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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

November 2021

Zoom General Meeting

November 21, 2021

10:00 AM Zoom Room opens

10:00 Breakout Groups (these are fun)

10:30 Business Meeting

11:00 Lecture

Mentawai Gibbons, Cosmology and Shamanic Song in Siberut

Linda Burman-Hall PhD, Edward A. Dickson Emerita Professor of Cultural Musicology, UCSC



I have made nine research trips to the Mentawai Archipelago since 2011, about 150 kilometers west of Sumatra in the Indian Ocean. Mentawai is famed for its endemic Mentawai gibbon (*Hylobates klossii*, known as Kloss's gibbon locally called *bilou*) and six endemic monkeys. My talk will center on the northern island, the largest one in Mentawai, named Siberut. In the Siberut virgin rainforest the primary daytime aural impression is the cries of primates and birds. With a deafening alarm call that can be heard far and wide, the *bilou* has earned the role of protector of the rainforest animals, and if it notices any hunting by animals or humans, its cry will ruin hunting for up to an entire day. This has led to its reputation as a powerful, wise, and caring guardian of animals. Humans also consider the *bilou* as sounding an alarm to protect their clan. Over the years, I have discovered that the Mentawai gibbon is a powerful force that shapes Mentawaian cosmology and spirituality as well as the legends and folk tales of the Mentawai people.

After earning a BA in Music from UCLA and a PhD in Music from Princeton University Dr Burman-Hall had a distinguished career in the Music Department at UCSC. Her scholarship is wide ranging - early music, contemporary music and the musical traditions of Indonesia. She is also a performer (harpsichord, organ, fortepiano) and is known to many of us as the Director of the Santa Cruz Baroque Festival.

President's Message

Barry Bowman

OLLI has made me a video star - well, by the standards of YouTube probably not even a starlet. I will say more about this later. When our Santa Cruz OLLI started its YouTube channel I thought it would be a challenge to get the 100 subscribers that YouTube requires. Today we have 627 subscribers. We can thank Todd Wipke for starting the channel and Dean Gottehrer, now with help from Dennis Morris, for making this happen. Dean had been making audio recordings of Ronnie Gruhn's course for several years. With the advent of Covid Dean and Ronnie started making video recordings and posting them on YouTube. They have been well received, typically getting 100-200 views, similar to the enrollments in Ronnie's course in the past. Once in a while, however, a topic will receive wider notice. The presentation after Joe Biden's election got 324 views and her comments on "Europe: Trump, Brexit and Covid" got 550 views.

The advent of Zoom made OLLI presentations easy to record, and we started doing this for courses, general meetings and a few interest group talks. We thought the course recordings might attract a few dozen people, members who had not been able to see the original presentation or who wanted friends to see it. For the general meetings 30 – 75 people looked at the recording. Courses attracted a few more viewers, ranging from 35 – 150. Overall, the recordings have been more successful than I predicted. Continuing education is a major goal for OLLI, and our members have really taken advantage of our YouTube presentations.

In the September of 2020 general meeting Professor Jennifer Loros from Dartmouth College spoke about biological clocks. We were surprised to see that a few weeks later the video of this talk had more than 700 views (now more than 1000). Through the mysterious processes of the internet we had broken out of the Santa Cruz bubble. In November of 2020 my course on Modern Molecular Biology was posted. It was a series of four lectures, given by me and my colleagues, Josh Arribere and Martha Zuniga. The Introductory Lecture now has 13,000 views, and many people are watching the whole series. I don't know how the internet world finds a rather obscure video like ours. Young students today clearly use YouTube more than textbooks, and an introductory lecture on biology would have a huge potential audience. However, our video is clearly aimed at seniors, with Zoom shots of our members and lots of time devoted to informal Q&A. The comments posted on YouTube from places like Singapore and Indonesia are interesting and gratifying. One example – "I work as a household helper here in Singapore, all the house chores is choking me to death until I become interested into biology. Now i can cook, clean and iron so much better while listening to this lecture."

