



**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UC Santa Cruz**  
**General Meeting, January 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Stevenson College Event Center**

## General Meeting, Sun., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.

Stevenson College Event Center, UCSC

### Speaker: Chancellor George Blumenthal

#### Topic:

#### The Challenges Facing Public Higher Education Nationally and How UC Santa Cruz is Adapting

Our speaker on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, will be UCSC Chancellor George Blumenthal. He will discuss the challenges facing public higher education nationally and how UCSC is adapting.

As chancellor, he is UCSC's top advocate, championing the campus's needs at the Office of the President, with the Board of Regents, in Sacramento, and in Washington, D.C.

A distinguished scholar of astronomy and astrophysics, George Blumenthal joined UC Santa Cruz as an assistant professor in 1972. He was named chancellor in September 2007 after serving as acting chancellor for 14 months.



He has held numerous leadership positions on campus and within the UC system. Most recently, he co-chaired a working group examining the future size and shape of UC. From 2003 to 2005, he represented all UC faculty on the UC Board of Regents.

As an astrophysicist, he is known particularly for his work on dark matter with Santa Cruz colleagues Sandra M. Faber and Joel Primack, and with Martin Rees of Cambridge University. Their theory of cold dark matter developed in the 1980s remains the standard explanation of the formation of galaxies and galaxy clusters.

Professor Blumenthal is a co-author of the astronomy text "21st Century Astronomy."

## Upcoming Classes

Our classes provide opportunities for our members to delve more deeply into fascinating subjects, hear from outstanding teachers, and have fun as well: no exams, no grades, but ample opportunities to participate in discussions.

The classes vary in length, but the contribution we ask for each class is the same — \$20. Because the lecturers are not compensated (except for the pleasure of having truly interested and interesting students),

your contributions are used for scholarships for re-entry and transfer students.

Please use the coupon on page 6 to sign up for classes. Save this information and mark the dates on your calendar; it is also available on our web site. Filling out the coupon is your enrollment. You will not be contacted for verification. Coupon also available from <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/classes>.

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## Upcoming Classes, continued from p. 1

### January

#### **Three Women Poets John Dizikes**

*The lyric poetry of three poets you have (probably) never heard of: Sara Teasdale, Amy Lowell, and Genevieve Taggard.*

Professor Emeritus John Dizikes will share his understanding of the lives and poetry of these three poets.

John has taught many classes for Lifelong Learners and we are always impressed with the breadth of his knowledge, his enthusiasm, his love of poetry, and, of course, his charm. This is your opportunity to take a class from a master teacher and to heighten your appreciation of poetry.



The class will meet at the Museum of Art and History on Front Street on three Tuesdays, January 10, 17, and 24 from ten to noon.

### February

#### **Philosophers Encounter Works of Art — Robert Goff**

During four illustrated sessions, the class will discuss how certain works of art shaped the thinking of four important philosophers.

- I. Kierkegaard: Mozart's "Don Giovanni"
- II. Nietzsche: Wagner's Ring
- III. Heidegger: Van Gogh's "Shoes" and the 5<sup>th</sup> Century BCE Temple of Aphaia.
- IV. Wittgenstein: the Palais Stonborough (Vienna) and Tolstoy's Russian Folk Tales

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.

The class will meet on Tuesdays from ten to noon at the Museum of Art and History. February 7, 14, 21, and 28.

### February – April

#### **Opera Talk**

This continuing class is coordinated with the schedule of some of the Metropolitan Opera Live in HD performances shown at the Santa Cruz Cinema 9. On the Wednesday preceding the Saturday morning screening, Miriam Ellis leads a lecture–discussion about the opera. The class continues to meet in the Museum of Art and History from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The remaining lectures in this series are:

Verdi's *Ernani*: Feb. 22; Massenet's *Manon*: April 4; Verdi's *La Traviata*: April 11.

### March

#### **Spring Birds Around Monterey Bay**

Todd Newberry, a UCSC professor emeritus, lifelong birdwatcher, and author of *The Ardent Birder*, has again agreed to teach his very popular bird watching class, *Spring birds around Monterey Bay*. Todd emphasizes how to look for and listen to birds, and you will finish the class with a new awareness of the natural world. It will involve easy walking but a considerable amount of standing absolutely still. If this is a problem, bring a small folding chair. Also, bring binoculars.

