OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE
AT BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR

Last September we did a research questionnaire and 557 of you participated—about 38% of the total membership—which is an outstanding response rate. Over 99% of you believe that we are keeping members well informed, welcomed, and appreciated, and that we offer classes that are stimulating and intellectually enriching. I am very happy to see that almost all of you are pleased with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute’s offerings and our welcoming environment.

I believe that these outstanding results show that we have an excellent staff and volunteers who put together our curriculum, that we offer stimulating classes of broad interest, and that they are taught by outstanding professors and instructors.

Some additional findings of interest: 72% of members are female; 67% are married or partnered; 58% are between the ages of 65 and 74; 87% have a college or advanced degree; and 88% are fully retired. And all are intellectually curious.

We are always looking for ways to improve and new class ideas. If you have any suggestions, please put them in the suggestion box located outside the large classroom, tell a staff member, or mention them to an Advisory Board member. Together, we all can keep Osher great.

Rick Ogle
Chair, Osher Institute Advisory Board

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**Tuesday, June 6 at 8 a.m.**

Online and mail-in registration opens.

**Wednesday, June 7 at 8 a.m.**

Phone-in registration opens.

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- **Mail or Drop Off** – Paper registrations will be processed beginning Tuesday, June 6 at 8 a.m., in the order in which they are received, so mail in or drop off your registration form as soon as you receive your catalog. Mail to: Boise State University, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 220 E. Parkcenter Blvd., Boise, ID 83706-3940.

- **Phone** – You may phone in your registration beginning Wednesday, June 7 at 8 a.m. by calling Customer Services at (208) 426-1709.

ABOUT THE OSHER INSTITUTE

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Boise State University is a membership-based, lifelong learning program that offers a wide variety of college-level, non-credit lectures, short courses, and special events for intellectually curious adults over age 50. No homework or exams!

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**Communicating with Persons Living with Dementia**

Due to the prevalence of Alzheimer’s disease and many other diseases that cause dementia, virtually everyone knows, or will know, someone who is affected. Much information exists about various types of dementia and what they do to the brain, but most people are largely unaware of the ways that interpersonal interactions, many of which are counter-intuitive, can significantly improve the lives of persons living with this affliction. This lecture will feature real-world examples that will give members the skills they need to interact meaningfully with friends and loved ones living with dementia.

**Presenter:** Eric Collett, owner and principal, A Mind For All Seasons, LLC

**Date and time:** Mon., Aug. 28, 10 a.m.-noon

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**Magnetic Shape Memory: From Terminator 2 to Drug Delivery**

Magnetic Shape Memory (MSM) technology enables machines to be replaced by materials. This lecture will use familiar science fiction to explain this further. In the movie *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*, Arnold Schwarzenegger starred as the robot T-800, sent back from the future to save the world. His nemesis was a more advanced T-1000 robot, fabricated from a single “polymimetic” material which allowed it to fluidly morph into new shapes, recover, and control the operation. We will examine how MSM alloys are similar in concept to the “liquid metal” robot in that applying different magnetic fields allows material to re-form into a new shape. Do this quickly and with purpose and you have a motor or pump or any other device.

**Presenter:** Dr. Peter Müllner, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Osher Faculty Grant recipient, Boise State University

**Date and time:** Tue., Sept. 12, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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**Atlanta, Idaho: Life in a Mining Camp Through the Lens of a Shutterbug**

Come explore the history of Atlanta, Idaho as seen through the camera lens of Ella Gaetz. As a young woman living in the mining camp of Atlanta at the turn of the century, Ella Gaetz cultivated a hobby for photography after acquiring a camera. Thanks to her hobby, there exists a robust collection of photographs documenting the residents who lived and worked there. During this lecture, members will get a glimpse into the everyday lives of Atlanta’s residents and discover a story that extends beyond the common historical accounts of the mining camp.

**Presenter:** Susie Osgood, Senior Archeologist, Boise National Forest

**Date and time:** Wed., Sept. 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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**A Short History of the Art and Sport of Falconry**

This lecture will discuss the earliest evidence of falconry found in China, Japan, and the bas relief ruins in Khorsabad, Iraq some 1,700 years ago. Falconry during the reigns of Genghis Kahn, Frederick Hohenstaufen, and the Stuart Kings of England will be discussed alongside Shakespeare’s references to the sport. We will then focus on the 17th century, looking at how the advent of guns contributed to a steep decline in falconry. Finally, we will explore the revival of the sport in the late 19th and 20th centuries. Equipment, books, and art will be displayed, showing how falconers have created a rich heritage throughout the centuries.

**Presenter:** Richard Howard, founding member and officer, Idaho Falconry Association

**Date and time:** Tue., Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-noon
Health Care for Baby Boomers: What Will We Need?