YouTube is working for us. In addition to Dean, Todd, and Ronnie I want to thank all of our speakers and instructors for allowing us to record their presentations and make them available to a wider audience.

Silvia Miller Scholarships

Counting Our Blessings

Amongst our many blessings, being a member of Osher Lifelong Learners surely resonates with us . . .

Our organization, with its focus on learning through courses, interest groups and lectures, coupled with our member acquaintances who enlighten and inspire us, has stimulated us all to grow . . .

Yet, beyond all these benefits, our organization is founded upon supporting UCSC - STARS program students (Services for Transfer and Re-Entry Students) through our financial contributions while validating their endeavors. Our Silvia Miller Scholarship Program pools our resources to strengthen our impact.

This year 88 students applied for scholarship support from us. They applied in writing responding to a questionnaire sharing their endeavors, hopes and dreams.

As a committee of 12 volunteers (Florence Orenstein, Ruth Keeley, Sue Myers, Tom Manheim, Marjorie Simon, Lois Widom, Pam Hardy, Topsy Smalley, Cindy Margolin, Dennis Morris, Jannet Ceja and Bill Patterson) evaluated applications finding a pool of students who were amazingly well qualified and skilled in presenting their merit, identifying thirty of the most outstanding to receive \$1,500 each for this academic year.

Overall, it was a joyful experience reading of their achievements, overcoming so much adversity with perseverance, enthusiasm and admirable goals. And sharing the blessings of our membership with each awardee is as our students say, 'huge!' For when the STARS students re-enter college they harbor a dread of failing their hopes and dreams again, a sense of being inadequate to this looming challenge. So when OLLI recognizes their potential through a scholarship award there is a tremendous uplift of their spirits, a sense that they have overcome a major obstacle, that they are college material and their potential may be realized after all.

They view the scholarship as an acknowledgement of this momentous accomplishment in their lives, reinvigorating their resolve and reenergizing their spirit.

Bill Patterson
Scholarship Chair

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 began her fall series of YouTube commentaries on international affairs the week of September 13, continuing every other Monday. Watch your inbox for an email from OLLI with a link to the commentary.

Subscribe to the OLLI UCSC YouTube channel by going to :https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU7U1Mly_RuSsk4QjQD4WNw

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

Major Supreme Court Decisions and their Effect

Thursdays, November 4, 11 10 a.m. - Noon

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.

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.

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.

This will be his second time lecturing for OLLI, having taught a four-lecture course on Constitutional history in spring 2020.

He 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

Three days in November to be Announced

Instructors: Jill Steinberg, Wendy Harrison and Donna Baldini

"Behind the Scenes" participants will talk about how Covid 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 in terms of well-being?

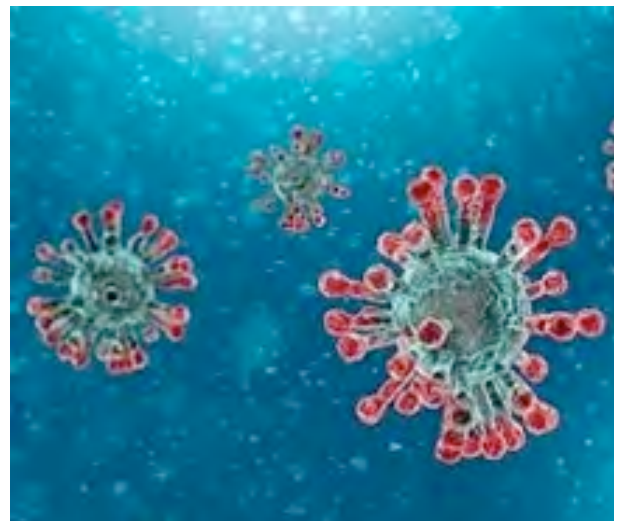


The class limited to 10 participants.

Jill Steinberg, Wendy Harrison and Donna Baldini will co-facilitate the class.