The class will meet on four Mondays at 8:00 a.m.: March 5, 12, 19, and 26. The first class will meet in the parking lot of the UCSC Arboretum, and Todd will arrange subsequent meetings.

So that the class can be effective, it is limited to 12 students. We will accept the first 12 students who send in their coupons by February 20. You will only be notified if there is not space for you in the class.

#### ***Two Shakespeare Plays: Shakespeare Santa Cruz.* Michael Warren**

This summer, world-renowned Shakespeare Santa Cruz will present several plays, two of them by Shakespeare. We are fortunate to have 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

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## Interest Groups

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

### New Interest Groups

A small **Conversational French** study group will begin each meeting with the reading of a selected French paragraph, followed by Q and A and discussions. We can do this in pairs or in threes and can also use the Pimsleur Method as an adjunct aid. Guest speakers will be invited, from Alliance Française and/or the UCSC faculty, and other cultural activities may be planned. Tues. or Thurs., 1 to 2:30, are possible times. Lea Lieux, llieux@gmail.com, 425-4741

**Creative Writing 2** — Will resume twice-monthly meetings in mid January. Meets every other Thurs. from 10 a.m. to noon. All sorts of writers are welcome. Participants are invited to read an excerpt (no more than three pages) from their current project, if they wish, and each person decides what kind of feedback, if any, they want to receive from the group. New participants are cordially invited to join us and that invitation is also extended to OLLI members who have visited the group and might want to continue with us. Leader: Mischa Adams, b.mischa@gmail.com, 426-1438

**New Yorker Nights** — meets monthly in Seabright on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. (but **January's meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup>**). Openings for new members. We discuss articles, fiction, poetry, and cartoons from recent *New Yorkers*. Members take turns leading discussions. Contact: Lynn Barry, BLBarry@sbcglobal.net, 464-8721

**Reading Poetry Aloud** — will meet on **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** to get organized and decide which poets to

read: Rumi, Rimbaud, Mary Oliver, Billy Collins, Robert Frost?, etc. Downtown Santa Cruz location. Leader: Joyce Keller, jkeller51@yahoo.com, 426-2515.

**What If.** — A discussion group focused on alternative history. A decent body of writing exists on alternative histories and what effect different outcomes might have had on the future. The group would meet once a month for about two hours at the Leaders' home or any other convenient location. Group size would be on the order of 10 people ± depending on the capacity of the selected meeting place. Details at <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/what-if>. Leaders: Phillip & Helen Lynch, 426-1837, what\_if\_ig@yahoo.com

### For New Members

**Newcomers Group** — Get acquainted with new members and learn about OLLI in an informal setting. Open to those who have joined in the past two years. Newcomers to Santa Cruz are especially welcome. Meetings will be held on Tuesday afternoons as needed. Time and place will be announced. Leader: Lyn Dremalis, lyndrem@comcast.net, 600-8354

### Groups with Events Scheduled

**Amateur Chamber Musicians** — The group will have a **workshop on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1–3 p.m.**, for people who would like to play for others. If you would like to participate, please contact Marilyn by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> with what you would like to play, names of players, instruments, and length of piece(s). Marilyn will send out the location by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Leader: Marilyn Neher, mneher3@gmail.com, 600-8576

**Baroque Festival** Interest Group. The Santa Cruz Baroque Festival (SCBF) presents music from the pre-baroque period through today with focus on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century repertoire. The emphasis is on small ensembles, period instruments, and unusual music. There are five concerts from February through May.

The Interest Group meets near the concert venue at 6:30 p.m. for a pre-concert talk. Interest group members will also receive occasional e-mail announcements. Although only LLI members can join the interest group, all concert-goers are welcome at the talk. Bring your friends!

The 2012 season concerts will be held at 7:30 p.m. on February 11, March 10, March 31, April 21, and May 12, 2012. See the SCBF website for program information. Members are responsible for obtaining their own concert tickets. For more information, contact David H. Copp, dhcopp@yahoo.com, 708-2206.

