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Wednesday – Friday
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Wednesday: January 8, 2025
Online Classes Begin
Wednesday: January 22, 2025

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OVERVIEW

Welcome to UT OLLI!

The on-campus curriculum will be provided by 4 different programs on their respective day throughout the week.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SAGE	DISCOVER	NOVA	(ONLINE)	FORUM

In addition to on-campus exclusive seminars and lectures for each program, this 2024-2025 program year, online classes are offered on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Don't forget to check out the special [UT OLLI Wide Special Winter 2025 Lecture!](#) All online classes can be attended remotely by UT OLLI members. Links to online classes will be emailed to members each week and will be available on the website.

***The views and opinions expressed are those of the speaker(s) and do not reflect the views of the University of Texas at Austin Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI).**

Online Schedule Per Week

(Click on the titles below to navigate the document)

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:30 AM – 10:40 AM Estate Planning: The Most Common Mistakes	11:00 AM – 12:10 PM The Magic of Motown: Music – History – Legacy 1:00 PM – 2:10 PM Ancient Wisdom to Guide Us in Divided Times	1:00 PM – 2:10 PM (Lecture Series)

**UT OLLI is conducted in Central Time*

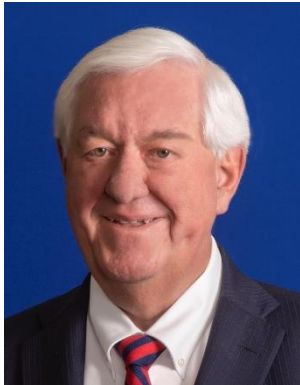
UT OLLI WIDE Winter 2025 – Wednesday Online Seminars

9:30 AM - 10:40 AM

Estate Planning: The Most Common Mistakes

This seminar will focus on why you need a will and on what to do if someone becomes incapacitated or gets sued. It will address how to "remarriage proof" and estate, and how to divorce protect an heir's inheritance. There is also a segment on how to set up a living trust.

Director(s)



Brad Wiewel is a board-certified Texas estate planning attorney with a state-wide practice. Brad enjoys sharing his legal knowledge with the public and currently teaches in the UT CFP training program. Awarded for Pro Bono Service, he also co-founded the Dispute Resolution Center.

Brad G. Wiewel - Speaker at All Events

Event(s)

01/22/2025	Estate Planning: The Most Common Mistakes
01/29/2025	The Coming Elder Law Crisis, Medicaid vs. Medicare
02/05/2025	Probate: What It is and How to Avoid It
02/12/2025	Innovative Charitable Planning: Give & Get Strategies
02/19/2025	Who Should Be the Beneficiary in My IRA—and why
02/26/2025	Avoiding Estate Taxes: What is the Latest

UT OLLI WIDE Winter 2025 – Thursday Online Seminars

11:00 AM - 12:10 PM

The Magic of Motown: Music – History – Legacy

Explore Motown’s golden era from the late 1950s to the 1970s, marked by groundbreaking songwriting, iconic artists, and profound social influence.

Director(s)



Music aficionado **Michael Agron** returns to our OLLI program this year with three new seminars. Growing up in Los Angeles, the epicenter of the recording and entertainment industry, Michael has had the opportunity to pursue his musical and entertainment passions. He has shared his diverse and unique seminars across the country, enriching audiences with his expertise.

Mike Agron - Speaker at All Events

Event(s)

01/23/2025	Barry Gordon's Visions: Explore Motown's Visionary Leader's Revolutionary Sound
01/30/2025	Songwriters, Producers, & Early Touring: Featuring Key Hits from 1962-1963
02/06/2025	Artistic Development & Quality Control: Barry's "Blueprint for Success"
02/13/2025	Overcoming Segregation & Expanding Reach: Featuring 1965-1967 Hits
02/20/2025	Adapting to Change & Managing Talent Exodus: Featuring Hits from 1965-1969
02/27/2025	Psychedelic Soul, Relocation, & Celebrating Legacy: 1969-1984 Hits

1:00 PM - 2:10 PM

Ancient Wisdom to Guide Us in Divided Times

Given where we are and the divisions that are likely to persist, it's high time that good, smart, ethical citizens come together to seek guidance from our very best wisdom on how to improve our civic pathways!

Director(s)



Sandy Kress has a long career in law, politics, and education at the State and Federal government levels. Over the past ten years, he has studied, written, and taught on religious matters, especially interpreting ancient texts and wisdom.

