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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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Zoom General Meeting

October 17, 2021

10:00 AM Zoom Room opens with Breakout Groups 10:40 Business Meeting 11:00 Lecture

The Secret Life of Stones: Rockwork in the Inka Empire

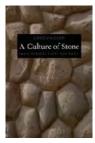
Dr Carolyn Dean Distinguished Professor, History of Art & Visual Culture UCSC



In the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries, the Inkas (Incas) forged the largest Indigenous state in the Americas, an empire that stretched from Colombia in the north through Chile in the south, incorporating numerous distinct linguistic and ethnic groups. Because their megalithic built environment reflected engineering expertise and an extensive use of conscripted labor, it has been dubbed an "architecture of power"; it is said to have expressed the strength of a state that held its empire together by force.

In this talk, Professor Dean will consider the ways the Inkas thought about rock as a living and sentient medium that (or who) was capable of resisting building efforts. The Inkas' beliefs about and use of petrous materials, the values or ideas rock conveyed, and their interactions with stone, all indicate that the Inkas' architecture of power was also an "architecture of persuasion."

Carolyn Dean, Distinguished Professor of History of Art and Visual Culture at the University of California, Santa Cruz, has published two books and numerous articles on Andean visual and performance culture both before and after Spanish colonization. Her recent studies consider Andean rockwork of the Inka imperial period, both the carving of boulders and rocky outcroppings, as well as stones used in high-status architecture.



Dr Dean holds a B.A. in art & art history, University of Puget Sound, M.A. and Ph.D. in art history, UCLA

From our Program Chair:

Our program chair, who finds and arranges for our speakers, is Barry Bowman. Please send suggestions for future speakers to him at bbowman@ucsc.edu.

President's Message

Barry Bowman

At our general meeting on Sunday, September 19, we asked participants if they would likely attend an in-person meeting in November if the number of Covid-19 cases in our county continues to decline. A majority were in favor of an in-person general meeting. As I write this, the data in the New York Times shows that in the US there are 36 new cases per 100,000 people; in California, the number is 20, and in Santa Cruz county there are 9 per 100,000 people. Our neighboring counties have low numbers also. People in the Bay Area have generally been good about masking and getting vaccinations. Therefore, we are going to look at possible places for a November in-person meeting. We will also make the meeting accessible by Zoom.

This past week I participated in two Interest Groups that did "hybrid" meetings. Part of each group attended in person (with masks in one case), and others participated via zoom. It worked well. We used one laptop computer facing the speaker. The microphone did a decent job of picking up the voices of the other participants. If you need help setting up a Zoom link for your group, contact me or Ginna Holcombe.

Our speaker at the September meeting was Martin Quigley, Director of the UCSC Arboretum. He gave a great talk that ranged from the history of European landscaping to practical advice about what to do with your yard in Santa Cruz. He offered an interesting perspective on the use of native plants. If you missed Martin's talk you can view it via the link on the OLLI website. Go to "OLLI Presentations Online" and then to "OLLI General Meetings." There has been a substantial increase in the number of viewers of our YouTube videos, a topic I plan to talk about in our November newsletter. For the October general meeting our speaker will be professor Carolyn Dean, an art historian. Many of our members have likely been to Peru and Machu Picchu and have been amazed with what the Inkas could do with rocks. Professor Dean will explain how there was more to Inka rockwork than just engineering. Her title is "The Secret Life of Stones: Rockwork in the Inka Empire." I hope to see you at the meeting.

OLLI and Scholarships

OLLI prides itself on our scholarship efforts through the UCSC Services for Transfer and Re-Entry Students (STARS). Below is the letter sent out to the chosen applicants. Donations to the Silvia Miller Scholarship Fund by members help fund the program.



To an esteemed STARS Student

September, 2020

Thank you for your application for a scholarship through the 'STARS Program', Services for Transfer and Re-entry Students of the University of California at Santa Cruz.

It was carefully evaluated by members of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute that is associated with UCSC, a community of 600 men and women who are devoted to the pursuit of learning. Finances we generate are devoted to funding scholarships for STARS students at UCSC.

