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OLLI at UCSC is a community of women and men from diverse educational, occupational and geographic backgrounds who are devoted to the pursuit of learning. We enjoy spirited discussions, reading and exploring new interests. Money raised from our activities is used to fund scholarships for transfer and re-entry students at UCSC.

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# OLLI Newsletter

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**No OLLI General Meeting in December**

**Next General Meeting – 16 January 2022**

**Our speaker will be Sean Keilen,  
Professor of Literature, UCSC**

Professor Keilen was educated at Williams College, University of Cambridge and Stanford University. As a Shakespeare scholar, he has worked closely with Santa Cruz Shakespeare. He is nearing completion of a new book with the tentative title "Shakespeare's Scholar's: Three Lessons for the Humanities"



## President's Message

Barry Bowman

### Teaching with ZOOM

During this Covid pandemic one of our biggest challenges has been finding instructors for our courses. Some of our instructors would like to teach an OLLI class, but they are just not ready to do it in the Zoom format. Right now we can't predict when we will resume "in-person" classes; however, when that happens we will likely continue to offer a Zoom option. Although our fall zoom courses have had lower attendance than we saw in the past, this is offset by the significant number of people who have watched the YouTube recordings.

What we miss most is the social interaction. Our chance to chat before and after class is limited, and it is nearly impossible to meet new people. Right now I am teaching my Modern Molecular Biology course. I open the zoom link about 15 minutes early to enable a little bit of contact among participants. Once I start the lecture, it is an odd experience. For purposes of the recording I set the Zoom in "speaker" mode, showing the Powerpoint slides next to the video of me. I am essentially talking to myself! I have to remind myself to look at the camera on the top of my computer. It is easy to slip into a habit of just looking at my notes, which makes me further disconnected. Telling jokes and posing questions to the students is harder. Zoom also limits the use of our hands and our body language to communicate. Participants are more reluctant to ask questions in Zoom classes. Part of this is a struggle with the technology, but it is also a consequence of the less-personal interaction. In talking with other instructors, we all agree that we would like more interaction and that we appreciate seeing all the faces.

Nevertheless, teaching OLLI classes is still a very satisfying experience, and because members keep returning to classes, they must be getting something out of them as well. I certainly don't want to discourage anyone from teaching a Zoom class. As Lois Widom has emphasized many times, you don't have to be a professor to teach for OLLI. Many of our members have expertise or life experience that we would like to hear about. Please contact Lois or me, and we can help you organize a course. You might give just a couple of lectures – or more.

I especially want to thank our instructors from this fall - Ronnie Gruhn, Arthur Rolston, Bill Park, Upasna Sharma, and Martha Zuniga.

## Big News for College Ten

Mark Gordon



We in OLLI have long been grateful for our deep and mutually supportive relationship with Colleges Nine and Ten at UCSC. Because of the COVID pandemic it became impossible for OLLI to meet on campus. Our rich collaboration in the Alternative Spring Break was interrupted, along with many connections with the students and staff of the colleges. But during this long dark time, we have never lost hope that we'd be back. We are not quite there yet. COVID is still a threat. But soon, we hope.

Colleges Nine and Ten are the newest residential colleges on campus. They have themes that resonate for many OLLI members. College Nine's theme is "International and Global Perspectives". College Ten's is "Social Justice and Community". The colleges offer many activities all year that promote their respective themes.

You may recall that several years ago College 8 was renamed Rachel Carson College amid much fanfare. It's a big deal when an unnamed college gets named, and this year it's the turn of College 10. It was announced on October 27 that College Ten would become John

Robert Lewis College. There will be formal renaming ceremonies in the Spring of 2022.

John Lewis, an authentic American hero to millions, was a young collaborator with Martin Luther King, Jr. in the freedom movement of the sixties. As a young leader he was beaten brutally by Alabama officers when he, along with many others crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in the voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery in the Spring of 1965. Later he was elected to 17 terms in the House of Representatives. He died in July 2020 at the age of 80. It is significant that the current voting rights legislation making its way through congress is named in his honor.

The College Ten website (<https://collegeten.ucsc.edu/>) states: "Naming our college in honor of Representative John R. Lewis reflects the College's status as a campus beacon in the struggle for justice and equity. John R. Lewis College is guided by five core principles: 1) standing up against injustice, racism, and discrimination; 2) centering youth leadership and voices; 3) recognizing the humanity and interconnectedness of all peoples; 4) being of service to others; and 5) finding recognition and joy in shared community. All of these principles resonate strongly with the legacy of Representative John R. Lewis."

We'll keep you posted as the formal naming ceremony comes nearer.

