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“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.”

— Henry Ford



WELCOME TO THE OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (UDOLLI) began over 30 years ago as the University of Dayton Institute for Learning in Retirement or UDILR. Since 2004, we have been proud members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Network, a group of 124 institutes across the country dedicated to meeting the needs of adult learners over 50 years of age who wish to gather for the joy of learning and personal fulfillment.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Dayton is to offer adults 50 years or better a wide variety of seminars based on the peer-learning concept and designed to be intellectually stimulating in an informal and noncompetitive environment.

We are a vibrant community

We are adults with wide-ranging interests in art, current events, health and fitness, history, literature, music, religion and science. A curriculum committee works with the Executive Director of Special Programs and Continuing Education to select our curriculum based on member requests, the expertise of moderators, variety and balance. Moderators include University of Dayton (UD) professors and community professionals who lead peer-to-peer informal lecture and discussion seminars that typically meet once a week for two hours, for three to eight weeks.

Our seminars are noncredit

There are neither tests nor grades, nor educational requirements. Participation is essential, ranging from keeping up with assigned readings and contributing to seminar discussion to sharing the results of one's own research. The majority of our seminars are held at the University of Dayton River Campus in Daniel J. Curran Place, 1700 South Patterson. Other seminars are on the UD main campus with a few at off-site locations, such as Carillon Historical Park.

UDOLLI is a cooperative venture

We rely on the contributions and participation, both in seminars and out, of each member. Members assist the Executive Director of Special Programs and Continuing Education by moderating seminars, coordinating lecture series, leading small group discussions, organizing activities and volunteer projects, serving on the board of advisors and committees, acting as seminar liaisons, helping in the office, and volunteering for all other tasks that keep us going.

Becoming a member of UDOLLI is easy

Registering for seminars is simple and convenient. Once you pay your membership fee you become a UDOLLI participating member for one year.

Friends of the Institute are individuals who donate \$100 or more each year to support UDOLLI's goals; Life Members are individuals making a one-time donation of \$2,000 or more; and Distinguished Service Life Members are individuals giving UDOLLI extraordinary service. Life and Distinguished Members may attend seminars without paying yearly membership and term fees.

We are part of the University of Dayton's Office of Special Programs and Continuing Education, directed by Katie Reynolds, and sponsor lifelong learning and professional development Programs. Founded in 1994, as the University of Dayton Institute for Learning in Retirement, we have grown from the original ninety-eight members to more than 2,000 members.

You may qualify for a grant

If you meet certain financial criteria, you may qualify for a UDOLLI grant, entitling you to enjoy all UDOLLI member benefits and attend seminars at no cost or a reduced cost. Please contact the office of Special Programs and Continuing Education at 937-229-2347 or udolli@udayton.edu for additional information. All requests are confidential.

RTA

If you wish to ride the RTA, call the RTA Ride Line at 937-425-8300 for schedule and senior discount information.

UDOLLI Membership Privileges

Invitations to UDOLLI and Continuing Education events such as:

- Duane W. Chapman Senior Symposium
- Senior Fellows Program (graduate/undergraduate course auditing)
- Road Scholars Programs
- Access to Osher Online, featuring engaging Zoom-based learning experiences. These may incur an additional registration fee.
- Participate in domestic and international travel opportunities, specially curated for lifelong learners.
- Curated special events for UDOLLI members

University of Dayton Privileges

- Enjoy UD community events: lectures, recitals, art exhibitions, and cultural Programs.
- Access to campus amenities:
 - Roesch Library
 - RecPlex fitness center (additional membership fee required)
 - UD Bookstore, campus coffee shops, and ArtStreet Café

Identification

Your UDOLLI name badge, received at your first seminar, serves as your ID and grants access to campus benefits.

Call 937-229-2347 for more information.

REGISTRATION AND RELATED INFORMATION

Remember these helpful tips and important facts as you register.

- The \$40 Membership Fee and \$100 registration fee entitles you to select as many seminars as you wish.
- Payment is due when you register. Your confirmation email serves as your receipt/invoice.
- You can register for UDOLLI seminars online, in-person, or by phone. Email requests will not be accepted.
- Seminars may be cancelled if fewer than ten people register. You will be notified should that occur.
- Once a seminar reaches its specified “seminar limit,” you will be waitlisted and notified if an opening occurs. The office will call and email you regarding an opening. Do not attend a seminar unless you receive a confirmation from the office regarding your status.

If you cannot attend the first day of your seminar, please let us know by calling 937-229-2347. Otherwise, you may be withdrawn from the seminar.

REFUND POLICY

To receive a refund of your \$100 registration fee, please notify Special Programs and Continuing Education, 937-229-2347, by **5 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026**. All refunds incur a \$5.00 processing fee. After that date, refunds are not given.

PARKING PERMITS

To park on campus, everyone must properly display a valid University of Dayton permit. This also includes handicapped-designated spaces.

The fee for parking is \$15 per permit issued.

Please be sure to request a parking permit at the same time you register for your seminars. You may then stop by the office during the first week of seminars to pick up the permit you have ordered. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The R1 permit is also valid on the main campus, after 4 p.m. weekdays; open parking (without a permit) is allowed on weekday evenings after 7:30 p.m. and on weekends.

Once you receive your permit, please keep it in a safe place for use during the Program. Remember to display it properly from the rearview mirror. Lost or stolen permits, as well as parking citations, are the responsibility of the member. Replacement permits cost \$45 per person per permit.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

You can register for UDOLLI seminars online, by phone, or in-person. Due to the popularity of UDOLLI seminars, please register promptly and whenever applicable, please indicate 1st, 2nd, and/or 3rd choices, if registering by telephone. If registering online, selections are live, so alternative choices are unnecessary.

Please contact the Special Programs and Continuing Education Office prior to December 1st, for information on pre-registering an online profile if one has not already been created for you. If unsure, the office can assist with information regarding profiles, setting up email accounts or other registration questions.

Please note that the Office will be closed December 5th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and December 22nd - January 4th for Christmas Break. During this time, the office will be unavailable. Please email udolli@udayton.edu with any questions and we will address them once we are back in the office.

HOW TO REGISTER

Please note: The SPCE Office will be closed December 5th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and December 22nd - January 4th for Christmas Break.



Online (Beginning Monday, December 1st at 9 a.m.) - RECOMMENDED

To register online, follow the steps below:

1. Access the main UDOLLI webpage at go.udayton.edu/udolli.
2. Once on the registration site, start by signing into your account by selecting “Sign In” in the electric blue menu bar near the top of the page. (If you did not create an account after July 2025, please be sure to create a new account as we do not have any accounts from the previous software.) You know you’re signed in if you see “Welcome, ____” in the left side of the electric blue bar.
3. After signing in, navigate back to the home page and select the image with the label “UDOLLI”.
4. Start with clicking on the Membership & Parking tile on the main UDOLLI page. Then, add your Membership, Term and Parking fees to your cart. Then, navigate to the **All Seminars** page for registration.
5. On the “All Seminars” page, you have the choice to scroll through all available seminars or see available seminars by the categories most convenient to you by selecting “Search by Day, Topic, or Format”.
6. No matter the category you select, registering for a seminar is as easy as selecting the “add to cart” button under seminars that interest you. Any seminars that are already full will have an option to “join waitlist”. Waitlists are used to determine which seminar may need to be moved to a larger room, so please don’t let the waitlist deter you from registering!
7. If you do not see an option to “add to cart” or “join waitlist”, make sure you are logged in, have an active UDOLLI membership and/or added the UDOLLI annual membership and Winter 2026 term fee added to your cart.



Phone Registration

Call 937-229-2347 to talk with the Special Programs and Continuing Education registration specialist. If you receive a recorded message, please leave your name and telephone number for a callback.



In-Person Registration

Stop by the SPCE office (Daniel J. Curran Place, RM S1100) on December 1st between 9-2 p.m. (we will start accepting registration at 9 a.m. sharp, please do not arrive earlier than 8:30 a.m.).

What to Bring:

- Seminar Choices - Please come with ready with your 1st, 2nd, and/or 3rd choices.
- Payment Method - We accept credit or debit cards (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express). Additionally, checks are accepted (checks incur a \$10.00 processing fee).
- Account Information - If you have an account, please come with your account login available to ensure a quick and efficient registration.



Zoom Registration

Join the Zoom room at any time (available Monday, December 1st - Thursday, December 4th 10-12 p.m.) for registration assistance. When you join the meeting, you will be placed in a waiting room and will be admitted once someone is able to assist with your registration. Please ensure you are prepared with your registration preferences and payment method. Email udolli@udayton.edu to receive the meeting link.

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MONDAY SEMINARS

9:30 A.M.

Exploring the Intertestamental Period (NEW)

The Intertestamental Period, spanning roughly 400 years before Jesus, bridges the Old and New Testaments. It is a blank page in many Bibles and often overlooked as the "silent years" or deuterocanonical era. This time shaped the world of Jesus and the early Church. This seminar explores the period's historical, cultural, religious, and political developments, diving into key figures, events, and movements that influenced the Second Temple Period and continue to resonate today. Students will experience a concise yet deep dive into this transformative era.

Seminar Limit: 48

6 Mondays, 1/12/2026- 2/23/2026 (**No meeting on 1/19 due to MLK Jr. day**)

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Mark Klansek, a retired senior intelligence officer, served 33 years as an analyst and manager with the CIA and as an executive at the National Reconnaissance Office. He has produced intelligence assessments for senior policymakers and enhanced analytic tradecraft and leadership development for analysts and executives. On the side, he taught history and theology at churches. Holding a B.A. in Political Science from Ursinus College and an M.A. in International Affairs from American University, Mark is a dedicated Bible student and Sunday School teacher. He and his wife recently relocated to Dayton.

Greek Mythology and Contemporary Poetry (NEW)

Greek mythology continues to inspire poets who use timeless stories to reflect on modern life, emotions, and challenges. In this seminar, we will read classic myths alongside contemporary poems that draw on their themes, exploring how ancient tales of gods, heroes, and struggles are reimagined to illuminate present-day experiences. Through discussion and close reading, participants will discover the enduring power of myth and the fresh insights it brings to today's poetry.

Seminar Limit: 60

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9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Gary Mitchner has been a member of Friendship Force International and Dayton Club since 2006; he is their current president. Also, he is Professor Emeritus of English and former Poet Laureate of Sinclair College; he is published in many literary journal, including The Paris Review and The New Republic. Gary is the current Poet Laureate of UDOLLI.

History of Academy Awards 1927 - Present (NEW)

Since 1927, the Academy Awards have celebrated the best in filmmaking, from groundbreaking silent films to modern blockbusters. In this seminar, we'll trace the history of Best Picture, Best Actor, and Best Director winners, watching memorable clips that showcase the artistry and cultural impact of cinema across the decades. From *Wings* (1927) to more recent winners, we'll revisit great moments in film history while reflecting on what makes these works enduring classics. One session will be dedicated to Charlie Chaplin-his life, artistry, and lasting influence on world cinema. Participants will also be invited to share their favorite films, performances, and stars.

Seminar Limit: 70

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9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Gary Ruff has degrees from Wright State University and the University of Dayton and is a retired high school teacher. Gary's hobbies include music and adult softball. He previously moderated over fifty seminars for UDOLLI. Gary has over 4,000 45 RPM records from mostly the 50s, 60s, and 70s. Gary has moderated History of Sci-Fi Films, Major Events of the 20th Century and many music seminars.

The United States Constitution and its Amendments (ZOOM)

A review of the original seven Articles of the Constitution and its twenty-seven Amendments. The 7,495 words of these documents have provided the foundation for the oldest and most successful republic in history.

Seminar Limit: 25

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9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Online

Alan Biegel earned a B.A. from the University of Dayton and a J.D. from Chase College of Law. He practiced law in Montgomery County, Ohio, for 47 years and has presented several UDOLLI seminars on the Constitution and other legal topics.

U.S. Income Taxation - from 1787 to Now

Taxes are the one of the most important topics facing United States citizens in today's economy. However, taxes are also the least understood topic, as shown by the number of Americans who use tax software or go to a paid tax preparer to file their annual return. The purpose of this course is expose students to terms and concepts that affect how the US tax systems originated, evolved, and operates currently. Of special interest is the evolution of the Internal Revenue Code from a way to raise revenue to a device to shape behavior and direct social policy. The course explores various critical issues present today by tracing the development of those issues throughout the tax history of the US.

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9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Mark Manovich practiced corporate tax law for over 37 years. During that time, he managed numerous IRS audits, commented on laws on proposed laws and regulations and taught tax law as an adjunct professor. He managed the Tax Departments of a number of multinational public companies, both large and small. With a BA in History, plus a JD (both from UD) and an LLM in Taxation (from the University of Florida School of Law), he has a unique appreciation for the development of the Internal Revenue Code from the formation of the United States to present time.

12:30 P.M.

Food Sensitivities and Intolerances: What's All the Fuss? (NEW)

Approximately 32 million people in the United States have food allergies. Nearly 11 percent of people age 18 or older have food allergies, as well as 8 percent of children. Ingestion complications can range from mild to severe...to fatal. Unfortunately, the incidence of food allergies is rising. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention report that since 1997, food allergy prevalence among children has increased by 50 percent. About half of all adult food allergies emerge well into adulthood. Therefore, it is increasingly likely that you, your friends or family will be touched by food sensitivity/intolerance at some point. Understanding dietary limitations and how to manage them is increasingly important.

Seminar Limit: 40

5 Mondays, 1/12/2026- 2/16/2026 (No meeting on 1/19 due to MLK Jr. day)

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Nancy Poeschl is a Licensed and Registered Dietitian. She holds a BS in Dietetics and MS in Education and Counseling, both from the University of Dayton. She has worked as a purchasing agent for food production at Miami Valley Hospital and as an outpatient dietitian at Dayton Children's Hospital. For many years she taught as an adjunct professor in the Dietetics Program at UD. Nancy has consulted local restaurants for recipe and menu development and non-profit organizations for commercial kitchen design. Nancy retired from Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley, where she coordinated food service operations and food-related social enterprise Programming.

