Sunday Speaker

Ronnie Gruhn,
2024 - A World Without Rudders

Professor Emerita Ronnie Gruhn had a distinguished career as a scholar of International Politics at UCSC. For many years she has taught OLLI’s most popular course, offered via YouTube during the COVID era. We are delighted to once again interact with Professor Gruhn in person. She will offer an overview of the state of relations among nations in these turbulent times.

Sunday, Jan 21st
10:00 – noon
♦ open to the public ♦

Colleges Nine & John R Lewis
Multipurpose Room

Free Core West parking and shuttle service
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Happy New Year, OLLI Friends:

Now that my trepidation about leading this valuable organization is abating somewhat, it might be time to remind you that some very generous individuals volunteer precious time and talents to keep our OLLI strong. Toward that end, our recent annual Appreciation Luncheon celebrated our course instructors, interest group leaders, board members, and UCSC partners. It was a fun affair, held at the UCSC Arboretum last month, and attended by 54 enthusiastic volunteers.

However, this year’s gathering felt especially warm and convivial - sort of like a family reunion or homecoming. We had survived the pandemic and its devastating consequences, and now we wanted to celebrate one another and look forward to a new year together. How marvelous, yes?!

Helping us move forward successfully was our membership survey, results of which are now available on our website. Response was high and informed us that most of your expectations are exceeded. Yippee! However, we still hope to improve participation among our members. We would like to see more interest groups, more interest group participation, and better attendance at OLLI courses and our monthly Speaker Sundays (general meetings).

We also want to share the wealth! We are a valuable community resource with much to offer. Yet too often county residents have never heard of OLLI or hold misconceptions about who we are or how we operate. To overcome that barrier, we are actively promoting our OLLI in print and broadcast media. For example, a recent radio discussion with Mathilde Rand of Exploring Santa Cruz is available on KSQD at ksqd.org/exploring-santa-cruz/ as well as on our website. Furthermore, we are actively encouraging nonmembers to attend our Speaker Sundays to get a feel for our group and ask questions. Future plans include reaching out to university alumni and staff who are 50 years old or better.

It is important to recognize that our OLLI is determined to retain modest membership fees so no one is excluded. Yet we also want to maintain our invaluable scholarship program for re-entry students. To improve our long-term financial stability, therefore, our classes will no longer be held at the Museum of Art and History, primarily because their rental fees have become much higher than other venues, but also because free parking at Trader Joe’s risks the inconvenience and substantial expense of fetching your towed car! In addition, our minimal course fee is finally increasing from $20 to $25.

To get a little personal, I must confess I’m beginning to enjoy my role as OLLI at UCSC cheerleader in chief!

Go well, Ginna

“For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.”
Audrey Hepburn
In November the Discover Group visited the Bay View Farm and the Buena Vista Migrant Camp in Watsonville. The farm, which has been family-owned for 25 years, uses regenerative farming methods, offering a pesticide-free opportunity for children and their families to enjoy picking strawberries, squash and pumpkins. We heard the moving testimony of a young undocumented woman who crossed into the US as a teen and has remained working in agriculture for more than 20 years.

Around the middle of December until around the first of May each year, farmworker families living in one of around 20 migrant camps in California must move out of their homes. They must remove their belongings and move 50 miles from the camp. These families, lacking funds for storage or with none provided, simply throw away furnishings and other belongings. In May, if they have a place in a camp, the cycle begins again.

Offering a respite for families with school-aged children since 2018, the “50-mile rule” has allowed these families to stay in their migrant camp homes for a full school year. This respite is scheduled to expire June 2024 and will go to the California legislature for reconsideration. Reinstalling the 50-mile rule disrupts schooling, health care, family stability and nutrition plus normal daily living. See farmworkerfamilies.org for details.

When visiting with a family at the Buena Vista Migrant Camp, all of the implications of the 50-mile rule became apparent in their heartbreaking, yet optimistic, stories. We were all impressed with their resiliency. Dr Ann Lopez, Executive Director of the Center for Farmworker Families, hosted our Discover Group tour.