**Fall Courses 2021**

Lois Widom

**International Affairs Fall 2021**

Commentary by Professor Emerita Ronnie Gruhn



We are again fortunate to have Ronnie Gruhn, Professor Emerita of Politics at UCSC, as one of our teachers. She has a passionate and undiminished interest in reading, writing, and talking about world affairs. Her courses offer powerful insights into what is happening today. Ronnie has been very generous in sharing her knowledge with OLLI members, and her courses have been exceedingly well attended.

Ronnie continues every other Monday. Watch your inbox for an email from OLLI with a link to the commentary.

International Energy Mess—Climate and Beyond: Commentary by Prof. Emerita Ronnie Gruhn, 10-25-21  
[https://youtu.be/M1i0cvf\\_rxY](https://youtu.be/M1i0cvf_rxY)

Crises in Africa, Problems for the World: Commentary by Prof. Emerita Ronnie Gruhn, 11-8-21  
<https://youtu.be/VLIDVhZoy2o>

Authoritarians 2021: Here, there, everywhere: Commentary by Prof. Emerita Ronnie Gruhn, 11-22-21  
<https://youtu.be/MwbyRup4SHw>

Subscribe to the OLLI UCSC YouTube channel by going to :[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU7U1Mly\\_RuSsk4QjQD4WNw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU7U1Mly_RuSsk4QjQD4WNw)

Click [here](#) to see videos of past courses and Ronnie's earlier commentaries on YouTube!

If you are having trouble with typing in the links, go to [olli.ucsc.edu](http://olli.ucsc.edu) and open the newsletter on your device.  
All the links are live and tested.



## Modern Molecular Biology – Fall 2021

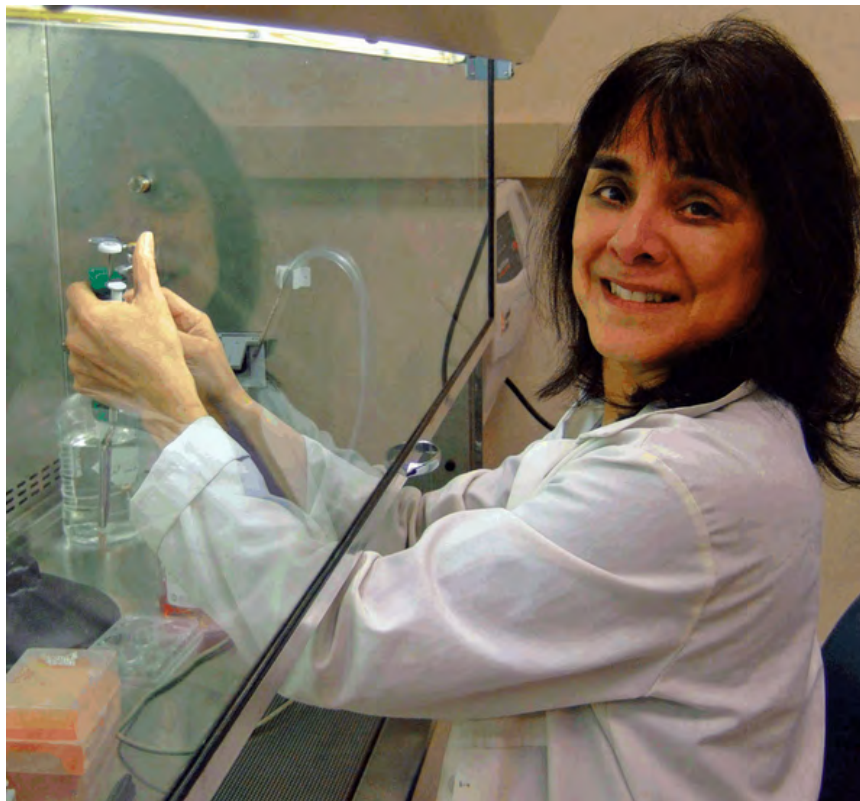
Saturday, December 4 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Instructor: Professor Martha Zuniga, Department of Molecular Cell and Developmental Biology

Title: *“You Really Got a Hold on Me – the Consequences of High Affinity Binding for Developing Autoreactive T Cells.”*

Professor Zuniga is an immunologist. In her lecture she will explain the role of T cells in the immune system and discuss current research directed at making modifications in T cells to treat human diseases.

These classes are intended for a general audience. A scientific background or knowledge of biology is not expected.