**Discovering UCSC** — Visits a different UCSC department each month, going behind the academic scenes to discover what makes the department tick. **Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.** **Visit Cowell College with Professor Faye Crosby, Provost of Cowell College.** Highlights: Q & A about the UCSC college system, visit the exhibit at the Cowell College gallery, and a light lunch at the Provost's house. For further information, or to RSVP, please contact group leader: Sandy Brauner, sanjan@cruzio.com

The **Great Decisions** — Our first of nine meetings will be **Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Live Oak Senior

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Center, 1777 Capitola Rd., Santa Cruz. Your books are on their way and you probably will get them at the OLLI January or February General Meeting at Stevenson Event Center. Leaders: Ginger Fortier, gingerfortier@hotmail.com, 462-3434; Linda Hanson, llhsf@sbcglobal.net, 464-3484; Gwen and Richard Houk, Dgwebers1@aol.com, 916-965-6907

### Other Interest Groups

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

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

**Bridge Group** — Meets weekly on Mon. afternoon 1 – 4 p.m. for “party” (not duplicate) bridge. Leader: Mary Male, 427-2749, mmale@baymoon.com

**Bowling** — We are on holiday break and will resume on **January 17<sup>th</sup>**. We Bowl at Boardwalk Bowl Tuesdays each week at 2:00 p.m. Parking is free. Leader requests that you contact her if you wish to participate. Leader: Gitta Ryle, gittale@comcast.net

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

**Creative Writing** — Meets weekly (Fri. at 10:00) throughout the year to share members’ writings. Leader: Elaine Hey-

man, elaineheyman@comcast.net, 423-0513

**Current Affairs Discussion** — meets monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. for an in-depth, respectful conversation about hot issues of concern. The idea is not to reach conclusions but to fully air the issue from multiple perspectives. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Leader: Mark Gordon, 458-2208, mgordon@cruzio.com

**Digital Photography** — Meets monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday for critiques, photo shoots, and field trips. Leaders: Cindy Margolin, crmargol@gotsky.com, 688-8129; Jim Kenny, jkenny.santacruz@gmail.com, 600-8189.

**Dining Out** — We visit noteworthy local restaurants while taking the opportunity to become better acquainted. We choose restaurants which offer varied menus of good food and quiet backgrounds that allow us to socialize and to enjoy the evening with friends. Each month it’s your option to attend or skip the dinners. You can choose Tuesday or Wednesday evening. Schedule is announced by email. Leaders: Tuesday: Myra Mahoney 421-0217, rascalsgrandma@hotmail.com, Wednesday: Cathy Pickerrell, 713-5061, cathypickerrell@yahoo.com

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> Mon., 1:00) to share ideas for meeting with students. Leader: Karin Grobe, kgrobe@wormdoctor.org, 427-0984

**Evening Book Discussion** — Meets monthly (1<sup>st</sup> Wed., 7:00) to discuss fic-

tion and non-fiction selected by members. Leader: Dusty Miller, 426-0835, hndmiller@hotmail.com

**Exploring Santa Cruz** — Meets monthly (3<sup>rd</sup> Fri., 10:00 – 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, 428-2796, in2nature@aol.com

**Film Seminar** — The Faris’s popular Film Series is no longer part of the Interest Group program, but is still offered by the Institute. Several sessions are offered each year. The series that starts on January 10<sup>th</sup> is full, but openings will exist for future series. New attendees are given preference. You will find details on our website at <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/Film>.

**Financial Education and Discussion** — Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., 10 a.m., at Caffe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar St., Santa Cruz, to discuss pros and cons of specific financial strategies, options, investments, risk management & financial & protection products. The January meeting will focus on Estate Planning. Our guest speaker is an Estate Attorney specializing in elder law. Open to any member who would like to present to the group, but leader is prepared to present on the specified topics. See also the Investment Ideas Interest Group on page 5. Leader: Steve Edmonds, steve@2rs.com, 338-3106

**Folk Songs** — Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 1 p.m. for group sing. Leader: Matt Miller, 661-0398, alimat@comcast.net

**Great Books Discussion** — Meets monthly (1<sup>st</sup> Thurs., 1:15) to discuss the

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classics. Leader: Faye Alexander, 476-8575, [qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net](mailto:qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net)

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

**Horticulture** — Meets weekly (Thurs., 9:30 – noon) at the Cabrillo College Horticulture Dept. to work on plantings. We have taken a winter break after a very successful poinsettia sale. We will resume working on **January 12<sup>th</sup>**. Hope to see many of you then. Leader: Pat McVeigh, 475-9357, [pmcveigh@baymoon.com](mailto:pmcveigh@baymoon.com).

