SPECIAL EDITION
OLLI ONLINE
SPRING 2020

The Fifth 2019-20 Thursday Morning Lecture Series
OLLI Reads! & More
OLLI Lunch Bunch!
Dear OLLI Community,

As many other community programs, our first concern is the safety of our participants. During this uncertain time with COVID-19, we are happy we can offer ways to keep you connected to learning. We hope this special edition of OLLI’s Spring brochure of our online programs finds you and your family well and safe.

As you can see here, OLLI’s dedicated staff and volunteers are working tirelessly to continue to connect our members to high quality learning and each other – we’re just doing it online for now!

We remain committed to being a social and educational resource for you at this time of social distancing.

Our offerings include:
* live-streamed lectures with Q&As two-three times per week.
* many virtual study groups, book groups and other programs.
* access to our extensive new video library.
* web access to many educational programs from UM and other Oshers.
* the Daily e-newsletter with up-to-date info on OLLI, other online resources and fun ways to connect with each other.

We recognize the need for all of us to stay engaged during this time. We are offering most of OLLI’s programs free while OLLI in-person programs are suspended. If you have friends who could benefit from our programs, please encourage them to visit our website at www.olli-umich.org or forward OLLI’s Daily newsletter to them.

Looking ahead...Our Fall 2020 season is just around the corner! OLLI’s program volunteers are engaged in “virtual” meetings to develop new lectures, study groups, day trips and more for what we hope will be normal operations by the Fall Kickoff in September.

Thank you for your continued membership in OLLI!

Be well,
Lisa Barton                             Bill Furtwangler
OLLI Director                         OLLI Leadership Council President

OLLI Welcomes You

New Member Welcome

If you are new to OLLI this year, look for an invitation soon to join the April 29 virtual online welcome with OLLI’s Social Interaction Committee.

OLLI Special Lecture

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, April 21, 10:00-11:30am online
OLLI favorite Kevin Deegan-Krause will be speaking to OLLI on The New Party Challenge: Changing Cycles of Political Party Birth and Death in Central Europe and Beyond.
MONEY, TRADE, AND POWER - WHAT MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND
Among the many issues testing relations between countries around the globe, perhaps none has strained relations more than trade in recent years. Countries strive to grow and protect their domestic industries, employment and overall economy by preserving world markets for their most sensitive products. This lecture series will examine relations between major trading countries and regions - the U.S., the E.U, China and Africa, among others. The series will start with an overview of global trade and finance. The series will explain how tariffs in world trade went from being high to where they were nearly eliminated before the recent revival of world trade tensions. The series will also address complex trade issues such as comparative advantage, supply chains and value added. Finally, the series will review the special trade challenges facing the developing world and 2 key industries with a global and Michigan trade impact - agriculture and automotive.

April 16, 2020, 10:00-11:30am online
Pros and Cons of Globalization
Speaker: Dr. Alan Deardorff

Alan V. Deardorff is John W. Sweetland Professor of International Economics and Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the University of Michigan. He had been on the faculty at the University of Michigan since 1970. He chaired the Department of Economics from 1991 to 1995 and was Associate Dean of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy from 2007 to 2015.

Speaker’s Synopsis: Globalization has dramatically altered both the relations between countries and the functioning within countries as it expanded international trade, investment, and financial flows over the last 70 years. Barriers to these flows today are a small fraction of what they were then, and the flows themselves have produced unprecedented opportunities for many, but costs for others. This presentation will examine those benefits and costs, especially of trade.

April 23, 2020, 10:00-11:30am online
Brexit: Where Did It Come From and Where Is It Going?
Speaker: Jim Adams, Shorey Peterson Professor of Industrial Organization and Corporate Finance, Arthur F Thurnau Professor, and Professor of Economics, The University of Michigan

Jim Adams has three degrees in Economics from Harvard. He joined the faculty in Economics at the University of Michigan in 1973. He has won several teaching awards at Michigan, including the Golden Apple Award students award to the best teacher at U of M each year. He also has studied public policies toward U.S. business and economic integration in Europe. He has held six visiting professorships at European universities. He also has advised several U.S. federal government departments and the U.S. Ambassador to France.
Speaker’s Synopsis: Why did the United Kingdom decide to leave the European Union? Is departure good for the United Kingdom? Is it good for the remaining members of the European Union? In this lecture, the speaker will argue that the history of the European Union, and of the United Kingdom’s relationship to it, provide immense help in understanding the conundrums associated with Brexit.

