Another Planet”

<https://youtu.be/mHba-G6f778>

Jean Françaix, “Hommage à l’ami Papageno”

<https://youtu.be/YzOgCh5j9-s>

We are still planning on playing in your presence on January 24th Corelli, Wolf-Ferrari and Mozart. Please stay safe.

Cordially and respectfully, Michel

Remember to wear you mask to protect others.

Interest Groups

Lifelong learning with gusto and light-heartedness!!





Glorious Insults



"He had delusions of adequacy." -Walter Kerr

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."
-Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." -
William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it."
-Moses Hadas

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved." -Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." -Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one." -George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one."
-Winston Churchill, in response

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator." -John Bright

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." -Samuel Johnson

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?"
-Mark Twain

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." -Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." -Oscar Wilde

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." -Billy Wilder

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But I'm afraid this wasn't it." -Groucho Marx

Courses Coming Up

FALL OLLI COURSES (Hopefully)

While we are all washing our hands, obsessing on the news, taking solitary walks, and learning how to use ZOOM, and checking out our online courses and podcasts on the OLLI website, let's also look forward to OLLI courses for next fall. Because of the cancellations, we will be having a very full schedule. We may even have to have classes both morning and afternoon. We will be back to our old college days.

So, here we go--

Two courses to complete

Fred and Ginger: one more movie. (By the way, I find watching Fred and Ginger on youtube a real upper.)

Major Supreme Court Decisions that Changed America: Arthur Rolston has presented one thought provoking class so far.

Scheduled courses hopefully postponed to the Fall

Beyond the Binary: New Ways of Thinking about Sex and Gender Mary Crawford's class already had a substantial enrollment.

Recurring Courses

International Affairs, Fall 2020: Let's hope Ronnie Gruhn has some good news for us.

Modern Molecular Biology: ---always fascinating.

New Fall courses (so far)

Dante: Many of you may remember Margaret Brose's class on The Divine Comedy. Margaret is offering us a further look into the work of this fascinating and pivotal writer.

Frank Capra: Bill Park will be showing and discussing films by this director of the thirties and forties. Here is a quotation by Capra.

"Film is one of the three universal languages, the other two: mathematics and music."

A Primer on Climate Change: Roger Knacke, who has kept us informed on all things astronomical, is preparing a course that will give us a deep understanding of climate change.

The Beauty of Mathematics: Solving Equations Peter Farkas has been in Princeton this year, thinking about challenging classes for us.

Plus classes by Leta Miller, Dale Johnson, Aimee Zygmanski---subjects to be announced---and probably others I have yet to discover.

So, see you all in class next fall.

If you already paid for a course or paid for one you cannot attend, we will be flexible about fees.

Lois Widom

Promotion Partners

Santa Cruz Chorale 2020

Guest Concert: New Choir
Sunday, March 22, 4pm
CANCELLED

JS Bach and Franz Schubert
(postponed from May)
Saturday, October 17, 8pm
Sunday, October 18, 4pm

Christmas with the Chorale
Saturday, December 19, 8pm
Sunday, December 4pm

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