**Investment Ideas** — Meets monthly (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues., 10:30) in Aptos to share investment knowledge and ideas. Expertise is welcome, but not required. See also the Financial Education and Discussion Interest Group on page 4. Leader: Peter Andrews, 688-3545, [peterandrews2000@hotmail.com](mailto:peterandrews2000@hotmail.com)

**Life in 2035** (formerly *Envisioning the Future*) — What the U.S. and our region may look like in the next 25 years. We will try to anticipate how energy, transportation, food, housing, health, security, climate, the environment, medicine, communication, etc., will appear in 2035. It is a stimulating and creative endeavor. Second Wednesday of the month. Leader: Don Hoernschemeyer, 661-0310, [dh1618meyer@cruzio.com](mailto:dh1618meyer@cruzio.com)

**Lunchtime Dining Out** — Good food and good company by sampling interesting restaurants in the Santa Cruz area. We meet usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 12.30 p.m. Our next lunch event will be on **Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** at 12.30

p.m. at Olitas on the Santa Cruz Wharf. Irene Lennox, [scotirene@yahoo.com](mailto:scotirene@yahoo.com)

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

Santa Cruz I Group — Leader: Virginia Law, 425-5453, [veelaw2@pacbell.net](mailto:veelaw2@pacbell.net)

Aptos Group — Leader: Joan Rose, 477-0360, [ramblingroses@yahoo.com](mailto:ramblingroses@yahoo.com)

Capitola Group — Leader: Faye Alexander, [qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net](mailto:qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net), 476-8575

Santa Cruz II Group — Leader: Helen Jones, [helenjones815@gmail.com](mailto:helenjones815@gmail.com), 420-1220

**Northern Lights — Films from Canada** — We will meet every other Wednesday evening from January to April, beginning on **January 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m., to view and discuss films with substantial Canadian contents or connections. The interest group is full at this time, but we are maintaining a waiting list. Leaders: Bob Stamp & Robert Franson. Contact: Robert Franson, [rfranson@cruzio.com](mailto:rfranson@cruzio.com).

**Philosophy Discussion** — Meets monthly (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues., 4:00). Leader: Paul Seever, 440-9018, [pseever@prodigy.net](mailto:pseever@prodigy.net)

**Play Reading Group** — Meets monthly (1<sup>st</sup> Mon., 1:30–4:30 ) to read plays selected by the members. Group maintains a waiting list if you wish to join. Leader: Shirley Forsyth, 477-1796, [shirlclu@gmail.com](mailto:shirlclu@gmail.com)

**Reading Circle** — Meets monthly (3<sup>rd</sup> Mon., 1:30) to discuss a mixture of modern fiction and non-fiction selected by the

members. Leader: Irene Lennox, 457-2690, [scotirene@yahoo.com](mailto:scotirene@yahoo.com)

**Science Study & Discussion** (Two Sections)

**Science I** — Meet monthly (3<sup>rd</sup> Mon., 1:00). For those with science background. Presentations, book reviews, and discussions. Leaders: Robert Wrathall, [wrathall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wrathall@sbcglobal.net), Kathy Brooks, [kathyzbrosks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathyzbrosks@sbcglobal.net), & Claudia Clayton

**Science II** — Meets monthly (1<sup>st</sup> Mon., 1:00). Discussion based on chapters from Bill Bryson's "A Short History of Nearly Everything." Leaders: Kathy Brooks, [kathyzbrosks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathyzbrosks@sbcglobal.net), & Paul Seever, 440-9018, [pseever@prodigy.net](mailto:pseever@prodigy.net)

**Social Science Discussion** — Meets monthly (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues., 2 – 4 p.m.). Specific topics to be chosen by the group from member recommendations. January 17<sup>th</sup>: The Science of Happiness. Leader: Jan Jaffe, 684-0470, [janjaffe@charter.net](mailto:janjaffe@charter.net)