April 30, 2020, 10:00-11:30am online
China’s Global Ambitions and Its Domestic Challenges

Speaker: Professor Mary E. Gallagher

Mary E. Gallagher is the Amy and Alan Lowenstein Professor of Democracy, Democratization, and Human Rights Professor at the University of Michigan where she is also the director of the Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies. Professor Gallagher received her Ph.D. in politics in 2001 from Princeton University and her B.A. from Smith College in 1991. Her most recent book is Authoritarian Legality in China: Law, Workers and the State (Cambridge University Press 2017). She is also the author or editor of several other books.

Speaker’s Synopsis: This presentation will examine China’s global ambitions as related to trade and investment, Belt and Road, and national security in the context of broad domestic challenges, such as environmental degradation, slowing growth, and rising expectations from the burgeoning middle class. The speaker relates China’s global aspirations to the regime’s desire to manage these domestic problems.

May 7, 2020, 10:00-11:30am online
Interest Groups and American Trade Politics

Speaker: Dr. Iain Osgood, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan

Dr. Iain Osgood is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Michigan. He is currently working on projects examining special interest coalition-building around climate change; progressive opponents of trade in the United States; and identifying clusters of development strategies among countries engaging with global markets. His recent work appears in several respected political journals.

Speaker’s Synopsis: In this talk, the speaker provides a model of contemporary American trade politics. He emphasizes the political advantages of pro-trade firms relative to anti-trade firms, and also examine the role of trade skeptics in the labor movement and among progressive groups. Osgood will show how this model can help explain trade policy developments of the past thirty years, with particular focus on the recent debates over NAFTA and trade with China.

This lecture series was planned by: Al Gourdji, Richard Ingrao, Deborah Nicholas, Craig Ramsay, Paula Rich, and Frances Schultz, and Katherine Woo (co-chairs).
May 14, 2020, 10:00-11:30am online
A View of the Global Auto Industry from Michigan

Speaker: Kristin Dziczek, Vice President-Research at the Center for Automotive Research

Kristin Dziczek is Vice President-Research at the Center for Automotive Research. She is a globally recognized expert on automotive labor union issues and lectures regularly on the subject. She has also served in government and industry roles and has published articles in labor and management publications.

Speaker’s Synopsis: Michigan is the nation’s top producer of light vehicles and automotive parts and, if the state were an independent country, it would be the 10th largest vehicle producer in the world. Michigan is also the top state for both automotive and parts imports and exports—trade is critically important to the health of the industry and the state. A lot has changed in the industry’s first hundred or so years, though trade remains critically important. Automotive competition is global—with long and complicated supply chains that stretch around the world in support of the automotive sector. This presentation will provide an overview of Michigan’s largest manufacturing sector in the context of current U.S. trade policies and negotiations.

May 21, 2020, 10:00-11:30am online
Food Security and the Role of Regional Trade in Africa: The Challenge of Feeding 1.2 Billion People

Speaker: Professor Titus O. Awokuse

Professor Titus Awokuse is Chairperson and Professor in at Michigan State University. He is an internationally respected scholar who has consulted for various national governments, international development agencies, non-governmental organizations and private businesses. Awokuse has taught courses in international trade and agri-food policy. His research focuses on: 1) the role of international trade in enhancing economic growth, 2) poverty reduction effects of changes in global food value chains, 3) impact of policy reforms on market institutions and food security.

Speaker’s Synopsis: Despite the recent period of economic growth in several countries, Africa still suffers from extreme poverty and food insecurity. The continent significantly lags other regions around the globe in its ability to leverage agri-food trade as a catalyst for economic growth and structural transformation. This study shows that similar to the experiences of Asia and Latin America, the agri-food sector can potentially serve as an “engine of growth” for stimulating a sustainable structural transformation in Africa.

