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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

September 2022

**Don't miss this year's first general meeting!**



**Interest Group Sign-Up**

## We are back live!

**The September 11th meeting will be in person in the College Nine/John R. Lewis Dining Hall Multi Purpose Room from 10 a.m. on. See details in the President's Message on page 2.**

## Courses are resuming

**A bunch of courses are coming  
Check them out  
starting on page 4**

## President's Message



### September General Meeting and a Report on the Picnic

For the first time in two and a half years we are going to have a general meeting in person. Sunday, September 11, we will meet in our old stomping grounds, the College Nine/John R. Lewis Dining Hall Multipurpose Room. Food and beverages will be available at 10:00 am. Please come, reconnect with OLLI friends, and meet new members. As is our tradition, this first meeting will focus on Interest Groups. I don't think any of the 122 OLLIs around the US have the number and variety of Interest Groups that we have in Santa Cruz. We learn a lot while meeting new people and making new friends. This meeting also allows us to give proper recognition to the wonderful people who lead our Interest Groups. Masks are not required but recommended.

The hunger people have for social interaction was certainly on display at the OLLI Picnic. 170 people had a great time. We had 21 tables set up under giant eucalyptus trees at the UCSC Arboretum. The weather was perfect and the food was apparently good because every single thing was eaten! We had ordered food for 175, and my fears of large amounts of it going to waste were not justified. Lincoln Taiz, retired professor of plant biology at UCSC (and an OLLI member), gave a short, excellent presentation about the Corpse Flower that was recently displayed at the arboretum. Ten years ago Lincoln initiated the project to grow this huge, rare, stinky flower at UCSC.

We should plan to have a summer picnic again next year. However, as nice as the arboretum is, we likely need to find another site. We had a bigger group than the arboretum expected and exceeded the available parking space. If you have an idea for a big shady space with parking for 80 – 100 cars, please let me know. Karen Gamell was the principal organizer of the picnic – many thanks to Karen. Katie Cordes, administrative manager of the arboretum, helped in many ways. I also want to thank Dani Barker, Mark Gordon, Hailey Nava, Ginna Holcombe, Kate Erstein, Ron Sekkel, David Mintz, Rusty Bowman, and UCSC Media Services and Parking Services. (I hope I didn't miss anyone.)

-- Barry Bowman



Setting up



Ginna - "You want a nametag?"



Mark & Barry in Board Regalia



Fred & Nancy

# OLLI Picnic



Rusty

The food was from Carry Away



Dennis & Marion



Our Program - Lincoln Taiz



Joya & Bijoy

**Courses 2022 - 2023**

# Back to School



Here we are--a new school year and we are going to have in-person courses again. How exciting!

Be sure to read the descriptions of the courses carefully. One class will be completely Zoom; others will give you the choice of in-person or Zoom.

There will be Ronnie's class on Youtube, and two courses will be only in-person.

We are back to charging \$20 per course, no matter the format. As you know, the income from the classes is instrumental in funding our scholarship program for re-entry students at UCSC.

We expect that all of you who attend in-person classes will be vaccinated and boosted. Please plan to wear masks throughout the classes until it is clear that masks are not necessary.

Please register as soon as possible so that we can be certain there will be enough room for all of the eager learners.

**SO HERE WE GO-----FALL COURSES 2022**

## Meet Frank Capra

Wednesdays, September 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 Location; Museum of Art and History. 705 Front Street  
 Instructor: Bill Park



On August 8, 1938, Frank Capra appeared on the cover of Time magazine. Having just won his third Oscar, he was the most popular and honored director in Hollywood. His 1934 film, *It Happened One Night*, won all five top Oscars for that year: Film, Director, Actor, Actress, Screenplay. Capra's movies manifested the populism and optimism of The New Deal and helped elevate Columbia Pictures from Poverty Row to a major studio. Over the years, however, some critics characterized his work as oversentimentalized Capracorn. Film historian Joseph McBride wrote a searing biography of Capra attacking his character and right-wing McCarthyite politics. In his influential book, *American Cinema*, Andrew Sarris excluded Capra from his pantheon of auteurs.

