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The second **Thursday Morning Lecture Series**  
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**OLLI ONLINE** Fall 2021

## Our Changing Economics Landscape: Wealth Redistribution, Innovations, and Sustainability

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# DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

SESSION 1

**November 9, 10:00-11:30am**

## **Navigating My Own Journey, from Ann Arbor to Three Continents and Back**

*Ambassador Susan Page*

Ambassador Susan Page first encountered the University of Michigan during the Art Fair in the summer of 1981 and was hooked. She matriculated in September 1982 and a few days later celebrated her 18th birthday. Between that first visit to Ann Arbor and today, forty years have somehow elapsed. She now finds herself as a professor of practice assisting other students navigating their own paths, as she did.

Ambassador Page will discuss some of her personal and professional insights- from attending St. Andrews to graduating from Harvard Law School. She was a key member of the Mediating Team that ended Africa's longest running civil war and was the United State's first ambassador to South Sudan. She also served as a Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General in Haiti, and also served as an election observer of the Carter Center and other compass points along the way.



**Susan Page** is a professor of practice in international diplomacy at the Gerard R. Ford of Public Policy Weiser Diplomacy Center and a professor of

practice at the University of Michigan Law School. She has expertise in international

relations particularly in Africa. She is an elected member of the American Academy of Diplomacy, a board member of Rhodes Scholarship, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Carter Center, and a member of the Association of Black American Ambassadors.

**December 14, 10:00-11:30am**

## **Time Horizons and Politics**

*Kevin Deegan-Krause, PhD*

It is no solution that the biggest problems of today require us to take the long view, to look years, even decades into the future and create plans that will take sustained long-term efforts. But our systems of communication and governance seem to focus ever more on the near future, the next week or even the next minute. In this presentation we will look at the concept of the "time-horizon" and how we can use it to make decisions about what polices to pursue and how to pursue them.



**Kevin Deegan-Krause, PhD** is a professor of political science at Wayne State University who researches and teaches about

political parties and elections. He received his BA in Economics and History from Georgetown University and his PhD in Government and International Relations from the University of Notre Dame. He has served on the library and school boards in his home town of Ferndale, Michigan, and has spoken to numerous audiences on local questions of democracy including ranked-choice voting and gerrymandering.

# AFTERNOONS WITH OLLI EVENTS



**October 20, 3:30-5:00pm**

\$10 online

## **The University of Michigan Carillons**

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*Eva Albalghiti*

How and when were the Baird and Lurie Carillons built on the U-M campus, and who were some of their notable carillonneurs? How do you play a carillon? I'll bet you can't guess! We'll learn about the origins of carillons in the 16th century to the future of carillon composing and performance in modern times.

**November 17, 3:30-5:00pm**

\$10 online

## **Forbidden Fruit: Traveling Through Cuba by Motorcycle**

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*John Deikis*

Our presenter spent a month in Cuba studying Spanish, volunteering in an after-school program, and exploring the island on a motorcycle. What did he learn about our "forbidden neighbor", and how can Americans again sample the spice of Cuba? Find out during this photo presentation and discussion.

**December 8, 3:30-5:00pm**

\$10 online

## **Art Talks: Picturing America**

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*Wendy Evans*

America's art tells America's story - the optimism, struggles, humor and pain. We'll explore how people from early inhabitants to today pictured the history and landscape of the country reflecting its ideas and ideals.

# OLLI OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

**November 12, 3:00-4:30pm**

\$10 online

## **Mongolia: From the Capital to the Gobi Desert**

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Join photographer, **Ann O'Hagan**, for a visual journey through the highlights of Mongolia, a developing Asian country sandwiched between Russia and China. Once under the yoke of China then Russia, the republic transitioned to independence and democracy during a bloodless revolution in 1990.

**December 10, 3:00-4:30pm**

\$15 online

## **Detroit in Context: Assets, History, and Challenges**

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This virtual tour by the Detroit Experience Factory will help provide understanding as to how Detroit's history shaped where it is today, connect with what's happening now, and instill inspiration to take an active role in creating the city's future.