Nobody wants to acquire chronic health conditions that interfere with their normal activities and require multiple medications and visits to doctors. As we age, however, it happens to many of us. What can we do to preserve our health and independence as long as possible? How can we help our family members and life partners to do the same? One part of the answer, of course, is to live a healthy lifestyle; the other is to find comprehensive coordinated care and support that meets your increasing needs—care that is surprisingly rare today. This lecture will focus on what you should seek—and demand—from your health care providers to help you optimize life in the years ahead.

Presenter: Chad Boult, MD, Geriatrician, Medical Director, Saint Alphonsus Enhancing Care Initiative
Date and time: Tue., Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-noon
Provided by: Saint Alphonsus Health System

The Eye and Ocular Diseases

The majority of us have had eye exams, but what do we really know about our eyes? Join us for this lecture as we explore the anatomy of the eye, different refractive errors that can occur, and ocular diseases. We will discuss what diseases doctors can see when looking at the eye, including diabetes, hypertension, macular degeneration, cataracts, and AIDS. Different types of eye infections will also be presented. No previous knowledge of the subject is required or presupposed.

Presenter: Gabriel Dery, OD, FAAO, former Professor of Ophthalmology/Optometry, Tianjin Medical University, China
Date and time: Fri., Oct. 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Innovate or Get Left Behind: Is Higher Education at Risk?

This lecture will examine if higher education is at risk of being disrupted. How should university administrators and faculty react when the young people around us say that a college education doesn’t have enough value to justify its price? When there are examples of very successful young business people in our world who are self-taught, and the internet provides more knowledge than one can consume, what can we say in defense of higher education? Will the traditional university survive, or will it be replaced by something else?

Presenter: Gordon Jones, Dean of the College of Innovation and Design, Boise State University
Date and time: Tue., Oct. 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Managing Idaho Forests

Can you “manage” a forest? What is forest management and how does it work? With mixed conifers in the north, warm/dry forests in the south, and monocultures in the southeast, forests account for nearly 40% of Idaho’s landscape. They are part of Idaho’s rich heritage and will be important to Idaho’s future. This lecture will present the different forests of Idaho, their natural cycles, contributions, and ownership. We will ponder what foresters call the “art and science” of forest management and consider ecosystem services, products, and economic contributions of forests.

Presenter: Betty Munis, Director, Idaho Forest Products Commission
Date and time: Thu., Nov. 2, 10 a.m.-noon
How Changing Immigration Policies Are Affecting Our Increasingly Diverse Community

As an immigration attorney for more than 20 years, Kathryn Railsback has counseled families and employers on applying for immigrant and nonimmigrant visas. She has also worked with refugees, agricultural workers, victims of domestic violence, asylum seekers, and citizenship applicants. Additionally, Ms. Railsback is a certified facilitator for a trauma-healing program and travels regularly to East Africa to bring together perpetrators and victims of genocide and other atrocities. In Africa, she has visited the parents, children, and siblings of former refugees residing in Boise. Join us to hear how her experience gives her a unique perspective on the ways U.S. immigration policies affect all Idahoans.

**Presenter: Kathryn Railsback, Attorney at Law, PLLC**

**Date and time:** Wed., Nov. 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Role of Inflammatory Proteins in Breast Cancer

Presenting discoveries from her own laboratory, Dr. Jorcyk, a 2016 Osher Faculty Grant recipient, will discuss current research in the mechanisms that promote breast tumor progression and metastasis. She has found that proteins that normally play a protective role in the body during inflammation and wound healing can lead to increased tumor growth. Dr. Jorcyk will share details of her findings and more, and how she is moving her important research into the clinical/translational arena.

**Presenter: Dr. Cheryl L. Jorcyk, Professor of Biological Sciences, Osher Faculty Grant recipient, Boise State University**

**Date and time:** Thu., Nov. 9, 10 a.m.-noon

Building Toward Statehood: Idaho’s Territorial Architecture

In 2013, Idaho celebrated the sesquicentennial of President Lincoln’s creation of the Idaho Territory. In anticipation of that event, Idaho State Historical Society staff set out to try to locate the tangible remnants of that era and identified five themes: Missionaries; Migration; Military; Mining; and Mormons. This program explores Idaho history through what remains of the built environment of the Territorial Era.

**Presenter: Tricia Canaday, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Idaho State Historical Society**

**Date and time:** Thu., Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-noon

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– Ben Simko, Osher member
FALL SHORT COURSES

**Eclipses Throughout History and the Workings of the Sun**
This special course will focus on the “Great American Eclipse” coming this August 21, eclipses throughout history, and how the sun works. We will begin by examining the upcoming eclipse and how eclipses work in general, as well as specific eclipses in history and the cultural reactions to and concepts of them. We will also review information on safe eclipse viewing and what observers may see during the upcoming eclipse. Eclipse glasses will be provided to all course participants!