What do Capra's films say to us today? This course will examine seven of the fifty-nine films he made during his four-decade career in Hollywood: *The Strong Man* (1926), *The Bitter Tea of General Yen* (1932), *American Madness* (1932), *Mr. Deeds Goes to Town* (1936), *Meet John Doe* (1941), *Why We Fight* (1942), and *It's A Wonderful Life* (1946).

Suggested reading: Frank Capra's 1971 autobiography, *The Name Above the Title*.

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 film and literature

## Topics in Economics

Mondays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
 Location: On Zoom  
 Instructor: Jon Haveman, and others

This course is given by NEED, the National Economic Education Delegation. "NEED uses the skills and knowledge of a vast network of professional economists to promote a nonpartisan understanding of the economics of policy issues in the United States." They have successfully presented courses too many OLLIs across the country.



We will have the following presentations:

- October 3 U.S. Economy (Inflation)
- October 10 Climate Change Economics
- October 17 Economic Inequality
- October 24 Autonomous Vehicles

Jon Haveman has a PhD in Economics from the University of Michigan. Dr. Haveman is an expert on regional economies and local economic development and on the Bay Area Economy in particular. He is also widely considered to be one of California's leading experts on the economics of seaports, goods movement, and international trade policy. Those who enroll in this course will receive the Zoom link a few days before the beginning of the course.

## Lou Harrison: The Local Legend Who Shook the Musical World

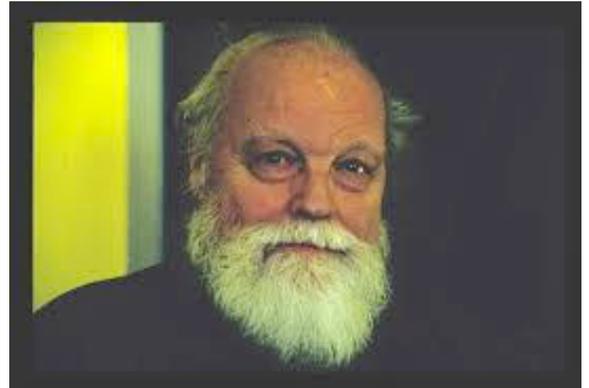
Saturdays, October 15, 22, 29, November 5 10 a.m. - noon  
 Location: UCSC Music Center Room 131  
 Instructor: Leta Miller, UCSC Professor of Music Emerita

In four two-hour sessions, Professor of Music Leta Miller will reveal the magical sound world created by Santa Cruz's most famous musical legend, composer Lou Harrison. Through illustrative visual and aural examples, Miller will demonstrate the many facets of Harrison's ground-breaking compositions focusing on his devotion to melody; his exploration of the percussion ensemble with its eclectic combination of traditional sound, and invented instruments; and his adventurous

mixing of musical cultures from around the world. Attendees will hear examples ranging from solo pieces to orchestral compositions and learn about Harrison's eclectic career, which included not only music, but also poetry, painting and instrument building. Miller, who won numerous teaching awards during her years at UCSC, has written two books and a dozen articles about Harrison and his music.

The class will meet in the UCSC Music Center Room 131, where there is excellent audio-visual support (and comfortable chairs!).

No musical background is needed. Just come and share in Harrison's inspiring sonic vision.



## Major Supreme Court Decisions and Their Effects, Part 3

Thursdays, October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 10 a.m. - noon  
 Location: Museum of Art and History, 705 Front Street and on 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 third 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 27 Abortion and the road to Roe, Casey, and Dobbs.
- November 3 Matters of regulation: West Virginia v. EPA, and is the Court trying to undo the New Deal?
- November 10 California's state constitution past and present, and why state constitutions matter.
- November 17 The "founding:" compromises and priorities in the creation and ratification of the Constitution.



