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The University of Texas at Austin



## **UT OLLI ONLINE**

### **Fall 2025 Catalog**

**Wednesday – Friday**

**October 1, 2025 – November 7, 2025**

The University of Texas at Austin  
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute  
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Online Registration Begins

**Wednesday:** September 24, 2025

Online Classes Begin

**Wednesday:** October 1, 2025

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## OVERVIEW

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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 2025-2026 program year, online classes are offered on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. UT OLLI members can attend all online classes remotely. Links to online classes will be emailed to members each week and are available on the [UT OLLI website](#).

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

### Online Schedule Per Week

(Click on the titles below to navigate the document)

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11:00 AM – 12:10 PM <a href="#">Mansions of the Gilded Age</a>	11:00 AM – 12:10 PM <a href="#">Claude Monet and the 19th Century French Impressionists, Ridicule to Fame</a>  1:00 PM – 2:10 PM <a href="#">History of Rome—Ancient Etruscans to the Roman Empire</a>	1:00 PM – 2:10 PM <a href="#">Lecture Series</a>

*\*UT OLLI is conducted in Central Time*

## UT OLLI Wide Fall 2025 Wednesday Seminar

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11:00 AM– 12:10 PM

### [Mansions of the Gilded Age](#)

This seminar reviews the mansions, country homes and summer homes of the very wealthy during the Gilded Age. The architecture presented is in large part located in the East Coast, however examples are included from San Francisco, Florida and even one in Texas.

**\*Please note the updated to time to 11:00 a.m. This seminar will be hybrid.**



**Ellen Finley Davis** received a B.S. in Journalism from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and worked as a newspaper reporter and editor in Massachusetts. She earned an MBA from the University of Dallas.

### **Ellen Finley Davis - Speaker**

<u><a href="#">10/01/2025</a></u>	Lost Mansion of New York City
<u><a href="#">10/08/2025</a></u>	Country Homes
<u><a href="#">10/15/2025</a></u>	Biltmore: George Vanderbilt's Grand Experiment in Country Living
<u><a href="#">10/22/2025</a></u>	Summer Homes: Newport and the Berkshires
<u><a href="#">10/29/2025</a></u>	How Florida was Developed as a Winter Resort for the Wealthy
<u><a href="#">11/05/2025</a></u>	Lost Mansions of San Francisco & other Gilded Age Mansions Across the U.S.

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## UT OLLI Wide Fall 2025-Thursday Seminars

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11:00 AM– 12:10 PM

### [Claude Monet and the 19th Century French Impressionists, Ridicule to Fame](#)

Nineteenth-century French Impressionism remains one of the most cherished and influential movements in the history of art. This seminar will explore the artistic currents that paved the way, Romanticism and Realism, before turning to the revolutionary work of the Impressionist Circle, with a special focus on its founder, Claude Monet, and the enduring impact of his vision.



**Kathleen Key** teaches numerous art history and fashion history courses. With nearly 40 years of experience, she currently lectures at Central College of Houston Community College, the University of Houston, the Art Institute of Houston, and the University of Texas at El Paso.

### **Kathleen H. Key- Speaker**

<u><a href="#">10/02/2025</a></u>	What art movements preceded Impressionism? What is en plein air?
<u><a href="#">10/09/2025</a></u>	The early work of Monet, Frederic Bazille, Pierre-August Renoir, and Camille Pissarro
<u><a href="#">10/16/2025</a></u>	The work of Claude Monet and friends in the 1870's
<u><a href="#">10/23/2025</a></u>	The work of Morisot, Cassatt, Gonzales, Braquemond, Manet and Degas
<u><a href="#">10/30/2025</a></u>	Monet, Alfred Sisley, and Camille Pissarro
<u><a href="#">11/06/2025</a></u>	Monet's Late Years—Giverny and Rouen Cathedral

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**1:00 PM– 2:10 PM**

[History of Rome—Ancient Etruscans to the Roman Empire](#)

This seminar offers a broad overview tailored for those interested in the history of ancient Rome. While not designed for scholars, it welcomes participants with a general knowledge of the subject who wish to refresh their understanding and deepen their appreciation.



**Mike Adams** serves as a senior docent at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and holds the title of docent emeritus at Rienzi, the museum's house museum dedicated to European decorative arts.