We are delighted to inform you that you have been selected from one hundred and two applicants to receive a \$500 scholarship award for this Fall 2020 quarter and commend you for your well thought out college plans and future goals. You will again be presented with equal scholarships in the winter and spring quarters if you continue in your pursuit of your goals at UCSC, while maintaining average grades or better.

Your renewed path through higher education is a challenging one that we Lifelong Learners know well and readily appreciate your courage in undertaking. Our hope is for your success in achieving your dreams. Congratulations in beginning this undertaking so well. You are remarkably worthy of this award.

UCSC Osher Lifelong Learners; Scholarship Chair bill Patterson President Bonita Sebastian

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From our Newcomer's Chair

OLLI Orientation

With the new OLLI year starting, the orientation sessions have begun. The first one was held September 17, outside, on a deck and people sat no closer than their comfort level would allow. The participants found quite a bit in common and it was a lively discussion. That following Tuesday, a Zoom orientation was held for interested people who could not or did not want to attend the in-person one. Everyone who joined at the end of last academic year and so far this year, was invited. These sessions are totally optional but people who attend seem to appreciate them. They learn about what this chapter of OLLI has to offer, how they can get involved and they enjoy meeting a few other members. Depending on the number of new memberships, there will be more meetings in the coming months.

Actually these sessions are not just for new members. They are open to people who would like to learn more about OLLI before they join or for existing members who would like to learn how to become more active. If you are in either of these categories and would like to be invited to the next meeting, please let me know. New members, joining in September and beyond will receive an invitation.

Kate Erstein, Newcomers Chair. kate.erstein@gmail.com

About Membership Renewals

We sent out a letter to everyone about signing up for OLLI this year. The letters were sent to the entire membership.

Before renewing, please check to be sure you have not already done so. If you are not sure you can contact Dennis at dennis@valsys.com

Fall Courses 2021

Lois Widom

This picture is a reminder of what our courses used to look like---and will again---but not yet. Your OLLI Board has prudently decided that it would not be wise to have in-person classes this fall. **So, back to Zoom**, We are now all expert Zoom users.



The procedure will be pretty much like last year. We are again not charging for classes, but only OLLI members will receive notifications of classes, so be sure to renew your membership now.

We will open enrollment to all members... via email. First a message will go out informing all members of the upcoming course (title, date, time, instructor, description). Then, a week before the class begins another email will remind members. Finally, on the day before or in the morning before the class begins (depends on timing), another email will go out to members with the actual Zoom link.

Please read the entire description of each class, as some have different enrollment procedures.



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 began her fall series of YouTube commentaries on international affairs the week of September 13, continuing every other Monday. Her September 13 class was "From 9/11 etc. Her September 27 class was "China, etc.

Watch your inbox for an email from OLLI with a link to the commentary.

The following commentaries have been added to YouTube:

September 13, 2021 "From 9/11 to Afghanistan and Beyond"

Ronnie examines the arc of American influence from the creation of international treaties and organizations post-World War II though 9/11, the invasion of Iraq, the U.S. presence in Afghanistan, then-President Trump's negotiations with the Taliban to President Biden's withdrawal. She also discusses our future role in the world and what it will take to regain the influence we once had. Ronnie finds some reasons for optimism. — https://youtu.be/keDjCR2Mr38

September 27, 2021 "China: Here, There and Everywhere"

Ronnie surveys China's changing economic, political and climate situations. She looks at its domestic moves from capitalism back to some more socialism, the silencing of formerly prominent corporate executives, the banning of crypto currencies, and the possible default by a huge real estate corporation and the move away from coal generation in countries the Chinese assist and their international consequences. She examines the effects of the US agreeing to sell submarines to the Australians and how that asserts an American presence and influence in the South China Sea backyard of China and actual and potential blow back from this new anti-China move. — https://youtu.be/yIHHJPM_F2k

Ronnie's commentaries are made and posted every other Monday.

