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Welcome back for another semester at Osher. Whenever I meet someone who is an Osher member, they always give an enthusiastic thumbs up for the class they recently attended. This enthusiasm might suggest why we are up to 1,500 members!

One of the reasons that attendance continues to grow is the good word-of-mouth marketing that we get from our members. It is clear that you appreciate the quality of Osher courses and lectures and the social engagement that comes from learning with others. Our instructors do such a great job. We consistently get positive feedback from them about how much they enjoy the opportunity to share a subject they are passionate about with such an intellectually curious audience. This combination translates into fascinating classes for all of us. I think you will find many great opportunities in this semester’s catalog to indulge your curiosity and to learn from passionate experts. See you in class.

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Tuesday, December 5, 8 a.m.
Online and mail-in registration opens.

Wednesday, December 6, 8 a.m.
Phone-in registration opens.

• **Online** – This is the preferred method of registration. Register online beginning Tuesday, December 5, 8 a.m. To register, visit [osopher.boisestate.edu](http://osopher.boisestate.edu) and click on the “Member Registration and Log On” icon on the home page. If you are a new member, click on the “Become a Member” icon on the home page.

• **Mail or Drop Off** – Paper registrations will be processed beginning Tuesday, December 5, 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, December 6, 8 a.m. by calling Customer Services at (208) 426-1709.

**Please Note:** This catalog contains the list of offerings as of October 2017. Please check our website, [osopher.boisestate.edu](http://osopher.boisestate.edu), for any newly added lectures or courses.

ABOUT THE OSHER INSTITUTE

Endowed by the Bernard Osher Foundation, 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. **The best part? No homework or exams!** The Institute’s offerings are presented in fall and spring semesters and are taught by Boise State faculty and other community experts. Unless otherwise indicated, courses and lectures are held at the Yanke Family Research Park, 220 E. Parkcenter Blvd., Boise.

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The Impact of State Policy Decisions
State policy decisions impact our budget, our economy, and our future. In this lecture, we will look at recent trends in Idaho’s economic performance and public sector support. We will discuss the implications of revenue reductions and the corresponding cuts to public services with a particular focus on how public education (K-12 schools and higher education) has been affected. Current policy topics will also be examined, including recent legislative and executive actions, issues that are likely to surface in 2018, and the federal budget landscape.

Presenter: Alejandra Cerna Rios, Policy Analyst, Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy
Date and time: Tue., Jan. 16, 10 a.m.-noon.

Lessons from High Water on the Boise River
Boise River Flood Control District #10 is Idaho’s most active Flood Control District. This lecture will review opportunities and challenges posed during the historic high water season of 2017, when record flood releases threatened Eagle Island residents, public infrastructure, and local businesses. What happened along the Boise River in 2017, and what lessons should be learned as the Treasure Valley heads into the future? Join us as two experts provide a local perspective on high water impacts along the Boise River.

Presenters: Mike Dimmick, District Manager, Boise River Flood Control District #10, and Steve Sweet, PE, District Engineer, Boise River Flood Control District #10
Date and time: Thu., Jan. 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Long-billed Curlews in the Intermountain West
2017 Osher Faculty Grant recipient, Jay Carlisle, will share his latest research on Long-billed Curlews, the largest shorebird in North America. These birds are declining in many parts of their range and factors include habitat loss, toxins, and human disturbance. Under Carlisle’s direction, Boise State University’s Intermountain Bird Observatory (IBO) personnel have studied curlews in southwestern Idaho since 2009—and other populations in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming since 2013. See what they have learned and how the IBO and its research partners are collaborating to also identify the migratory patterns of Long-billed Curlews using satellite telemetry.

Presenter: Dr. Jay Carlisle, Research Director, Intermountain Bird Observatory, and Associate Research Professor of Biological Sciences, Boise State University
Date and time: Mon., Feb. 5, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Redesign of the Idaho State Museum
The Idaho State Museum in Julia Davis Park has been undergoing major renovations since August 2014. This lecture will give members an inside look at the museum’s renovation process, from the initial groundwork and content development to how community input affected the design. Come discover what it takes to close down a museum and prepare it for reopening, see what the museum will look like once it is open to visitors, and learn how the museum’s expansion will enhance the educational opportunities that can be provided.

Presenter: Ryan Gerulf, Development Administrator, Idaho State Historical Society
Date and time: Thu., Feb. 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Learning from a Refugee Crisis in 16th Century Croatia

Looking at lessons from the distant past, this lecture will focus on the refugee movement and settlement from the Ottoman Empire to Croatia that occurred in the 1530s. While this event occurred nearly five centuries ago, it shares many characteristics with modern refugee movements, and uniquely, the settlement is still visible today in the region through cultural and demographic markers. Join us as we discuss this sixteenth-century refugee movement and focus on what we can learn from it as we seek ways to solve the modern refugee crisis.