Jill has been facilitating Connection and Community Groups for OLLI and the University of Michigan Ross Business School since Covid 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 – Fall 2021 Note Change in Date of the First Lecture

Saturdays, November 13, 20, 27 and December 4 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Instructor: Barry Bowman

A typical animal cell contains more than 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. Two other professors from UCSC will present lectures covering topics related to their research programs.

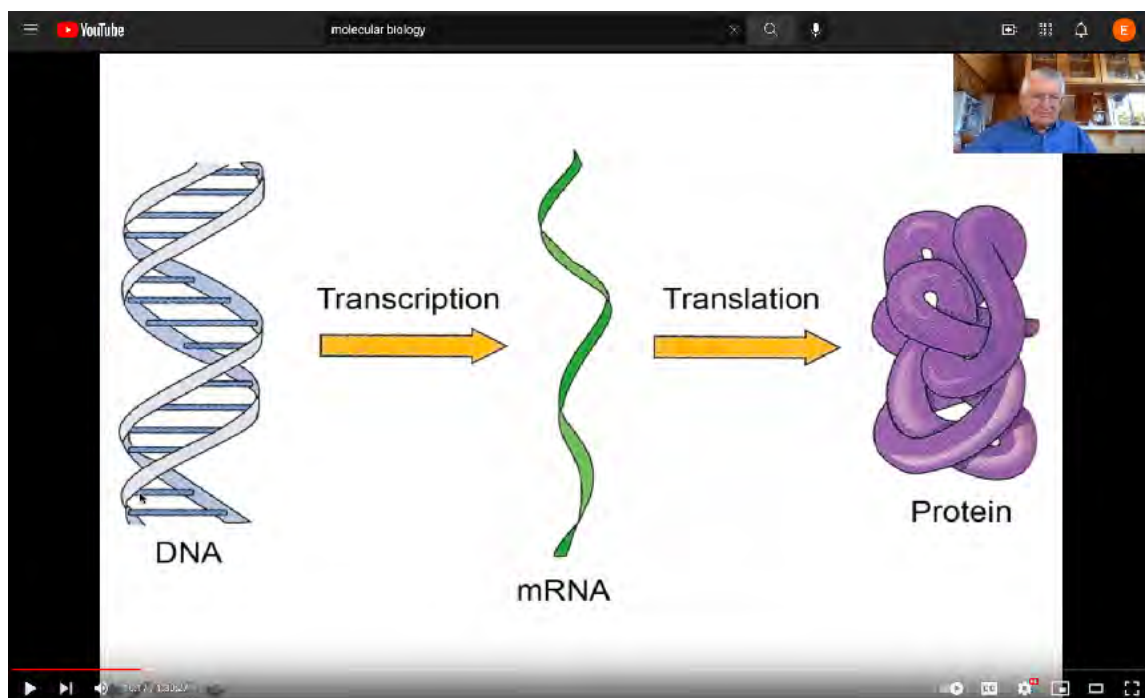
These talks are intended for a general audience. A scientific background or knowledge of biology is not expected. Barry Bowman, the course coordinator, will begin with a basic review of genes, proteins and cells.

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

Lecture #2. Professor Upasna Sharma, Department of Molecular Cell and Developmental Biology

Lecture #3. Professor Bowman

Lecture #4. Professor Martha Zuniga, Department of Molecular Cell and Developmental Biology



New course releases to YouTube

Our economic future?

- The OLLI “Capitalism” economic study group

"Capitalism" review 10 October 2021 <https://youtu.be/FidWvHkGWXo>



Whither Europe?

Commentary by Professor Emerita Ronnie Gruhn, 10-11-21 <https://youtu.be/Cqp2VGzayiI>

International Energy Mess—Climate and Beyond

Commentary by Prof. Emerita Ronnie Gruhn, 10-25-21 https://youtu.be/M1i0cvf_rxY

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

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Who's Who

Ginna Holcombe

Florence Orenstein, thank you for your service!



As a long-standing OLLI member, many of you already know Florence but, just in case you don't recognize her, imagine prominent round eyeglasses!