Subscribe to the OLLI UCSC YouTube channel and see videos of past courses and Ronnie's earlier commentaries by clicking here

We have two very different and fascinating classes beginning in October---The Expedition of Humphry Clinker and Major Supreme Court Decisions and their Effect. Tune in to be educated, entertained and enlightened.



The Expedition of Humphry Clinker (1771)

Tuesdays, October 12, 19, 26 10 a.m. - Noon

Location: Zoom Instructor: Bill Park

Tobias Smollett's Humphry Clinker ranks among the greatest of comic novels, admired by all its readers, including Charles Dickens and James Joyce.

The book consists of letters from five members of the Bramble family touring Great Britain in search of

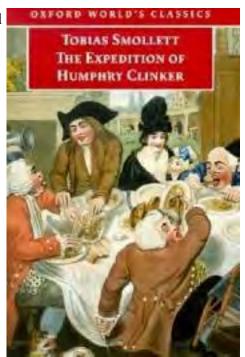
health. The accounts of their adventures and scenes visited provide not only an interlocking drama but a superb portrait of England, Scotland, and Wales in the 1760s.

Recommended is the Norton Critical Edition available from Amazon and Abebooks. Also available on Audible.

First assignment: Volume I (pages 1-111).

Second assignment: Volume II (pages 112-214). Third assignment: Volume III (pages 215-323).

Bill Park is a Professor Emeritus of Literature at Sarah Lawrence College, where he taught for many years. He received his PhD in Eighteenth Century English Literature from Columbia University. He has written extensively about literature and film. We are fortunate that he has moved to Santa Cruz and is eager to share his knowledge with us. Our members who have attended his classes were impressed by his encyclopedic knowledge of literature and film.



Major Supreme Court Decisions and their Effect

Thursdays, October 21, 28 November 4, 11 10 a.m. - Noon

Location: Zoom

Instructor: Arthur Rolston

Some Supreme Court decisions are simply more important than others due to their impact on ordinary Americans' economic, social, cultural, and/or political lives. This is the second in a series that looks at a number of cases decided over the course of American history and places them in historical context as both indicators and agents of cosmic changes in American life.

October 21: Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission: Corporate Personhood, Money, and Free Speech

October 28: Shelby County Alabama v. Holder: Deciding Who and How Americans Vote



November 4: Religion and the Constitution and Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores: One Person's Free Exercise is Establishment to Another

November 11: The "Problem" of Crime in a Free Society: The Nationalization of Criminal Procedure in the 1960s.

The first class on October 21 will look at the Citizens United case and issues of corporate "personhood," free speech, and political power.

October 28 we'll use Shelby County Alabama v. Holderto focus on the history of voting rights and current trends.

November 4 the topic is religion and the Supreme Court, the conflict between the two religion clauses in the First Amendment, and the Hobby Lobby case among others.

For the final session on November 11 the issue is crime, and how in the 1960s the Warren Court effectively nationalized the basic standards of criminal procedure in a number of cases including Gideon v Wainwright, Mapp v. Ohio, Miranda v Arizona and Furman v. Georgia.

While there's no assigned reading, Google searches of the cases will lead to numerous links to the Court's majority and minority opinions.

Arthur Rolston came to Santa Cruz from Los Angeles 2017.

Many of you may have been enlightened by Arthur in his four-lecture Olli course on Constitutional history in spring 2020.

Arthur Rolston has a JD from (UC) Berkeley Law (1967), and a PhD in History from UCLA (2006). Prior to moving to Santa Cruz Arthur practiced law in Los Angeles for over 30 years and then taught history at UCLA as an adjunct lecturer from 2006-2016.

Behind the Scenes

Wednesdays, November 3, 10, 17 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Location: Zoom

Instructors: Jill Steinberg, Wendy Harrison and Donna Baldini

"Behind the Scenes" participants will talk about how Covid-19 has affected us, what we did that helped us, what we have learned, what might we take away from our experience, and what might be next. Research/reading will be provided to inform our discussions. For example, did you know that the research shows that people over 60 have done the best going through Covid-19 in terms of well-being?