# OLLI Commons

The Commons is OLLI's online meetup place, offering a variety of friendly, stimulating, and creative activities, all FREE of charge. We invite OLLI members and non-members alike to register for and join these ongoing programs:

- **The Schmoozery** - weekly on Wednesdays at 1:00pm
- **Lunch Bunch** - Thursdays at noon, on each week with a Thursday morning lecture
- **Coffee with Marta** - first and third Tuesdays of the month at 9:00am
- **Poetry Reading** - third Friday of the month at 7:00pm
- **Book Beat** - fourth Friday of the month at 4:00pm
- **Happy Hour** - first Friday of the month at 4:30pm
- **Michigan OLLI Collaboration** - One event on the second Wednesday of each month at 10am in September, October, November and December, highlighting the arts, and sponsored by the four OLLI programs (including our own!) in the state of Michigan.

For ongoing Study Group opportunities, please visit [www.oli-umich.org](http://www.oli-umich.org) and click on "Course Catalog".

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## OLLI READS PRESENTS

**November 5, 10:00am**  
\$10

### The Fortunes

**Peter Ho Davies'** novel *The Fortunes* has been aptly described as "sly, funny, intelligent, and artfully structured." *The Fortunes* expands the notion of a multi-generational novel by moving beyond the saga of a single family to the story of Chinese Americans beginning in the 1860's - Ah Ling, a laundryman and railway worker in the 1860's; Anna May Wong a film star in 1920's and 30's; Vincent Chin, a young man beaten to death by two auto workers in Detroit in 1982; and finally, a Chinese American and his wife who travel to China to adopt a baby girl.

### **Complimentary Panel Discussion: The Asian American Experience: Discrimination, Identity, and Civil Rights Perspectives**

November 12, 10:00-11:30am  
Free

The OLLI Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and OLLI Reads present a free, public, topical, panel discussion to compliment this book.

Featuring panelists: Roland Hwang, Professor Manan Desai, Mai Xiong, Daniel Moen.

### **SPONSORSHIP**

This sponsorship by Amy Seetoo is dedicated to the memory of Professor Joseph T.A. Lee, an initiator of Kerrytown, and Mrs. Elsie Choy Lee, the translator of He Shuangqing's poems.

# Thursday MORNING LECTURE SERIES

## Our Changing Economics Landscape: Wealth Redistribution, Innovations, and Sustainability

Wealth inequality has increased substantially in the U.S. in the past several decades, among the most severe in highly developed countries. Why has this happened and what are the implications? How do we fundamentally shift our policies and values to create greater equity and prosperity for the greatest number of citizens? What creative and innovative economic/financial technologies are in our future that could improve lives? These issues are explored through topics on redistributive policies, investments, innovations, and reforms with a view toward a more sustainable economic system.

This Lecture Series was planned by Frances Schultz (chair), Karen Bantel, Avraham Eisbruch, Savvas Giannakopoulos, Larry Imerman, John Kelly, Deborah Nicholas, and Neeki Rad.

**November 4, 10:00-11:30am**

### Whither Capitalism?

*Professor Jim Adams*

What is capitalism? What forms does it take in the world today? What forms did it take in the past? What forms will it take in the future? As economic systems go, has it performed well or poorly? In this lecture, Jim Adams will discuss the meaning of capitalism, the criteria we might use to evaluate capitalism, and the varieties of capitalism that have existed over time and across the globe. One lesson to emerge from this exercise will be a recognition that governments and markets are not opposites: The varieties of capitalism consist of diverse ways of combining government and market mechanisms to achieve socially desirable outcomes. Important measures of outcomes include not only GDP per capita but also the distribution of health, happiness, income, and wealth.

Born in New York City and raised in East Lansing, Michigan, **Jim Adams** received three degrees in economics (AB summa cum laude, AM, and PhD) from Harvard

University. In 1973, he joined the faculty of the University of Michigan, where his current title is Shorey Peterson Professor of Industrial Organization, Arthur



F. Thurnau Professor, and Professor of Economics. Adams has held numerous administrative positions, including chair of his department, associate dean of his college, director of the Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, and director of the Center for West European Studies. He has held visiting professorships at six European universities, including the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne and the University of Paris Dauphine. He has advised the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Ambassador to France, and several foreign policy departments of the U.S. government. The father of two grown sons, he is married to a professor emerita of pediatric rheumatology.