Raised in upstate New York, Florence graduated from Syracuse University in 1948 and moved to Los Angeles to join her father and siblings in a warmer and more auspicious community. While a graduate student at USC earning her teaching credential, she met and married Bud Orenstein. Florence was an avid tennis player and community volunteer as she raised her young children, Peggy and Jim. With a second home in Baja California, she was also an enthusiastic sailor.

Widowed in 2004, Florence relocated to Santa Cruz when her second grandson was born. Peggy had recently married Gary Young, poet, fine-art printer, and prominent figure on the local literary scene. As adults a decade apart in age, both grandsons have published books of poetry. Jake Young has a PhD in English Literature and is a certified wine specialist. His younger brother, Cooper, is earning his PhD in Mathematics but also continues to write and publish his poetry.

One of the first investments in her new community was joining the Lifelong Learners group, started in 1984 by Jim Faris and four other retirees. And one of the first activities was attending Jim and Paula's very popular film night. From the get-go, enduring friendships developed and flourished.

When the Lifelong Learners became an OLLI chapter in 2011, Florence continued her involvement and was a board member for years. She relishes most OLLI classes and participates in many interest groups. Among her favorites are Lois Widom's *Art and Architecture* group as well as Faye Alexander's *Great Books* group.

Until this year, Florence led an important interest group that provided invaluable service to new UCSC students, many of whom receive inadequate high school preparation in English composition. In 2010 Faye Crosby, who was provost of Cowell College, approached Florence with an idea. The *Ears in Action* interest group was born. Created and led by Florence, this interest group was supported by UCSC Services for Transfer and Re-entry Students (STARS). Students who needed and wanted help with writing skills were identified by UCSC English professors. At the beginning of each semester, a session was organized at the provost's home. OLLI members listened to these students and helped wherever wanted. These one-to-one interactions between students and OLLI members proved fruitful and very satisfying on both sides. OLLI needs a new leader to take up the mantle for this worthy group – might it be you?

And how does Florence spend her time outside of OLLI activities? No longer line-dancing, she reads *The New Yorker*, does crossword puzzles from our local newspaper, is currently reading *Caste* (Wilkerson), and enjoys a scotch and soda nightly. What a gal!

IT'S YOUR TURN!

Help new UCSC students gain
the confidence and writing skills
they need to succeed.

Lead Ears in Action!

Interest Groups

Ginna Holcombe



Enjoy the recent rain?!

These folks apparently did! Under the leadership of Anandi Paganini, the Walking group hikes every Wednesday morning – come rain or shine! These were among the 18 puddle-jumpers the morning of 20Oct.

NEW GROUP

Philately Club Bill Patterson, board member, past board president, and seasoned interest group leader, is offering a new interest group - a “mutual support group.” This group will meet monthly at an agreed-upon location to explore and share the hobby of stamp collecting. Philatelists and wannabes, please contact Bill at (831) 479 3729 or wilderwill@comcast.net for further information.



NEW LEADER NEEDED



Ears in Action As mentioned in this 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 santacruzflor@aol.com.

From OSHER NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

One of the things Osher Institutes can say with certainty is that the camaraderie – even virtual – of our learning community is to be celebrated. Coming from a time when most of our members had scant experience in online learning or the potential of video communication, we’ve come a long way in a short time. Do we crave being able to meet and interact in person? A resounding yes. But have we learned there are important advantages to these new technologies? Another resounding yes!

The National Newsletter is intended for anyone interested in lifelong learning. Read entire monthly newsletters at: <https://sps.northwestern.edu/oshernrc/news/osher-nrc-newsletter.php>

UPDATE

Nonfiction West Side has been renamed *Nonfiction Santa Cruz* and is open to new members. Please contact Rabia at 7rabia7@gmail.com or (760) 942 2764.