**Mike Adams - Speaker**

<u><a href="#">10/02/2025</a></u>	The Etruscans: Structure and Society
<u><a href="#">10/09/2025</a></u>	The Etruscans: Religion and Mythology
<u><a href="#">10/16/2025</a></u>	The Roman Republic: Founding to Julius Caesar
<u><a href="#">10/23/2025</a></u>	The Roman Republic: Julius Caesar and the End of the Republic
<u><a href="#">10/30/2025</a></u>	The Roman Empire: Augustus to Nero
<u><a href="#">11/06/2025</a></u>	The Roman Empire: The Five Good Emperors

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**3:00 PM– 4:10 PM**

[10/30/2025](#)

### **The Remarkable Life of Julius Rosenwald**

This lecture will explore the remarkable life of philanthropist, Julius Rosenwald. Even though he remains largely unknown to many, he made generous contributions in his life to advance science, the arts and education.

**\*Please note this is a special lecture, and the speaker will be presenting remotely.**



**Ellen Pulner Hunt** has been practicing architecture for more than 25 years. She received a B.A. in Architecture, and a post professional M.A. in Architectural History/Theory from UT Austin.

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## UT OLLI WIDE Fall 2025 – Friday Lecture Series

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1:00 PM - 02:10 PM

[10/03/2025](#)

### The Elixir of Sport: Renew Yourself in Later Life by Playing Sports

Who has tasted the elixir of sport? Not just elite athletes, but everyday men and women, the kind you'd pass on your morning walk, have tapped into its magic. Through nearly 100 personal interviews, I discovered these “people-next-door” have transformed into *age-defying athletes*.



**Diana Bartlett** is a retired sales and marketing executive who has long been fascinated by purchasing behavior, now extended to the “purchase” of participatory sports by the often overlooked demographic segment of older adults.

[10/10/2025](#)

### Preservation Efforts of UT Campus Historic Buildings: Main Building/Tower/Others

Kim Barker, Historic Preservation Planner at The University of Texas, will provide an inside look at the ongoing restoration of the iconic UT Tower and Main Building. Her presentation will include a brief historical overview of UT’s campus development, as well as insight into additional current and future preservation projects.



**Kim Barker** is the first Historic Preservation Planner at UT Austin, where she’s actively involved in protecting and celebrating the university’s rich architectural history. Her work includes identifying historic landmarks on campus, advising on restoration projects, digging into archival research, and leading tours of historic sites.

***(UT OLLI WIDE Fall 2025 – Friday Lecture Series cont.)***

[10/17/2025](#)

**Bioengineering to Save the World**

This lecture describes the generation and use of bioengineered yeast to address the problem of plastic pollution.



**Professor Hal Alper** is the Cockrell Family Regents Chair in Engineering in the McKetta Department of Chemical Engineering at UT Austin. He earned his Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, among other honors recognizing his contributions to the field.

[10/24/2025](#)

**Discover One of Texas' Unsung Heroes: Juanita Craft**

This lecture highlights the life and legacy of Juanita Craft, a pioneering civil rights leader educated in Austin. Craft played a key role in desegregating the State Fair of Texas, public schools, businesses, and institutions across the state, leaving an indelible mark on Texas history.



**Helen Cordes** has written and edited for national and regional magazines, newspapers, and online publications. She has written two books, and her writing appears in several books as chapters or excerpts.

***(UT OLLI WIDE Fall 2025 – Friday Lecture Series cont.)***

[10/31/2025](#)

**Balance and Aging**

As societies age, falls have become a growing public health concern. Dr. John Milton will offer insights into solutions ranging from vibrating shoe insoles that enhance sensory feedback to activities like golf, dancing, and Tai Chi, all of which help improve balance and reduce fall risk.



**John Milton, M.D., Ph.D.**, is internationally recognized for his research on human balance dynamics. A Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada and the American Physical Society, he currently serves as Senior Staff Scientist in the Department of Neurology at Dell Medical School.

[11/07/2025](#)

**Gault and the Peopling of the Americas**

The Gault site in Central Texas provides us with a unique and important glimpse of the earliest peoples in the Americas. Dr. Wernecke will discuss the broader picture regarding these early immigrants and what the Gault site told us about them.



**D. Clark Wernecke** is the retired Director of the Prehistory Research Project at the University of Texas at Austin and the nonprofit Gault School of Archaeological Research. For the last 23 years, he has examined the earliest people in America.

**\*Please note that you can find links to all online events [HERE](#).**

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