Introduction to AI

This seminar provides an introduction to foundational areas of artificial intelligence, basic concepts, applications and implications of AI in various aspects of our lives. Topics will include applications and issues currently in the news. We will also discuss issues and concerns surrounding AI such as economic impacts, privacy, ethics and bias. As quickly developing as this topic is, our final session will examine the news of just the previous five weeks. There will be hands-on exercises in every session using Gemini, CoPilot, and OpenAI.

Seminar Limit: 36

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12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Jeff Gentile was raised in northeast Ohio near the river, which long ago Indians named “River of many fish”, now called Ashtabula. After graduating from Kent State University with a degree in computer science, he moved to Dayton to work for NCR doing mini-computer system support. Except for a short stint in San Diego California, he’s been a long-term member of Dayton’s IT community, most recently as a technical Business Analyst. Jeff is now retired, usually living and playing somewhere around Kettering Ohio.

Fran O’Connor is a happily retired businessperson and software systems engineer. Now she is enjoying UDOLLI and being a grandmother. Fran is a UD graduate and Flyer fan. She lives in Miami Township with her husband Joe. She stays busy with her writing group, investigating new technology and learning new things.

Paul Piskiewicz retired and relocated from Chicago, Illinois, in 2014. Paul worked at various levels for the Chicago/Cook County sewage treatment and stormwater management agency in positions including budget management, enterprise software implementation, project management and local area networks. He has B.S. and M.S. Degrees in Biology from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and an MBA in business systems from DePaul University. Paul lives in rural Sugar Creek Township with his wife Christy and about 150,000 honeybees.

Knowing Your Worth: To Be and Become Your Best Self (NEW, ZOOM)

Understand how having a "worthy" mindset can change your life for the better. Participants will learn how a "worthy" mindset can influence their thoughts, feelings, and behaviors through a mix of activities and discussions. Moderator Anna Jinja Mather will share how using a "worthy" mindset has transformed her personal and professional journeys as an adoptee, non-profit professional, and writer/podcaster.

Participants will gain:

- Greater ability to recognize and appreciate their self-worth.
- Develop greater understanding of how cultivating a worthy mindset can lead to positive changes.
- Strategies for connecting with a worthy mindset.

Seminar Limit: 30

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12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Online

Kathy Hollingsworth is President of Innovative InterChange, Inc., an independent consulting and facilitation company dedicated to providing clients with workshops and coaching for effective collaboration and rapid learning. Prior to forming Innovative InterChange® Inc. in 2003, Kathy spent twenty-nine years in banking. Kathy has a bachelor's degree from Wittenberg University and an MBA from Case Western University.

Anna Jinja Mather was adopted from Seoul, Korea, and grew up in Iowa. Her heart is filled with love for people and their stories. By sharing her adoption story, she is learning to navigate through personal and professional challenges, and hopes that this will lead others to believe, accept, and value the inherent worthiness of all people. Anna serves as the Academic Marketing Strategy Director at Ohio University. Previously, she was the executive director of Able Up Iowa, a non-profit helping people of all abilities become independent. Prior employment includes working for several nonprofit organizations, including Habitat for Humanity and the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company.

The Power of Film: What Can The Great Films Teach Us About Life? (NEW)

From timeless classics to modern masterpieces, great films often reflect the deepest truths about the human experience. In this seminar, we will watch and analyze carefully selected clips from some of the most acclaimed movies of all time, using them as springboards for exploring universal themes. Together, we will consider questions of heroism and villainy, love and meaning, and the paradoxes that shape our lives. Each session will feature 40-45 minutes of film excerpts, followed by engaging discussion designed to draw out connections between cinema and our own journeys.

Seminar Limit: 12

6 Mondays, 1/12/2026- 2/23/2026 (**No meeting on 1/19 due to MLK Jr. day**)

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Brian Mays has been teaching philosophy classes at UDOLLI for 3 years. He is also certified to teach English in the state of Ohio. He has degrees in psychology, biology, education, education of gifted children, and theology.

3:00 P.M.

A Brief History of the Vietnam War (NEW)

This seminar examines the background, causes, conduct, and consequences of the Vietnam War, 1945-1975. This is not a military history of the conflict but an overview of the war centering on the political, cultural and social forces and a general examination of the military developments that shaped the war. The purpose of the seminar is to understand its profound and lasting impact on various aspects of American society, foreign policy, and military strategy, as well as its influence on Vietnam and Southeast Asia. The use of short film clips, interviews and suggested readings will also be included.

Seminar Limit: 48

4 Mondays, 2/2/2026- 2/23/2026 (**Late starting seminar**)

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Bridget Federspiel is a teacher in the Dayton Public School district with 34 years of teaching experience. Federspiel has a bachelor's and master's in history. She is a James Madison fellow and a recipient of a Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching and spent 3 months studying and traveling in Vietnam. She interviews local veterans for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project along with working for the Dayton Council on World Affairs.

Introduction to iPhone

An entry level seminar to acquaint new iPhone users with features such as Email, Photos, Siri, Calendar, alarms and reminders. Our goal is to increase your comfort in using your Apple iPhone.

Seminar Limit: 20

4 Mondays, 1/12/2026- 2/9/2026 (**No meeting on 1/19 due to MLK Jr. day**)

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Neil Jones is a long-time member and active participant in the UDOLLI Program. A former small business owner, he has degrees from Miami U. and Wayne State U. in Business and Finance.

Planning A Good Death (NEW)

Everyone dies, but too few of us talk about it. This class aspires to normalize important conversations around death and end-of-life decisions. Through careful planning, guided discussion, and compassionate reflection, we will explore what it means to die well physically, mentally, emotionally, financially, and spiritually.

Seminar Limit: 20

6 Mondays, 1/12/2026- 2/23/2026 (No meeting on 1/19 due to MLK Jr. day)

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Donna Jacomet is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Ohio with 25+ years of experience in public health and private practice. She is currently a mental health therapist in a Senior Living facility that includes assisted living, memory and long-term care. Outside of work, she enjoys time with friends, grandchildren and writing.

Carolyn Reveal is a Registered Nurse with more than 45 years of experience in healthcare. A Certified Doula, her work began in birth support and has grown into a meaningful focus on cancer care and end-of-life support. As a two-time cancer survivor and widow, she brings professional expertise and deeply personal insight to her teaching. Beyond her work, Carolyn enjoys birdwatching, line dancing, flower arranging, and volunteering with the Muse Machine.

Spanish for Travelers (ZOOM)

Whether you're planning a trip or just want to feel more confident speaking Spanish, this fun, interactive seminar helps you sharpen your pronunciation and learn essential survival phrases for real-life situations like hotels, restaurants, and shops. No boring memorization-just practical conversation, real-time practice, and even some fun Spanish songs. Each week, you'll receive a PowerPoint with voice recordings to practice at your own pace. Whether you're a beginner or brushing up, you'll leave the seminar feeling more confident and energized.

Seminar Limit: 30

6 Mondays, 1/12/2026- 2/23/2026 (No meeting on 1/19 due to MLK Jr. day)

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Online

Martha Lahanas is originally from Bogotá, Colombia, and enjoys sharing the richness of the Spanish language and the cultural traditions of her home country. She has taught Spanish at local universities and moderated several times for UDOLLI, where she values the enthusiasm and curiosity of adult learners. Martha earned bachelor's degrees in International Business and Languages from Universidad Colegio Mayor de Cundinamarca in Colombia, and in Mass Communication from Wright State University. She also holds a Master of Science in Postsecondary and Adult Education from Capella University. Martha enjoys creating a welcoming environment where students feel comfortable learning and connecting with the Spanish-speaking world.

TUESDAY SEMINARS

9:30 A.M.

African Indian Quilts: Create Your Own!

Discover the rich history and artistry of African-Indian quilts while learning the techniques that bring these unique designs to life. In this hands-on seminar, participants will create their own quilt, exploring both tradition and creativity. No prior quilting experience is required-just a willingness to learn and enjoy the process.

Please note: Attendance at the first class is essential, so only register if you are able to participate in the opening session. Also participants should bring fabric scissors.

Seminar Limit: 15

6 Tuesdays, 1/13/2026- 2/17/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Carroll Schleppi began art quilting upon her retirement more than twenty years ago, following at least sixty years as a seamstress and a love of the visual arts. Her work has been exhibited both locally and in national quilt shows. At the University of Dayton, she taught in Engineering Technology and the Department of Mathematics.

Jeanne Schoenharl has been sewing since she was a child. She taught at Sinclair Community College and supervises the Nordale Community Garden.

An Introduction to the Unevolved and Evolved Ethics (NEW)

This seminar introduces a theory of ethics based on two ethics, the Unevolved and the Evolved Ethics, and how these ethics motivate all acts and behaviors. The seminar begins by recognizing the component parts that come together to form each ethic and discussion of the whole ethic. The seminar then looks at several related subjects, such as the impact of ethics on needs and wants, and the impact of the two ethics on relationships. It also covers developmental stages of the two ethics. Finally, it closes with a discussion of the impact of ethics on leadership.

Required text: The Unevolved and Evolved Ethics by Greg Humphrey

Seminar Limit: 20

6 Tuesdays, 1/13/2026- 2/17/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Greg Humphrey spent nearly 22 years on active duty in the U.S. Air Force, with more than nine of those years teaching at two different levels in the Air Force Enlisted Professional Military Education system. His primary teaching areas included leadership, management, and communication skills. Following his military career, he worked for approximately seven years in Human Resources at the Aeronautical Systems Center (ASC), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

After his time at Wright-Patterson, Greg devoted much of his energy to volunteer service. He has taught basic reading skills and English as a Second Language, helped create and maintain a community garden in the Grafton Hill Historic District, and served as a board member of the Grafton Hill Association. For nearly 20 years, he has also volunteered with and worked for the Dayton International Peace Museum. Greg holds a master's degree in Organization and Management and earned Master Instructor status while teaching for the Air Force.

How To Be A Better Juror

The title of this class is a bit of a misnomer. It assumes that most of the participants may never serve on an actual jury, so the goal of the class is to discuss methodologies for improving small group decision making. A few of the Rules of Evidence will be used to enhance one's ability to analyze the reliability of factual assertions. A side benefit is that after participating in the class, students will have a deeper understanding of news articles about trials and will enjoy critiquing TV shows and movies featuring trials. An extra bonus is that students will have the option to sit as jurors in a University of Dayton School of Law Mock Trial.

Seminar Limit: 70

6 Tuesdays, 1/13/2026- 2/17/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Dennis Turner is an Emeritus Professor for the University of Dayton School of Law, and he was one of the original five faculty members of the UD law school faculty when it was reopened in 1974. Over that time Professor Turner has taught a wide variety of courses, many of which focused on litigation. Professor Turner gravitated to law in part because the opportunity to crew on, and perhaps command tall ocean-going sailing ships, was limited. Nevertheless, Professor Turner has been an avid sailor since he built his first sailboat in the seventh grade. From that disastrous beginning, he has skippered and raced multiple boats in many sailing venues around the country and has survived to tell the tale.

Legacy Writing

In this popular writing seminar, you'll learn craft techniques to write and revise the life stories you want to get into print for your family, friends, and maybe even the public! Part of our seminar is an evening where friends and family are invited to come and hear you read from your work. Craft lessons include story structure, description, dialogue, and revision. You'll learn to give and receive constructive critique in a supportive and encouraging setting. Being in a room with other writers and hearing their stories will spark your creativity and give you more and more story ideas. This is for new and experienced writers. We're in this together. If you're new to writing, by the end of the seminar, you'll be able to say, "I am a writer." The proof will be in the digital collection of stories we publish at the seminar's end. I've moderated this seminar more than ten times and am always delighted by the variety and quality of the stories. As an additional new challenge this year, we'll try writing some 100-word stories.

Seminar Limit: 14

6 Tuesdays, 1/13/2026- 2/17/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Jude Walsh is the author of the award-winning *Post-Divorce Bliss: Ending Us and Finding Me* (Morgan James Press). In addition to self-help, she writes personal essay, fiction, and memoir. Her work has appeared in numerous literary magazines and anthologies, including the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series and *The Magic of Memoir* (She Writes Press). She is a UDOLLI Distinguished Moderator, offering seminars on Legacy Writing, Journaling, Writing Your Way into Retirement, and Substack.

12:30 P.M.

Dayton's Historic Neighborhoods (ZOOM)

In this Program, we'll explore seven of Dayton's National Register Historic Neighborhoods: Grafton Hill, Grafton-Rockwood-Wroe/Kenilworth, McPherson Town, Oregon District, Paul Laurence Dunbar, and South Park. You'll learn about the cultural significance of each neighborhood, the architectural styles of selected houses, and the men and women who lived in them.

Seminar Limit: 30

6 Tuesdays, 1/13/2026- 2/17/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Online

Angie Hoschouer Berghuis is a historian, public speaker, and community volunteer. She serves on the executive committee for the Grafton Hill Neighborhood Association, is the Grafton Hill neighborhood liaison for Preservation Dayton, Inc., the marketing and media chair for Preservation Dayton, Inc. and is a founding and lifetime member of the Randolph Twp. Historical Society. Angie has been moderating seminars for UDOLLI since 2015.

Those Who Walk Among Us as Frail Ghosts: Listening to the Brokenness in American Society (NEW)

In Fall 2022, nearly seventy UDOLLI members engaged in a seminar many later described as both emotional and profoundly challenging. Through raw and personal interviews, participants confronted the lived realities of those experiencing homelessness, addiction, mental illness, domestic violence, and generational trauma. While a few interviews from that original seminar will be revisited, this updated course features 90% new interviews recorded within the last year. Each story invites us to listen deeply, grapple with difficult truths, and reflect on the turning points that shape lives lived on society's margins.