*Please note: Actual viewing of the August 21 eclipse is not part of this course; participants can do so independently, using the glasses provided.*

**Presenter:** Dr. Dale Fields, Chair, Physics & Planetary Science Department, Los Angeles Pierce College

**Dates and times:** Wed. and Thu., Aug. 16 and 17, 10 a.m.-noon

**Cost:** $30

**Beethoven**
Ludwig van Beethoven has long been considered the most influential composer of the first half of the nineteenth century, and his music is still a mainstay of concert repertoire today. In this course we will survey his life, his music, what influenced him, his innovations, and his legacy.

**Presenter:** Jennifer Drake, Violist and Conductor of Serenata Chamber Orchestra

**Dates and times:** Tue. and Wed., Sept. 5, 6, 12, and 13, 10 a.m.-noon

**Cost:** $45

**The Biodiversity of Sensory Worlds**
This course will focus on the sensory worlds of other animals. We will take the sensory perspective of wildlife to deepen our understanding of evolutionary processes, ecological structure, and conservation threats. We will explore how bats hunt using sonar, how moths battle these acoustic predators, and the implications for the evolution of the megadiverse nocturnal insects. We will learn how birds use sound to mate, detect predators and find food, and how these important behaviors might be compromised by a louder world.

**Presenter:** Dr. Jesse Barber, Professor of Biology, Boise State University

**Dates and times:** Tue. and Thu., Sept. 5 and 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Cost:** $25

**Introduction to Travel Writing**
Join us for this workshop to develop your travel writing skills. In a safe, non-competitive setting, we will write and share short nonfiction pieces about our travel experiences. Excerpts from a variety of famous travel writers will be provided to promote discussion about various forms and styles of travel writing. You will be free to borrow from, imitate, and emulate the great travel writers, but the emphasis will be on finding your own voice and making meaning from your own travel experiences.

**Presenter:** Dr. Clyde Moneyhun, Associate Professor of English, Boise State University

**Dates and times:** Tue., Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, and 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Cost:** $75    **Capacity:** 20
Poverty, Education, and Pathways to a Better Life
Technology has affected the world we once knew and has set a course of constantly accelerating change. Jobs have been eliminated and new jobs have been created, leaving workers displaced and raising the skill level needed to secure a new career. As a result, poverty is growing in the United States and, in specific communities, has all but overwhelmed local schools and governments. The American Dream that has been so much a part of our culture is disappearing. In this course, we will review developments in the world of work, discuss challenges that communities are facing, and describe how some schools have joined with business, governments, and churches to better meet the need of the poor and help families build “Cultures of Hope.”
Presenter: Dr. Robert Barr, former Dean of Education, Oregon State University and Boise State University
Dates and times: Fri., Sept. 8 and 15, 10 a.m.-noon
Cost: $25

For Whom the Bell Tolls and the Spanish Civil War
The novel *For Whom the Bell Tolls* is a fascinating and rich study of the Spanish Civil War encased in the brilliant language of Ernest Hemingway. Learn about the labyrinth of issues, both internal and external, of this brutal conflict and discover the unique ways that Hemingway addresses them. Gender equality, agrarian reform, illiteracy, aerial bombing of civilian populations, the atrocities committed by both sides, fascism vs. democracy—these topics and many more are woven into this incredible narrative. To further enrich our understanding of the context, we will also examine Hemingway’s film *The Spanish Earth*, the photography of Robert Capa, propaganda posters from the period, and Picasso’s iconic painting *Guernica*.
Presenter: Dr. Stacey Guill
Dates and times: Mon., Sept. 11, 18, 25, and Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-noon
Cost: $45

Montana Trilogy: The Family Memoirs of Mary Clearman Blew
Montana-born author Mary Clearman Blew writes some of the most original memoirs of the contemporary American West. This three-week course features Blew’s three family memoirs. *All But the Waltz* probes the characters of five generations of Montana ranchers, opportunists, and schoolteachers. *Balsamroot* and *Writing Her Own Life* weave a relationship between Blew and a dying aunt, whose World War II-era diary forms the basis of the third volume. Blew writes vividly of her home landscape and family, all the while challenging the legacy of rugged western individualism with a core value that she writes into the narrative structure of all three books: collaboration.
Presenter: Dr. Tara Penry, Professor of English, Boise State University
Dates and times: Wed., Sept. 13, 20, and 27, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Cost: $35

That’s Amore!
Love has fascinated, motivated, and dazzled human beings for centuries and has inspired every art form to attempt to depict this most elusive of human emotions. In this special course, we will feature music that aspires to express the inexpressible. We will focus on classical selections by the great composers that portray the human emotions surrounding this topic. Music shines its light on the human experience as one international language (music) sheds light on another (love). We will blend narration and visual images and, after discussing the origins and significance of each piece, Dr. Parkinson will perform each of these masterworks.
Presenter: Dr. Del Parkinson, Professor of Music, Boise State University
Dates and times: Thu., Sept. 14 and 21, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Location: Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy, 516 S. 9th St., Boise
Cost: $30 Capacity: 135
• **A Short History of Racial Backlash in America**

History is not always a steady march toward progress. This course will explore the history of racial backlash against civil rights in America, focus on patterns across time, and discuss what we can glean from them. Surveying different waves of racial backlash from colonization to the present, we will analyze their triggers, motives, goals, and results, as well as how politics and economics have intersected with racial feelings.