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## From Our Members



**Art & Architecture Interest Group**  
Curated by the Sea Art Gallery  
703 Front Street, Santa Cruz  
November 12, 2021  
First in-person meeting since the pandemic



**OLLI women:**  
Judith Feinman, Donna Ziel,  
Joan McVay, and Cindy Margolin  
enjoy the Van Gogh exhibit in San Jose.

I know that there are many OLLI members who could teach an interesting class for us. Remember the fascinating course on American Prisoners of War in Vietnam Returning Home that Dr. Richard Hancey taught last year? How prescient that was.

You could share your special interests and knowledge with us in a course of any length from the comfort of your own home. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Call Lois at: 831- 423-0184

Don't miss out on the coming classes. Subscribe to the OLLI UCSC YouTube channel by going to:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU7U1Mly\\_RuSsk4QjQD4WNw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU7U1Mly_RuSsk4QjQD4WNw)

Click on the red subscribe button and the bell to be notified of each OLLI video. We can help if you have a problem subscribing. Let us know.

### **Craig Miller 1940-2021**

Craig was a very active and long-time member of the UCSC Osher Life Long Learners Institute. For many years he was the leader of the Adventuring Interest Group. He will be remembered for his adventurousness, enthusiasm, humanitarian spirit, and gentleness.

### **Diana Cooper 1941-2021**

An enthusiastic volunteer at a number of local organizations, Diana was a founding member of the Santa Cruz Chorale and sang with that group for many years, as well as the Cabrillo Chorus and others. She was a longtime, active member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UCSC, and belonged to several OLLI interest groups: Folk Singing, The New Yorke/Aptos discussion group, the Read It Again, Sam (world literature) group, and the Evening Book Group.

## Interest Groups

Ginna Holcombe

**OPPORTUNITIES:** These four groups are open for new members.

**Basketball Women** meets Mondays 9:00am at Holy Cross gym and Fridays 10am at Ocean View Park on an outdoor court. Contact Sally Grey (831) 325 0541 or [saligrey@mac.com](mailto:saligrey@mac.com).



**French for French Speakers** meets every second Monday at 1:30p. Contact Beatrice Barbakow at (831) 661 5444 or [bbarjac@gmail.com](mailto:bbarjac@gmail.com).

**Philately Club** meeting time and frequency will be determined by this new group. Contact Bill Patterson at (831) 479 3729 or [wilderwill@comcast.net](mailto:wilderwill@comcast.net).



**Sustainability** meets every second Tuesday at 3:00p. Contact Mark Folsom at (831) 601 3770 or [mffolsom@gmail.com](mailto:mffolsom@gmail.com).

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**Ears in Action** As mentioned in our last newsletter's *Who's Who* section, Florence Orenstein led this important group for years. At the beginning of each semester, OLLI members meet one-on-one with UCSC students wanting help with English composition and identified by their English professors. A unique opportunity to serve, this group needs new leadership to coordinate with STARS (Services for Transfer and Re-entry Students). If you are willing and able to serve, please contact Florence at [santacruzfls@aol.com](mailto:santacruzfls@aol.com).

**All Things Classical**, led by Jay Stoffer, is on a temporary hiatus due to the pandemic.



### A Little Silliness



Need an ark? I Noah guy.

How do you make holy water? You boil the hell out of it.

Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other, a little lighter.

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane!

She had a photographic memory but never developed it.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

My ex-wife still misses me. But her aim is improving.

The guy who invented the door knocker got a no-bell prize.



### Promotion Partners



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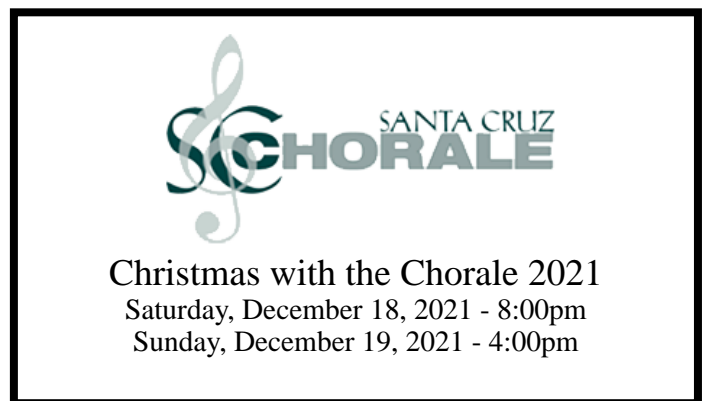
January 23, 2022 and April 9, 2022

See our concerts page for more information and to purchase tickets.

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<https://www.nextstagesantacruz.org/>



Christmas with the Chorale 2021  
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 Sunday, December 19, 2021 - 4:00pm



<https://www.santacruzshakespeare.org/>



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