We ended our trip with a typical meal in the garden of a field worker’s home in Watsonville; this delicious meal gave us time to discuss and reflect on what we had experienced on this extraordinary day and to hear another worker’s story. Dr Lopez organizes a monthly distribution of necessities (diapers, laundry soap, stable foods) at this location known as the Oaxacan Shed.
Mathilde Rand, OLLI member and host of Exploring Santa Cruz on KSQD, converses with President Ginna Holcombe and past president and Program Director Barry Bowman about Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), an outstanding community resource. OLLI expands intellectual opportunities and social discourse.

For the curious at least 50 years old, Ginna and Barry pointed to the exceptional OLLI opportunities to learn through member-led interest groups, expert-taught courses, and monthly renowned speakers. Similar to OLLI, KSQD builds community through quality broadcasts, training programs, and events that enrich Santa Cruz. This collaboration is a perfect fit for our respective goals.

The conversation began with a trip down memory lane, remembering the original group, Lifelong Learners, of some 40 years ago. Expansion of this group led to financial endowment by the Bernard Osher Foundation via UCSC, which gave birth to OLLI in 2011.

Barry and Ginna talked about the three-pronged OLLI benefits with examples of monthly expert speakers, courses, and interest groups, each of which plays a crucial role in what makes OLLI at UCSC the prominent lifelong learning organization in Santa Cruz county. So check out this conversation on our website, olli.ucsc.edu/, and tell your friends about KSQD: ksqd.org/isher-lifelong-learning-institute-barry-bowman-and-ginna-holcomber/

Alternative Spring Break

Mark Gordon

For the first time since the pandemic years, the College 9 and John Lewis College Alternative Spring Break (ASB) is happening! A team of OLLI members has been invited to participate. We will have an organizing meeting in January for OLLI members interested in joining the ASB team.

During the ASB we will travel together in vans with members of the student team to our work sites in Watsonville. We will work all day together, share lunch together, and examine ideas together. The ASB explores deeply meaningful and important ideas about equity, community,
fairness, and the dignity of labor. We will meet with community members and leaders of the community and engage in deep conversations about the issues they are facing. It's work and it's fun, and we get to know some wonderful people. It’s hard to describe the warmth of the bonding that occurs with students as we work together each day.

**ASB Schedule**

**Mini-Retreat: February 24-25 (Saturday-Sunday)** A series of activities where the student team and the OLLI team meet and get to know each other. The plans and goals for the three workdays in March will be discussed. ASB student leaders, Ali Gutierrez-Esquival and Sahare Rostamizadeh, are working hard to plan this Spring's activities.

**Alternative Spring Break: March 23-25 (Saturday-Monday)** Three days in Watsonville: Students and OLLI members work side by side on projects supporting the Watsonville community. The specific activities for this year are being worked out but, in previous years, the ASB did work in the Watsonville Community Incubator Kitchen, in the extraordinary Community Garden at Calabasas School, and mural painting with community members.

**Final Gathering: April 27 (Saturday)** We meet again with our student partners to reflect on the experience and, if previous ASBs are any indication, take in joy in being together again.

OLLI members who participate in the ASB commit to being there at all the sessions. Building the relationships that are central to the experience with the students just won't work otherwise.

If you might like to participate with the OLLI ASB team this year, come to a planning meeting January 15 (Monday) at 10 AM when full details will be available. If you'd like to attend this planning meeting, please email mgordon@cruzio.com.

I am so grateful to the student leaders and to Professor Linnea Beckett for their warm welcome of OLLI members to this rich, stimulating, and heartwarming activity.