Presenter: Dr. Nick Miller, Professor of History, Boise State University
Date and time: Tue., Mar. 6, 10 a.m.-noon

Idaho’s Arteries: Early Boating on the Salmon and Snake Rivers

Join author and former river guide, Cort Conley, for this lecture which tells the story of the early history of boating on Idaho’s scenic Salmon and Snake Rivers. Photographs and film from 1920-1940 will be featured, as well as commentary about a few notable people who lived along these waterways.

Presenter: Cort Conley, author
Date and time: Thu., Mar. 8, 10 a.m.-noon

Monarch Butterflies

This lecture is an introduction to monarch butterflies with an emphasis on what is known about the local southwest Idaho population. It will cover reproduction, life stages and metamorphosis, identification of sexes and differentiating monarchs from other area butterflies, migration of the Eastern and Western populations, overwintering, and the threats monarchs are facing that are leading to population decline. In addition, milkweed as the obligate host plant for monarchs will be discussed, including identification of local species. Lastly, information will be provided on what members can do to help this iconic butterfly and how to get involved with local citizen science projects aimed at protecting the species.

Presenter: Hollie Leavitt, Associate Professor of Biology, College of Western Idaho
Date and time: Fri., Mar. 9, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Greater Sage and Sharp-Tailed Grouse in Idaho and Western North America

Greater Sage and Sharp-Tailed Grouse are iconic species of the western sage/grasslands. They serve as a totem for conserving some 40 million acres of sage/grasslands in Idaho and across ten other states. This lecture will explore the life cycles of these species, including the fascinating spring mating rituals. We will also look at the challenges faced by state and federal agencies and private ranchers to integrate range management practices that will perpetuate the species while utilizing the landscape for economic objectives, and what the future prospects are for these species.

Presenter: Alan Sands, wildlife biologist and President of Sage Wildlife Consulting Services
Date and time: Mon., Mar. 12, 10 a.m.-noon

Hummingbirds: “Flying Jewels”

There is a lot that makes members of the Trochilidae, the hummingbird family, unique – from the way they fly, to their size, to their phenological dependence on flowers blooming, and much more. Did you know that there are more than 300 hummingbird species that are only found in the Western Hemisphere? This lecture will cover several aspects of the captivating world of hummingbirds including taxonomy, migration, flight, potential impacts of climate change, species found in Idaho, and how to attract hummingbirds to your yard.

Presenter: Liz Urban, President of the Golden Eagle Audubon Society
Date and time: Mon., Mar. 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
My Trip to the International Space Station and Separating Fact from Fiction in the Movie, The Martian

Join NASA Astronaut, Steve Swanson, for this two-part lecture which will look at his journey to the International Space Station (ISS) and the accurate and not-so-accurate parts of the 2015 movie, The Martian. In part one, Swanson will show videos from his last trip to the ISS after launching on a Russian Soyuz spacecraft, depict life and work aboard the ISS, and show footage of the descent from the ISS and landing in the Soyuz. Part two will then take us through portions of the movie The Martian, separating facts from Hollywood fiction.

Presenter: Dr. Steve Swanson, retired NASA Astronaut and Distinguished Educator in Residence, Boise State University

Date and time: Mon., Apr. 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Swashbuckling Nun: Translating La Monja Alférez

Translating a 400 year old play into English for the first time in history is an exciting endeavor—especially when that play is the true history of a Basque woman named Catalina de Erauso who escaped a nunnery at 18, cut off her hair, dressed as a man, and jumped aboard a ship bound for the New World. She rose to the rank of “alférez” (lieutenant), while living the fantastic life of a conquistador, gambler, and swashbuckler. Join Dr. Test as he talks about the process of translating Comedia Famosa De La Monja Alférez, Catalina’s life, and the life of the original playwright, Juan Pérez Montalbán. He will also discuss the process of bringing the translation to the stage.

Presenter: Dr. Mac Test, Associate Professor of English, Boise State University

Date and time: Mon., Apr. 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

From Blue to Green: Boise’s Industrial Past and Urban Identity

Over the past 40 years, Boise has become increasingly attached to its recreational and outdoor-friendly image. As the city’s “quality of life” becomes its chief selling point, both municipal government as well as business enterprises have adopted this modern urban identity in their current marketing efforts. As this shift has transpired, Boise’s rich industrial heritage has gradually disappeared, greened over by city parks and other recreational spaces, and rendered invisible from the urban landscape and cultural memory. This lecture will explore Boise’s transition from Blue to Green. We will explore the sites of former iron foundries and steel factories and the parks that replaced them, investigating the unexpected impacts of these changes and what was lost.

Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Stevens, Professor of the Practice, Departments of History and Urban Studies and Community Development, Boise State University

Date and time: Thu., May 10, 10 a.m.-noon

Emergent Stroke Care

This lecture will discuss state-of-the-art stroke and aneurysm treatments that are currently used by neurointerventionalists. We will review the signs and symptoms that are present with strokes and aneurysms, who is at risk, possible causes, and how to minimize that risk. We will address common methods of diagnosis, how stroke and aneurysm treatments work, and what emerging innovations are showing promise.