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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 third time lecturing for OLLI, having taught a four-lecture course on Constitutional history in spring 2020 and fall 2021. 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. His background in both law and history gives him a unique understanding of the Supreme Court. We are lucky that he is eager to share it with us.

## **Molecular Biology**

Barry Bowman's molecular biology course will start on Saturday, November 19. Complete information will appear in the next newsletter.

## **International Affairs**



Commentary by Professor Emerita Ronnie Gruhn

We are so 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 will continue her bi-weekly talks, which are available on YouTube, in September.. Watch your inbox for e-mails from OLLI with a link to the commentary.

Ronnie's in-person classes will hopefully start in October.

## Ronnie's Recent Recordings

The US and the World 2022: Where Have We Been? Where Are We Going? 8/22/22

<https://youtu.be/N1wyDqqMIvw>

The Ever Changing Middle East: Still & Yet Again, 7/11/22

<https://youtu.be/M4MHOTAN2fl>

Summer of Interwoven Crises, Commentary by Prof. Emerita Ronnie Gruhn, 6/20/22

<https://youtu.be/crMxHf3NpDM>

## Other Recent Recordings

Latin American Art

Lectures by Tatiane Schillaro Santa Rosa, Ph.D. Candidate in Visual Studies, UCSC

#1 Building Modern Nations (Included for supplementary Sources) 6/16/2022

<https://youtu.be/KUX0uBiynE4>

#2 The Constructivist Impulse 6/23/2022

<https://youtu.be/xaA5IotaAJE>

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



**MOUNT LASSEN IN THE SPRING**

## Fall 2022 Course Registration Form

Select	Course #	Description and Venue. Suggested donation: \$20/course:	Donation
<input type="checkbox"/>	2110	<i>Meet Frank Capra</i> — Bill Park Oct 5, 12, 19 Nov 2, 9 10 am—1 pm Museum of Art and History, 705 Front Street	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	2111	<i>Topics in Economics</i> — Jon Haveman Oct 3, 10, 17, 24 10 am—11:30 am Zoom Meeting	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	2112	<i>Lou Harrison: The Local Legend wh Shook the Musical World</i> — Leta Miller Oct 15, 22, 29 Nov 5 10 am—12 pm UCSC Music Center Room 131	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	2113	<i>Major Supreme Court Decisions and Their Effects, part 3</i> — Arthur Rolston Oct 27 Nov 3, 10, 17 10 am—11:30 am Museum of Art and History, 705 Front Street	\$
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## Where in the World

Joan and Lou Rose

**THROWIM WAY LEG:** In pidgin New Guinean, *throwim way leg* means to go on a journey and describes the action of thrusting out your leg to take the first step of what could be a long march. Well, we really *throwim way* our legs this time! Nearly *throwim way* the rest of us, too! Our three-week trek through the jungles and swamps of Irian Jaya was easily the most memorable, challenging trip of our lives.



**IRIAN JAYA:** In the western half of New Guinea, this island is the second largest in the world (after Greenland) and today is part of Indonesia. The eastern half of the island, Papua New Guinea, is an independent country. Irian Jaya is one of the last great wilderness areas in the world. First contact with the outside world was by two tribes in 1996; one slipped back into the jungle and has not been heard of since. At least 250-300 languages are spoken, due to the often-impenetrable terrain and continual warfare. Cannibalism generally stopped ~25 years before we visited, although it's rumored to continue today in remote areas. Travelers were allowed to visit just a few areas when we were there and movement was strictly controlled by police permits. Difficulties with language, transportation, lodging, and food in remote areas would have been insurmountable on our own so we joined a group tour of six other travellers.