**Symphony Group** — Attends the Santa Cruz Symphony concerts, Friday afternoon previews and reception. Leaders: Noel and Miriam Fishman, 426-3433, [nmfish10@gmail.com](mailto:nmfish10@gmail.com)

**Volunteers in Action** — Meets on-call to be of service to fellow Osher Institute members, the UCSC campus, and other worthy organizations. Leader: Sharon Morentin, [smsea@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smsea@sbcglobal.net), 420-1946

**Wine Tasting** — Supports local vintners by visiting, tasting, and picnicking at their beautiful wineries. Meets monthly (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. or Fri.). Leaders: Brooke Ewoldsen, 475-6188, and Marilyn Wingfield, [marilynwingfield@gmail.com](mailto:marilynwingfield@gmail.com)



## OLLI at UCSC's International Influence — Lifelong Learners in Calgary, Alberta, Canada

### By Bob and Arlene Stamp

The Calgary Association of Lifelong Learners (CALL) is a new group in our home city of Calgary, <http://www.calgarylifelonglearners.ca>, and it has been heavily influenced by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UC Santa Cruz.

As 'winter' visitors from Canada, our association with the Santa Cruz group over the past several winters has been indispensable to us as a link to the Santa Cruz community. We became intrigued with the idea of starting a similar organization in Calgary, a city with two universities and over 1,000,000 people. Meanwhile, a good friend of ours was anxious to try lifelong learning ideas that he had gleaned from Montreal and Toronto.

Planning for what became the Calgary Association of Lifelong Learners (CALL) began in June 2010. We started with an energetic core group of five that expanded to a Steering Committee of 12–15 people after our first general meeting a year ago November. We established co-chairs for all our committees, allowing for the inevitable travel of people in our age group. We hoped to attract an initial membership of 100 for our first season of program offerings which started this past September.

Interest exceeded our expectations. By September 2011 we had 114 members with all offered interest groups filled. The latest figures put us over the 200 mark which is perhaps not surprising given the large, well-educated and mentally-active older demographic in our city.

Our programming bears some relationship to Santa Cruz, but of course is shaped by local needs and local leadership. Examples of groups offered (check our website for expanded descriptions of current offerings):

- Discussion groups (Danish Film Series, The Art of Alfred Hitchcock, Controversial Non-fiction, California Report, Going to the Theatre, Emergent Writers, etc.)
- Activity groups (Bird and Nature Walks, Snowshoeing, Readers Theatre, Winter Walking, etc.)
- Peer Group Learning (Rivers of the Bow Valley, Silk Road of Asia, Conversations about the Autumn of Life, Characters and Causes in Early Calgary, etc.)
- Lecture series (The World in Flux; Geology of the Alberta Oilsands)

Unlike Santa Cruz, we have no strong affiliation with one partner like UCSC. (Unfortunately, Osher Institutes are not possible outside the United States.) But we have developed limited partnerships with various institutions for specific offerings and projects — the Calgary Public Library, University of Calgary, Mount Royal University.

And we have solved our space needs through an arrangement with a local community association in northwest Calgary. The Rosedale Community Association has a spacious hall and several smaller meeting rooms that can accommodate our various learning groups.

CALL faces challenges over the months and years ahead. How do we provide enough program opportunities for so many avid learners? How do we create and maintain a sense of community when our membership is growing so quickly? But we take heart in the fact that new members have stepped forward to take

leadership positions (so that the two of us can winter in Santa Cruz without feeling that we are deserting the ship).

And we will continue to draw inspiration from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UCSC. Thank you Santa Cruz.



Bob Begun joined Lifelong Learners very near the beginning of the organization when we were holding our meetings at the Cardiff House. He was a willing participant and would help setting up the room. He was the organization's treasurer for many years. He epitomized the spirit of Lifelong Learners by taking many classes for credit at UCSC through concurrent enrollment. He truly was a Lifelong Learner. Bob was active in Capitola government where he served as mayor and on the City Council.

Jim Davidson was known to many from his participation in interest groups. He was also known for his community volunteer work for Santa Cruz County suicide prevention, Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross, and others. He mentored high school students in underwater robotics. Many of his students have become nationally recognized in robotics. Jim was a generous and caring man with an abundance of energy.

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