Together, we will explore moral and spiritual questions raised by these stories: How do we understand the human condition in light of brokenness and invisibility? Where is God in all of this? And how might our own responses embody compassion and care?

Seminar Limit: 60

6 Tuesdays, 1/13/2026- 2/17/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Ed Garten, Ph.D., is a UD Dean Emeritus and Professor who retired in 2007. The following year he joined Walden University where for the next decade he directed a doctoral Programs in higher education leadership and adult education. As a Distinguished Moderator with UDOLLI, Ed has developed and offered nearly 40 original seminars in areas including automotive history, classic film, the history of American higher education, contemporary social issues, and various religious and cultural topics. An ordained United Methodist clergyperson, Ed has sometimes moderated provocative seminars that raise critical moral and ethical issues. He did post-doctoral study in religion at Oxford University in the summers of 2000 and 2001. As a specialist in organizational quality assurance processes, over his career Ed served as a consultant to over 100 colleges and universities around the United States and abroad. On his fun side, as an automotive historian, Ed has served as a judge for the last 18 years at Dayton's Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park, the major fund raising activity for Dayton History.

Kurt Vonnegut: The Absurd and Piercing Perspectives of a Great American Writer (NEW)

In this seminar, we will read and discuss three of Kurt Vonnegut's most influential novels: *Cat's Cradle*, *Sirens of Titans*, and *Slaughterhouse-Five*. Through Vonnegut's blend of satire, humor, and pathos, we will examine the absurdities of human behavior, the fragility of belief systems, and the enduring search for meaning in chaotic times. The seminar will be conducted in a discussion-based format, encouraging thoughtful engagement and exchange of ideas. Enrollment is limited to 12 participants to ensure a lively and interactive conversation.

Required text: *Cat's Cradle*, *Sirens of Titans*, and *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut.

Seminar Limit: 12

6 Tuesdays, 1/13/2026- 2/17/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Brian Mays has been teaching philosophy classes at UDOLLI for 3 years. He is also certified to teach English in the state of Ohio. He has degrees in psychology, biology, education, education of gifted children, and theology.

Music of the Late 70's (NEW)

Using the rock and pop music we'll take a trip, year by year, from 1974 thru 1979. We'll review the top songs and albums from each year and listen to many of them as we travel thru our memories. We'll also look back on some of the cultural happenings: of the time (e.g., Saturday Night Fever) and looking back in time (e.g., Grease).

Seminar Limit: 70

6 Tuesdays, 1/13/2026- 2/17/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Bill Skelly graduated from the University of Dayton in 1974 with a degree in Mathematics. He began his career as a junior high and high school math teacher before transitioning into information technology, where he worked for GMAC, EDS, and later HP—developing and supporting financial systems both nationally and internationally. Bill enjoys movies, music (especially classic rock from the 1960s through the 1980s), college basketball, golf, trips to the beach, and, of course, his involvement with UDOLLI.

3:00 P.M.

Dayton's Craft Brewers

Dayton has played an active role in the brewing business for a long time. This seminar covers stories of the early brewers, some brewing philosophies, and we'll tour some local craft brewers to hear about their ideas of the craft brewing business. We'll even brew some beer for ourselves.

Seminar Limit: 25

6 Tuesdays, 1/13/2026- 2/17/2026

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place and Off-Site

Tom Gaudion has been an auto racing fan since high school days. While at Purdue University he drove a go-kart (badly) in Purdue's annual Go-kart Grand Prix. Whether we're talking NASCAR, Sports Car, F1 or Indy, the races are always Programmed for recording.

Explorers of North America (NEW)

Have you ever wanted to go into the back of beyond just to see what was there, making your own path in the wilderness? If some people did not do this, humans would not have spread out of Africa and over the world. Starting in the 10th century CE various men and women were adventurous enough to sail beyond the known boundaries and discovered new continents - the Americas. This seminar will look at the lives of the people who pioneered the exploration of the northern part of the Americas, meeting the people who had settled it in prehistory, discovering what was there, cataloging it, and encouraging others to follow in their footsteps. Some of the names you will be familiar with and other you may not know. Come explore North America with them.

Seminar Limit: 70

6 Tuesdays, 1/13/2026- 2/17/2026

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Janet Hess is a graduate of Bowling Green State University and Wright State University. She worked for over 36 years in various local schools teaching social studies and English. She is interested in reading, knitting, science fiction, and travel (she has been to all seven continents).

Literacy Challenges in Montgomery County, Ohio: An Analysis through the Documentary "Sentenced" (NEW)

This 4-week course will explore the national and local literacy challenges depicted in the documentary *Sentenced*, and then will focus on Montgomery County, Ohio. The course will address the root causes of literacy issues, barriers to overcoming them, and actionable solutions that can make a tangible difference. Through the documentary and supplementary readings, students will gain a deeper understanding of the socio-economic, educational, and systemic issues related to literacy.

Seminar Limit: 60

4 Tuesdays, 1/13/2026- 2/3/2026

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Myla Cardona-Jones was a tenured professor at Sinclair College, holds a Juris Doctor degree, and currently serves as CEO of the Brunner Literacy Center. She has taught a Race and the Law course that has reached more than 500 participants virtually over the past five and a half years.

Implicit Bias (NEW)

This interactive training will help participants understand where their implicit biases come from and what they can do to ensure they are looking at situations through an inclusive lens. The National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton (NCCJ) staff work hard to create a safe environment where participants feel heard, included, and safe. To assist with this, we start with a personal agreement and incorporate small and large group discussions.

Seminar Limit: 40

1 Tuesday, 2/10/2026

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Adriane Miller is a social worker and community leader with more than 20 years of strategic leadership and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. Skilled at building community support, Adriane is a natural connector, bringing people together to work towards a common goal. Adriane is currently the Executive Director at the National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton (NCCJ). She develops and maintains community relationships with various organizations throughout the country and state and utilizes those relationships to strategically enhance NCCJ's Mission. She has learned, through her experience, the importance of using her voice and privilege to speak up, educate others and be an active ally.

6:00 P.M.

Chess 1 (ZOOM)

Using ENDGAME scenarios this class will instruct the students on learning how the pieces move as well as develop basic strategy using fundamental concepts. The ENDGAME is the final stage of every chess game where there are less pieces on the board, but a strong understanding of how to play decides possible victory or forced draws with your opponent. I will be using examples from my recent games as well as from classical American and Russian textbooks. We will also look at the history of chess as well as introduce famous players throughout the ages.

Seminar Limit: 30

6 Tuesdays, 1/13/2026- 2/17/2026

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Online

William Franklin has worked as an engineer/scientist for over 40+ years in USA, Europe, and the Middle East. His formal training has been in Physics and Computer Science having studied at CUNY and University of Maryland. He has written many technical reports, some classified, and more recently three public novels based upon his many adventures. He studied chess in high school and got back into it later in life. While living and working in the Middle East, chess was great escapism. For many years Dayton had one of the best chess clubs in the USA, as it was established like an art museum dedicated to chess.

Cyber Security 101: How To Stay Safe In Today's Digital World

This seminar will cover a variety of topics including Elder Fraud and Scams, Identity Theft and The Dark Web, AI technology, and many other topics that pose a risk to our Cyber Safety. This is a fun, dynamic course with ample opportunity for open discussions, Q&A, and group participation. There will be live demonstrations, information handouts, how-to's, and useful tools intended to help attendees become aware, informed and prepared to thrive in today's cyber world.

Seminar Limit: 30

6 Tuesdays, 1/13/2026- 2/17/2026

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Bart Kincaid is the Information Technology Director for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and owner of Virtually Safe, LLC. He is a Certified Cyber Terrorism First Responder and a member of the Ohio Cyber Reserves. Bart has been doing educational speaking engagements and seminars for the past ten years for the senior community throughout Montgomery County and the Dayton area to educate them on scams, fraud, identity theft and cyber security.

Getting a Grip on Climate Change, a "Whole Earth" Perspective (NEW, ZOOM)

Are you apprehensive of climate change, "the climate crisis" or conflicting claims of urgency and solutions? Do you want to better understand the breadth, depth, and implications of climate change, and identify effective and productive ways to help promote a sustainable global environment? Let's explore together. Some topics we may consider:

- What is climate? Why is a global perspective important?
- What part do terminology and semantics play in our perceptions of, and responses to, issues related to climate change?
- Climate perception, science, popular culture, and policies - sorting 'em out.
- What can I do to make a difference?

We will not be advocating specific approaches or "solutions." Through a conversational style and visual learning aids, the goal is a broad awareness to help you chart your personal course for positive climate action.

Seminar Limit: 30

6 Tuesdays, 1/13/2026- 2/17/2026

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Online

Bill Russo has been moderating as well as serving as a seminar liaison since 2021. He holds a Master of Engineering (Electrical) degree from Cornell University and served most of his career in the defense industry. He also taught Electronics Engineering Technology at Sinclair Community College, retiring as Assistant Professor in 2016. His previous seminars have covered astronomical topics as well as the history of musical instruments. This seminar is a derivative of his astronomy seminar experiences.

Lesser-Known American Wars of the 19th Century (NEW, ZOOM)

Lesser-Known American Wars of the 19th Century' will begin with the Barbary Wars of 1805-1815, and continue on with the War of 1812, the Mexican American War of 1846-48, and the Indian Wars running thru most of the century. We'll close with the Spanish-American War of 1898. We'll skip the Civil War, well covered in other UDOLLI courses, and which would merit several whole courses on its own.

This will be a very different course from our previous '20th Century Wars' offering, with heavy ethical undertones. Whereas 20th century American wars were largely-not totally-defensive in nature, wars of the 19th century clearly featured the U.S. as the aggressor. Other nations had possessions that we coveted, and under the banner of 'Manifest Destiny' we set out to forcibly take them. The purpose of the 19th century wars was mainly conquest, and together the wars make for a morally dubious story.

Seminar Limit: 30

5 Tuesdays, 1/20/2026- 2/17/2026 (**Late starting seminar**)

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Online

Dr. Bud Baker is Emeritus Professor of Management at Wright State University, where he spent 30 years in a variety of teaching and administrative positions. Prior to that, he served for 20 years in the US Air Force, as a Military Airlift Command navigator, Strategic Air Command missile crew commander, US Air Force Academy professor, and aircraft acquisition Program manager at Wright Patterson AFB. A frequent guest speaker in various UDOLLI seminars, Dr. Baker very much looks forward to offering this seminar.

Brisbane, Australia (NEW)

Join Angie as she takes you on a journey through Brisbane, Australia, which she visited in July 2025 while accompanying her husband to a conference. Known as both a World's Fair and Olympic city, Brisbane offers a fascinating mix of history, culture, and modern vitality. Angie will share highlights of her travels, from well-known tourist attractions to hidden gems, monuments, and historical markers that reveal the city's unique character. This seminar offers not only a travelogue but also an invitation to see Brisbane through the eyes of a curious explorer, blending personal experiences with cultural insight.

Seminar Limit: 70

1 Tuesdays, 2/3/2026

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Angie Hoschouer Berghuis is a historian, public speaker, and community volunteer. She serves on the executive committee for the Grafton Hill Neighborhood Association, is the Grafton Hill neighborhood liaison for Preservation Dayton, Inc., the marketing and media chair for Preservation Dayton, Inc. and is a founding and lifetime member of the Randolph Twp. Historical Society. Angie has been moderating seminars for UDOLLI since 2015.

WEDNESDAY SEMINARS

9:30 A.M.

Innovation That Changed The World

This seminar is about major human innovations through history and how they significantly changed the course of civilization. The control of fire for heat and cooking nearly a million years ago was, perhaps, the first major development to make human lives better. Since then, developments in agriculture, energy, transportation, and government have changed the trajectory of human civilization.

An explosion of innovations beginning in 1850 led directly to the industrial revolution and to an explosion in human population. What were these events and why did that happen? And what about the future?

We will consider some current emerging technologies. We will speculate on how innovation will change humanity in future years.

Seminar Limit: 70

5 Wednesdays, 1/14/2026- 2/11/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Tom Cammel is an enthusiast of space exploration and demographics. He has moderated seminars about Innovation and Exploration of the Cosmos. He has an engineering degree from the University of Dayton.

Turtle Up: Conservation, Education and Action

Join Turtle Up for an engaging seminar on sea turtle conservation and sustainability. Over two interactive sessions, learn about Turtle Up, explore the challenges of plastic pollution, and learn practical ways to take action. Activities include trivia, a plastic waste reduction challenge, and discussions on eco-tourism and volunteering, all designed to inspire change. Whether you're passionate about marine life or seeking ways to live more sustainably, this seminar offers valuable insights and opportunities to get involved in meaningful conservation efforts.

Seminar Limit: 60

2 Wednesdays, 2/4/2026- 2/11/2026 (**Late starting seminar**)

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Corinne Brion, PhD, is an Associate Professor at the University of Dayton and founder of Turtle Up, a non-profit dedicated to sea turtle conservation and sustainable community development in Ghana. With expertise in leadership, social entrepreneurship, and sustainable tourism, she has worked on professional development initiatives across Africa. She holds a PhD in Leadership Studies from the University of San Diego and certifications in Sustainable Tourism Destination Management and Social Entrepreneurship. Dr. Brion's work bridges education, conservation, and community empowerment to drive meaningful change.

Triple Nickles - 555 Black Paratroopers (NEW)

Today, we honor the legacy of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion-better known as the Triple Nickles. Formed during World War II, the Triple Nickles were the first all-Black airborne unit in the history of the United States Army. In a time when segregation and discrimination were still entrenched in the military, these men broke barriers by becoming some of the most elite soldiers in service, trained as paratroopers at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Seminar Limit: 48

1 Wednesdays, 2/11/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Gwen Woodall-Givens grew up as a military child, traveling from State to State from one army base to another. Her dad, was a Sergeant Major in the United States, Army-82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. He was also a member of 555th Black Parachute Infantry Battalion (Triple Nickles) during World War II. This how Gwen acquired an interest in Military Science, History, and the Triple Nickles. She is a member of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), and a member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Gwen volunteers at the Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial for over 20 plus years. Her educational background includes a B.S. in Business Administration, Univ. of Dayton, 1976 and a M.A. in Management and Supervision, Central Michigan University, 1979.