**LODGING:** We slept in a variety of so-called lodges. Often we slept in the village headman's house or a thatched longhouse, or we slept on schoolroom floors. We often used a squat toilet in the floor "flushed" with a bucket of water but most of the time the nearest clump of bushes served just us well. Eventually we became less concerned about toileting even with curious villagers peering at us!



**APOCALYPSE NOW:** When we arrived in the Dani village of Ibiroma, a one-day festival was celebrating the completion of its church. Christian missionaries had encouraged villagers to construct the church by paying them with cigarettes and soccer equipment. For 24 hours, the 400 or so people from surrounding hills and villages continuously drummed and chanted while bounding up and down in joyous dance. This festival was an authentic happening, rather than an event staged for travellers - we were mostly ignored. That night we all lay awake on the hard schoolroom floor, listening to the drumming and shouting from

under our mosquito nets. It was tempting to wonder how deep the veneer of Christianity went in this recently cannibalistic country and whether we might suddenly seem a delectable meal. It was as if we were in the midst of the film *Apocalypse Now*. Truly eerie - yet magical.

**JUNGLE TRAIL:** Our group had been scheduled to go to Yuniroma Village, but a recent Korowai raid persuaded our tour leader to take us along a safer route to a different village. We hadn't read about any of this before we hit the jungle trail, which probably is just as well - ignorance is bliss, especially if you come out alive! Despite the heat and humidity, the five-hour hike was strangely wonderful: lush green vegetation, lots of swamp and mud to wade through - sometimes up to our waists - and rivers to cross by balancing precariously on mossy logs. Several people fell off, some more than once. Even our leader splashed in, to our great delight. To the right, Joan is helped across a muddy stream by our Indonesian guide.



**REAL ADVENTURE:** Our 11-year veteran of tour-leading in Africa, South America and Asia, said Irian Jaya was the gold standard against which he measured all other trips. This Irian Jaya trip, he said, was not *perceived adventure*, ie, a so-called adventure tour that has run safely so many times it becomes predictable, but REAL adventure - with lots of dangers and uncertainties, and necessary spur-of-the-moment adaptation. For sure, traveling through Irian Jaya was the adventure of our lifetimes! Visit our website: [www.ramblingroses.net](http://www.ramblingroses.net).

## Interest Groups

Gianna Holcombe

### Be There or Be Square!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Arboretum Picnic and we look forward to seeing you again at our September general meeting devoted to interest group enrollment. It's the perfect way to start the new academic year. Turn-out is high. We welcome new OLLI members, make new friends, and catch up with old chums. Everyone gets a chance to explore interest groups, question interest group leaders, and discover new opportunities for fun and lifelong learning. All things considered, it's a jolly good time!



See you there!



### New Interest Groups!

Don't miss these new interest groups: *The Atlantic Readers*, Chinese Mahjong, Cultural Cooking, Mexican Train (a dominoes game), New Yorker (San Lorenzo Valley), Philately Club, and Ping Pong.



### Heads Up!

**Art and Architecture:** One of the most popular and long-standing, this interest group has been led by Lois Widom for more than **26** years. It's time for Lois to share that responsibility with someone who eventually will take over leadership of this marvelous group. Volunteers please contact Lois at [lowidom@yahoo.com](mailto:lowidom@yahoo.com).



**English in Action:** Members of this important group meet 1:1 with foreign students to practice conversational English. Weekly meetings are usual but time, location, and frequency are up to student and volunteer. We thank Karin Grobe for her fine leadership to date and are very grateful to Annette Morris for undertaking **leadership** of this group. If you're interested in participating, please email [annettemorris45@gmail.com](mailto:annettemorris45@gmail.com).

**PingPong:** Headed by Lois Widom, this **new** group is planned to meet at Dominican Oaks. To help schedule, members interested in playing should email Lois with which afternoon of the week they would prefer [lowidom@yahoo.com](mailto:lowidom@yahoo.com).



¡Hola!