Presenter: Anthony Giauque, MD, Neurointerventional Radiologist, Gem State Radiology

Date and time: Fri., Feb. 23, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

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"The great thing about Osher classes is that they get us thinking and reading about topics we wouldn’t encounter on our own. Sometimes we both take the same courses, sometimes different ones, but between us we cover quite a bit of the catalog. Also, at Osher we make new friends, find old friends, and hear presenters who are well prepared and really enjoy teaching."

- Rick and Margaret Leahy, Osher members
String of Pearls: A Memoir Writing Workshop

Ever thought about writing a memoir, then quickly squelched the idea? Maybe you thought, “It’s too big a project. I’ve got too little time. It’s too intimidating.” This class is designed to show you how to write memoir like a string of pearls—adding one lovely bead at a time. We’ll read great examples of micro memoir and practice writing short pieces to develop writing muscle. We’ll learn the techniques of storytelling—writing in real-time scenes, using sensory details, building moments of tension and release—and dabble in some experimental writing to help draw stories out of us. If an inner voice is telling you to write about life, now is the time.

Presenter: Susan Rowe, freelance writer, editor, and writing instructor
Dates and times: Tue., Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, and 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Cost: $75  Capacity: 15

Meditation: An Ancient Practice for Modern Times

Meditation, a practice that arose from ancient wisdom and religious traditions, is a deep and somewhat mysterious subject. Today, we are more likely to meditate in order to improve our health and calm our minds than to experience the mystic. This course will discuss the historic and mystical roots of meditation, trace its journey from the East to the West, and explain the research-based benefits of the practice. This course is also experiential. Several meditation techniques will be taught, along with the “how tos” of establishing an ongoing meditation practice. Participants are encouraged to bring a small notebook to record their meditation experiences and a pillow or blanket to go underneath their feet to help their bodies be more comfortable in meditation. Participants will be in classroom chairs while meditating.

Presenter: Carolyn Beaver, yoga and Svaroopa Vidya meditation teacher
Dates and times: Thu., Jan. 11 and 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Cost: $25

Building Boise: A History of Entrepreneurs, Technology, and Neighborhoods

21st century Boise is different from the mining supply community established in 1863. Every year, Boise ranks on top 10 lists that range from the best U.S. downtowns, best places to retire, and the best places for outdoor activities. This course will trace Boise’s development into one of the country’s most livable communities. Topics will include key entrepreneurs who promoted Boise at the turn of the 20th century, the development of irrigated agriculture and the electric railway system, and how people and technology created Boise’s unique neighborhoods.

Presenter: Barbara Perry Bauer, Principal, TAG Historical Research and Consulting
Dates and times: Wed., Jan. 10, 17, and 24, 10 a.m.-noon
Cost: $35

The Grand History of World’s Fairs

For the past 150 years, world’s fairs have been monuments to honor design, architecture, technology, industry, and politics, and have featured extravagant displays of society’s most optimistic accomplishments. These events have seized the imaginations of millions of people and continue to intrigue us today. We still see worldwide icons that were built for world’s fairs years ago, including the Eiffel Tower, the Crystal Palace, the Barcelona Pavilion, and the Seattle Space Needle. Learn how these massive events were organized and managed and enjoy an in-depth look at some of the most memorable expositions.

Presenter: Susie Fisher, artist and retired high school art teacher
Dates and times: Thu., Jan. 18 and 25, 10 a.m.-noon
Cost: $25
**The Enjoyment of Classical Music**

Music provides a unique opportunity to listen with your full attention. Exploring pieces from the spring performance schedules of the Boise Philharmonic, Boise Baroque Chamber Orchestra, and the Serenata Orchestra, this course will empower listeners with the skills needed to get the most out of any classical music performance. Sharpen your listening skills, understand compositional forms, and heighten your awareness with fun and engaging exercises. Learn more about the inner workings of the orchestra, the role of the conductor, composers, soloists, and more!

**Presenter:** Jennifer Drake, Music Director, Serenata Orchestra  
**Dates and times:** Tue., Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, and 13, 10 a.m.-noon  
**Cost:** $45

**Astrophysics for People in a Hurry**

This discussion-based seminar will focus on working our way through Neil deGrasse Tyson’s book, *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry*. Though a short book with no math, it covers a wide breadth of astronomy, cosmology, and astrophysics with concepts of varying difficulties. Members will be expected to have read the book prior to the course and be prepared with questions, topics of interest, and for engagement in the discussion.