Growing in the Virtues of Jesus: A Marianist Charism Way of Life (NEW)

This seminar will provide a basic description of the Marianist charism and then focus on the method of growing into the life in Christ with Mary through use of the Marianist virtues. Participants are asked to download the short book "Marianist Pillars for Young Adults" by Fr. Ted Cassidy from the North American Center for Marianist Studies (NACMS) and purchase the book "Growing in the Virtues of Jesus" by Quentin Hakenwerth, SM from NACMS. Participants are asked to reflect and pray with these virtues and part of the class time will be spent in small groups reflecting on the virtues.

Seminar Limit: 48

1 Wednesdays, 2/18/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Fr. Ted Cassidy, SM is a Marianist brother and priest, retired but still active. He has been a teacher of theology in Marianist high schools, chaplain at a retreat house, Novice Master for the Marianists, pastor and very involved with Lay Marianist Communities and with social justice. He has a Licentiate Degree in Theology and a Doctor's Degree in Pastoral Ministry. He has written two books, one on racism and the other on the Marianist Pillar Characteristics.

12:30 P.M.

Change Your Mind - Change Your Life (NEW)

Regardless of your age or circumstances, people want to live a satisfying, fulfilling life. Yet how do we build such a life throughout the years given all the unique experiences and circumstances that we face? The answer lies in the reality that we create our lives by the Power of Our Minds. This course examines how that is accomplished. We will explore how our mind can create an ongoing sense of wellbeing, and what steps we need to take to ensure we are living life to its fullest potential, given our circumstances. We will examine how we can use our mind to shape our thoughts and actions to create a life that is satisfying, fulfilling, enriching, and meaningful.

Seminar Limit: 24

5 Wednesdays, 1/14/2026- 2/11/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Stephen Brock holds a doctorate from McCormick Theological Seminary and is retired from teaching in the Executive MBA Program at Kennesaw State University in Georgia. He was a licensed mental health professional in Ohio for more than 20 years and served as director of the mental health system in Shelby County. In addition, he is a retired minister with the United Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ. Stephen previously taught the UDOLLI seminar The Power of the Mind.

Creative Studio: Photography in the First Person (NEW)

"It is the photographer, not the camera, that is the instrument." - Eve Arnold

Let your photography blossom. Let your subjects open up in new ways. Using our unique and collective interests, skills and inclinations, together we will each explore the possibilities and potential of our own photography. We will deepen our perception, interrogate photographs, and refine our intent.

With guidance from the work and writings of professional photographers from around the world and our own Miami Valley, we'll make images authentic to each of us. Join us. Have fun. And surprise yourself!

Seminar Limit: 20

6 Wednesdays, 1/14/2026- 2/18/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Shulamit H. Adler, Ph.D., is a writer, a visual artist, photographer, and community educator; a licensed clinical and neuropsychologist. Her celebration of the Midwest, and Miami Valley in particular, her lyrical flower images, and animals-with-attitude can be seen in shows, installations, publications, and private collections around the region. She has offered her popular Creative Studios and seminars in photography through our Lifelong Learning Institute for over a decade.

Mystery Novels from Different Cultures Around the World (NEW, ZOOM)

This Zoom seminar covers five mystery novels, set in different countries: USA, Canada, Japan, Australia, and France. The books are: *The Big Sleep*, by Raymond Chandler, *The Berry Pickers*, by Amanda Peters, *Death in Tokyo*, by Keigo Higashino, *Cocaine Blues* by Kerry Greenwood, and *The Chalk Circle Man*, by Fred Vargas. We will explore universal themes involved in crime, and unique aspects of each culture. The moderator will present information about the authors, and lead a discussion of each book.

Required text: *The Big Sleep* by Raymond Chandler. Please read before the first class.

Seminar Limit: 30

5 Wednesdays, 1/14/2026- 2/11/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Online

Mary Ellen Griswold has been reading mysteries for over 65 years, and has traveled to many of the countries where these mysteries are set. As a retired LISW, she has studied multiculturalism. Her work experience includes university and In service teaching, and moderating courses at UDOLLI for over ten years.

Six Spinning Plates for Lifelong Vitality (NEW)

Small, consistent changes can lead to big results. In this 6-week interactive course, you'll learn how to build sustainable habits for health and energy using the "Six Spinning Plates" framework: nutrition, hydration, movement, sleep, stress, and supplements. We'll explore the power of 1% improvements and practical tools like habit stacking. Each session blends discussion, activities, and take-home strategies to help you create a personalized plan for lasting vitality—one small step at a time.

Seminar Limit: 70

6 Wednesdays, 1/14/2026- 2/18/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Elaine McCormick is a certified Health and Wellness Coach who helps adults build sustainable habits for lifelong health and vitality. Before shifting her focus to wellness, Elaine spent decades in the Information Technology field, where she guided teams through Agile Delivery practices and taught both corporate workshops and a senior-level course at Miami University. Her professional background in coaching and teaching provides a strong foundation for her current passion: helping others stabilize blood sugar, improve energy, and create lasting lifestyle changes. Elaine brings both expertise and lived experience to her work, showing that it's never too late to reclaim your health and confidence—one small step at a time.

The Amazon Rainforest: Nature's Pharmacy - Exploring Healing Forests and Medicinal Plants

Ancient rainforests are critical to our own survival. Most of the 75% of over the counter drugs, and 30% of prescription drugs, have originated in the Amazon Rainforest. This seminar will explore plant-animal interactions, biodiversity of medicinal plants, and their use by Indigenous people of the rainforest. We will look at Shaman, the role of pharmaceutical companies, and new discoveries that are found in these healing forests. We will also discuss conservation and why the Amazon rainforest must be protected.

Seminar Limit: 40

6 Wednesdays, 1/14/2026- 2/18/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Marcia Wendeln is a tropical biologist and currently Emeritus faculty with the Department of Biological Sciences at Wright State University. Teaching included courses on tropical ecology, chemical composition of medicinal plants, Ethnopharmacology, Indigenous cultures, and conservation biology. During her 30 year tenure at WSU, she studied at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama, traveled to the Amazon for research and field courses with students, exploring the diversity of life in Amazonian rainforests. Her primary research focus is wildlife conservation and endangered species in the rainforests of South America.

The Iliad: The Ancient Greek Epic in Form and Content

The seminar will explore the meaning of the ancient Greek epic poem, The Iliad. Lectures will place the content of the poem in its ancient context as well as the poem's relevance to the modern world. We will explore the Homeric tradition, give the setting of the poem in the ancient world, and explore and explain the content chapter by chapter.

Attendees are expected to read four chapters (or Books as they are usually referenced) in preparation for each week's discussion. The translation used in class is by Richmond Lattimore. Students may use any translation of The Iliad for their personal reading, though translations produced after the mid twentieth century should be preferred. The instructor will have prepared lectures based upon content, but student questions and observations will be encouraged.

Seminar Limit: 60

6 Wednesdays, 1/14/2026- 2/18/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Tom Duffee has played banjo with the performing group, The Corndrinkers, for over 40 years. He has also had a long association with Programming country and bluegrass music on WYSO radio. His weekly show, A Country Ramble, can be heard on WYSO on Sunday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m. Tom studied classics at Wright State University many decades ago and has maintained an interest in the classical world throughout adulthood.

3:00 P.M.

Country Music: The Early Years

The seminar will explore the history, sociology, economics, and -- of course -- the music of one of America's most distinctive and influential cultural phenomena. Starting with sources in white and black traditions on both sides of the Atlantic, we will cover early radio, phonograph, and performance venues; the most influential performers of the 1920s through the 1970s; growth in audiences in the U.S. and worldwide; influences of technology; and such branches of the country music tree as honky-tonk, western swing, bluegrass, and rockabilly.

Seminar Limit: 60

6 Wednesdays, 1/14/2026- 2/18/2026

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

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Edgar Allan Poe, Master of the Macabre-and More (NEW)

Edgar Allan Poe was more than a writer of scary stories-though he did that really, really well. In addition to writing those macabre tales, he helped create detective fiction and science fiction, and his literary criticism helped define the short story for future American writers. This seminar will sample the wide range of Poe's fiction, poetry, and criticism, some of it familiar, some not. It also will look at his legacy in the visual arts, music, and film.

Required text: Students will need to obtain a collection of Poe's works, which are readily available from online sources such as Amazon and ABE Books, from local bookstores, or from local libraries. Texts likely to be less readily available will be emailed in advance of session.

Seminar Limit: 60

6 Wednesdays, 1/14/2026- 2/18/2026

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Joe Law, Professor Emeritus (English), Wright State University, holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Missouri, where he specialized in nineteenth-century British literature. For the past 20 years, he has facilitated a creative writing group at the Charles I. Lathrem Senior Center, and since 2017 he has written and hosted Theme and Variations on Discover Classical, Dayton's classical music radio station. He has previously moderated UDOLLI seminars on Oscar Wilde and on the Pre-Raphaelites.

Conquest and Conflict of the Frontier West

The Frontier Experience has been an important part of American Culture. This seminar will focus on the turbulent evolution of the Western United States. The Conquistadors, Explorers, Fur Traders, and Missionaries were followed by the Emigrant Wagon Trains and the Gold and Silver Miners. Native conflicts soon developed with the indigenous peoples. Conflicts also arose between the new settlers. Bleeding Kansas resulted in Civil War and the forgotten battlefields of the western frontier will be examined. The Frontier Experience resulted in the uniquely American characteristics of opportunity, individualism, and democracy.

Seminar Limit: 48

6 Wednesdays, 1/14/2026- 2/18/2026

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Paul Cooper is a retired Air Force pilot with 34 years of airlift experience and tours in three different combat zones. He is a past president of UDOLLI and served on the Air Force Museum Foundation Board for nine years. He has always had a fascination with western history as his mother was born on a homestead on the western prairie. He is a graduate of the University of Washington and has a Master's degree in History.

The World's Greatest Paintings

Take a visual journey through some of the most celebrated masterpieces in art history. This seminar explores the stories, techniques, and historical contexts behind iconic paintings that have shaped cultures and inspired generations-from the Renaissance to modern art. Participants will gain a deeper appreciation for the artists' creative processes, the symbolism within their works, and the evolution of artistic styles across centuries.

Seminar Limit: 70

6 Wednesdays, 1/14/2026- 2/18/2026

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Gregory Gibson is a former Presbyterian minister, attorney, professor and now a professional artist. He studied history in college and theology at Princeton Seminary. He is a graduate of University of Dayton Law School and practiced law in Dayton for 35 years.

THURSDAY SEMINARS

9:30 A.M.

America in the Progressive Era, 1900-1920 (NEW)

The first two decades of the 20th century witnessed a remarkable period of social and political reform known as Progressivism. Examples included regulation of corporations and breakup of monopolies, political primaries and direct election of U.S. Senators, consumer protections, national prohibition of alcohol, and woman suffrage. We will look at the people and events of this dynamic time, including Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Jane Addams, Eugene Debs, Alice Paul, Robert LaFollette, and many others.

Seminar Limit: 60

6 Thursdays, 1/15/2026- 2/19/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

John Weaver was a professor of History at Sinclair College for many years and also taught at Wright State. He holds degrees from Wright State, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Ohio State University (Ph.D.). His major field of interest is American political history of the 19th century and he has moderated UDOLLI seminars on Prologue to Civil War, Abraham Lincoln, Reconstruction, and the Gilded Age.

Life as Journey in Literature (NEW)

"Life is a journey" may be the most common metaphor in our language, and it applies to all of us. It has to do with physical movement or relocation and also the search for identity and meaning as we wander inwards. In this course we will use literature as a vehicle to reflect on our own odysseys by reading and discussing two related novels. Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" is one of the penultimate American novels of the 19th century, first published in 1885. It chronicles Huck's voyage down the Mississippi with the enslaved Jim, told in Huck's voice. "James," by Percival Everett and published in 2024, tells the story from Jim's viewpoint, along with various twists and turns that sometimes resemble the river itself. Our reading and discussion of these books will undoubtedly help us get in touch with our transformative experiences and travels to share with one another.

Seminar Limit: 36

6 Thursdays, 1/15/2026- 2/19/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Jim Brooks taught English and creative writing at Chaminade-Julienne High School for 37 years and taught graduate school classes for the Ohio Writing Project at Miami University for 12 years. He has taught literature and writing classes for UDOLLI the last 6 years and occasionally publishes essays for the Dayton Daily News.

TED Talks That Inspire, #6 (NEW, ZOOM)

This Zoom seminar will present a different TED Talk each week and then allow for class discussion on the topic. Participants will watch the talk during class, then break into small groups to discuss. If you like to delve into new and interesting topics and share ideas with other UDOLLI members, this seminar is for you. It will offer all new TED Talks from the previous seasons and will include topics such as: Self-Aware Robots, Human Population Decline, Atheism 2.0, Talking Politics with Strangers, What Makes A Good College and others.

Seminar Limit: 30

6 Thursdays, 1/15/2026- 2/19/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Online

Mary Riordan is a retired educator, guidance counselor, and technology consultant She has degrees in Counseling and Secondary Education from Wright State and UD.

Then He Told Them Stories: Six Great Narratives from the Gospel of John (NEW)

The author of the Fourth Gospel was a gifted writer, who proclaimed his message to others by way of his engaging stories. In this series, we will begin by discussing the role of stories in our lives: the ways that they tell us who we are as a people and shape our vision of ourselves and others. Then we will explore six of John's stories, taking note of John's use of literary and dramatic devices such as setting, symbolism, dual-meaning, misunderstanding leading to further explanation, and staging to communicate his unique vision of God's Good News in Jesus. Most Christian churches - Catholic, Protestant, and Anglican - will be including these stories in their worship services on the Sundays of this coming Lent and Easter.