**New Location for OLLI Courses**

The London Nelson Community Center will be the new home for most OLLI courses, in a building that used to be Laurel School. We will be returning to real classrooms. There is a small parking lot adjacent to the Police Station on the corner of Laurel and Center (3 hours free). Free parking for 2 hours is also available on Washington, Maple and Center streets. A free permit from the Center gives you 3 hours of free parking on these streets in areas with signs that say “LNC permit.”
Courses for Winter 2024

To register for a course on our website, go to olli.ucsc.edu and click Log into Your UCSC OLLI Account on the opening page. Then click the Course button and follow instructions. Course fees have finally been raised to $25 per course. You may also register by mail using the form in this newsletter.

International Affairs • Ronnie Gruhn, Professor Emerita, Politics

OLLI YouTube channel: Every other Monday

Dr Gruhn has a passionate and undiminished interest in reading, writing, and talking about world affairs. OLLI is most fortunate she shares her knowledge in podcasts offering powerful insights into what is happening today. To ask any question about current international affairs, please email ronnie@ucsc.edu. Watch your inbox for OLLI an email that links you to each commentary. To subscribe to our YouTube channel, go to: youtube.com/channel/UCU7U1Mly_RuSsk4QjQD4WNw.

Modern English Grammar • Jorge Hankamer, UCSC Professor, Linguistics

London Nelson CC, Mondays 10:30: Jan 8, 22, 29, Feb 5, 12

This course introduces the theory and methods of modern linguistics, focusing on the verbal and auxiliary systems, a topic quite accessible and yet confusing in traditional grammar. Students will get some sense of how linguistic analysis is currently done. Dr Hankamer is semi-retired, taught seven years at Harvard, and joined UCSC in 1980. His degrees are in Mathematics and Physics from Rice University as well as in Linguistics from Yale University; he specializes in syntax (sentence structure) and morphology (word forms).

Quantum Mechanics • Roger Knacke, Professor Emeritus, Physics and Astronomy

for Non-Scientists  London Nelson CC, Tuesdays 10:30: Jan 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

Quantum Mechanics is the study of nature at its most fundamental levels. Quantum effects impact our lives through computers, phones, television, electronics, missiles, nuclear weapons, and many other ways. Yet the basic ideas are not well understood by non-scientists. This course introduces quantum concepts in intuitive, nonmathematical ways for those without a science background. Revolutionary ideas and their impact beyond science, such as philosophy and literature, will be discussed. Along the way, we meet the genius, eccentric, and controversial personalities of the field’s founders. You won't become an expert in quantum theory, but you'll see how quantum ideas transform our understanding of nature and the universe. Dr Knacke has AB and PhD degrees in physics from UC Berkeley. His research focused on interstellar matter and planetary atmospheres. He has taught ten intriguing and very popular classes for OLLI.

January 30: Water Waves and Electrons?
February 6: What is a Quantum anyway?
February 13: Groping the Insides of Atoms
February 20: The Quantum Revolution, Pitchforks and Waves
February 27: Why Does the Sun Shine?
Technological Toolkits • Terry Burke, UCSC Professor, World History, retired, and Susan Douglass, Professor, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University

London Nelson CC, Fridays 10:30, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23

Where and when did the technological building blocks of the modern world first emerge? The answer, you may be surprised to learn, is not in Europe, and not necessarily in modern times. As a continuation of our two 2023 courses, we propose an alternative global history of technology not involving key inventions like the algorithm, the printing press, and the compass. The course identifies ten essential technological complexes of toolkits that, rather than stemming from Europe, originated elsewhere and gradually diffused to the lands of Islam where they were made available. We begin with a general overview of the project. Each of the next sessions explores the tangled history of a toolkit and its role in the Modern Transformation: mining/pyrotechnological textile, and medical/pharmacological toolkits.

Dr Burke began the UCSC Center for World History and is an originator of an innovative online world history curriculum (World History for Us All), funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Santa Cruz Shakespeare • Michael Warren, Professor Emeritus, Literature

Zoom Only, Tuesdays 10:00: Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr 2

The texts for this series of five lectures will be two plays that Shakespeare wrote around 1599-1600 when he was the preeminent playwright in London.