**Presenter:** Dr. Jill Gill, Professor of History, Boise State University  
**Dates and times:** Thu., Sept. 14, 21, and 28, 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** $35

• **Monsters Among Us**

This course will explore the ways Jungian archetypes are expressed in monsters. We will target four classic archetypal monsters—including Frankenstein and Dracula—unpack their history and origins, and view clips of film versions of them through the decades, ranging from the 1930s to the 1990s. We will creatively examine how the same ethical or moral issues are presented differently at different times.

**Presenter:** Ivan Peterson, Social Studies teacher, West Ada School District  
**Dates and times:** Mon., Sept. 18 and 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** $25

• **The Presidency and the Constitution**

The intersection of the Constitution and the exercise of presidential power has generated great debate and controversy throughout American history. This course examines the principal constitutional challenges and conflicts that have enveloped the presidencies of Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, and Donald Trump. Topics include congressional investigations, abuse of power, pardon power, war power, national security and foreign affairs, and impeachment.

**Presenter:** Dr. David Adler, President of the Alturas Institute  
**Dates and times:** Tue., Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, and 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** $45

• **Cultural History of Russia**

When Russia is discussed in the U.S., we often imagine the government centered in the Kremlin, in Moscow. But Russia, historically and in the present, has always been more than its rulers. This course will lay out the history of Russia’s rulers and regimes, but will focus on cultural themes that help explain contemporary politics and will also show the “human side” of Russia. The first session will cover religious, cultural, and civic themes in pre-Petrine and Imperial Russia; class two will address these themes in revolutionary and Soviet Russia; class three will cover the 1990s and early Putin period; and the final class will feature a slideshow of Professor Dixon’s research and allow discussion of contemporary trends.

**Presenter:** Dr. Megan Dixon, Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies, The College of Idaho  
**Dates and times:** Wed., Sept. 20, Oct. 4, 6, and 11, 10 a.m. - noon  
**Cost:** $45

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— Gary Wyke, Osher member
Free Speech and Internet Trolls: What are the Limits?
The constitutional right to free speech, the cornerstone of American democracy, has traditionally applied to anonymous speech. However, the advent of the Internet is testing the limits of this constitutional principle. This course will explore the boundaries of online free speech rights. After a review of the history of the use of pseudonyms and anonymous speech, starting with the Federalist Papers, and the impact of several important cases on free speech rights, this course will consider many important questions regarding Internet speech. Do traditional justifications for protecting anonymous speech hold up today? Does anonymous Internet speech have societal value? How far do the speech rights of Internet trolls extend? Can they be held accountable for their actions? What can be done to counter the impact of anonymous Internet hate speech?

Presenter: Susan Park, JD, Chair, Department of Management, Boise State University

Dates and times: Mon., Oct. 2, 9, and 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Cost: $35

Holistic and Integrative Health Practices for Self-Care
“Natural forces within us are the true healers of disease,” wrote Hippocrates. This course will define holistic health and introduce research and evidence-based practices which treat the whole person, mind, body, and spirit. We will learn the history and evolution of holistic health in Western medicine and explore applications of self-care. At a basic level, we will look at several mind-body interventions such as mindfulness, breathing and relaxation techniques, imagery, creative and energy healing, and more. Participants will have the option to experiment in class with self-care techniques that will be demonstrated.

Presenter: Marty Downey, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, CHTP, Emeritus Associate Professor/Adjunct faculty, Boise State University School of Nursing

Dates and times: Wed., Oct. 4, 11, 18, and 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Cost: $45

Painting with the Boise Art Museum
Learn to paint quickly and confidently by learning from the Museum’s collection. This course will focus on using water-based media (watercolor, gouache, and ink) to create dynamic and realistic work. Basic techniques will be introduced and students will be encouraged to experiment with a combination of materials. No prior experience is necessary. All levels are welcome. Materials will be provided and are included in the cost of the course.

Presenter: Terra Feast, Curator of Education, Boise Art Museum

Dates and times: Wed., Oct. 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Location: Boise Art Museum, 670 Julia Davis Dr., Boise

Cost: $45

Capacity: 25
The Sixth Extinction
This course is the sequel to last semester’s Mass Extinctions course, but is designed to stand alone as well. We will discuss the so-called “Sixth extinction,” the ongoing human-caused major extinction event. This course will explore topics such as natural and current extinction rates, major causes of extinction, extinction selectivity, extinction proneness, the value of biological diversity, and important conservation strategies to prevent extinction. The necessary background in biology will be provided, somewhat painlessly.