Seminar Limit: 70

6 Thursdays, 1/15/2026- 2/19/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Mike Kreutzer is a retired Episcopal priest, having served nearly 24 years as the Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Riverside, and most of it as Dean of the Dayton Deanery in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. He holds both an M.A. in Sacred Theology and an M.A. in Biblical Studies from the Athenaeum of Ohio, with additional studies at the University of San Francisco, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, and the University of Dayton. He keeps current in the field of biblical studies through his own study and through regular attendance at the annual meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature. He has led many classes, on a variety of biblical topics, in multiple churches in Dayton and Cincinnati, and in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio's School for the Diaconate and School for Ministry. In the winter of 2024, he moderated a UDOLLI seminar on the book of Genesis.

12:30 P.M.

Exploring 'Think Again' by Adam Grant (NEW)

We live in a very complex world that changes rapidly, especially technology. People are holding on to their original beliefs. The only one who can cope with this world is someone who updates and changes his views. Adam Grant has written a book called "Think Again" which gives a method to reinvent ourselves at a personal, interpersonal and group level. This book is written specifically for people who are interested in Lifelong Learning.

This seminar will explore key insights from Grant's book, compare them with the Socratic method, and engage participants in interactive group discussions and activities to deepen understanding through active learning.

Seminar Limit: 35

3 Thursdays, 1/15/2026- 1/29/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Phil Douville is a graduate of the University of Dayton and a retired electrical engineer. He has served as an adjunct professor in computer science and electrical engineering at both Sinclair College and Wright State University.

Real News? Fake News? What is NEWS?

In a three-week seminar, we will discuss "real news" compared to "fake news," and determine how to recognize and evaluate each. The first week's content will introduce traditional concepts of "news" and trends in news content and delivery. In the second week, we'll examine current examples of real and fake news, and for the third-week seminar participants will be asked to submit their own examples of "real" or "fake" news for discussion. Based on the first two weeks' observations, we'll attempt to establish criteria so we can separate "real" from "fake" news.

Seminar Limit: 70

3 Thursdays, 1/15/2026- 1/29/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Jeff John is the author of four books and taught journalism at the college level for 33 years. He is a former magazine editor, public relations writer, and newspaper reporter, bringing a wealth of professional writing and publishing experience to his work.

Women In Auto Racing (NEW)

It isn't a "Man's World" in racing any more. In fact, racing was never just for the guys. We'll hear about several important female drivers, both current and historic. Then, we'll spend some time via internet connection, with members of today's Arrow McLaren Indy Race Team who will give us a view of where they are making a difference in Racing.

Seminar Limit: 60

2 Thursdays, 1/15/2026- 1/22/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Tom Gaudion has been an auto racing fan since high school days. While at Purdue University he drove a go-kart (badly) in Purdue's annual Go-kart Grand Prix. Whether we're talking NASCAR, Sports Car, F1 or Indy, the races are always Programmed for recording.

Decoding Cultural Differences: Big & Small (NEW)

Do you wish you understood those from other cultures better? This seminar will introduce you to key skills to decode differences in national culture, as well as individual preferences. Both of these reduce a group's ability to live and work well together. Come ready to expand your CQ (cultural intelligence)!

Seminar Limit: 48

2 Thursdays, 1/22/2026- 1/29/2026 (**Late starting seminar**)

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Tom Barlow lived abroad for 35 years: from Ohio, to small town France (Le Creusot and Chalon) to metropolitan England (London and Birmingham). He experienced first-hand the confusion and complexity of cultural differences. He trained local leaders in both French and English. He now spends his time helping others navigate both micro- and macro-cultural diversity, fostering understanding of their own culture, as well as that of their colleagues, teams and organisations. He and the other intercultural coaches at Coaching Cultures then develop and implement strategies to transform diversity into a positive force. Tom is an ICF-certified coach (PCC), with certifications in Intercultural Management, Organisational Culture. Certified by AirtimeBA in Behavior Awareness coding.

A View From the Edge (Of the Road) - Expanded (NEW)

Over the course of 357,000 miles of cycling-including 100,000 miles on tour-I've pedaled through 47 of the 48 continental states, as well as England and New Zealand. Along the way, I kept a nightly journal, capturing not only the miles but also the stories, encounters, and reflections that came with the journey. In this seminar, I'll share highlights from my travels, photographs from the road, and insights on what it means to take on such adventures in my 60s. Building on last year's seminar, this expanded version includes new stories, fresh perspectives, and more time for participant questions and conversation.

Seminar Limit: 48

2 Thursdays, 2/5/2026- 2/12/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Phil Hinrichs career has been as a public servant - last 15 years at Ohio EPA. Phil holds a Masters in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Illinois.

The History of Comics (NEW)

The comics date back to the mid-19th century in the U.S. We will look at the five distinct ages each with a particular style and focus. This seminar will also cover the trend away from daily newspaper readership to the continued popularity of comic books. Digital delivery of comics has also increased readership in the 21st century. I will describe the difference between comics and cartoons.

Seminar Limit: 48

3 Thursdays, 2/5/2026- 2/19/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Brian Butcher began his career at NCR in Dayton after graduating from Miami University in 1979. Originally working in accounting, he transitioned to technical training in 1991 and continued in that field until his retirement. In 2010, Brian joined Mercy Health in Cincinnati, where he trained doctors and nurses on the electronic medical records system. He retired from Mercy Health in April 2023 after a long career dedicated to training and education.

Wisdom of Warren Buffett in Investments and Life (NEW)

Mr. Buffett is widely regarded as the greatest investor ever. Less known may be his business and management skills. His integrity has been stellar and wisdom in financial and Life matters profound. More than 99% of his net worth will eventually end up with charitable foundations and not with his family. His humor, clarity of thought are additional reasons why increasing tens of thousands of people make annual pilgrimage to Omaha for BRK annual meetings. Seminar hopes to bring alive these and other attributes of this fascinating man.

Seminar Limit: 60

3 Thursdays, 2/5/2026- 2/19/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Ratnam Oza is a retired Internal Medicine physician who practiced privately in the Dayton area for 42 years. He has been a long-time investor in Berkshire Hathaway, attending numerous annual meetings in Omaha, studying Warren Buffett's annual reports, and engaging with a wide range of books, videos, and media interviews on Buffett's life and investment philosophy.

John H. Patterson: Dayton's Own (NEW)

In 1884, John H. Patterson plunked down \$6,500 to acquire a maker of cash registers. His first year, he sold 300 machines. By 1910, he sold a million. He gained 94 percent of the U.S. market through superior workmanship, generous fringe benefits, and terrorizing his competition. He was the first person sentenced to prison for violating the Sherman Antitrust Act. Needing either a reversal on appeal or an act of God, he got the latter. With the 1913 Dayton flood, Patterson appointed NCR the savior of Dayton. His heroism led to his sentence being pitched out. Growth continued from there.

Seminar Limit: 70

2 Thursdays, 2/12/2026- 2/19/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Mark Bernstein is the author of 11 books and more than 100 magazine articles. He has presented three previous UDOLLI seminars. His works include *Grand Eccentrics*, which explores how innovators such as the Wright brothers, John H. Patterson, and Charles Kettering helped make Dayton America's first "Silicon Valley" through advances in aviation, salesmanship, and the automobile industry.

3:00 P.M.

Make Moments Matter (NEW)

What might happen if we were more intentional about a few more moments each day? This seminar will review concepts around being more intentional in moments in order to add fulfillment to your life and the life of others. Topics include: types of moments, the three major pillars of managing moments, ideas for being more aware of moments, and the numerous ways moments can make a difference. This seminar focuses on self-determination and building more agency in life, utilizing a combination of lecture, in-class exercises, reflection, sharing of stories, and questions for great discussion.

Seminar Limit: 48

6 Thursdays, 1/15/2026- 2/19/2026

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Dean Waggenpack holds a B.A. from Mount Union College and an M.B.A. from Duke University. He spent 30 years with NCR Corporation in leadership roles spanning finance, marketing, sales support, strategic planning, and customer support. Following his corporate career, he taught for four years at Miami Valley Career Technology Center and Mississinawa Valley Schools. For the past decade, Dean has worked as a career coach, executive résumé writer, blogger, and author of two books.

The Intrinsic Joy of Woodworking (NEW)

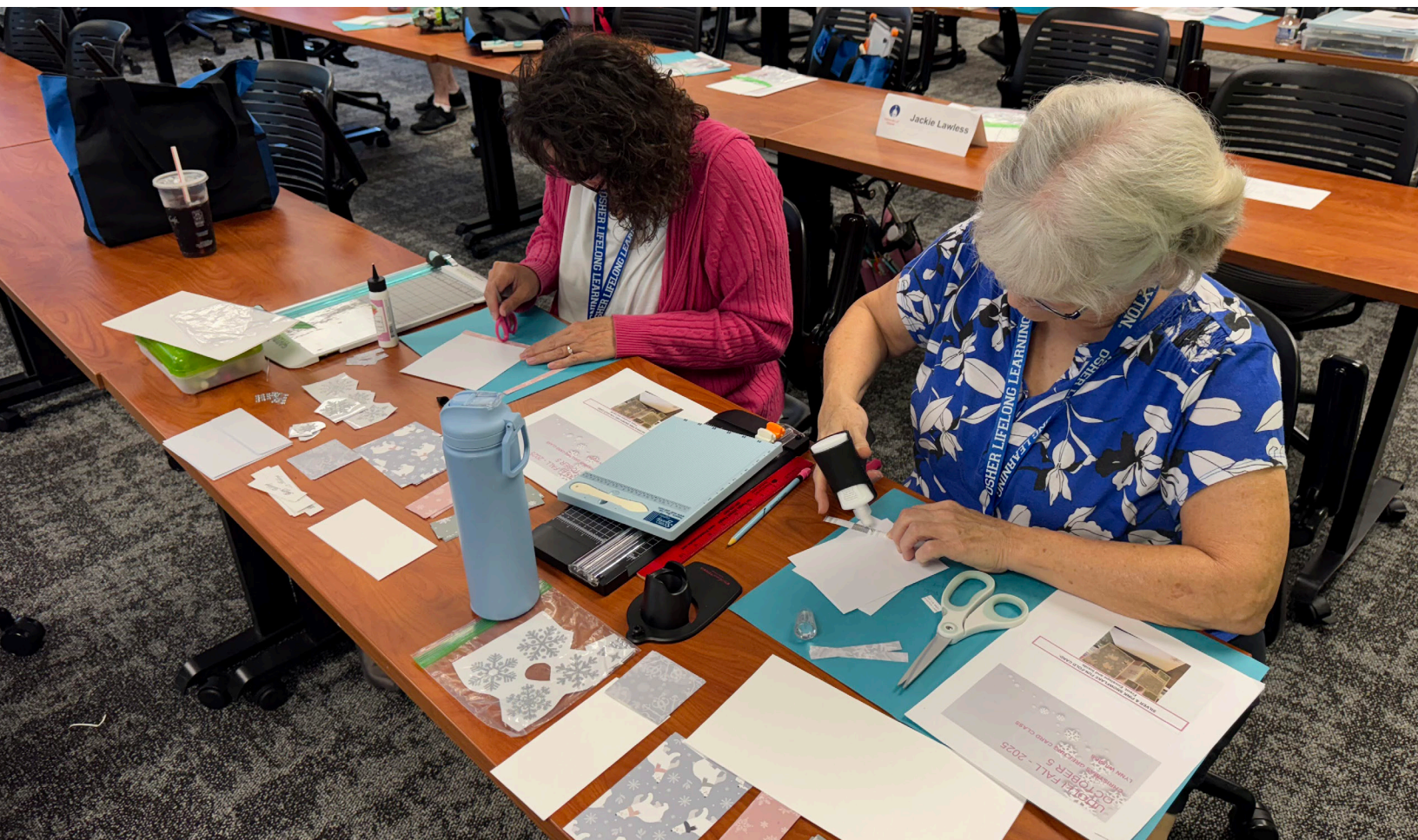
Woodcraft has been part of the human story since ancient times, blending utility, creativity, and beauty. This seminar invites participants to explore the joy of working with wood while learning what different varieties offer and how they can be shaped, joined, and turned into works of art. We'll introduce the essential tools of the trade, discuss design methods, and outline how to get started in woodworking. Throughout the seminar, local woodworking masters from the Dayton area will share their expertise, methods, and creations, offering inspiration and practical insight. As one craftsman put it, "Within every piece of wood there dwells a spirit, waiting to be released."

Seminar Limit: 48

6 Thursdays, 1/15/2026- 2/19/2026

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

John Malas is the owner and operator of Malas Woodworks LLC, a fine woodworking business in Kettering, Ohio, which he founded in 2015. Since then, he has created custom furniture for many satisfied customers and trained with leading national woodworking artists at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking in Indiana. John is also a retired research engineer and a former adjunct faculty member in the Electrical and Computer Engineering department at the University of Dayton.



FRIDAY SEMINARS

12:30 P.M.

2025 Dayton Literary Peace Prize Winners (NEW)

Each year, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize honors writers whose works foster peace, social justice, and global understanding. In this seminar, we will read and discuss four of the 2025 award selections: *A Map of Future Ruins* by Lauren Markham (nonfiction runner-up), *The Burning Earth* by Sunil Amrith (nonfiction winner), *Black Butterflies* by Priscilla Morris (fiction runner-up), and *Martyr* by Kaveh Akbar (fiction winner). Together, these works invite us to explore powerful stories of resilience, conflict, and hope from across the globe. Our sessions will provide space for thoughtful dialogue about literature's role in shaping empathy and perspective. If scheduling allows, we may also host a special Zoom conversation with one of the featured authors. Reading these works in advance is strongly encouraged to make the most of our discussions.