As You Like It is a comedy of unusual amplitude and variety. Set initially in a court and then in a pastoral countryside, it features romantic love, cross-dressing and mistaken identity, witty dialogue, a sophisticated jester, a melancholy philosophical commentary, a wise shepherd, many songs, and even Hymen, the god of marriage. It also considers seriously the structure and conduct of human society in court and country and the nature of male and female behavior, particularly in relation to power, desire, and love.

As You Like It

Probably the most famous of Shakespeare's plays, Hamlet, needs no introduction, only some reminders: Claudius, Gertrude, Polonius, Ophelia, Laertes, Fortinbras, Horatio, and Rosencrantz and Guildenstern; a touring company of players; some sailors; two gravediggers; a Ghost who calls for revenge... Fratricide, a problematic succession; an international territorial dispute; a play within a play; two rash killings; two mad scenes; a suicide (perhaps); a duel; multiple deaths... Intellectual uncertainties; moral dilemmas; philosophical reflections; "To be or not to be...".

Dr Warren has been the Dramaturge and Textual Consultant for Shakespeare Santa Cruz since its inception as Santa Cruz Shakespeare. This is the fourteenth year he shares his deep understanding and love of Shakespeare's plays with OLLI members, thus enhancing our experience of the summer festival.
**Interest Groups**

**New or rescued groups that are doing well:** Thanks to Lois Widom for rescuing *Art and Architecture*, starting with a visit to the new UCSC Institute of the Arts and. Not really new, more like condensed and reorganized from earlier groups, is *Discover*. Led by Kate Nance, the group recently toured a migrant camp; see Kate’s article about this fascinating but sobering experience (Page 3). The *Jogging* Interest Group (IG), led by Doug Garcia, has started outings including a race, and Frank Baudino’s *Music Monthly* plans a January meeting. These active IGs all have room for you!

**More members needed:** Several new IGs had signups in September but not quite enough for an active group. Help out your friends and join these groups: *Essence Writing* led by Bill Patterson, *Free-Moving Dance* led by Shamim Keshawarz, *Mahjongg American* led by Marion Paulson, and *Mexican Train* led by Marian Disperati. See contact information in the Interest Group table below.

**Future groups:** *Horticulture*, a group sure to appeal to many OLLI members, is in the works. Janice Kuch agrees to lead the group and has multiple ideas for projects to consider. Members might work with a UCSC group to create a commemorative native wildflower garden, partner with a Santa Cruz Library branch to tend a garden, or join a Santa Cruz city group to tend a selected site. Activities could include plant-focused events such as trips to gardens, to plant talks, and to farms. Janice is full of ideas! Contact her (*jtkush@gmail.com*) with your ideas and let her know you are interested.

At our November general meeting we had an inspiring presentation about the *Watsonville Wetlands Watch*. Are you inspired to coordinate with the organization for a worthwhile project? Are you interested in leading such a group? If yes, send me (Rusty Bowman, *ebowman@ucsc.edu*) your information, and the group can get started by contacting Jonathan Pilch, Executive Director, for discussion and advice about projects OLLI might contribute to.

**Interest Group Directory**

Here is the complete interest group directory. Some groups are full; some groups are Zoom only. If a group is full, please contact the leader for how to start and organize a second group. Many groups are open and would welcome you as a member; contact their leaders for more information. If you want to start a new group, contact me at *ebowman@ucsc.edu*. IG Leaders: thanks for updating Dennis (*dennis@valsys.com*) and me whenever your group info changes.
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Aw! Come on folks. No response to my invitation to write a little tidbit for the newsletter? Okay, second attempt. I named it myself temporarily. I’m trying to be modern in my language—lifelong learner, you know. “Hacks” sounds like the words I hear these days coming from my various devices, even though I thought “hacks” used to mean something nasty computer-literate nerds did to ruin my computer from somewhere on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean. But words are evolving a little faster than I am.

Maybe an example could be helpful. It doesn’t have to be something no one has heard of. It can just be a sharing of something that delights you that perhaps some of us haven’t tried.