**Presenter:** Chuck Folkner, retired Principal Systems Architect, Starbucks Coffee Company  
**Dates and times:** Mon., Wed., Fri., Jan. 29, 31, and Feb. 2, 10 a.m.-noon  
**Cost:** $15  
**Capacity:** 20

“*There is an interaction with fellow students and instructors at Osher that I haven’t encountered elsewhere, making the variety of classes all the more enjoyable.*”  
- Carol Delaney, Osher member

**Classical Mythology in Ancient Greece and Rome**

This course will cover the creation myths of the ancient Greeks and Romans, Olympian gods and goddesses, and an array of heroes and demigods. We will consider major themes in Greek mythology—the dominance of fate in their myths, individual blood vengeance versus social justice, the cost that must be paid for overweening pride, the violation of the all-important gift/host relationship, and the heroic quest. Several important mythical or legendary events of that time will be discussed, including the Trojan War, the doomed house of Atreus as depicted in Aeschylus’ *The Oresteia*, the Theban tragedies of King Oedipus by Sophocles, and, finally, the foundation myths of Rome as described in Virgil’s *The Aeneid*. Necessary background information on these works will be provided; no reading necessary.

**Presenter:** Vincent Hannity, retired Boise Cascade Corporation executive and humanities enthusiast  
**Dates and times:** Thu., Feb. 1, 8, 15, and 22, 10 a.m.-noon  
**Cost:** $45

**European Art: The Middle Ages to the Renaissance**

The term “Dark Ages” was coined by the people of the Renaissance because they believed all of the advances of the Classical age had been lost during that time. Scholars today understand that this moment was not one of loss, but of a focus on things that appear after this life. This era was a time of experimentation, with the discovery of linear perspective and the emphasis on returning to scholarship from the Classical age of Greece and Rome, leading to the 16th century’s High Renaissance. This course will look at examples of Byzantine, Romanesque, and Gothic art and architecture to see how art objects changed with the shifts in culture. Artists who worked during this period—such as Brunelleschi, Donatello, Perugino, and Verrochio—will be examined.

**Presenter:** Muffet Jones, Lecturer, Department of Art, Boise State University  
**Dates and times:** Mon., Feb. 5, 12, and 26, 10 a.m.-noon  
**Cost:** $35
Exploring Canada: History, Culture, and Politics

Sharing the world’s longest non-militarized border and trading a million dollars a minute, Canada and the United States are intertwined in a multitude of ways. Yet most Americans know very little about their northern neighbor. This course will briefly explore the history, culture, and politics of Canada. Formed not by revolution, but through a marriage of convenience, Canada has developed many values and systems different from those of the United States. This course will explore these differences and the relationship that endures between these two neighbors and allies.

Presenter: Dr. Lori Hausegger, Director of Canadian Studies Program and Associate Professor of Political Science, Boise State University

Dates and times: Tue., Feb. 6, 13, and 20, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Cost: $35

What Happened to the Islamic World?

The core of the Islamic world today is arguably the most conflict-prone region on earth. How did this great civilization, which once overshadowed the Western world in wealth, power, and scientific achievement, reach this state of disarray? What continues to prevent much of it from achieving political and economic stability? This course will trace the historical roots of Islam and explore its unique geographic and cultural dimensions. It also will focus on the interface between Islam and Western European civilization and how this confrontation has affected attempts at modernization. Finally, we will examine the region’s current state of affairs, including ongoing challenges such as Islamic terrorism and the refugee crisis.

Presenter: Ralph Bild, retired CIA Intelligence Analyst and high school economics and history teacher

Dates and times: Wed., Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Cost: $45

Cosmology 101

How big is the universe, when did it begin, and what will eventually happen to it? Recent science, chiefly in astronomy and physics, has much to say about these questions. This course will examine what we know about the origin, evolution, and eventual fate of the universe. It also will unravel much of the bewildering terminology found in the news, such as “red shift,” “microwave background radiation,” and “inflation theory.” Bring your curiosity and be ready to explore a few of science’s biggest questions.

Presenter: Paul Nelson, retired Senior Engineer, DRAM Research and Development, Micron Technology

Dates and times: Tue., Feb. 20 and 27, 10 a.m.-noon
Cost: $25

The State of the States

This course will analyze the role of the states in the current American political situation. We will explore how and why states matter; how they matter in different ways; how the political environment is highly variable by state; and the biggest policy and fiscal challenges facing the states.

Presenter: Dr. Gary Moncrief, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Boise State University

Dates and times: Mon., Feb. 26 and Mar. 5, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Cost: $25

“The Osher Institute is one of the most exciting things I have done since I moved to Boise. Every week is like Christmas for me; the anticipation of what I will learn the next week is just as exciting as when I was a child.”

- Barbara Miller, Osher member
Idaho’s Geologic History

Idaho’s geology spans many millions of years. Endowed with every geologic phenomenon seen in geology textbooks, this state has it all. This course will take us on a walk through time, starting with ancient Precambrian metamorphic rocks, proceeding through the state’s amazing Paleozoic and Mesozoic eras, and continuing into the Cenozoic, which has many geologic features in the Boise and Snake River Plain areas. We will discover some of Idaho’s mineral wealth and history of supplying essential raw materials for the world wars, with present day conscientious efforts to reclaim and manage mining properties responsibly. Crustal instability in the past and present (Borah Peak earthquake and enigmatic earthquake swarms near Soda Springs) will also be discussed.