Seminar Limit: 40

6 Fridays, 1/16/2026- 2/20/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

MaryAnn Gasior holds a Ph.D. in English Literature from Tulane University and taught at Wright State University. Since 2013, she has moderated UDOLLI seminars on a wide range of topics, including science fiction, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Jane Austen, mysteries, documentaries about artists, and Dayton Literary Peace Prize selections. She also served on the UDOLLI Advisory Board for six years.

America: 250 Years in the Making - Where Do We Stand? (NEW, ZOOM)

This seminar will look at the status of "the American Experiment" as we approach the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America in 2026. The USA has survived a civil war, two world wars and numerous international conflicts to emerge as the world's longest lasting democracy. Internal and external stresses continue to challenge the USA - how are we doing as a nation?

The seminar will discuss the origin of the United States, the quest for "a more perfect Union", the attempts to undermine American democracy, the concept of Servant Leadership, the effectiveness of Constitutional checks and balances; the role of government in overall society; elected officials' roles; strengths and weaknesses of our representative democracy and what the future holds as the United States of America turns 250 years old.

Seminar Limit: 55

4 Fridays, 1/16/2026- 2/6/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Online

John Sheehan is a UDOLLI Distinguished Moderator who has been leading seminars since 2012. He has presented seminars on topics from photography to nuclear weapons, aviation to the literature of European spies, the diversity of Texas music, The Patriot Act, the life and literature of Larry McMurtry, crime and policing in Baltimore, the life and music of Van Morrison and the rise of fascism in democratic societies. John spent 40 years with the USAF on active duty and as an Air Force civil service employee. He retired from Wright-Patterson AFB in 2006 as the Chief of Ground Safety for the Air Force Materiel Command. He holds a private pilot's license, as well as a certificate from Harvard in American Government: Constitutional Foundations, and is the author of "Gunsmoke: USAF Worldwide Gunnery Meet" published by Motorbooks International.

Take Charge of Your Wealth

A financial plan is vital for everyone, no matter the stage of life they are in. But are you overwhelmed by all the complex terms such as annuities, life insurance, long term care policies, etc.? Are you unaware of your different investment options and what is right for you? If so, come ready to learn how to take charge of your wealth!

Seminar Limit: 60

6 Fridays, 1/16/2026- 2/20/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Grace Valentine graduated from the University of Dayton with a bachelor's in finance. During her time at UD, she joined the Davis Center for Portfolio Management as an Equity Analyst where she found her love for all things investment related. In her last two years of college, she began interning for Morgan Stanley, then joined the firm full-time as a Financial Advisor. Joining her as guest speakers are Lauren Kennedy and Kathy Sperry. Both Financial Advisors at Morgan Stanley have more than 40 years combined experience of guiding clients through the complexities of financial planning.

Techniques for Making Beautiful Greeting Cards (Intermediate Level)

"There is something so special about receiving a handmade card that always fills me with joy. I love the feeling that someone took time to think about me and create something special with me in mind."

---a recipient of a handmade card!

Learn to make beautiful, handcrafted cards to share with family and friends. In this course, participants will be learning paper crafting techniques to bring a personal touch to greeting cards. In each class, the participants will complete 1-2 cards, while learning a new technique. Possible techniques: using paper scraps to make beautiful designs, fancy or fun folds, easy foiling technique, one-sheet wonder, faux leather, blending and using stencils, shadow stamping.

Special Requirements:

- Students must have taken at least one previous seminar from us,
- Lab fee: \$30,
- Materials needed for card making, including all card-stock, printed papers, and envelopes will be in a kit for each student.

Special Equipment such as die-cutting machines, heat-embossing tools, stamps, inks, etc. will be available during class. All students will need to bring a basic tool kit: paper snips, small ruler, adhesives, bone folder, paper trimmer and score board. (a detailed list will be provided after registration).

Please note: This seminar has a \$30 seminar fee. The payment will be due at the first class meeting, Cash is preferred.

Seminar Fee: \$30 (Paid to Moderator)

Seminar Limit: 24

6 Fridays, 1/16/2026- 2/20/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Bobbie Goetz is a paper-crafter enthusiast. She teaches paper-crafting and stamping classes and holds a retreat each summer for making fun paper crafts and cards. She has won First and Second place Ribbons at the Ohio State Fair in the Creative Arts Division for her Greeting Cards and other paper projects. Bobbie has an M.S. degree in Education.

Lynn Wilmes has been crafting since she was seven years old. She has done a variety of different crafts over the years and loves to share and teach her enthusiasm for crafting with others. She made and sold crafts in 30-40 craft shows per year for over 15 years. In addition to teaching at UDOLLI, she also belongs to paper crafting clubs and teaches at the Beavercreek Sr. Ctr and Marco's Paper and Crafts. She is a retiree from The Ohio State University after 38 years.

FRIDAY SELECTED TOPICS

9:30 A.M.

If You Only Know Sh_t About Geese, Take This Course (NEW)

Many of us complain about geese droppings, but there is more interesting information to learn about geese. This short course will open your eyes to that information but you will still have to watch where you walk.

Seminar Limit: 70

1 Friday, 1/16/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Tim Riordan retired from a career in City Government and views 8 soccer fields from his apartment which generated his interest in geese, since they stop by often to enjoy the grass.

FDA & PhRMA: Dance Partners or Double-Edged Swords (NEW)

This seminar explores how pharmaceutical companies use direct-to-consumer (DTC) television advertising to promote prescription medications. We will examine the structure and strategies of these ads, using YouTube examples to highlight key techniques. Participants will also review the FDA's 2024 guidelines for DTC television advertising and learn how to critically analyze ads for their impact on public perception, awareness of side effects, health behaviors, and overall health literacy. They will learn how to talk with their doctors about taking one of the advertised medications. Through discussion and case studies, we will consider how these ads shape both consumer choices and broader conversations about healthcare.

Seminar Limit: 60

1 Friday, 1/23/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Dr. Cathy Rosenbaum is a holistic clinical pharmacist who has traveled to China to study herbal research and global healthcare solutions. She has a background in the pharmaceutical industry, hospital-based practice, academia, medication quality/safety and integrative health, consulting, and certified health coaching. She is a published author, national radio show host, and international speaker.

The Banjo in America (NEW)

Participants will learn some of the history, cultural significance, and evolution of the banjo in America, examining its roots in African culture and the instrument's journey to America.

Rick will demonstrate various styles of playing on a variety of banjos and play audio samples featuring the banjo, ranging from the traditional to the experimental.

Seminar Limit: 70

1 Friday, 1/23/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Rick Good is an accomplished banjo player, guitarist, singer/songwriter, and performer of traditional music. His career has spanned five decades. A founding member of The Hotmud Family (1970-1983) and a partner with Sharon Leahy in Rhythm in Shoes (1987-2010), Rick's work often took him into schools—kindergarten to college—where he has shared his music with three generations of students. Rick was named an Ohio Heritage Fellow in 2010, for his "... lasting positive impact on the excellence, vitality and public appreciation of the folk and traditional arts."

California Girls Dance to the Music - Brian Wilson and Sylvester Stewart (NEW, ZOOM)

In 2025, American music lost two legends-Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys and Sylvester "Sly" Stewart of Sly and the Family Stone. This seminar offers a tribute to their lives, music, and cultural impact. Through listening, discussion, and reflection, we will explore how Wilson's harmonies captured the spirit of California youth and how Stewart's fusion of funk, soul, and rock reshaped American popular music. Together, their artistry not only defined eras but also left lasting imprints on the soundtrack of American life.

Seminar Limit: 70

1 Friday, 1/30/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Online

John Sheehan is a UDOLLI Distinguished Moderator who has been leading seminars since 2012. He has presented seminars on topics from photography to nuclear weapons, aviation to the literature of European spies, the diversity of Texas music, The Patriot Act, the life and literature of Larry McMurtry, crime and policing in Baltimore, the life and music of Van Morrison and the rise of fascism in democratic societies. John spent 40 years with the USAF on active duty and as an Air Force civil service employee. He retired from Wright-Patterson AFB in 2006 as the Chief of Ground Safety for the Air Force Materiel Command. He holds a private pilot's license, as well as a certificate from Harvard in American Government: Constitutional Foundations, and is the author of "Gunsmoke: USAF Worldwide Gunnery Meet" published by Motorbooks International.

The Marianist Family: Our Story (NEW)

Each presenter will tell their story of how they have lived their lives within the Marianist Family which is a global, diverse, and prayerful community of Catholic men and women who share a common charism and look to Mary as a model of faith and discipleship. It is made up of three primary branches: the Society of Mary (Marianist brothers and priests), the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (Marianist Sisters), and Lay Marianists, who are men and women committed to the Marianist charism and often form or join Marianist Lay Communities.

Seminar Limit: 60

1 Friday, 1/30/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Presenters are members of the Marianist Family: Brother Jack Somerville, a Marianist working brother, Matt Dunn, a Marianist lay person; Sister Emily Sandoval, a Marianist sister; Brother Charles Johnson, a Marianist teaching brother; and Father Bob Jones, a Marianist priest. All have lived the Marianist way of life as adults primarily in the USA but also in international settings.

Major General Benny Meyers - Success and Corruption at Wright Field in the Second World War (NEW)

As the Second World War began President Roosevelt challenged the nation to produce 50,000 (later 60,000) airplanes per year, and the staff at Dayton's Wright Field was remarkably successful in meeting and even exceeding this procurement goal. Despite the opportunities for corruption afforded by enormous sums of public money spent rapidly with little or no oversight, no evidence of corruption among senior Army Air Forces procurement officials exists - with one notable exception. Major General Bennett E. "Benny" Meyers, a career officer who eventually became commander of Wright Field's Materiel Command, significantly enriched himself through a series of fraudulent and illegal dealings while simultaneously leading one of the nation's most ambitious and critical defense projects. This is his story.

Seminar Limit: 70

1 Friday, 2/6/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Mike Taint is an independent historian and retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel. He holds degrees in computer science, history, and political science, including a master's in public administration from Wichita State University and a history degree from Norwich University, where he graduated summa cum laude. A member of the Ohio Academy of History and the Society for Military History, Mike has published and presented extensively on American and military history, including recent work with the Marine Corps University Press and conference presentations on early U.S. military policy and World War II air power.

We Got Our Kicks (and More) on Route 66 (NEW)

Janet and her husband Todd traveled the famed Mother Road, Route 66, in May of 2025. It was something they had thought about and dreamed of for a long time. After much research and planning they took the plunge, driving the entire route, Chicago to LA. Hear their strategy for the trip, what they liked, what they would do differently, how much they spent and recommendations for anyone thinking of making the trip themselves. And see lots of pictures.

Seminar Limit: 60

1 Friday, 2/6/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Janet Hall holds a B.A. in Sociology from Wright State University and worked as a secretary at the Dayton Art Institute during the 1980s. She has a long-standing love of history, architecture, and travel, and has been a member of the same book club for 25 years.

Ohio Has a Death Penalty Problem (NEW)

There has not been an execution in Ohio in over seven years and in 2024 only one person was sentenced to death. Meanwhile, innocent men have been released from death row and numerous recommendations for reform of Ohio's capital punishment system have yet to be implemented. Can Ohio live without the death penalty? The seminar will provide a history of Ohio's experiment with capital punishment and lay out the reasons for ending it now.

Seminar Limit: 60

1 Friday, 2/13/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Jane Bohman served as the Executive Director of the Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty from 2000-2008. She played a key role in the movement that led to the commutation of all Illinois death sentences and the pardon of four innocent men in 2003. In 2011, Illinois abolished the death penalty. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Ohioans to Stop Executions (OTSE) and is the co-convenor of the Miami Valley chapter of OTSE. Jane is a graduate of Chicago-Kent College of Law and holds a B.A. in English Language and Literature from the University of Chicago.

U.S. Nuclear Power: Myths, Need & Promise (NEW)

The emergence of more all-electric cars/trucks, and the unrelated exponential increase in AI-driven data centers, will dramatically increase future U.S. electric power demand in the next 5-10 years. Nuclear power offers an affordable, carbon free, and always available 24/7 base power source to complement non-continuous electric power provided by solar and wind turbines.

This seminar will dispel the myths and unfounded fears that have suppressed new U.S. nuclear power plant development for over 40 years, examine the critical need for this cost-effective carbon-free electric power source, and highlight the promise provided by a government encouraged nuclear power renaissance.

Seminar Limit: 70

1 Friday, 2/13/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Les Small, with three engineering degrees, including a master's in engineering management from UD, served as a bench scientist and then engineering manager for the USAF Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson AFB for 42 years until his retirement in 2010. Since his retirement, Mr. Small has made a hobby of studying national and international "issues of the day" via both print and electronic media. In the last two years, nuclear power has been a particular item of interest.

The Life and Songs of Bob Dylan (NEW)

This seminar celebrates the music and legacy of Bob Dylan, whose songwriting has shaped generations. We will listen to his songs and explore the themes, lyrics, and artistry that earned him recognition as one of the most influential voices in American music. In 2016, Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature "for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition." While not formally a poet laureate, he has often been called the "poet laureate of rock 'n' roll," a title that reflects the profound literary and cultural impact of his work. Join us as we reflect on Dylan's music, his contribution to American song, and his enduring role as a poet in sound and spirit.

Seminar Limit: 48

2 Fridays, 2/13/2026- 2/20/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Gary Ruff has degrees from Wright State University and the University of Dayton and is a retired high school teacher. Gary's hobbies include music and adult softball. He previously moderated over fifty seminars for UDOLLI. Gary has over 4,000 45 RPM records from mostly the 50s, 60s, and 70s. Gary has moderated History of Sci-Fi Films, Major Events of the 20th Century and many music seminars.