The class limited to 10 participants.

Jill Steinberg, Wendy Harrison and Donna

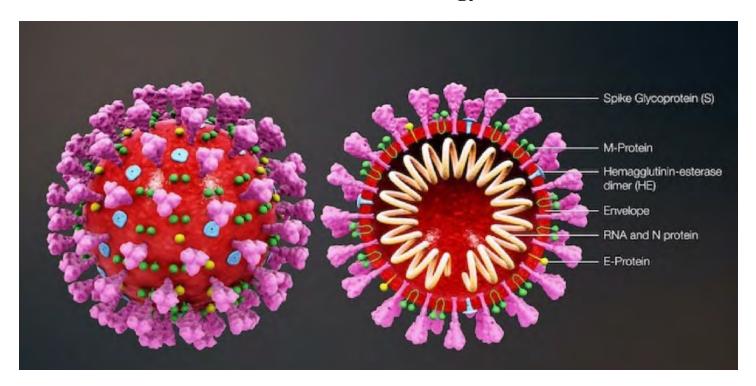




Jill has been facilitating Connection and Community Groups for OLLI and the University of Michigan Ross Business School since Covid-19 began. Jill is a Professor Emeritus, SJSU and founder of MyRetirementWorks.com - From Retiring to Rewiring. Her chapter on retirement was published this year in The Aging Consumer: Perspectives from Psychology and Marketing. Edited by Drolet and Yoon, Publisher: Routledge.

Contact Jill by email for questions and/or to sign-up. jillasteinberg@gmail.com

Modern Molecular Biology – 2021



Saturdays November 6, 13, 20 and December 4, 11 10:30 a.m. - Noon,.

Location: Zoom

Instructor: Barry Bowman

A typical animal cell contains more that 40,000 different kinds of molecules. In the past 25 years great progress has been made in understanding how these molecules combine and interact to form a living creature. UCSC has approximately 50 professors who direct laboratories that investigate some aspect of molecular biology.

As in previous years Professor Emeritus Barry Bowman will organize the course and offer two lectures. Three other professors from UCSC will present lectures covering topics related to their research programs.

These talks are intended for a general audience. A scientific background or knowledge of biology is not expected. Barry Bowman, the course coordinator, will begin with a basic review of genes, proteins and cells.

Lecture #1. Professor Emeritus Barry Bowman - Introduction to the Basics of Molecular Biology

Information on the following 4 lectures will be in the next newsletter.

From our members

OLLI Basketball for Over 55 Women

This OLLI Hoops special interest group began about four years ago. It has been going strong and steady. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a number of our players have not returned. However, thanks to a few intrepid over-fifty-five women, we have kept going.

For a while, we met weekly at New Brighton Middle School, until school began and they closed the campus. Then we started meeting weekly at Ocean View Park. One of the women said recently, "Our gatherings saved my life," and I agree. We wore rubber gloves and socially distanced as we shot hoops and discussed the state of the world. Now without gloves It is still therapeutic!

At our last meeting before the pandemic sequester, our roster numbered twelve. I was excited about the possibility of playing full court the next time we gathered. Over a year later, starting in August, we returned to the beautiful indoor court at Holy Cross Church with the remaining five players and our coach, Mathilde Rand.

We participate in drills to improve our passing, dribbling, and shooting skills, followed by fifteen or twenty minutes of three-on-three or two-on-one scrimmage.

I am inviting women over fifty-five to join us, whether you have ever played basketball or not. We don't keep score and we don't play at the frantic pace of the Olympic teams, but we get our blood running and we enjoy being part of a team, something many of us never have done before.

You can find us Friday mornings (10:00) at Ocean View Park and Monday mornings (9:00) at the Holy Cross gymnasium.

For more information, email manager Sally Grey saligrey@mac.com or phone 831–325-0451 or simply show up!



Who's Who

Ginna Holcombe

Günter Vorlop, a belated welcome to the OLLI Board of Directors!