Presenter: Dr. Eric Yensen, Professor Emeritus of Biology, The College of Idaho; Adjunct graduate faculty, Boise State University

Dates and times: Thu., Oct. 5, 12, 19, and 26, 10 a.m.-noon

Cost: $45

Five “Degenerate” Artists
In the 1930s, the Nazi regime passed judgment on what type of art complied with Nazi ideology. Art deemed unacceptable was banned from German museums and labeled “degenerate.” Many German artists fell into the “degenerate” category. Their works were ridiculed, confiscated, and destroyed. The Degenerate Art Exhibition was held in Munich in 1937 while a companion Great German Art Exhibition was held as a counterpoint. A small group of artists who were singled out as “degenerate”—Nolde, Grosz, Kirchner, Marc, and Schwitters—will be highlighted in this course. Their works, held in private hands, in other countries, and in museums outside Germany, escaped destruction and are a testimony to the resilience of artistic expression in the face of persecution.

Presenter: Dario Bollacasa, author, world traveler, and Boise Art Museum docent

Dates and times: Thu., Oct. 5, 12, and 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Cost: $35

If There’s a Rock and Roll Heaven…
This course will focus on eight legendary pop music artists whose work has had significant impact on music and culture. Each session will focus on two artists, treating each separately, but also examining the way their artistry overlaps and diverges. Join us as we tune in to: Elvis Presley and Michael Jackson; Little Richard and Prince; Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen; and Carole King and Madonna. Dancing is welcomed but not required!

Presenter: Dr. Mary Rohlfing, Professor of Communication, Boise State University

Dates and times: Mon., Oct. 9, 16, 23, and 30, 10 a.m.-noon

Cost: $45

Howard Hawks, the Professional
Prolific director Howard Hawks made unforgettable films in every genre—Westerns, screwball comedies, gangster pictures, detective stories, and adventure yarns. An aviator, engineer, and race car driver off-screen, Hawks told stories that reflected his views of courage, romance, character, and professionalism in one of Hollywood’s longest and most prolific careers. In this course, we will trace the themes explored by Hawks in films like Red River, Bringing Up Baby, Scarface, The Big Sleep, and To Have and Have Not, and view clips of some of these films.

Presenter: Lance Thompson, President, Idaho Media Professionals

Dates and times: Fri., Oct. 13, 20, and 27, 10 a.m.-noon

Cost: $35
**Living in a Materials World**

Materials matter to all of us. Everyday objects are made of materials designed to have specific properties and perform in certain ways. From the mundane—shower curtains, cooking pans, roof shingles—to the extraordinary—aircraft engines, artificial organs—materials impact all aspects of our life. It is this direct link to the everyday world that makes materials science and engineering topics so fascinating. This course will help members understand why different materials have different characteristics, and how materials scientists manipulate matter to design these characteristics.

**Presenter:** Dr. Amy Moll, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Boise State University  
**Dates and times:** Tue., Oct. 17, 24, 31, and Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-noon  
**Cost:** $45

**Water Contamination in Idaho**

Every Idahoan relies on clean water—we drink it, water our crops with it, use it in industry, and enjoy fishing and swimming in it. Yet, many of our rivers and lakes fail to meet our state water quality standards. Come and learn about water pollution in Idaho. How pervasive is it? What are its causes? Is it harming our health? What is being done to reduce and control it? Join us for an overview of this very important issue which will include specific examples of failures and successes in the effort to protect Idaho’s water.

**Presenter:** Justin Hayes, Program Director, Idaho Conservation League  
**Dates and times:** Wed., Oct. 18 and 25, 10 a.m.-noon  
**Cost:** $25

**The Odyssey**

This course will study Homer’s great poem about Odysseus, “the cunning hero, the wanderer.” He navigates through myriad temptations, hardships, and dangers in his struggle to get home from the Trojan War. Once back on Ithaca, he faces even greater challenges. He must use all his cunning and endurance in the effort to reclaim his kingdom and reunit with his family. This course will also examine the poem’s place in the larger saga of the Nostoi (stories of the Trojan War heroes’ returns from the war), the character of the original Greek text, and other topics. We will read *The Odyssey* in the lively translation by Stanley Lombardo (Hackett Publishing, 2000).

**Presenter:** Dr. Richard Leahy, Professor Emeritus of English, Boise State University  
**Dates and times:** Mon., Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, and 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** $45

**Science and Public Land Policy**

Science is often used to support policy on how we use public lands, but economic, political, and social perspectives also shape policy. When perspectives oppose, should science take precedence? Using the backdrop of the decisions made in 2005, 2010, and 2015 to list the greater sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act and the impact of those decisions on public land use, we will explore the process of conducting science and how policy decisions are made. We will also discuss how increasing demands from the public for scientific transparency often conflict with maintaining the integrity of the process.