So here’s mine. I love to travel. I hate to travel alone. In younger days with at least one friend, I planned my trips myself—find a place on the map; decide to go; find a cheap hostel; and go, as in Europe on $5 a Day. (Can you believe there was actually a book like that that delivered?) Today I have more money, less time left to spend it, and am less willing to use the shared facilities where I’m sitting on the potty and I hear a blast of singing from the baritone next door in the shower.

Solution: Let Road Scholar do the work and take one grandchild at a time on an adventure. This organization, known initially as Elder Hostel, has a program specifically for grandparents and their grandchildren, complete with company for both generations. I thumb through the catalog and mark the trips I am willing to go on—always somewhere new for me. Then I let the child choose where to go. I’ve taken three children so far—one to Montana hiking and zip-lining (I admit I only did Level 1 but he did all 3); one to Colorado, riding horses and a hot-air balloon; and one to the Florida Keys where we swam with barracuda and ate Key Lime pie every night. Next summer I will take the two youngest—one to Georgia and one to Puerto Rico.

Disclaimer: It’s expensive. I get the money with a nudge from Uncle Sam who requires me to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) every year from the IRA I saved up while teaching. Having such fun helps me not resent Uncle Sam pushing me around when I thought I was getting away with a tax benefit.

And now I’m over 250 words. Just imagine it as a target and send me what you think, and I’ll work to make it fit.

Send it to: msaspassia@gmail.com, and mark it “Handy Hacks” unless you’ve got a better title to recommend.
We had a wonderful presentation from our November Sunday speaker, Jonathan Pilch, of the Watsonville Wetlands Watch. The food was good and it was fun to chat with OLLI friends. As we enter the post-Covid era we hope members continue to return to our gatherings.

The final lecture in Leta Miller’s course on Baroque Music was focused on the dancing of the French court. Not only did we learn about the structure of the music, but Leta also showed us how to perform the dances. It was a lot of fun for the dancers and the non-dancing audience.

As Ginna described in her President’s Message (page 2), each year we have a luncheon to celebrate instructors, interest group leaders, board members and UCSC supporters. This year it was in the Horticulture building at the UCSC Arboretum. It is a nice space and we may have future events there.
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**James Plays Copland**

YouTube recordings of the December 3 concert are here!

[Link to YouTube]

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**Brass, Wood, Ivory**

Sunday, March 17, 2024

HAYDN ~ Feld-Parthie Nr. 4 in F major

JANÁČEK ~ Capriccio

STRAVINSKY ~ Octet

DONIZETTI ~ Sinfonia in G minor

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**The Really Good Stuff**

Sunday, June 2, 2024

SCHUBERT ~ Symphony Nr. 5

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OLLI Jingle Bells
Ginna Holcombe & Mark Folsom

Performed by Barry Bowman and Ginna Holcombe (OLLI Appreciation Luncheon, 08Dec23)

Dashing to the snacks,
My name badge on my chest.
I take all I can eat
And leave none for the rest

It’s time to take our seats,
Up front an ear to lend.
Let’s sit near someone new;
Perhaps they want a friend.

OLLI friends, OLLI friends
How much can we learn?
Speakers, teachers, interest groups,
For such we do so yearn. OH!

Listening to the talk,
New facts I did not know,
Imagination sparks,
My mind is all aglow.

New interest groups to join,
New courses to attend,
New speakers to await,
Announcements at an end.

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How much can we learn?
Speakers, teachers, interest groups,
For such we do so yearn. OH!

Some attend online,
And some forget to mute,
So everyone can hear
Them munch and talk and toot.

Ring, ring, ring, ring, ring -
Bark, bark, bark, bark, bark -
We do not need to hear
Your every daft remark!

Going back to school
With OLLI is the best.
I study quantum fields
Yet never take a test.

We love to go to class.
But parking sucks at MAH.
And if I park at Trader Joe’s
They’ll tow away my car.

OLLI friends, OLLI friends
How much can we learn?
Speakers, teachers, interest groups,
For such we do so yearn!