Friendship Force - Promoting Peace and Friendship

Founded in 1977 by President Jimmy Carter and Wayne Smith, the Friendship Force is an international organization dedicated to building bridges of peace through cultural exchange and personal connection. Its mission is simple but powerful: to promote understanding across borders by encouraging people to experience one another's lives directly. Through home-hosting and international travel, members are welcomed into each other's communities, fostering friendships that transcend politics, language, and geography. In this seminar, we will explore the origins of the Friendship Force, its continuing role in promoting goodwill worldwide, and the ways in which local chapters connect travelers with hosts from around the globe. Participants will learn how cultural immersion-sharing meals, stories, and daily life-creates lasting friendships and promotes peace one relationship at a time.

Seminar Limit: 45

1 Friday, 2/20/2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Gary Mitchner has been a member of Friendship Force International and Dayton Club since 2006; he is their current president. Also, he is Professor Emeritus of English and former Poet Laureate of Sinclair College; he is published in many literary journal, including The Paris Review and The New Republic. Gary is the current Poet Laureate of UDOLLI.

12:30 P.M.

Lincoln & Slavery (NEW)

"Lincoln & Slavery" examines Lincoln's lifelong opposition to slavery and his evolving attitude towards race during his formative, adult, and war years.

Seminar Limit: 70

1 Friday, 2/27/2026

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Daniel J. Curran Place

Allan Howey is a retired Air Force officer who alternated between cockpits, classrooms, and staff assignments in a 34-year career. He flew the C-141 jet transport, served in the Pentagon, is a Gulf War veteran, and finished his 34-year military career in 2003 as Director of the Airpower Research Institute. He also taught undergraduate history courses at the Air Force Academy and graduate-level courses at the Air Command & Staff College, including award-winning classes on the Civil War. After retiring, he returned to college and earned two degrees in music education. He now lives in Dayton, performs in the local area, and teaches Civil War history whenever he can!

SEMINARS FILL QUICKLY!

Register early. Online registration begins Monday, December 1st. See page 6 for details.

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The University of Dayton Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is featuring a new partnership, Osher Online, a virtual learning Program developed by the National Resource Center (Osher NRC), a non-governing center of excellence hosted by Northwestern University, benefiting older adults through the national network of 124 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes.

Participating in Osher Online provides you with the opportunity through Zoom to engage with speakers and OLLI members nationally. You will register for Osher Online at the same time you register for your other UDOLLI seminars and we'll pass your name and email address on to the NRC. The NRC will host a couple of orientation sessions to help familiarize you with various resources and send you the Zoom login information for your seminar(s).

Twenty-two, six-week courses are being offered this winter and cost \$50 each. To register for these courses only, you would not need to pay the Winter 2026 term fee. You only need an active UDOLLI membership (\$40).

Brain and Behavior in the Era of Digital Technology (ZOOM)

Explore how digital technologies and artificial intelligence affect the brain, behavior, and mental health. This course examines the impact of modern devices on attention, memory, emotions, and decision-making, while addressing ethical concerns like privacy and tech-based addictions. We will learn how neuroscience and psychology offer tools to support well-being in a rapidly evolving digital world.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Mondays, 1/26/2026- 3/2/2026

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Online

Elena Labkovsky, PhD, is a neuroscientist and clinical neuropsychologist with over 30 years of experience in cognitive psychology and psychophysiology. She specializes in neurobehavioral modulation, integrating psychological, neuropsychological, and physiological approaches to support emotional and cognitive well-being. Her work focuses on how brain function shapes behavior and on developing innovative, research-based treatments for mental health challenges.

Dealing in Futures: The Shape of Science Fiction (ZOOM)

From pulp origins to mainstream dominance, science fiction has evolved into a powerful storytelling form that explores new worlds, ideas, and ways of thinking. This course traces the genre's growth over two centuries, distinguishing it from fantasy and myth, and highlighting key authors who shaped its direction. We will discover how science fiction reflects cultural change and reimagines the future.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Tuesdays, 1/20/2026- 2/24/2026

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Online

Gary Wolfe is emeritus professor of humanities at Roosevelt University and a critic for Locus magazine. He is the author of *Evaporating Genres* and editor of *American Science Fiction* volumes for the Library of America. Wolfe has received multiple awards, including a Hugo and a Ditmar for *The Coode Street Podcast*, which he co-hosts with Jonathan Strahan.

Einstein without Tears: His Theories Explained without Math and in Everyday Language (ZOOM)

Explore the fascinating world of Albert Einstein's theories - no math or science background required. This course introduces key ideas like time travel, warped space, black holes, and gravitational waves, all in accessible terms. We will discover how modern science continues to confirm Einstein's predictions and why his work remains a source of wonder for both scientists and science fiction fans.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Tuesdays, 1/27/2026- 3/3/2026

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Online

Andrew Fraknoi is the former chair of the astronomy department at Foothill College and now teaches noncredit astronomy courses at San Francisco State and the University of San Francisco. He is lead author of *OpenStax Astronomy*, the most widely used free introductory astronomy textbook in North America. Named California Professor of the Year in 2007, he frequently explains astronomy in everyday language on national radio Programs. The International Astronomical Union named Asteroid 4859 Fraknoi in his honor as a recognition of his contributions to the public understanding of science. Learn more at <http://fraknoi.com>.

Heroes of the Holocaust: Lights in the Darkness (ZOOM)

When we think of the Holocaust, we recall the horrors perpetrated by evildoers. Even in humanity's darkest hours, courageous individuals risked everything to save lives. This course sheds light on these little-known rescuers - ordinary people who defied laws, resisted hate, and acted with moral clarity and compassion. Their uplifting stories are powerful reminders of resilience, morality, and hope.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Wednesdays, 1/14/2026- 2/18/2026

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Online

Howard Kerner, BA, MA (SUNY Albany), is a retired English professor who spent 47 years teaching and publishing over 100 scholarly articles, primarily on the Holocaust. In retirement, he researches and shares the powerful stories of little-known Holocaust rescuers. Through his talks at lifelong learning Programs, he highlights acts of extraordinary bravery and altruism—offering timely reminders of human goodness.

History of Sicily (ZOOM)

Sicily has been a mythic crossroads of heroes, conquerors, and culture for over 3,000 years. From Odysseus and the Arabo-Norman Golden Age to the Mafia and modern mythmakers like Garibaldi and Coppola, Sicily's story is rich, complex, and central to Western history. This course explores its pivotal role in shaping civilization - and why Goethe famously said, "To have seen Italy without having seen Sicily is not to have seen Italy at all.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Mondays, 1/26/2026- 3/2/2026

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Online

Douglas Kenning, PhD (University of Edinburgh), is a writer, lecturer, and former professor of literature and history. He has taught in the U.S., Tunisia, Japan, and Italy. Now based in the San Francisco Bay Area and Sicily, he offers dynamic lectures on Mediterranean civilizations and leads small-group tours exploring history, myth, and culture.

How the US Immigration System (Usually) Works (ZOOM)

Immigration has always been a complex and emotional issue in US history. This course explores how the immigration system has evolved and how it works today. We will examine key questions about identity, belonging, and national responsibility while engaging in thoughtful, constructive conversations about the future of immigration policy in the United States.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Fridays, 1/16/2026- 2/20/2026

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Online

Michele Waslin, PhD, is Assistant Director of the Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities. She develops research initiatives, educational resources, and public Programs focused on global migration, race, and ethnicity. Waslin brings extensive experience in immigration policy and public scholarship, helping connect academic research with broader conversations on migration in the United States and beyond.

Invisible Intelligence: The Unseen Algorithms Reshaping Your Daily Life (ZOOM)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) shapes our daily lives in subtle yet powerful ways. In this non-technical course, we will explore six case studies that reveal how AI systems work, the ethics behind machine decision-making, and the impact of these technologies on our world. We will gain a deeper understanding of AI's current influence - and the possibilities ahead.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Thursdays, 1/15/2026- 2/19/2026

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Online

Eliot Bethke is a PhD candidate in computational bioengineering at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He previously worked in research and development at several Midwest start-ups, focusing on product design and manufacturing. After running a summer internship Program, he shifted his focus to education and now shares his expertise in hardware and software development with future engineers.

Japanese History through the Lens of Shogun (ZOOM)

Inspired by the 2024 FX mini-series *Shogun*, this course explores Japan's transition from civil war to peace between the 15th and 18th centuries. We will examine the rise of key unifiers, the roles of diverse social groups (like merchants, peasants, women, and outcasts), and the era's political, cultural, and artistic shifts. For fans of the series or those new to Japanese history, this course offers a rich, accessible introduction.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Tuesdays, 1/20/2026- 2/24/2026

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Online

Megan McClory is a doctoral candidate in history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her research explores sword restrictions in early modern Japan and their role in shaping peace and power. A Global Research Fellow at Kokugakuin University, she has spent years living and studying in Japan and holds a BA from Brandeis University.

John James Audubon and the Birds of America (ZOOM)

In the 1820s, John James Audubon set out to document every bird species in the US, resulting in *The Birds of America*, a landmark collection of 435 hand-painted prints. This course explores Audubon's life, artistic methods, and legacy, highlighting how his work bridges art and science. We will examine selected prints and consider his lasting impact on American natural history.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Thursdays, 1/22/2026- 2/26/2026

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Online

Eric Simon, professor of Biology at New England College, received his PhD in biochemistry from Harvard University. An avid traveler and award-winning nature photographer, Eric leads educational international trips to destinations including Belize, the Galapagos, Tanzania, Cuba, the Amazon River, and Patagonia. Simon is the author of a widely used series of college biology textbooks with over 2 million books in print that help teach biology to students in over 40 countries.

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: A Comparative Exploration (ZOOM)

Explore the rituals, beliefs, and writings of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam through a comparative lens. This course examines where these Abrahamic religions overlap and diverge, offering insights into their shared monotheistic roots and unique traditions. We will read key texts from each faith and gain a deeper understanding of how these religions shape meaning, practice, and identity.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Thursdays, 1/29/2026- 3/5/2026

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Online

Jeremy Fackenthal, PhD, is an independent filmmaker and nonprofit director. He led the Common Good International Film Festival from 2019 to 2023 and holds a PhD in Philosophy of Religion and Theology from Claremont Graduate University. His work uses film to explore philosophical questions, including a short documentary on spoken word poetry and an upcoming feature-length film. He sees film as art, expression, and entertainment.

Landscape & Adventure Photography: An Introduction (ZOOM)

This workshop will introduce participants to the skills and techniques used to create professional quality images of their adventures in the natural world. Topics will include controlling exposure, using depth of field, motion effects, the principles of visual communication, and the qualities of natural light. The course will incorporate slide-illustrated lectures, group discussions, and ample time for student feedback.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Mondays, 1/26/2026- 3/2/2026

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Online

Jonathan Duncan is a photojournalist, writer, teacher, and public speaker with more than 25 years of experience. His work has been published in National Geographic, The Himalayan Journal, Sailing, Rock and Ice, and by the University of Utah Press. He has taught at the Art Institute of Portland, Western Washington University, Westminster University, and the University of Utah's Osher Institute. His work explores humanity's complex relationship with the natural world, often in remote landscapes and cultures.

Milestones in Medicine (ZOOM)

This course highlights transformative milestones in medicine from the 18th century to today, beginning with Jenner's smallpox vaccine. We will explore key medical and public health advances, the innovators behind them, and the profound effects these breakthroughs have had on longevity and quality of life. The course offers a compelling look at how science and clinical care have worked together to reshape health outcomes over the past two centuries.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Wednesdays, 1/14/2026- 2/18/2026

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Online

Gordon Josephson, MD, MPH, is a retired emergency physician and former Chief Operating Officer of Baystate Medical Practices in Springfield, Massachusetts. He holds a Master of Public Health from Harvard University and a medical degree from the State University of New York. Dr. Josephson remains active in the lifelong learning community and currently serves as president of the OLLI Board of Directors.

More than Parks: A History of American Conservation (ZOOM)

Explore the evolution of American conservation from the 19th century to today. This course goes beyond national parks to examine how urban reformers, scientists, women activists, and Native communities shaped the movement. Through diverse stories and landscapes, we will gain a deeper understanding of how Americans have fought to preserve - and define - the natural world.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Tuesdays, 1/20/2026- 2/24/2026

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Online

Fraser Livingston is an environmental historian with a PhD in American history from Mississippi State University. His research focuses on the history of science, technology, and agriculture. He received the 2023 Gilbert C. Fite Award for Best Dissertation on Agricultural History and currently works on a book about conservationist George Bird Grinnell. He also serves as book review editor for Environmental History.

Osher Integrative Health: Navigating Chronic Illness in a Complex Healthcare System (ZOOM)

This course, presented in partnership with the Osher Collaborative for Integrative Health, features expert speakers from their upcoming national conference, Navigating Chronic Illness in a Complex Healthcare System. Through engaging presentations and discussions, participants will explore how integrative health approaches can address the challenges of living with chronic conditions and help individuals make informed choices within today's increasingly complex healthcare environment. Topics will focus on whole-person care, patient empowerment, and practical strategies for managing long-term health concerns.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Fridays, 1/30/2026- 3/6/2026

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Online

The Osher Collaborative for Integrative Health is a national network of academic health centers dedicated to advancing whole-person care. Through clinical innovation, research, and education, the Collaborative promotes evidence-based approaches that combine conventional and complementary therapies to support physical, emotional, and social well-being.

Pharmaceuticals and Poisons: Chemistry at the Edge (ZOOM)

Some substances heal, others harm - and some do both. This chemistry-rich (but non-technical) course explores the fine line between pharmaceuticals and poisons. We will examine drug development, venom-inspired medicine, and the history of FDA regulation shaped by scandal and reform. From aspirin's industrial roots to Gila monster hormones, participants will uncover the fascinating, sometimes unsettling chemistry behind what we choose to swallow.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Thursdays, 1/22/2026- 2/26/2026

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Online

Dr. Johnnie Hendrickson is a Teaching Professor in the School of Molecular Sciences at Arizona State University; he holds a PhD in chemistry and is the author of the textbook *Chemistry in the World*. His academic work focuses on science communication, the reciprocal relationship between science and society.