**Presenter:** Dr. Steve Knick, retired Supervisory Research Ecologist, U.S. Department of the Interior  
**Dates and times:** Wed., Nov. 1 and 8, 10 a.m.-noon  
**Cost:** $25

*“After nearly 40 years on the north side of the podium, it is great—at this stage of my retirement years—to be a ‘lifelong learner’ on the south side.”*  
– Russell J. Centanni, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Osher member
Autonomous Vehicles

Autonomous vehicles are emerging from research and development and heading towards reality. Many companies and large sums of money are committed to bringing this technology to fruition. This course will cover the history of how we got here, discuss what “autonomous” exactly means, describe some of the technology used, and examine the technical challenges remaining before coming to market. Beyond the technology, we will look at the implications of the introduction of autonomous vehicles on how people get places, how ownership and insuring vehicles changes, and how we are likely to use these new vehicles. We will also discuss possible outcomes to jobs and how cities will change with the introduction of vehicles not operated by humans.

Presenter: Chuck Folkner, retired Principal Systems Architect, Starbucks Coffee Company
Dates and times: Thu., Nov. 2 and 9, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Cost: $25

Henry David Thoreau: The Life and His Work

This course, occurring in the bicentennial year of Thoreau’s birth, will focus on the life, writings, and natural history studies of Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862). Thoreau was a poet, a surveyor, an abolitionist, and a designer of pencils. He also has been called the father of American nature writing, an inspiration to both Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi, and a key voice in the development of environmentalism in the United States.

Presenter: Dr. Rochelle Johnson, Professor of English and Environmental Studies, The College of Idaho
Dates and times: Mon., Nov. 6, 13, 20, and 27, 10 a.m.-noon
Cost: $45

What They Don’t Teach You in Ornithology Class

Uncover the secrets of ornithology. Babies that grow to be three times the size of their parents, a modern-day species that’s more dinosaur than bird, females that battle each other to get the best mate, and a bird that never lands? It’s often the exceptions to the rule that are rarely talked about but usually the most interesting. In this course we will explore the hidden side of birds that make even the most seasoned ornithologist say “wow!”

Presenter: Heidi Ware, Education and Outreach Director, Intermountain Bird Observatory
Dates and times: Mon., Dec. 4 and 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Cost: $25
FALL SPECIAL EVENTS

■ The Oregon Trail in Southwest Idaho

This event is back by popular demand and is a repeat of Jerry’s spring 2016 offering. Tens of thousands of people followed the Oregon Trail across Idaho on an overland journey to the Pacific Ocean. Southwest Idaho has excellent Oregon Trail resources remaining. A lecture will be given the day before the tour using pictures, maps, and diary accounts to establish an understanding of the journey. The tour will cover much of the Main Oregon Trail Back Country Byway and allow participants to experience the Oregon Trail by viewing numerous sites and walking in the footsteps of the pioneers. The morning will include stops at Three Island Crossing State Park and overlook, with lunch at Crossings Winery in Glenns Ferry. The afternoon will include stops at Teapot Dome Hot Springs, Canyon Creek stage station, and Bowns Creek inscription rock. Additional sites may be included as time permits.

Presenter: Jerry Eichhorst, President and Webmaster, Idaho Chapter of Oregon-California Trails Association

Dates and times:
Lecture: Fri., Sept. 29, 1-3 p.m.
Field Trip: Sat., Sept. 30, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Location:
Lecture: Yanke Research Park, 220 E. Parkcenter Blvd.
Field Trip: Three Island Crossing State Park, Glenns Ferry, Teapot Dome Hot Springs, Canyon Creek, and Bowns Creek

Bus will leave from the Yanke Research Park parking lot at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Cost: $65 Capacity: 50

Please note: If this trip fills, we will try to add a second date. Please make sure you add your name to the waitlist.

■ Talkin’ Broncos: National Champions

This special lecture and demonstration will highlight invitational and productive aspects of public debate with members of the national championship speech and debate team, the Boise State Talkin’ Broncos. Team members will walk us through the parameters and considerations of affirming or negating a claim. We will then observe these cases in action through a demonstration debate to show us why they are the champions!

Presenter: Dr. Manda Hicks, Associate Professor of Communication, Boise State University

Date and time: Wed., Nov. 1, 3-5 p.m.

■ GIMM Lab Tour

GIMM: Gaming, Interactive Media and Mobile Technology—come see what it’s all about. This tour will introduce us to Boise State’s new GIMM academic program and the exciting research in this area. The work done by faculty and students in partnership with industry is pioneering hardware and software applications to increase the usability of virtual learning environments and augmented reality. Dr. Ellerton will both discuss and showcase emerging technical applications in GIMM’s Virtual & Augmented Reality, Internet of Things, and Serious Gaming projects.

Presenter: Dr. Anthony Ellerton, Founding Director & Clinical Associate Professor, College of Innovation and Design, Boise State University

Date and time: Fri., Nov. 3, 10 a.m.-noon

Location: Boise State University, Albertsons Library, 2nd Floor, 1865 W. Cesar Chavez Ln.

