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Spring term "English Country Dance Class"

The Osher Lifelong Learning program continues to grow in numbers of members as well as numbers of offerings. Please know how much I appreciate your input and encourage you all to let me know if you have any ideas that would enhance the program. Also, please contact me if you would like to be a part of the OLLI leadership. The OLLI at Vanderbilt is a member run organization and a very important component of our program. As always, I appreciate your continued support and love of learning!

Norma C Clippard,  
OLLI Director

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

We've had a wonderful summer, with a varied program, including a number of "hands on" courses. OLLI members have honed photographic skills (and come to a new appreciation of the spiritual component of that art), traced family roots, improved their writing skills and polished their technique on the steel drum. We also have had the chance to learn more about the challenges westerners face living in an Islamic society, and to talk about philosophical approaches to contemporary music. It's been a grand time!

This fall offers another set of difficult choices to make when picking courses. Film buffs will have two chances to gain new insights into very different sets of motion pictures with two very knowledgeable leaders, Jeffrey John Stein and Clint Hendrix. Ed Young has agreed to return, this time talking about the joys of opera, with liberal excerpts from his collection. We are truly delighted to welcome Mark Jarman to our list of fall lecturers,

discussing a poet often neglected these days, George Herbert.

We also offer courses aimed at those with a scientific bent, one taught by a group of neuroscientists from the Vanderbilt Brain Institute, another an introduction to the coldest planet, Antarctica, led by Dan Morgan. Nor do we neglect the challenges of navigating the world of finance. On Thursdays we will inquire about what is happening to notions of money in the era of Bitcoin, with three lecturers who bring different perspectives to those issues. On Friday our own Don Bishop will provide insights into proposals for tax reform.

For those with a bent toward the reflective life there are two outstanding courses available, one on Monday afternoon, in which Professor Howard Miller of Lipscomb will introduce us to some of the core beliefs and practices of Islam. On Friday, chaplain Cody Case returns, as so many of you expressed hope he would.

And two always popular "hands on" opportunities are on the list as well, on writing and playing the steel drum, with special registration limits required by the nature of the courses.

It is a rich program and a diverse one, thanks to our Curriculum Committee, who are hard at work on the terms ahead. I look forward to seeing all of you, once you've made the tough choices of which of these offerings is for you.

Bob Covington, OLLI President



## CURRICULUM CHAIR'S CORNER

As the Curriculum Committee builds each semester offerings of courses, we try to balance the topics between the arts, science and medicine, and the social sciences. Lately we try to add a choice of something that is not so academic but of interest to our members. For instance this fall we are offering a class on money; how it is used, abused, and its future in the digital world.

We get many great ideas for classes from our members, but most valuable to the Committee are suggestions of speakers. So if you know of someone who has spoken to a group, that you think is inspiring and knows a topic of interest to our members, please let us know about them.

Next winter we are going to try something different. Often we are told by prospective faculty,

they just don't have time to offer six lectures. So we are going to offer "An Intellectual Sampler" of six different faculty speaking on six different topics in one class and see how it works. We look forward to your feedback, and we might make it a frequent offering.

Paul Gherman  
Curriculum Committee Chair

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### OLLI CONNECT, EXPLORE & EXPAND CEE

We are very excited to continue the OLLI Connect, Explore, and Expand (CEE) groups for the upcoming Fall Term. The purpose of the OLLI CEE Groups is to offer a wider range of special interest educational opportunities in small group settings to OLLI members. They will be offered in addition to the core curriculum and events scheduled throughout the year.

Special thanks to the hard work of our wonderful CEE committee members! The following CEE groups are confirmed for the fall; Walking and Hiking, Senior Friendly Restaurant Review, Core Class Discussions for, "Film, Fantasy, and Food: Spanish Cuisine and Culture" and "The History of Antarctic Explo-

ration"! And new for the fall the OLLI Book Club, who will be reading Tim O'Brien's "The Things They Carried". **To participate in any of the CEE Groups please email us at [oshervu@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:oshervu@vanderbilt.edu)** and the group leaders will contact you with further details and CEE Group information!



OLLI members enjoyed a performance by delta blues singer Mississippi Millie during their "Deconstruction in American Popular Music from 1900 to the Present" summer term class.

### OLLI MEMBER RECEIVES AWARD

Congratulations to OLLI member May Dean Eberling, Nashville's Council on the Aging, Sage Award recipient! The Sage Awards Patron's reception will be held September 16th at the Omni Hotel to four outstanding individuals and community activists. May Dean has been a champion of historical preservation and the arts, as well as instrumental in making WTVF the pre-eminent

voice for the non-profit world! The Sage Awards, presented each year since 1992, are given to mature adults who have made outstanding contributions to middle Tennessee through a lifelong commitment of working to improve the quality of life in their communities. This year's recipients are exemplary individuals who embody the very spirit of the award.

The Council on Aging of Greater Nashville addresses the unmet needs of older adults and caregivers through information, advocacy, and education, and by being a catalyst for comprehensive solutions. Please visit the [COA Facebook](#) page for more event information or email the COA at; [sageawards@coamidtn.org](mailto:sageawards@coamidtn.org)

### UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- ◆ OLLI Fall Kick-Off September 9th, Vanderbilt Blair School of Music, guest speaker Mayor Karl Dean
- ◆ New Lunch & Learn theme "Know Your City" October 21st, Rick Bernhardt "Nashville Next" November 11th, Tom Turner "Downtown Nashville: The Neighborhood We All Share"
- ◆ OLLI Fall Day Trip October 2nd to Lynchburg and Bell Buckle, Tennessee
- ◆ Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement October 23rd & 30th and November 6th & 13th!
- ◆ For more information visit the OLLI website [Events and Activities page!](#)



OLLI spring term class on "Why Does America Imprison More People than any Other Country in the World" with instructor Joseph Ingle.

### THANK YOU OLLI VOLUNTEERS

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Vanderbilt is truly a member run organization. We'd like to thank all of our members for their participation and a special thank you to all of our volunteers and OLLI board members. Their efforts truly make OLLI at Vanderbilt the wonderful program that it is!

Volunteers for the Fall 2014—Spring 2015 academic year include:

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Please submit any ideas, photos or suggestions for the upcoming spring newsletter. We'd love to hear from you!

**"This was my first class and I cannot wait until I can take another one!"**



OLLI members had a wonderful visit to instructor, Michael Shane Neal's art studio for their spring term "Masterpieces" class!