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**November 11, 10:00-11:30am**

## **The Economic Impact of Harnessing Artificial Intelligence**

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*Professor Robert Seamans*

Artificial Intelligence technologies are expected to have a meaningful impact on the U.S. economy. After a brief introduction of AI from a technology perspective, we will learn about anticipated effects of AI on productivity and economic growth in the U.S. We will further explore how the U.S. should be thinking about policy (e.g., regulation) to address AI. We will also review the potential global effects on economies and societies, including competition among countries, and impacts on the wealth gaps between developed and developing countries.



**Robert Seamans** (PhD, UC Berkeley) is an Associate Professor at New York University's Stern School of Business and Director of the Center for the

Future of Management. Professor Seamans' research focuses on how firms use technology in their strategic interactions with each other, and also focuses on the economic consequences of AI, robotics and other advanced technologies. His research has been published in leading academic journals and been cited in numerous outlets including *The Atlantic*, *Forbes*, *Harvard Business Review*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and others. In 2015, Professor Seamans was appointed as the Senior Economist for technology and innovation on President Obama's Council of Economic Advisers.

**November 18, 10:00-11:30am**

## **Tax Policy and Wealth Inequality in the US: Trends and Remedies**

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*Professor Reuven Avi-Yonah*

What is the relationship between tax policy and the economy; in particular, what policies tend to stimulate economic growth and employment? We will learn about U.S. trends in both income and corporate tax policies in recent years, reasons for these trends, and how they have contributed to our increasing wealth inequality. We will further explore a design for a more equitable income and corporate tax system for the US that could substantially reduce wealth inequality.



**Reuven S. Avi-Yonah** specializes in corporate and international taxation. He has served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of the Treasury

and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on tax competition, and is a member of the steering group for OECD's International Network for Tax Research. He also is a member of the American Law Institute, a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the American College of Tax Counsel, and an international research fellow at Oxford University's Centre for Business Taxation. In addition to prior teaching appointments at Harvard University (law) and Boston College (history), he practiced law with Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy in New York; with Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in New York; and with Ropes & Gray in Boston.

Professor Avi-Yonah has published more than 250 books and articles, including *Advanced Introduction to International Tax Law* (Elgar, 2019),

*Global Perspectives on Income Taxation Law* (Oxford University Press, 2011), and *International Tax as International Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2007).

**December 2, 10:00-11:30am**

## **The Economics of Migration**

*Professor Dean Yang*

We will consider how migration is transforming societies around the globe. Are receiving countries better or worse off when they welcome new immigrants? How can migrant-receiving societies do a better job welcoming immigrants? How do sending countries fare when their citizens leave? How can sending countries best harness international migration opportunities for development back home? Overall, is a world with international migration better off than a world without it?



**Dean Yang** is Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the University of Michigan. His research agenda spans international

migration, microfinance, health, disasters, and political economy. His fieldwork locations include El Salvador, Guatemala, Indonesia, Malawi, Mozambique, and the Philippines, as well as migrant populations worldwide. He teaches courses in development economics at the PhD, master, and undergraduate levels. A native of the Philippines, he received his undergraduate and doctorate degrees in economics from Harvard University.

**December 9, 10:00-11:30am**

## **Cryptocurrency: Economic and Environmental Impacts and U.S. Policy**

*Professor Robert Dittmar*

Cryptocurrency is often in the news lately, yet its effects on the U.S. economy are complicated. After a brief introduction of cryptocurrency from a technology perspective, we will explore its role as an investment and/or a currency, and its potential effects on productivity and economic growth in the U.S. and globally. Further, we will understand why it has been used to pay ransom related to cyberhacking, and its environmental impacts due to its use of high levels of processing power. How should financial regulation policy address cryptocurrency in the U.S. going forward?