The board was delighted to learn that Günter was able to take over responsibilities from his tennis-playing buddy and former secretary, Janis Bolt, when she resigned from the board last year. We have been grateful to him ever since!

Born in a bombed-out Hamburg, Germany, life was "pure survival." Günter's mother searched for food while a neighbor and new mother nursed him. Günter Vorlop was an only child who barely survived simultaneous scarlet fever, diphtheria, and whooping cough at the tender age of 4 years.

According to the German Red Cross, his father probably died near Warsaw, where his unit was stationed in 1945. Before his mother's dress-making business became a smashing success, Günter

remembers tough times with little food or money but learned that hard work paid off as his mother sewed late into the night.

After high school, Gűnter followed his paternal relatives (entrepreneurial businessmen) rather than his mother's (Danish sea captains). A 3-year apprenticeship at an import/export company, replete with business school, led to a job with a British pipeline-cleaning equipment manufacturer as a Product Manager in the late 1960s.

At the age of 25 and with only one suitcase, Gűnter left Hamburg for Mexico City to work as a machine tool Sales Engineer, which demanded five evenings a week in Spanish school. But he also hiked the Mexican mountain range, including Popocatepetl, Pico de Orizaba, and Iztaccihuatl. After 3 years, Gűnter and his fiancé (from San Jose, California) moved to Germany, near Frankfurt, where he became a Sales and Marketing Manager for a tool manufacturer.

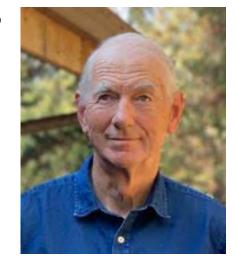
In 1977 the Vorlops moved to San Francisco, where Gűnter was a senior sales representative for Corning ceramic capacitor division. They rented a house in Los Gatos and had their first son (Erich David) in 1978. Three years later they moved to Corning in upstate New York, where Gűnter worked with ceramic capacitors for radio frequency and microwave applications.

Following the birth of their second son (Andrew Max) in 1982, the Vorlop family moved to a small town in upstate New York where they lived until 2002, when he began working with Presidio

Components and moved to Soquel, California. Erich, a physician, and Max, a fashion designer, are both happily married, each with two children.

Gűnter's career marketing industrial products worldwide required extensive travel within the US, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and South America; fortunately for us, he settled down in our area. When he retired in 2016, Gűnter joined OLLI, made new friends, and has enjoyed many interesting and educational courses. We are very grateful to have him on our board.

A sailor since he was only 10 years old, Gűnter maintains a Finn class dinghy at Santa Cruz harbor. Look for him Tuesday nights, grinning as he races much larger boats!



Interest Groups

Ginna Holcombe



Like you, soon we hope to be able to gather 'in the flesh' for classes and general meetings. In the meanwhile, however, don't hesitate to sign up for an interest group or two – IF you're fully vaccinated. Most groups have continued; many met during the pandemic via Zoom or outside or carefully spaced in well-ventilated rooms.

A special newsletter devoted to interest groups will be issued soon. Please enjoy it and share it with friends and neighbors who may be missing out on OLLI activities. For now, back by popular demand, we give you more thoughtful humor. It is said that Winston Churchill loved paraprosdokians, figures of speech in which the latter part is surprising or unexpected.

Paraprosdokians

(mostly)

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

How do you milk sheep? Charge \$1000 for a new iPhone.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

The evening news begins with 'Good Evening' and then tells you why it isn't.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.





A guy went to the auto parts store for a longer dipstick because his no longer reached the oil.

Bored? Find a great parking space in the mall and sit there with back-up lights on.

When one door closes and another opens, you're probably in prison.

I had my patience tested - I'm negative.

When you lose a sock in the dryer, does it return as a plastic lid that fits no container?

When a telemarketer rings, answer "Hello, you're on the air."

The older I get, the earlier it gets late.

Are you an instant karate master when you walk into a spider web?

I remember getting up without sound effects... good times!





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