**Presenter:** Dr. Peter Isaacson, Professor Emeritus of Geological Sciences, University of Idaho

**Dates and times:** Thu., Mar., 1, 8, 15, and 22, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Cost:** $45

Politics, Polarization, and the Changing Media Landscape

According to Pew Research, the proportion of Americans of one political party who see the opposing party as “a threat to the nation’s well-being” has risen dramatically over the last generation. Around the globe, politics is marked by rising polarization and extremism. Our political affiliations have become tribal identities. Motivated reasoning has mixed with increased socio-political homogeneity and new media technologies to produce a toxic mix of misinformation, diminished civility, and pollution of our civic spaces. This interactive course will draw upon central ideas in political psychology to investigate this unique moment in American political history and explore ways of restoring public trust in an age of polarization.

**Presenter:** Dr. Corey Cook, Dean of the School of Public Service and Professor of Political Science, Boise State University

**Dates and times:** Fri., Mar. 2, 9, 16, and 23, 10 a.m.-noon

**Cost:** $45

Myths, Facts, and the Future of Water in the Treasure Valley

Water is the lifeblood of the arid Treasure Valley, home to Idaho’s largest metropolitan center and our most productive agricultural region. Despite the profound importance of our water resources, we have a limited collective understanding of these resources and what the current and future challenges are to our water security. This course will explore the physical and social dimensions of the Treasure Valley’s water resources and will explore key questions including: Do we have enough water? Do we use water efficiently? How will climate change and urban growth influence water availability? Who manages our water and how are decisions made? What are the biggest future threats to our water resources? What can we do now to secure our water future?

**Presenters:** Dr. Shawn Benner, Associate Professor of Geosciences, Boise State University, and Dr. Jen Schneider, Associate Professor of Public Policy and Administration, School of Public Service, Boise State University

**Dates and times:** Wed., Mar. 7, 14, and 21, 10 a.m.-noon

**Cost:** $35

Creating a Dance: The Choreographic Process

Using the principles of Modern Dance, this course will focus on how space, time, dynamics, rhythm, line, design, and creative expression through movement is utilized in the process of creating dances. Methods of choreography that will be examined include working from a theme, movement for movement’s sake, pre-set material versus on-the-spot choreography, and improvisation. This informal approach to the constructions of dance and the choices available to a choreographer will include live examples with guest artists from performance collective, LED.

**Presenters:** Kay Braden, choreographer and teacher, and Lauren Edson, Artistic Director, LED

**Dates and times:** Tue., Mar. 13 and 20, 10 a.m.-noon

**Cost:** $25  **Capacity:** 140
From Literature to Opera
In anticipation of Opera Idaho’s April production of André Previn’s opera, A Streetcar Named Desire, this course will look at examples of literary works that have been transformed into operas. Through live performances and video and audio recordings, we will explore the evolution of words to music: what changes are made and why? We will explore more traditional operas such as Madama Butterfly, The Marriage of Figaro, The Barber of Seville and La Traviata; operas derived from Shakespeare plays (Romeo et Juliet, Macbeth, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, and others); and more contemporary operas such as Dead Man Walking and Brokeback Mountain.

Presenter: Mark Junkert, General Director, Opera Idaho
Dates and times: Thu., Mar. 15, 22, and 29, 10 a.m.-noon
Location: Opera Idaho, Esther Simplot Performing Arts Complex, 513 S. 8th St., Boise
Cost: $35  Capacity: 100

Northwest History: Working Toward the Complete Story
The Pacific Northwest in the 1800s was a place of transition for immigrants and natives alike, and great tragedies and losses were sustained by both parties. This course will explore the years when Shoshoni, Nez Perce, and Cayuse territories were radically reduced with the establishment of states. Pioneer journals and native oral histories will be studied in order to present a broader picture of this turbulent time as we begin to understand the full depth of the making of America in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

Presenter: Stephanie Martin, historian
Dates and times: Mon. and Tue., Apr. 2 and 3, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Cost: $25

Painting with the Boise Art Museum
Back by popular demand! 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., Apr. 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 Labors of Andrew Jackson
In ancient Greek mythology, the divine hero, Heracles, completed a series of formidable tasks which earned him great renown and personal immortality. In American history, Andrew Jackson, the reputed hero of the Battle of New Orleans and the presumptive champion of the common man, encountered a few Herculean labors of his own: from cleaning the general government’s supposedly filthy and foul Augean stables to slaying a national banking system that ostensibly constituted a many-headed hydra.

This course will focus on the key political, social, and economic struggles that took place during Jackson’s presidency (1829-1837), a period of time that effectively rendered Jackson a famous and infamous figure during and well after his lifetime.

Presenter: Dr. Raymond Krohn, Lecturer, Department of History, Boise State University
Dates and times: Thu., Apr. 5, 12, 19, and 26, 10 a.m.-noon
Cost: $45
The History of American Ideas

Key ideas have formed core assumptions of the American people at significant moments of our national history. Join Dr. Howard Berger in a repeat of his Spring 2013 offering as he discusses New England Puritanism and its declension into American Constitutionalism; Boston Unitarianism and New England Romanticism; American Naturalism; and the contemporary American mood.