**Spanish Conversation:** Led by Dolores McCabe, this successful interest group is usually full but is **open** for a short time to new members. This group meets every other Wednesday 2:00-3:30 at Frederick Street Park. Please contact Dolores for further information at [dmccabe47@gmail.com](mailto:dmccabe47@gmail.com).



**Newcomers:** Learn about OLLI! Anyone and **everyone** is invited: new members, members who want to be more involved, nonmembers curious about OLLI, or those new to Santa Cruz. Brand new OLLI members are emailed an invitation but any OLLI member is welcome. We are fully vaccinated and meet outside in small groups. Please contact Kate at [kate.erstein@gmail.com](mailto:kate.erstein@gmail.com).

**Sustainability:** Led by Mark Folsom, this group meets via Zoom third Tuesdays at 3:00. Coming speakers include Wendy Rae Johnson in October, who will talk about regenerative gardening and farming practices, and Dr John Field (NOAA and UCSC) in November, who will discuss sustainable fisheries. If interested, please contact Mark at [mffolsom@gmail.com](mailto:mffolsom@gmail.com).



**Wednesday Walkers:** This popular group is led by Anandi Paganini every Wednesday 9:30 at different locations to enjoy the great outdoors with interesting, talkative people who want to elevate their pulses a bit. If interested, please contact Anandi at [anandipaganini@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anandipaganini@sbcglobal.net) or (831) 252 8980. Below are walkers 27 August at the UCSC Arboretum listening to Martin Quigley discuss the corpse flower.



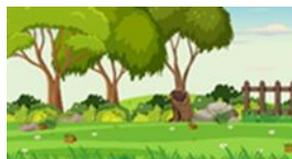
**Interest Group Leaders:** Let's help folks who want to be extra cautious. Please email [gogetter9502@gmail.com](mailto:gogetter9502@gmail.com) about how your group meets so our newsletter and website can be updated.



In person?



Hybrid meetings?



Outside?



Only via Zoom?

### Promotion Partners



**Bouquet**

Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 4:00 PM  
 Santa Cruz Community Church, 411 Roxas Street, Santa Cruz, CA

We offer you a sampling of French culture at its most elegant and refined, with that certain sensual je ne sais quoi.

*Louise Farrenc -- Nonet*  
*Claude Debussy -- "Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune"*  
*(arr. Iain Farrington)*  
*Maurice Ravel -- Trois Poèmes de Stéphane Mallarmé*  
*-- Omar Rodriguez, Baritone*  
*Maurice Ravel -- Introduction and Allegro -- Dana Wallace, Harp*

**Overcast, Clearing**

Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 4:00 PM  
 Santa Cruz Community Church, 411 Roxas Street, Santa Cruz, CA

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*Benjamin Britten -- Sinfonietta, Op. 1*  
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**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](mailto: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:	\$
	<b>Total Enclosed:</b>	\$

\*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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# Participating in OLLI's success

## OLLI Tech Team is recruiting

From Mark Gordon, OLLI Facilities Coordinator

As OLLI returns to live meetings and courses this Fall, I am seeking to reconstitute our team of tech supporters. Our classes at MAH always need mikes and usually the use of a computer connected to the projector.

MAH staff are terrific and will train us with their setup. Our team member(s) sign up to be present at our meetings and courses to set things up and make sure that all goes well. OLLI's presenting faculty members are always grateful for our reassuring presence.

If you are reasonably adept in use of presentation software, have a sense about how things plug into each other, and enjoy being really helpful to presenters, this is the team for you.

If you are interested or for more information, please call me at 408 314-4802 or email at [mgordon@cruzio.com](mailto:mgordon@cruzio.com). Our first sessions will begin soon. So don't delay if you are interested.

## OLLI @ UCSC is looking for a newsletter editor

We seek someone to assume the editorship of the newsletter. Both Apple Pages and Microsoft Word have all you need to assemble the newsletter. Articles and other material you see in the newsletter are usually provided by members of OLLI.

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