Capacity: 40
### Thank You for Being Late: A Book Discussion

Thomas Friedman’s latest book, *Thank You for Being Late*, is an exploration of how today’s rapid transformations in technology, globalization, and climate change are stressing our social, political, and economic systems. The book’s subtitle, *An Optimist’s Guide To Thriving In The Age of Accelerations*, expresses Friedman’s view that there are ways both individuals and society can manage these dizzying changes. Members are expected to have read *Thank You for Being Late* prior to meeting. Discussion questions will be provided in advance.

**Presenter:** Chuck Folkner, retired Principal Systems Architect, Starbucks Coffee Company  
**Date and time:** Thu., Nov. 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
**Capacity:** 30

### FireFusion Studio and Boise Art Glass Tour

FireFusion Studio and Boise Art Glass have a passion for glass. The owners and artists, Delia Dante and Filip Vogelpohl, have artwork throughout the Treasure Valley and are enthusiastic about sharing their love for art with the community. Join us as we take a tour through their gallery and watch glassblowing and glass enameling demonstrations. Learn about the history of the mediums, the artists’ backgrounds, and ask questions about the intriguing process. Once you see it, you’ll want to try it for yourself!

**Presenters:** Delia Dante, award-winning metal and glass enamel artist, and Filip Vogelpohl, blown glass artist and teacher  
**Date and time:** Fri., Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** 1124 W. Front St., Boise  
**Capacity:** 30

### 2017 Winter Celebration

Join your fellow Osher Institute members outside the classroom to celebrate the end of another successful fall semester and to help ring in an exciting new spring semester! Mingle with friends and make new friends while enjoying food and refreshments, a short program, live jazz music provided by Chuck Smith and Friends, and a slideshow of photos from the year. The event is free, but registration is required.

**Date and time:** Tue., Dec. 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Boise State Student Union Simplot Ballroom  
**Capacity:** 400

*“We love our Osher classes! They open whole new worlds and eras to us, truly enriching our lives.”*  
— Loren and Lorel Case, Osher members
Did you know that any current Osher member can start a Special Interest Group (SIG)? If you do not see a SIG that you are interested in, consider starting your own. We can help!

If you have questions about how to start a SIG, please contact Program Coordinator Jamie Lundergreen at (208) 426-2027 or jamielundergreen@boisestate.edu. Joining a SIG is free, but registration is required.

- **Foreign Films at The Flicks**
  Join Osher members who enjoy foreign films by gathering on selected Fridays at The Flicks, Boise’s premier independent movie theater. Following each film, members will have the opportunity to meet in the theater for a half-hour discussion. This SIG will meet September through December, once per month. 
  **Please note:** Due to robust interest in this SIG and the limited size of the theater, the film may sell out. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
  **Facilitator:** River Wilson

- **Hemingway**
  Come join Osher Institute members who are interested in reading, studying, and discussing the writings of Ernest Hemingway. Meeting locations, dates, and times for this SIG will be announced.
  **Facilitator:** Ted Judd

- **Walking the Greenbelt**
  Take part in the beauty of the Boise River Greenbelt with other members who want to get exercise while enjoying the sights and sounds of nature. Moderate to brisk walks that begin and end at the Yanke Building will be the core of this SIG. The group walks for one hour on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m., starting Sept. 11 and ending on Dec. 1.
  **Facilitator:** River Wilson

- **Photography**
  Want to help the Osher Institute photograph our courses and activities for potential use in future slide shows, catalogs, and on our website? If you are knowledgeable about using your camera and are willing to take pictures independently at some of the Osher courses, lectures, and special events throughout the season, this SIG is for you. This does not involve a large time commitment and members can take photos during the offerings they are already enrolled in.
  **Facilitator:** Terry Christenson

- **Hiking in the Foothills**
  Come explore Boise’s wonderful Ridge to Rivers (R2R) trail system on moderately-strenuous hikes of one-and-a-half to two hours in duration. Start from a different trailhead each week to experience the beauty of the open space surrounding our city.
  **Facilitator:** Mike Merz

- **Meditation**
  Every Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m., Osher member and certified meditation teacher, Carolyn Beaver leads a mantra-based meditation group called satsang, which is defined as “in community with seekers of truth.” Every satsang opens with either teachings from yogic texts, chanting, or japa (out loud mantra repetition). A 20-25 minute meditation period follows, with time for journaling and reflection. The ongoing weekly satsang is open to Osher members as well the general public, so feel free to bring a friend!
  **Location:** River Time Yoga in the Vista Village Shopping Center, 1004 Vista Avenue.
  **Facilitator:** Carolyn Beaver  **Capacity:** 45
Memoir Writing
Join Osher Institute members who are interested in writing memoirs. Meeting locations, dates, and times for this SIG will be announced.

Facilitator: Merilee Marsh         Capacity: 25

TRAVEL WITH US!

The Osher Institute travel committee, made up of Osher members and travel enthusiasts, meets throughout the year to help select trips of interest. We proudly partner with Road Scholar who has been in business for over 40 years and specializes in educational travel for people over age 50.