Join the OLLI Lunch Bunch!
OLLI is hosting 60-minute virtual lunches after the lectures on Thursday April 16 and Thursday April 23. Please email olli.info@umich.edu to sign up and join your fellow OLLI members for lunch in front of your computer screen! Bring your lunch and be ready for conversation about the lecture or which grocery has the best strawberries or where there are still seed packets -- topics of your choice! Capacity may be limited; once you register, we will confirm your participation and provide the log in address.
OLLI Rescheduled Lecture

Tuesday May 5, 10:00-11:30am online
Actual Innocence in Michigan: An Update from the Michigan Innocence Clinic

Speaker: Professor David Moran
Professor Moran will speak about the problem of wrongful convictions in Michigan and how the Michigan Innocence Clinic investigates and litigates cases where persons have been wrongfully convicted but there is no DNA evidence to test.

(see OLLI website for more details)

This lecture will be presented via live stream video. The link for the event will be posted on the banner the day before the lecture.

OLLI READS PRESENTS

READING LIFE OF THE MISSISSIPPI TOGETHER ONLINE
PRESENTED BY SHARON QUIROZ, PH.D.

It is so fun to read Mark Twain’s great work aloud! This “course” is about getting together to share a good laugh. No lecture, no instruction, no deep thinking. Just the pleasure of being together, reading to each other, and laughing for about an hour. If you want to read send me an email. I’ll develop a schedule. The book is available online, for free. https://www.gutenberg.org/files/245/245-h/245-h.htm

Quotes:

“Now and then we had a hope that if we lived and were good, God would permit us to be pirates.”

“Good books, good friends and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life.”

“The voyagers visited the Natchez Indians, near the site of the present city of that name, where they found a ‘religious and political despotism, a privileged class descended from the sun, a temple and a sacred fire.’ It must have been like getting home again; it was home with an advantage, in fact, for it lacked Louis XIV.”

No registration required, live stream free to all.

GREEK TO ME: ADVENTURES OF THE COMMA QUEEN BY MARY NORRIS
IN CONVERSATION WITH MARILYN SCOTT, OLLI’S OWN PUNCTUATION PRINCESS

Day/Date: Tuesday, May 19
Time: 10:00-11:30am online

This lecture will be presented via live stream video. The link for the event will be posted on the banner the day before the lecture.
New OLLI Video Catalog

This Year’s Lectures Now Available Online!
Did you sleep in and miss the fall lecture about South African history? Were you visiting grandkids out of town when the lecture about social media and children took place? Were you at pilates class when Peter Sparling spoke about his storied career in dance and art?

No worries!

OLLI’s Video Catalog of lectures is now available online and FREE to all while in-person programming is suspended.

As many of you know, OLLI has been making video recordings of our lectures since 2016. Many of these close-captioned recordings are now ready for viewing through our new Video Catalog, which allows you to view the videos online via the OLLI website.

All OLLI lectures that we had permission to record in the past six months are available for viewing. Past year’s lectures will be slowly rolled out, and recent live-stream lectures will be added when ready. So check back in the weeks ahead.

To access, please go to our website www.olli-umich.org and click on the heading Video Catalog at the top of the page. There is an OLLI tutorial on our website banner that guides on how to navigate the video catalog.

For more information, or technical help, please contact olli.info@umich.edu

OLLI Climate Change Lectures

Friday, April 17, 10:00-11:30am online
Business Strategy and Leadership

Speaker: Andrew Hoffman, Professor of Sustainable Enterprise, UM

Professor Hoffman will discuss the ways in which climate change is altering and will alter markets, and the kinds of resulting responses from the business sector.

Friday May 8, 10:00-11:30am online
Local Leadership and Personal Action

Speakers: Oday Salim, Staff Attorney National Wildlife Federation, and Michael Shriberg, Great Lakes Regional Director of the National Wildlife Federation

The two speakers will discuss what local governments and individuals can do to address climate change mitigation and adaptation.

(see OLLI website for more details)
How To Stay Close to OLLI!
(despite social distancing)

OLLI's Website www.olli-umich.edu
Your link to all of OLLI's programs, information, video catalog, and more

OLLI's Facebook Page
Watch our posts about the latest OLLI news and programs

OLLI's Daily Online E-Newsletter
Your daily connection to OLLI programs, online resources, other OLLI members. Comes to your inbox every weekday morning.

Need more direct contact to Michigan Medicine resources during Covid-19?
OLLI Director Lisa Barton will be happy to connect you. Reach her at 734-998-9356 or libarton@umich.edu

Covid-19 Resources with Up-to-the-Minute Information
Washtenaw Community Health Department: https://www.washtenaw.org/3095/COVID-19

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