**Robert (Bob) Dittmar** is a Professor of Finance at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, the Faculty co-Director of the Ross Fintech Initiative,

and the Faculty Director of the Tozzi Finance Center. His research focuses on empirical determinants of financial security prices, including equities, fixed income securities, and derivatives. His work has been published in the *Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Financial Economics*, *Review of Financial Studies*, and *Journal of Econometrics*. Professor Dittmar received his PhD in Finance from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2000, and previously taught at the Kelley School of Business, Indiana University. He has taught courses at Ross in fintech, asset management, fixed income securities, and options and derivatives at the BBA, MBA, and PhD level.

# The Futurescape of Medicine

Every other Tuesday beginning September 21, 10:00-11:30am

\$45/5 lecture series, \$10 individual lecture

The goal of this lecture series is to provide educational insights about future developments in five different areas of medical care. These include: healthcare financing, orthopedic surgery and joint replacement options, the role of 3D printing in various types of surgery, early drug development in cancer care, and new directions in depression research.

**September 21**



**Healthcare Financing: A Broken System in Need of Repair**

*Mark Fendrick, MD*

**October 5**



**Current and Future Surgical Options for Hip and Knee Replacement**

*Brian Hallstrom, MD*

**October 19**



**The Role of 3D Printing in Organ Regeneration**

*Jan Stegemann, PhD*

**November 2**



**New Approaches to the Treatment of Gynecologic Cancers**

*Claire Friedman, MD  
Alison Schram, MD*



**November 16**



**Advances in Depression Research and Treatment: Now and For the Future**

*John Greden, MD*

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**December 16, 10:00-11:30am**

## **Access to Health Care: Impacts of Health Care Policy and Insurance Markets**

*Gabriel Winant, PhD*

How did the American health care system develop its fragmented, irrational form? The answer is found in an unlikely place—the construction of the modern insurance system through collective bargaining in industry in the postwar years. The organized economic power of industrial workers had a transformative effect on the health care market and reshaped health care policy, as workers' efforts

to preserve their own health and well-being interacted with emerging deindustrialization and rising social inequality.



**Gabriel Winant** is a historian at the University of Chicago. His first book, *The Next Shift: The Fall of Industry and the Rise of Health Care in Rust*

*Belt America*, was published this year by Harvard University Press.

## **OLLI EVENT REQUEST FORM**

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### **LECTURE PRICING**

All 43 Tuesday, Thursday, and Summer Lectures - \$180, Lecture Package and Futurescape of Medicine Series - \$225, All TLS Package - \$140, All DLS - \$55, Session 1 DLS - \$30, TLS #2 - \$35, Day pass - \$10

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## **October 13, 10:00-11:30am**

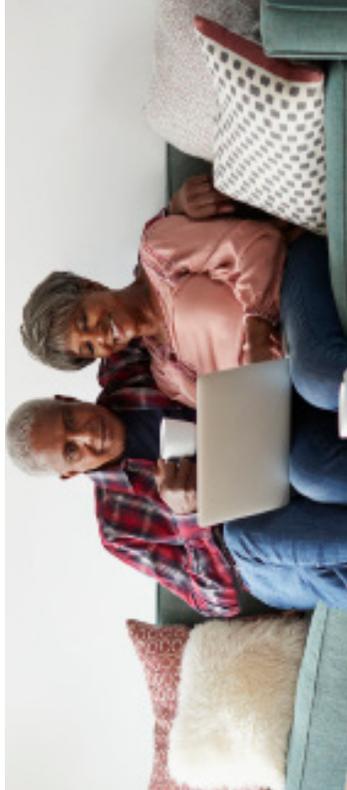
Detroit's Black Bottom and Paradise Valley Neighborhoods: The Settings for Alice Randall's Black Bottom Saints: OLLI at the University of Michigan,

## **November 10, 10:00-11:30am**

Unveiling American Genius, a reimagining of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts permanent collection: OLLI at Western Michigan University,

## **December 8, 10:00-11:30am**

Dr. J of the Michigan Rock and Roll Hall of Fame: OLLI at Saginaw Valley State University



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