Word Play



Definitions after adding, subtracting, or changing one letter:

- Bozone Layer:** Substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating
- Osteopornosis:** Degenerate disease
- Cashtration:** Act of buying a house, which renders the buyer financially impotent for an indefinite period of time
- Ignoranus:** Person who's both stupid and an asshole
- Intaxication:** Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with
- Reintarnation:** Coming back to life as a hillbilly
- Giraffiti:** Vandalism spray-painted very, very high
- Sarchasm:** Gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it
- Inoculatte:** Take coffee intravenously when you're running late
- Karmageddon:** It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's, like, a serious bummer
- Decafhalon:** Grueling event of surviving a day consuming only things good for you.
- Glibido:** All talk and no action
- Dopeler Effect:** Tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
- Caterpallor:** Color turned when you find half a worm in the fruit you're eating
- Frisbeetarianism:** Belief that, after death, the soul flies onto the roof and gets stuck there

Alternate meanings for common words:

- Coffee:** Person upon whom one coughs
- Flabbergasted:** Appalled by how much weight one has gained
- Abdicate:** Give up all hope of having a flat stomach
- Esplanade:** Attempt an explanation while drunk
- Negligent:** Absent-mindedly answering the door when wearing only a nightgown
- Lymph:** Walk with a lisp
- Gargoyle:** Olive-flavored mouthwash
- Flatulence:** Emergency vehicle that collects people run over by a steamroller
- Balderdash:** Rapidly receding hairline
- Oyster:** Person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms

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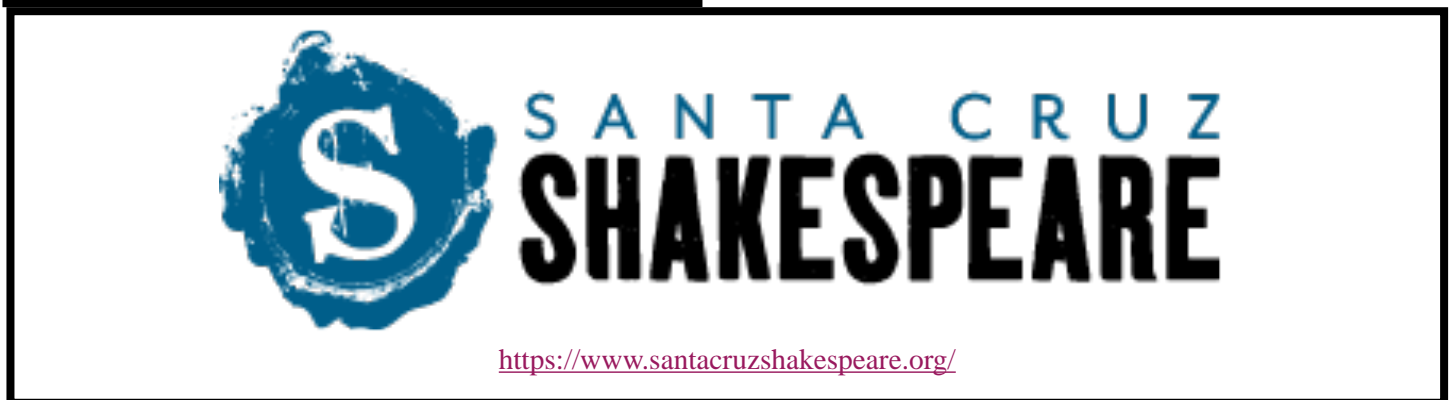
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Check small boxes (☐) above for information you *do not* want published in the OLLI at UCSC member directory. All names are published. We need your email address to send you our periodic email newsletters.

All members will be sent an email link to a monthly OLLI newsletter.

Contribution Information:

We ask a donation of \$60. Please consider an additional donation to the Silvia Miller scholarship program. If funds are limited, in confidence you may contact OLLI president Barry Bowman, bbowman@ucsc.edu, to discuss alternatives.

Membership	Donations	Amount
Membership, OLLI at UCSC	\$60. Membership includes unlimited Interest Group participation*	\$
	Additional contribution to the Silvia Miller Scholarship Fund:	\$
	Total Enclosed:	\$

*Some interest groups have limited membership. You may ask a group's leader to be placed on a waiting list or get help from our interest-group coordinator to form a new group. See our website for more information.

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