Post Impressionism and the Birth of Abstraction (ZOOM)

This course explores Post-Impressionism's bold departure from naturalistic light and color, focusing on the expressive use of form, symbolism, and vivid, often unnatural color. Through the work of Cézanne, van Gogh, Gauguin, Seurat, and Matisse, we will trace the movement's challenge to artistic norms and social values - laying the foundation for modern art and redefining the artist's role in society.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Mondays, 1/26/2026- 3/2/2026

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Online

Lauren Weingarden is professor emerita of art history at Florida State University. Weingarden's publications explore the interrelations between literature and visual arts in 19th century cultural contexts. She is the author of several scholarly books and articles on the American architect Louis Sullivan and on French art and literature, particularly Charles Baudelaire and Édouard Manet. Her interdisciplinary work includes developing an embodied aesthetic model through which art viewers re-experience artists' immersive encounters with modernity's fragmentation and nature's transience—a perspective that deeply informs her teachings on Impressionism.

The American Revolution Beyond the British Empire (ZOOM)

This course reframes the American Revolution as a global event shaped by imperial rivalries and geopolitical forces. Each session focuses on a different group - Germans, French, Spaniards, South Asians, and others - revealing how their experiences intersected with the collapse of British rule in North America. By viewing the Revolution through a global lens, participants will uncover new perspectives on its causes, course, and consequences.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Saturdays, 1/17/2026- 2/21/2026

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Online

Richard Bell, PhD, is Professor of History at the University of Maryland and author of *Stolen*, a finalist for the George Washington and Harriet Tubman Prizes. A National Endowment for the Humanities Public Scholar and Carnegie Fellow, he has held fellowships at Yale and Cambridge. His latest book, *The American Revolution and the Fate of the World*, was published in 2025.

The History of American Television (ZOOM)

This engaging, video-rich course tells the story of American television - from its 1920s origins to today's streaming era. We will explore decades of iconic shows, genres, and cultural moments that shaped the medium and its audiences. From sitcoms and dramas to news and sports, we will rediscover how TV evolved, adapted, and transformed American culture - one broadcast, cable channel, and streaming service at a time.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Mondays, 1/26/2026- 3/2/2026

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Online

Jim McKairnes is a former CBS Television executive who writes and teaches about television history. He has taught at DePaul, Temple, and Middle Tennessee State universities, and is the author of *All in the Decade*, a book on 1970s television. Since 2020, he has taught regularly for OLLI Programs across the country and currently lives in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The Magic Behind Film Scores: Exploring the Role of Music in Great Movies (ZOOM)

Discover how film music enhances storytelling, sets mood and place, defines character, and blends styles - jazz, classical, pop - into powerful cinematic impressions. We will discuss how composers shape emotion across genres like drama, romance, comedy, sci-fi, and westerns. From *The Jazz Singer* to James Bond, we will trace the evolution of film scores, spotlighting legendary composers such as Bernard Herrmann, Ennio Morricone, and John Williams. Celebrate the artistry of film music and its lasting emotional impact.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Wednesdays, 1/14/2026- 2/18/2026

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Online

Mike Agron grew up in L.A., the heart of the recording and entertainment industry. He loved music so much he wanted to become a recording engineer. Fate had different plans, and he ended up with a successful career in hi-tech, including founding a webinar marketing agency. He has fulfilled his musical and entertainment passions by offering his varied and uniquely popular seminars to learners across the country.

The Noir Novel: Three American Classics (ZOOM)

Explore the noir novel through Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon*, Raymond Chandler's *The Big Sleep*, and Sara Paretsky's *Indemnity Only*. From hardboiled detectives navigating gritty cityscapes to Paretsky's feminist reimagining of the genre, this course traces the evolution of noir fiction. Film clips from classic adaptations will highlight the genre's impact on both literature and cinema.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Tuesdays, 1/20/2026- 2/24/2026

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Online

Peter Kaye, PhD, is a retired faculty member from Northwestern University, where he combined administrative and teaching roles. He earned his doctorate in English literature and humanities from Stanford University, and his research led to the publication of *Dostoevsky and English Modernism* by Cambridge University Press. Over nearly 40 years in higher education, he taught a wide range of literature and interdisciplinary courses, with a focus on 19th- and 20th-century fiction. Now teaching online, he remains committed to lively, engaging instruction.

The Virtues (ZOOM)

Virtue theory asks not just how to do good, but how to be good. This course explores timeless questions of character through the lens of thinkers like Aristotle, Jesus, the Buddha, and Confucius. We will reflect on key virtues - such as honesty, courage, compassion, and respect - and consider practical ways to cultivate them in daily life. The full series may be taught as two separate courses.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Wednesdays, 1/14/2026- 2/18/2026

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Online

David Smith, PhD, is a scholar of religion and philosophy who was raised in a fundamentalist tradition and later became a progressive skeptic. He holds graduate degrees in philosophy of religion and religious studies from Temple University. A former professor at Central Washington University, he now teaches independent seminars and has published widely. His work empowers others to think critically about life's big questions.

Using Google Workspace Tools with Confidence (ZOOM)

This beginner-friendly course introduces Google Workspace tools like Drive, Gmail, Calendar, Docs, Sheets, and Slides. We will learn core features, basic navigation, and practical applications for personal and professional use. With guided instruction and real-world examples, the course builds confidence and foundational skills to boost productivity and collaboration.

Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Wednesdays, 1/21/2026- 2/25/2026

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Online

Chelsea King is a learning and development specialist with more than a decade of experience in teaching and training. She began her career as a high school English teacher and now focuses on adult learners, especially in professional development and technology integration. Her approach emphasizes practical, collaborative learning experiences that reflect her commitment to accessible, tech-forward instruction in both educational and corporate settings.

ATTENDANCE

We encourage you to attend all seminars and activities for which you have registered. Our moderators volunteer their time, so it is important for them to know it is valued and appreciated.

If you are registered for seminars and circumstances prevent you from attending seminars, before the session begins or after the session has started, please call Special Programs and Continuing Education at 937-229-2605 or email udolli@udayton.edu to cancel your seminar registration.

An early cancellation helps another member attend a seminar that was full or at its capacity.

Do not attend a seminar for which you have not registered, because some seminars have seminar limits or recommended text readings or materials.

FOOD DRIVE

University of Dayton Special Programs and Continuing Education and UDOLLI will be holding food drives to help The Foodbank Dayton.

Each term, our community comes together to support The Foodbank Dayton, and your generosity has made a meaningful difference for thousands of families in our region.

Please lend a hand and bring in canned goods or donate during the dates provided below:

Winter Food Drive: February 16 - 20, 2026

Spring Food Drive: April 13 - 17, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

2026 SPRING SEMINARS

Registration Begins February 2, 2026

Seminar Dates March 16-May 1, 2026

2026 SUMMER SEMINARS

Registration Begins May 4, 2026

Seminar Dates June 8-June 26, 2026

UDOLLI Annual Membership Meeting and Moderator Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, June 4, 2026

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Severe Weather and Other Community Emergencies— In-Person UDOLLI seminars will be cancelled when the University of Dayton is closed for inclement weather. If the situation is ambiguous, there will be a message on the office phone at 937-229-2347. Listen for details on WHIO-TV or WHIO-AM/FM radio.

Housekeeping—Please help by keeping classrooms and common areas clean.

Lunch—Catering Services in Daniel J. Curran Place offers bag lunches for \$5.00. These lunches can be purchased between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. just inside the dining room entrance in the north wing. The Curran Place dining room is open and available for you to use when eating your lunch. Other options include ArtStreet Café, Kennedy Union and nearby restaurants—or you may bring a lunch of your own.

Quiet in the Halls—Socializing is highly encouraged, but not outside seminars in progress.

Seminar Liaison—UDOLLI members act as seminar liaisons for the moderators, helping to ensure that announcements are made and equipment is set up and handouts are distributed. Not only are seminar liaisons essential to the smooth functioning of UDOLLI, but volunteering as a liaison also provides an opportunity to become better acquainted with moderators and seminar participants.

Training will be provided! If you would like to volunteer to be a seminar liaison, please contact the UD Special Programs and Continuing Education at 937-229-2605. Thank you!

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



Guitar Recital

Date: Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Curran Place - Auditorium

Cost: Free (active members only)

Enjoy an evening of classical guitar with Richard Prigozen, performing works from Italy's Golden Age of Guitar and Brazilian composers who inspired the birth of Bossa Nova. Stay after for light refreshments—cookies, cake, tea, and hot cider.



UDOLLI Game Night

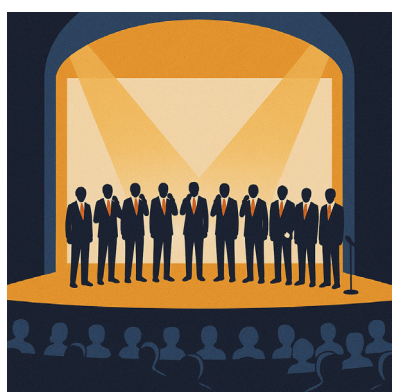
Date: Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Location: Curran Place - Riverview Commons

Cost: Free (open to all)

Bring your favorite board game and join friends for an evening of laughter and friendly competition. Sweets, snacks, coffee, and tea will be provided—just bring your game face and a spirit of fun!



An Evening with The 10 Tenors

Date: Thursday, Mar. 5, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Location: Schuster Performing Arts Center

Cost: \$125 (per ticket)

Join UDOLLI for a spectacular night with The 10 Tenors—world-renowned for their powerful harmonies and vibrant mix of classical, Broadway, and pop favorites. The evening includes a private catered reception followed by the concert at the Schuster Center.



Riverboat Lunch Cruise

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: BB Riverboats (Cincinnati)

Cost: \$55 Adult / \$35 Child / \$110 Two Adults

Set sail for a relaxing afternoon aboard the Captain's Lunch Cruise in Cincinnati. Enjoy a freshly prepared buffet lunch as you take in the river views. Transportation is provided from Curran Place for a stress-free day on the water. Guests welcome!

For registration and details, visit go.udayton.edu/udolli or call 937-229-2347.

DIRECTIONS TO DANIEL J. CURRAN PLACE

Address: 1700 S. Patterson Blvd., Dayton OH 45409

Curran Place is located along South Patterson Boulevard, next to the Dayton Marriott Hotel and across from the large pedestrian bridge over the river and the Carillon Historical Park.

Directions to the Parking Lot:

1. Turn off of S. Patterson Blvd. and into the entrance for Daniel J. Curran Place.
2. Stay in the right lane and veer to the right at the first fork, following the drive toward the building.
3. When the drive curves, follow the signs for “R1 Parking.”
4. The R1 Lot is directly beside Curran Place. Park in any open space.

When You Park

Enter through the front glass doors near the U.S. flag.

Elevators and restrooms are just past the main lobby.

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Please place your UDOLLI parking pass on your dashboard, if you have one.



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UDOLLI is grateful to its volunteer moderators who share their knowledge, experiences, and passion for learning. Our moderators help provide a well-rounded curriculum that reflects the interests of our members. Moderators become Friends of the Institute for the year in which they teach, enjoy full member benefits, and may attend other seminars during that year without paying tuition fees (an active membership is required).

To keep our catalog engaging and responsive, we welcome seminar proposals in all areas — from history, arts, and culture to health, technology, and practical life skills. Popular wish-list topics include Artificial Intelligence, Estate Planning, Architecture, Nutrition, Local History, and Memoir Writing. If you have expertise or enthusiasm in any subject, we invite you to share it with our community of lifelong learners. To learn more or submit a proposal, visit the [Moderator Resources](https://go.udayton.edu/udolli) page at go.udayton.edu/udolli.

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DAYTON CELEBRATION CHORUS

The Dayton Celebration Chorus is an adult community chorus that serves the city of Dayton and the Miami Valley region. Open to all interested adult singers and requiring no audition, the Chorus sings a diverse repertoire of both sacred and secular choral literature, with an emphasis on American music. Founded in 2003 as the Schuster Center Celebration Choir, the organization was first sponsored by the Victoria Theatre Association. In 2014, the group affiliated with the University of Dayton Office of Special Programs and Continuing Education.

Performance venues have included the Schuster Center for the Performing Arts, Courthouse Square Grande Illumination, Kroc Center, Dayton Art Institute, Victoria Theatre, The Greene, UD Arena, Fifth Third Field, and various churches and retirement communities. Chorus members have enjoyed performance opportunities with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra's Holiday Festival Community Chorus, the UD New Horizons Band, the Miami Valley Symphony, and various guest artists and conductors. DCC has been selected annually to sing the National Anthem for the Dayton Dragons at Fifth Third Field.

For registration information, please visit: go.udayton.edu/dcc.

NEW HORIZONS MUSIC

Learn to play music in a band as a senior adult—even if you have no musical experience! Playing music is a special joy that will help you maintain mental and physical health. It is also a way of experiencing life—playing music from the past keeps us in touch with those feelings; daily practice keeps us active in the present; and striving for new goals attaches us to the future. One band member describes it as “serious fun.”

As a member of New Horizons Music, you will meet new friends and work with them as a team to learn music for concerts and other performances in the community. New Horizons ensembles typically perform many times each year in venues ranging from formal concerts to shopping malls and from parks to retirement and nursing homes.

UD New Horizons Music offers adults 50 years of age or better the opportunity to begin a musical instrument and provides a re-entry point for those who have been away from active music making for many years. Instruments taught include: flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba and percussion.

For registration information, please visit: go.udayton.edu/newhorizonsmusic



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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UD, Winter 2026: Seminar Calendar

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