Presenter: Dr. Howard Berger, John Weyerhaeuser Chair and Professor of American History, The College of Idaho

Dates and times: Thu., Apr. 5, 12, 19, and 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Cost: $45

Inside the Play: Macbeth

Carole Whiteleather joins us again this spring to lead the exploration of one of Shakespeare’s tragedies. Macbeth will be the second in the Idaho Shakespeare Festival’s 2018 summer lineup. Join Carole as she examines questions such as, “What lies hidden in the play?” “What is the history and backstory of Shakespeare’s work?” “What are the clues the actors look for as they create characters and how do directors and designers determine the viewpoint of the production?”

With special participation by Festival Producing Director, Charles Fee, and select members of the cast, this course will offer a unique perspective of Macbeth with insider knowledge sure to make the experience even more meaningful when you see the play this coming summer!

Presenter: Carole Whiteleather, Shakespeare scholar and actor

Dates and times: Mon., Apr. 30, May 7, 14, and 21, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Cost: $45

The War That Never Ended

The American Civil War, now formally concluded for more than 150 years, nevertheless remains “the war that never ended.” We continue to debate and disagree about the causes of the war that cost the lives of 620,000 Americans, nearly as many as have died in all our other wars combined. Recent controversies about the display of the Confederate battle flag and the proper place of monuments to Confederate leaders have shown anew that the war is still—and always will be—at the center of American politics and culture. This three-part course will consider a trio of big questions about our greatest national calamity: Why the War Came, What the War Wrought, and The Civil War We (chose to) Remember.

Presenter: Marc Johnson, Of Council, Gallatin Public Affairs

Dates and times: Mon., Tue., Wed., Apr. 9, 10, and 11, 10 a.m.-noon
Cost: $35

Trench Poetry and Homefront Fiction

Before being sent to the World War I front again, Wilfred Owen wrote, “Above all I am not concerned with Poetry. My subject is War, and the pity of War. The poetry is in the pity. Yet these elegies are to his generation in no sense consolatory. They may be to the next. All a poet can do today is warn. That is why the true Poets must be truthful.” Mechanization combined with traditional understandings of nation, duty, and warfare made World War I unlike any before in its sweeping destruction and entrenched paralysis. In this course, we will read from a group of English poets who wrote in the trenches and inaugurated a new form of poetry and a new understanding of truth. We will also read and discuss short fiction from the homefront expressing a variety of ways civilians understood the truth and pity of the war.

Presenter: Dr. Cheryl Hindrichs, Associate Professor of English, Boise State University

Dates and times: Thu., May 3, 10, 17, and 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Cost: $45
Champions of Rights, Defenders of Liberty

As a nation, we rightly exalt the contributions and sacrifices of men and women in the military who have risked their lives for our freedoms. As we contemplate the defense of freedom, we should also celebrate those who have exhibited courage in challenging laws, policies, and actions that have suppressed Americans’ liberties and rights. This course will examine several landmark Supreme Court cases in which relatively ordinary citizens summoned the courage to fight governmental practices on behalf of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, due process of law, and equal protection of the laws, including racial and gender equality. Coverage will include Brown v. Board of Education; Reed v. Reed; Shelley v. Kraemer, Gideon v. Wainwright; Minersville v. Gobitis, and the Pentagon Papers Case, among others.

Presenter: Dr. David Adler, President of the Alturas Institute

Dates and times: Mon. and Tue., May 7, 8, 14, and 15, 10 a.m.-noon

Cost: $45

Stress and Resilience

We all encounter stress in our lives, but we can often find ways to cope. Where do we seek support when our stress feels overwhelming? What promotes resilience in the face of stress? This course will draw upon existing research to understand how stress impacts our physical, emotional, and relational well-being. We will examine coping strategies and other supports that have been shown to promote resilience to stress, and will discuss a research project about stress and resilience among refugee youth and their families as they resettle in Boise. Finally, we will explore ways in which we can provide support to our neighbors and loved ones.

Presenter: Dr. April Masarik, 2017 Osher Faculty Grant winner and Assistant Professor of Psychological Sciences, Boise State University

Dates and times: Wed., May 9, 16, and 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Cost: $35

The Evolution of Journalism

This course will focus on the history and significance of, and threats to, journalism in the U.S. The first class will trace the origins of journalism from the Colonial period to the Muckrakers at the turn of the 20th century. We will look at the role of the press in the American Revolution, how the Civil War indelibly changed the practices of journalists, and the growth of mass media in the late 19th century. We will continue with the remarkable accomplishments of Progressive era journalists and photojournalists whose work alerted the public to issues of corruption, child labor practices, monopolies, and urban crime. The second class will focus on how we “got to now” and look at the challenges and meaning of journalism in the digital era.

Presenter: Alan Minskoff, Director of Journalism Minor, The College of Idaho

Dates and times: Tue., May 22 and 29, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Cost: $25

“Thank you for the great job Osher is doing. We thoroughly enjoy the variety of topics and, best of all, no tests!”