Sandy Kress - Speaker at All Events

Event(s)

01/23/2025	Introduction to Wisdom on Living in a Divided Time- How We Should Treat Our Fellow Human Beings
01/30/2025	On Virtues & Vices, Part One-Making and Keeping a Society Healthy and Strong
02/06/2025	On Virtues & Vices, Part Two-Making and Keeping a Society Healthy and Strong
02/13/2025	The Elements of Effective Leadership
02/20/2025	More Lessons Regarding Leaders and Government
02/27/2025	The Role of Effective Citizenship in Building a Healthier Community and Concluding Thoughts

UT OLLI WIDE Winter 2025 – Friday Online Lecture Series

01:00 PM - 02:10 PM

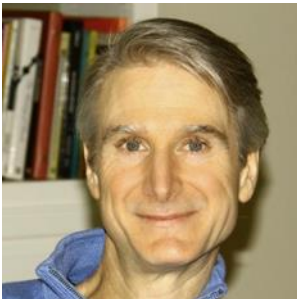
01/24/2025 Stoic Philosophy



Stoic ethics identifies eudaimonia, happiness, or living well, with living in agreement with nature. The Stoics distinguish what has value from what is good—what has value under all conditions, no matter what.

Daniel Bonevac is a Professor of Philosophy, Human Dimensions of Organizations, and Civic Leadership at The University of Texas at Austin. His book, *Reduction in the Abstract Sciences*, received the Johnsonian Prize from The Journal of Philosophy.

01/31/2025 A Virtual MRF Tour



Ever wondered where the contents of your blue bin go after you wheel it to the curb? For many of us, it's a bit of a mystery what happens to our post-consumer materials once we put them in the bin.

Since leaving banking, **Sean Winn** started a real estate investment company, revived his tennis game, and published in literary journals. Most of his time is now spent on environmental projects, including starting a nonprofit and bringing circular food systems to a growing number of cities.

02/07/2025 An Artist Couple's Odyssey in Postwar Germany and Mexico



The illustrated lecture will cover the artistic careers of artist, photographer, and writer Virginia Fontaine (1915-1991) and painter Paul Fontaine (1913-1996), an American couple who created careers and immersed themselves in the art worlds of post-World War II Germany and Mexico.

Ms. Claudia Chidester founded the Fontaine Archive, which has collected and organized her parents' rich store of materials. It is designed to make available the letters, photographs, and diaries of Virginia Fontaine and the art of Paul Fontaine.

(UT OLLI WIDE Winter 2025 -Friday Lecture Series cont.)

02/14/2025 Grassroots Action: The Power of Citizen Climate Activism

This lecture will explain how the nonpartisan, nonprofit organization Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) was founded and organized. There will be a discussion of how CCL works to address the problem of climate change by mobilizing ordinary people to talk to their representatives in government.



Susan Adams is the Third Coast Regional Director for Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL). This region includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas. Susan started volunteering for CCL in 2012 and co-founded and led the first Austin chapter.

02/21/2025 How the Films of Kurosawa Explain Japan

In this lecture, Kurosawa's movies will help us make sense of Japan's complex 20th-century experience. The films reveal a great deal about the striking political, economic, and cultural changes in Japan during Kurosawa's 50-year career.



David Conrad was born in Fort Worth, Texas, and majored in history and Asian studies at Austin College in Sherman, Texas. He spent three transformative years in Japan's rural Miyagi prefecture, teaching English and working on his dissertation on early postwar Japan.

02/28/2025 Building a Future for Coral Reefs



Juli will discuss her book "Life on the Rocks" about the science of coral reefs and how the ocean's most foundational ecosystem remains largely invisible: a reflection of our own land-based perspective.

Juli Berwald received her Ph.D. in satellite imagery of the ocean. She is the author of "Spineless", "Life on the Rocks", and is a science textbook writer and editor. Juli is the president of a non-profit Tela Coral, supporting an unexpectedly healthy reef in Honduras.

UT OLLI WIDE Special Winter Lecture Event

9:30 AM - 10:40 AM

2/20/2025

Old Friends Equine

“Old Friends provides a dignified retirement to Thoroughbreds whose racing and breeding careers have ended. By promoting these once-celebrated horses through a campaign of education and tourism, our goal is to raise awareness of the importance of equine aftercare.”



Michael Blowen founded Old Friends, a retirement farm for over 290 Thoroughbreds, in 2003. Old Friends is Blowen's third career. For two decades he was a movie critic and arts writer for the Boston Globe, and before that, he taught film at Emerson College and Boston University.