This past spring we explored *Enchanting Ireland: Town and Country*.

This coming spring we will be experiencing *The Best of Charleston and Savannah*. Registration dates for this trip and information about future trips will be announced in our monthly e-newsletter, *Osher News*.

Please note: As with other opportunities with limited capacity, these trips tend to fill quickly. You are encouraged to register early. Registration is available directly through Road Scholar.

“Osher members are intellectually curious and bring a lifetime of experience to every discussion. Teaching at Osher is hugely rewarding!”
– Susan Rowe, Osher presenter

Osher members in Yellowstone, Spring 2016
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANNUAL SUPPORT

The Osher Excellence Fund helps to strengthen our program and ensure our sustainability. Annual member gifts go a long way in helping us continue to provide high-quality programming, taught by talented instructors, in well-appointed classrooms. It also helps ensure we have the necessary resources to meet future challenges and opportunities as they arise. The Excellence Fund also demonstrates to the Bernard Osher Foundation that we are invested locally in our own Institute, and complements the model of philanthropy they have demonstrated to us, which, combined with member support, has been instrumental in our success. Thank you.

Ways to donate to the Osher Excellence Fund:
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• Make a gift securely online through the Boise State University Foundation from our Osher homepage at [osopher.boisestate.edu](osopher.boisestate.edu) and clicking on the “Make a Donation” button.
• Send a check made out to the Osher Excellence Fund c/o the Boise State University Foundation at 2225 University Drive, Boise, ID 83706.

Leave a Legacy for Lifelong Learning
A Planned Gift is a great way to support the Osher Institute without impacting your current finances. A legacy or planned gift is a gift for the future that will support the longevity of the Osher Institute so it will be here for lifelong learners in our community for years to come. For more information, contact Jennifer Neil, Osher member and Executive Director for Planned Giving at Boise State University, at Jenniferneil1@boisestate.edu or (208) 426-2927.

FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Osher Institute believes that the opportunity to take classes and participate in the rich intellectual life of this Institute should be available to all qualified adults. To reach this goal, we have made a limited number of financial scholarships available each year. Members in need may reapply for scholarships for three consecutive years.

A financial scholarship provides:
• A waiver of membership fee but all the benefits of membership
• Half-priced discount on up to three courses per semester, based on availability

Please note: Scholarships are not available for fee-based special events and trips.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this opportunity, we encourage you to apply for an Osher Institute Financial Scholarship. Applications will be accepted year round but expire at the end of each fiscal year (June 30).

Additional information and the application are available on our website at [osopher.boisestate.edu](osopher.boisestate.edu) or by calling (208) 426-6554.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OSHER INSTITUTE MEMBERS

Membership
Membership is $70 for a year or $35 for a half year and includes a membership card, a parking permit, and attendance at lectures and some special events for no extra cost. You will receive your membership materials within two weeks before your first registered course, lecture, and/or special event. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and some fill quickly, so we urge you to register early. Registration must include payment.

Show us you’re a member!
Every Osher Institute member receives a personalized membership card with lanyard to be worn at all Osher courses, lectures, and special events. This is your membership identification and helps the staff and other members know who you are.

Course Cancellations
Cancellations made within 14 days of the course start date will be assessed a $10 cancellation fee per course, with a maximum of $20 for multiple course cancellations completed in one transaction. To cancel a course reservation, call Customer Services at (208) 426-1709. Membership fees are non-refundable.

Weather Cancellations
If a course, lecture, or special event must be cancelled due to weather or other circumstances, we will email registrants the night before or the morning of, no later than 90 minutes before class time. If you do not have email access, we will do our best to call you. If you have concerns about weather, please check your email or call 426-OLLI (6554) for updates on cancellations.

Location
The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is located in the Boise State University Yanke Family Research Park at 220 E. Parkcenter Blvd., across from the Red Robin restaurant. Our office is located directly off the building’s main lobby, in room 205.

Parking
Members may park in the lot in front of the Yanke Building in the general parking areas only. DO NOT park in visitors or reserved parking spots. Handicap-accessible parking is available, but an Osher parking permit is still required. Please make sure your parking permit cling is affixed to your car window. Please note: there is a $5 fee to replace an Osher parking permit.

Osher Institute Gift Memberships
Gift certificates are available by calling Customer Services at (208) 426-1709.
Volunteers play a big part in Osher operations and serve many important functions. Volunteering is a great way to get to know other members and to feel more connected to your Osher community.

**Benefits of Volunteering**
- Meet new people
- Develop new skills
- Share your experiences
- Contribute to the Osher Institute’s success
- Provide input into Osher Institute programs
- Support our mission of lifelong learning

**Volunteer Opportunities**

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- Tue., June 6, 2017 (Online and mail-in registration opens)
- Wed., June 7, 2017 (Phone-in registration opens)