- Brent and Nancy Fricke, Osher members
Behind the Scenes of Boise State’s Spring Musical

Get a unique behind-the-scenes look at the production of *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, Boise State theatre department’s spring musical. Join Darrin Pufall, the play’s director and costume designer, and some of the cast to learn more about the story, design elements, and staging of this popular musical thriller. Free parking will be available in the Lincoln Garage. This event is free, but registration is required.

**Presenter:** Darrin Pufall, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts, Boise State University

**Date and time:** Fri., Mar. 16, 2-4 p.m.

**Location:** Special Events Center, Boise State Student Union Building

Albertsons Library Tour

When you hear the phrase, “university library,” what is the first image that pops into your head? Today’s university libraries are quite different from the ones you remember from your college days. Boise State’s Albertsons Library is no exception as it continues to change in tandem with the changes in information resources, technology, and use patterns. Experience 3D printing and other tools in the MakerLab that help develop students’ research capability and creativity. Learn how the rise of “fake news” is changing how critical thinking is taught and the renewed interest in librarians’ roles in doing so. Hear how resources in Special Collections and Archives are digitized and how the public from across the world utilize collections. Throughout these experiences, you will learn how the same core values guide the changes that you see in university libraries today. This event is free, but registration is required.

**Presenter:** Tracy Bicknell-Holmes, Dean of Albertsons Library, Boise State University

**Date and time:** Fri., Apr. 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Location:** 1865 W. Cesar Chavez Ln., Boise

**Capacity:** 65

Celebrating the Bicycle

Last year marked the 200th anniversary of the bicycle. We celebrate that milestone with this two-part special event geared for cyclists of all levels and people who haven’t ridden in years but would like to start again. First, hear the lecture, “Bikes are the Answer: A Cyclorama of the First 200 Years,” from lifelong cyclist and advocate, George Knight. The emphasis will be on primitive bicycles of the 19th century, and on the timeless value of bicycling as a human activity. Next will be a course that covers the basics of bicycling safety, mechanics, equipment, rules of the road, and more, with some live demonstrations. This is a great event for those who need a refresher and for those who want to learn more and gain confidence on two wheels. Participants will receive a coupon for a 10% discount at the Cycle Learning Center. This event is free, but registration is required.

**Presenters:** George C. Knight, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Boise State University and Gabe Finkelstein, Coordinator, Cycle Learning Center, Boise State University

**Date and time:** Fri., Apr. 27, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Boise WaterShed Tour

Go with the flow to the Boise WaterShed to learn about your watershed and how used water is renewed. Join us as we tour the education center and two-acre River Campus which boasts the largest concentration of public art in the state. Explore innovative hands-on exhibits and hear about the WaterShed’s education programming and events. Then see (and smell!) the process of water renewal to learn how the City of Boise treats your used water and what resources are recovered through the process. Members will walk up to 1 mile, round trip, to see the process from flush to finish. Attendees must wear closed-toe shoes and will be provided with a hard hat for the tour. This event is free, but registration is required.

**Presenter:** Cindy Busche, Environmental Education Coordinator, West Boise Water Renewal Facility

**Date and time:** Fri., May 11, 10 a.m.-noon

**Location:** 11818 W. Joplin Rd., Boise

**Capacity:** 60

Spring Social

This annual event marks the season and provides an opportunity for members to socialize outside the classroom. Enjoy refreshments and a short program that includes a sneak peek at the fall semester, a behind-the-scenes look at the Institute, and a big thank you to the many volunteers who help make the Osher Institute possible. Bring a friend and introduce them to the lifelong learning opportunities and friendships available through Osher! This event is free, but registration is required.

**Date and time:** Tue., May 15, 2-4 p.m.

**Location:** Simplot Ballroom, Boise State Student Union Building

**Capacity:** 400

Birdwatching at the Intermountain Bird Observatory’s Boise River Research Station

Visit the Intermountain Bird Observatory’s new Boise River Research Station to learn about the research, field trips, and education opportunities IBO offers. We will visit the research station and watch for birds (bring your binoculars if you have them) while walking the trails and learning about the beautiful cottonwood gallery forest that covers this site. This event is free, but registration is required.

**Presenter:** Heidi Ware, Education and Outreach Director, Intermountain Bird Observatory

**Date and time:** Fri., May 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Location:** IBO Boise River Research Station, near Warm Springs Ave. and Highway 21

**Capacity:** 40

“There are two types of classes I take at Osher: those where I learn more about something I already know and those where I know nothing and want to learn something totally new. I have never been disappointed.”

- Cynthia Brandt, Osher member
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.

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

- **Conversational Spanish**
  Maintain your Spanish skills by conversing with fellow Osher members, completely in Spanish, for approximately one hour. This SIG will meet every other Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the Library! at Bown Crossing. After you register, you will receive an email with details on the next meeting date.
  
  **Facilitator:** Roy Schiele

- **Foreign Films at The Flicks**
  Join Osher members who enjoy foreign films by gathering 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 January through June, one Monday a month, at approximately 5:00 p.m. An email with the selected film’s title, description, and trailer will be sent in advance.
  
  **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:** Patricia Alpine

- **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. Information with details on date, time, and location will be emailed in advance of the planned hike.
  
  **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 as the general public, so feel free to bring a friend!
  
  **Facilitator:** Carolyn Beaver   **Capacity:** 45
  **Location:** River Time Yoga in the Vista Village Shopping Center, 1004 Vista Avenue, Boise

- **Memoir Writing**
  Join Osher Institute members who are interested in writing memoirs—historical accounts or biographies written from personal knowledge. We usually meet for two hours on the first and third Friday afternoon of each month. After you register, you will receive an email with details on date, time, and location.
  
  **Facilitator:** Merilee Marsh   **Capacity:** 20

- **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 in which you are already enrolled, consider joining us.
  
  **Facilitator:** Terry Christenson
**Volunteering**
Join like-minded Osher members who want to give back to their community by volunteering their time and talents. This group will focus on finding volunteer projects, sharing volunteering experiences, and helping members find meaningful volunteer opportunities. If you have never volunteered before, no need to worry! This group will help you discover what kind of activities best fit you.

**Facilitator: Gail Kirkpatrick**

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**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 March 12 and ending on June 4.

**Facilitator: River Wilson**

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**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.

In spring 2017, members explored *Enchanting Ireland: Town and Country*. Our next trip, *The Best of Charleston and Savannah*, will take place in April 2018. Stay tuned for information on our next adventure to Quebec and Montreal in the fall!

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Osher members in Ireland, Spring 2017
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:
• Add a donation on your registration form (see center insert of this catalog) or when registering online at osher.boisestate.edu.
• Make a gift securely online through the Boise State University Foundation from our Osher homepage at osher.boisestate.edu by clicking on the “Make a Donation” icon.
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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.

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 osher.boisestate.edu or by calling (208) 426-6554.
MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees are $35 for half a year or $70 for a full year. This fee covers a membership card, parking permit, and attendance at lectures and some special events for no extra cost. You will receive your membership packet within two weeks before your first registered course, lecture, or special event. All offerings are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and some fill quickly. We encourage you to register early and get on the waitlist, if necessary. Membership fees are non-refundable.

WAITLIST INFORMATION

Some offerings may sell out quickly on registration day. Please remember to add yourself to the waitlists, as there is significant movement on them throughout the semester. You will not be charged for waitlisted courses until you have been successfully enrolled. To inquire about your position on a waitlist, call Customer Services at (208) 426-1709.

COURSE CANCELLATION POLICY

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

GUEST POLICY

Members may bring one guest to lectures when space is available. Contact Osher staff at (208) 426-6554 or at osher@boisestate.edu prior to the lecture to see if there is room. Accommodations can sometimes be made for short courses, depending on the circumstances. Please contact Osher staff in advance.

LOCATION

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is housed in the Yanke Family Research Park at 220 E. Parkcenter Blvd., located across Parkcenter Boulevard from Red Robin restaurant. Our office is in Room 205, directly off the building’s main lobby and underneath the stairs.

PARKING

Members may park in front of the Yanke Building in general parking areas. DO NOT park in visitor or reserved parking spots. Handicap parking is available, but an Osher parking permit is still required. Please make sure your parking permit is affixed to your car window or you may be ticketed.

Please note: there is a $5 fee to replace an Osher parking permit.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

If a course, lecture, or special event must be cancelled due to weather, we will email members the night before or the morning of, no later than 90 minutes before class time. If you do not have email, we will do our best to call you. If you are concerned about the weather, please check your email or call (208) 426-OLLI (6554) for updates.

“We enjoy the wide variety of courses, covering subject matter areas we never got around to taking before, like Asian history, geology, political affairs, ancient Greek history, and architecture. The excellence of the instructors is what makes the courses so good. The instructors seem to enjoy us, too; we understand and appreciate their references to events and milestones that current undergraduate students miss.” - Walt and Mary Thode, Osher members
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**

**Advisory Roles**
Longer-term, ongoing volunteer commitments to Advisory Board, committees, or Special Interest Groups

**Member Outreach and Projects**
Short-term, occasional, or one-day volunteer opportunities

**Greeters**
Welcome your fellow Osher members as they arrive to class, distribute handouts, and serve as a resource for members who have questions or need assistance.

**How to Volunteer**

- Complete the Volunteer Interest Form on our website at [osopher.boisestate.edu](http://osopher.boisestate.edu).

- Call Program Coordinator, Jamie Lundergreen at (208) 426-2027 or email jamielundergreen@boisestate.edu

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- Expand your experiences and engage your curiosity
- Gain access to exceptional courses, lectures, and special events
- Gather with others like you who are committed to learning for a lifetime

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- Tue., Dec. 5, 2017 (Online and mail-in registration opens)
- Wed., Dec. 6, 2017 (Phone-in registration opens)